

News Briefs

RETURNED FROM TORONTO
Many friends will be pleased to hear that the condition of George Hayes is improved after several weeks' treatment at one of the Toronto hospitals.

RETURNS FROM SAINT JOHN
His Grace Archbishop Richardson, Archbishop of Fredericton, returned to this city today from Saint John, where he was a special preacher at St. John's Church yesterday morning and at St. James' Church last evening.

RESTING COMFORTABLY
Miss Ruth Gray, daughter of Inspector C. K. Gray, O.C. of the Fredericton Sub-Division of the R. C. M. P., and Mrs. Gray, who underwent an appendicitis operation in Victoria Public Hospital Saturday, is reported today as "resting comfortably."

DOING NICELY
Many friends will be pleased to learn that Miss Audrey Woodworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Woodworth of this city, who was rushed to Victoria Public Hospital Saturday with a serious case of appendicitis and underwent an operation, is doing nicely.

MEETING POSTPONED
The meeting of the Town Planning Commission which was scheduled for this or tomorrow evening has been postponed and a meeting will not be held until after Christmas, it was stated by Alderman W. R. Crewdson, chairman of the commission this morning. It was stated that the pressing duties of the members, due to the Christmas season, will not allow a meeting to be called.

MODERN LIGHTING SYSTEM
One of the latest types of subway lighting units has been installed by the Maritime Electric Co., Ltd., in the new subway at the Fredericton end of the Canadian National Railway bridge. Benjamin lighting units were used, consisting of a cast iron unit with a porcelain enamel reflector, clear glass and wire guard equipped with 150 watt bulbs. The lights will be turned on and off from the Cities' Series Street Lighting Circuit by a special switch.

The Daily Mail intends to mention one outstanding Window Display each day from today until Christmas.



TODAY
We liked the CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTION DISPLAY WINDOWS at **SCOVIL'S LADIES' WEAR STORE**

Because the high quality merchandise displayed while dainty and attractive in itself to any feminine heart was accentuated in its appeal by two of the most artistically conceived backgrounds which it has been our pleasure to see in any local store. The whole display is a very fine example of a most striking effect achieved by the skillful and intelligent use of the most ordinary materials.

REAL XMAS BUYS SHOWN AT SCOVIL'S LADIES STORE

This smart shop is under the supervision of Mrs. Minnie MacKilroy, buyer and stylist, who, by frequent visits to the leading style centres, is in a position to advise regarding the latest style trends in fashions for women. In this store may be found acceptable Christmas gifts for Milady in quality merchandise at reasonable prices. An efficient staff awaits to serve you most courteously.

PULPWOOD CASE SETTLED

The \$5,650 action of the Aschaffenburg Zellstoffwerke Aktiengesellschaft of Berlin, Germany, against the New Brunswick Lumber Export Co., Ltd., now insolvent, has been settled between the two parties, outside of court, it was stated by E. C. Atkinson, former president of the company this morning. The case was to have come up in York County Court this morning. Mr. Atkinson would not divulge the figures of the settlement. The case arose out of a decision of the New Brunswick Supreme Court for the above amount together with \$131.90 costs in favour of the German company.

Claims Prices Not Jacked Up at Minto

Strikers Never Refused Credit By Merchants

R. J. Swift Issues Statement Re Stand Of Minto Merchants

Branding as a falsehood the recent statement in the press that Minto merchants had increased the prices of their supplies to such an extent that union relief funds are inadequate, R. J. Swift, of the Minto firm of T. H. Swift and Sons, speaking for the merchants of the strike-centre, issued the following statement this morning.

We have never refused credit to the miners, nor even to the strike leaders and union officials, he said. It was necessary, in order that we remain solvent, to suspend credit to the union, he emphasized.

Blaming the alleged promises of unlimited relief for causing the strike he urged the formation of Company Unions, such as the newly organized Rothwell Mine Workers' Union, and the submission of all disputes to the V. B. Wage Board.

"In Friday's issue of the Citizen of Saint John a news item appears quoting Mr. Mathias Wuhr, president of the local Union, to the effect that the merchants of Minto have steadily been advancing the prices of their goods to the men on strike and that the reason the Union has been unable to pay its bills for relief is that the Minto merchants have increased their prices so much that relief money would not meet them. Speaking for T. H. Swift and Sons, and in so doing I think I can safely say that I speak for the other merchants of Minto on these two points at least. I wish to brand these statements of Mr. Wuhr's as utterly untrue.

Urges Comparison
"I invite the customers of the merchants of Minto to make a strict comparison of the prices charged them on their personal slips before the strike began and those charged on the relief slips issued to them.

"Furthermore, I wish to ask Mr. Wuhr how he reconciles his statement as regards the alleged increase in prices being responsible for the Union's inability to meet the relief orders which he issued with the fact that his orders never covered any specific goods, but simply were orders to the various merchants to issue a stipulated sum in goods to each recipient.

"The prices charged had no relation whatsoever so far as the Union's obligation in the transaction was concerned. That is, the orders we got from this local Union did not call for items of goods like flour, tea, sugar, etc. but simply called for a credit of say from two to six dollars and the recipient of the relief specified what he wanted for such credit. The public will, therefore, at once perceive that it was up to Mr. Wuhr to find the money to pay us the total of these credit orders which he issued in lieu of the cash, and that the prices charged for goods which we issued to the men had no bearing on the case.

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P. E. I. Students Complete Extra Week's Course Forestry Sta.

