

News Briefs

SUPPER MEETING

The Fredericton Board of Trade will hold a supper meeting at the Waverley Hotel on Friday evening at 6:30. Tickets are 50 cents each.

IN THE CITY TODAY

C. C. Avard, editor of the Sackville Tribune, is in the city today. Mr. Avard will return to Sackville tomorrow.

ILL AT HOME

Friends will be sorry to learn that Miss Myrtle Dunphy is confined to her home with chicken-pox. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

MEET TOMORROW

The city council is scheduled to hold a special meeting tomorrow morning in the Mayor's office. Matters pertaining to direct relief in the city will be dealt with.

FIRST STAMPS

The first stamps with the portrait of His Majesty King George VI appeared in this locality this morning. The usual military formal dress is not worn by His Majesty, a plain suit being worn for the picture.

PROVINCIAL I.O.D.E.

The 37th annual session of the Provincial Chapter of the N. B. I.O. D.E. will be held in the vestry of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

OVER-HEATED PIPE

The fire department was called out at 10:30 this morning to the residence of Mrs. Daniel O'Brien on Regent Street, where an over-heated pipe was causing some anxiety. No damage resulted.

STATISTICS FOR MARCH

Statistics released today by the city Board of Health showed that there were 18 deaths in the city during the month of March, while nine marriages were recorded. There were 23 births during the month.

CONDITION IMPROVES

Marven Turnbull, five-year-old son of James Turnbull, who was severely injured when struck by an automobile in front of his home two weeks ago, has been released from the Victoria Public Hospital. His condition shows daily improvement.

AT MARYSVILLE

Nominations will be open on Saturday for candidates to fill the vacancy in ward three in the town of Marysville. The cotton mill there is still operating a night shift, and merchants there report that business is greatly improved due to this factor.

TRANSFERRED TO SAINT JOHN

Fred Hale, employed for several years with the Customs and Excise Department, of the Federal Government, in this city, has been transferred to Saint John. Stewart Murphy of Saint John will be transferred to the local Department.

PRESENTATION MADE

Members of the Custom House staff met at the office of F. P. Colter last evening and presented Fred Hale with a cigarette case, prior to his leaving for Saint John. Mr. Colter made the presentation and Mr. Hale responded fittingly.

LEAVES FOR HOME

Rev. Dr. A. N. Marshall, who was acting pastor at Brunswick Street Baptist Church for several months, left last evening for his home in Bridgetown, N. S. Rev. Dr. Marshall supplied for Rev. Gerald Guion, who has now resumed his official duties as pastor. Rev. Mr. Marshall was accompanied home by Mrs. Marshall. Several friends were at the station to bid them farewell.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

The monthly statement issued by the Old Age Pensions Board shows that a total of 9,895 pensions were granted for the month of March. The expenditure for this total amounted to \$137,073.12. Ninety of those benefiting under the Old Age Pension Act died during the month, while 77 new beneficiaries were registered. There are 9,803 persons at present receiving pensions in the Province.

The Bliss Carmen Memorial Chapter

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a 3-Act Comedy on
THURSDAY, APRIL 8th
NORMAL SCHOOL 8.15

SPECIFICATIONS TO CONTRACTORS SENT YESTERDAY

Plans For Construction of Six Bridges in New Brunswick

Extensive Program

Date For Receiving Tenders Closes on April 10th

Specifications in connection with bridges to be constructed in the province this year by the Department of Public Works were mailed to contractors yesterday. Full details of the proposed projects were included in the documents and all those tendering on the work must file their bids on or before April 10th. The plans call for the construction of 6 bridges, and is one of the most extensive programs carried out by the bridge division of the Public Works Department.

The bridges will be constructed at Hendry, Entree and Grant's Brook in Gloucester county; Two Brooks, Victoria county; Rockland, Carleton county; and Dingee, Queens county. The estimate costs of the projects have not been announced.

