

News Briefs

SPECIAL PREACHER

Rev. Dr. Charles R. Boyd of Petersburg, will be the special preacher at the Skiff Lake Shrine on Sunday August 8.

ARRIVES BY PLANE

Hon. F. W. Pirie, minister of lands and mines, arrived in the city today by aeroplane. He expects to return to his home in Grand Falls this afternoon. His visit is in connection with departmental business.

ON BUSINESS

J. H. King, deputy-minister of agriculture, is on a business trip to North Shore sections of the province. He is expected to return to Fredericton during the week-end.

ON VACATION

Robert Tweedie, secretary to Premier A. A. Dystart, commenced his annual vacation yesterday. It is expected that he will be absent from his office for a couple of weeks.

OTTAWA VISITORS

D. A. Macdonald and W. M. Robertson, Ottawa, were business visitors in the city. They expect to leave the city during the week-end on their return to Upper Canada. They are registered at The Queen.

TO SUMMER HOME

Premier A. A. Dystart, K.C., who has been in the city for the past few days, in connection with government business, left today to spend the week-end at his summer home at Dixon's Point, Kent County. He is expected to return to the Capital early next week.

TO TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Syd Bartlett, York County tennis champion, and Ralph Freeze, another outstanding tennis player, will take part in the Maine and New Brunswick tennis tournament to be held at the Aroostook Valley Country Club, at Fairfield, Maine, next week. They will leave by car tomorrow.

PURCHASES STORE

Henry Clowater of Boletown has purchased the store building recently expropriated by the C.N.R. from V. N. White, Charlotte Street. Mr. Clowater has started dismantling the building and will remove the material to McNamee for the purpose of rebuilding it into a store at that place.

PARKED AUTOS

The Rainford Road, running between the Hanwell Road and the Upper Golf Links Road, is getting to be a favorite resort for motorists. The cars do not seem, however, to be doing any speeding in this section, as on a recent evening 17 motor vehicles parked at one time along the roadside. It may have been that a church service was going on in that locality, or that motorists were taking advantage of the parking space offered there, due to the lack of space within the city.

ACCIDENT VICTIM TO LEAVE HOSPITAL SOON

The condition of Miss Sarah McCartney, Chester, Penn., school teacher, who was seriously injured in an auto accident several days ago, was reported today by Victoria Public Hospital officials as being favorable. It is expected that she will be able to leave the institution next week and accompany her brother, Earle McCartney, to their home in the United States. They expect to leave the city next Thursday.

Speaking to newspaper men this morning, Mr. McCartney spoke highly of the kindness of the citizens of Fredericton. He was deeply appreciative of the many kindly acts performed by the citizens during Miss McCartney's stay in the hospital.

Many Mourn Passing Of Marysville Girl

Many relatives and friends will be saddened to learn of the death of Lillian Alberta Gibson, twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milan A. Gibson of Marysville, which occurred last night at Victoria Public Hospital.

The young girl was born in Marysville and had spent her entire life there. She had been a popular student of the Marysville School, and was in the seventh grade. Two months ago she was taken ill, which illness resulted in her untimely demise.

She is survived by her parents, two sisters, Virginia and Jennie R. Gibson, and one brother, Robert, all of whom reside at home.

FAIR WAGE BOARD

Informed sources in provincial political affairs advanced the opinion yesterday that the government may possibly announce the personnel of the fair wage board for New Brunswick sometime within the next week. Premier A. A. Dystart, who left the city today to spend the weekend at his summer home in Kent County, did not make any statement with regard to the report. Other reports stated that the board has not been completed yet but that it might be at a meeting of the provincial cabinet sometime next week. However no official confirmation was made regarding the question.

Next week's session of the government heads will be the last for a couple of weeks, due to the anticipated absence of several ministers. It is expected that Premier Dystart and Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., attorney-general will attend a meeting of the Canadian Bar Association in Toronto next month.

LOCAL FIREMEN BATTLE MYTHICAL FIRE LAST NIGHT

Dept. Displays Great Efficiency -- Chief Comments

The old stables in Barker House Alley were the scene of an imaginary fire last evening, when the firemen held a fire drill on the buildings in the rear.

Fine efficiency was shown by the department, the different hose and ladder companies working with machine-like precision under the command of Chief Walker. The pumper and ladder company arrived on the scene in almost record time, and with great rapidity the men brought into play six lines of hose, the pumper, and all the ladders of the department in the quelling of the imaginary flames and the protection of surrounding buildings.

Two hydrants were utilized, and 1,500 feet of hose linked up in the six lines. Every building surrounding the barn was protected by a ladder and hose company.

