

News Briefs

TO BUCTOUCHE

Premier A. A. Dysart, K.C., is leaving for Buctouche to spend the weekend. It is expected that he will return early next week.

ON FISHING TRIP

Rev. Oscar E. Braune and Mrs. Braune, Newark, New Jersey, have arrived at Jack Doherty's camp at Springhill to spend three weeks fishing at Hart's salmon pool. The couple have made annual trips to the province for the past four years.

RETURNS TO OTTAWA

Dr. H. Barton, deputy minister of agriculture for Canada, left the city last night on his return to Ottawa. He was the main speaker at yesterday's program which marked the conclusion of the three-day Experimental Station At Home.

AWARD CONTRACTS

Although no official announcement has been made, it is understood that the government has awarded tenders for the construction of six bridges in various sections of the province. Tenders were called for several days ago. The names of the successful bidders will be announced next week.

GETS PROMOTION

William T. Walker who has been manager of the Scovil Co., Ltd., for the past ten years has resigned his position and in the near future will open a business of his own. Mr. E. P. Colwell has been appointed to succeed him. Eddie's many friends will be pleased to learn of his well merited promotion.

ALBERTA PARTY HERE

Luke H. Stack, a former Calgary barrister, but now of Vulcan, Alta., accompanied by his wife and three children and by Mrs. George Brown of Alberta, passed through the city this morning on their return to the Prairie province. Mr. Stack, who was a classmate of Hon. A. A. Dysart, Premier of New Brunswick, at Dalhousie University, called on the Premier this morning and spent some time in talking over the college days. Mr. Stack, who is a native of Melrose, Westmorland County, has with his wife and family been visiting friends in Moncton, Westmorland County and in Nova Scotia.

A LARGE INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF N. B. MADE CHEESE

94.4 Per Cent Increase During Past Six Months Period

Production of factory cheese in the province for the six months' period from January to June was 9.4 per cent more than the production the corresponding period in 1936, according to figures recently released from the agriculture department. There was also an increase in creamery butter production for the same period was shown as 5.2 per cent greater than in 1936. For the six months' period of the present year 1,422,574 pounds of butter was manufactured and 206,675 pounds of cheese.

All cheese sold in New Brunswick is sold through the cheese board in Saint John every two weeks after being graded by provincial officials. There was dissatisfaction among the salesmen of the factories offering and it was felt that the price was not in line with the market at that time for the total volume of cheese offered.

On taking the matter up with the principal buyers it was found that they were willing to co-operate, as far as possible. As result at the cheese board sale later in the month the price for No. 1 New Brunswick cheese was fairly well in line with the Canadian cheese market.

Cement Work Begins Devon Subway Project

The pouring of cement was commenced on the Devon subway project this morning, and the majority of the workmen of the Richardson Construction Company, Limited, were transferred to the Devon side. At the present time, only two or three men are engaged on the local subway project. The cement work is being rushed so that the structural steel work on both subways can be commenced as soon as possible.

In the meantime, large crews of men are engaged in demolishing the old piers and preparing for the erection of new supports. All piers with the exception of the one which was constructed three or four years ago will be removed. Dredges and diving apparatus is being used to remove the portion of the piers below the water line.

FAIR WAGE BOARD CONCLUDES FIRST REGULAR SESSION

The Acting Minister of Labor Issues Statement

MEMBERS RETURN

Members of the Fair Wage Board returned to their homes last evening following the adjournment of the first meeting of the group early yesterday afternoon. The official statement released this morning by Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., attorney-general and acting minister of health and labor, read as follows: "The Fair Wage Board concluded a two-day session in Fredericton late yesterday. The wages being paid in various business establishments came under review. Orders dealing with some of these have already been issued to take effect immediately. In other cases, further information is being sought with a view to early action."

Although no announcement was made following the meeting, it was reliably learned that the chief matters dealt with concerned the scale of wages paid to employees in certain of the larger industrial institutions in the province.

Yesterday A. B. MacKinnon, chairman of the board, conferred with Hon. Mr. McNair and H. R. Pettigrove, fair wage officer. Those present at the board meeting were: G. Allan Beattie, Saint John; Frank H. Gillespie, Moncton; Raymond Roy, Dalhousie; Roy W. Cameron, Fredericton, and John S. MacKinnon, Saint John, secretary.

