

News Briefs

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Fred Staples, local Government garage manager, has been granted six months leave of absence on account of illness. His place is being filled by Gordon Garvie.

MINISTER HERE

Hon. F. W. Pirie, minister of lands and mines, arrived in the city today. It is expected that he will remain here until tomorrow.

CONDITION FAVORABLE

Harry Atherton, Woodstock Road, who was operated on a week ago Thursday at the Victoria Public Hospital, is doing as well as can be expected.

CONFINED TO HOME

The many friends of Howard Young will be sorry to learn that he is again confined to his bed through illness.

RECOVERING

The many friends of Harold R. Babbit will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his recent illness. His condition continues to show daily improvement.

AT THE QUEEN

Included among the guests registered at the Queen Hotel were T. E. Vaughan, Saint John; V. K. Knowles, Toronto; W. J. McKay, Halifax, and Mrs. H. L. McMackin, Saint John.

NO DEVELOPMENTS

No new developments were reported today in connection with the investigation into the recent break into a store at Oromocto. The case is being investigated by the R.C.M.P.

SURPRISE GREETINGS

Master Herbert "Buddy" Taylor was the surprised receiver last evening at his home on Saunders street of a delightful birthday gift in the form of a long-distance phone call from his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Bell of Houlton, Maine.

ISSUING LICENSES

Angling licenses are now being issued. Lieut.-Col. H. H. Ritchie, chief game warden for New Brunswick, announced yesterday. The ice conditions in several of the larger streams in the province has hampered fishing operations so far this season.

APPOINTED CAPTAIN

Tom Patterson has been appointed captain of Fredericton High School track team. One of the most popular students at the institution, the appointment of the athlete was enthusiastically received by the student body in general.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

John McKeen, of the public works department, has been appointed assistant-deputy minister of public works. Mr. McKeen is one of the most popular officials in the department and his many friends will be glad to learn of his new appointment.

IS CONVALESCING

Major W. V. Bruce, superintendent of "J" Division, R.C.M.P., who recently underwent a minor operation in a Montreal hospital, has not yet returned to duty. His many friends throughout the province will be pleased to learn that he is well along the road to recovery. He is convalescing at his home.

RETURN HOME

Rev. Reginald Barker and Mrs. Barker have returned to their home in Prince William following a visit to Mr. Barker's brother Ralph Barker at Stanley and with relatives in St. John. Rev. Mr. Barker expects to enter his pastoral duties soon. He was formerly a patient of the Victoria Public Hospital where he underwent treatment for appendicitis. His condition is now very much improved.

LEAVES TOMORROW

Hon. R. B. Hanson, K.C., P.C., former minister of trade and commerce in the Bennett government, who has been spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla., expects to leave there tomorrow on his return to Fredericton. While en route here he will make a brief stop at Boston, arriving here early next week. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Hanson and Miss Hope Hanson, who also spent the winter in the southern resort.

STILL BEING BOTHERED

Residents in different sections of the city are still being bothered by young men calling at their doors looking for "hand-outs." It is the opinion of many citizens that these "callers" are not always strangers in need but are residents of the city, who are adopting these means of accumulating money for not very worthy purposes. Many citizens believe that there is an organized "racket" in this regard, and that young men visit sections of the city where they are not known and "play on" the sympathy of the public.

Saint Andrew's Guild Rummage Sale. Saturday April 24.

FORMULATE PLANS FOR EDUCATIONAL WORK IN PROVINCE

Universities Pledge Support in Adult Education

To Revise Books

Committee to Study School Curricula In Provinces

One of the first important steps toward the betterment of educational facilities in New Brunswick was taken yesterday when the leading educationists conferred here with officials of the provincial education department to formulate plans in connection with the extensive program of development to be inaugurated by the government. Yesterday's conference included two meetings; the first being held in the morning when the heads of New Brunswick universities pledged their whole-hearted support in the interest of adult education, while in the afternoon a special committee, representing the teaching profession, commenced preliminary work leading to the revision of the curriculum and text books in public schools.

