

## News Briefs

### AWAY ON BUSINESS

C. Hedley Forbes, manager of the uptown store of the Ross Drug United, is out of town on business, and will return tomorrow.

### VISITING PARENTS

B. W. Haines, Sault St. Marie, is visiting at Devon, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Haines. He is accompanied by Mrs. Haines and their two children. Mr. and Mrs. William Turnbull are also guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Haines.

### LEAVE HOSPITAL SOON

Hayward Morecraft of Harvey, who is a patient of Victoria Public Hospital is progressing favourably toward recovery, and his discharge from the hospital is expected in a few days.

### RETURN HOME

Starr Young, manager of the local branch of the Maritime Electric Company, Limited, and Mrs. Young have returned to the city following an enjoyable vacation to Lunenburg, N.S. They made the journey by automobile.

### NO WORD RECEIVED

No word has been received as yet concerning the date of delivery of the new fire truck, which will be used by the hook and ladder company. Nothing definite has been announced yet, but it is expected that the new equipment will arrive within the next two weeks.

### TO SAINT JOHN

D. W. Griffiths, director of the New Brunswick Government Bureau of Information and Tourist Travel, and Robert A. Tweedie, secretary to Premier A. A. Dymally left this morning for Saint John. They will meet representatives of the Fitzpatrick Film Corporation, who will make a technicolor travelogue of New Brunswick.

### RETURN TO CAPITAL

Rexford Barton, representing Lowell Thomas, radio and news reel commentator, and Mrs. Barton returned to Fredericton last evening after having spent the last four days in the Miramichi River area securing some salmon angling shots for the technicolor travelogue which is to be made by the Fitzpatrick film organization. They are registered at the Queen Hotel.

### LEAVES HOSPITAL

Fred Ashton, who has been a patient of Victoria Hospital for some time has returned to his home on Campbell Street. He was injured some time ago, while working on a building on Regent Street, when a piece of scaffolding, used to support a hoist broke away and fell, injuring him severely. For some time his condition was regarded as serious, but his friends will be pleased to learn that he has completely recovered.

### WORK PROGRESSING

Work on the new high school addition is progressing at a rapid rate, it was announced this morning by those in charge of the work. Paving work has already been commenced and it is expected that the other interior work will get under way within a few days. The building will contain six rooms, providing ample accommodations for the increased number of high school pupils. The building will be ready for occupancy when the school term opens in the fall.

### COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the general committee handling arrangements in connection with the annual conference of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., which opens here on August 9th, will be held this evening. The chairman of the committee, Fire Chief Karl Walker announced today that preparations are about completed regarding the convention. Hotel accommodations as well as accommodations in private houses have been reserved for the three thousand visitors expected to be in attendance at the conference, the first meeting of the Grand Lodge to be held since 1916.

### Three Bush Fires In Northumberland Co.

Forest fire outbreaks have been reported in three sections of Northumberland county. There are confined to timbered areas in the vicinity of Box Brook, Portage River and Ludlow. G. L. Miller chief forester for New Brunswick stated this morning that crews of firefighters were combating the fires which were now practically under control.

Continued dry weather increases the fire hazard, the chief forester pointed out, requesting that all woods travellers exercise the utmost care regarding camp fires, cigarettes, etc. The forests are particularly dry at this time and the situation is dangerous, it was stated. Fire wardens throughout the province maintain an unceasing vigilance over the territories under their control.

## POLICE OFFICIAL PRAISES WORK OF RESERVE RECRUITS

"Fine Group of Young Men" Says Major W. V. Bruce

Major W. V. Bruce, superintendent of "J" Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, had nothing but words of praise for the splendid work being accomplished by members of the reserve unit which are undergoing a summer training course here. The course, which commenced about July 1, is being handled by competent police instructors who are training the recruits in various branches of police work. Physical training is one of the major items on the program of training and the past few weeks have been devoted chiefly in rounding the young men into condition. Every co-operation is being given by the recruits, Major Bruce said, describing the unit as "one of the finest groups of young men with which I have ever had experience."

Ju-jitsu, the Japanese art of self-defense, is taught the reservists by Constable Milrose, recognized as one of the outstanding exponents of the science on the continent. Lectures on police work, particularly with relation to the interpretation of the criminal code are given by the different officials, while other phases of police activities are also included on the training schedule.

