

News Briefs

ARRESTED TODAY

Two local men were arrested this morning by the city police on charges of drunkenness. They will appear before the magistrate in the morning.

SAINT JOHN MAYOR HERE

D. L. MacLaren, mayor of Saint John, is in the city today, and is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

Miss Irene Henry of Springhill, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, several days ago, is reported today as resting fairly well.

AWAY FOR WEEK-END

W. P. Jones, K.C., director of Old Age Pensions for the province, left last night for Woodstock. Mr. Jones will return to the city on Monday.

CONCERT TO BE REPEATED

Plan to attend the repetition of the Male Chorus Concert at the Normal School auditorium, March 9 at 8:15.

DELEGATES RETURN

Delegates attending the annual convention of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor returned to their homes this morning.

RECEPTION LAST EVENING

The York and Sunbury Historical Society held a reception at their rooms last evening. Several of the members of the Provincial Legislature and others were present.

ROBINS HERE

Indications of an early spring are heightened by the appearance of several robins in this locality. In the "golden days," when the first robin was seen flitting about, the residents anticipated an early break-up of winter.

TRUCK AFIRE

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the fire department was called to Westmorland street, where a truck, owned by Monte Giles, had caught on fire, resulting from a short-circuit. The blaze was extinguished before much damage was done.

CHIMNEY FIRES

The fire department was called out at 8 o'clock this morning to the residence of David McCaughey, King St., where a plugged chimney caused much smoke, but not much damage resulted. At 12:30 the department answered a similar call to the residence of Arthur Dunham, Albert St. No damage was done.

TO SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

Three five-weeks-old bear cubs, which were recently captured at Wirral, Kings County, were brought to the city last evening by Game Warden Louis Farrell. They will be shipped to the Sportsmen's Show in New York by the Department of Lands and Mines. The cubs are bottle-fed.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS

His Worship Mayor D. L. MacLaren, Saint John, conferred with His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Murray MacLaren here today on matters relating to municipal business. He also held a conference with Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., Attorney-General, in connection with proposed legislation being sought by the Saint John Common Council. He will return to the Loyalist City this evening.

CUSTOM RETURNS

Custom revenues for the Port of Fredericton during the month of February totalled \$55,998.53, an increase of \$22,219.15 over the revenue received during the corresponding month of last year. Following were the various amounts received: Customs Import Duty, \$35,616.47; Customs Sales Tax, \$4,506.67; Customs Excise Tax, \$845.12; Excise Tax (Domestic), \$3,663.33; Excise Duty, \$11,312.44; Sundry Collections, \$45.50; Total \$55,998.53.

A HAPPY PARTY

On Tuesday evening several of her friends and relatives met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hawkins, Mouth of Keswick, to honor Mrs. Hawkins on her birthday. The evening was very pleasantly spent in singing and in social intercourse. Mrs. C. W. Jewett had charge of the music. Mrs. C. S. Young made the address and presentation in a very pleasing manner. The gift was a very pretty radio lamp. The presentation was under the auspices of the W.M.A.S. of the United Baptist church of which Mrs. Hawkins is a valued member. Although taken by surprise Mrs. Hawkins very graciously replied. Although a citizen for a short time in the community Mrs. Hawkins has taken a deep interest in the social and religious life of the community, thus proving herself an ideal citizen. She has many friends here and elsewhere who wish her many more happy birthdays. At the close refreshments were served.

MARYSVILLE AND DEVON PROTEST PASSING OF BILL

Capital Transit Bill Meets With Strong Opposition

"A Stab in the Back"

Mayor McEvoy Brands Proposed Act as Not Fair

Declaring that the bill relative to the operation of buses by Capital Transit, Limited, was a "stab in the back" to the company at present operating bus routes in Devon and Marysville, Mayor A. J. McEvoy of Devon, strongly protested the bill before members of the provincial municipalities committee at a meeting held this morning. The bill antagonizes the people of the two suburban towns, Mayor McEvoy declared.

