

News Briefs

CONDITION SERIOUS

The condition of Benjamin Leslie, who is a patient in Victoria Public Hospital, was reported this morning as being serious.

STILL ALARM

The fire department was called out this morning to a residence on Brunswick street to extinguish a slight blaze resulting from an overheated pipe. No damage resulted.

ON BUSINESS TRIP

W. P. Jones, director of the New Brunswick Old Age Pensions Board, left yesterday for Woodstock on business connected with his department. He is expected to return tomorrow.

ON BUSINESS TRIP

Col. H. H. Ritchie, chief game warden for New Brunswick, returned yesterday from an official trip to the upper sections of the province. He reports that the game conditions in northern counties are satisfactory.

SATISFACTORY

The condition of Amedee Daigle, Chipman miner, who is in the Victoria Public Hospital here suffering from injuries received in a mine explosion, was reported this morning to be satisfactory.

BUSINESS VISITORS

Business visitors registered at the Queen Hotel today include the following: E. W. Griffiths, Montreal; J. H. Waterhouse, Toronto; C. K. Beveridge, Mr. Justice W. C. H. Grimmer, F. O. Redropp, C. W. Connell and L. B. Smith, Saint John.

TENDERS CLOSE

Tenders for government highway projects in the province will close tomorrow, April 10th. Information regarding the number of tenders received was not available this morning.

RETURNS HOME

J. Emery LeBlanc, who for the past few weeks has held the position of engrossing clerk at the legislature, returned to his home in College Bridge yesterday. Mr. LeBlanc expects to return to the city for a few days sometime during next week.

TO ATTEND FUNERAL

His Grace, Archbishop J. A. Richardson left today for Moncton where he will attend the funeral of Rev. Canon Sisam, former rector of St. George's Anglican Church there. Rev. Canon Sisam's death occurred yesterday following a lengthy illness.

CONVICTED

Thomas Barrieau, Northumberland county, was convicted by Police Magistrate Allain yesterday for an infraction of the Game Act. Word to this effect was received today by Col. H. H. Ritchie, chief game warden for New Brunswick.

ROADS IMPROVED

Road conditions in the district are reported as being somewhat improved, according to visiting motorists, who were in the city today. Yesterday's sunshine added greatly in drying up the wet spots and generally improving conditions.

TO BE ANNOUNCED

The names of the contractors who will be awarded contracts in connection with the proposed government highway projects this summer, will be announced sometime during next week. The date for receiving tenders closes tomorrow.

DRUNKEN DRIVER GIVEN SENTENCE

Donald Boyle, 20 to Serve 30 Days in Jail

Pleading guilty to a charge of having control of an automobile while under the influence of liquor, Donald Boyle, 20, Wasset, was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail when he appeared before Police Magistrate W. A. Haines, in Devon police court today. The young man was arrested last yesterday afternoon by Town Marshall Leo Hayes after he had driven his automobile through a fence on the property of Mrs. George Ward, Devon. According to the police report of the incident, Boyle first crashed into a motor truck owned by E. M. Young, then leaving the road plunged through a fence on Mrs. Ward's property, which is situated at the corner of Neal and Union streets.

During the zig-zag course across the lawn the car broke a small tree and finally came to rest against the front veranda of the Ward residence. The car was badly damaged.

EXPORTATION OF MOOSE, DEER HIDES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

About 10,000 Hides Shipped From N. B. Last Year

Heavy Demand

Col. Ritchie Discusses Various Phases of Hide Industry

The exportation of moose and deer hides from New Brunswick is conducted on a fairly large scale in the province, Col. H. H. Ritchie, chief game warden, stated in an informal interview with newspapermen this morning. Last year between 7,000 and 8,000 deer hides were shipped to American markets, while the number of moose hides exported were approximately 2,000. Deer hides are used chiefly in the manufacture of buckskin gloves, jackets, etc., and are in great demand by the manufacturers. Moose hides, which are chiefly used for the manufacturing of cheaper grade moccasins and "shoe packs", are shipped in Upper Canadian manufacturers. The latter mentioned hides are not suited for the making of finer grade leather goods, Col. Ritchie stated. The hides are much inferior to beef and horse hides.

Comparing the hide exports of 50 years ago with those of the present day, Col. Ritchie pointed out that the industry has "fallen-off" during the past 40 or 50 years. In earlier days large quantities of moose and deer hides were annually shipped to Canadian and foreign markets. He referred to the chronicles of Nicholas Denys, an adventurer who was closely associated with the history of this section of Canada during the middle part of the 17th Century, who recorded that several thousand moose hides were shipped down the Saint John river by Indians and trappers in 1672.

Bear Hides

Commenting on other phases of the "hide" exporting industry, Col. Ritchie said that bear hides were in great demand several years ago. The British war department purchases large quantities of bear skins for use in the manufacture of "busbys", the bear-skin helmet worn by various Imperial regiments. However, since the regulation head-gear for His Majesty's forces has undergone radical changes in the past several years, hide exporters lost a profitable market.