During their period of training the recruits are quartered in the police barracks. They have been issued uniforms and certain other parts of regulation police equipment. Their daily routine is under the disciplinary regulations of the force and, according to all reports, the young men are enjoying every part of their training and are deriving much benefit from it.

The young men chosen as members of the reserve units, which are taking training at Ottawa, Regina and Fredericton, have measured up to a high standard of qualifications. Educational requirements are fairly high, while physical and moral qualifications are also of vital importance. They have been chosen from various sections of the Maritimes.

During the training course which extends over a period of three years the young men are enrolled in the reserve lists of the force. They may be called on active duty should the occasion arise. In the meantime, any additional recruits to the force will be chosen from the reserve ranks.

### Local People Show Sympathy To Accident Victim

Miss Sarah McCartney, of Chester, Penn., who was injured at Taymouth last week in the fatal accident in which her friend, Miss Heradiah Newsome, was killed, is still confined to Victoria Hospital suffering from the effects of the mishap, including shock. Many people in this city have sent flowers to the sick room of this young lady who is a stranger in our midst. Her brother, who arrived here yesterday, has expressed himself as appreciating very much the kindness which his sister has received from Fredericton people. F. C. Johnson, American consul at this port, has done everything in his power to assist the unfortunate visitors in their trouble. Rev. Dr. Ross of St. Andrew's church has been a frequent caller at the sick room of the young lady.

### WATER LEVEL

Officials of the city pumping station stated today that the water level of the river is within 18 inches of the summer 'low.' The recent dry weather has resulted in a slight drop in the level and it is believed that the 'low' will be reached in the next couple of weeks.

### TOWN OF DEVON Tenders For Repairing RESERVOIR

Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned Town Clerk of Devon, N. B., for the repair of reservoir at North Devon according to plans and specifications on file in the Town Office at North Devon up to and including the 31st of JULY next, at 12 o'clock Noon.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Certified check for 10 per cent of amount of tender must accompany each tender.

Dated this 23rd day of July at the Town of Devon.

(Signed) W. A. HAINES,  
Town Clerk.

## "SHOPLIFTING" RACKET CAUSE OF CONCERN AMONG LOCAL MERCHANTS

Toilet Sundries, Silks and Candy Attract Store Thieves --- Situation Assuming Major Proportions in the City

Shop-lifting in the city is developing to major proportions, stated the manager of one of Fredericton's large stores today. The practice is fast becoming more general, with greater and greater losses to stores, especially those in which all the goods are displayed on the counters and within reach of the customers.

In the past few years, members of all classes of citizens have been caught in the act of shop-lifting articles running from silk stockings, silk underwear, men's apparel down to toilet articles, jewellery and candy. Toilet articles counters suffer probably the greatest losses, while the silk counters also suffer heavily. Candy is also a great loser, from sampling and theft altogether.

### A Racket

Much of the lifting is done on a racket business, despite the fact that the public does not think that such things exist in the city. The exchange racket is responsible for a great amount of loss through actual cash. The lifter comes into the store and steals an article, possibly a man's shirt. Later that day or week the article is brought back and a refund requested, the article not suiting. The store pays the thief for its own merchandise, suffering not the loss of the wholesale cost but the retail price.

Recently a twelve-year-old boy returned two articles to a local store, requesting a refund. He had the goods, and the store had no proof that he had not paid for them, but the seeming impossibility of the boy buying the articles aroused the suspicion of the store. At his next appearance in the store, a girl was detailed to watch his movements. He moved about the store and was seen

to pick up several articles, then was apprehended.

Another case worthy of note was one based on the shopping bag racket. A lady enters the store with an open-top shopping bag, and moves about from counter to counter gathering her lifted harvest. The bag is held below the edge of the counter and the goods dropped into it.

A sharp eyed clerk spied the racket and the thief was accosted and asked if she would like the articles wrapped, since nothing was taken from the store without wrapping. Losing her nerve she broke down and without being asked, emptied the bag of its contents. Articles from two other stores were found in the bag, all unwrapped and therefore unpaid for.

