

News Briefs

DR. VANWART RECOVERING
Many friends of Dr. G. C. VanWart will be pleased to know that he is so far recovered as to be able to walk about the house.

ON BUSINESS TRIP
Lieut. Col. H. H. Ritchie, chief game warden for New Brunswick left yesterday on a business trip to the northern sections of the province. He expects to return to the city tomorrow.

A WELCOME VISITOR
Jesse Clark a well known resident of Hainsville is in the city today. Mr. Clark who is in his 81st year looks as young as he did 30 years ago. He has for years been leading resident of Springfield and was in his day one of the leading butter makers of York County. He received a hearty welcome from many old friends.

BEING TORN DOWN
The old building on Charlotte street, which has been a fire hazard for some years, and which has seen three conflagrations within the last few months is being torn down. The building is owned by Sam Brown of this city, and was condemned as unfit for habitation some time ago and has been vacant ever since.

GOVERNMENT MEETING
J. Bacon Dickson, deputy attorney-general and clerk of the executive council, announced that the provincial cabinet will meet on June 2. Whether or not, Premier A. A. Dugas, K.C., will have returned by that time is not yet known. He is, however, expected to sail from England in the near future.

ASSIGNED TO FTON JCT.
Rev. Douglas T. A. Haviland who was ordained at Christchurch Cathedral on Sunday last has been assigned to the missions at Fredericton Junction, and will take up his duties there on Sunday next. Rev. Mr. Haviland's many friends will be glad to hear that his new duties will not take him far from Fredericton.

FOUNDATION COMPLETED
Foundation work on the new grain storage building at the Dominion Experimental Station here has been completed. C. F. Bailey, station superintendent, announced this morning. In the meantime, work has progressed on the main barn which was commenced last fall. Structural work on the storehouse will be well under way by the end of the week and the building is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

COLLECTIONS BETTER
The collection of delinquent taxes in the City of Fredericton during the past couple of months has been considerably better than for the corresponding period of last year. The increase in collections during the month of April was approximately 69 per cent. The finance committee of the city council plan to continue the concerted drive which was commenced early last winter so that the remaining number of delinquent taxpayers will finish their payments.

ACCIDENTAL ALARM
An alarm was rung in accidentally yesterday afternoon, when the fire box was being cleaned. The firemen are cleaning the alarm system, and one of the men accidentally caught the hook with the cloth he was using, and surprised himself by hearing an alarm from the box he was working on. For a moment, it was quite a puzzle, since he had seen no one around the box beside himself, and didn't believe in ghosts. The other firemen do not believe in ghosts either, so the "Cloth Theory" has been accepted.

Rev. D. T. Haviland To Take Mission of Blissville, Queens Co.

The announcement was made here of the transfer of Rev. Douglas T. Haviland, curate of Christchurch Parish Church, to Gladstone and Blissville Mission, Queens County. Rev. Mr. Haviland will leave during the middle part of next month to assume his new duties.

At the same time it was announced that Rev. Karl H. Fairweather, of Hampton, had been appointed to succeed Mr. Haviland as curate to assist Ven. Archdeacon S. C. Gray, rector of the church. Both young men were ordained on Sunday morning Mr. Haviland as a priest, and Mr. Fairweather as a deacon.

Retirement of Rev. Craig Nichols, of the mission of Waterford, Kings County, was learned at the same time, to be effective possibly from June 1. He will be succeeded by Rev. R. R. Webb, incumbent in the parish of Gladstone and Blissville, who will be succeeded by Mr. Haviland.

VICTIM OF KILLER LIVED IN CITY

FORMERLY A TEACHER IN BUS. SCHOOL

Mrs. Helen McKnight Well Known in The City

VERY POPULAR
Seventeen - Year - Old Daughter Charged With Murder

Mrs. Helen McKnight, the victim of one of the most gruesome murder tragedies in the annals of crime in the United States, formerly resided in Fredericton where she was a teacher in the local business college. The woman, formerly Miss Helen Rogers, Bathurst, came to this city in 1913. For some years she was a member of the teaching staff of the business college which was then conducted by the late Colonel W. J. Osborne.

Many former students of the institution remember the former Helen Rogers, who was an efficient shorthand teacher and enjoyed the popularity of the students. Last year she was allegedly murdered in her New Jersey home by her seventeen year old daughter Gladys McKnight, and a companion, Donald Wightman, who are now undergoing trial for the murder.

Former Students

Among the students who attended business college during her period on the faculty were Misses Dorothy Henneberry, Lelia Foster, Charlie Waycott, Marie McNair and Gertrude Pinder. Speaking to The Daily Mail today, one of the former students of the popular teacher said: "We always admired Helen Rogers. She was a bright girl and was efficient in her work. As I recall her she was attractive looking young lady, and possessed much personal charm. She was well known in the city, enjoying the friendship of the students as well as a large number of citizens. During her stay here she was very popular and was prominently associated with the many social functions held here."

"I feel that much of the success which I have made in my chosen profession is due to the careful and efficient training which I received from Helen Rogers during her term at the Fredericton Business College. Her tragic death was regretted by her many friends."

