

News Briefs

CALLED TO PORTLAND
Rev. Dr. Williams of Boiestown, passed through here yesterday on his way to Portland, Me., where he was called by the death of his sister in that city.

CHIMNEY FIRE
The fire department answered a call yesterday afternoon to the residence of Glen Libbey, York Street. There was a chimney fire which was extinguished before much damage resulted.

SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAIL
J. A. Y. Bell, resident of an Ontario town, appeared before Magistrate Limerick this morning, charged with "break-down" a door at the residence of Herman Cockburn, York Street. He was found guilty of the charge, and was sentenced to two months in the York County Jail.

IMPROVING RAPIDLY
Cecil Coveney, U.N.B. undergraduate who was injured several weeks ago when he collided with a teammate at a U.N.B. hockey practice, and suffered a broken cheek bone, and head injuries, is steadily improving. He will be confined to his home for several weeks, however.

"KIDNAPPING BETTY"
Plan to attend the variety concert "Kidnapping Betty" tomorrow night at Wilnot Church Vestry. Adults 25c, children 15c.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSN. MEET
The regular monthly meeting of the Home and School Association will be held on Wednesday evening, February 24th at 8 p.m., in the City Council Chamber. The guest speaker will be Dr. W. C. Kierstead.

ILL WITH 'FLU'
Among those who are ill at their homes with the prevailing 'flu is J. H. Malcom, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Miss Betty MacDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. MacDonald, and Miss Mary Jackson, daughter of Mrs. Olga Jackson.

RETURN FROM MONCTON
His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Hon. A. A. Dyrart arrived today from Moncton where they attended the enthronement services of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Melanson, as Archbishop of the newly established Arch-diocese there.

NO DEVELOPMENTS
No new developments are reported in connection with the police investigation into the series of thefts which occurred here Friday night. So far as it is known police have no definite suspects, but every effort is being made to apprehend the guilty parties. The breaks into the three business houses resulted in the theft of nearly \$1,000 worth of goods.

CREDIT UNIONS
MEETING WITH
SUCCESS IN N. B.

Official Reports That
Club Established at
Prince William

S. W. Keohan has returned from an official visit to different sections of the county in connection with the establishment of Credit Unions. The official reports that one Study Club has been organized at Prince William and splendid progress is being made. He stated that development must be necessarily slow as the people in this vicinity have not yet been fully educated in the aims and objects of the movement and much preliminary work remains to be done.

Speaking of conditions in Saint John, where he recently visited, Mr. Keohan says "people are just seething with the idea." Two clubs have already been formed there, he said, and applications are being made for the organization of two more.

In the Northern section of the province, several of these clubs are in operation and are meeting with marked success.

The movement is a part of the Adult Education Movement, originated in the Maritimes by the Extension Department of St. Francis Xavier University, and now being sponsored by the provincial government. The movement has gained widespread recognition among the leading educationalists of the country and there is every indication that its influence will be felt in all corners of the North American continent.

Reserve Saturday, March 13th, for the Modern Maritime Food Show and Supper, under the auspices of Victor Hatheway Chapter, I.O.D.E.

SCOUTS AND GIRL
GUIDES OBSERVE
FOUNDER'S DAY

Natal Anniversary of
Lord Baden-Powell
Honored Here

Interesting Programme

Brig.-Gen. Hill the Chief
Speaker at Banquet
Last Night

Boy Scouts and Girl Guides fittingly observed the birthday anniversary of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, chief scout of the world and founder of the Boy Scout Movement, and Lady Baden-Powell last evening when more than 150 members of the world-wide organizations, together with their leaders and other invited guests, attended a banquet given in the Waverley Hotel. An interesting programme of entertainment was carried out in the banquet hall and later in St. Dunstan's Hall where the Girl Guides presented an enjoyable programme of music and song.

Brigadier-General Hill former commander of military district No. 7, was the main speaker at the banquet. In his remarks, the speaker referred to the growth of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements throughout the world, paying special tribute to the founders. General Hill stressed the importance of such training in the lives of young people, asserting that the system of training was of great benefit in the character-building of youth. He urged all present to observe the high ethical codes of the two organizations, assuring them if they did so they would be truly useful citizens.

Prominent Guests
District Scout Commissioner G. Alvah Good was chairman. Among others seated at the main table were His Grace, Rt. Rev. J. A. Richardson, Archbishop of Fredericton; Rev. C. Milligan, Rev. Dean Moorhead, Rev. A. MacDonald, Countess Ashburnham and Miss M. MacLaren.