The date on which the successful tenders will be awarded was not announced by G. Barbour, deputy minister of public works, but it is likely that it will be soon after April 10th as is possible. Work will be commenced as soon as weather and ground conditions permit.

Provisions in the specifications stipulate that, insofar as it is possible, contractors will make every effort to keep the work from interfering with the passage of traffic in the respective areas concerned.

The bridge projects as well as the proposed highway construction enterprises will make the season an unusually active one in the public works department of the government. Besides providing employment for hundreds of men the work will provide the province with a high-class road communication system. The latter feature is decidedly important in connection with tourist trade. It is expected that the number of tourists to visit this province will greatly exceed the number in previous years.

Contingencies Group Pass Routine Accounts

The main committee room in the legislative building will be renovated and refurnished if the resolution passed by the Contingencies Committee of the legislature this morning goes into effect. The resolution, moved by Dr. P. H. LaPorte, provided that in the view of the fact the acoustical arrangements were unsatisfactory in the room, poor ventilation and furniture in need of repair, that the committee recommend that the foregoing modifications be carried out. The motion passed unanimously.

The passing of bills in connection with the expenditures during the legislative session occupied the greater part of the morning session. There were some minor disputes regarding 'over-time' accounts but all bills were passed. Over-time services for a stenographer employed in the Opposition Committee room was the subject of debate. The amount was based on a 50 cents per hour rate, the regular rate being 37½ cents. The rate was lowered to the latter mentioned figure and the bill was passed by the committee.

J. W. Niles, Victoria, was chairman.

R.C.M.P. to Operate Own Airplanes

Commenting on press reports that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would take over control of aerial operations in connection with preventive service in the Maritimes, Major Bruce, superintendent of "J" Division, R.C.M.P., stated this morning that there are many qualified pilots on the force who would be qualified to operate the planes. In previous years, Royal Canadian Air Force planes operated by army flyers, formed the aerial preventive patrol in conjunction with the nation-wide police organization.

Under the new arrangement, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will own its equipment and will provide its own pilots. The planes will be stationed in various bases along the sea-coast and will be engaged chiefly in preventive work.

Major Bruce stated that Constable Hart, of the local division, who is a qualified pilot left recently for Ottawa to take a further course in aeronautics. Whether or not Constable Hart will be transferred to the newly formed aviation division is not known.

VERBAL CLASHES BETWEEN GOV'T AND OPPOSITION FEATURES MEETING PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE TODAY

Conservative Member Strongly Criticized by Liberal Supporters for Unsubstantiated Statements Regarding Highway Supervisor

Must Present Charges in Writing

Committee Has Stormy Session When E. W. Melville Demands Right to Make Statements --- Routine Business is Continued

SHARP verbal clashes between government supporters and E. W. Melville, M.L.A., (Conc., Carleton) featured this morning's session of the public accounts committee of the Legislature. Hurling charges, which committee members contended were unsubstantiated by facts, the Conservative member was obliged to withhold further remarks when a motion was carried that the committee would not consider any "charges" unless they were specific and presented in writing.

The Opposition member was criticized by certain members of the committee for his references to a road supervisor in Carleton County whom, he said, received money not entitled to him. His remarks were described as "unchristian and unfair."

The heated discussion lasted for about an hour, after which the regular business of the committee proceeded. The meeting was largely attended and it is believed that the deliberations of the committee will have been concluded by tomorrow.

At the opening of the meeting the chairman called the attention of the members to the fact that the statement made yesterday by E. W. Melville, (Cons.-Carleton) that announcement had been posted that the committee was to meet yesterday, was incorrect. Mr. Melville, in explanation, stated that the error was his, pointing out the bulletin he read referred to the meeting on the previous day.

The Conservative referred to the statements made by the Premier on the floor of the House in which the latter strongly criticized the Opposition members, and asked that he be allowed to reply to the statements. The chairman pointed out that the matter was entirely irrelevant and unless the charges he wished to bring before the meeting were in connection with the public accounts, the committee could not hear them.

