

News Briefs

**IN MONTREAL**  
Lake S. Morrison of this city, is spending this week in Montreal. He will return home during the week-end.

**IN CITY TODAY**  
Major W. H. Blake of Saint John is in the city today and is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

**IN SAINT JOHN TODAY**  
Mr. Justice C. D. Richards is in Saint John today presiding over the Saint John Circuit Court.

**TO SAINT JOHN**  
Senator J. A. MacDonald, Ottawa, formerly of Shediac, N. B., who was a visitor at the parliament building yesterday, left today for Saint John.

**BUSINESS VISITOR**  
John McNaughton, prominent business man of Halifax, arrived in the city today on business. He will return to Halifax tomorrow.

**CLEARING ICE**  
Board of Works employees have been busily engaged clearing ice off the pavement on Queen Street. Their work is practically completed.

**I.O.D.E. ANNUAL MEETING**  
The provincial annual meeting of the I.O.D.E. will be held here on April 7 and 8. Delegates from the various chapters of the province will attend.

**BOARD OF TRADE**  
Alexander Murray, secretary of the Fredericton Board of Trade, announced this morning that the regular meeting of the board will be held next week. Important matters will be discussed.

**JEMSEG SCHOOLS CLOSED**  
The influenza epidemic which is prevalent throughout the province has caused the school authorities of the Jemseg area to close all schools in the district.

**VISITING HERE**  
R. J. Tolan, prominent citizen of Yarmouth, arrived here yesterday to visit relatives and friends. He will return home on Saturday.

**ILL WITH 'FLU**  
The many friends of Winslow (Caddy) Todd, will be sorry to learn that he has been confined to his home for the past few days with a severe attack of the 'flu.

**DEVON MAGISTRATE ILL**  
Witman A. Haines, Chief Magistrate and Town Clerk of the town of Devon, is confined to his home with an attack of the 'flu.

**ATTENDING CONVENTION**  
Jack Wonnacott, former newspaper man of Moncton, now associated with the labor movement in the province, is attending the annual convention of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor here.

**RAPIDLY IMPROVING**  
Friends will be pleased to learn that Miss Nellie Grannan, who suffered a broken arm several weeks ago, is rapidly improving. It is expected that she will be able to be about again in a few days.

**STILL ALARM**  
The fire department was called out this morning at 10 o'clock to the residence of Perley Currie, Northumberland street, where a chimney fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

**TO UNDERGO OPERATION**  
Miss Magdalene Scott, daughter of Major J. S. Scott, will undergo a throat operation on March 18 at the Montreal General Hospital.

**SPOKE AT TRURO**  
C. F. Bailey, superintendent of the local Dominion Experimental Station, is at present at Truro, N. S., where he is scheduled to speak during the annual Short Course at the Truro Agricultural College. Mr. Bailey left Fredericton Monday night and will be back sometime tomorrow.

**TAX COLLECTIONS**  
Tax collections during the month of February totalled \$8,442.91, according to the report submitted at the regular meeting of the city council last evening. The amount collected during the corresponding period of last year was \$6,633.22. The total amount collected since the first of the year was \$21,630.54.

**NEW BUSINESS COLLEGE?**  
It is reported that a new Business College will be started in the near future by Guy Pond who is now a member of the staff of the Fredericton Business College. The report is that the equipment has been purchased for the new Business College which is to be in the building now under construction in the Calder block.

CITY GOVERNORS HOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL SESSION

Routine Matters Chief Items of Agenda of Meeting

Pass Recommendations

Assessment of \$277,000 Approved -- Monthly Bills Passed

The recommendation of the committee of the whole council that the 1937 assessment be \$277,000 was unanimously adopted by the city council at the regular monthly meeting held in the chambers at city hall last evening. This was the feature of the session which occupied chiefly by the transaction of routine business and the ratification of recommendations passed at the committee of the whole session.

Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and monthly bills passed for payment. A cheque for \$208.31 for five months maintenance of the labor bureau was authorized to be issued.

A letter was read by Verne Hall, representative of a Nova Scotia manufacturing concern, offer to place automatic stokers in the city hall for a trial period of sixty days. The letter stated the stokers would effect a saving of about \$300 a year in the fuel bill. The matter was referred to the city hall committee.

Ald. McCaughey moved that the roads and streets committee be authorized to purchase a car for the use of the street department. The cost will be \$700. The motion carried.

Much Criticism

Ald. Hagermyn suggested that the gasoline tank situated in the city garage yard be transferred to the property at the rear of the city hall and be placed under the supervision of the employee in charge of weights and scales. He said there was considerable criticism regarding the present arrangement as there is no proper check being made of the number of gallons used, etc. The matter was referred to the roads and streets committee.

A motion was made by Ald. Ross that Major E. C. Armstrong's salary be increased \$200 in view of the fact that the latter has assumed the duties of poor commissioner in addition to his other work. The motion carried. It was explained that the government would pay a portion of the increase.

Return From Trip To Southern States

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. O. Fenety and son Billy, who have been on an extensive holiday tour since the first of February, arrived home yesterday morning.