Following General Hill's address, the Scouts and Guides repaired to St. Dunstan's Hall, where the latter group presented an entertainment programme.

Doris MacNaughton, member of the 1st Fredericton Girl Guide group, rendered a pleasing vocal solo, after which members of 2nd Company gave an interpretation of a Folk Dance. This was followed by a song and dance number given by Irene Kennedy, accompanied by Joyce Mavor on the piano. Joyce Levine delighted the audience with a violin solo. Marilyn Levine was the accompanist.

During the evening, Commissioner Good presented prizes to the winners of the Patrol Leaders' Hike Competition.

One of the highlights of the evening was a drill under the supervision of Ralph Albrant. All members of the Guides companies took part.

Prior to the close of the evening, all present signed a birthday message which is to be sent to Lord Baden-Powell and Lady Baden-Powell.

FORMER FRIENDS
MOURN PASSING OF
REV. H. F. WHALLEY

Deceased Was Formerly
Dean of Christchurch
Cathedral

Older members of the congregation of Christchurch Cathedral and also of St. Mary's Church at Devon, will regret to learn of the death of Rev. H. F. E. Whalley, former rector at Devon and later dean at the cathedral, which occurred in South Wotton Norfolk, England. The late Mr. Whalley came to Canada in 1893 and was appointed to the rectorship of St. Mary's, now Devon, and also of Douglas. After serving one year in that diocese, he was appointed Dean of the cathedral by His Excellency, Bishop Kingston, in succession to Very Rev. Finlow Alexander, D.D., who removed from this city to Montreal. Mr. Whalley remained here for several years.

Going to England for a time, he returned to this province, and was appointed rector of the Anglican church at Hampton. A few years later he returned to England and has resided there since that time.

Rev. Mr. Whalley was one of the outstanding Anglican churchmen in the Maritimes. An eloquent speaker he was well known in all sections of the lower provinces and enjoyed the esteem and friendship of a wide circle of friends.

CITY VISITED BY
FIRST SNOWFALL
PRESENT SEASON

Six Inches of Snow Fell
During Night--Mild
Temperatures

Boon to Industry

Lumber Operators Able
To Complete Hauling
Operations

The Storm King laid seige to this district during the night, covering a widespread area under a blanket of snow 6 inches in depth. This was the first major assault launched by King Winter this season, and the arrival of added inches of snow came as a boon to lumber operations and other industries in the province which were hampered by the lack of snow.

Although temperatures remained mild, there is every indication that the snow will remain on the ground for a sufficient time to permit lumber operators to complete their hauling activities. The lack of snow threatened to disrupt lumber operations; this would have meant the loss of many thousands of dollars to lumbermen who would be unable to haul their timber to the streams and mills.

The added six inches of snow will also greatly assist in making the coming maple sugar season a profitable one. Producers in this district expressed anxiety that the lack of snow would detrimentally effect production of maple products. However, there is now every indication that the season will have been one of the most successful seasons experienced in several years.

Although the snowfall was a heavy one, it did not interfere with traffic in the city or on the highways in this district. Crews were busy ploughing the streets here this morning, while government ploughs also were clearing main highways so that motor traffic would not be hampered.

Mercury remained well above the zero mark for the past several days. During the night temperature never dropped within ten degrees of the zero line and during the morning there was a slight moderation. However, there was a change in the afternoon and it is likely there will be a steady "falling-off" in temperature until nightfall.

Hon. Dr. R. B. Hanson
Is Much Improved

Many friends of Hon. Dr. R. B. Hanson, K.C., P.C., will be pleased to learn that the latest word received from his bedside, is to the effect that his condition is very much improved.

His daughter, Miss Hope Hanson, and his brother-in-law, Ralph Neill, are en route to Florida and expect to join Dr. and Mrs. Hanson within the next couple of days.

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Expect Flow of Sap to
Commence on First of
Next Month

Important Industry

Producers Awakening
to Potentialities of
Sugar Production

While the maple sugar season usually commences about March 15, local producers believe that, owing to the unusual weather during the present winter, the run of sap may begin about the first of next month. It was stated that if conditions continue the "run" this year should be an exceptionally good one. This section of New Brunswick produces large quantities of some of the best maple sugar in Canada. It only requires extra work on the part of the producers to secure an unlimited market for their products. In the past they have been prone to let things "drift," but it is understood they are realizing the potentialities of the industry.

The production of maple products is Canada's most distinctively, national industry. Dating back to the days when the Indians were the sole inhabitants of this continent, the actual origin of the process of extracting the syrup from the maple trees has been lost in antiquity. The early settlers of New France wrote of it to their friends in Old France. It is now shipped to all parts of the world, chiefly from Quebec.

