

BRANDS THE REPORT AS "RIDICULOUS"

SUPERINTENDENT OF "J" DIVISION EMPHATICALLY DENIES RUMOR THAT R. C. M. P. WILL POLICE FREDERICTON

Policing of Municipalities Beyond Authority of Red-Coated Force --- Civic Officials Describe Report as "Entirely Erroneous"

ORIGIN OF REPORT NOT KNOWN

A REPORT current in the city for the past few days that Royal Canadian Mounted Police would take over the policing of Fredericton was emphatically denied this morning by R.C.M.P. officials as well as by heads of the civic government. The report, the origin of which is unknown, stated that the famous red-coated organization had been approached by authorities in connection with the foregoing matter.

Major W. V. Bruce, superintendent of "J" Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Fredericton, branded the report as "wholly untrue and ridiculous." The policing of municipalities is entirely in the hands of the respective towns or cities, he said, pointing out that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have nothing whatsoever to do with such matters.

Every effort was made this morning to check the source of the report, but without success. City aldermen, who were questioned in that connection, described the rumors as being entirely lacking in foundation. "The report is a pure fabrication on the part of someone who doesn't know what he is talking about," was the opinion expressed by one member of the city council.

News Briefs

BUSINESS VISITOR

J. E. Armstrong of Perth was a business visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. Armstrong is head of Armstrong Brothers, Ltd., general contractors, and passed through the city enroute to Westfield.

RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

David E. Patterson, who was injured when his taxi collided with another vehicle last week, has been released from the Victoria Public Hospital, where he has been confined since the accident.

RETURNS TO CITY

Rev. Dr. G. E. Ross, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, returned to the city this morning from the Upper Provinces where he attended a meeting of the Synod. Dr. Ross will conduct the regular service in St. Andrew's Church tomorrow.

TO OPPOSE DAYLIGHT SAVING

A delegation of citizens will appear before the city council Monday afternoon with petitions seeking that the council abolish the ruling passed at the last session, proclaiming daylight saving time. The members of the delegation are not as yet known, but it is understood that some merchants are against the scheme, due to the fact that it gives the country people less time to shop in the city.

RETURN FROM RETREAT

All the Catholic priests of the diocese of Saint John who this week attended the annual retreat which was held at St. Joseph's University have returned to their various parishes. There were forty priests present at the retreat which closed yesterday. The retreat master was Rev. Father Alfred Duffy of Union City, New York. Among the local priests attending were Rev. H. L. Coughlan of Kingsclear, Rev. Walter Donahoe of Devon, Rev. Dr. Milligan of Fredericton, Very Rev. Dean McLaughlin of Debec, Rev. W. L. Moore of Woodstock, Rev. Dr. Boyd of Petersburg, and Rev. Jos. Hanebry and Rev. Father Oram of Johnville.

FIRE COMMITTEE MET

The fire committee met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of awarding contracts for new uniforms for the firemen, and considering proposals concerning new fire apparatus. In the absence of His Worship Mayor Kitchen, Ald. Doohan and other members of the committee, no business was conducted other than that pertaining to the uniforms. The contract for these was awarded to Tip Top Tailors, Tom Boyd, proprietor.

BUS STRIKES CAR

A serious accident was fortunately averted yesterday afternoon when a large bus going up river, it is claimed, cut over on the wrong side of the white line on the pavement and crashed into a car driven by Mrs. F. S. Mundie, wife of Alderman F. S. Mundie. Mrs. Mundie was turning into her driveway at the time. The new Oldsmobile car driven by Mrs. Mundie was considerably damaged as the result of the accident. The bus was forced into the driveway and had a narrow escape from crashing into a large tree nearby. Although receiving somewhat of a shock, Mrs. Mundie escaped uninjured.

PASTURE METHODS ARE DISCUSSED AT OTTAWA MEETING

C. F. Bailey Describes Aim of the New Program

Methods for improved conditions of pastures with the view of cheapening the cost of production of milk and beef, were informally discussed here today by C. F. Bailey, superintendent of the Experimental Station Fredericton, who arrived here at noon from Ottawa. The superintendent attended a conference in the Dominion capital of agriculturists of Ontario and Quebec. The sessions were devoted mainly to discussions dealing with pasture matters.

The superintendent described the affair as a most interesting and one which provided much valuable information regarding methods to improve pasture conditions. Many of these methods are being carried out at the experimental station here with much success, he said. The objects of the plan are for the purpose of providing more nutritious pastures. This is accomplished by good management and an effective program of fertilization.

