

## News Briefs

### THREE BELOW ZERO

Last evening the mercury dropped to three degrees below zero. This was the coldest night of the month to date.

### ICE CUTTING

Several farmers are engaged in harvesting ice today from the Saint John river. The supply is for their own use.

### HERE TODAY

Robert Harp, H. Tulin, J. Leiber-mann and A. P. Bailey, of Montreal, are in the city today. They are stopping at the Queen.

### IN THE CITY TODAY

Mrs. J. Landry of Edmundston and Mrs. A. H. Daley of Saint John, are in the city today and are guests of the Queen Hotel.

### OVER-HEATED PIPE

The fire department answered a call to the Specialty Shop, Queen St., where an over-heated pipe caused some anxiety. (Not much damage resulted.)

### CHAIRMAN OF ASSOCIATION

Dr. J. Gilbert Turner was chairman of the McGill University Association at the meeting held here on Tuesday night, and not Dr. Taylor, as was reported in a certain portion of the press.

### PRESENTED GIFT

Bryce M. Love, who is leaving soon for Middleton, N. S., was presented with a "serving tray" yesterday afternoon by members of the local branch, Bank of Commerce. The manager, D. M. Kydd made the presentation.

### ICE HEAVY

The ice in the Saint John river is exceptionally heavy for mid-March, ranging from 27 to 30 inches in depth. If the weather remains cold, there is apt to be a bad ice run this spring. The ice ran out last year on the 19th of March.

### FUNERAL TOMORROW

The funeral of the late Rev. Ernest Stephens will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home of Mrs. R. Estabrooks of Barker's Point. Services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Kennedy and Rev. Mr. J. Linton. Interment will be made at Sunny Bank.

### WILL SPEAK TOMORROW

Hon. A. P. Paterson, Minister of Education and Municipal and Federal Affairs, will deliver his speech on the budget tomorrow afternoon in the Legislature. Some important announcements in connection with the plans of the new departments will no doubt be made.

### AGED LADY PASSES

The death occurred at Lakeville Corner, yesterday afternoon, of Miss Evelina London. The deceased was 84 years of age, and had been in ill-health for several years. The funeral will take place at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon, with services conducted by Rev. Mr. Wood, and interment made at Lakeville Corner cemetery.

### SCOUT EXECUTIVE

The executive of the New Brunswick Provincial Council of the Scout Association, meet today in Saint John. Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter will preside. Important business matters will be dealt with. Members from this district, who went to Saint John for the meeting were G. Alvah Good, Professor Robert Pugh and Harold Dougherty.

### SENTENCED TO JAIL

Continuing the drive to bring Game Act violators to justice, game officials in Campbellton laid a charge against Melvin Demeau, Campbellton this week. The accused, charged having deer meat in a closed season, was sentenced to serve 15 days in jail by Magistrate A. A. Andrew in police court there.

### ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS

His Worship Mayor W. E. McMonagle, Moncton, is in the city in connection with the bills relating to Moncton which were considered by the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature this morning. He was accompanied here by Colonel A. T. Tingley, city clerk, and T. T. Goodwin, K.C., city solicitor.

### SUPPORTED BILL

J. A. Ford, general manager of Maritime division, Swift Canadian Company, Limited, accompanied by the company's solicitor, R. M. Palmer, Moncton, arrived here last evening. They attended a meeting of the municipalities committee this morning to support a bill regarding the granting of fixed valuation in connection with the company's plant at Moncton.

## BILLS RELATING TO MONCTON CITY DISCUSSED TODAY

Two Bills Referred to Private Session of Committee

### Labor Protests

Granting of Fixed Assessment to Swift Co.

Bills relating to the city of Moncton were considered by the municipalities committees of the legislature this morning. Two bills were referred to private session, and the bill relating to act authorizing the city of Moncton to issue debentures was introduced before the committee when the meeting adjourned.

The bill relating to the act to amend the City of Moncton Assessment Act, 1921, was explained by T. T. Goodwin, K.C., solicitor, was chiefly introduced for the purpose of giving civic employees, particularly volunteer firemen, the opportunity of benefiting from the discount rate in taxes.