Dr. Fletcher Peacock, director of educational services, presided at both conferences, while Hon. A. P. Paterson, minister of education, federal and municipal relations, and Dr. A. S. McFarlane, chief superintendent of education, were also in attendance.

The conference of the university officials will reconvene in July, at which time each university will have outlined its plan of co-operation. Those present at the meeting were: Rev. Dr. Albert D'Amours, C.J.M., Sacred Heart University, Bathurst; Rev. J. D. Keane, St. Thomas' College, Chatham; Very Rev. Dr. L. O. LaPalme, C.S.C., St. Joseph's University, St. Joseph; Dr. George J. Trueman, Mount Allison University, Sackville, and Dr. C. C. Jones and Dr. W. C. Kierstead, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton.

Those present at the afternoon meeting were: Miss Mary Dolan, Reynolds, primary teacher; Inspector M. G. Fox, Harvey Station; Inspector J. T. LeJeune, Bathurst; Thomas G. Hetherington, director of extension services, department of agriculture; W. C. Haines, Moncton, president of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association; Martin Theriault, principal of the Edmundston Vocational School; Miss Vivien McNeill, member of the Sussex teaching staff; J. H. Barnett, principal of Harkins' Academy, New castle; Miss Grace Caughlin, teacher at the Woodstock Vocational School; L. E. Reinsborough, principal of the "Autouche School; L. P. McMurray, principal of St. John the Baptist School, Saint John; Dr. Kierstead, Dr. Trueman, Dr. LaPalme, Dr. H. H. Hagerman, principal of the Provincial Normal School; Dr. S. A. Worrell, superintendent of the Saint John schools; W. K. Tibert, director of vocational education; Dr. McFarlane and Dr. Peacock.

Sub-Committees Formed
Following a general discussion, sub-committees were appointed to report at a meeting to be held in July. The sub-committees were as follows:

To furnish a statement on objectives—Dr. Trueman, Dr. Kierstead, Dr. LaPalme, Inspector Fox and Mr. Haines.

On the composite type of school—Mr. Barnett and Mr. Theriault.

On secondary education for rural schools—Miss Dolan and Mr. Hetherington.

On visual aids and radio—Dr. McFarlane and Dr. Worrell.

To study school curricula in various provinces—British Columbia, Dr. Hagerman; Alberta, Mr. MacMurray; Manitoba, Miss Caughlin; Saskatchewan, Miss McNeill; Ontario, Dr. Worrell; Quebec, Inspector LeJeune; Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Mr. Reinsborough.

Following the conference the minister expressed keen pleasure and satisfaction. "It is a very auspicious beginning," he observed. "It was very gratifying to me that the meetings were so splendidly attended, and the

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CHANGES IN NEW PROVISIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACT OF N. B.

Maximum Weight of Trailers Increased From 1,500 to 2,500 Pounds

The regulation as applied to trailers, recently published in the press under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act has been altered. Originally it was provided that passenger cars and light delivery trucks could not have trailers with a gross load over 1,500 pounds. This maximum has now been stepped up to 2,500 pounds in order to take care of house trailers and farmers' light trailers. Announcement to this effect was made this morning in a statement issued by the Department of Public Works.

Warning was also issued to the public to secure license plates early because congestion at the last minute is liable to cause disappointment and delay to many. The offices where Motor Vehicle licenses may be procured at Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Saint Stephen, Woodstock, Chatham, Campbellton and Edmundston, will remain open at noon-time and on Saturday afternoons from now until the end of May in order to accommodate the public. License plates may also be procured at the office of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, Charlotte St., Saint John, N.B.

