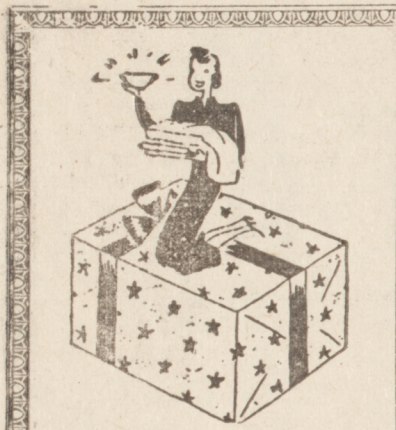


## News Briefs

**UNDERWENT OPERATION**  
Connie McCormack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCormack of this city, who has been a patient of Victoria Public Hospital for the past few weeks, underwent another minor operation this morning. Her condition is reported to be improving.

**WRITE MILITARY EXAMS**  
Examinations are now being written at the Fredericton and Woodstock Armories by members of the non-permanent active militia who have been attending the provisional schools of artillery which have been held at those places since Nov. 5. About a dozen local young men are writing the examinations here under the direction of Major A. A. Dodge, D.D., 12th Fd. Bde., R.C.A., and Lieut. R. H. Webb, R.C.A., chief instructor during the course. The examinations at Woodstock are under the supervision of Major G. Y. Jones, 89th Fd. Bde., R.C.A., and Sergeant-Instructor J. C. Horwill, R.C.A. The latter acted as assistant instructor during the course. The exams started Monday and will conclude tomorrow. A set of examinations for students who attended the six weeks' course in signalling which has been held here starting Nov. 5, will begin tomorrow. Instructors in the course were Lieut. E. J. Simmonds, R.C.S., and Sergeant Paul Soucier, R.C.A.

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



## TO-DAY

We liked the Christmas Gift Display Windows at

**JAS. S. NEILL'S**

**BECAUSE:** the decoration scheme of silver and azure blue was so attractive in its cool simplicity, the electric appliances and variety gift window and the display of Rogers silver hollow-ware and Community flatware both demand more than a passing glance from the busiest Christmas shopper.

## Local Stores To Be Open Evenings Next Week

Stores in this city will remain open evenings starting next Monday, it was decided at a meeting of the retail committee of the Fredericton Board of Trade which was held in the office of the Board secretary, Alexander Murray, at ten o'clock this morning.

Frederick Campbell, chairman of the committee, presided at the meeting. The Minto situation was discussed briefly and sympathy for the women and children generally expressed, but no action was taken on the matter.

## Local Man Receives Suspended Sentence For Theft of Turkey

Leslie Stewart of this city, was given a suspended sentence when he appeared before Magistrate Walter Limerick this morning after having appeared before the court yesterday afternoon and being found guilty of the theft of a turkey from Morris Rapaport on Friday night last.

Several witnesses were on the stand yesterday afternoon including Ted Foster, also of this city who was at Stewart's home the night the theft took place. He told of the drunken condition of him and the accused on the night of the theft, and counsel for the defence, Ralph V. Limerick, asked that the court consider these circumstances in the event that the accused was found guilty. Magistrate Limerick stated that he could not take the plea of drunkenness as an excuse for theft, or every one's property would be endangered and this same excuse offered in every case.

Foster denied that he had ever remarked in Stewart's home that he could get them a chicken whenever they wanted it. He denied ever having taken chickens to Stewart's home but admitted that he was with Stewart when he (Stewart) took a chicken there about a week ago. The chicken, he stated, was dead but unplucked.

## General Civic Election Promised For 1938

## Opposition is Lined up in Three Wards

## No Opposition To Mayor Kitchen Is Yet Announced

For the first time in many years there promises to be a civic contest in nearly every ward in this city. One alderman retires in each ward this year and each retiring alderman has announced that he will again be a candidate. In three out of the five wards it is stated that opposition is developing, but in St. Ann's and Kings Ward no opposition candidates are mentioned.

The announcement made to The Daily Mail yesterday by Mayor G. Willard Kitchen that he would be a candidate for re-election was generally favourably commented upon. Other names are mentioned in connection with the Mayoralty contest but no formal announcement has been made by any other candidate. While the name of Alderman F. S. Mundle has been mentioned in this connection, Mr. Mundle informed The Daily Mail today that he would positively not be a candidate for Mayor this year. He pointed out that he has another year to serve as alderman for Wellington Ward.

