

News Briefs

**"FOOL LUCK"**  
Plan to attend "Fool Luck" at St. Dunstan's hall on March 17th at 8.15 p.m.

**UNDERWENT OPERATION**  
Rev. Dr. Marshall, who has been here assisting Rev. G. W. Guion, underwent a slight operation at Victoria Public Hospital this morning.

**IN WOODSTOCK TODAY**  
Hon. W. P. Jones, director of Old Age Pensions, is in Woodstock today on matters connected with his department.

**'FLU IN COUNTRY**  
Many cases of 'flu and severe attacks of la grippe are reported from the different outlying country districts in this county. The epidemic does not seem to be abating.

**SAINT JOHN MAYOR HERE**  
His Worship D. L. MacLaren, of Saint John, is in the city today in connection with the Saint John bills being considered by the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature.

**LECTURES ON SUNDAY**  
Dr. W. C. Kierstead will lecture on "The Next Step Forward in Education," on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at the Community "Y" rooms in the Chestnut Building. Plan to attend.

**MONCTON OFFICIAL HERE**  
G. F. G. Bridges, alderman of the City of Moncton, and member of the New Brunswick Forest Operations Commission, is in the city today attending a meeting of the Commission. He will return to Moncton tomorrow morning.

**LEAVES FOR SACKVILLE**  
The University of New Brunswick basketball team left this morning for Sackville, where they play the Mt. A. team tonight, in the second game of a home-and-home series for the New Brunswick Intercollegiate basketball crown. The regular lineup made the trip.

**A GOOD PLAY COMING**  
One of the best plays to be put on by local talent in recent years will be given by local talent at St. Dunstan's Hall on the evening of March 17 under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. Keep this date open if you wish to spend a pleasant evening.

**FUNERAL TODAY**  
The funeral of Rev. Ernest Stephens was held this afternoon from the home of Alex. Estabrooks, Barker's Point. A large number of people from all walks of life attended the services, and fitting tribute was paid to one who had labored to further Divine interests in this life. Prayers were offered at the home by Rev. D. L. Kennedy, and interment was made at Sunny Bank cemetery.

**FIRES TODAY**  
The fire department answered two calls this morning. The first one was to the residence of L. R. Haining, George street, where a slight blaze in the roof of the house was extinguished. Shortly afterwards the department answered a call to the home of Alex. Murray, George street, where a chimney fire was extinguished. This afternoon a similar fire was extinguished at the residence of Edward Wilkins, King street. The damage from all three fires was slight.

**ARRIVES HOME**  
Prof. R. W. Pugh, G. Alvah Good, and Harold Dougherty arrived home last evening from Saint John where they attended the executive meeting of the Provincial Scout Association. At the meeting Prof. Pugh, assistant provincial commissioner, reported progress in the matter of a survey being conducted to definitely fix the boundaries of the eight scouting districts in the province. A report is expected to be ready for the next meeting of the executive. It was not known definitely whether or not the Scouts in this province would be officially represented at the Coronation ceremonies in London, or at the international jamboree in Holland.

**PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY**  
James Elwood Neilson, aged 15 years, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Walter Neilson, passed away yesterday at his home on King Street, after an illness of several months. The deceased was a Grade VIII student of Smythe Street School, and a member of Christchurch Parish Church Sunday School, and was very popular with his fellow-students. The deceased is survived by his parents, three brothers, Harry, Paul and Willis, and two sisters, Mary and Georgina, all at home. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon, with prayers at the home at 2:30 and services at Christchurch Parish Church at 2:50 conducted by Rev. S. C. Grey. Interment will be made in the Rural Extension cemetery.

SAINT JOHN M.L.A. BRANDS BILL AS UNFAIR MEASURE

Invades Rights of the Working Man, Says Fiery Member

To Private Session

Other Saint John Bills Under Consideration This Afternoon

Branding proposed legislation permitting employers, on the request of the Receiver of Taxes, to deduct taxes of employees from the amount of salary or wages due, as being a high-handed measure and an imposition on the "working-man," Robert McAllister, M.L.A., the fiery legislator from Saint John, heatedly opposed the bill providing for the foregoing legislation when it was considered by the municipalities committee of the legislature this morning. The bill, one of five bills relative to the City of Saint John, was referred to private session after the committee had listened to a lengthy debate on the matter proponents and opponents of the proposed measure.

