

News Briefs

AWAY ON BUSINESS

R. Lee McCutcheon, district Indian agent, left this morning for Woodstock on official business. He will return to the city this evening.

FIRE IN CELLAR

The Fredericton Fire Department answered a call at about 9.15 yesterday morning to the store of Alexander Davidson, at the corner of St. John and George Streets, where a slight fire was in progress in some wooden packing cases stored in the cellar. The fire-fighters soon extinguished the flames. Damage was slight.

CABINET TO MEET

A meeting of the provincial cabinet is scheduled for this week, probably on Wednesday. It was stated this morning by J. Bacon Dickson, Deputy Attorney General and Clerk of the Executive Council, Premier A. A. Dymally is expected to arrive in this city either tonight or tomorrow to attend to routine departmental business before the session of the cabinet, it was learned at his office.

The Daily Mail intends to mention one outstanding window display each day from today until Christmas.



TO-DAY

We liked the Display of Philco Radios in the window of the VALLEY MOTORS

BECAUSE the machines are so handsome in appearance and incorporate the new Visible Dial feature for family convenience. Looking at the radios one can easily understand why Philco has passed the ten million mark in radio production.

MOVE TO REDUCE LOSSES THROUGH FOREST FIRES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Maritime Section, Can. Society of Forest Engineers, Urges Higher Qualifications For All Employed On Fire Prevention and Control Work

With the fact in mind that during the past decade 724 square miles of forest land have been burned over in this province, which losses not only prevent the expansion of forest industries, but if continued, will soon cause curtailment of present production, the Maritime Section, Canadian Society of Forest Engineers, meeting in annual convention here Saturday, moved several resolutions to remedy the unfortunate situation. Chief among these was that which recommends the revival of the Forest Service Act, 1918, which provides for the examination of forest rangers. If this is strictly enforced, it was felt, the efficiency of the New Brunswick Forest Service could be greatly improved, with a consequent reduction of the annual losses from forest fires.

The body, which met both morning and afternoon in the Forestry and Geology Building of the University of New Brunswick, was presided over by the president, J. Miles Gibson, professor of forestry at U.N.B. The convention was featured by the discussion of the reports of several standing and special committees.

Blame Careless Smokers

In connection with the loss in this province during the past three years from forest fires, it was pointed out that the timberland burned over was large enough to produce an annual crop of forest products to satisfy the needs of a fair sized pulp and paper mill. The total estimated loss was in the vicinity of \$635,000. It was claimed. Twenty-three percent of the damage was placed on the shoulders of careless smokers by the report of the committee on forest fire protection, which went on to state that an analysis of costs over the same period showed that nearly 20 per cent of protection costs were for fire fighting.

It was also suggested that a system of short courses be instituted to provide for the training of men in fire protection. Systematic group training of the men for lookout observers, pump operators and crew supervisors in fire fighting was stressed. It was felt that both the government service and private companies would benefit by the move, since it would supply trained men qualified for such work.

Urges Extension

The method of burning slash adopt-

BEGIN PLOWING OF MAIN TRUNK ROADS TODAY

Severity Of Winter To Govern Operations, Says Barbour

Snow Light As Yet

Deputy-Minister Warns Motorists To Be Very Careful Driving

In line with its policy of attempting to keep open the principal highways of New Brunswick all winter, and the main secondary roads at least until Christmas, the Provincial Department of Public Works this morning used road plows for the first time this year. One plow was sent out early this morning down river to Welsford, another up river as far as Pokiok, while a third was sent out on the Newcastle highway to Boies-town.

No difficulty was experienced by the plows, according to reports from the government garage. The snow is light and powdery, scarcely warranting plowing except for drifts along the open places.

The severity of the winter will govern the extent of plowing operations this year, it was stated this morning by A. W. Barbour, Deputy-Minister of Public Works. Using Fredericton as a base, however, it is planned to keep the Broad road open to travel from here to Welsford, and the road open as far as Woodstock.

Depends on Weather

"Although we plan to keep the 'feeders' open as long as possible," he said, "it depends entirely upon the severity of the winter as to how long this will be. The winter may be so bad that it will be impossible even to keep all the trunk roads open," he warned.

With the increasing prevalence of motor accidents at this time of the year, due to slippery roads, Mr. Barbour warned all drivers to be exceedingly careful and to avoid speeding. "The roads are in such a condition at present that even chains may be more of a handicap than a benefit," he said.

He explained that many drivers have a false sense of security when they have put chains on their wheels and often think they can stop almost as well as they can in the summer. This is not the case, he said, since at present the surface of the roads are glazed over with ice. In many instances, he pointed out, chains merely make easier sliding on the ice than would be the case if they were not present.

"CANADIAN APPLE PRODUCTION IS IN ITS INFANCY," SAYS W. B. GORNALL, FED. FRUIT TRADE COMMISSIONER TO U. K.

His Review of Apple Export Trade, and Report of President W. W. Hubbard, Features 33rd Annual Convention of N. B. Fruit Growers' Assn.

A DETAILED REVIEW of the Canadian apple export trade, given by W. B. Gornall, Dominion Fruit Trade Commissioner to the United Kingdom, and presenting a highly favourable outlook to New Brunswick apple producers, was a highlight of the morning session of the 23rd annual convention of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association which is being held in this city today.

