

News Briefs

To the Members

Your attention is directed to an article on Page Two of to-day's issue.

AT THE QUEEN

J. E. J. Patterson, M.P., of Florenceville, and E. R. Jones, Woodstock are registered at the Queen today.

TO SAINT JOHN ON BUSINESS

P. S. Watson, Devon merchant, is in Saint John on a business trip. He will return home on Friday night.

TO PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

W. A. Stevens, of this city, is on a business trip to Prince Edward Island. Mr. Stevens will return home toward the latter part of the week.

IN THE CITY YESTERDAY

Brigadier L. F. Page, officer in command of Military District No. 7, was in the city last night on business connected with his department.

BOARD OF TRADE

The detailed accounts of the various committees of the Board of Trade are at present being tabulated. The executive meets at the first of next week.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

A. J. Bordage, M.P.P., for Kent, who has been confined to his room at the Waverley Hotel for several days with an attack of the flu, shows some improvement today.

RESTING COMFORTABLY

Miss Irene Henry, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Victoria Public Hospital on Sunday afternoon, was reported today as resting comfortably.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Mrs. H. L. Coulthard, who has been confined to her home through illness for the past several months, will be pleased to learn that her condition is greatly improved.

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

Merrit Carr of Geary, who suffered a crushed foot, while employed at a lumber camp near South Branch Lake, was admitted to the Victoria Public Hospital last evening. He is resting comfortably today.

OPERATED ON

Rev. Reginald Barker, pastor of the United Church, Prince William, underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday morning at the Victoria Public Hospital. Rev. Mr. Barker is resting comfortably today.

TO UNDERGO OPERATION

Major J. S. Scott received word this morning from Montreal that his daughter, Miss Magdalene Scott, must undergo a throat operation at the Montreal General Hospital. Miss Scott entered the hospital several days ago for medical observation.

\$5,000 DAMAGE

The estimated damage to date, in the fire which gutted a portion of the Valley Motors garage, and damaged several cars, is placed in the vicinity of \$5,000 by the fire adjusters, who have been here making estimates, during the past few days.

DR. W. F. ROBERTS HERE

Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health and Labor, who has been confined to his home in Saint John for the past few weeks suffering from a severe attack of the flu, arrived at the Capital last evening and was present at the House sitting today. Dr. Roberts was warmly welcomed by his political associates as well as a host of other friends in the city.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY

The funeral of Frederick J. Kelloway was held yesterday from his late home at Lincoln, with services at the Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Ricker and Rev. Mr. Sustan. Prof. Harrison Wade was organist, while Mrs. Vera McKeen sang several solos. The pall bearers were Oliver Scott, Bert Clark, Thomas Stewart and Walter Guthrie.

IN THE POLICE COURT

Harry McLaughlin of this city, appeared before magistrate Walter Limerick in the police court this morning, charged with assaulting a police officer. He was convicted of the charge, and was sentenced to four months in the York County Jail. P. J. Hughes, K.C., conducted the prosecution. Fred Atherton was convicted yesterday afternoon on a charge of having liquor in an unauthorized place, and was sentenced by the magistrate to serve two months in the county jail, in default of payment of a \$100 fine.

Hon. C. T. Richard Gives Budget Address

DEFICIT FOR YEAR  
ENDING OCT. 31  
TOTALS \$424,969

Flood Conditions Make  
Added Expenditures  
Necessary

No New Taxation

Secretary-Treasurer is Confident Increased Revenue in 1937

The provincial deficit for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1936, was \$424,969, Hon. C. T. Richard, provincial secretary-treasurer, announced in his budget address before the Provincial Legislature here this afternoon. The deficit was \$41,473 greater than was forecast by Mr. Richard last year. However, as was explained in the lengthy address given by the government financial official, the increase was due chiefly to the expenditures necessitated as result of the unprecedented flood conditions which prevailed in various sections of the province last spring.

The flood conditions necessitated the reconstruction of numerous bridges wiped away by the flood waters and the bridge department was forced to over-expend and exceed its estimates. In consequence the sum of \$69,000 was spent for reconstruction of bridges. Deducting this amount from the deficit shown last year of \$424,969, would show actual deficit of approximately \$356,000.

In his address, Hon. Mr. Richard pointed out that three items alone, Old Age Pensions, School books and aid to new settlers resulted in an expenditure of more than \$300,000. Notwithstanding this fact the deficit of \$703,000 in 1935 was substantially reduced.

