

## News Briefs

### CHARGE OF DRUNKENNESS

A local man appeared in court this morning charged with being drunk on a public street on July 1. He at first pleaded guilty, but added that he was not drunk, merely drinking also that he was not on a public street, but sitting on a door-step with the owner of the house. He reversed his plea, and was remanded until this afternoon.

### TO NEWFOUNDLAND

Douglas Long, member of the forestry division of the New Brunswick government, has resigned his position and left Wednesday for Newfoundland. He will be engaged in the Ancient Colony for the next few months in timber-cruising work for the Canadian Airways, Limited. On his return to Canada next fall, Mr. Long will enter MacDonald College, Montreal, where he will take a post graduate course in forestry.

### TO ADDRESS MEETING

The Town Planning Commission will meet this evening at 7 o'clock. Dr. William Warwick will address the body on sanitary conditions, etc. At present buildings are being built at the rear end of the city, in an area in which proper sewage and water conditions do not exist. The commission has asked Dr. Warwick to address their meeting in the interest of public health.

### PURCHASES BULL

Leo Hayes of North Devon, has purchased the Jersey bull "Pinetree Dreaming Knight" from W. H. Miner, Granby, Quebec. The sire and dam of Mr. Hayes' new herd sire have both been imported from Jersey Island. The sire of Knight is Brampton Dreaming It, a son of It of Oaklands, former grand champion over Jersey Island and winner of the progeny prize over Jersey, the highest honor a Jersey bull can win. He sold in Georgia two years ago for \$10,000.

### AGED RESIDENT PASSES

The death occurred Wednesday, June 30th, of Hugh H. McLean, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph H. Craigs. He was born in Sumbury County 89 years ago, and has been a resident of Fredericton for the past 40 years and had a wide circle of friends by whom he will be sadly missed. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ralph H. Craigs, 529 York Street, Fredericton, and Mrs. A. G. Day of Saint John. Also surviving are four grand-children and one great-grandchild. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon, with service at the home at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery Extension, Fredericton.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. COWAN

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Crockett motored to Saint John this morning where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Crockett's cousin Mrs. J. E. Cowan which took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The death of Mrs. Cowan took place on Wednesday after an illness of several months. Deceased who before her marriage was Miss Annie McConnell daughter of the late J. R. and Mrs. McConnell of Marysville is survived by two daughters Miss Marjorie Cowan and Miss Dorothy Cowan; three sisters, Miss Doris McConnell of this city; Mrs. Hartland and Mrs. Walter Milligan, both of Saint John; two brothers surviving are F. W. McConnell of Presque Isle, Maine, and A. D. McConnell of Detroit. Mrs. A. P. Crockett of this city is a cousin. The late Mrs. Cowan who was a granddaughter of the late Alexander Gibson of Marysville where she spent her girlhood days was a great favorite and many friends in Fredericton and other parts of York County will regret to hear of her passing. Miss Doris McConnell went to Saint John on Wednesday.

### Many Mourn Death Of Mrs. Mary Foster

Many friends will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Mary E. Foster, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Lorne Merrithew, 184 Aberdeen Street, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Foster had been in failing health for the past four years but her death came unexpectedly. She was born in Kings county but had lived in Lincoln for 16 years before coming to Fredericton. She was a resident of this city for the past ten years and was well known and respected by all who knew her.

She is survived by four sons, Norman, Halifax, N.S.; Fred C., Lincoln; George W., of Saint John and Montreal; and Keith H., of this city. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. W. Lorne Merrithew of this city and Mrs. E. Claude Seeley, Saint John. One half-brother, Alfred Reicker of Hattfield's Point and one half-sister, Mrs. Henry Sprague, also of Hattfield's Point. Her husband, Rev. George W. Foster predeceased her several years ago.