**Fight in Wellington?**  
Alderman W. R. Crowdon will run again in Wellington Ward and it is said that Hartley Hawkins will oppose him, or that he is being prevailed upon to do so.

Ald. M. E. Hagerman states positively that he will seek re-election in St. Ann's Ward.

In Carleton Ward it is stated that Dr. H. S. Wright may be induced to run against the present alderman, Dr. B. R. Ross. In the last civic election Dr. Ross defeated Dr. Wright by a large majority.

**Two Eye Vacant Seats**  
In Queen's Ward there will be two new candidates in the field, for the seat recently held by Ald. T. Earl Doohan, who has moved to Boston. Yesterday Walter H. Vail, the well known financial broker, announced himself as a candidate. This morning Dr. A. W. Good stated that he would oppose Mr. Vail.

Down in King's Ward, Ald. Ivan McKnight will again be a candidate. No opposition to Mr. McKnight has yet developed. It is unlikely that any one will be found to run against Ald. McKnight. The same condition will probably apply to Ald. Hagerman in St. Ann's Ward.

The prospect of a civic election in this city shows a growing active interest in city affairs. For too long have the citizens allowed things to drag along.

The present council as a whole has given the city good government and our finances are amongst the most healthy of any city in Canada.

## To Attend Meeting of Council Public Affairs Assn. Dalhousie Univ.

At least one, and possibly three, representatives of this province will attend the organization meeting of the council of the Institute of Public Affairs Association of Dalhousie University, scheduled to meet at Halifax on Friday. It was learned here this morning, Arthur McP. Limerick, secretary-treasurer of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, will leave this city tonight for Halifax. J. H. Conlon, Director of Federal and Municipal Relations, the N. B. government's representative on the council, is undecided as to whether he will attend. It is also expected that a delegate from Acadia University will be in attendance.

Since Prof. Burton Kierstead, the University of New Brunswick's representative of the council, is in Arizona on leave of absence, and since no one so far has been appointed to take his place on the council, it is not expected that U.N.B. will be represented.

The meeting will be the first get-together of the full council since the body was organized at Dalhousie University about a year ago. Organization matters, including the discussion and adoption of a policy for the association and the election of officers will feature the convention.

## MR. HUBBARD'S ILLNESS

There is no change today in the condition of W. H. Hubbard who is quite ill with pneumonia at his home at Burton. Mr. Hubbard's many friends throughout the province will hope for his speedy recovery.

## N. B. PRODUCERS STAND WITH GROWERS OF OTHER PROVINCES IN CONDEMNING REDUCTION EMPIRE FRUIT PREFERENCE

Claim Lower Tariff On Non-Empire Fruit Would Injure U. K. Export Market and Disorganize Native Markets

## B. C. GROWERS THREATEN SECESSION

Benefits Of Ottawa Agreements Pointed Out At 33rd Annual Convention Of N. B. Fruit Growers' Association, Here Yesterday

In full accord with fruit growers' associations, horticultural societies and other such bodies in Nova Scotia and many other provinces, the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association, by formal resolution, unanimously objected to any reductions in Empire preference as applied to Canadian fruits, at the 33rd annual convention of the association in the County Court House yesterday.

Referring to the Ottawa Agreements of 1932 in which trade preference was given the Dominion in exporting fruit to the British Isles, and the intimation given at that time that new and different trade agreements would be made at the close of the tenure of the agreement next year, the association took this stand because it is pointed out that the preference had greatly benefited the Canadian producers as well as stabilized the native markets.

## May Bring B. C. Secession

Not quite so drastic as the declaration of the British Columbia fruit growers that any reduction in preference may lead that province to secession, the local association nevertheless is determined in its resolution. In the British Columbia light of affairs, the president of that province's association stated that it is no mere idle rumor that preferences may be changed. At the same time press despatches state that the indignation of fruit growers in the Okanagan Valley, B. C., is enough to bring about the secession if changes are made.

Locally, the association yesterday was more mild in its resolution. It was pointed out that a lower tariff on foreign fruit would lead to the dumping of the surplus American fruit harvest on the United Kingdom market, lessen the consumption of Canadian apples in the British Isles, and further disorganize the Canadian native markets with over-supply, thus greatly lessening prices.