Will Not Be Balanced

At the conclusion of his remarks dealing with the financial position of the province, Hon. Mr. Richard said that the budget will not be balanced this year. He pointed out that although a "balanced budget" was his objective, it was highly improbable (Continued on Page Five)

ROUTINE ITEMS  
AT COMMITTEE OF  
WHOLE SESSION

Monthly Bills Read  
and Correspondence  
Received

Routine business discussed at the meeting of the committee of the whole council held last evening in Mayor Kitchen's office included the passing of monthly accounts and the reading of correspondence. A petition was received from residents of Aberdeen street requesting the city to construct a cement sidewalk on the left side of the street mentioned between Regent and St. John streets. The matter was referred to the Streets Committee.

A request of the Salvation Army to hold a Tag Day next May was left on the table to be taken up at a later date. A petition from citizens requesting lights on Jubilee Road was referred to the Streets Committee.

A letter was received from Dr. Cameron recommending sanatorium treatment for a local patient. This was referred to the Municipal Home Committee.

The City Board of Health made a request for its annual \$3,000 grant.

A communication was received from the Fire Chiefs' Association announcing that the annual convention of that group will be held in Charlottetown, P.E.I. next July. The letter was referred to the fire committee.

BED AFIRE

The fire department was called out last evening to the residence of Mrs. H. Upton, George St., where a bed was on fire. The flames from a fire place caused the blaze, which spread rapidly, burning the walls and ceiling of the room. Much damage also resulted from smoke and water.

ADDRESS ROTARIANS

At the regular weekly Rotary luncheon, held today at noon, H. Lester Smith was guest speaker. His subject was "Succession Duties," and was well received by the large number of Rotarians present.

CIVIC DEPARTMENTS WILL ENFORCE  
RIGID ECONOMY DURING YEAR, WAS  
ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AT SESSION

Estimates Totalling \$277,000 Tabled at Meeting  
of Committee of Whole Council --- No  
Increase Over Last Year

Outlook Encouraging, Says Mayor

Financial Statement Reveals Surplus of \$891.98---  
Appropriations for Schools Are  
Increased by \$2,615.00

RIGID economy will be enforced by all civic departments this year, it was announced last evening by His Worship Mayor Willard Kitchen at a meeting of the committee of the whole council at which time annual appropriations totalling \$277,000 were tabled. This, together with the presentation of the financial statement for the past fiscal year, featured the committee session.

The financial report revealed a net surplus of \$891.98, and was rated by Mayor Kitchen as one of the best reports in the history of local civic administration. The estimates for the coming year remained the same as last year's appropriation which also totalled \$277,000. Estimates for several departments were slightly increased while others were decreased.

The estimates of \$116,034.21 submitted by the Board of School Trustees as the amount required to carry on school administration was decreased to \$113,000.00. This was an increase of \$2,615 over last year's school appropriations which totalled \$111,615.00

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Following is a comparative table showing the appropriations this year and the budget for the past year:

	(1937)	(1936)
Maintenance and support of schools	\$113,000.00	\$111,615.00
Principal, interest and sinking fund debt	49,585.41	47,211.00
Maintenance of public health	2,800.00	2,800.00
Maintenance of public patients in hospital	6,000.00	6,000.00
Maintenance of Municipal Home and support of poor	25,000.00	25,000.00
Maintenance, street lighting	7,500.00	7,000.00
Maintenance, fire department	15,000.00	14,000.00
Maintenance, road and streets	20,000.00	23,000.00
Public Works	5,000.00	3,000.00
Administration of Justice	15,000.00	15,000.00
City government and contingencies	18,114.59	
TOTAL	\$277,000.00	

Outlook Encouraging

Mayor Kitchen said the outlook for the year was most encouraging, expressing the opinion that a reduction in the civic tax rate was not a remote possibility. He referred to the financial statement, pointing that with the added burden of relief imposed on the city last September by the government which withdrew its support the auditor's report was a favorable one.

There was considerable discussion regarding the estimate submitted by the school board. The original figure of \$116,034.21 was an increase of approximately \$5,000 over the amount allotted for school purposes last year. The increase was necessitated, it was explained by the ever-growing school population. However, the civic governors were unanimously agreed that the same system of rigid economy must be adhered to and the school appropriations were decreased.

Debt Reduced

The financial statement also showed that net funded debt of the city to have been reduced by approximately \$8,000 last year, from \$543,178.55 in 1935 to \$534,760.07 in 1936.

