

News Briefs

HOUSES FOR INDIANS

Four new houses are being erected on the Indian reservation at Lower Woodstock, under the direction of R. Lee McCutcheon, Indian agent for this district.

SUFFERS CONCUSSION

Miss Annie Currie is confined to her home on Smythe Street, suffering from a concussion of the spine received in a car accident above Millville on Tuesday. Her condition is not serious, however, according to her physician.

CONSTRUCTION AT ARMOURIES

A concrete catch basin and a sand table are under construction at the Fredericton Armouries, five men being employed in the work. The catch basin is to catch water draining off the roof, and to prevent it washing away gravel, while the sand table is for the use of artillery batteries practicing the firing of the howitzers.

TRANSIENT SENTENCED

A transient appeared in Magistrate's Court here this morning charged with stealing a ride on a train. He was found guilty and was fined \$10. or sentenced to serve thirty days in jail. Information was laid by Constable Lee Matchett of the R. C. M. P.

BD. OF TRADE PICNIC ON SEPT. 2

The Fredericton Board of Trade will hold a picnic at the orchard of W. W. Hubbard, Burton, on THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 2, not on SEPT. 7, as was mistakenly announced yesterday. Cars will leave the City Hall about two o'clock. Supper will be served from five to seven o'clock by the Burton Women's Institute.

FEES TO BE CUT

The automobile registration fees charged by the provincial government will be reduced by one half on the first day of September, the registrations issued subsequent to that date being good until the first of April, it was announced by A. W. Barbour, deputy minister of public works. This is a statutory regulation, he added.

SESSION CLOSED TODAY

The meeting of the provincial cabinet, which began Tuesday evening, continuing yesterday afternoon, will be brought to a conclusion this afternoon, it was learned this morning. Yesterday afternoon a delegation from Cumberland Bay, Queens county appeared before the cabinet to urge the government to take action on the matter of extending the hydro line from Chipman to that area.

TO ATTEND SYNOD

Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead is leaving for Halifax on Saturday morning to attend the Church of England Synod which is meeting there, beginning Sunday. He will travel by rail, and is the only representative to the Synod from this city. He will be absent from the city for at least two weeks, and announcement will be made later as to who will officiate at the services in the Christchurch Cathedral during his absence.

Board of Education Met Yesterday

It is understood that at a meeting of the Board of Education held yesterday, arrangements were practically completed to fill certain appointments in connection with the educational staff. These appointments include, it is understood, two vacancies in the Provincial Normal School. These vacancies were caused by the retirement of Major F. A. Good, science teacher, and by Miss Irene Fitzpatrick, who resigned for the purpose of getting married.

It was stated today at the office of the minister of education that the official announcement of the appointments to the Normal School vacancies will be announced within the next two days.

Women's Institute Convenes Today At Covered Bridge

The annual district convention of the Women's Institute is being held this afternoon and evening at Covered Bridge. The convention opened at 2.00 o'clock this afternoon at the community hall with a large number of delegates present.

Institutes from Fredericton, Devon, Marysville, Stanley, Upper Durham and many other centres in the county were represented at the convention.

The program consisted of many items of interest to the institutes, discussions of the work done in the different centres, routine business and special speakers who will address the assembled institutes. The convention will terminate with a social affair. A picnic supper is being served on the grounds.

TOURIST TRAFFIC FALLS OFF IN N. B., SAY CABIN OWNERS

Condemn non - N. B. Tourist Bureaux for Issuing False Reports re State of N. B. Roads.

Traffic Drops ¾

Claim Local Bureau Literature Late in Being Distributed To Foreign Booking Agencies.

A disastrous drop in the tourist traffic has been felt in the past few weeks, according to information received today from operators of tourist camps and others catering to the trade. The business done by one large set of camps in August last year was on the average nearly four times as great as this year, according to the statement of the owner of the camps. He attributes the sharp drop to false information passed out by information bureaux in other parts of the continent, and the lack of proper advertising by the tourist agencies as to the exact condition of the New Brunswick highways.