The contentious bill provides for an act to amend an act respecting the levying and assessing of rates and taxes in the city of Saint John. Section 7, the portion strongly opposed by Mr. McAllister, was, in part, as follows: "Every employer shall on request of the Receiver of Taxes collect the annual minimum tax and income tax from every person then in his employ liable to pay a minimum tax and income tax, and such request may be made upon the employer, from time to time, for every such person in his employ during the year for which said tax is payable, and the said employer shall deduct such taxes of any such person from the amount of salary or wages due, or to become due, to such person."

**Invasion of Rights**  
Mr. McAllister, in his remarks, emphatically declared that such a measure was an invasion of the sacred right of every employee whom, he said, had the right to 'handle his own pay envelope.' The individual who 'tolls by the sweat of his brow' to earn a living has an undeniable right to have charge of what he earns, Mr. McAllister continued, pointing out that what he (the employee) earns was his own and no one else had a right to tamper with it. The Saint John member also opposed the section of the bill relative to the provision giving the Receiver of Taxes the privileges to 'select such parcels of real estate as he shall deem it advisable to sell subject to Sections 85 and 94 of this Act.' In effect, the section means that the Receiver of Taxes has the right to sell one portion of an individual's real estate to pay taxes due on any other portion.

Mr. McAllister contended that 'each property should stand on its own feet insofar as taxes are concerned. Those supporting the bill were His Worship Mayor L. D. MacLaren; H. D. Hopkins, common clerk of Saint John; Councillors B. Gilbert, James Whitebone and others.

LANDS AND MINES DISTRIBUTE SEED TO NEW SETTLERS

Inquiries of Members Answered in the Legislature

In answer to inquiry at the Legislature by A. C. Smith, Saint John, it was brought out that the total cost of painting the Fredericton-Devon bridge last year was \$28,135.35. The job was done by "day's work," and the lumber was supplied by A. A. Colter, and the Devon Lumber Company. The staging and tackle were supplied by E. M. Young, Limited, of this city.

Another inquiry made by E. W. Melville, M.L.A., Carleton County, brought out the information that the Department of Lands and Mines, during the spring of 1936, distributed seed, including potatoes, buckwheat, oats, barley, wheat, timothy, clover and vegetables to more than 2,000 new settlers. The cost to the province was \$20,198. The seeds were distributed by the forest rangers and colonization inspectors. The distribution was gratis.

It was also shown in answer to an inquiry by Robert McAllister, M.L.A., Saint John County, that the number of persons employed in the Motor Vehicle Branch in 1936 was 31 as compared with 32 under the Conservative Government in 1934. The total salaries in this department was \$28,578, as compared with \$34,357 in 1934.

ONTARIO PROPAGANDISTS ARE AIMING TO DESTROY CONFEDERATION PACT SAYS MINISTER OF FEDERAL AFFAIRS

Hon. A. P. Paterson is Heard in Address at House Today

Outlines B. N. A. Act

Speaker Refers to I.C.R. and Its Relation to Maritimes

In his address to the Legislature this afternoon, Hon. A. P. Paterson, Minister of Education and Municipal and Federal Affairs referred to the work and to the proposed work of the departments over which he presides. He stated that the three branches of his department were non partisan and were at the service of the people and that he would not allow political partyism to interfere with its workings.

Mr. Paterson dwelt at length on Confederation and the terms of the B.N.A. Act. He contended that the Federal parliament should legislate for the benefit of the provinces regardless of population and in accordance with the several agreements made at Confederation.

The British North America Act said Mr. Paterson, can only be amended when the different provinces ask for such amendments. Ontario propagandists are aiming at it to destroy the compact of Confederation and change Canada from a Confederation to a hybrid form of government to their own liking but to the permanent detriment of New Brunswick.

Mr. Paterson referred at some length to the Intercolonial Railway which was constructed to promote Confederation and to the present position of that road under C.N.R. domination.

Mr. Paterson was speaking as we went to press. His interesting speech will be published in full in The Daily Mail tomorrow.

N. B. Forest Commission Convenes Here Today

Members of the New Brunswick Forest Operations Commission convened in the office of G. H. Prince, provincial building this morning. Matters relative to the work of the Commission were discussed, but no details of the discussion were divulged to the press. The Commission convened again this afternoon. It is understood that an announcement regarding the business discussed will be given to the newspapers.