Questioned regarding the trapping industry in the province, Col. Ritchie said that many trappers in New Brunswick make substantial profits from a season's catch. He related instances of individual trappers, whose earnings ranged from \$300 to \$400 during the six weeks' period preceding Christmas last year. Prices for pelts have greatly increased during the past 40 years, Col. Ritchie said, referring to the fact that the modern day trapper can make considerable money even if the number of pelts caught are less than the number trapper in previous years.

The game situation throughout the province is generally satisfactory, he said. The official has recently returned from a tour of the districts in the upper section of the province. The winter has been a most favorable one insofar as game were concerned, he asserted, expressing the opinion that it should tend to increase the population of wild game.

Death Claims Respected Resident Of Springhill

Following an illness of several months' duration, Thomas Andrew Goodine, 80-year-old resident of Springhill, N. B., passed away at his home there yesterday afternoon. Although his death had been expected for the past few weeks, nevertheless it came as a severe shock to his relatives and friends. One of the oldest residents of the Springhill district, Mr. Goodine was highly respected and the news of his passing was received with genuine regret by a large circle of friends.

The deceased has resided in Springhill during the greater part of his life-time. He was a man of sterling christian character and held the esteem and respect of all who knew him. He had always taken an active interest in the affairs of the community and in his passing Springhill loses one of its finest residents.

Surviving are his wife, three sons and four daughters: Eldon, Shawmut, Me.; Melvin and Phillip, both at home; Mrs. Percy Mills, Iowa; Mrs. Edward McCluskey, Roxburg, Mass.; Mrs. James Owen, McKinley's Ferry, and Mrs. Walter Sharp, Springhill.

The funeral will take place Saturday morning with service in St. Anne's Church at Kingsclear at 10 o'clock. Interment will be made in the church cemetery there.

THREE-ACT COMEDY IS ACCLAIMED BY LARGE AUDIENCE

"Dulcy" Rated as One of Outstanding Plays of Season

Cast Commended

Entertaining Specialties Contribute to Success of Program

Acclaimed as one of the outstanding amateur stage productions presented here in many seasons, the three-act comedy "Dulcy" made a decided hit with a large audience which packed the Normal School auditorium to near capacity last evening. Sponsored by Bliss Carmen Memorial Chapter, I.O.D.E., and presented under the patronage of His Worship Mayor G. W. Kitchen and Mrs. Kitchen, the Comtess of Ashburnham and Mrs. A. T. McMurray, the entire programme met with the unanimous approval of all present.

Replete with sparkling wit and humor, the play was a hilarious riot of fun and laughter from start to finish. The work of the cast is worthy of high commendation, while the different artists providing the specialty entertainment features between the acts also merited much praise for their contributions to the enjoyment of the evening. Miss Dorothy Bayley, one of the leaders in local theatrical work, was highly commended for her work in connection with the direction of the presentation. At the close of the performance she was made the recipient of a handsome bouquet of roses. The stage arrangements were under the direction of Miss Louise Sterling.

Cast of Characters

"Dulcy," the leading character of the play was admirably portrayed by Miss Margaret Scott, while Hugh Brennan gave an excellent characterization in the role of her husband, "William," a brother of "Dulcy," was the part played in an acceptable manner by Russel MacKenzie. Robin Kilburn elicited much favorable comment for his work in the role of C. Roger Forbes, as did also Miss Irene Fitzpatrick in the role of "Mrs. Forbes." Marjorie Matheson carried the part of "Angela Forbes" in a clever manner, while the performance of Robert C. Bayley in the part of "Schleyer Van Dryck" was also worthy of favorable comment. James Trites gave a splendid portrayal of "Tom Sterrett," and the role of "Vincent Leach" was acceptably played by Jack Murguio. "Blair Patterson" was the character excellently portrayed by Horace Hanson, and Jack Thurtell gave a clever impersonation in the part of "Henry."

Among the specialty features were included violin solos by Miss Marcelle Gorham; vocal selections by George Boldon, and Miss Betty McKnight, tap-dancing. The pianists were Miss Jean Smith and R. C. Bayley.

SEVEN CASES ON APPEAL DOCKET

Seven cases are included on the docket of the April session of the Appeals Division of the New Brunswick Appeal Court which opens here next week. One case is of local interest in that relative to the appeal in the case of the King versus Wilmot Kelley. L. F. Cain, attorney for the accused, will support appeal from conviction before Police Magistrate Limerick of this city.

Other cases include:

The King vs. Alonzo Breaux, F. H. MacLachey, for the accused, to support appeal from judgment of the Judge of Westmorland County Court.

The King vs. Percy McCoy, G. King Kelley, for the accused, to support appeal from conviction before Police Magistrate of the City of St. John.

The King vs. Edgar Friars, G. King Kelley for the accused, to support appeal from conviction before Police

FRUIT GROWERS TO MEET HERE IN TWO-DAY SESSION

Matters of Importance On Agenda of Meeting

Several Speakers

Thirty-Second Annual Meeting of N. B. Association

Matters of vital importance to the fruit growing industry in the province will be discussed at the 32nd annual meeting of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association which will open here on April 13. The sessions will be largely attended by members of the association from all sections of the province and the two-day convention will be brought to a close on the afternoon of the 15th.

