

News Briefs

NO CASES

No cases were on the docket of the Chancery Court which was scheduled to sit at Fredericton today.

IN CITY FOR WEEK

B. D. Perry, Limestone, Maine, is spending the week in Fredericton with his brother, G. W. Perry, M.L.A., Carleton County.

REGULAR MEETING

Routine matters were discussed at the regular weekly meeting of the Fredericton Gyro Club held last evening. G. Alvah Good was in the chair.

ARRIVED FOR SESSION

Bruce Robb of the editorial staff of the Moncton Transcript, arrived in the city today to take his seat in the Press Gallery of the Legislative Assembly.

STILL ALARM

The city firemen were called this morning by still alarm to the residence of E. Allison MacKay, University Avenue, where a chimney fire was quickly extinguished with little damage.

TRAIN DELAYED

Storms west of Fredericton Junction delayed the Boston train for three hours this morning. Passengers and express from the Boston train were held over at the Junction until 6.35 this evening.

SNOW REMOVAL

City snow ploughs and snow shovelers were busy this morning clearing the streets after yesterday's storm. Four freeze-ups in the city water system were reported by J. D. MacKay, city engineer.

RETURNED TO DUTIES

L. H. Parks, superintendent of fisheries for the inland counties, returned to his duties today at noon. He has been convalescing at his home, Upper Derby, following confinement at the Miramichi Hospital, Newcastle, where he underwent an operation some time ago.

ON EXTENDED TRIP

F. M. Colpitts, M.L.A. for Albert, who is here attending the session of the Legislature, recently returned from an extended trip to different parts of Canada and the United States. Besides attending fur sales at Montreal, he visited the world famed ranches of Fromm Brothers in Wisconsin. He also visited other fur farms of note and went west as far as Calgary.

Drifts Cleared From Roads By Tonight

Despite heavy drifting on the roads of the province, the plows of the Provincial Department of Public Works will have the main trunks in this vicinity cleared tonight. It will be two or three days however before the less important roads are fully cleared due to the suddenness of the storm. Plows today were clearing the roads from here to Gagetown and Saint John, to Harvey, Pokiok, and Boiestown. It is not expected that the plows will get beyond Harvey tonight but the other roads will be completely cleared.

SHROVE TUESDAY OR MARDI GRAS TO THE FRENCH

Patron Saint of Wales Also Honored Today

This is Shrove Tuesday. The day is one of rejoicing and feasting in many countries prior to the opening of the Lenten season which starts tomorrow, Ash Wednesday.

Shrove Tuesday among the French people both in the old and in the New World, is known as Mardi Gras. The meaning of the expression is that people who follow the custom are allowed special feasting, the meaning being particularly applied to the eating of meat before the great fast and abstinence of the Lenten season. In certain sections of France and in Louisiana, parades are held throughout the streets, pageants are put on so that Mardi Gras has a national meaning in many cities including New Orleans. It is not correct to use the term "Mardi Gras Fairs or Festivities," for any other time than the day preceding Ash Wednesday.

Being St. David's Day, today is also the festival of the patron saint of Wales. Substitute for the original emblem, the leek, Welshmen now wear daffodils to honor St. David's Day. Should they wear daffodils and eat the rather odoriferous leek instead of wearing it they may yet get confused in their correct observance of the day since it is also Shrove Tuesday and pancakes should be served.

F. B. OSBORNE IS CLERK ASSISTANT AT THE HOUSE

Takes Place of R. J. Harrington Who Was Unable to Take Up Duties

On Duty Today

Leader Squires Goes On Today; Night Sessions To Start This Week

Frank B. Osborne was on duty this morning at the clerk's office in the Legislature. This afternoon he took his seat at the clerk's table on the floor of the House as Clerk Assistant in place of R. J. Harrington of Saint John who acted as clerk assistant last year, but whose duties at Saint John would not allow him to be present again this session. Mr. Osborne has a training which should qualify him for the position and the appointment will be a popular one with everyone. Mr. Harrington made many friends last year both amongst the members and amongst those whom he met in this city.