The bill provides for an act to confirm a by-law of the city of Fredericton relative to the operation of buses by the company mentioned. Among other privileges it provides that "no other company, person, firm or corporation shall during the continuance of the franchise (which is held by the Capital Transit, Limited), operate any bus service on the streets of Fredericton except on that portion thereof lying south of the Dominion Experimental Station and then only upon obtaining a license from the Mayor of the City of Fredericton authorizing same."

In protesting the bill, which will prohibit the company which is operating bus routes in Devon and Marysville from picking up or discharging passengers in this city, Mayor McEvoy said that this company was not endeavoring to infringe on the rights of the Capital Transit, Limited, but solely desire to have the right to deliver passengers in the city. He contended that if the citizens of Fredericton really understood the purport of the bill they would resent it. All the company wishes to do, he said, was to "come in and depart from the city."

A Stab in the Back

Asked by the chairman, C. H. Blakeny, M.L.A., Moncton, whether the proposed bill would put the company mentioned by Mayor McEvoy, "out of business," Devon's chief magistrate replied that such was the case. He further stated that it was a "stab in the back" to the company in question.

Percy G. Long, Mayor of Marysville, supported the arguments of Mayor McEvoy. He contended that it was an act of discrimination against the company operating in the suburbs and was deeply resented by the residents of those communities.

P. J. Hughes, K.C., city solicitor, outlined the case as presented by the Capital Transit, Limited, pointing out that this company was not interfering with the operation of buses in Marysville and Devon but only reserved the right to operate buses in the City of Fredericton.

After hearing the arguments, Mr. Blakeny said it seemed to be just a matter of one company trying to prevent another company from discharging and picking up passengers in the city. He referred to a similar situation which existed in Moncton a few years ago, explaining how the trouble was remedied. He pointed out that it was not the duty of the committee to settle disputes between the suburbs and the city, adding that it might be advisable for the mayors of the three communities to hold a conference to ascertain what might be done to "iron out" the difficulties. He stated that if the city wished the committee to give immediate decision on the matter, it would do so.

There was further discussion on the matter and it was agreed that the conference, as suggested by Mr. Blakeny, would be held. In the meantime the bill was laid on the table to be taken up at a later date.

Opening of Boys' Tuxis Parliament This Evening

Arrangements have been completed for the opening of the Older Boys Tuxis Parliament which takes place this evening at the Brunswick Street Baptist church vestry. Following the reading of the Speech from the Throne by Rev. George Telford, Bob Watson will move the address in reply and the seconder will be Arthur Sewell. Taking part in the debate will be the Premier, Neil Ganter and the leader of the Opposition, Lawrence Hall and others. A number of boys are expected from outside points. The public is cordially invited to be present at all the sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grant and Mrs. Lydia Currie of Mouth of Keswick were in Fredericton this week.

FREDERICTON CITY PRESENTS FIVE BILLS BEFORE TODAY'S MEETING OF N. B. MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE

Bill Relating to School Debentures Passed For Consideration of Legislature --- Others to Be Taken Up at Later Date

Mayor Opposes Commission Bill

Devon and Marysville Voice Strong Protest Against Passing of Bill Relating to Bus Operations in Fredericton

ONE of the five bills relating to the City of Fredericton was recommended to the Legislature by the Provincial Municipalities Committee at a meeting in the Parliament Building committee rooms this morning. The bill accepted by the Committee was in connection with the act to authorize the Board of School Trustees of Fredericton to issue debentures to provide for an extension to the high school, while the remaining four were laid on the Table for further consideration.

All, with the exception of the bill relating to the proposed abolishment of the Police Commission, were unopposed. Peter J. Hughes, K.C., city solicitor, presented the bills on behalf of the city, and replied to questions raised by members of the committee relative to certain points in the respective bills. C. H. Blakeny, M. L. A., former mayor of Moncton, was chairman.

The bill to amend the several Acts with respect to a Police Commission was supported by a delegation, representing the aldermanic board of the city council. Mayor Willard Kitchen voiced the only opposition to the passing of the bill. After hearing arguments on both sides of the question the committee withheld decision on the matter until a later date.

