

News Briefs

MOVED INTO NEW HOME
Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Wright have taken up residence in their new home recently constructed on Shore St.

CONDITION IMPROVES
Friends will be glad to learn that the condition of Miss Laura Wilson, who is a patient at Victoria Hospital, shows daily improvement.

DULCY COMING
The Bliss Carmen Memorial Chapter of I.O.D.E., are presenting "Dulcy," a three-act comedy at the Provincial Normal School auditorium on April 7. Plan to attend this hit play.

FINAL CLEANUP
A final clean-up of ice and sand on Queen Street is being conducted today by city workers. The streets are now free of ice, this is an early date for such a condition, which indicates that spring weather is here to stay.

INFANT DIES
The death of Kenneth Tapley, 10 months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tapley, occurred at his home in Prince William yesterday. Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tapley, and one son, Roy Glendon. The funeral will be held this afternoon, with service at Burden Church conducted by Rev. Mr. Killam. Interment will be made at Burden cemetery.

ELKS PROPERTY TRANSFER
Transfer of the large two-storey brick building on King Street owned by James Jamieson to the Elks Club in this city was made yesterday afternoon. The price paid for the building was in the vicinity of \$4,000. Walter Vail, exalted ruler of the local Elks Club, John MacKenzie, John Scott and Ralph McFadden were trustees appointed to handle the business transfer. Renovations on the new building will commence soon. An up-to-date suite of rooms will be fixed up.

ELECTED TO OFFICE
Emmerson Wilby of this city was elected press chairman of the debating committee at the election of officers at Saint John Law School yesterday. Others elected for the year 1937-38 were: Honorary president, Judge H. O. McInerney; president, D. L. G. Jones; vice-president, Miss Barbara Ramsey; secretary, C. Swanton; treasurer, R. Freeze; honorary chairman debating committee, A. N. Cater; chairman debating committee, J. R. MacBrien; honorary chairman social committee, Mr. Justice L. P. D. Tilley; chairman social committee, E. Brakefield-Moore, chairman athletic committee, J. Mersereau.

DIES AT MARYSVILLE
The death occurred yesterday at Marysville of Mrs. Jane Collings, after a short illness. The deceased was 75 years of age and her passing while not unexpected comes as a shock to a large number of friends in this locality and elsewhere. The late Mrs. Collings was a life long resident of Marysville and was highly esteemed by all who knew her, and her character of Christian womanhood was an example to those associated with her. The deceased is survived by one son Roy Collings, two daughters Miss Annie Collings and Mrs. Bert Brown, two sisters, Mrs. Edgar Collings and Mrs. George Hanson. The funeral will be held from her late home on Saturday, following service at the home at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Mr. Oliver. Interment will be made at Marysville.

New Filling Station To Be Built at North Devon

It is rumored here today that a large filling station will be erected at North Devon at the corner of Bridge and Union Streets, where a meat store is now operated by Samuel Lean. If this proposed building scheme goes through it will be a big improvement in that locality as the corner where the new proposed station is to be built is a blind one and makes auto travelling very dangerous. The name of the company was not divulged.

Labor Council Asks Tax On Laborers Outside County

At the next meeting of the City Council the Fredericton Labor Council will request the council to place a tax on non-residents of York county working in this city. The tax asked for is at the rate of \$20 per head on unskilled labor and \$35 per head on skilled labor.

CUSTOMS RETURNS SHOW AN INCREASE PREVIOUS YEAR

Revenue for March Over \$3,600 Increase

Year's Increase \$236,855

Increased Returns Should Indicate Increased Business

If the customs returns are a barometer of the business conditions, business should be on the increase. The total customs revenue for March was \$4,660.27, as compared with \$2,541.29 in March, 1936, or an increase over the corresponding period last year of \$36,118.98 for the month. The returns show an increase for the fiscal year 1936-37 of \$236,855.

March, 1937	
Customs Import Duty	\$ 35,175.27
Customs Sales Tax	5,776.26
Customs Excise Tax	4,188.65
Excise Tax (Domestic)	5,899.05
Excise Duty	13,606.04
Sundry Collections	15.00
Total	\$ 64,660.27

The total revenue for March, 1936, was \$28,541.29, an increase of \$36,118.98 for the present month.

Sundry Returns
Freight and express manifests received during the past year, 2,154; Previous year, 1,609.
Manifests forwarded during the past year, 56; Previous year, 64.
Number of import entries during the past year, 2,540; Previous year, 2,156.
Number of excise tax entries during the past year, 653; Previous year, 654.
Number of excise duty entries during the past year, 608; Previous year, 699.

Number of express parcels delivered during the past year, 2,089; Previous year, 1,506.
Duty collected on express parcels during the past year, \$4,054.80; Previous year, \$3,172.49.
Number of postal parcels delivered during the past year, 3,085; Previous year, 3,021.
Duty collected on postal parcels during the past year, \$2,798.19; Previous year, \$2,684.87.

