

News Briefs

REGISTERED AT QUEEN
C. K. Beveridge and daughter, Miss Barbara Beveridge, Saint John, were visitors in the city today. They registered at the Queen Hotel.

ON BUSINESS TRIP
A. W. Barbour, minister of public works, and J. Bacon Dickson, deputy attorney-general, left yesterday on a business trip to Saint John. They are expected to return tonight or tomorrow.

COMMISSIONER HERE
D. deWaal Meyer, South African trade commissioner, at present stationed in Montreal, was a visitor here today. He is in the course of a tour of the Maritime Provinces.

LEAVES TODAY
R. G. Fulton, chairman of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board, left this morning on a business trip to the upper sections of the province. He expects to be away until the end of the week.

FIRE COMMITTEE
The Fire Committee of the City Council will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting, so far as is known, is to further discuss the motorization of the hook and ladder company of the fire department.

ABLE TO BE OUT
Miss Margaret Smith is sufficiently recovered to enjoy occasional car drives. Miss Smith suffered a fractured ankle and badly sprained shoulder when thrown from her horse on May 7.

FRENCH DEPT. CLOSES
The French Department of the Provincial Normal School closed for the summer, last evening. This year there were only six pupils in this class, and no closing exercises were held in this department.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL
Facing charges of driving a car while under the influence of liquor, Alexander Forbes of Maryland appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick this morning, and was committed to stand trial. He was arrested yesterday by city police. William Belyea of Saint John, arrested the day before yesterday was also committed for trial on the charge of having care and control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor.

ACT PROCLAIMED
An act relative to the control of natural products in New Brunswick, recently passed by the provincial legislature, has been officially proclaimed by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., P.C., LL.D., administrator of New Brunswick. The proclamation is gazetted in the current issue of the Royal Gazette.

Large Number Attend Funeral of Joseph Hill

A large number was in attendance at the funeral of Joseph Hill, which took place this afternoon. Service was conducted in St. John's Church, Nashwaaksis, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Dysart, assisted by the church choir, was in charge of the service. Mr. Hill was highly esteemed by all who knew him. This fact was strikingly attested by the attendance at the funeral as well as by the many beautiful floral tributes and other expressions of sympathy received. The pall-bearers were Lloyd Johnston, Fraser Merrithew, Charles Reynolds and Leonard Coalis.

Government Meet Mine Operators June 2

G. H. Prince, deputy minister of lands and mines, announced last night that the proposed conference between representatives of the provincial government and the coal operators of the province will probably be held here on June 2. The meeting was called after representations had been made to the government last week by representatives of the miners and the United Mine Workers of America. It is the intention of the government to hear both sides of the question of wage increases and improved mine and working conditions, which the miners have requested. The acting premier, Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., attorney-general and acting minister of health and labor, and Hon. F. W. Pirie, minister of lands and mines, likely will represent the government at the coming conference. It is possible that W. E. McMullen, chief mining inspector for the province, will be in attendance. Last week Mr. Pirie expressed a hope that both the operators and the miners would adjust their differences without intervention on the part of the government. There will be a meeting of the provincial government in the afternoon of June 2.

Trade Possibilities With South Africa

Export of Seed Tubers is Now Being Mooted

Tariff Barriers Must Be Removed to Foster Trade

S. A. Commissioner Visiting Fredericton in Course of Tour of Maritimes

The exportation of Canadian seed potatoes to South Africa has great possibilities, providing the two colonies bring about the establishment of a preferential tariff which will remove the existing barriers. The opinion was expressed today by D. deWaal Meyer, South African government trade commissioner, at present stationed in Montreal, who is a visitor in Fredericton during the course of a tour of the Maritime Provinces.

The Commissioner is visiting the seaside province for the purpose of conferring with importers and others interested in promoting of trade relations between the two countries. While in Fredericton he conferred with government officials, including officials of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board. The latter conference was in connection with the importation of South African brandy.

Has Possibilities
Commenting on the exportation of New Brunswick seed potatoes to South Africa, Mr. Meyer pointed out (Continued on Page Five)

CROP PRODUCTION IN THIS SECTION OF THE PROVINCE HANGS IN BALANCE AS DAMP WEATHER CONTINUES

Delay in Planting May Result in Serious Consequences MUCH CONCERN

The continued wet weather is causing alarm among the farmers in this section of the province who fear that the delay in seeding operations might have detrimental effects on crop production this year. The seeding has already been delayed about two weeks and unless there is a change in weather conditions immediately, the consequences might be serious.

The wet condition of the ground prevents the necessary preparations from being made. It will take at least three days of fine weather to put the ground in condition, thus further delaying seeding operations until the latter part of next week. It was hoped by the agriculturists that this week would bring a change in weather conditions. The continued wet spell is causing much concern as planting cannot be delayed much longer if this year's crop is to be successful.

Serious Situation
As was stated yesterday by C. F. Bailey, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station here, the delay might result in serious consequences, particularly if weather conditions in the early fall are not favorable.

Reports received early in the season indicated that the potato growers had made a good start, but the last 10 days had retarded planting in a great many sections of the province.

Seeding conditions had been fairly favorable up to within two weeks or 10 days ago, and considerable pro-

HERE TO SPEND THE SUMMER ON THE MIRAMICHI

E. L. Ipson, Noted U. S. Artist, and Mrs. Ipson Arrive

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Ipson of South Dartmouth, Mass., passed through the city today by auto en route to their summer home at Boies-town where they plan to remain until the end of September. These people, who are enthusiastic anglers and lovers of the great outdoors, are annual visitors to the Miramichi and have made many successful trips on that river under the guidance of William T. Griffin and son. They spent last winter at Fort Myers, Florida, and came north the latter part of April, making a brief stop at their South Dartmouth home for a rest and to gather up necessary equipment for an extended outing in New Brunswick.

