

## News Briefs

### PETITION CITY

The resident of Jubilee Street at English Settlement, this city, have petitioned the city council for lighting facilities in that part of the city.

### MEETING POSTPONED

The Board of Health did not hold their regular monthly meeting last evening, as there was not sufficient members of the board present to constitute a quorum. The meeting will be held next month.

### LEFT FOR MONTREAL

Mrs. Thomas Cumming and her daughter Miss Kathleen Cumming left this afternoon for Montreal where Miss Cumming is to become the bride of Lloyd Ingraham of Presque Isle, Maine, on March 2nd.

### PIED PIPER

Reserve April 16th for the Pied Piper is coming.

### TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney-General for the province of New Brunswick, and George M. Byron, King's Printer, left this morning for St. Stephen, where they will attend the funeral of the late Marks Mills.

### INSURANCE ADJUSTERS HERE

C. R. Plant and D. A. Grant of Moncton, and M. J. C. Stewart of Saint John, insurance adjusters of Kilgour Hamilton Co., are in the city today in connection with recent fires in this locality.

### RETURNS TO OFFICE

His Worship Mayor A. J. McEvoy, Devon, is at his office today after being confined to his home for three weeks suffering from the flu. Mrs. McEvoy is also suffering from an attack of the same illness.

### TO PENITENTIARY

William Guitere was taken to the Maritime Penitentiary at Dorchester today, by Sheriff C. N. Goodspeed. He was recently sentenced to a two year term.

### ON BUSINESS TRIP

T. "Shorty" Trites, Moncton, was in the city yesterday in connection with C.N.R. business. Mr. Trites was formerly one of the outstanding ball players in the Maritimes and is well known to many older sport fans.

### FALSE ALARM

A child, trying to mail a letter in a fire alarm box, caused the fire alarm to be rung in this morning. On the approach of the fire department, the little girl began to cry and ran away.

### CONDITION IMPROVED

The many friends of Mrs. Frank Shortill, who sustained a broken arm several weeks ago, will be pleased to learn that her condition is greatly improved.

### MOCK TRIAL

U.N.B. students will hold a Mock Trial in Fraser Memorial Hall on Saturday of next week. Those in charge of the programme include Byron Fisher, Horace Block, John Henderson and Fred Fowler.

### NO DEVELOPMENTS

No new developments have been reported by the police who are conducting an investigation into the breaks which occurred here last Friday night. Three local business houses were entered and goods totaling about \$1,000 in value were stolen.

### PROGRESSING FAVORABLY

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. J. G. Robichaud who suffered a double fracture of her left leg on Wednesday evening, is doing nicely at Victoria Public Hospital. She expects to leave for her home on Northumberland street within the course of a few days. Mrs. Robichaud, however, will be confined to her home for some weeks.

### WELL KNOWN HERE

Rene Chalouit, prominent Union-Nationale member of the Quebec legislature, who was yesterday forcibly ejected from the caucus of his party in the legislature, is well known here where he visited during his college days. Mr. Chalouit, who seems to be able to 'hold his own' in an argument, refers to Premier Duplessis as 'a worse tyrant than former Premier Taschereau.'

### 'FLU PREVALENT

Contrary to recent reports from the Board of Health that only one case of flu has been reported in the city, there are indications that the illness is reaching epidemic proportions here. Although all cases are not reported to health authorities, there are many citizens confined to their homes suffering from the ailment. So far as could be learned the type of the disease which is prevalent here is not serious.