An extensive programme has been arranged for the occasion. The visiting speakers to be heard will include Dr. W. S. Blair, superintendent of the Experimental Station at Kentville; F. W. Walsh, director of marketing of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, and A. Kelsall, officer-in-charge of the Dominion Entomological Laboratory at Annapolis Royal, N. S.

In addition to the stressing of the need of marketing organizations and better methods of production in the strawberry growing the programme has been designed to place special emphasis on the need of more thorough orchard practice on the part of a majority of the apple growers.

Last year the subject of fertilization of orchards was dealt with and this year pruning, apple maggot control and spraying, especially the latter, will receive particular attention. While there is room for improvement in pruning, fertilizing and ground management of orchards there is more room for and much greater need of improvement in spraying equipment and practice.

For some years past the officers of the Association have felt that the attendance at meetings should be greater and that more members should avail themselves of the opportunity so provided not only to gain some useful information but to state their opinions in regard to various matters and take part in the discussions.

Small attendances do not do justice to and are not representative of the extent of general interest in fruit growing in this province. Larger and better attendances will impress the provincial authorities, as well as the speakers representing the Dominion Department of Agriculture, with regard to the various problems and the necessity of getting more assistance in solving them.

Although the roads on this occasion will not be favorable to auto travel yet those growers living within a few miles of Fredericton should be able to get in by car or train and growers from further distances would generally be expected to come by train—and a special effort should be made by growers to make this two day meeting well attended and really successful.

Magistrate for the Parish of Lancaster.

Royal Bank of Canada vs. Port Royal Pulp and Paper Co. Ltd. C. F. Inches, K.C., for the defendant, to move to get aside verdict for the plaintiff and to enter a verdict for the defendant, or for a new trial, or for a reduction in damages.

Arthur Clarke vs. The Corporation of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Saint John. G. H. V. Belyea, K.C., for the plaintiff, to move to set aside judgment for the defendant and to enter a judgment for the plaintiff, or for a new trial.

James E. Byrne vs. Prudential Insurance Co. of America. C. F. Inches K.C., for the defendant, to move to set aside verdict for the plaintiff and to enter a verdict for the defendant, or for a new trial.

REPORTS REVEAL ICE GRADUALLY WEAKENING HERE

Water Level in River Has Risen 7 Inches Since Yesterday

"Break-Up" Soon

Tributaries Fairly Clear of Ice---River Traffic is Abandoned

The ice in the Saint John river at this point still remains in place although it is gradually rotting away. Reports from the pumping station at noon today stated that the water in the river here had risen seven inches during the last 24 hours. The cold weather during the nights has kept the ice from melting too quickly but rivermen say that this is a good sign as the ice will become thoroughly rotted and when the time comes will move out without difficulty. This will probably take place within the next few days. No damage from freshet is anticipated. The rise in the water reported from the pumping station is caused by the melting of the snow along the river banks and of the small streams running into the river at points above here. The ice in the Meduxniekeag which is the largest tributary stream in the radius of 60 miles above Fredericton ran out during the night. This small river empties into the Saint John at Woodstock.

Word from Oromocto today is that the river is clear of ice from the head of Oromocto Island to Burton Court House a distance of about five miles. The river at this point is clear to the opposite shores of Manguerville and upper Sheffield. There is a slight jam below the Burton Court House but the ice is not firm enough to cause any damage at that point and this jam will probably break as soon as the river ice above gets underway.

Oromocto Clear

The Oromocto river which empties into the Saint John at Oromocto Village is now clear of ice and the people of Oromocto Village have open water both in the Saint John and in the Oromocto river.

A telephone message from Marysville at noon today stated that the ice has run out of the Nashwaak in front of the town of Marysville and for some distance below. It is, however, holding solid at Durham and points above. The Nashwaak which empties into the Saint John at Barker's Point opposite the city generally runs out a couple of days before it starts in the Saint John river here. Reports from the lower stretches of the river indicate a general breakup to as far up river as the Long Reach. The ice in front of this city especially at the east end is generally honeycombed and is fast rotting away. All traffic between this city and Devon by way of the ice has been abandoned for this season.

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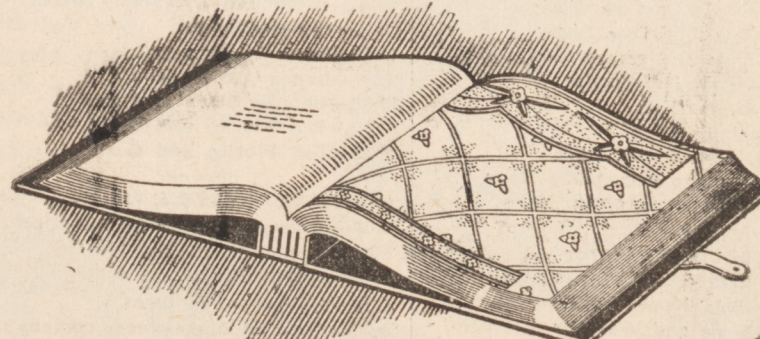
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