### Provision of Bill

The Bill provides "that the Captain of the Salvage Corps of the City of Moncton and any person employed within said City as a Volunteer Fireman or Substitute Volunteer Fireman, shall be entitled to the discount allowed for the then current year on an amount only of his taxes equal to the salary to become due and owing to him from said City for such services on the thirty-first day of December of the then current year and no interest shall be chargeable on so much of his said taxes if paid in full on or before the twenty-first day of December in the year in which such assessment is made. No discount shall be allowed on any taxes assessed against any such person in excess of an amount equal to his said salary, unless such excess is paid on or before the twenty-fifth day of June and such excess shall be subject to the regular interest rate on overdue taxes from and after the twenty-fifth day of June in each year and until paid. The discount and exemption herein allowed to the said Captain of the Salvage Corps, Volunteer Firemen and Substitute Firemen is hereby made retroactive as from the first day of January, A. D. 1936."

Section 29 of the bill, which provides that "any assessor who has reason that any returns made pursuant to the Assessment Act is substantially incorrect, he may examine the books, accounts and documents of the taxpayer," was opposed by G. W. Hudson, C.A., representing the Chartered Accountants Association. He contended that no person, other than a qualified chartered accountant, should be permitted to make such examination. This would also apply to the city auditor if he was not a chartered accountant.

Those speaking in support of the bill were His Worship Mayor E. W. McMonagle and Colonel A. T. Tingley, city clerk.

### Much Discussion

The bill relating to an act to fix the assessment of Swift Canadian Company, Limited, within the school district of the City of Moncton, was subject to considerable discussion. R. M. Palmer, attorney for the proponents, and J. A. Ford, general manager of the Maritime division of the company, supported the bill. John MacKinnon, representing the Moncton council of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor, opposed the measure. He submitted a resolution passed by the provincial labor group (Continued on Page Five)

## New Labor Council Formed in City

A meeting was held last evening in the Orange Hall, Queen Street, to form a Labor Council. Harry Ryan was chairman and the meeting opened at 8 p.m., with a large attendance present. Mr. Ryan spoke of organization and its value, urging all present to form a Council of Labor. The chair was next taken by R. S. Goodspeed for the election of officers. Harry Ryan was unanimously elected the President. Jas. Legro was elected Vice-President, and R. Stanley Goodspeed was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the organization. James Dunlap is the new Recording Secretary.

An executive committee of three members were named: Gordon Sharpe, Royden Craft and Richard Schofield. The new president then took the chair and explained labor and its effect by organization. Thirty members enrolled in the new council at the end of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m. to meet again on March 25, in the Orange Hall.

### GIFT PARTY

Reserve Thursday, April 1 for the Children's Aid Society Gift Party.

## SWIFT COMPANY OFFICIAL PREDICTS AN UNUSUALLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN LIVESTOCK TRADE IN THE PROVINCE

Government Interest in Agriculture Development Stimulates Industry and Betters Conditions, Says J. A. Ford in Interview.

### Large Shipments to British Markets

Company Contemplates Spending Over Million Dollars in Purchase of Livestock in 1937 --- Raising Swine Has Great Possibilities

"THE year 1937 has every promise of being an outstanding period insofar as livestock conditions are concerned," stated J. A. Ford, Moncton, general manager of Swift Canadian Company, Limited, Maritime Division, who was in the city today in connection with a bill relating to his company which is under consideration by the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature. Mr. Ford further said that agriculture, generally, will undoubtedly experience a most successful year in the Maritime Provinces. This, he explained, was due to improved business conditions as well as to the efforts being made by the Governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to promote agricultural development.

Speaking of livestock production, Mr. Ford said that his company contemplates on spending about \$1,000,000 in the purchase of livestock in the Maritimes. There is a great period of development underway, he asserted, predicting that 1937 will exceed all previous years in this particular phase of the agriculture industry.

Last year, he continued, the amount of livestock purchased by the Swift organization in the Maritimes doubled the quantity purchased in the preceding year. There is every indication, Mr. Ford added, that there will be a substantial increase in the quantity purchased during the present year.

### Praises Government

Mr. Ford paid high tribute to the programme of agriculture development being carried out by the provincial government. This tends to stimulate the industry, he said, declaring that it greatly encouraged the farmers as well as the various packing industries.

The Swift company are participating in the export trade to Great Britain, he said, pointing out that there is a great market for Canadian products in the Mother Country. This trade offers a splendid opportunity to farmers in these provinces, he continued, and stated that the majority of the livestock breeders in the three provinces realize the potentialities of such a trade with the United Kingdom.

The company is purchasing a large quantity of swine this season, Mr. Ford continued, remarking that considerable quantities had been shipped by farmers in this immediate area. Raising of swine has great possibilities, the official added, referring to the demand for Canadian bacon on British markets.

### Well Known Here

Mr. Ford is well known in Moncton, where he has resided for several years. He is actively affiliated with the Rotary movement there, and also is one of the leaders in promoting the welfare of youth in that city. He is prominently associated with the commercial life of the Maritimes and has many friends in this city. He will return to Moncton this evening.