### IS GRAND AUNT

A Fredericton young lady, who is only seventeen years of age has the distinction of not only being an aunt to several nephews and nieces, but she is also a grand-aunt to two grand-nieces. Miss Alice Kitchen, the sister of His Worship Mayor G. Willard Kitchen and Mrs. Kitchen, is an aunt of Mrs. Robert Herbin and, therefore, a grand-aunt of Mrs. Herbin's two children. She is also the aunt of Mrs. H. F. McElman, formerly Miss Nancy Kitchen; the seventeen year old miss is also the aunt of other children of Mayor Kitchen, and C. Albert Kitchen.

So far as it is known, this case is unique in the Province of New Brunswick.

## CUSTOMS RETURNS FOR JUNE SHOW LARGE INCREASE

Last Month's Figures Show Increase of \$31,354.38

The steady progress toward general improvement in economic conditions was reflected in last month's customs revenues collected at the Port of Fredericton. The total amount collected was \$71,899.09, an increase of \$31,354.38 over the amount collected during the corresponding period of last year. The figures last June revealed a total of \$40,544.71. The revenue collected from April 1, 1937 to June 30, 1937, amounted to \$216,021.2, as compared with \$123,831.08 collected during the corresponding period in 1936. The increase in the past three months was \$92,190.84.

Following is a detailed statement of the different amounts collected last month:

Customs Import Duty.....	\$37,069.03
Customs Sales Tax .....	7,206.42
Customs Excise Tax .....	3,553.52
Excise Tax (Domestic) .....	5,684.45
Excise Duty .....	18,364.92
Sundry Collections .....	20.75

### DOMINION DAY OBSERVED HERE

Yesterday, the day marking the seventieth anniversary of the signing of the Confederation pact, was quietly observed in the Fredericton district. Although no official program of observance was arranged, the holiday was generally observed. Overcast skies held the threat of rain the greater part of the day, but the weather remained fine during the morning and afternoon, becoming clearer toward nightfall.

Special holiday bills featured the program in the local theatre houses, while dances were held in the various places throughout the district. There were no sports events on the calendar with the exception of the provincial skeet shooting contest which was held yesterday afternoon. The Fredericton-Devon baseball invaded the stamping ground of the Minto team, while the Marysville squad played an exhibition game with Newcastle.

Many of the citizens enjoyed motor trips to the various resorts in this section of the province, while boating on the river engaged the attention of the aquatic enthusiasts. The popular fishing haunts along the river were crowded the greater part of the day, and many fine catches were reported.

### Many Attend Funeral Of John F. O'Donnell

Many friends paid their final respect to John F. O'Donnell at his funeral services here yesterday. The funeral was largely attended, and many beautiful floral tributes and Mass cards were received.

The body was met at the C.P.R. station yesterday morning at 11.30 by the local council of the Knights of Columbus and taken to St. Dunstan's church, where solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Albert McDonald, assisted by Rev. J. H. Milligan. The pallbearers were Joseph Ryan, Michael Burns, William Burns, Harry Lifford, R. Sears and Frank Walsh.

Dr. MacDonald who attended the deceased while he was in a Montreal hospital accompanied the body home and was among those attending the funeral.

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# Wet Weather Threatens Grain Production in this Section of N. Brunswick

## POLICE AGENT TESTIFIES IN LIQUOR CASE

Herbert Beatty Given Jail Sentence --- Fined \$200

A plain-clothes officer of the R.C.M.P. today gave evidence in Magistrate's court which secured another conviction under the New Brunswick Intoxicating Liquor Act. Herbert Beatty, charged with selling liquor was found guilty and sentenced to serve two months in jail and pay a fine of \$200 and costs or in default of payment an additional two months. The case of Thomas O'Leary also appearing charged with selling liquor was set aside until this afternoon.

E. Allison MacKay, in conducting the prosecution in the former case, called the "under-cover" man to the stand. The latter testified that on the night of June 26 he was in Fredericton, and was taken to meet the accused by three other men. He said that Beatty was pointed out to him, standing alongside a King Street lunch room, and went over and asked him if he had any liquor. They stepped in the alley, and Beatty produced a quart of wine out of his pocket and handed it to him. He gave the accused \$1.00 and received 25 cents change. The bottle was turned over to Corporal Ryder, head sealed and marked. The bottle was produced in court and identified by the witness as the one he had purchased from Beatty. Asked what the bottle contained, witness said that it was wine.