G. F. G. Bridges, Moncton, was chairman. Others present were W. H. Miller, Campbellton; J. H. Wallace, Reynolds; and Mr. Prince.

HEALTH REPORT SHOWS DECREASE IN DIPHTHERIA

Death Rate Dropped From 16.3 in 1920 to 3.0 in 1936

The scourge of diphtheria, which annually cost the lives of thousands of children in past years, has been practically stamped out in this province, according to figures revealed in the annual report of the Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, which was tabled at yesterday's sitting of the House. A chart showed that the death rate from diphtheria dropped 16.3 per cent. per 100,000 in 1920 to a tentative 3.0 in 1936. In 1935 the rate was 4.4 per cent. per 100,000 population.

The report showed that after two years (1926-1927) with both cases and deaths at a low level there was a sharp rise. The increase, however was not by any means general throughout the province, as 90 per cent. of the cases and 84 per cent. of the deaths occurred in four widely separated counties. Six counties had from one to four cases each, while five counties had no cases. A greater percentage of cases and deaths were in rural areas.

**Parents Careless**  
Investigations of these outbreaks, the report continued, revealed that in most instances it had not been found possible to hold inoculation clinics in these more remote rural areas or that parents had refused or neglected to take advantage of the opportunity to have all their children protected; and that when the first case of illness appeared they had not considered the matter of sufficient importance to call a physician.

As result of these experiences all the health officers have made a concerted drive to increase the number of immunizations, especially of pre-school age children, and to leave no area without the benefits of this protection. Those special efforts have resulted in more than 18,000 children being immunized, the great majority of them in rural areas. This was more than 5,000 than were inoculated in 1935 and brings the total that have been given three doses of toxoid in the past seven years up to almost 100,000. With more complete protection of the rural population the department looks forward with confidence to a marked reduction in the incidence of diphtheria in the near future.

CITY MAKES PLANS FOR OBSERVANCE CORONATION DAY

Celebration Dates Will Extend From May 10th to 16th

Daylight Saving

City Likely to Adopt New Time on June Fifteenth

Plans for the celebration of the Coronation in Fredericton and Daylight Saving were the matters discussed this morning at a meeting of the Retail Committee of the Fredericton Board of Trade.

There was a fairly large attendance and much interesting discussion and many valuable suggestions were offered. Fred Campbell presided in the chair. It was decided that the Coronation celebration dates should extend from May 10th to 16th.

**Appoint Committee**  
A committee was appointed consisting of E. C. Atkinson, Fred Campbell, J. H. Berry and Fred Segee to interview the City Council and secure their co-operation in the preparations for the celebration. It was suggested that if possible an effort should be made to have the city offer prizes to stimulate decoration of city buildings and store windows. Prizes were suggested for the best trimmed building and most attractive store window. The special committee is to report progress to the Retail Committee of the Board of Trade at 10 a.m. Tuesday next.

A letter was read from the Saint John Board of Trade by E. C. Atkinson re Daylight Saving. The letter stated that Saint John planned to go on Daylight Saving Time from May 22 to Sept. 25 this summer. The opinion was expressed that May 22nd was too early a date to be considered for Fredericton. It was thought that if the measure was adopted locally the period from June 15th to Sept. 15th would be better suited to local conditions, including the schools.

The special coronation committee will also interview the city council re daylight saving.

Merchants to Observe Summer Half-Holiday

It is understood that several of the retail merchants are again discussing the matter of having the regular weekly half-holiday during July and August. The general impression seems to be that this holiday should be on Saturday afternoon instead of Thursday as has been the custom in past years. This matter was discussed last year and it was pointed out by those in favor of the scheme that not only would it give the merchants and the clerks a 'break' over the weekend, but it would be better for business insofar as the tourist traffic is concerned. Tourists, it is said, generally passed through Fredericton during the middle of the week, and many times they found the stores closed on Thursday afternoons. During the weekend the tourists are either enroute home or have not yet reached this section.

City Yard Will Be Removed During Coming Season

It is understood today that the paving on University Avenue will not go through this year. The Roads and Streets Committee will devote considerable attention to the paving of streets at "English Settlement." Much ditching will be done. The proposal to move the stone crusher which has been advocated by The Daily Mail for the past couple of years will be done this year, much to the satisfaction of the residents of Aberdeen St., in that vicinity.

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