

News Briefs

TURKEY DINNER AND SALE
The Ladies' Aid of the St. Paul's Church will hold a Christmas sale and turkey dinner in Fraser Memorial Hall this evening. The sale begins at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon. Admission, 60 cents.

CHARGED WITH THEFT
Fred Hoyt, colored, Devon, appeared before Magistrate Whitman A. Haines in Devon court this afternoon, charged with the theft of fence rails from Fred Bemrose, also of Devon. Information was laid by Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

TRANSFERRED TO ALBERTA
Robert McKillop, Brownsville, Me., who was one of the guests at the recent annual Board of Trade banquet in this city, and superintendent of the Brownsville Division, C.P.R., has been transferred to Calgary. Mr. McKillop, who has been on the Brownsville Division since 1933, will leave for Calgary on Dec. 1st.

TO SPEAK AT WOODSTOCK
Mrs. W. Steadman Smith, president of the New Brunswick Women's Christian Temperance Movement, will deliver an address before a mass gathering of the Woodstock churches in the United Baptist Church, Woodstock, tomorrow night. The meeting will be open to the public, and it is expected that a large attendance will be present. Mrs. Smith will leave for Woodstock tomorrow.

ON THE RADIO
Friends in this city of Donald Pringle son of Major and Mrs. James Pringle were interested to hear from Ottawa last evening that he was the radio announcer in an important all Canadian broadcast from that city over the CBC network. Mr. Pringle, who is a vocalist of more than ordinary ability has won an important position with the Canadian Broadcasting Commission at Ottawa.

RETURNS FROM CONGRESS
Prof. Malcolm McPherson, head of the Department of English and History at the University of N. B., returned to this city this morning from Toronto, where he represented various organizations of this city at the National Peace Congress held at that city on Nov. 19, 20 and 21, under the auspices of the League for Peace and Democracy. Prof. McPherson is the new chairman of the resolutions committee of the Congress.

TO APPEAR TOMORROW
Frank (Frankie) Smith, of this city will appear before Magistrate Limerick tomorrow morning charged with being armed with a dangerous weapon (a .32 calibre revolver) with intentions to break and enter, in the night. The alleged offence took place at McAdam Junction recently when a window was broken in the store of T. W. Ratigan. Smith was arrested by C.P.R. Police in the vicinity of the store after he had been seen in the yard by two railway employees working in the nearby freight yard. Information was laid by C.P.R. Police, Fredericton Detachment, R. C. M. P. Smith pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying the weapon but not guilty to the other section of the charge. The plea was recorded as "not guilty."

Fredericton Male Chorus Presents Splendid Program

The Fredericton Male Chorus under the direction of J. Harrison Wade, last evening rendered a fine selection of numbers and won the hearty applause of the enthusiastic yet small audience, in the concert in the auditorium of the Provincial Normal School, which was sponsored by the Students' Christian Movement of the University of New Brunswick.

The program, which consisted of numbers by the whole chorus, quartettes, a double quartette, and solos, was one of the finest yet put on by the singers. Possibly the outstanding feature of the evening was the song, "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes," by number Sweet and Low, rendered by Herbert Belding, tenor, while the quartette composed of Herbert Belding, Alden Hay, Ronald Beatty and John Watson, was also exceptionally well done.

The two numbers, "Simple Simon and the Mexican folk song 'La Cucaracha,'" by the chorus made an outstanding hit with the audience, as did the popular song, "Home on the Range," rendered by a double quartette composed of W. Hedley Wilson, John Richards, Gordon Foster, Alden Hay, Donald Hornecastle, Selwyn Box, Frank T. Pridham and Hugh Andrews.

The closing number, "Comrades Song of Hope," met with such a round of applause that an encore, "The Lost Chord," was given. This also was heartily applauded. The program closed with the singing of God Save the King.

CONFERENCE RE STRIKE HERE TO-DAY

Gov't to Hear Proposals of Union Heads

Fair Wage Board Continues Inquiry Into Mine Finances

FINISH NEXT WEEK

Potato Growers To Ask Assistance For New Freight Shed

A meeting that may mark the turning point in the course of the Minto strike is scheduled to be held here this afternoon between Premier A. A. Dymally, an other representative of the government and representatives of the United Mine Workers of America union, both the local branch and the international governing division.

The conference, which is scheduled to commence at 2:30, will be attended by the Premier, Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney General and acting Minister of Health and Labor, Horace R. Pettigrove, provincial fair wage officer; D. W. Morrison, Glace Bay, president of D'stict 26, U.M.W. of A.; P. G. Muise, international representative of the union; Silby Barrett, international union board member; Mathias Wuh, and Earl Upton, president and secretary, respectively, of the Minto local, and W. S. Walker, board member for the Minto sub-district.

