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Weather: Partly Cloudy Tomorrow; Friday: Occasional Rains.

F'TON CITY NET FUNDED DEBT LOWEST OF ANY CITY IN CANADA

Work Together the Key Note at Board Of Trade Dinner

Boards Throughout the Province Should Join Hands For Common Good

SOME EXCELLENT SPEECHES

W. M. Ryan, M.P., Pledges One Hundred Per Cent. Support In Valley Route To The Sea

That all members of the different Boards of Trade throughout the province should work together jointly for the good of the province as a whole was the keynote of the different speeches made at the annual dinner of the Fredericton Board of Trade held at the Waverley Hotel last evening.

President E. C. Atkinson presided at last night's dinner which was one of the most successful ever given by the Board. President Atkinson had on his right Hon. Premier Dyrart, while His Worship Mayor MacLaren of Saint John was on his immediate left. Others seated at the president's table included W. G. Clark, M.P. for York-Sunbury; W. M. Ryan, M.P. for Saint John-Albert; His Worship Mayor Kitchen, S. G. Mooney, former president of the Maritime Board of Trade; W. W. Hubbard, past president of the Fredericton Board; and Deputy Mayor Ray T. Forbes.

The speakers included Premier Dyrart, W. G. Clark M.P., W. M. Ryan M.P., Mayor Kitchen, Mayor MacLaren, C. A. Dougherty, Deputy Mayor Forbes, J. T. Jennings, W. W. Hubbard, S. G. Mooney and former president S. S. Miller. The speeches were all of a high order.

During the evening several vocal selections were rendered by the gathering. J. H. Malcom presided at the piano and W. Hedley Wilson acted as musical director.

Hearty appreciation was expressed by President Atkinson at the splendid dinner and service provided by the efficient staff of the Waverley Hotel.

C.P.R. Represented

The Canadian Pacific Railway was represented at the Board of Trade dinner by T. A. McNabb, General Superintendent; Robert McKillop, Superintendent of the Brownville Division, and Knowlton Elliott, divisional freight agent. A tribute was paid to Mr. McNabb whom it was stated was always willing to come to Fredericton and consult with the Board on transportation matters. (Continued on Page Four)



W. G. CLARK, M.P. who made an excellent address at the Board of Trade Dinner last evening

ISLAND PROVINCE WILL CONSENT TO B. N. A. CHANGES

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Nov. 17—Consent of the Prince Edward Island government to a federal request the British North America Act be amended to permit establishment of a national system of unemployment insurance, was announced by Premier Thane Campbell yesterday. The announcement, first to be made by any of the Maritime Provinces, followed a cabinet session.

Fredericton's Good Standing

THAT THE RATIO OF THE NET FUNDED DEBT OF THE CITY OF FREDERICTON, TO THE ASSESSABLE PROPERTY IS THE LOWEST OF ANY CITY IN CANADA, WAS THE STATEMENT MADE BY DEPUTY MAYOR RAY T. FORBES AT THE BOARD OF TRADE DINNER LAST EVENING. This was shown at the last Dominion Mayoralty Conference held at Ottawa. Not only the Mayor and Aldermen of the City, but the citizens generally should be proud of this fact. Deputy Mayor Forbes, in his speech last evening, congratulated His Worship Mayor Kitchen and his colleagues at the City Council on the wonderfully good showing which our city government is making in regard to its finances, and the Deputy Mayor himself is entitled to no small share of the credit. It is doubtful whether, taken as a whole, this city has had in years a better civic government than it has at the present time. Some interesting facts and figures were presented last evening by His Worship Mayor Kitchen and by Deputy Mayor Forbes.

According to the statistics compiled up to October 31st last, the taxable property for the year 1936 amounted to \$10,200,180 and the estimate value of the exempt property amounted to \$5,000,000. The exempt property on which no taxes are paid include the Parliament Buildings, The County Court House, Post Office, Customs House, University of New Brunswick, Normal School, City Hall, City Schools, Dominion Experimental Station, R. C. M. P. Barracks and the different churches and parsonages. According to reliable figures submitted by the Assessor's office the present population of the city of Fredericton is practically twelve thousand.

The Debenture debt at December 31, 1936 amounted to \$696,500.00 and after issuing \$10,000.00 Concrete Sidewalk Bonds and redeeming \$14,500.00 Bonds matured during current year the debt will be reduced by \$4,500.00 at December 31, 1937, making a gross funded debt of \$692,000.00. The Sinking Fund which is applicable to this debt at December 31, 1936, amounted to \$161,739.93 and this will be increased this year by approximately \$17,635.66, thereby reducing the net debt by \$22,135.66.

The total amount of the current assessment collected at October 31, 1937, amounted to \$218,955.04 which was 79% of the warrant called for, viz., \$277,090.00. The amount of arrears of taxes collected period January 1, 1937, to October 31, 1937, amounted to \$72,955.07, making total tax collection of \$291,910.11 for this period.