The association also based its stand on the fact that plantings and varieties, which were begun with the view of accommodating the demands of the British markets under the present international agreements would be turned into wasted exertions if changes are made.

## New Officers Elected

H. A. Slipp, Queensbury, vice-president of the society last year, was elected president for the coming year, succeeding W. W. Hubbard. In the afternoon session wishes for a speedy and complete recovery were conveyed to Mr. Hubbard, who was unable to preside, being confined to his home, with a severe case of pneumonia.

Other officers are: vice-president, Earl Hawkins, Douglas; secretary-treasurer, A. G. Turney, Fredericton; provincial horticulturist, additional (Continued on Page Five)

## NOTE INCREASE IN HOSPITAL WORK

## Monthly Meeting Of the Hospital Board Held Last Night

The amount of hospital work done each month shows a substantial increase over the same periods last year, it was stated in the monthly Superintendent's report, given at the meeting of the Hospital Board which was held in the City Hall last evening. The meeting was attended by a full representation of members. One new addition to the staff has been made, Harry Morehouse of Kilmoryn, N. B. having gone on duty as a male nurse.

The detailed report is as follows: patients at the beginning of November, 63; patients admitted, 134; patients discharged, 121; patients at end of month, 76; medical cases, 24; surgical cases, 90; obstetrical, 10; births 8; deaths, 8; major operations, 42; minor operations, 32; X-ray treatments, 6.

The maximum number of patients in the hospital in one day was 76 and the minimum number 54.

Those present at the meeting included J. A. Reid, chairman, Mrs. D. J. Shea, Miss Areta Gerow, W. G. Clark, M. P., C. E. Boone, Councillor Rowley Manzer, Councillor Howard Cameron, Luke S. Morrison, Dr. A. F. VanWart, and Fred I. Haviland

## R.C.M.P. Seize Liquor In Bootlegger Raid Here Saturday Night

The Fredericton Detachment, Royal Canadian Mounted Police swung into action against local bootleggers again on Saturday night when raids were made on three or four establishments on King Street. It is understood that a considerable quantity of liquor, allegedly kept for sale, was seized in the operations.

Corporal L. P. Ryder, head of the detachment would make no comment on the matter when questioned today. No arrests have yet been made as a result of the seizures.

## GOOD PROGRESS ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRIDGE

Expect to Conclude Riveting Operations Here Soon

Although hampered by cold and generally adverse weather conditions of late, workmen employed on the erection of the superstructure of the new Canadian National Railways bridge here are making good progress. Although most of the erection work is now being carried on from the Devon shore, owing to the uncompleted state of piers six and five, riveting operations are still going on at span eight on this side of the river. It is expected that the riveting will be completed in the near future, and, with the removal of the wooden falsework from beneath the two new spans, they will be completed except for painting.

Steel floor sections have been laid out from the Devon abutment on wooden falsework almost to pier one. While piers two, five and six are still in an uncompleted state, the Richardson Construction Co., Ltd., who hold the contract for the substructure, are rushing work on pier two in order not to hinder the crews of the Hamilton Bridge Co., Ltd., any more than is absolutely necessary. A considerable quantity of steel is on hand at Devon for the erection work.

**Wiring Uncompleted**  
The wiring for lights in the new subway is not yet completed. Conduit pipes for the wires have been installed, and the bases for the globes themselves. There will be two lights in each motor vehicle passageway and one on each pedestrian passageway.

The formation of ice near the bridge has not been as general as it has been further up town, blue water still showing in a large area in the middle section of the river.

**To Meet Hub Board Of Trade Re Brief**  
Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C., director of old age pensions and counsel for New Brunswick in the preparation of a brief to be presented at the sittings of the Rowell Commission here in February; and J. H. Conlon, director of federal and municipal relations, will leave this city tomorrow for Moncton. At that city they will meet with the council of the Moncton Board of Trade on matters concerning the brief. Mr. Jones is expected to return to this city at the conclusion of the meeting, but Mr. Conlon may proceed to Halifax to attend the meeting of the council of the Institute of Public Affairs of Dalhousie University, on which body he is the representative of the N. B. government. The council will meet on Friday for organization purposes.

## HOOT MON!

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