Continue Investigation
No announcement was made, either by members of the government or representatives of the union, as to what particular aspects of the situation will be discussed. It is understood however, that the government will not abandon its stand in advocating that the strikers return to work, and thus allow the Fair Wage Board to completely investigate all phases of the situation. Chairman A. S. McKinnon of the board, Roy W. Cameron, this city, board members, and the fair wage officer, have been conducting an investigation into the financial condition of the Minto mines, for the past two weeks in anticipation of the day when the board will be called upon to act. It is expected that their inquiry will be concluded by next week at the latest.

Mr. McKinnon left today for Minto, where he will be met either tonight or tomorrow by Mr. Cameron. Mr. Pettigrove will visit the coal town later in the week, it is understood. In a statement issued to the press last night, Mr. McKinnon expressed the belief that the board will be called upon to act in the near future, forecasting the return to work of the strikers.

Re New Potato Shed
A meeting of the provincial cabinet has been called for tonight, but (Continued on Page Five)

A. M.F. LIMERICK ELECTED HEAD OF CURLING CLUB

Annual Banquet And Meeting Last Night; Expect Good Season

Arthur M.F. Limerick was elected president of the Fredericton Curling Club at the annual banquet and dinner held at the clubhouse last evening. Other officers chosen were: Honorary President: L. C. Macnutt (re-elected). Chaplain: Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead. 1st Vice-President: M. A. Johns. 2nd Vice-President: H. W. Sutherland. Secretary: H. Lester Smith. Treasurer: J. E. Page.

The retiring president, John H. Malcolm, presided over the meeting which was largely attended. Following some routine business, the treasurer's report was read, which showed that the club is in a very healthy position financially. Repairs and improvements to the rink carried out during the past season have to a large extent been taken care of out of ordinary revenue. Six new members were elected to the organization.

In his address, Mr. Malcolm expressed appreciation for the splendid services rendered to the club by the several committees, and predicted a banner 1937-38 season.

The new management committee is composed of the following: Mr. Limerick, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Page, A. H. Porter, H. B. Colwell and B. W. Flieger.

DEFENSE ALLOWS CONTENTION THAT PROF. S. C. PERRY DIED AS RESULT OF CRASH INJURIES

Three Witnesses Heard This Morning In York County Circuit Court Include Omer Bird, 15, Eye-Witness of Accident; Pictures of Wreckage Offered In the Evidence Yesterday

Three witnesses were on the stand this morning as the case of Margaret L. Perry vs. the City of Fredericton resumed in the York County Circuit Court before Mr. Justice C. D. Richards. An important development in the case was the agreement between attorneys erasing any doubt whether or not Prof. Stanley Calvin Perry died as a result of the accident. P. J. Hughes, K.C. stated that the defence will not make an issue of whether the man in the car was Prof. Perry and whether he died as a result of injuries received in the accident.

Alfred E. Williams was the first witness called by counsel for the plaintiff, W. J. West. He testified that he was working in the stables of the York Hotel when he heard the fire truck coming. The siren was sounding, he said. He judged the truck was going about 35 miles per hour when it went by. He saw it again as it passed Quinn's store and it was going at about the same speed. He heard the crash but did not see it.

Eye-witness Testifies
The second witness was Omer Bird, 15. He heard the siren and ran down to the street. He saw the truck come around the corner onto Westmorland street. He testified that the truck swayed back and forth several times and that he first saw the Perry car as it was in line with the sign post of the nearby hotel and the fire truck was near the Ferguson Alley. The truck struck the car on the side, the crash occurring near the manhole at the centre of the intersection, he said.

Fire Truck Swayed
Cross-examined by C. F. Inches, K.C., he said that on coming onto Westmorland Street the truck swung far to the right side and did not cut the corner, and then swayed back and forth. Mr. Inches had the witness demonstrate to show what he meant by "swaying," it being from one side of the road towards the other and not from wheel to wheel.

When asked how close the truck was to the right curb when it came onto Westmorland Street and how close to the left curb when it "swayed" the witness said he couldn't say. "I was watching the truck, not the curb," he testified.

He testified that the Perry car did not pick up its speed. Asked if it slowed down he said "It did when the truck hit it."

Ripples of laughter momentarily went through the court. Witness said he distinctly remembered the cars in front of the hotel, when queried by Mr. West.