During this present year the City offered for sale by tender \$10,000.00, 3 1/2%, 10 year Concrete Sidewalk Debentures and the bid of 99.11 from W. C. Pitfield Company, Limited, was accepted.

The figures quoted above make a very favorable showing and one which we should be proud of. This showing was not made at the expense of necessary city public works and service. During the past year twenty-five city blocks or little over two miles of concrete sidewalks were constructed. Ten city blocks or 1.06 miles of concrete pavement thirty feet in width were constructed.

There was constructed pavement on the St. John road at the eastern limits of the city of 1 1/2 miles, 20 feet in width. Eleven city blocks equalling about one mile of concrete curb and gutter was also constructed this year. This record was very favourably commented upon last evening by gentlemen from outside the city.

The building permits for the City of Fredericton from April 1st, 1936, to October 11, 1937, were valued at \$261,900. Included in this amount is the addition to the Armoury amounting to \$36,600 and the High School annex, \$45,000, or a total of \$81,600 which, of course, is not taxable.

Visit Lord Halifax Is Considered of Major Importance

Talk With Hitler In Berlin May Result In Return Part Colonies To Germany

MESSAGE FROM BRITISH PREMIER

The Hated Versailles Treaty May Be Partly Rewritten

ACTORS SELL FILM STOCK

Pickford, Fairbanks and Chaplin Sell Holdings For \$6,000,000

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 17—Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks Sr., and Charles Chaplin will retire from United Artists Corporation under an agreement by which they will dispose of their stock holdings, estimated to be worth \$2,000,000 each, it was announced tonight.

The stock will be sold to Samuel Goldwyn, present United Artists producer; Alexander Korda, London producer, and E. H. Lever, New York financier. Goldwyn and Korda made the announcement following weeks of negotiations both here and in New York.

SOVIET ACCEPTS LIMITED BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

LONDON, Nov. 17—Soviet Russia unreservedly accepted a resolution for granting limited belligerent rights to the civil war combatants following substantial withdrawal of foreign volunteers.

The Soviet about-face, ending a 12-day deadlock, was announced at a non-intervention sub-committee meeting by Russian Ambassador Malsky. After recalling concessions his government "made in the interests of harmony," Malsky said.

LONDON, Nov. 17—The visit of Lord Halifax to Berlin is regarded as of major importance, and talk started today of a follow-up visit to Rome by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who would engage in talks with the Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano, and presumably with Premier Benito Mussolini.

It was understood here that Lord Halifax, with the authorization of the Cabinet, would tell Hitler and Goering that Premier Neville Chamberlain was eager to solve the problems outstanding among the big western European powers and that he would not insist, as part of any agreement, that Germany return to the League of Nations. There were reports, however, that Lord Halifax might suggest the possibility of a revision of the League Covenant which would make it more attractive to Germany. Any such revision would entail complete separation of the hated Versailles Treaty from the Covenant and thus remove the League's present responsibility for enforcing it.

Paris was the principal centre for these reports, which suggested that, if Germany joined a revamped League, the Powers in return might agree to rewrite mandate clauses of the Versailles Treaty so as to give Germany, over a period of time, at least part of the colonies seized from her after the Great War.

MET LAST NIGHT

The executive of the New Brunswick Medical Society held its annual fall meeting at the Queen Hotel last evening, with President Dr. J. R. Nugent, Saint John, in the chair. It is understood that, besides routine affairs, plans for the next annual convention were discussed, but nothing was divulged as to the result of the meeting.



HIS WORSHIP MAYOR G. WILLARD KITCHEN Head of Fredericton City Council which made a remarkably good business record during the past year

MANY TRAINED IN LONDON AS PRECAUTION

The House of Commons was told yesterday that more than 700,000 persons, mostly policemen, have been trained in anti-gas and general air raid precautions in case of war, 10,000 doctors are ready and first aid training has been given to 60,000 people.

Two Minor Automobile Accidents In City At Noon Today

Two minor automobile accidents occurred at different points in the city today within 15 minutes of each other. In either crash no one was injured and the damage to the cars was slight.

The first occurred at 12:30, on Queen Street, just above Phoenix Square. Eldon Gillis, of this city was backing out of his driveway by Gibson's store and backed into the car driven by John MacIntosh, Kingsclear, which was proceeding down Queen Street. The Gillis car crashed into the left rear fender of the other vehicle, damaging both cars. A truck parked at the curb obscured Gillis' vision so that he didn't see the other car. No settlement was made between the owners. The crash was investigated by Officer Osborne Brown of the City Police.

The second accident occurred at about 12:45 at the junction of King and Brunswick Streets, just below Victoria Public Hospital. A car driven by Vincent Doyle, Hamilton, Ont., was proceeding down Woodstock Road into the city and started to continue down King Street when it crashed with a car driven by Jesse Green of this city, which was going up Brunswick Street. The local car expected the right-of-way being on Brunswick Street, while the driver of the other car thought that King Street, which runs in line with Woodstock Road, was the through highway. Both cars were considerably damaged, the Ontario car losing a fender in the crash.