Fredericton Golfers Open Activities For The Season

Well-played matches featured the 1937 official opening of the Fredericton Golf Club during the week-end. A large number of players participated in the various events which included a two-ball mixed foursome and men's sweepstakes two-ball foursomes, of 15 holes.

The winners of the mixed play were Miss Louise Sterling and Professor E. O. Turner, with a score of 64. Two teams, Miss Marjorie MacMurray and Professor C. W. Argue, and Mrs. A. McF. Limerick and D. W. Wallace, tied for second place. There were also ties for the leadership in the men's sweepstakes, scores of 66 being turned in by M. A. Johns and Irvin Swift, and James Badcock and R. H. Chestnut. Tea was served at the clubhouse after play.

The scoring in the day's competitions was as follows:

Mixed foursomes play—Miss Hawkins and R. L. Dudomaine, 79; Mrs. E. A. MacKay and J. D. MacKay, 71; Mr. Graham and Miss J. Irving, 75; Mrs. C. W. Argue and C. R. Barry, 79; Mrs. D. W. Wallace and W. J. Lawson, 73; Mrs. E. M. Young and A. Limerick, 72; Mrs. E. O. Turner and John Parker, 76; Miss M. MacMurray and C. W. Argue, 69; Miss M. Scott and Ralph Limerick, 74; Mrs. C. P. Holden and Mr. Cummings, 80; Mrs. A. Limerick and D. W. Wallace, 69; Mrs. A. J. Thompson and F. E. MacDiarmid, 74; Mrs. L. J. Howatt and J. Sears, 81; Miss Louise Sterling and Prof. E. O. Turner, 64; Mr. A. F. Belding and H. Hanson, 70.

Men's sweepstakes—J. Badcock and R. H. Chestnut, 69; E. A. Mackay and R. F. Randolph, 66; H. Hawkins and J. H. Malcom, 76; J. Palmer and C. Croasdale, 70; and M. A. Johns and Irvin Swift, 66.

CONDITION IMPROVING

The condition of Mrs. Ross, wife of Rev. Dr. George E. Ross of this city, who underwent an operation in Montreal last week, is very favorable.

DELAY IN SEEDING OPERATIONS IS BEING VIEWED WITH CONSIDERABLE ALARM BY YORK AND SUNBURY FARMERS WHO FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE SERIOUS ONES

Dominion Farm Official Expresses Concern Over Situation

SUNSHINE NEEDED

"Unless seeding operations are commenced within the next eight or ten days, a serious situation will arise." That opinion was expressed this morning by C. F. Bailey, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station here, who stated that the prevailing wet ground conditions is being viewed with considerable alarm by agriculturists throughout this section of the province. Seeding operations are a couple of weeks behind at the present time and unless conditions improve they will probably be delayed longer, Mr. Bailey stated.

The situation is rapidly reaching serious proportions the experimental farm head stated. Dry weather is needed badly in this section and unless it is experienced within the next few days the situation might easily be a most serious one. The dampness of the ground has prevented the necessary work in preparation for seeding and many farmers in York and Sunbury counties are becoming much alarmed over prevailing conditions.

Fine Weather Needed

Several days of fine, warm weather will be required to put the ground in shape for seeding operations, Mr. Bailey said. Sunshine and wind is needed to dry out the dampness. Late seeding could constitute a serious problem particularly if weather conditions in early fall interfered with harvesting operations further stated the farm official.

As yet no seeding operations have been carried out at the Experimental Farm. Usually at this season, practically all the acreage devoted to grain growing is under cultivation, while all the planting is usually completed. On May 5th, grain seeding operations were about completed at the Dominion Experimental Station near Amherst, Mr. Bailey said.

If seeding is delayed much longer, Mr. Bailey asserted, the only hope for a successful farming season will lie in favorable harvesting conditions. If early fall weather is suitable for late harvesting, the situation will not be as serious as it seems at the present time, he said.

Although the weather has not been the best for seeding, conditions have assisted materially the grass lands on which grass is not as thick as the farmer would like to see it. Orchards also have benefitted by conditions of the last ten days, so that the trees are now in the midst of the blossom season.

Fair weather is now in demand also by the orchardists in order that ideal conditions will prevail for pollination to produce a possibility of a heavier apple crop than last year. A heavy set is indicated.

TODAY'S MARKET

The market at Phoenix Square was smaller than usual this morning. An abundance of shad and Saint John river salmon was in evidence, while all the usual commodities were on hand. The prevailing prices were:

Veal, 6c to 8c per pound.
Eggs, 20c to 25c per dozen.
Onions, 10c per pound.
Potatoes, \$1.50 per barrel.
Pork, 10c to 13c per pound.
Maple syrup, 40c per bottle.
Maple sugar, 40c per pound.
Butter, 25c to 28c per pound.
Buttermilk, 25c per gallon.
Carrots, 25c per peck.
Chicken, 25c per pound.
Ham, home cured, 22c per pound.
Head cheese, 2 pounds for 25c.
Rhubarb, 5c per pound.
Fiddlehead greens, 30c per peck.
Salmon, 30c per pound.
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TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION IS OFFICIALLY NAMED

Personnel of Group Must Be Approved by City Council

The Town Planning Commission was chosen at the meeting of the industrial committee held last evening in City Hall. All commissioners chosen accepted the nomination. The commissioners include: His Worship Mayor Kitchen and Alderman Crewdson, F. L. Cooper, W. J. West, J. D. MacKay, Kenneth Campbell, E. Royden Colter, R. F. Fitz-Randolph and Sterling Brewer.