With like precision, when the fire had been "rung out" the equipment was taken down and replaced in the different compartments of the carrying equipment, and the pumper and ladder company returned to the station.

Chief Walker has devised the idea of conducting drills on buildings such as these old stables because they constitute a fire hazard, and are therefore the most logical places for practice in efficiency.

"These buildings," said Chief Walker when interviewed today, "really do constitute a hazard, and we have to consider them in the thought that they will some day catch fire."

"We hold drills of such buildings," further stated Chief Walker, "and are then prepared for the fire which ultimately is almost certain to occur. In other words, we begin fighting the fire before it takes place."

Asked about the danger from this and similar sources, he stated that in the event of a blaze there, it would be almost impossible to save the building itself, and for this reason, the drills dealt mostly with the protection of other buildings. The firemen have now been drilled on this particular spot, and in event of a blaze, certain hose companies will know that they are to fight the actual fire, and cool the blaze, while each ladder company will have its building to protect.

In this way, much greater protection can be offered by the department, than they could give before the danger points had been studied and a plan of attack mapped out.

ADJOURN BIGAMY CASE UNTIL AUG. 7

The case of Wilfred Phillips of Durham Bridge, charged with bigamy, which came up in the Devon Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock was adjourned for eight days on request of the Crown prosecutor, A. R. Murray. The prosecution asked for adjournment for the purpose of securing documents from the United States, in connection with the accused's alleged former marriages and divorce.

The accused was originally summoned into court to show cause why he did not support his alleged second wife, and why a former order of the Magistrate ordering certain stipulations had not been obeyed. No evidence was taken in this case. A. R. Murray is representing the Crown, while E. C. Atkinson is acting for the informant, W. J. West, of the law firm of Hanson, Doherty and West, is defending the case.

FOREST FIRES ARE BURNING IN SEVEN WIDELY SCATTERED AREAS IN N. B.

String of Fires Extend From Restigouche County In North, To Kent County Coastline---More Than 200 Firefighters Battle Flames

SITUATION AT PRESENT NOT SERIOUS

Seven fires burned in widely scattered areas in New Brunswick's timberlands today as more than two hundred fire fighters were engaged in stemming the advance of the flames which menace valuable lumber tracts. The string of fires extend from the Kedgwick district in Restigouche County to the Kouchibouguac district in Kent County along the eastern seaboard. None of the fires are regarded as being particularly serious but the situation might develop into dangerous proportions if the much-needed rain does not arrive within the next few days, forestry officials stated today. In the meantime, the fires are being held under control and officials are confident that the week-end will witness a decided improvement in the situation.

Four Fires

Northumberland County is the district most seriously affected. Four fires are underway in the timber tracts in that county, none of them being regarded as serious. About 200 acres in the Trout Brook area are ablaze and one hundred men are engaged in combatting the flames. Considerable fire-fighting equipment has been hauled to the scene and late reports stated that the situation is well in hand. The fire is confined chiefly to an "old burn" and no valuable timber is threatened. At Eskeidilloc in Northumberland County, twenty-five acres of green timber are afire and about 50 men are fighting the blaze. The scene of the fire is a short distance from Tabusintac. The smallest fire in the county is confined to a few acres in the Seveglie district. There are about forty men engaged in battling the flames there. The fire at Renous, between Martin's Bluff and McKendrick, which broke out a couple of days ago is now well under control.

Not Serious

Yesterday afternoon an outbreak was reported at Little River in Gloucester County. The blaze is confined to several acres of "granted" land and is not serious. A crew of twenty men were despatched to the burning area last evening. The fire in Restigouche County, six miles along the South branch of the Kedgwick River, which was reported early last evening was well under control this morning.

Commenting on the situation this morning, G. L. Miller, chief forester for New Brunswick, stated that there

LACK OF MOISTURE BEING FELT BY CROPS IN THE FREDERICTON DISTRICT

Situation Not Regarded As Serious -- Apple Crop Good

The continued dry weather is beginning to be felt by farmers throughout this section of the province, who report that rain is needed by the crops in certain districts. Although the crops are not yet suffering seriously from lack of moisture, the opinion was expressed that if the "dry spell" continues for another week or ten days the situation could develop into serious proportions. However, indications point to rain fall within a short time and at the present time farmers are not greatly concerned.

Crop conditions are generally favorable in this section, it was learned this morning from provincial agriculture officials and farmers attending today's market at Phoenix Square. The grain crop is making splendid progress, while other crops are also reported as getting along fine. Indications point to a bumper crop of potatoes, while fruit growers predict that the production of apples and other fruits will exceed the production in 1936.