Strongly Contested

The bill relating to an act to confirm a by-law of the City of Fredericton with respect to the operation of buses by Capital Transit, Limited, was strongly contested by the mayors of Devon and Marysville, who intimated that it was an attempt to infringe on the operations of the Highway Transport Company, which is providing a bus service for the two towns mentioned.

P. J. Hughes, K.C., was heard in support of the bill. Mr. Blakeny, after listening to both arguments, suggested that the mayors of the three communities confer with the view of arriving at some satisfactory solution to the matter. A motion was then carried that the matter be laid aside until the foregoing suggestion was carried out.

There was considerable discussion relative to the bill to provide an act authorizing the city to hold a plebiscite on any question. There was diversity of opinion regarding the interpretation of the bill, some members contending that it should be more specific regarding the matters upon which a plebiscite might be held. The chairman suggested that it might be advisable to specify that a plebiscite be held on any question pertaining to the municipal administration.

Following a somewhat lengthy discussion on the matter, a motion was carried that the bill be laid aside until a later date.

Final Bill

The final Fredericton bill presented this morning was in connection with an act relating to the granting of licenses to persons not being ratepayers of the city and conducting business here. Mr. Hughes explained the various sections of the bill with relation to their effect on non-residents.

The bill provides that "no person not being a ratepayer of the County of York and resident in the said county shall engage in any trade, profession, occupation or calling within the limits of the said City of Fredericton under a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each and every offense unless such person obtain a license." It further provides that the mayor be authorized to grant such persons a license to conduct business here. The last section of the bill provides a penalty of one hundred dollars for failure to comply with the foregoing requirements.

The bill relative to the issuing of school debentures, which was recommended to the legislature for consideration, was as follows: "That in addition to the powers conferred on the Board of School Trustees of Fredericton by Section 105, Sub-section 9, of The Schools Act or otherwise the said Board is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money for the purpose of erecting and equipping an extension to the High School Building in the City of Fredericton, and for the said purpose to issue debentures in a sum not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) payable serially or otherwise in not more than twenty years from the issue thereof in such form and at such times as the said Board may determine with interest not exceeding four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually. Said debentures shall be issued in the manner required by said Sub-section 9 and shall be subject to all the conditions and entitled to all the benefits therein contained."

Mrs. Billy Brewer of Burr's Corner spent a few days recently with relatives in Saint John.

THREE YEAR OLD CHILD IS FOUND IN CHILLED CONDITION

Fell in the Water While Playing Near River Bank

Falling into a deep puddle of water along the river bank at the rear of the city pumping station, a three-year-old child, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wigmore, 106 Charlotte Street, was in a chilled condition when she was found by a man who was walking on the ice several yards from shore. He saw what he thought to be a dog, lying near the river's edge, and on investigation found that it was a little child. She was frightened and her hands and feet were chilled.

Carrying the little one to the pumping station, where she was properly attended to, the man advised the police of the incident. Chief Jones and Miss Jean Copper, official of the Child Welfare Association, arrived on the scene.

The child was later taken to her home. Although she was badly frightened by her experience, she suffered no ill effects. She is able to be out again this afternoon.

LABOR GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS AT ANNUAL HERE

James Whitebone Again Heads N. B. Federation of Labor

James A. Whitebone, Saint John, was re-elected unanimously president of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor at the last session this afternoon of the federation's 24th annual meeting.

First Vice-President G. W. Roy Myles, Moncton, also was re-elected unanimously.

Voting was close in the election of a second vice-president to succeed the late James B. Johnston, McAdam. Richard Edgecombe, McAdam, was elected with 16 votes, as against 14 for Ernest Love, McAdam.

John H. Wallace, Reynolds, was re-elected third vice-president, and George R. Melvin, Saint John, was re-elected secretary-treasurer for the 19th time, also unanimously.

Others re-elected unanimously were J. S. MacKinnon, Saint John, legislative representative; Leo J. Dionne, Edmundston, federation representative in Madawaska County, and J. S. Martin, Chatham, representative in Northumberland County.