Mr. Melville contended he had the right to criticize the estimates, and the remarks of the premier. There was some discussion on this point after which the Opposition continued with the "charges."

Commenting on certain government construction projects in Carleton County, Mr. Melville stated that "Italian" was the official language in one of the camps there, contending that a large number of Italians were employed.

Demanding Facts

He was interrupted by G. Boucher, Madawaska, who demanded that the speaker produce facts and figures to show that the Italians were being paid by the government. Mr. Melville did not immediately reply and Mr. Boucher again insisted that the facts be produced. The Opposition member, in reply, stated that he knew the men in question were paid by the government.

The chairman again pointed out to Mr. Melville that all charges must be specific and placed before the committee in writing. He ruled the Conservative member's remarks "out of order."

F. M. Colpitts, Albert, joined in the discussion and referred to a former statement made by Mr. Melville that he (Melville) did not make the charges on the floor during a recent night sitting of the House because he was unable to attend the meeting. The Albert county member charged that Mr. Melville didn't make the charges because he didn't think he was getting enough publicity. The Conservative strongly denied the accusation.

Continuing his remarks, Mr. Melville charged that the Dufferin Construction Company, engaged by the

MAKE CHANGES REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Pupils May Enter High School If Average Over 50 Per Cent.

Important Change

"Cut and Dried" Report Given Out by the Secretary

Important resolutions effecting high school entrance examinations in this city were passed at the regular monthly meeting of the board of school trustees held last evening. Under the new arrangement pupils having an average of 65 per cent. of the aggregate marks and not falling below fifty per cent. in any one subject will be promoted with out further examination to the high school, providing only the first 50 per cent. of any class may be so promoted. Latin is to be treated as a subject and not as a bonus in the above mentioned aggregate.

Among other items of importance on the agenda was the appointment of Kenfeth Campbell, Fredericton, as architect of the new wing to the high school. A motion was passed confirming the action of the committee which had this matter under consideration. Mr. Campbell, rated as one of the outstanding architects in Eastern Canada, has been engaged in his work here for the past few years and has designed several of the newest buildings to be erected in Fredericton. The appointment will be generally approved by the citizens.

The cut and dried report of the secretary was given out but we are not using it. We will give the public the full reports of the meeting when they are thrown open to the press as they should be.

Two Hundreds Patients Treated For Influenza

The city Board of Health stated today that following several surveys of the physicians in the city, it is estimated that about 200 persons received treatment for influenza up until March 15. There were no doubt many more cases but these were not reported to medical authorities. There were many cases of la grippe and colds, but not severe enough to be classed as influenza. No deaths resulted from 'flu sufferers in this city and only two from pneumonia, which shows that the epidemic was of a mild type.

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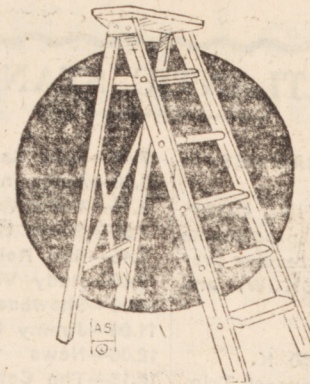
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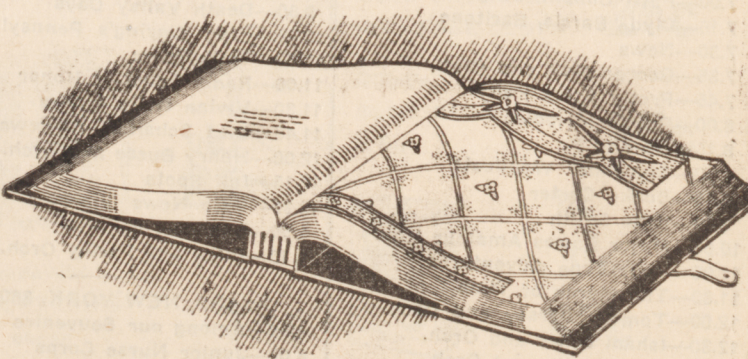
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