

News Briefs

PROPERTY TRANSFER
Ald. T. Earl Doohan who is closing out his business and leaving the city has disposed of his brick store building on Regent Street to E. R. Reynolds.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT
Friends will be glad to learn that the condition of Mrs. T. D. Titus who underwent an operation at the Victoria Public Hospital some weeks ago shows improvement daily.

DIRECTOR AWAY
S. W. Keohan, Director of Credit Unions for the province, left this morning for Saint John where he will spend several days on business connected with his department.

ROUTINE BUSINESS
Recommendations of the committee of the whole council passed at the meeting on Monday were ratified by the council at last night's session. Other routine business included the presentation of monthly reports, all of which were adopted.

BANQUET HELD
Members of the Fredericton Hockey team and others were guests at a banquet last evening at the Eureka Grill in honor of Vernon Olive, popular manager of the Capital Hockey Club. Mr. Olive was presented with a leather jacket, in appreciation of his untiring efforts during the past winter's hockey campaign, by members of the club.

CONDITION IMPROVED
The condition of Amedee Daigle, Chipman miner who was seriously injured in a dynamite explosion at the mine of the Miramichi Lumber Company on Monday, shows some improvement today. It was thought at first that the unfortunate man would lose the sight of both eyes but Dr. A. L. Gerow, the attending physician stated today that such would not be the case. However it was necessary to amputate several fingers on his left hand.

ST. DUNSTAN'S Y. P. S.
The weekly meeting of St. Dunstan's Young People's Society was held last evening in St. Dunstan's Hall, about 150 members and others being present. A committee from the Normal School comprised of Miss Bernice Connor and Francis C. Mahoney had charge of arrangements, and presented a very enjoyable program. The meeting opened with the grand march led by the president, E. J. Carsten, and dancing and games followed. The balance of the programme was: solo, Miss Helen Doyle; whistling solos, Edward Quinn, piano solo, Miss Irene Bard; solo, Harold Heron; trio, Miss I. Poitras, Miss G. Levesque, Miss R. Theriault; piano solo, Miss Imelda Poitras, recitations, Miss Bertha Goodine and Miss Joan Donahue. Rev. A. C. McDonald announced that a course of instruction in games' organization would begin on the coming Saturday. An enthusiastic sing-song was indulged in, and the singing of the National Anthem concluded a very pleasant evening.

TODAY'S MARKET

Slim Attendance, Prices Firm---Eggs Are Scarce

The mid-week market held at Phoenix Square this morning was very small. The demand for eggs and butter was heavy, and prices remained the same as on Saturday.

The following prices prevailed:
Apples, Salome, per barrel, 25, 35 and 50 cents per peck.
Butter, 30 cents per lb.
Eggs, 25 cents per dozen.
Chicken, 30 cents per lb.
Buttermilk, 25 cents per gallon.
Maple Syrup, 40 cents per quart.
Pork, 11-12 cents per lb.
Beef, 7-8 cents per lb.
Parsnips, 35 cents per peck.
Cabbage, 5 cents each.
Potatoes, \$2.00 per barrel.
Turnips, \$1.00 per barrel.
Wood, \$4-\$5 per load.

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PATERSON MAKES A STATEMENT ON OTTAWA DEBATE

Minister of Education Explains Position of Provinces

"Not a Country"

The Quebec Resolutions Have No Legal Status

Concerning the debate on constitutional matters which has been before the House of Commons, the following statement was issued today by Hon. A. P. Paterson, Minister of Education, Federal and Municipal Relations:

"The Provinces are the founders of Canada. Following their establishment with authority to legislate, the Provincial Legislatures established respective Municipalities and granted certain legislative and administrative authority to them. Subsequently Canada (Ontario and Quebec) by agreement with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia arranged a confederation, and by that action, the Legislatures of those British Provinces or countries transferred certain of their legislative and administrative authority to that confederation or league, which exercises such authority under the name of Canada.

Not a Country

"Hence Canada, like the municipalities, derives its being and authority from the Provincial Legislatures. Canada is not literally a country or land division of the Empire, and should not be thought of as such. It is the name of a confederation established by certain British countries for particular objects.

"By the repeal of the Colonial Laws Validity Act and the enactment of the Westminster Statute 1931, the Provincial Legislatures are permitted to pass legislation which may be repugnant to the laws of England. Canada was also granted that liberty by the Westminster Statute but only insofar as the Provincial Legislatures had previously agreed that the authority of the Government and Parliament of Canada should extend.

"In other words, the authority of the Federal Government and Parliament is defined by the interprovincial compact—The London Resolutions of 1866 — to which The British North America Act of 1867, and the Canada Railway Loan Act 1867 give effect, and that authority was not changed by the Statute of Westminster 1931.

