

## News Briefs

## FALSE ALARM

Fire officials are endeavoring to learn the identity of the person responsible for the ringing-in of the false alarm from Box 31 last night. The alarm sounded about 11.30 o'clock.

## QUIET NIGHT

Police circles were very quiet during the night. No arrests were made and the police court docket was clear this morning.

## TO OTTAWA

Hon. W. F. Pirie, minister of lands and mines, will leave today for Ottawa where he will confer with federal officials on matters relative to the apportionment of relief monies.

## HARVEY PAINTER

Harvey Painter, well known resident of Swan Creek, passed away at his home there Wednesday night following an illness of several weeks. He was highly respected and esteemed and the news of his passing was received with deep regret by a host of friends.

## PROPERTY TRANSFER

Messrs. H. Lester Smith and Hedley W. Wilson have purchased from Luke S. Morrison the large double lot of land on Waterloo Row immediately above the residence of Harry G. Chestnut.

## SERVICES AT KESWICK

Appointments of Rev. C. S. Young Sunday next: Mouth of Keswick, 11 a.m.; Burt's Corner, 3 p.m.; Douglas, 7.30. These services will be in keeping with Mother's Day and the Coronation. All are welcome.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of Alexander Martin will take place Sunday afternoon from his home in Kingsclear. Service will be held in the church at Kingsclear at 3 o'clock with Rev. Father Coughlin officiating. Interment will be made in the church cemetery.

## ANOTHER SHIPMENT

Another shipment of Indian handicrafts, made by the Indians at Kingsclear reserve, was shipped to Regina today. The shipment was valued at \$107. This was one of several shipments of similar articles shipped to the western provinces during the past few months.

## FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral of Miss Margaret Helen Lindsay, whose death occurred in a Saint John hospital on Tuesday, took place this afternoon. Service was conducted in the residence, after which interment was made in the Rural Cemetery Extension. Rev. Gerald Guion conducted the service. The pallbearers were: Donald McDonald, Brian Donahue, John McFarlane and Murray Green. The mourners were Robert Lindsay, Howard Kennedy, Col. L. L. Kennedy.

ENDORSE NAME  
JAS. D. LEGER FOR  
FAIR WAGE BOARD

The Fredericton Labor Council met last evening with a large attendance present. Reports of several committees were read and many subjects were discussed. The entire Council unanimously endorsed the resolution of the executive committee submitting the name of James D. Leger to the government for the Fair Wage Board when it is organized. A resolution was passed regarding unnecessary labor on Sunday and the committee were instructed to co-operate with the officers of the Lord's Day Alliance and other bodies interested in this matter.

To Clarify Action Re  
Removal of Cannon

An effort will be made by the city council to clarify the circumstances surrounding the action of the city government in granting permission for the removal of a cannon in front of the customs house. A meeting has been called for 5.30 o'clock this afternoon at which time representatives of various organizations and societies have been asked to be present.

The action of the council, which was taken on the suggestion of His Worship Mayor G. W. Kitchen, has been criticised in certain sources. It is understood that several local organizations are strongly opposed to the removal of the howitzer, a Great War relic. The Local Improvement Association is desirous of removing the artillery piece so that flower beds might be constructed on the lawn.

LONDON, May 7—Queen Mary and Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret attended a Coronation rehearsal in Westminster Abbey this afternoon. A truck, carrying the new purple robes they will wear next Wednesday, preceded them.

## Better Working Conditions is Aim

LABOR DEPT.  
BEGINS INQUIRY  
WAGE CONDITIONS

Chain Store Payrolls on File With the N. B. Government

## SETTLES STRIKE

The payroll of every chain store organization in the province is on file in the provincial labor department, stated H. R. Pettigrove, fair wage officer, who returned to the city yesterday following the settlement of the International Fertilizers Company, Limited, strike in Saint John. Mr. Pettigrove, although non-committal when questioned regarding wage conditions in chain stores and other organizations in the province, stated that the campaign for better working conditions among New Brunswick workers is now getting properly underway. The department of labor has been laying the foundation for this work for the past three years.

Questioned regarding the alleged existence of "sweat-shops" in the province, the fair wage officer would make no statement other than remarking that if such conditions exist they are no worse than similar conditions in other provinces.

While in Saint John, Mr. Pettigrove, single-handed, brought about an amicable settlement in the fertilizer company's strike. He was highly complimented by James Whitebone, president of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor, for his work in the present campaign toward improved labor conditions. The labor group headed by Mr. Whitebone formerly subjected the fair wage officer to severe criticism.

## Circular Letter

In connection with the present campaign, the labor department is sending circular letters to officials of New Brunswick industrial houses.

"Dear Sirs:  
"In accordance with the provisions of the Fair Wage Act, I am directed by the Minister of Labor of the New Brunswick Provincial Government to instruct you to immediately forward to me the following information:

- "(a) List of names and addresses of your employees.
- "(b) Age of employees.
- "(c) Duties of employees.
- "(d) Hours of employment per day and per week.
- "(e) Rate of wages per hour and total wages per week.