Tax receipts for the year were \$393,996.01, as against expenditures \$376,616.91. Tax arrears for the last five years amounted to \$173,799.13.

The relief situation in the city was shown to have improved greatly with 337 on the city relief rolls at present as compared with 617 at this time last year.

The budget compiled last evening will be approved at the regular monthly meeting of the council which is to be held this evening in the council chambers. Other matters of importance are included on the agenda, and it is expected that a large number of citizens will be in attendance at the session.

Bathurst Juniors  
Sustain Injuries

Ralph Burns and Howard Harper, who played last night here with the Bathurst Papermakers, against the local squad, were admitted to the Victoria Public Hospital last night, for X-ray examinations. Harper sustained a chipped ankle bone, while Burns was severely cut on the ankle bone. Blair Carroll, coach of the Papermakers, said today that the services of Harper would be lost for the season, while Burns may possibly see action in Wednesday's game at the Hub.

RONALD MILLER  
REPRESENTS F.H.S.  
AT CORONATION

Popular Student Was  
Selected to Attend  
This Morning

Girl Guide Selected

Anne Howie, One of N. B. Guides to Attend Ceremony

Ronald Miller, son of George L. Miller, Provincial Forester and Mrs. Miller, was selected this morning to represent the Fredericton High School at the Coronation. The selection was made by election the other candidate being Jack Morrison. The Board of Education is sponsoring the sending of 14 representatives of the public schools to the Coronation, including seven boys and seven girls. In the case of the Fredericton High School the stipulation was made that the representative must be a boy. The students will pay their own expenses to the Coronation but will be given special privileges at the ceremonies which they would not otherwise have. As a means of elimination this morning the boys who presented themselves gave short addresses on the topic "Why I Should Like to Attend the Coronation." Miss Anne Howie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Howie, of this city, who was selected as one of the 20 Girl Guides from Canada, will also go on this Coronation trip. Miss Janice Harrison, daughter of Hon. Mr. Justice W. H. Harrison, Saint John, is another New Brunswick girl who will go with the Girl Guides contingent.

Provincial Egg  
Laying Contest

The 17th week of the 17th New Brunswick Egg Laying Contest, conducted at the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton, was concluded on Feb. 27, with a production of 1,001 eggs and 1,052.5 points. This is an average production of 52.9 per cent.

The Barred Rocks owned by Mrs. O. A. Mitton, Riverside, led in production for the week with 56 eggs and 63.4 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by Frank E. Bustin, Jr., Latimore Lake, were in second position for the week with 50 eggs and 53.3 points.

The Single Comb White Leghorns owned by Arthur Pringle, Stanley, were in third position with 44 eggs and 52.0 points.

The pen of Single Comb White Leghorns, owned by Arthur Pringle, Stanley, is leading to date with 514 eggs and 565.9 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by W. J. White, Moore's Mills, are in second position to date with 496 eggs and 500.5 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by Arthur L. Graham, Hoyt Station, are in third position to date with 502 eggs and 464.2 points.

Single Comb White Leghorn hen No. 7, owned by Arthur Pringle, Stanley, is the leading hen to date with a production of 88 eggs and 100.6 points.

Barred Rock hen No. 8, owned by W. J. White, Moore's Mills, is in second position to date with 83 eggs and 85.9 points.

Barred Rock hen No. 3, owned by Lloyd McKinney, Gagetown, is in third position to date with 80 eggs and 79.4 points.

All persons interested in the poultry industry, who wish information on poultry problems are invited to write to the Superintendent, Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton.

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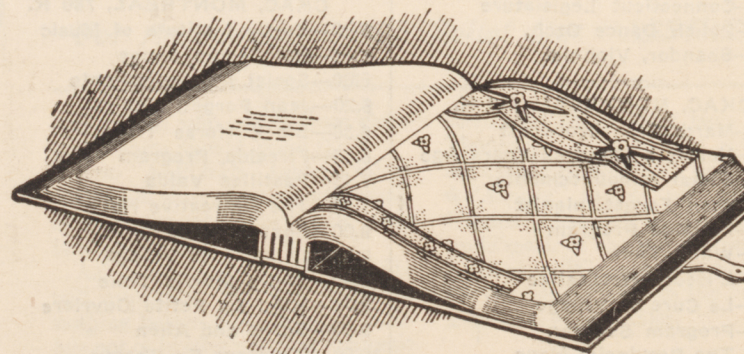
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