ROAD CONDITIONS MUCH IMPROVED IN THIS SECTION

Highway Communications to Saint John Now Passable

The prevailing high winds are doing much to improve road conditions in this section of the province, highway officials stated this morning. The main highways throughout this district were greatly effected by frost conditions and for the past couple of weeks were practically impassable. The two highway communications were Saint John, which were impassable for the past two weeks, have greatly improved since Tuesday and, although are not yet in first class condition, they are passable.

The Fredericton-Newcastle highway, which was in poor condition particularly in the Blackville area, has also greatly improved. Motor traffic has been resumed and several cars made the trip to the Miramichi town during the last couple of days.

If present weather conditions prevail, the main roads will be in good condition within the next week or so. The Fredericton-Woodstock highway has also improved greatly.

Road conditions in other sections of the province were reported to be "fair." Frost is just beginning to "save the ground in the northern counties and motor traffic is being tested. The highway from St. Stephen to the Nova Scotia border has been open for traffic all season and is reported to be in good condition.

GARAGE AND CONTENTS ARE DESTROYED

Frank McNutt and his son Lloyd were awakened early this morning by the frantic knocking of Jimmy Myshrahl at their home, 154 Saunders Street, to discover their double garage a seething mass of flames. The alarm was immediately sent in but little was saved. The truck owned by Mr. McNutt and one, the property of Everett Boner, were standing in the driveway and so escaped any damage. The tools of Mr. McNutt's were completely destroyed and also an engine owned by E. M. Young. The damage is estimated by Mr. McNutt at about some \$800. Both the structure and tools were only partially insured. The fire was believed to have been caused by an overheated stove.

Jimmy Myshrahl, who lives close at hand to the owner, was the first to fight the flames from his bedroom window and immediately summoned Mr. McNutt. A high wind was blowing

and it was feared that the house might also catch fire. Mr. McNutt is mystified as to what circumstances led to the destruction of the building.

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DOUGLAS F. BROWN WINS A COVETED SCHOLARSHIP

One of Seven in Canada to Win in World Competition

Going to Columbia

Three U.N.B. Men Consult With Trinidad Oil Magnates

The news dispatches yesterday announced that Douglas F. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Brown, Lansdowne Street was amongst the seven Canadians listed among the 167 winners of fellowships for 1937-38 at Columbia University, New York. He has received a residence scholarship in chemistry and will take up his residence at Columbia in the fall.

This is a signal honor not only to Mr. Brown personally but also to the University of New Brunswick. This scholarship is open to the whole world and Mr. Brown is one of seven winners in Canada.

Mr. Brown who was graduated with B.A. in science in the U.N.B. class of 1936 has during the past year acted as assistant professor of chemistry at his Alma Mater here. He is majoring in chemistry and will receive his M.A. at U.N.B. next year. He will probably complete his studies for a Ph.D. at Columbia when he goes to that University.

Mr. Brown has just returned from New York where he has been in conference with officials of a Trinidad oil concern. He was one of three from U.N.B. who went to New York to consult with one of the officials who flew up from Texas to the conference. The other two were Professor Robert Wright and Hollis Thomas of St. Andrews. The conference which took place at New York may result in one or more of these U.N.B. men being engaged with the oil concern.

Mr. Brown has made an excellent university course and his friends are congratulating him on his success.

Award Cattley Cup To Douglas Breen

—TRY ONE—

An important meeting of the U.N.B. Dramatic Society was held today at the University. The president, Miss Margaret Fraser was in the chair. The honorary president, Professor R. E. D. Cattley, was unable to be present. An address which Professor Cattley had prepared was read by the president. Professor Cattley thanked the members of the Dramatic Society for their excellent work and their co-operation, commending them on their choice of plays and the manner in which they were presented. He pointed out that the Society was "weak" due to the fact that they had lax business methods. The Cattley Cup which is awarded to the person who accomplished most for dramatics during the year was presented to Douglas Breen of Saint John.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: President, Miss Dorothy Haines, Moncton; Vice-President, Herbert Belding, Fredericton; Secretary, Treasurer, Miss Peta Feeney, Saint John. (Continued on Page Five)

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