A gentleman from Woodstock, who is also in the tourist business, is in the city today, conferring with others catering to the trade. He claims that certain bureaux are informing the tourists who intend to visit this province that the roads are impassable.

Interviewed this morning he stated that several tourists have expressed surprise in the fact that the roads are in as good condition as they are, after having been told by a bureau between Bangor and Houlton that the roads in this province are almost impassable. Another party had been advised to postpone their visit to the province for the same reason, when they inquired about the conditions of the roads at Quebec bureaux.

E. O. MacDonald, proprietor of the largest tourist establishment in this city, stated today that any or all of several things may be the cause of the slackened trade. He believes that the information given out by these bureaux is the major cause, while the roads which, although they are in good condition, still are stymied with the title "under construction," are another contributing factor.

Local hotel men say the same thing and claim the local tourist committees issued a poorly prepared booklet, and two months too late. All provincial tourist literature was late being placed in the hands of the booking offices in the United States, it is alleged, and parties planning trips had

N. B. Information Bureau Centre for All Kinds of Questions

"Being the source of all good and valued information regarding the Province of New Brunswick, I thought I would write you for a little information." This is the opening sentence of a letter from John J. Morris, Dayton, Ohio, addressed to D. W. Griffiths, director of the Bureau of Information and Tourist Travel.

From that Mr. Morris goes on to relate that he is purchasing a hunting lodge in New Brunswick, and asks for considerable detail regarding the purchase of land from the Government and the rights of non-resident property holders.

"So far as I can figure it," states Mr. Griffiths, "our organization must be among tourist bureaux what the House of Lloyd's is in the insurance world. That is—we meet all comers. Interpreting sections of the Canadian Customs Regulations or setting down the population of the Province of New Brunswick by parishes is pretty much of a routine duty. The same might apply to the matter of laying down three or four alternate automobile routes from here to Phoenix, Arizona, or to Walla Walla, Washington. But then every now and again somebody wants to know where to buy old iron or old automobile tires, how the market for blueberries is going to be in Montreal or in Boston, or maybe the size of mesh most commonly used in the fishing nets on Miscon Island."

Another letter was received from J. H. Maynard of Dorchester, Mass. Apparently Mr. Maynard was in the Province of New Brunswick last year and at that time called at the Bureau of Information here for touring information which he found entirely reliable. He opens his letter to the director of information as follows: "A party from Boston are planning a trip through the Provinces. We were down last summer and on our way back called at your Information Bureau and were given some valuable information."

Mr. Maynard goes on to ask about most advisable routings for the present season, and a comprehensive response to his request has already gone forward.

FOUR FOREST FIRES BURNING IN TWO DAYS

Blazes At Barbour Dam, Spruce Lake and Dane Brook—Latter Put Out This Morning.

Damage Small

Woods Still In Very Dangerous Condition Because of Lack of Rain, States Official.

Four forest fires were reported at the office of G. L. Miller, chief forester for New Brunswick, yesterday and today. All are small blazes, one being extinguished and the other three well under control.

A crew of between 30 and 40 men are fighting a blaze of Barbour Dam, south of McAdam, which was reported yesterday. About three acres of granted land have been burned over, and about 30 cords of pulpwood destroyed. No further report as to the progress being made by the fire fighters had been received here by noon.

Two small fires which were reported on granted land in the Spruce Lake district of Saint John County last Sunday are still burning. One is about one acre in size, while the other has burned over about two acres. A small crew of men has been sent in to the fire district, but no further report has been obtained. Apparently, stated J. Edwin Hall, assistant chief forester, the owners of the land have taken no steps to extinguish the blazes.

A fire which started yesterday afternoon on Dane Brook, on the Nashwaak River, and was reported here last night, was stated to be out this morning. A crew was sent into the woods last night to locate the fire and take steps to extinguish. No definite report as to the size of the area burned over had been received at noon today.