N. B. Telephone Heads On Inspection Tour

Directors of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Limited, made their annual inspection visit to this district yesterday. Arriving here from St. Stephen, the officials were met by A. J. Thompson, district commercial superintendent. After visiting the company's offices here the visitors returned to Saint John.

The party included Senator F. B. Black, Sackville president of the company; Howard Robinson, Saint John, and J. E. MacPherson, Montreal, vice-presidents; F. R. Sumner, Moncton, and O. J. Fraser, Saint John, general manager.

"Jack-the-Peeper" Seen In West End

A lady who resides at the West End of Queen street was returning home at about eleven o'clock last evening when she was followed by a man. The man kept at her heels for almost a block. After entering her dwelling house and locking the door, she turned on the light in her bedroom on the lower flat and started to disrobe. The window from the bedroom overlooked an alleyway. The blind was not down to the bottom of the window and glancing out, she noticed the man who had been following her, with his face pressed against the window pane.

There have been complaints for several days of a man who is beginning to be called "Jack the Peeper," having been caught looking in different windows in that section of the city.

is great need for rain. The recent lightning storms and the dry condition of the forests are believed responsible for the outbreaks.

Asked if the situation could be regarded as serious at the present time Mr. Miller replied in the negative. He, however, added that the situation could become extremely serious if the dry conditions continued for any length of time.

The forest fire situation last year was the best experienced in several years. The total estimated damage to forest lands by fire in 1936 totaled \$531,555, compared with \$313,369 in the previous season. The latter period experienced one of the worst seasons for fires in ten or twelve years. Practically every county in the province reported fires some time during the months of July and August, and in many districts, particularly in North Shore areas, the situation was decidedly serious.

Dry weather was responsible for the majority of the outbreaks in 1936. Thousands of acres of valuable timberland were swept by the flames while a few settlements were also destroyed. Scores of homesteaders were forced to flee from their homes, many of which fell prey to the flames.

Firefighters wages in 1935 totaled \$56,000, compared with \$2,932 last year. The wages paid to firefighters in 1934 were \$70,000. In the latter year the fires were numerous but not as serious as those experienced in the following year.

PULPWOOD DRIVE

The pulpwood drive of the Port Royal Pulp and Paper Company reached the city this morning, and is nearing the final stage of the journey, when they reach the company boom at Lincoln. At present the drive is working along the shores on both sides of the river, at a point just below the R.C.M.P. barracks at the upper end of the city.

About 20 men are working along the shores, with saws and other equipment, and it is expected that they will reach the end of the journey Monday night or Tuesday morning.

Much pulp is running in the river, while a considerable quantity remains washed up on shore and caught in the water plants and bushes between here and the boom.

ESTEEMED LADY PASSES AT HOME OF BROTHER TODAY

Many Friends Mourn Death of Georgina C. Fenety

Another of the older residents of Fredericton, Miss Georgina C. Fenety, passed away at an early hour this morning at the home of her brother, Walter P. Fenety, University Avenue. Miss Fenety was the daughter of the late George E. Fenety, King's Printer and former Mayor of Fredericton, and of Mrs. Eliza Fenety. She was born in Saint John but resided in Fredericton for the greater part of her life.

In years gone by she was prominent in the social life of the city. She was a leading member of the choir of the Christchurch Cathedral and took an active part in the affairs of that denomination. She is survived by one brother, Walter P. Fenety of this city, and by one sister, Mrs. Edward S. Carter of Fairvale, Kings county. Miss Royce Carter of Fairvale, Miss Edith Roberts of Ottawa, Miss Beatrice Fenety and Mrs. Fred P. Colter of this city are nieces, and Walter and John Fenety of this city are nephews. Sir Charles G. D. Roberts, Toronto is a brother-in-law.

The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the home of her brother, Walter P. Fenety, University Ave. Service will be held at Christchurch Cathedral by Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead. Interment will be made in the family plot at Forest Hill cemetery.

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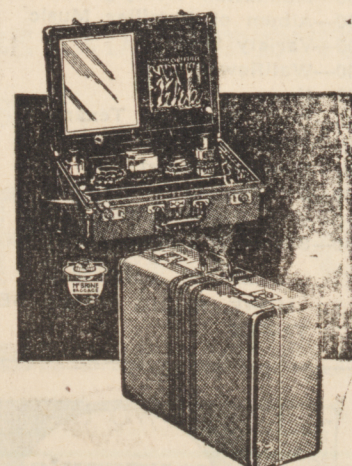
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