### FOOD SALE

Plan to attend the Food Sale at Colwell & Jennings tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

## SEVERAL FTON ESTATES PAID IN SUCCESSION FEES

Kinghorn, Chestnut, Richard and O'Dell Estates Pay Duties

Kinghorn \$24,000

Several Large Estates Paid Duties During Past Year

The Provincial Government during 1936 collected \$618,985.28 in succession duties from the estates of persons who died during the past year. Of these amounts several people well known in this city passed away and left estates which contributed largely to the succession duties. Many people will be surprised to know that the government received \$23,940.27 from the estate of the late Byron H. Kinghorn. The estate of the late Bishop LeBlanc only paid \$53.20 on account. The late Margaret Grievest estate gave the government \$2,831. The estate of the late A. P. Barnhill was good for \$24,785. The W. T. Chestnut estate in this city paid \$3,580. Topping the list was the estate of Malcolm W. MacKay well known Saint John lumberman and ship owner and his estate paid \$396,199 in succession duties into the provincial government. Camille H. Belliveau passed \$2,150 over to the government. Mr. Belliveau was well known here as a follower of the local horse races. Ella W. O'Dell of Halifax who died last fall and who was the owner of the O'Dell estate (Rookwood) in this city paid succession duties to the extent of \$8,688. Thomas A. Peters, former Deputy Minister of Agriculture, left an estate which paid \$288.52. The estate of J. Howard Richards who died last year paid succession duties to the extent of \$2,638. Frederick E. Rose of St. Stephen left an estate the taxes on which were \$12,733.

There are several conditions which enter into the matter of taxing an estate. If a man leaves an estate to his family who reside within the province the tax would not be so large as if they all resided outside the province. If a man is a bachelor without dependents his estate pays a much higher tax than if he had dependents. If a portion of the estate is left to charity within the province this portion is exempt and so on.

## DEATH OF FORMER LEGISLATOR MOURNED HERE

W. E. Scully Passes in Saint John City Yesterday

Friends in the city and at the Legislature were grieved today to learn of the death of W. E. Scully, Saint John, who passed away there yesterday afternoon. Mr. Scully was a member of the Legislature, having been elected in 1920 on a ticket which included Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, the present minister of health and labor, Hon. W. E. Foster and R. T. Hayes. Previous to his coming to the Legislature, Mr. Scully had occupied a seat on the city council board of Saint John and filled many positions of trust. He was an active member of the provincial legislative body and held places on many important committees in the House.

Mr. Scully was born in Saint John on January 22, 1863. In his younger days he was a telegraph operator. His wife passed away a few months ago. Surviving are two sons, E. P. Scully of Saint John, and Dr. Frank J. Scully of Montreal. Three daughters are also left to mourn. They are Mrs. E. P. O'Toole, Montreal; Mrs. J. T. Driscoll, Saint John, and Miss Helena Scully, also of Saint John.

## Propose to Mechanize Fire Equipment

A proposal to mechanize the entire fire-fighting equipment of the Fredericton Fire Department was informally discussed at a meeting of the fire committee of the city council held this morning. There was no action taken in the matter, but it is understood the proposal is being seriously considered by the committee. Although not officially stated, it is believed that the matter will be again taken up at a later meeting.

The mechanization of the department will result in decreased fire insurance rates in the city. The purchase of added equipment will do away with the horses, thus effecting a saving in the cost of feeds, etc.

Those present at the meeting were Ald. Ivan McKnight, chairman, and Aldermen T. Earl Doone, Delmas Olts and Murray Hagerman.

## VALLEY MOTOR COMPANY LIMITED SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE WHICH SWEEPED THE PREMISES LAST EVENING

Four Automobiles Destroyed in Blaze Which Guttled Second Story of Westmorland Street Car Establishment

Loss Nearly \$25,000

False Alarms Hamper Work of Fire-Fighting Brigade --- Police Conducting Close Investigation Into Incident

**R**AKED by a disastrous fire which swept through the upper section of the three-story wooden structure and defied the efforts of fire-fighters for nearly nine hours, the Valley Motor Company, Limited, Westmorland Street, suffered a loss believed to exceed \$20,000. The blaze, which broke out at 7.30 o'clock last evening, destroyed four automobiles and considerable automobile repairing equipment in the second storey of the building.

About thirty cars stored in the fire-ridden portion of the premises were removed to safety, although several of them, including three 1938 Essex Terraplanes were damaged by smoke and water. The upholstering of one of the latter was ruined, while the exterior "finish" of the car was also badly damaged. The blaze was not finally extinguished until after three o'clock this morning.