Mr. Ipson is a native of Denmark, and is a portrait painter of high repute. Last winter one of his paintings, an exhibition in New York, was awarded the Lippincott prize. He is very fond of salmon angling, and last season indulged in this thrilling sport with success both on the Miramichi and at the Hart's Island pool. Late in September, while fishing alone from a canoe on the Miramichi in front of his home, he hooked a fifteen pound salmon and was able to land it without assistance. Mrs. Ipson is also some class as an angler, and each season makes one or more canoeing trips on the Miramichi from Half Moon Cove to Boies-town. This worthy couple made frequent shopping trips to Fredericton and have made many friends here, from whom they are always sure of a cordial welcome.

PULPWOOD DRIVE WILL CONTINUE DURING SUMMER

40,000 Cords Will Be Driven to Boom at Lincoln

Pulpwood driving operations on the Saint John river, which commenced a few days ago, will continue throughout the summer. It was announced last night by A. J. Lecroix, manager of the Port Royal Pulp and Paper Company, Limited. Approximately 40,000 cords will be driven down river.

The annual drive will end at the Lincoln rafting grounds, where an extensive booming apparatus is maintained by the company. The logs are rafted there and towed by the tug Madawaska to the Fairville mill. Several thousand cords will be driven from as far up as Hartland and several thousand more will be picked up along the stream where it has been piled by farmers and independent operators who have sold their products to the big company.

The shores of the river are lined with the pulp, from the mouth of the Keswick, 12 miles west of Fredericton, to well on down the river. Many sticks are floating in the stream as a result of the freshet break in a boom holding about 5,000 cords. This will be recovered later in the summer when water is lower and driving conditions better.

A big cut of pulp is lying on the banks of the Nashwaak stream, having been sawed and hauled there a readiness for the spring drive, and it will be moved after the larger cordage has been shifted.

FALL CANKERWORM WILL CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE TO ELM TREES IN THIS CITY

Spraying Recommended as Most Effective Means of Controlling Insect Menace --- Caterpillar Eggs Numerous

The fall cankerworm will again cause serious injury to the foliage of elms in the lower part of the city this year, was the opinion expressed by R. E. Balch, entomologist, Dominion department of agriculture. He stated that small caterpillars which recently emerged from the overwintering eggs are very numerous, especially on Church Street and along Waterloo Row. Mr. Balch was of the opinion that the injury will be the greatest where the trees are surrounded by unpaved ground, especially if the ground is undisturbed. This is due to the fact that the insect pupates in the soil, he said.

In many places the defoliation will be greater than in previous years and some trees are expected to lose all their foliage during the month of June. A new crop of foliage will come out, however, and restore to some extent the appearance of such trees.

Although no trees are likely to be killed this year, the repeated defoliations weaken them and one or two are beginning to show dead branches. The trees are also suffering from the attack of another insect which weakens them and may cause dying back of twigs and branches. This is a scale insect, the European lacinium, which, when full grown, takes the form of a brown, hemispherical body on the undersides of the twigs. Large numbers of eggs are found under these scales later in the summer; small crawling larvae hatch from them and feed on the leaves until fall, when they settle on the bark or go to the ground for the winter. At the present time they are soft, oval-shaped bodies, about half grown, and will be found on many trees so thick under the twigs that they overlap each other.

"Honeydew"
This scale secretes a sticky substance called 'honeydew,' which drops like dew from the trees, causes spotting on cars and a sticky covering on garden plants on which a disfiguring soot-like fungus grows. It will cause a good deal of annoyance during the present season.

The Dominion Entomological Laboratory is attempting to secure a parasite for the lacinium scale. A species of Blastothrix, introduced to Vancouver in 1928 from England was so efficient in the control of this insect that it practically exterminated the scale and it is at present impossible to recover the parasite owing to the scarcity of its host. The only direct method of controlling this insect is by spraying the trees with

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Control of the native cankerworm by parasites is not satisfactory. Banding with tree tanglefoot in late September will prevent the females reaching the foliage to lay their eggs, but to be effective this method must be carried out very thoroughly and the whole infested neighbourhood must be treated. Experiments by the laboratory have demonstrated that it is necessary to freshen up the bands on some warm days when the winged males are numerous, twice a day, and the bands need to be kept free from leaves and dead males for a period of 3 to 4 weeks, as well as freshened up in the spring. It has also been shown that the small caterpillars spin a thread as soon as they leave the egg and many of them drop immediately and are carried by air currents to trees even on calm days. Banding single trees or groups of trees is therefore of little use although it reduces the infestation somewhat.

In the case of one tree over 1,500 females, each with an egg capacity of close to 300, were destroyed beneath the band. The tree, therefore, became seriously infested from caterpillars carried in the air by silk threads.

The most satisfactory method of control is by spraying with lead arsenate just as soon as the leaves are out. In the case of large trees, however, a special shade tree sprayer, throwing a solid stream to the tops of the trees, is necessary. If such equipment were available in the province it would greatly assist in preserving the beauty of our shade trees and preventing annoyance from insects.

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Mass was made in planting in light soil areas, such as Carleton and Victoria counties, and to a certain extent in Madawaska county, it was said. There was some slight indication of winter killing of hay and pasture lands in all sections of the province, but it was more noticeable in those parts where the snowfall was light, particularly in the southern and eastern districts of New Brunswick, with indications pointing to Northumberland county as being that suffering to the greatest extent.



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