"This information must be sworn to before a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.

Yours truly,  
H. R. PETTIGROVE,  
Fair Wage Officer."

Mr. Pettigrove pointed out that investigation was only carried out by him in cases where complaints are made. "In time, however, when we get organized, each and every plant will be investigated," he declared.

The Fair Wage Officer is in constant touch with Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health and Labor. He had several conferences with him during his visit here.

Additional Prizes to  
Be Given to Schools

Guy D. Scovil, chairman of the school committee in connection with the plans for the celebration of Coronation celebration here, expressed the opinion at last evening's meeting of the various committees that the prizes for school children should be increased. He pointed out that the schools were unable to spend much money in the preparation of their floats while fraternal groups and other organizations are in a position to do so. "Cash" awards are a great inducement to children, he said.

There was discussion on the matter and the general committee unanimously decided to add an additional amount of \$25 on the prize list. This amount will be divided in 10 units of \$15, \$10 and \$5 and will be awarded to the schools. The original prize list remains unchanged with the exception of the addition made.

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## ROUTE OF PARADE

The route of the Coronation parade here on May 12th was announced last evening by Major C. A. Williams, chairman of the parade committee. The parade will form at 1.30 o'clock at Queen Square. It will then proceed along St. John street to Queen street, thence to Westmorland street, proceeding then to Brunswick street and to Parliament Square via Church and Queen streets. It is expected that the entire route of march will require about one hour and ten minutes to complete. The procession will have been concluded in time for the King's radio address.

The recommendation of the parade committee was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the general committee last evening.

## THE PROGRAM

Following is the program to be observed on Coronation Day:

5 a.m. Coronation broadcast from London begins and continues all day over radio station CFNB.

11 a.m. Church services will be held at Christchurch Cathedral, St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church, and St. Paul's United Church.

11 a.m. Royal salute of 21 guns by 90th Howitzer Battery.

1.30—Parade moves off from Queen Square.

2.45—Arrival of parade at Parliament Square.

3 p.m. Broadcast of Speech of King George VI.

3.30 p.m. Planting of tree.

3.45 p.m. Special selections will be played by the following bands:

Knights of Pythias, Carleton and York Regiment Band, St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band.

9.30 p.m. Display of fireworks at A. and B. Club.

Coronation Ball at the Armoury.

The Committees—G. W. Kitchen, mayor; Ald. F. S. Mundle, chairman of general committee; Ald. W. R. Crewdson, contingencies; Fred I. Haviland, secretary general committee; Oscar Harris, chairman of floats committee; Guy D. Scovil, chairman of school committee; Major C. A. Williams, chairman of parade committee; F. B. Osborne, chairman of fireworks and program committee.

SPECIAL MUSIC  
FOR "WHOA! BILL"

Bandmaster J. W. Whittingham has secured at considerable effort, special musical numbers for the "Whoa! Bill" show, Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11. Mr. Whittingham has devoted extra work in directing the Knights of Pythias Band for this performance, which is a guarantee of musical pleasure.

Those who saw "Go Hollywood" recall what the Knights of Pythias Band can do when they go about producing a show guaranteed to make the audience forget all cares and troubles. They will want to make sure of seeing "Whoa! Bill" and the others who may not have seen the previous performance will not want to miss this opportunity of seeing a sure-fire comedy hit.

As an added attraction to the programme, there will be special dance numbers by little Charlotte Ann Troy of Houlton, Maine, who made a hit at the time of her initial appearance in Fredericton last year. Watch for the Knights of Pythias Band parade Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Then get your tickets for "Whoa! Bill" from the members of the Knights of Pythias Band.



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COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT  
OF TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION HERE

Powers of Commission Explained by Ald. W. R. Crewdson

## Scheme Needed Here

The Industrial committee of the City Council will recommend the appointment of a commission to consider a Town Planning scheme to be carried out in this city, it was stated this morning by Alderman W. R. Crewdson, chairman of the committee. The question of Town Planning was introduced at the last meeting of the council and the matter was referred to the industrial committee. Ald. Crewdson said today that the Town Planning Act of 1936 does not give a civic committee power to deal with the matter. The committee can, however, recommend the appointment of a commission.

The proposed commission will be appointed by the city council and will consist of no less than three and not more than 15 members. It is expected that one alderman, representatives of the various professions and one or two citizens will be appointed as members of the body. One-third of the members hold office for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years. All members may be reappointed when their terms of office have expired.

## Numerous Powers

The powers of the commission are numerous. Its recommendations are submitted to the city council for ratification and they must also meet with the approval of the provincial executive council.

The commission will be in charge of zoning into various sections: industrial, business and residential. The latter section may be zoned into three districts: higher, middle class and lower. Special requirements will be necessary for those constructing residences in the "higher" section—that is the dwellings would necessarily have to be up-to-date and modern with regard to lighting, heating, sewerage, etc. Requirements regarding the construction of houses in the other districts will not be so rigid.