The tour carried them to the principal cities in Canada and the United States. They left here by rail to Montreal and journeyed from there to Detroit and then travelled to the sun-kissed waters of Miami Beach, Fla., returning by way of Boston.

Mr. Fenety in conversation with The Daily Mail this afternoon, stated that the tourist season in the Southern States is at its peak. Beaches are crowded with fun loving holiday goers. Money seems to be very plentiful, and hotels in these summer resorts are crowded. The climate in the South is in marked contrast with our own, as we hold our ears to keep them from freezing, the people there must wear sun-hats to keep them from getting sun burned.

Mr. Fenety said that business in the United States is on a definite up-trend, and business establishments are enjoying one of the best years since the depression. "Haste" seems to be the motto of big city dwellers, and this even shows on the people's face, as they flit here and there, dictated to by the police whistle and the green, red and yellow lights on the street intersections.

Senator MacDonald Confers With Labor Officials in City

Senator J. A. MacDonald, Ottawa, formerly of Shediac, was a visitor in the city yesterday. He attended the regular sitting of the legislature as guest of Premier A. A. Dysart.

During his brief stay here, Senator MacDonald was in conference with several prominent labor officials. The nature of the matters discussed with the labor leaders was not divulged, and the session was regarded as being somewhat "mysterious." It is understood that Senator MacDonald is interested in the national labor movement.

SQUIRES HEARD IN ADDRESS TO LABOR DELEGATES

Refers to Importance of Labor Movement in Province

Has Public Support

Premier A. A. Dysart to Address Convention This Afternoon

Addresses by Hon. F. C. Squires, leader of the provincial Opposition, and several prominent labor leaders featured this morning's session of the three-day conference of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor which convened in the Oddfellows Hall here yesterday. Today's session was very largely attended and, in addition to the addresses heard, reports of several committees were presented by the different chairmen.

Hon. Mr. Squires in his remarks, referred to the important position of labor in the social and economic scheme of the country. Labor has a case which should be heard with consideration by all governments, he said, pointing that these demands must be met.

The province as a whole is "behind" labor, he continued, asserting that 'labor's purchasing power is an important factor in the economic security of any province. Labor conditions in many parts of Canada are deplorable, he said, and declared that these conditions must be remedied.

Speakers

Other speakers included: W. L. Best, vice-president and national representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; A. J. Kelly, representative of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Frank Kate, chairman of the running trades, and Stephen Shaw, member of the same organization.

During the session, Secretary-Treasurer George Melvin announced that the government found itself unable to meet the labor delegates in the legislative chamber. It was explained that such procedure would conflict with meetings of the committees at this busy time. James Whitebone, president of the federation, strongly criticized the refusal of the government to grant the request submitted.

Toward the close of the meeting Eugene R. Steeves, vice-chairman of the New Brunswick Workmen's Compensation Board, also addressed the delegates on matters relative to the operation of the board with its relation to labor men.

Committee meetings held during the morning included resolutions and officers reports. A report of the credential committee was given by Jack Wonnacott of Moncton.

Hon. A. A. Dysart is scheduled to address the meeting this afternoon.

REPORT OF R.C.M.P. IS TABLED BEFORE N. B. GOVERNMENT

Reveals Interesting Facts Regarding Police Work

Many interesting facts in connection with Royal Canadian Mounted Police activities in the province were revealed in the annual report which was tabled in the legislature this week. It gives a comprehensive view of the work of the force during the fiscal year which ended October 31. The enforcement of the Customs Act, Excise Act, Migratory Birds Act, Fishery Act, New Brunswick Liquor Act, Game Act and other federal and provincial acts comprised the chief duties of the department.

In connection with the enforcement of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, it is interesting to note that the traffic in illicit liquor is becoming less, as a result of extensive programme carried on to stamp out the traffic. The lowering of the federal government tax, resulting in a decrease in the prices of liquor being sold in government stores, was also a factor, as was also the fact that the government competed with the bootleggers by marketing a low-priced grade of rum which was of better quality than the contraband marketed by illicit dealers.

The chief source of trouble in enforcing the act was the bootlegger, who dealt in commission goods.

Fines imposed under this Act are less than those of last year—\$49,116.75 as against \$57,848.00, and similarly with respect to imprisonment without the option—34 years compared with 41 years. This does not mean that our efforts have relaxed for rather they have increased by the adoption of additional methods of combatting the traffic of which we (Continued on Page Five)

LOCAL BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED BY HOUSE ON FRIDAY

Bill to Abolish Police Commission Will Be Supported

Majority in Favor

Rumored That Outside Interest Will Oppose Police Bill

Fredricton bills to come before the legislature on Friday of this week include: An act to amend several acts with respect to the police commission for Fredericton; an act relating to the granting of licenses to persons not being rate-payers and doing business in Fredericton; an act relating to the Capital Bus Company; an act to authorize the holding a plebiscite on any question, and an act to authorize the school trustees of the city to issue debentures in connection with the building of the new high school. The municipality of the Town of Devon is sponsoring an act to issue debentures to redeem water debentures of the former village of St. Mary's, which debentures fall due this year and next.