Comparison
The revenue collected under the various heads in 1936-37 and in 1935-36 is as follows:
Customs Import Duty, 1936-37, \$336,673.28; 1935-36, \$174,835.02.
Customs Sales Tax, 1936-37, \$56,491.50; 1935-36, \$27,865.60.
Customs Excise Tax, 1936-37, \$22,772.02; 1935-36, \$11,987.43.
Excise Tax (Domestic) 1936-37, \$59,787.56; 1935-36, \$46,936.91.
Excise Duty, 1936-37, \$188,448.26; 1935-36, \$165,644.43.
Sundry Collections, 1936-37, \$526.00; 1935-36, \$575.31.
Total for 1936-37, \$664,698.62; Total for 1935-36, \$427,844.70.
This shows an increase of \$236,853.92 for the fiscal year 1936-37.

Ten Years' Record
Total revenue collections for the past ten years are as follows:
1927-28 \$ 968,494.85
1928-29 1,061,275.31
1929-30 1,122,045.70
1930-31 1,043,273.78
1931-32 808,642.64
1932-33 462,710.60
1933-34 539,253.12
1934-35 495,884.48
1935-36 427,844.70
1936-37 664,698.62
These figures were furnished by F. P. Colter, collector for international revenue at this port.

Labor Council Successful Meeting Last Night

The Fredericton Labor Council met last evening in the Orange hall with the president in the chair and a large gathering present. The reports from several committees were read, and general business conducted. New committees were appointed. Consideration was given the moral right of organization and the secretary was instructed to look up the matter of resolutions adopted by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and of other Unions as to what action be taken in regard to employers intimidating their employees. The secretary reported a large number had enrolled and a sincere interest was being shown by all the members. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

TRAIN CRASH NEAR LONDON

(Special to The Daily Mail)
A train crash occurred today in the vicinity of London station. The accident which is supposed to be the result of an overcharge of electricity in the rail caused the death of fourteen persons.

RESIGNATION OF CITY ALDERMEN IS CHIEF TOPIC OF CONVERSATION ABOUT THE CITY TODAY

City Bill Was Reported to Legislature as Not Recommended to the Consideration of the House

Complications Re Resignations

Bill Could Have Been Brought Up in Legislature For Reconsideration Under Rules of the House

The resignation of the seven Fredericton Aldermen in a protest against the action of the Municipalities Committee of the New Brunswick Legislature caused considerable discussion about the city when The Daily Mail giving the full particulars appeared on the streets yesterday afternoon. The matter was talked about at the Legislature amongst the members, and at clubs and other places where people gather about town. The general expression of opinion heard amongst all classes in the community was that the Aldermen could do little less than resign as a protest against the throwing out of a City Commission Bill. This bill which was to abolish the Police Commission and restore control of the Police Department to the City Council was promoted by eight of the ten elected members of the City Council and the action of the Municipalities Committee in throwing this out left nothing for the Aldermen to do but resign. The men who have resigned comprise not only seven tenths of the council board but they are the leading members of that organization. Their resignation goes into effect on April 8th and in the meantime the regular monthly meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings next when these gentlemen will clean up their affairs and arrange for an election to elect their successors.

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED BY JOHN PALMER CO.

Firm Sets Record --- Steady Progress Since Founded

The conditions in the shoe manufacturing industry during the last 50 or 60 years have not been conducive to longevity. Few indeed are the factories now operating that can date their beginnings back to the 70's. Among that very select group is the John Palmer Company, Limited, of Fredericton, N. B., which this year celebrates its 60th anniversary. This firm's survival, and uninterrupted progress, may be attributed to its ability to keep abreast of the times in a steady, conservative manner, changing its methods and its products as changing conditions demanded.

The founders of the company and those who followed in their footsteps deserve a great deal of credit for the success that has been made. The business was founded in 1877 by the late John Palmer and for many years the late John Kilburn was associated with Mr. Palmer as a silent partner. Following in his father's footsteps, Charles K. Palmer, son of the founder, carried on with untiring effort, the work started by his father. Mr. Charles K. Palmer was President from 1912 to his death in 1935.

Sixty years ago The John Palmer Company manufactured shoe packs. At that time shoe packs were almost universal winter wear for the lumberman, farmers and anyone who worked out of doors. When conditions started to change the company turned their attention to the making of moccasin type farm shoes. These were really nothing more or less than shoe packs made from oil tan leather with soles and heels attached, for wear during the summer months.

Later they went into the manufacture of work boots, also including lines suitable for the sportsman, and about 25 years ago they added ski boots. The John Palmer Company, indeed, have it to their credit that they were one of the pioneers in putting a good quality Canadian ski boot on the market. They spent considerable time in research and collaboration with some of the noted skiers of the day. The boots produced were practical and they have continued to improve them as the styles of harness, etc., have changed and today ski boots represent a goodly portion of the Palmer factory's production.