Alderman Crewdson, of the industrial committee acted as chairman of the meeting which placed Fredericton in the position of being the first community outside of Saint John to take advantage of the legislation passed by the house more than a year ago.

The personnel of the commission will be placed before the City Council at the June meeting, and if accepted, the proposed bill will be placed before the Governor-in-Council for official ratification.

It is expected that Alderman Crewdson will be chairman of the commission and that Mr. Colter will be the choice for secretary. All members of the commission serve without remuneration.

Among other duties of the commission is that of zoning—dividing the city in business, residential, factory, districts etc.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY SUCCUMBS TO BURNS RECEIVED AS CLOTHING IGNITES WHEN LARGE FIRECRACKER EXPLODED

Paul Stanley McBride Passes in Victoria Public Hospital --- Inquest Believed Unnecessary --- Inhaled Flames

Horribly burned about the face and body, little five-year-old Paul Stanley McBride, 119 King street, this city, passed away in the Victoria Public Hospital yesterday, less than eight hours after his admittance to the institution. The child was burned on Saturday when a large "cannon" firecracker, which he was holding in his hand, exploded.

The youngster was badly burned about the face and body but his condition was not regarded as serious for the first couple of days. However he suffered greatly from shock and he was admitted to the hospital early yesterday morning. Every effort was made to save the child's life but without avail, he continued to grow weaker until death came yesterday afternoon.

Inhaled Flames
When the accident happened, the young lad's clothes caught fire and within a few seconds he was a seething mass of flames. There was no one in the immediate vicinity at the time and the youngster had inhaled the flames before the fire was extinguished.

Dr. G. I. Nugent was summoned and rendered medical attention. During the week-end his condition remained favorable. However, he suffered a relapse during Monday night and he was rushed to the hospital on the following morning.

Dr. Charles MacKay, district coroner, could not be located at the time of going to press, and it is not yet known whether an inquest will be held. However, it is believed that the circumstances of the case do not warrant an inquiry by a coroner's jury.

....NOW YOU TELL ONE....

To E. J. Cormier, Comptroller-General of New Brunswick, belongs the distinction of having what is believed to be the best story, which resulted from the activities of anglers on Victoria Day, and that is saying a good deal. While bait casting for trout on Monday in Davidson Lake, in the Parish of Dumfries, he felt a tug at his line and on drawing it up was annoyed to find that hook and bait had disappeared. The sequel came later in the day when fifty yards from the spot where he had made the 'strike' a companion, who was fly casting from the end of the boat, hooked a husky trout, which Mr. Cormier netted for him.

On returning to camp in the evening it was decided to have a trout supper, and Mr. Cormier in cleaning a fish which his companion had caught, was astonished to find his missing hook and bait in its stomach. The bait, a chunk of a perch, was undigested and the hook being unattached had apparently caused the trout no inconvenience. After swallowing the baited hook the fish had apparently found its appetite unappeased, and was unable to resist taking in an artificial fly dangling temptingly on the water above it. Mr. Cormier is satisfied that had the fish not been caught it would have died anyway, and a lingering death at that. He was using a gut hook and it was bitten or broken off close to the end.

NEW PRINCIPAL AT MCGILL WAS RESIDENT HERE

A press despatch from Montreal contains the announcement of the temporary appointment of Dr. W. H. Brittain, vice-principal of MacDonald College as principal of McGill University. His appointment was made pending the appointment of a successor to A. E. Morgan.

Dr. Brittain, who is 46 years old, is a native of Fredericton. He is the son of the late Dr. John Brittain, formerly science professor at Provincial Normal School and later on the faculty of the University of New Brunswick. Dr. Brittain, Jr., moved away from Fredericton with his parents while a young boy. His family is remembered by many of the older residents of the city.

Another brother, Dr. Horace Brittain, is director of economic research in Toronto, and has been consulted at various times by many cities and towns, including Fredericton. There is also another member of the Brittain family a member of the faculty of MacDonald College.

Other appointments announced by the McGill University senate includes the appointment of Mrs. W. L. Grant, widow of the late principal of Upper Canada College, as warden of Victoria College.

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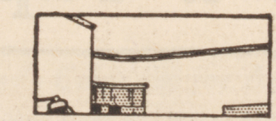
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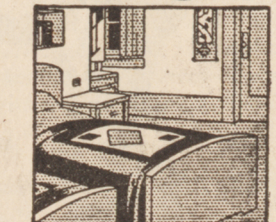
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