The woods are still in a very dangerous condition as regards fires, stated Mr. Hall. Undergrowth is very dry because of the unusual condition which has existed during the past few weeks, where there has been no general heavy rain in the province.

Finance Committee Tries To Collect Sidewalk Tax

The finance committee of the city council is making a drive to collect the sidewalk tax which, it claims, under Chapter 60, 13 George V, 1923, it has a right to do. It is stated that those who do not pay their sidewalk tax, which figures out at the rate of 53 cents per foot for each foot of frontage, will be sued by the city corporation.

There are many who contend that the city has no right to collect this tax and that the expense of constructing sidewalks should be included in the appropriations of the roads and streets committee.

One professional man some time ago stated to The Daily Mail that if he had to pay a tax on the sidewalk in front of his place he would consider it a part of his estate and would reserve it for his own use, fencing it off from use by the general public.

The same man stated that property owners were not charged for any of the sidewalk in front of the business houses on Queen and other business streets, but that the money for the construction of sidewalks in these areas came from appropriations granted from the city coffers to the roads and streets committee.

Whether those who contend that they have no right to pay this tax are within their legal rights or not will apparently have to be decided by the courts. The city authorities evidently feel that the legislation above quoted gives them the legal right to proceed against the property owners in regard to this sidewalk tax.

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Industrial and Transportation Bldg. Space Sold Out — Many Concession Booths Leased.

"If the weather man stays with us, the 1937 Fredericton Exhibition will be the biggest and best ever," stated C. L. Sypher, secretary treasurer of the exhibition company, in speaking to The Daily Mail this morning.

The annual harness racing will, it is understood, be the outstanding feature of the big fair. The meet promises to be very exceptional this year, for a number of fast American trotters and pacers are working east, and when they meet the native Maritime horses it is expected that the eleven year old Dominion and track record of 2:04½ will go by the board. Some race horses are here already, being rested up after their trip from Prince Edward Island before going on to the St. Stephen Exhibition. From there they will go to the Presque Isle Fair, back to this city again for the Exhibition races, and then up river to the Woodstock Exhibition.

The booths in the main, or industrial, building, and in the transportation building are all sold, and space for the erection of many of the numerous concession stands on the grounds has also been leased. Never before, stated Mr. Sypher, have the booths and concession stands been sold out so early. As far as stands are concerned, he added, it is usually not until the week before the opening of the Exhibition that they begin to be sold.

Many entries have already come in to Mr. Sypher for both the exhibition.

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NO OPPOSITION IN COUNCILLOR RACE IN FIVE PARISHES

Nominations Expected To Be Filed For Some Uncontested Offices Before August 30th.

Elections Sept. 7th

Parishes of Bright, New Maryland, Dumphries, Marysville and McAdam Uncontested as Yet

Nine of the 14 parishes of York County have given indications of having new names on the nomination list for County Councillorships, according to a statement made this morning by Major J. S. Scott, secretary-treasurer of the municipality of York. Although nothing definite is known as yet, and information secured by the Secretary-treasurer's office is based on understanding only, it is believed 16 candidates for positions on the council will run in the seven parishes.

The exact list will not be available until after Aug. 30, and other names will yet appear as candidates, but a nearly complete list of the possible candidates was available this morning.

Cyril Brewer and Ray Pugh have been chosen as opposition to Councillors B. O. Waugh and Newton Dumphy of the parish of Douglas, while Councillors Sterling Whitehead and Harry Morrison will be opposed by Allan Nason, a former Councillor, and Albert Gough. In Southampton it is expected that John K. Liston, a former councillor, and Charles E. Allen will oppose Councillors Burton Briggs and C. L. Grant.

In the Parish of Bright, no opposition has been indicated as yet against Dr. B. W. Robinson and George W. Estey, present councillors. It is expected, however, that nominations will be made before the last of the month.

The Parish of Stanley, it is understood, is under

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