## BUDGET DEBATE CONTINUED AT HOUSE SITTING

Several Speakers to Be Heard

When the House resumed this afternoon, E. J. Henneberry, M.L.A., Saint John, continued the debate on the budget. He will be followed by R. McAllister, M.L.A., Saint John County, and Philibert LeBlanc, M.L.A., Restigouche. It is understood that Hon. A. P. Paterson, minister of educational, municipal and federal affairs, will speak during the course of the debate. Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, minister of health and labor, will make an important announcement. It is also likely that Hon. Premier Dymally will take part in the debate. This may about "exhaust" the speakers on the government side of the House.

A caucus of members supporting the government was held last evening to discuss matters relative to policy. No details concerning the session were divulged to the press.

The Public Accounts Committee will meet tomorrow morning with J. A. Doucet, M.L.A., as chairman.

### RETAIL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Retail Committee of the Fredericton Board of Trade will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, in the Council Chambers. All retailers and others interested in the Corporation display are invited to attend.

### SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

Miss Irene Henry of Springhill, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, some time ago, is reported today as resting fairly well.

## GAME CONDITIONS ON NORTH SHORE REPORTED GOOD

Chief Game Warden, H. H. Ritchie, Returns From Official Tour

### Prospects Bright

Game Act is Strictly Enforced in All Sections of N. B.

"Game conditions in the North Shore area are the best they have been in years," Colonel H. H. Ritchie, chief game warden of New Brunswick, reported on his arrival home this morning following an official tour of Northern New Brunswick. Snow conditions have been favorable to game, he said, asserting that it was not of sufficient depth to cause any hardship to deer, moose and other game. In previous years, Mr. Ritchie pointed out, deep snow had hindered the larger game in their quest for food and, in many cases, the animals became "snowed-in" and scores of them literally starved to death.

Questioned as to whether there was any noticeable increase in the number of deer and moose in the northern forests, Mr. Ritchie stated that these animals were "holding their own." Conditions with regard to smaller game were also very favorable, he said, expressing the opinion that the 1937 hunting season had every indication of being successful.

### Game Act Enforced

The Game Act is being strictly enforced in all sections of the province, the game warden stated. To date there have been numerous convictions for violations of the Act, and the department is making every effort to strictly enforce regulations.

The protection of game is of vital importance and officials of the game are unrelenting in their work of apprehending all those who violate any section of the Act. The importance of game as a tourist attraction is well recognized, and New Brunswick's reputation of being a hunters' paradise is worth thousands of dollars annually.

The province is visited each year by hundreds of sportsmen from Upper Canada and various sections of New Brunswick. It offers a variety of attractions to visitors, not only as a hunting ground but also as an area which is unrivalled for its scenic beauty and spots of historic interest.

The game department, in particular, has accomplished much work in advertising the attractions in this province. It not only protects the wild life in the forest but accomplishes much in the way of making forest travel safe for hunters. Hunting fatalities have been greatly minimized by the efforts of this department.

## "MAE EDWARDS" DEAD AT LINDSAY; FORMER ACTRESS

Local theatre goes for the past year will regret to learn of the death at Lindsay, Ont., of Mrs. Charles T. Smith, better known in theatrical circles in the Maritimes as Mae Edwards.

Mae Edwards, died recently after a lingering illness at her home in Lindsay, Ont., according to word reaching this city where her shows were a popular attraction and she enjoyed the hospitality of many friends on her several visits.

The last appearance of her company in New Brunswick featured an orchestra in which both her husband and her son, Valmore, who survive her, were members.

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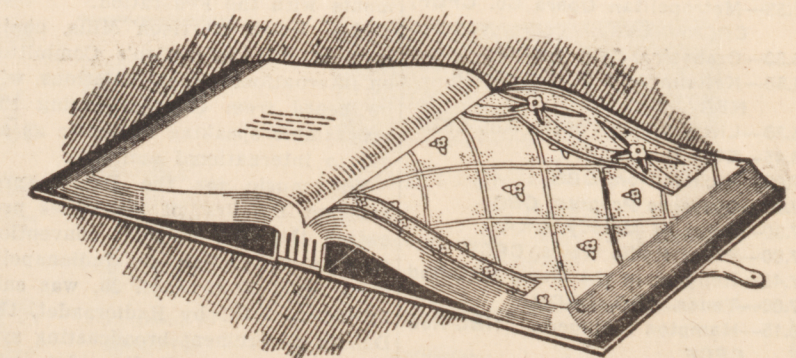
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