### Defective Switch

Believed to have caused by a defective switch in an automatic air compressor in the second storey, the fire was one of the most disastrous blazes to occur here in the past several months. The rear second storey section was badly gutted, but the business offices and service department situated on the main floor escaped serious damage. The Salvage Corp salvaged the greater part of the stock and supplies before they were damaged.

J. Baldwin, manager of the company, stated this morning that an exact estimate of the loss could not be definitely ascertained today. Messrs. Grant and Stewart, insurance adjusters from Saint John, were present today making an estimate of the damages.

A few minutes prior to the outbreak of the fire, the fire department answered two calls, which proved to be false alarms. The department was on these calls when the alarm sounded. This resulted in a slight delay in getting into operation, but shortly after their arrival the fire-fighters got the flames in check and prevented the blaze from spreading to adjoining buildings.

### Remove Cars

Immediately after the fire was discovered, employees of the company, as well as members of the fire-fighting squad succeeded in removing about 25 cars from the danger zone. The cars destroyed included one late model Essex Terraplane, while two other cars of a similar make but of an earlier model were also burned. The fourth car was a 1928 Essex coach which was being repaired. All four cars were owned by the company. Many of the cars rescued belonged to private individuals who had their cars in winter storage. Several were damaged by smoke and water.

The department accomplished efficient work in controlling the blaze. The fire was a stubborn one and it was several hours before the last spark was extinguished. It is understood that the company will commence repairing operations immediately.

## Bryce M. Love, Mgr. Canadian Bank of Commerce, Middleton

Bryce M. Love, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce of this city, has received word of his promotion to the managership of the bank at Middleton, N. S. Mr. Love, who has been connected with the bank in this city for the past six years after entering the service of the bank in his native city of Quebec, was on the staff of various branches of the bank in points in the province of Quebec and in the city of Montreal. He was later transferred to Campbellton before talking up similar duties in the city.

Mr. Love is the son of the late Rev. Dr. A. T. Love, who for 50 years was Presbyterian Minister in the province of Quebec. He is a member of the Fredericton Hockey Club, of the Board of Trustees of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and is treasurer of the Men's Club of St. Andrew's Church. He is also secretary-treasurer of the V.O.N. Association, and a member of the Golf, Curling and Bandminton Clubs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Love are prominent in the various social affairs of the city. Mrs. Love being a former member of the Anagwakade Chapter of the I.O.D.E.

Mr. and Mrs. Love have three children, Richey, Stewart and Nancy. Mr. Love expects to leave in two weeks time to take up his new duties at Middleton. Mrs. Love and family will follow later. The many friends in the city of Mr. and Mrs. Love will regret their departure from their midst but will be pleased to hear of Mr. Love's well deserved promotion.

## C. P. OFFICIALS MEET BOARD OF TRADE COMM.

Summer Schedule Out Of Fredericton is Discussed

The train arrangements for the coming summer between this city and outside points will include a new train service between North Devon and Newburg, running on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, so as to make connections with trains going north of Newburg points, toward Grand Falls and Edmundston, Chairman R. L. Phillips of the Transportation Committee of the Board of Trade suggested that the C.P.R. accommodate the travelling public by putting a first class coach on this run. He hoped that in time, the old arrangement of passengers being able to dine at Newburg Jct. would be revived. Mr. McNabb promised that the matter would be favorably considered.

The very great need of a train service between here and Fredericton Junction, connecting with the Boston and Montreal trains, was stressed by J. D. Palmer. This service has been suspended for the last four years.

Mr. Phillips expressed satisfaction at the co-operation which the C.P.R. was giving to the Board of Trade, referring particularly to the reduced C.P.R. express rates which went far toward helping business conditions locally.

It was understood that the service between Woodstock and Chipman would be later taken up with the C.P.R. before next winter's time schedule was prepared.

The party of C.P.R. officials included T. C. McNabb, district superintendent, Divisional Superintendent W. C. Guthrie, District Passenger Agent H. C. James, and George Dupuis, of the Operation Department. President E. C. Atkinson was in the chair.