The sessions which began at 9.30 this morning are being held in the York County Court House and will conclude at 4 o'clock this afternoon. This morning also featured the president's address, read by the secretary in the absence of President W. W. Hubbard, the report of a committee on bud moths and side worm injury, by C. W. Maxwell of the Dominion Entomological laboratory of this city and A. Kelsall, Annapolis Royal, N. S. At 11 o'clock the convention adjourned and proceeded to the Gaiety Theatre where a highly instructive talking picture on the apple export trade, edited by Mr. Gornall, was shown by the growers.

In his address, Mr. Gornall dealt mainly with five important matters bearing on the export trade. First he spoke of the importance of the trade to Canada, it being necessary that 50 per cent of the harvest be exported. He next pointed out that the development of fruit import to the United Kingdom, Canada's greatest market, has doubled in the last 30 years.

On the other hand, the increase of production in the British Isles has risen sharply, and the extended marketing period of the English apples through new and scientific storage practices has effected our market somewhat. Lastly he dealt with the importance of the Ottawa Agreement to Canadian fruit producers.

Can Increase Market

"Production in Canada is in its infancy," he declared, "and the market is yet far from reaching its saturation point." The New Brunswick market so far has been confined to Montreal and Quebec, and is absorbed there, and at present it seems that there is no need of local producers seeking a larger outlet for the crop. He visualized, however, the possibilities of the future, and the prospects for marketing a larger production.

In speaking of the progress in fruit growing in the United Kingdom, much better cultural methods have been introduced and have greatly reduced the fluctuation in harvests, he said Canada formerly had a great advantage over England in fruit growing in that the climate was the same in every fruit producing district. Canada on the other hand has so many different climates that a crop failure in one section is not general as it is in England.

Import Tonnage Doubled

The tonnage of imported fruit to the British Isles over a 5-year period has nearly doubled in the past 30 years, standing now at 1,381,000 tons for three years of a five year period since 1934, whereas the tonnage thirty years ago was 712,000 tons. This is an increase of 94 per cent. It is believed by London agricultural authorities, he stated, that there will be less variation in the crops in the next few years.

He pointed out that this market is mainly interested in apples, although the orange leads in tons consumed. The apple is gaining, however, he pointed out.

At the same time that the British Isles present the greatest market in the world for fruit, they are also one of the greatest producers. The seasons in England are identical with those here.

"The people are definitely becoming more apple minded," the speaker declared. "The annual per capita consumption in the United Kingdom is 27 pounds per year."

The speaker dealt especially with the importance of the Ottawa Agreement which now has completed four

also recommended that maps be improved to increase the efficiency of lookout towers.

Patrol by airplanes in hazardous and smoky weather was also a suggestion by the Section, because of the fact that visibility is poor in such weather in the towers. A recommendation that the use of radio communication between crews fighting fires and the main office be more thoroughly investigated was also put forward by the foresters.

Because of the fact that the various fire protection organizations of N. B. have inadequate equipment in some sections of the province at the present time, it was urged that additional funds be made available for the purchase of more equipment.

Sawfly Menace

The report of the committee on forest insects, headed by R.E. Balch (Continued on Page Five)

MAYOR KITCHEN ANNOUNCES HE IS CANDIDATE

Walter H. Vail Will Run For Alderman In Queens Ward

A Dark Horse

No Other Candidates For Alderman: W. J. Maxwell For Mayor

As we go to press this afternoon, we are informed in response to an inquiry from His Worship Mayor Kitchen that he will be candidate again for Mayor this year. Walter H. Vail, prominent amongst the younger business men has decided to become a candidate for Queens Ward to fill the vacancy created by the removal to the United States of former Alderman T. Earle Doohan. Nothing that can be taken seriously has yet been heard



HIS WORSHIP
MAYOR G. WILLARD KITCHEN
who is a candidate for re-election as Mayor for 1938

In regard to the mayoralty contest although it is announced that W. J. Maxwell, former Alderman, is anxious to become Mayor for the coming year. It is said that Mr. Maxwell would be willing to become presiding officer at City Hall provided that he could be elected by acclamation, but that he is not so anxious to take part in an election campaign with doubtful results. Mayor Kitchen has done his best and has made a creditable mayor even though some citizens may not agree with his stand on all civic matters. In the past it has been the custom to give the Mayor three or four years or more rather than put in office men of inexperience. There are those who think that Mayor Kitchen should have another year. It is understood that if the Mayor had decided not to run again that another public spirited business man who has taken a big interest in all that makes for the good of the community would be a candidate. The fact of Mayor Kitchen making the announcement which he does this afternoon will probably have the effect of the other gentlemen deciding not to run as he has stated that he would not be a candidate against the present Mayor whom he feels has with other members of the council given the city good government.

CONDITION UNCHANGED

The condition of Mrs. Havelock Coy who has been seriously ill at the Victoria Public Hospital for several days remains the same. Mrs. Coy has not been able to take nourishment and has been unconscious for the past two days. Many friends will regret to hear that very little hope is held out for her recovery.

HOOT MON!

HERE IS GOOD NEWS FOR SCOTCHMEN

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