

News Briefs

NO PAPER TOMORROW
Tomorrow being Christmas Day and a public holiday this paper will not be published.

BACCHUS BLOCKS BOULEVARD
Glowing from too many confetti-ments with Comus and his Vinic father Bacchus, a group of men held up traffic for about ten minutes on Queen Street yesterday afternoon at about four o'clock. The five were in a car, but three wanted to argue and decided the street would be the better place than the car. In stopping the vehicles it skidded and ended up diagonally, blocking the street. In a couple of minutes about 15 cars were held up. The fifteen horns, impatiently blowing, finally made the men realize that "they were not alone." The argument came to an end, they moved the car out of the way, and all went well again.

LIQUOR STORES TO BE OPEN
Employees of the retail stores of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board will not be given a holiday on Monday, as will the rest of the provincial employees, it was stated by Premier A. A. Dwyer last night.

TO HEAR HIS MAJESTY
A novel feature of the morning service in Christchurch Cathedral tomorrow morning will be a pick-up of the King's Christmas message. Radios will be placed in the church so that the congregation can listen to His Majesty as he greets his subjects in every part of the Empire.

STILL IN HOSPITAL
Audrey Woodworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Woodworth of this city, is still a patient of Victoria Public Hospital, where she underwent an appendix operation some time ago. Her condition has not been as favorable as was expected.

DEATH STRIKES TWICE
Death struck twice within three weeks in the home of Michael Polchies, Oromocto Indian, when his 4-year-old daughter passed away this morning. Less than three weeks ago another one of his children, aged 3 years, succumbed to illness.

CHIMNEY FIRE
The Fire Dept. answered a call to Box 23 at about 8.15 last evening. The call was occasioned by a chimney fire in a house on Allen street occupied by George Brown. No damage was done, the fire being quickly extinguished.

TWO CARS DERAILED
Despite yesterday's derailment of two cars of the C.N.R. Newcastle freight bound for South Devon, at Clearwater, a few miles above McGivney Junction, the Newcastle Express, out of South Devon last evening made connections with the Montreal Express. The pile-up was not serious, no one being injured, nor any great damage being done. Efforts were rushed after the derailment to clear the track immediately.

GREAT POULTRY DEMAND IN LAST PRE-XMAS MARKET

Farmers Predict Sell-out By Mid-Afternoon

The greatest demand for turkey, chickens and other poultry and foods for the Christmas season threatened to make the large market which assembled in the market quarters of the City Hall this morning a sell-out before 5 o'clock this afternoon. The demand jumped the prices a little towards the middle of this afternoon, but not to an extent that would cause a hardship. Turkey, which could be bought from most stalls for 35 cents yesterday, could not be gotten for less than 40 cents today. Chickens were also up five cents per pound, while fowl jumped from three to five cents per pound. Chickens were the close followers of turkey for sales volume. Great quantities of the larger birds were disposed of but demand for chickens was nearly as great. One producer stated to The Daily Mail this morning that he had brought over 100 birds—turkeys, chickens and geese to the market this morning and disposed of nearly his complete stock. At 2 o'clock this afternoon there were no more than 15 or 20 turkeys remaining for sale. There were a few more chickens, but it was stated that more chickens than turkeys were brought to market today. Butter and eggs were the only other items on the market in any quantity, the former remaining at the same scale as yesterday, 35 cents, while eggs were up to 38 cents per dozen.

"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE XMAS," BUSINESS IS GOOD

Spirit of Yuletide Dominates As Occasion Draws Near

'Twas the Night before Christmas, And all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, Not even a mouse...

Not on this tenor but certainly in this same old, old-fashioned spirit, Fredericton, especially the kiddies, awaits the threshold of Christmas. In the local share of the business world, the spirit is present but conditions are not exactly in keeping with the immortal Christmas poem of Tennyson—the "not a creature was stirring" part, that is.

The streets and business houses of Fredericton today were thronged with busy last-minute Christmas shoppers, darting hither and thither in the mad rush which always precedes Christmas by one day. Late into the evening the rush will continue until the stroke of 12 heralds the advent of Christmas Day.

Leaving the business houses and entering the homes, however, the sharp contrast will bear out the truth of the poem, as the silence of sleeping houses awaits the coming of Santa Claus.

The kiddies have been busy for weeks preparing, revising and adding to their Christmas lists—the things they want from Santa. The stores have been as busy, taking orders to supply Santa with the needed toys to be sure that the children will not be disappointed.

One angle that is never considered is the part of the bus, tired clerks take in helping Santa in his momentous labors. They are Santa's helpers—very necessary helpers, for without them his lists would fall far short.

All stores mark a sharp increase in the sales this year over those of the past few years, indicating that the Christmas spirit is more pronounced this season than in the years when sales were lighter. These stores must be thanked for the effort they have put forth in presenting attractive windows, and thus making the choice of Christmas gifts much easier.

Citizens to Decide On Daylight Saving In Plebiscite Jan. 10

On Motion Of Deputy-Mayor Forbes, Council Unanimously Decides to Hold Vote; Police Commission, Hospital Addition Not Mentioned

A plebiscite will be held in this city on January 10 on the question of whether or not daylight saving time be put into effect next summer, it was unanimously decided by the Fredericton City Council, meeting in special session at the City Hall yesterday afternoon.

The motion in favor of the plebiscite, which will be held on the same day that aldermanic and majority elections will be held, was made by Deputy-Mayor Ray T. Forbes, and seconded by Ald. F. S. Mundle.

The motion calls for the setting by the Council of the dates between which the change of time may be in effect. The question on the ballots will be on the following form: "Are you in favor of the adoption of Daylight Saving Time." Answer will be "Yes" or "No."

Voices Criticism
This plebiscite is not really the voice of the people, said Ald. Murray E. Hagerman, calling the attention of the Council to the fact that less than 1,500 names are on the city voting list. He suggested the use of the provincial voting list in the plebiscite to lessen this inequitable situation, but added that this plan is unfortunately not feasible.

On motion of Ald. Hagerman, seconded by Ald. R. A. McMillan, it was decided to call for tenders for 3,500 cubic yards of gravel for use of the Roads and Streets Committee in public works projects next summer.

The question of a plebiscite on the abolishment of the Police Commission, much mooted in certain sections of the press, was not raised at the meeting, since it is beyond the present powers of the Council to consider a plebiscite on a matter not entirely under its jurisdiction. The matter of a plebiscite on the question of the proposed gift of \$100,000 and guarantee of a further bond issue of \$150,000 for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Victoria Public Hospital was also not mentioned.

Prof. C. W. Argue To Teach at U. B. C. Summer School In '38

C. W. Argue, B.A., B.S.A., professor of biology at the University of New Brunswick, has been appointed as lecturer in biology at his alma mater, the University of British Columbia, during the summer school of 1938, it has been learned here.

Prof. Argue, who has held the chair in biology at U.N.B. for the past eight years, will only teach on the west coast in the summer, returning to his duties here next September. He graduated from U. B. C. in 1925 with the degree of bachelor of arts, and in 1927 with his (Continued on Page Five)



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