Shop lifting differs from other thievery in the fact that the rule of usual theft does not apply. In most cases, the thief is usually a boy who has lived under backward conditions, and with no opportunities. In this case, it has been found in the city that much of the lifting is done by the supposedly more respectable classes, and the middle class.

The unfathomable part of the racket is the fact that many of the ladies who are caught in the act could buy hundreds of the articles without feeling the loss.

The fact that cases of shop-lifting cases seldom come out in the press is the fact that it has been found good practice to secure payment for the articles or have them returned, without entering into law. Most shop-lifters will produce the articles and return them or pay for them without being actually accused of thievery. This has been found to be the most convenient way of getting round the matter, than pressing a prosecution.

## DUST NUISANCE ON PROVINCIAL ROADS SUBJECT OF CRITICISMS BY THE PUBLIC

Motorists Urged to be Patient—Condition Unavoidable

Despite the fact that the permanent paving programme of the Province is proceeding very rapidly, there is a surprising degree of criticism over the dust condition on the stretches between sections already paved.

Referring to these complaints this morning, A. W. Barbour, Deputy Minister of Public Works, observed that the contrast was much more apparent than in other years. The dust nuisance, he added, has been minimized to the extent that permanent paving has been laid and it is because of the new work that the unpaved pieces provoke criticism. The suggestion has been advanced, he added, that calcium chloride should be used to lay the dust on stretches under contract for paving, but which have not yet been paved, and also that the primary coat be hurried.

"Neither of these alternatives is possible," said Mr. Barbour. "In the first place the primary coat cannot proceed more than one mile, or one mile and a half ahead of the top coat, because the heavy traffic mutates it to such an extent that it is not fit for top surfacing."

"In the other hand the use of calcium chloride binds the surface to such an extent that it will not permit thorough penetration of the primary coat."

"The department," added Mr. Barbour, "is well aware of the conditions but in view of the general improvement of the roads through hard surfacing, the public should be tolerant and patient. Hard surfacing is the only permanent cure and this is being proceeded with as rapidly as possible."

### Pulpwood Drive Three Miles Above the City

The pulpwood drive of the Port Royal Pulp and Paper Co., is at present at Garden Creek, about three miles above the city. A large crew of men is at work, and despite this, progress is slow due to the low water leaving wood stranded on the shores.

It is estimated that 5,000 cords of wood lies between the drive and the boom at Lincoln, so it is highly improbable that the drive will reach here before the last of this week or the first of next.

Much wood is floating in the river at the present time, but much of that which is being floated by the drive is catching on shore farther down. The shores on both sides of the river are lined with sticks of the pulp, while much is being caught and held up in the eel grass and other vegetation growing out of the water.

## LOCAL PROFESSOR ASKS FOR YEAR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE

B. S. Kierstead To Accept Post At Arizona University

The announcement was made today that pending the granting of a one year's leave of absence, Burton S. Kierstead, professor of political economy at the University of New Brunswick, will accept the chair of economics at the University of Arizona at the opening of the college term this fall. He will occupy the latter position for one year after which time he will return to Fredericton. Whether or not the leave of absence has yet been granted could not be learned today. Professor Kierstead, who is the son of Dr. W. C. Kierstead, professor of philosophy at U.N.B., and Mrs. Kierstead, is making the change for reasons of health. He is at present taking a special course at Cambridge University, England. Both he and Mrs. Kierstead are at present in the Mother Country and are expected to sail for Canada during the latter part of next month.

Professor Kierstead, who is among the youngest college professors in Eastern Canada, is considered a very capable member of the staff. He is recognized as one of the outstanding economists in this section of Canada. His proposed departure from Fredericton will be deeply regretted by students of the university as well as by many friends throughout the district.

A second announcement was also made today that Dr. Bryan Priestman, professor of physics at U.N.B., who is now in England, has secured a leave of absence for one year in order to enable him to take up scientific research in European universities. He will be replaced by Dr. Harkness, formerly professor of physics in a university in Newfoundland, during his term of absence. No successor to Professor Kierstead has yet been announced.

### ISSUES WARNING

G. L. Miller, chief forester for New Brunswick, has asked the co-operation of woods travellers and fishermen to exercise utmost precautions with camp fires, cigarettes and tobacco embers to prevent destruction to the province's valuable timber tracts. The extremely dry conditions of the forests at the present time makes precautions necessary.

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