Commenting on the crop outlook in Upper Canada, Mr. Bailey said farmers in the upper provinces had similar weather conditions with which the farmers in New Brunswick had to contend. However, he pointed out, that planting has been completed and Quebec and Ontario agriculturists are optimistic regarding the crops.

During his visit, Mr. Bailey also attended a meeting of the Canadian Society of Animal Production which was held in Ottawa on Wednesday.

BUILDING NEW RESIDENCE

H. Lester Smith has commenced the construction of a house on the lot recently purchased by him adjoining the residence of H. G. Chestnut, Waterloo Row.

Will Erect New Station at Devon

Although no official confirmation was available this morning, a reliable report stated that the Canadian National Railways will construct a new station at South Devon. The proposed structure will replace the present station which is situated near the approach of the old bridge. It is understood that the new building will be erected on another site, a short distance from the present building.

The construction program will be carried out, it was reported, in connection with the building of the new railway bridge. Whether or not the plan will include the building of a new roundhouse at South Devon, could not be learned this morning.

Earlier this week, two officials of the Canadian National Railways engineering department at the regional headquarters in Moncton, visited Devon and conferred with representatives of the transportation system in this district. Whether or not the conference had any connection with the report in question is not known.

SUBWAY PROJECT ON DEVON SIDE HAS COMMENCED

Excavation at the Local Subway Nearing Completion

Excavation work on the Fredericton subway is nearing completion while work on the subway at the Devon approach is now well under way. Large crews of workmen are busy on both projects and it is expected that actual construction work will commence within a comparatively short time. The sub-structural work on the new railway bridge, which will replace the structure swept away by the disastrous flood in 1936, will commence as soon as the necessary floating equipment arrives.

While the construction work on the local project is in progress, all traffic on the streets converging at the site of the new subway is being diverted. Although the main thoroughfare along the river is blocked, traffic is being effectively handled and the situation is not causing much inconvenience.

The Richardson Construction Company, Limited, is in charge of both projects. One of the leading construction organizations in Canada, the company is making rapid progress with the work. All labor employed on the projects are local workmen and they are receiving the highest prevailing wages. A few men in charge of the work are from Upper Canada.

The city board of works department is in charge of the work relative to the changes in sewerage and water mains systems in the excavated areas. It is interesting to note that while excavation work was being carried out, the workmen unearthed several old gas mains which were in use 40 years ago. The rusted pipes still contained fumes of the gas which was manufactured here nearly a half century ago by the old Fredericton Gas Company, which has been out of business for many years.

TODAY'S MARKET

The prices were as follows:

Eggs, 25c to 28c.
Butter, 30c.
Veal, 6c to 9c per pound.
Lamb, 20c to 30c.
Shad, 10c each.
Salmon, 18c per pound.
Fiddleheads, 30c per peck.
Rhubarb, 3c per pound.
Potatoes, \$1.50 per barrel.
Bees' honey, 25c.
Maple syrup, 35c.
Maple cream, 40c per pound.
Lettuce, 10c.
Tomato Plants 50c per dozen.
Swiss chard 10c per pound.
Strawberries, 35c per quart.
Annuals, 35c per dozen.
Cabbage plants, 40c per hundred.
Baby pigs, \$2.75.
Wood \$7 and \$8.

METROPOLITAN ZONING SCHEME IS TO BE INTRODUCED IN FREDERICTON, ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANS OF THE NEWLY FORMED TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

Committees Submit Proposals Here Last Evening

Will Advise Council

A zoning scheme, similar to plans carried out in metropolitan areas, will be introduced in Fredericton, according to the plans being made by the new organized Town Planning Commission. At a meeting here last evening with the general chairman, Alderman W. Raymond Crewdson, presiding, it was decided that the commission will prepare an official town planning and zoning by-law. The plan will be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the New Brunswick Town Planning Act. The commission will act in an advisory capacity to the city council.

Two special committees, recently appointed to investigate zoning in the rear sections of the city, presented their reports last evening concurring in the belief that building should be carried on only in sections where adequate water and sewerage facilities are available.

The committees further reported that the area in the Victoria Street section, between York and Smythe Streets, should be built up first. They were of the opinion that this section of the city is the most logical place for the commencement of a proper town planning scheme. Water and sewerage services will be extended to that district under approval already granted by the city council.

Previous councils did not anticipate such a large growth in population which has taken place in the last five years, nor such extensive building operations which now are under way, he pointed out. Consequently no thought was given to segregating dwelling houses as to plans, size of lots and location.

During the last few years numerous homes have been built where water and sewerage are not available, and the assessable value does not produce sufficient taxes to warrant such a heavy expenditure on the part of the city to install a system, Alderman Crewdson submitted;

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