The latest development in the line came a few years ago when at the request and suggestion of a number of their accounts, more especially the dealers in small towns and country districts, the company put out a range

There seems to be some complications rising out of the resignation of these Aldermen. A section of the City Elections Act requires that every vacant office of Mayor and Alderman from death, resignation, absence or other reasons shall be declared by resolution of the City Council before proceedings are taken to fill the vacancy. At the regular meeting Tuesday a question will arise as to whether or not they can as members of the Council accept their own resignation and call a by-election. Without the seven there would be no quorum of the City Council.

At the Legislature yesterday afternoon Mr. Blakeny Chairman of the Municipalities Committee made a report that the Fredericton Police Commission Bill had been rejected by the Municipalities Committee. The Municipalities Committee did not reopen the question.

None of the gentlemen interested seem to be aware that the matter could have been taken up in the Legislature without reference to the Municipalities Committee. There is a rule of the Legislature which provides that where a bill is killed in Committee it may be reconsidered in the House by a motion made by the sponsor of the bill or by someone else acting for him. This was pointed out last evening by several members who were discussing the matter.

BIG FARM DAY TO BE HELD HERE IN AUGUST NEXT

C. F. Bailey, Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm arrived home this morning from Orono, Maine, where he attended a weekly convention of farmers and their wives at the Agricultural College and Experimental Station both located on the University of Maine campus. Each year farmers are invited in at this period while the students are away on their vacations. Thirty-one years ago when the first convention was attended only sixty were present while at the convention just concluded eighteen hundred attended. The convention closed with a banquet at which six hundred farmers and their wives were present. The Governor for the State of Maine addressed the gathering as did the Under Secretary of Agriculture for the United States. Mr. Bailey's chief purpose in attending this convention was to see how they handled field days and to become acquainted with the men in charge there. Mr. Bailey stated that a gigantic 'Experimental Farm' at home will be held at the Dominion Experimental Station here in August. The object of this meeting is to acquaint farmers with existing is to acquaint farmers with existing

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CITY COUNCIL AT SPECIAL MEETING DISCUSSES RELIEF

Mayor Kitchen Delegated to Interview Minister Municipal Affairs

Mayor Misquoted

Relief Costs For March Were More Than Those of Last Year

The matter of the city receiving aid from the Provincial Government was taken up this morning at a meeting of the City Council and after considerable discussion Mayor Kitchen was delegated to interview Hon. A. P. Paterson, Minister of Municipal Affairs in regard to the relief situation that still exists in the city at the present time.

Declaring that His Worship Mayor G. Willard Kitchen had been misquoted in certain portions of the press to the effect that the City of Fredericton ranked as one of the best financially in the Dominion, members of the City Council declared at a special meeting this morning that the matter should be clarified, so that the City of Fredericton would be able to obtain its just share of provincial relief. It was stated by Alderman Ross that members of the City Council had interviewed Hon. A. P. Paterson on numerous occasions concerning the matters of relief, but no relief has been obtained since last August. Alderman B. R. Ross declared that the Government told him they were too busy to take the matter up. For the month of March this year the cost of relief has been one quarter less than last year when the Government sponsored 75 per cent. of costs. This lack of help will necessitate a \$9,000 extra assessment.

In answer to inquiry of Alderman W. R. Crewdson as to what share the Government provides for cases like our own in the different municipalities, Alderman Ross stated that the Government received \$450,000 from the Federal Government to provide relief.

Alderman Hagerman stated that the City is entitled to its proper share of Government relief in order that the unemployment situation may be provided for. Others on the Council were unanimous in their statements that the situation should be dealt with. His Worship Mayor Kitchen in reference to the statement in the press that the City of Fredericton was financially one of the best in the Dominion stated that this stand was in ratio of the bonded indebtedness including \$15,000 for relief, to the taxable property in the city and that the percentage was 5.48 a comparatively low one.

Practically all Aldermen suggested that another delegation be sent to interview the Government. Alderman F. S. Mundle stated that the matter

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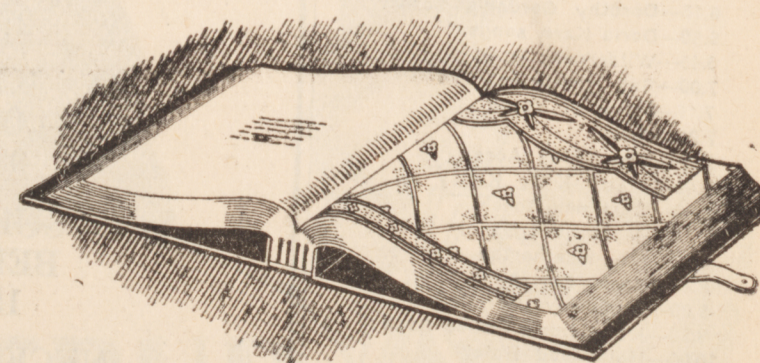
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