The laying out of streets, sewerage systems, bus routes, airport sites etc., will come within the jurisdiction of the commission. The commissioners will also have the power to expropriate properties under the Railway Act. The Town Planning Act provides that citizens may appeal against the decisions of the commission.

Commenting on the proposed scheme, Ald. Crewdson expressed the view that town planning is badly needed in Fredericton. The implementation of the provisions of the Act will be a step in the right direction, he further said. In the meantime the industrial committee is certainly studying the proposition and will be prepared to make recommendations at the next meeting of the council.



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Bulletin Issued by Road Division of Public Works

The main links in New Brunswick's trunk highway system are now open to motor traffic. At some points a rough driving surface has temporarily been caused by frost action but these are now improving daily. The usual spring grading work is now under way and by the last week of May the highways of this Province will be near mid-summer condition. A detailed statement of present driving conditions is as follows:

Route No. 1—St. Stephen-Saint John fair condition, and free from frost boils, except through town of St. George, and near Pocologan.

Route No. 2—Quebec boundary-Grand Falls, frost coming out, surface badly broken on upper end, but dry enough to carry light traffic. Grand Falls-Andover, frost coming out; passable. Andover-Woodstock, frost coming out; fair. Woodstock-Fredericton, good except for few rough places. Fredericton-Saint John (via river), fair condition. Saint John-Moncton, generally good, a few frost boils. Moncton-Nova Scotia boundary, frost conditions practically all gone.

Route No. 2A—Oromocto-Westfield, passable.

Route No. 3—St. Stephen-Long's Creek, frost boils through Baillie, remainder fair condition.

Route No. 4—Thomaston Corner-St. Croix, fair.

Route No. 5—Woodstock-Houlton, rough but passable.

Route No. 6—Florenceville-Bridgewater, rough but passable.

Route No. 7—Andover-Port Fairfield, good.

Route No. 8—Fredericton-Blackville good. Blackville-Quarryville, fair. Light traffic only. Quarryville-Newcastle, bad frost boils at Upper Derby, Bryerton and Millerton. Newcastle-Chatham Ferry Road, frost boils, healing up, light traffic only.

Route No. 9—Fredericton-McGowan's, fair. McGowan's-Jemseg, impassable, under 3 feet of water. Jemseg-Sussex, passable.

Route No. 10—McGowan's-Starkey's impassable; thoroughfare bridge under water.

Route No. 11—Matapedia-Bathurst, rough. Bathurst-Chatham via Carleton Place, frost conditions in a number of sections, passable with care.

Route No. 11A—Newcastle-Bathurst short route, passable but rough. Chatham-Moncton, rough.

Route No. 12—Newcastle-Chatham, paved, good condition.

Route No. 13—Pokemouche-Shippigan, frost action, light traffic only.

Route No. 14—Moncton-Albert, rough, but passable. Albert-Penobscot, impassable.

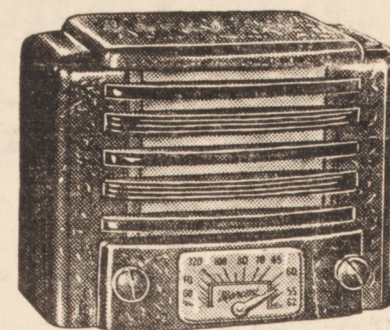
Route No. 15—Shediac-Port Elgin, bad frost conditions between Shediac and Port Elgin.

Route No. 16—Aulac-Cape Tormentine, passable, but very rough in certain sections.

Route No. 17—Tide Head-St. Quentin, rough with some frost boils. St. Quentin-St. Leonard, surface fairly good.

## SENTENCED TO JAIL

William Atwin, Indian, Oromocto reserve, was sentenced to serve two months in jail when he appeared before Magistrate Kimball, charged with assaulting his wife and resisting a police officer. He was sentenced to two months on each count, the sentences to run concurrently. The arrest was made by R.C.M.P. Special Indian Constable John Brooks following a complaint by R. Lee MacCutcheon, Indian Agent.



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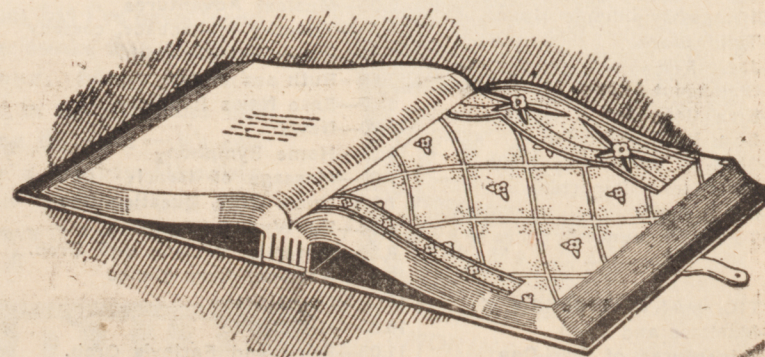
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