## ALBERT COUNTY MEMBER RETURNS FROM CALGARY

F. M. Colpitts, M.L.A. for Albert County, who is attending the legislative session here, has recently returned from Calgary, Alta., where he has been on a business trip.

Mr. Colpitts, in addition to his extensive business interests in Albert County, is also interested in a large commercial enterprise in Calgary. He, with his brother, has established a dairy and milk route in the western city. In connection with this business, the concern has several hundred milch cows and supplies a large number of customers from the dairy on 17th Avenue of that city.

Mr. Colpitts, who operates one of the largest fox ranches in Albert County, has also, in conjunction with his brother, started a fox ranch on the prairies adjoining Calgary.

Speaking of conditions in Calgary and Alberta, Mr. Colpitts says they are decidedly improved. He was very enthusiastic about the western city which he has visited several times during the past few years. On each visit to Calgary he notes improvement and steady growth, he said.

## ALLEGED "JOKER" OBJECT OF SEARCH BY CITY POLICE

False Alarm Calls Hamper Work of Firemen

Citizens Indignant

Police Unearth Clues Which May Lead to Solution of Case

City police are leaving "no stone unturned" to apprehend the person or persons responsible for the false alarms which were rung in early last evening. This alleged "prank" greatly hampered the work of the department, particularly at a time when what may have been a disastrous conflagration, was in progress. Shortly before the outbreak of the fire which caused considerable damage to the Valley Motors Company, Limited, premises on Westmorland Street, the department answered a call from the fire box at the corner of Regent and George Streets. Arriving there the fire-fighters found it was a false alarm. At that time a second alarm was rung in from the box at the corner of Westmorland and Victoria Streets. This also proved to be a false call.

In the meantime fire broke out in the Valley Motors Company establishment, and it was several minutes before the department was able to respond to the call.

Police and fire department officials believed that the "fake" calls were the work of one person. They have evidence which leads them to believe that the man was using an automobile and, after ringing in the first false alarm immediately proceeded to the corner of Victoria and Westmorland Streets where he sounded the second call.

### Have Clues?

Although no official statement was made this morning, it was intimated that the investigators have unearthed several important clues which might lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty person.

The seriousness of such an irresponsible action was stressed this morning by Fire Chief Karl Walker, who stated that drastic consequences could easily develop as result of the action. Last night's incident was a striking example of how the prank of an alleged "practical joker" might easily seriously hamper the efficient operation of any fire department.

Citizens are indignant regarding the whole matter, and every effort will be made to bring the responsible person to justice. The offence is a serious one and the offender is liable to heavy sentence of imprisonment.

## Fredericton Curlers Leave For Toronto

The local curlers, representing the Province of New Brunswick in the Dominion Bouspiel, leave tonight for Toronto, where they will commence play on Monday morning.

The local rink, who recently won the Ganong Trophy, emblematic of the singles curling championship of New Brunswick, is composed of A. H. Porter, H. B. Colwell, F. P. Hatt and skip C. R. Barry.

The local rink will be met at Montreal by the Truro team representing the Province of Nova Scotia, and the Charlottetown team, representing P. E. I.

The curling squads will be guests at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, on Saturday night, when the Montreal Maroons meet the Toronto Leafs.

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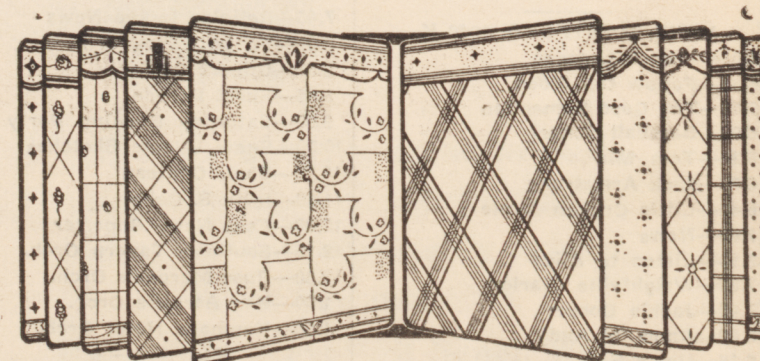
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