BEAR TACKLES AUTO ON ROAD NEAR GAGETOWN

Bruin Wins Decision In Battle With Vehicle

CAR DAMAGED

An interesting story of a battle between a large black bear and an automobile, in which the bear won the decision, was told by R. B. Waine of Victoria, B. C., who passed through the city this morning, accompanied by his wife and son.

The trio were enroute toward the city from Saint John after touring the Maritimes, and encountered a large black bear on the road early this morning below Upper Gagetown. The bear came out onto the road unexpectedly on a sharp turn and directly into the path of the approaching car.

Mr. Waine "slammed on" his brakes in time to avoid crashing into the bear, but consequently stopped within reach of the swift paws of the beast. Angered by the sudden intrusion of the car and the squeal of the dragging wheels, a clawed paw flashed out, crushing a head-light into a wrinkled mass.

The driver overcoming his surprise put his car in reverse and sped back about twenty feet. The animal, his anger still unabated rushed at the vehicle, and before the driver could again move his car tore at the damaged head-light again.

Realizing the further possible damage, the driver put his car into gear and shot forward. The force of the car threw the bear up on the fender where he spawled, and in his scrambling he also damaged the nickel horn. He hung there a moment before the speed of the car threw him off into the road.

Mr. Waine stated that his wife had fainted, and that he was too excited to look back; but the little boy, who enjoyed the affair immensely claimed that it chased them for a short distance before giving up the battle.

The party stopped at Phoenix Square this morning while Mr. Waine entered the market to purchase some apples. He was eating an apple when interviewed about the cause or the damage to his car, and when asked what he thought of the Province stated that he liked the country, and the apples, but had no particular love for the bears.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS NO CAUSE FOR REJOICING IN THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Scarcely More Than Half of Students Throughout Province Make Clean Pass

IS COURSE TOO SEVERE ?

An Urgent Need for Painsstaking Revision Is the Remedy Prescribed

Appropos of the annual Matriculation and High School Leaving examinations, just reported in the press, it appears that the results are quite as satisfactory as those of previous years. But even so, this furnishes no particular cause for rejoicing.

Analyzing this year's results, we find that of the 829 students who wrote the Matriculation papers, 65 (about 8 per cent) made First Division and 387 (46 per cent) attained Second Division, making a total of 452 who made a clean pass mark entitling them to enter the U.N.B. without further ado.

There were, however, 188 (23 per cent) who passed in Second Division conditionally, which means that they made total marks equal to that required for Second Division, but fell below the prescribed minimum on one or more subjects and cannot enter the U.N.B. or any other University, for that matter, without passing on those subjects in a supplementary test. And another 189 (23 per cent) failed utterly or wrote the examinations in part only.

The High School Leaving papers (same as Matriculation, except that two of the following four subjects—French, Latin, Chemistry and Physics—may be omitted and Physiology and more Arithmetic substituted), were written by 250. Of these 7 (3 per cent) made First Division,

and 108 (43 per cent) made Second—a total of 115 (46 per cent) making a clean pass. In the second conditional column there were 57 (23 per cent) and among the failures or partial writers 78 (31 per cent).

Now, a clean pass list of 54 per cent on Matriculation and 46 in High School Leaving is scarcely a matter of congratulation, especially when many of those who graduate in their home schools, particularly in the smaller High Schools but to a very considerable number even in the cities and towns, do not take the government examinations at all.

These results—which are no worse and are perhaps better than has often happened—call attention to the urgent need for an honest and painsstaking review of educational conditions in centres both large and small. In the smaller High Schools where the whole High School Course has to be taught by one or two teachers, consolidation of schools into bigger school districts is evidently needed. Possibly better methods of training and selecting Teachers is also needed, and just possibly a change in the psychology of the parents and the public in general is needed in relation to the discipline of children at home and on the streets and supervision of their ways of spending their leisure hours in both day and night.