### LOSE TOURNAMENT

Seventeen players of the Fredericton Tennis Club journeyed to Moncton yesterday where they lost a hard-fought court tournament to the Hub players by the score of 16-8. The matches were well played and a high-class brand of the racquet was provided for the entertainment of the large crowd of spectators present. The visiting players were royally entertained by the home club. The local group returned home this morning.

### ADDRESSED GRADUATES

W. K. Tibert, director of vocational education in the province, has returned to the Capital after having addressed the graduating classes in the high schools at Dalhousie and Newcastle.

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## CONTINUED DAMP WEATHER CHECKS SEED OPERATIONS

Many Farmers Abandon Grain Planting --- Wet Ground

### HOPE SEEN

Grain crops in this section of the province are threatened with failure as result of continued wet weather, according to the views expressed by several of the leading agriculturists in the Fredericton area. C. F. Bailey, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station here, stated today that weather conditions, similar to those now existent, have not been experienced in this part of New Brunswick for more than a quarter-century. Planting operations, delayed weeks by the abnormal rainfall, are not completed yet in many sections of the district. Farmers, particularly those whose lands are located in the lower areas, have been unable to complete grain seeding. The farming area in the Harvey district is seriously affected as result of wet weather, many farmers having been forced to discontinue the planting of grain.

At the Experimental Station here, 14 acres of the area devoted to grain production have not yet been seeded. Mr. Bailey said seeding has been definitely cancelled insofar as 10 acres are concerned, the remaining four will be seeded for root crops.

### Situation Acute

The situation is described as "acute" in certain sections of the district, while in other sections where the land is higher, it is not regarded as being so serious. It is generally believed by farmers that the production of grain will be seriously affected, although favorable weather in the early fall will subtract from the present seriousness of the situation.

Although the grain crops are suffering as result of the wet weather, other crops are expected to be successful. There is every indication that this season's potato production will be a normal one, it was pointed out this morning. The hay crop, particularly in sections where winter killing was severe, is not expected to be as heavy as usual.

The quantity of grain produced in Eastern Canada is not sufficient to effect market conditions, and thus any falling-off in production will not have serious consequences. However, reports from the grain-growing provinces in the west indicate that

## R. C. M. P. SUP'T URGES PUBLIC CO-OPERATION

Campaign For Safe Driving Well Underway

The province-wide campaign sponsored by the Provincial Government to promote safe driving is well underway, and officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are carrying on a determined drive to rigidly enforce the Motor Vehicle Act. Major W. V. Bruce, superintendent, "J" Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, stated this morning that road patrols are busy in all sections of New Brunswick in connection with the "safe driving" program.

The importance of public co-operation was urged by the police superintendent, who pointed out that the efforts of the police would be greatly assisted if the motoring public would observe driving regulations. As was pointed out on previous occasions by Major Bruce, the public support of the campaign would greatly minimize highway accidents.

"A minute saved might result in loss of life," the superintendent pointed out, adding that many motorists drive madly to reach a destination and arriving there they do not know what to do with the few minutes saved.

Police patrols on the main highways carefully check vehicles for mechanical deficiencies and also ascertain if the drivers are carrying the authorized permits. The police are not anxious to prosecute motorists but, under reasonable circumstances, all offenders are being prosecuted.

### VISITOR HERE

F. H. Gillespie, Moncton, general secretary of the National Council of Labor, was a visitor in Fredericton yesterday. He returned to the Hub last evening by motor.

This year's crop will be a failure. It is unquestionable, an agricultural official stated this morning, but that this condition will have a decided effect on grain prices next fall.

The expected increase in the price of grains will be felt by farmers in this district if failures of their own grain crops necessitates the importation of the product. However, if favorable weather is experienced during the present month and conditions in early fall are satisfactory, the situation will be aided greatly.

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