Royal Families of Europe Saddened By Tragedy on Eve of Wedding

Plane Crashes Killing Several Passengers Related to Royal Houses

OSTEND, Belgium, Nov. 17—A tragedy which has saddened several Royal houses in Europe occurred yesterday. A Belgian air liner crashed in a Belgian fog yesterday, all but wiping out the ancient grand ducal line of Hesse Bei Rhein.

All 11 occupants of the London-bound plane were killed—including five members of the former German royal family which has close blood ties with every reigning house in Europe.

The victims: Grand Duke Donatus von Hesse Bei Rhein, 31, grandson of Queen Victoria; The Grand Duke's 26-year-old wife, the former Princess Cecile of Greece and Denmark and a first cousin of Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent; Their sons, Prince Ludwig Ernst, six, and Prince Alexander George, four; The Grand Duke's mother, the Dowager Grand Duchess Eleonore von Hesse Bei Rhein, 66, widow of Grand Duke Ludwig, who died recently; Baron von Reidessell zu Eisenbach, marshal of the Grand Duke's court; Herr Martens, German glider expert; Lina Hahn, maid; Three crew members. (Continued on Page Four)

NELLIE M'CLUNG RECALLS TIME WHEN TERM "PERSON" INCLUDED WOMEN

Reminds Business And Professional Women Of Impersonality

TORONTO, Nov. 17—Do you remember when women became "persons" in Canada? And how? It was Nellie McClung, popular Canadian writer, and one of the five women instrumental in taking the case of Canadian women to the Supreme Court and later to the Privy Council, who answered the latter question at a luncheon of the Business and Professional Women's Club yesterday. Had it not been for the very clever interpretation placed by Lord Sankey head of the Privy Council on the British North America Act, women in Canada might not yet be "persons" she said. She revealed how he turned to Clause 144 of the act, which read: "In any court constituted under this act, any person may use English or French."

clause in the act. "It was all as simple as that." Kathleen Strange, Winnipeg, was also a guest at the luncheon, and told the amusing story of her first bath on the prairie farm, a story contained in her work, "With the West in Her Eyes." Mrs. McClung expressed gratitude to the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women, for their decision to place a bronze tablet in the Dominion Archives, to commemorate the occasion when women in Canada became "persons". She added that to the late Judge Emily Murphy should go all the credit. "I blush when I think of all the things we were going to do when we got the vote," she added, however. Mrs. McClung declared that in Toronto people pay less attention to the Canadian radio programs than anywhere else she had been in the Dominion. She said she thought radio should help to unify Canada and to interpret its sectional differences. But she objected to the practice of some people to let the radio run all day long.

EXILED PRINCE ADMIRES ADOLF HITLER FOR ONE REASON

Son of Last Monarch of Ukraine Believes He Has Destroyed Bolshevism In Germany — Is Here On Visit

TORONTO, Nov. 17—Danylo Skoropadsky, exiled Prince of the Ukraine Royal family, has a distinct admiration for Dictator Hitler. For one reason, Hitler has, the Prince believes, destroyed bolshevism in Germany, and the Prince has a hatred for bolshevism.

Prince Skoropadsky arrived in Toronto Saturday and he will remain in Canada for two months, visiting his Ukrainian friends in this country. He lives in Germany, in exile from his native land. His father was the last monarch of the Ukraine, which is now a Soviet Republic, under the domination of Moscow.

He lives in Germany, but he does not mix in German politics, nor does

his family. He believes that had not Hitler captured power there, there would have been internal fighting, between the Communists and others. He has another belief—that the Stalin regime will not last in Russia. He is hopeful that it will fall, for it would probably release his native land from domination and permit the establishment of an independent republic, which is the desire, he says, of all his people.

"Stalin is having difficulty even now," the Prince said in an interview. "There is a new generation growing in Russia, a generation which does not believe in the ideas of the men who brought about the revolution. The younger people, the new generation, have different ideas than the Bolshevik revolutionists."

Prince Skoropadsky has one objective "in life—to create a nationalist, patriotic spirit in the Ukraine and to set up his country as an independent republic. He believes, also in strengthening the ties between Ukrainians overseas and their native land and it is for that reason that he is in Canada.

TORONTO WOMAN MOTORIST SUES PEDESTRIAN FOR \$10,000 LOSS

TORONTO, Nov. 17—For the first time within the memory of court officials, a motorist is suing a pedestrian for damages. Mrs. Jean Wagman, of Toronto, asks \$10,000 from William J. Lockard, of Parry Sound, Ont., for injuries received when as a passenger in her father's car she attempted to save Lockard from being struck.

T. L. Creighton, counsel for Mrs. Wagman, said that she was riding in the car in Parry Sound when Lockard appeared about to walk against it.

"To save the man, the woman put her arm out of the car window and attempted to push him out of the way," said Mr. Creighton. "In so doing, she fractured her arm and received a bad shock."

H. E. Stone, of Parry Sound, appearing for Lockard, denied any blame for his client.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BRUCE of Ontario, who with Mrs. Bruce will entertain the guest at the Royal Fair at Toronto