For Restigouche County, Auguste Savoie, Dalhousie, won the election over his rival, Albert Barnes, also of Dalhousie. Mr. Savoie replaces Raymond Roy, Dalhousie.

Others elected were H. A. Mantle, Saint John, for Saint John County; O. J. Redstone, Fredericton Junction, Sunbury County; F. H. Weir, Moncton, Westmorland County; Ernest Love, McAdam, York County, replacing J. E. Barry, Devon.

Motions were presented that both Fredericton and Moncton be the next convention city, but by vote a decision was made in favor of Fredericton, the time of the convention being left in the hands of the new executive.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK ESTABLISHMENT OF AIRPORT IN CITY

Ald. Crewdson Confers With Aviation Heads at Ottawa

Gov't Will Assist

City in Close Proximity to Proposed Trans-Canada Route

Prospects for the establishment of a municipal airport in Fredericton are exceedingly bright, declared Alderman W. R. Crewdson on his return to the city this morning after conferring with aviation officials in Ottawa. He stated that Fredericton was in a strategic position insofar as the proposed trans-Canada air route was concerned, and that there is every possibility that the Federal Government would assist in the establishment of an airport here.

During his stay in Ottawa, Ald. Crewdson conferred with J. A. Wilson, comptroller of civil aviation, who stated he had received favorable reports relative to Fredericton's geographical position and there was every indication that the Government would consider assisting the city in the establishment of airport facilities. The aviation department are seeking a grant of \$500,000 from the Government to further aviation development in the Dominion.

Government Will Assist

In speaking with Colonel Smart, deputy Minister of Transport, Ald. Crewdson said that the official advised him that the present bill dealing with aviation is passed by the House, it will provide government assistance in the construction of airports in all important centres in close proximity of the proposed trans-Canada air route.

As was pointed out by Ald. Crewdson, Fredericton has many natural advantages and would be an ideal site for a large airport. The matter has engaged the attention of many citizens here, and there is every indication that immediate steps will be taken to bring about the establishment of a flying field in this city.

OBITUARY

The death occurred last evening at North Devon, of Mrs. Marietta Dunphy. The deceased, who was 74 years of age, was born at Keswick, York County, and moved to Devon when she was a child. She was well known and highly respected by all who knew her, and her passing leaves a wide gap in the community in which she dwelled. She is survived by her husband, Charles Dunphy; one son, R. A. Dunphy, of California; one sister, Mrs. William Atkinson of this city, and two grandsons, Penton, of Los Vagos, Nevada, and Paul, of Devon. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon from her late home at North Devon, at 1:30 o'clock with Rev. John Linton conducting the service. Interment will be made at Keswick.

A host of friends here will regret to learn of the death of Miss Mary Jane Ryan, which occurred yesterday afternoon. The deceased was in her 70th year, and had been ill for two weeks. She was highly respected by all who knew her, and her life exemplified the principles of christian womanhood.

She leaves to mourn one brother, Harry, of this city, and several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be held on Saturday, with prayers at the residence on 728 Union Street, at 2:30 o'clock and services at Christchurch Cathedral at 3:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dean Moorhead. Interment will be made at Forest Hill cemetery.

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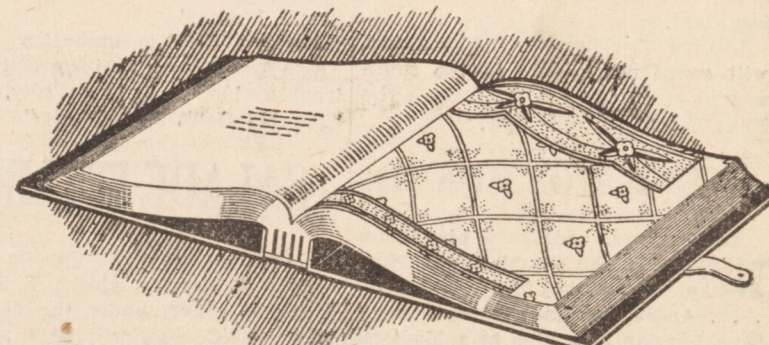
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