The act relative to the amendment of the police commission acts provides for the abolishment of the commission and to place the control of the police within the power of the administration of justice committee of the city council.

License Fees

The act in connection with the granting of license to non-residents provides that the city be empowered to collect license fees up to \$400 for the privilege of conducting bankrupt and other sales in the city by non-residents, and provides the same scale of fees for residents wishing to engage in any trade or occupation within the city.

The bill relating to the Capital Bus Company, authorizes the Capital Transit Company to carry on business in Fredericton under certain conditions and provides for controlling the fares charged by the company, and for other privileges.

The city council seeks authority to, at any time, hold a plebiscite on any question provided that a two-thirds vote of the council shall favor such a plebiscite and that proper notice be given.

The act authorizing the school trustees to issue debentures is to provide for a sum not exceeding \$50,000, which sum shall be used in erecting an annex to the present high school building. It is proposed to commence construction on the new building in early spring.

When the bills are introduced to the legislature on Friday, it is understood that a number of the aldermen will be present to discuss these acts, if necessary. This refers chiefly to the bill relative to the proposed abolishment of the present police commission, which bill is almost unanimously supported by the city council. It is understood that certain outside interests may oppose the bill.

Many Mourn Death Of Esteemed Lady

The death occurred at Victoria Public Hospital yesterday, of Mrs. Annie C. Shaw, in her 62nd year. The deceased was widely known and highly respected and her life was a perfect example of Christian womanhood. She resided practically all her life at New Maryland. She was a member of the Women's Institute, and a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and her death leaves a gap in the community where she resided. The late Mrs. Shaw is survived by two sons, Ronald, of Fredericton; and Frederick, at home, three daughters, Mrs. E. P. Everett, Marysville; Mrs. Greta Culligan, of New Maryland, and Miss Ethel Shaw at home. Three brothers also survive, David Sinclair, of Fredericton; William, of New Maryland; and Robert, of Dorchester. One sister survives, Mrs. A. C. Fleming of this city.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2.30 p.m., from the home of Mrs. A. C. Fleming, 379 Charlotte street with services conducted by Rev. Dr. George E. Ross, and interment made at the Rural cemetery extension.

Dr. Ross Nominated For Moderator Cape Breton Presbytery

Word has come from Ottawa that Rev. Dr. George E. Ross, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, in the city, has been nominated for moderator of the Cape Breton Presbytery. Dr. Ross is in Saint John today attending a meeting of the Saint John and Miramichi Presbytery which is meeting there today.

NEARLY \$150,000 OLD AGE PENSIONS PAID SATURDAY

W. P. Jones Discusses Operation of New Department

Gov't Reimbursed

Pensions Act is Giving Utmost Satisfaction, Says Official

Cheques totalling \$138,553.43 were issued by the Department of Old Age Pensions on Saturday, according to the announcement made this morning by W. P. Jones, director of the board. The province provides this money but is reimbursed to the extent of 75 per cent. at the end of each third month. The next quarterly payment by the federal government will follow as soon after the end of March as the statements can be sent to Ottawa. In the meantime the payments for January, February and March must be provided by the government.

During the past month 177 new pensions were granted. Since July 1, last year, 575 pensioners have died, Mr. Jones stated.

Referring to the operation of the board, Mr. Jones stated that every pension payment is subject to a continuous audit by the representatives of the comptroller general of the province who are constantly present in the Old Age Pensions office. Every cheque before being mailed must be stamped with the approval of the auditors, he continued. The Dominion on its part send auditors at such times as may appear convenient to Ottawa.

The pension Board has requested all Postmasters in the Province to return letters containing pension cheques when they are aware that the pensioner is deceased and this request has been very generally complied with, Mr. Jones said. The Sub-deputy Registrars of Vital Statistics are also assisting the Board in furnishing prompt information as to the death of a pensioner. There are also records in the public press as to deaths which are being closely followed, but the Board will be very grateful to any person who, knowing of the death of a pensioner, will communicate that fact to the Board.

Giving Satisfaction

The Old Age Pensions Act as administered appears to be giving great satisfaction. There was considerable misunderstanding about it at first but now that people are beginning to realize what the conditions are under the Dominion Legislation, they can appreciate the decisions which the Board have made, stated Mr. Jones. There seems to be a disposition on the part of people generally throughout the Province to assist the Board in every way possible with information and otherwise and this assistance is very much appreciated. It is desirable that every person who is entitled to a pension should receive it for whatever amount is justified and it is equally necessary that the taxpayers of the Province and the Dominion should be protected against payment of pensions to persons who are not entitled to them.

MID-WEEK MARKET

One of the smallest mid-week markets in some weeks was held this morning at Phoenix Square.

Wood was the chief commodity, selling for \$8 per cord dry, and \$4 per cord green. Dry furnace wood sold for \$7.50 to \$8 per cord. Eggs were scarce and sold for 28c per dozen. Butter sold for 28c per pound and axe handles were plentiful and sold two for 15c. Only one ton of hay was brought in, and sold for \$8 per ton.

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