CHILE MAY PROVIDE BIG MARKET FOR NEW BRUNSWICK SEED TUBERS

Chilean Official Making General Survey Of Situation

TRADE PROSPECTS

"Chile which annually plants 200,000 acres of potatoes and produces 21 to 25 millions of bushels, expects within the next few years to restock their fields with a sturdier variety than now grown and quite possibly will secure the necessary seed from New Brunswick," stated Fernando Mujica, of the Chilean Department of Agriculture and Bureau of Potato Certification, who arrived in the city today. He indicated that there is a large possible market for N. B. seed potatoes. The Argentine government has already introduced New Brunswick stock in their country, and very satisfactory results have been secured. Chile, seeing the necessity of producing a harder variety has studied the Argentine re-

sults, and intend to follow their policy, he said.

Up until this time no foreign stock has been shipped into Chile due to quarantine regulations. The nations crops suffer from few diseases and insects, and the blight is especially absent, the visitor said. For this reason great care is being taken to insure that the stock imported will introduce no new plant diseases into the country, he further said.

He stated that he has inspected fields in the Carleton County potato belt in the vicinity of Woodstock and has also inspected fields in this area including the Dominion Experimental Station. His observations have been satisfactory, he said.

Confers With King

Mr. Mujica has conferred with J. K. King, deputy minister of agriculture, and will later confer with G. C. Cunningham, marketing expert of the department. He stated that Mr. Cunningham is well known in Chile, and understands the situation. He believes that through his help, some seed may be exported this year, although the amount would be small.

In another year, however, he hopes to have enough stock introduced into the country so that seed can be distributed to private growers on a trial basis, and in this way introduce the Canadian potatoes to the growers.

The representative stated that (Continued on Page Five)

QUALITY RATHER THAN QUANTITY, SPEAKER URGES

'Concentrate on Quality' Barton Tells Potato Growers

'AT HOME' CLOSES

An address by Dr. H. Barton, Ottawa, deputy minister of agriculture for the Dominion, featured the closing program of the first annual Dominion Experimenta Station At Home yesterday afternoon. He declared that future of the potato industry in this province does not depend on increased acreage, because of the increased competition from other sections of Canada, urging the growers to "concentrate on quality." There is room for a greater expansion to new markets, he said.

More than 2,000 persons from all sections of the province visited the federal farm during the three-day program which opened on Wednesday. The affair, the first of its kind held at the farm, was rated as a great success, even exceeding the highest expectations of the officials in charge. Yesterday livestock, field crops and pastures were featured, and a Holstein demonstration and judging competition and a Percheron horse demonstration and judging competition were held.

In his remarks, the federal agriculture official referred to the fact that his department has been able to co-ordinate its work most effectively with that of the provincial department, mentioning that New Brunswick is in the fore among the potato producing areas in Canada.

He dealt with agriculture development in this province, stating that New Brunswick has been rather slow as compared with other provinces. The fact that agriculture has not always been the predominating interest might be the reason, he said. In the past agriculture had waited on lumbering, pointing out that the recent development in agriculture was due to a reversal of the condition. Agriculture will be the predominating interest in the province from now on, he predicted.

"OLD BILL" NEARLY KIDNAPPED TODAY

Rescuers Arrive in Nick Of Time To Save Animal

Fredericton nearly suffered a great loss this morning, when "Old Bill," faithful old fire-horse and the pet of the Department, had a narrow escape from being kidnapped.

A group of visiting firemen, who have been in town since the Firemen's Field Day in Devon this week, and who fell in love with the veteran old grey fireman, sneaked up on the local station and had Bill out of his stall and out to their car before the local smoke-eaters discovered his plight and came to the rescue.

The kidnappers at the time of rescue were figuring out a way to secrete him in the car along with the six passengers, and it was through this delay that he was saved.

Bill was quite willing to accompany the kidnappers, and according to the local boys only one theory can be advanced, as to why he would throw them down. The visiting fireman had gold buttons, while the Fredericton firemen's are only nickel. Bill loves to snap buttons off, and apparently prefers gold to nickel.

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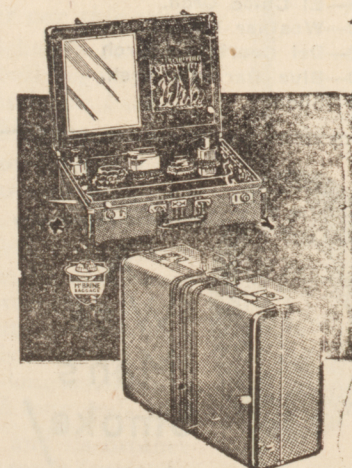
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