Officer Alfred Barker of the City Police stated he was driving the police car on a morning patrol and coming down Brunswick street saw the crowd at the corner. He said the streets were dry with no snow on them. His evidence dealt mainly with the position of the two vehicles after the crash.

Court then adjourned until 2:30 this afternoon, when the hearing of witnesses continued.

Hear Evidence Yesterday
Four witnesses were on the stand yesterday afternoon, the first witness being Edward Haserman who was recalled to the stand when court resumed at 2:30, after having been on the stand for some time in the morning.

Murray W. Jones was the second witness called by the counsel for the plaintiff. A series of photographs of the wreck were produced, which the witness identified as those which he took of the accident. The pictures were admitted as evidence. Another picture, which the witness said looked like one which he developed and which F. T. Pridham, by whom he is employed, had taken shortly after the witness had taken the other six.

W. J. West then called Leon Thurot to the stand. The witness described the location of the hotel of which he is proprietor in reference to the accident. He testified that the main doors had large lights of plate glass. On the morning of the accident he heard the siren of the fire-truck. Going to the main doors of the hotel and looking out, he saw the City fire truck and the car at about the same time.

J. G. Badcock Elected President Gyro Club

J. G. Badcock was elected president of the Fredericton Gyro Club for the coming year at the regular weekly meeting held last night at a local restaurant. Other officers chosen were: Vice-Pres., Kenneth F. Moore; secretary, W. Hedley Wilson; treasurer (re-elected) G. Alvah Good, and bulletin editor, Donald F. Smith. Two new members were elected to the board of directors: Kenneth R. McAdam, and E. Royden Colter.

The past president's report was read and accepted. It showed that the organization had a very successful year. It was decided that the club will sponsor the New Year's Ball as in other years. The affair will be held in the Knights of Pythias hall.

there and were trying to get the door of the car open. Prof. Perry was the man in the car, he testified. The witness added that he knew the driver of the truck, Edward "Pete" Finnegan.

Several cars were parked on Westmorland street, but the witness could not say how many were there.

P. J. Hughes, K.C., counsel for the defendant, briefly cross-examined the witness, while Hon. Dr. R. B. Hanson again questioned the witness briefly.

Weight Of Truck
Archibald MacKay, city weighman, was called to the stand and testified that he had weighed the fire-truck and found the weight to be 15,260 lbs.

Roland Staples, shop foreman for Harry C. Smith, was next called to the stand. He believed that the fire-truck was purchased in 1932, and that the truck at the time of the accident had two-wheel brakes, but after the accident the city had a "booster" installed, to help the driver out in braking the truck.

Attorneys Clash
Hon. Dr. Hanson and C. F. Inches, K.C., Saint John, clashed momentarily in verbal argument over the manner in which Dr. Hanson was putting his questions.

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"Not Theft, Just Practical Joke"; Allowed Freedom

Lloyd Price was allowed his freedom when he appeared before Magistrate Walter Limerick this morning charged with the theft of a cap off the gasoline tank of a car belonging to Jack MacKay, of Chatham. E. Allison MacKay, counsel for the defendant, explained that the cap was removed as a practical joke and was not taken in the sense of thievery. The accused pleaded guilty to the offence, which took place on Nov. 19, and was given a suspended sentence. Mr. MacKay submitted that the accused had been already sufficiently punished, having been in jail since the night of the offence.

LAY PLANS FOR DISTRIBUTION XMAS BASKETS

Meeting Church, Society Delegates Was Held Yesterday

Appoint Committee

That the needy shall not know the disappointment of having "no Christmas," representatives of all the churches and societies in the city gathered in the Council Chambers of the City Hall yesterday afternoon for the purpose of laying plans for the charitable Christmas distributions this year. Over 50 were present at the meeting, which was called by Rev. John Linton of the George Street Baptist Church, chairman of the Welfare Bureau.

A committee of five, with Major E. C. Armstrong as chairman, was appointed to draw up a list of the needy for the purpose of the distribution of Christmas baskets, clothing, etc., and see that there will be no overlapping of donations, and that none will be left out. All societies or others interested in the work will send in to this committee names of those eligible for the aid. The committee will also act as a central clearing agency for the distribution.

Considerable general discussion also took place and many phases of the work taken up. No other definite plans were laid, however. Further details will not be formulated until the lists have been prepared, it was stated.

The committee will report back to the Welfare Bureau in another general meeting to be held in the City Hall on Friday, December 3. The committee is composed of Major E. C. Armstrong, Major Kimmins of the Salvation Army, Miss Jean Cooper, Mrs. T. V. Monahan and Mrs. Whitman Haines.

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