The one week extension course given forestry students from Prince Edward Island who were studying practical forestry under the Canadian New Brunswick Youth Training Project at the Acadian Forestry Experimental Station came to a close Saturday. The young men returned to Prince Edward Island today.

The extra week's course followed the one month's course at the Station under the supervision of G. R. Saunders, superintendent of the station, and dealt mostly with cruising and woods practice. The additional course was taken by eight students, the other fourteen having returned to their homes last week.

The complete course was of a highly practical nature, taking in many of the different phases of the science in a concise, general way. At the completion of the course Mr. Saunders highly commended the work of the young men, and expressed himself as being very pleased with the results of the fine co-operation they had shown.

Questioned this morning, J. C. Veness, Dominion Forestry official in charge of the Maritime district, stated that no information is available on the possibilities of future courses at the station.

Operation Cost Municipal Home Increased in '37

Still Less Than Estimates, However; \$5,439.57 Spent In Housing 89 Inmates; Electrical Installation, Increased Supply Prices Jump Costs

The cost of keeping inmates in the Municipal Home during 1937 jumped 26 cents per man over the cost last year, it was shown by the official figures released this morning by Major John S. Scott, secretary-treasurer for the County of York. The cost per inmate last year was \$1.03 per week as compared to \$1.29 this year. The total costs for the operation of the Home and farm this year was \$5,439.57.

Evans Recognizes the Union Of Rothwell Mine Workers

W. Benton Evans, operator of the Rothwell Mines, Minto, has agreed to recognize the newly organized company union known as the Rothwell Mine Workers' Union with the understanding however, that it does not advocate the "closed shop."

As a result of a meeting held between the Executive Committee of the union and Mr. Evans last Friday night, at which the operator was asked to recognize the union, Mr. Evans sent the following letter to Stanley E. Gee, secretary of the organization:—

"Having carefully read the statement of principles adopted by the union as the basis upon which the members intend to build a constitution and use as a guide for their activities, I have no hesitation in agreeing to the request of the Executive Committee. This, of course, with the understanding that it does not mean we will have what is called a 'closed shop' that is that men cannot be hired who do not belong to this union.

"I heartily endorse the principles that have been laid down, and so long as we are both guided by them, we should be able to work together for the best interests of all who are dependent upon this business, both employer and employees.

Yours truly,
W. BENTON EVANS."

SUSTAINED INJURIES IN FALL
Many friends will regret to hear that Miss Rose Hayes had the misfortune to fall down the stairs at her home and was the victim of injuries. Miss Hayes, however, after being confined to her room for several days, is now much improved. Mrs. John Mahoney of Boston, who is here on account of her sister's illness, has now returned home.

STILL ALARM
The fire department answered one still alarm this morning when a call came in from the home of A. A. Belmore, Ode Avenue, at 9 o'clock. A pine and chimney fire occasioned the alarm. No damage was done, the blaze being quickly extinguished by the fire-fighters.

CITY COUNCIL TO MAKE DECISION RE PLEBISCITES

No Vote Possible On Abolishment Police Commission

It is probable that the City Council will have a meeting within the next few days to discuss the question of a plebiscite in regard to daylight saving, and if it is decided to hold this plebiscite, the vote will probably be taken on the same day that the electors go to the polls to vote for aldermanic candidates.

Nothing has yet been decided as regards the taking of a plebiscite on the question of financing the proposed addition to the Victoria Public Hospital. The matter of giving the hospital \$100,000 and guaranteeing a further bond issue of \$150,000 was turned down by the Council at a recent meeting, the idea being that it was beyond the means of the citizens, and that additions to the hospital might be made at a considerably lower cost. The feeling also seemed to be that the adjoining municipalities of York and Sunbury should be approached in regard to carrying some of the expenditure. This matter is slated to come up at the January session of the York County Council, and in the meantime it will probably be allowed to rest by the city aldermen.

Plebiscite Ultra Vires
A plebiscite on the abolishing of the Police Commission cannot be taken according to law. At the last session of the New Brunswick Legislature a bill was presented to the House sponsored by the Fredericton City Council, asking for authority to conduct plebiscites on questions which the Council might think advisable. The idea of the bill was to make it possible for the citizens to take a vote on the Police Commission question. The bill was not recommended to the Legislature by the Municipalities, the reason given being that the city could not deal with matters beyond its jurisdiction. The Police Commission is appointed by the government and it functions without any regard whatever for the citizens or for (Continued on Page Five)

Despite the increase in cost, the figures are very pleasing. Major Scott stated, falling roughly 50 cents per man per week below the estimates. In past years the cost has mounted as high as \$2 per week, and this year it had been expected that the cost would be between \$1.75 and \$2 per man per week.

Supply Prices Up
The increase in cost is laid to the increase in the cost of supplies this year, it being pointed out that flour and other articles are much higher. Another factor in increasing the cost was the installation of electric lights, and an electric water pumping system in place of the old hydraulic pressure plant.

The home had 89 inmates during the year, and eight deaths occurred, the same number as last year.

The number of 'one man weeks' was 147 less than last year, the report shows. Last year this figure amounted to 4,371, while this year the inmates of the Home, collectively, spent 29,567 days in the institution, which divided by seven (days per week) gives 4,224 one-man weeks.

The cost of operating the institution for the year is divided between the parishes in proportion to the number of one-man weeks each is responsible for, and charged up at the rate established by the annual statement, this year being \$1.29.

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