While there has been no basic change in the methods used, the tools have been improved. Spigots and hooks have been combined and there are actually pipe-lines to the vats in some areas now.

Say runs in the largest quantities where the maple stands are in low, swampy ground, but the best syrup and sap are obtained from the stands on high, rocky ground, such as in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, which is regarded as the centre of the industry. Indeed, the bulk of the Canadian output of maple syrup and sugar comes from Quebec. It also commands the highest price.

The total production of maple sugar in 1935 was over 61.2 million pounds and of syrup 21.4 million gallons, the sugar being worth about three quarters of a million dollars and the syrup 2.3-4 millions.

WILL REPRESENT
N. B. MOUNTIES
AT CORONATION

Corporal Lyons and Constable Thacker to Attend Ceremony

Two members of the Fredericton sub-division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Corporal Emmett Lyons, Perth, N.B., and Constable L. G. Thacker, Saint John, have been selected to represent "J" Division, New Brunswick, at the coronation of King George VI in London on May 12. This was announced by Major W. V. Bruce, superintendent of "J" Division.

Selection of the military and naval representation for New Brunswick is not expected to be completed before the second week of March. Brigadier L. F. Page, D.S.O., O.C., M.D. No. 7, is at present considering recommendations turned in to him from the various units in the district and will file his selections at Ottawa before March 3. The final choice will be made at Dominion headquarters, he stated.

Lieut.-Commander Paul B. Cross, officer commanding the Saint John Division, R.C.N.V.R., filed his recommendations with the selection authorities at Ottawa two weeks ago.

In addition to the two R.C.M.P. officers, New Brunswick will be represented at the coronation by one mem-

MONTREAL FIRE
OFFICIAL REFERS
TO HIDDEN DANGER

Gasoline Seepage, Menace to Life and Property

Chief's Annual Report

Unlikely That Situation
Constitutes Immediate
Danger Here

The hidden danger of gasoline seepage as a hazard to life and property was pointed out yesterday by an official of the Montreal Fire Department, who was passing through the city en route to Newcastle where he entrained for the Quebec metropolis last night. Commenting on the matter, the official referred to the annual report of James McIsaac, chief of the Montreal department.

In his report the chief says that the City of Montreal stands on a sodden mass of gasoline-soaked earth, with pools of highly-volatile liquid filling pockets in the bed-rock, so that a spark would set a conflagration which would destroy half the city.

The visiting official pointed out that the chief is calling attention to a growing menace in the larger cities and to a lesser danger in smaller places.

There must always be a beginning and doubtless the menace varies in different cities in accordance with the retentiveness of the soil that absorbs the gasoline seepage.

The majority of reservoirs in use by gasoline stations, says the McIsaac report, are 10 to 15 years old and as the corrosion increases so does the leakage. Even small leaks, in time, account for the loss of much gasoline. Tests show that the fuel creeps as much as a thousand feet through the earth after it has escaped from the tanks. In one case it was found that 60 gallons a month escaped from the tanks of a service station, following the bed-rock until it was beneath cellars and around foundations.

The department is studying new schemes to lessen this danger, the visitor said. In the last few years the industry has grown tremendously and it is safe to predict that even greater developments are ahead all across the country.

This condition as described in Chief McIsaac's report, must also exist in Fredericton as well as in other places. There are numerous gasoline stations here and it is reasonable to assume there is considerable seepage. It is unlikely that the condition constitutes an immediate menace in this locality. However, the report of the Montreal fire chief contains much food for thought and is worthy of consideration of fire officials.

ber of the Naval Reserve and three officers and seven other ranks from Military District No. 7.

In making the announcement Major Bruce stated that the two officers selected will leave New Brunswick today for Regina, where they will join 44 representatives of the other divisions in the Dominion. The appointments were provisional, he said. The entire R.C.M.P. coronation detachment, including two officers, will take an intensive course of training at Regina before proceeding to London.

Provision has been made for transportation to England of a special selection of R.C.M.P. mounts. The number of smartly schooled horses, sufficient for a 16 file ride, is taken as an indication that if opportunity is provided a demonstration of the 'musical ride' that annually captivates New York may be part of the programme in England.

Horses and men will not travel together. The mounts, accompanied by six troopers, are scheduled to leave Montreal five days ahead of the scarlet-coated party and will travel direct to London in the Canadian Pacific fast freighter Beaverhill, and specially padded stalls will be provided for their passage.

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