Misleading

"It is unsound and misleading to maintain that the Quebec Resolutions have any constitutional status because the Quebec delegates had no authority, their proposals were not generally accepted and, furthermore, the Quebec Conference included representation (Continued on Page Five)

CONSTITUTIONAL SITUATION BECOMES MORE COMPLICATED AS UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT TAKES PLACE TODAY

Retiring Aldermen Pass Motion Fixing Date For Election on April 26---Adjourned Session Continued This Morning

Legality of Procedure is Questioned

Mayor Kitchen Refuses to Change Views Expressed at Last Night's Meeting---Will Carry Out His Original Proposal

FREDERICTON'S "constitutional problem," which threatens to leave the city without civic administration and presents an unprecedented situation in constitutional law, took a surprising turn this morning at an adjourned meeting of the council when the seven retiring aldermen passed a resolution ordering a civic election on April 26th. The election will be held to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of the seven aldermen which take effect tonight at midnight.

The action of the aldermen involves a question of legality and is in direct contradiction to the proposed action of His Worship Mayor G. Willard Kitchen who announced his intention to call for an election after the resignations had gone into effect. Contrary to the opinion expressed by P. J. Hughes, K.C., city solicitor, who contended that section 33 of the Act of 1859 was inconsistent with two other sections of the Act and would not permit the mayor to carry out his proposed procedure, the chief magistrate reserved the right to uphold the opinion that the section was "consistent."

The latest development in the unique situation, which is attracting the attention of the legal profession throughout Canada, does not, in the opinion of legal advisors, offer any solution to the problem. Tomorrow, the date on which the seven aldermen leave office, the mayor will have the right to carry out his original proposal.

Legality Questioned

As the situation rests now, the legality of the aldermen's procedure is questionable, while the proposed action of Mayor Kitchen will be also constitutionally improper if the opinion of the city solicitor is correct. In the meantime the city clerk has been instructed to proceed with the necessary steps in connection with the election.

This morning's session, which was an adjournment of last night's meeting, opened with the mayor and seven retiring aldermen present. Ald. McCaughey and Ald. Ols, the two members of the aldermanic board who did not tender resignations, were absent.

When the meeting was called to order at eleven o'clock, Ald. Ross asked the mayor if he "had changed his mind." The chief magistrate replied that his views expressed last night remained unchanged.

Ald. Ross pointed out that the city solicitor left two courses open for the council, adding that the mayor's decision constituted a "third." He, however, questioned the legality of the latter proposal. He further said that the retiring aldermen were anxious to have an election as soon as possible, pointing out that they had no intention of making any moves which would handicap the administration of civic affairs. He contended (Continued on Page Five)

C. P. ESTABLISHES ZONE RATES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Statement Issued Today By Minister of Education

Drastic Reductions

Schedule of Express Rates Effective April 15th

Concerning the recent announcement that the Canadian Pacific Express Company had established zone rates for express shipments in New Brunswick, Honourable A. P. Paterson, Minister of Education Federal and Municipal Relations, issued the following statement this morning:

"My department has been interested for some time in an endeavor to secure an adjustment of express rates to provide more equitable treatment for all localities, and it is gratifying that the Canadian Pacific Express Company has so promptly responded to representations that we have made on behalf of shippers.

"My department has been advised by the Express Company that zone rates had been established from all points in New Brunswick showing quite drastic reductions from the former rates, and that the new schedule became effective on April 15th.

"It is timely to advise the public that the department is in a position to give study to transportation problems that may arise in New Brunswick and we invite the co-operation of communities or industries that (Continued on Page Five)

PROPOSED AERIAL PROJECT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION

Transportation Group Will Seek More Information

Matters relative to the eastern route in connection with the proposed trans-Canada air service were discussed at a meeting of the transportation committee of the Fredericton Board of Trade held yesterday afternoon. All phases of the proposed project with its relation to this section of the province were discussed, and preliminary plans were made to secure more information regarding the service.

At the present time the general plan outlines the eastern route the Maritime provinces via the State of Maine. The local board as well as the Saint John Board of Trade desires a St. John River valley route from Quebec.

R. L. Phillips, chairman of the (Continued on Page Five)

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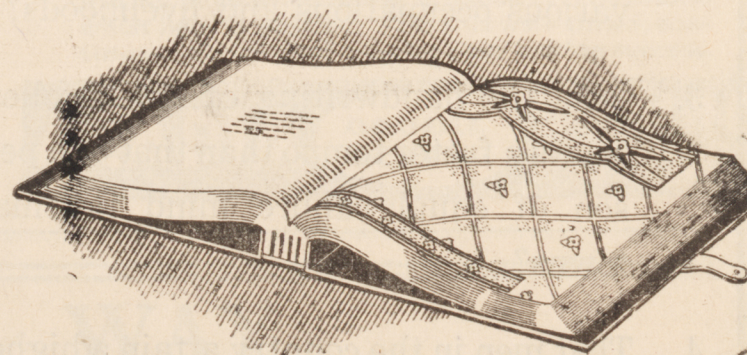
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