Night sessions of the House, to accommodate speakers in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, are likely this week. Hon. C. T. Ritchie, provincial secretary, hopes to bring down the provincial budget next Tuesday; and since there are still eight speakers scheduled to speak on the address it is considered very likely that night sessions will be necessary. Party whips have announced seven of the eight speakers to take part in the debate. Hon. F. C. Squires, Leader of the Opposition, spoke this afternoon, and Hon. F. W. Pirie, minister of lands and mines, will follow him tomorrow afternoon. Others announced as speakers are G. W. Perry, M.L.A., Carleton, R. McAllister, M.L.A., Saint John, E. W. Melville, M.L.A., Carleton, Gaspard Boucher, M.L.A., Madawaska, H. A. Porter, K. C., Saint John.

NEW FIRE TRUCK USED FOR FIRST TIME LAST NITE

Fire Horses Wild As the Alarm Sounds and Trucks Go; Fate Decided

Long trained to answer the roar of the fire horn, the city fire horses, Bill and Doll, yesterday stood idle for the first time while the department rushed to a blaze.

Shortly before six o'clock yesterday afternoon a blaze in an old frame structure, owned by E. B. Savage, this city, and used as a radiator repair shop, just below the corner of Westmorland and King Streets, called the fire department into action.

The motor of the pumper roared to life. The horses tensed themselves for the moment the fronts of their stalls would flash open and they would dash to their places under the suspended harness. The pumper roared out of the station, followed closely by the new ladder truck—motorized monster that is stealing the act of the horses.

Registers Kick

Doll, the mare, soon became docile but Old Bill, faithful veteran of ten years in the department knew something was wrong and felt like registering a kick. He did, but his falling hooves on the walls of his stall failed to remedy his humiliating imprisonment. All to no avail, he changed his tactics. He peered inquiringly through the wire mesh at the side of his stall—no results. Even his coaxing whinny failed to bring someone to his aid.

Fate Decided

Now that the new truck is in service, the fate of the horses was decided at an impromptu meeting of the Fire Committee last evening, following the committee meeting of the City Council. The mare will be sold at auction, at some time in the near future. Several prospective purchasers have already approached the city, offering to buy her for a brood mare.

With Bill it is a different matter. There is a sentiment in the department that money cannot overshadow. He will not be sold, it was decided, but will remain in the station where he can be given the care in his last days that his long period of faithful service deserves. The Fire Chief, on behalf of the department, petitioned the committee to allow them to keep him, and the request was granted.

Thus Bill has something to look forward to yet. He will be in the care of "Hood" O'Neill, who has cared for him since he first came into the department. Chances are he will get as many peppermints as before—and likely a few buttons as an occasional treat.

Little Damage

The fire yesterday did little damage. Originating from a minor explosion while a blow torch was being

City Had Surplus \$679.45 For 1937 Statement Shows

Budget For 1938 Set At \$293,000, An Increase of \$16,000 Over Last Year

NO INCREASE IN TAX RATE

Delegation Before Council Re Removal of Stone Yard and Joining Aberdeen St.; "May Be Done In Year or Two"

GOOD NEWS to the citizens of Fredericton was both the financial statement of the year past, and the budget for the year 1938, which were presented to the council last evening in the regular monthly committee meeting. The statement for the year shows a surplus of \$679.45 for 1937, while the budget for the present year totals \$293,000.

Although the new budget is \$16,000 more than last year's, it is not felt that taxes will have to be raised. Mayor Forbes stated that the Board of Assessors feel that the assessment rate can be kept nearly the same as last year. It is estimated that \$309,375.10 will be needed for the administration of the city affairs during the present year, but with an estimated surplus revenue of \$16,375.10 from license fees and such, only \$293.00 need be raised by assessment.

Chief items of interest in the budget will be the assessing of the full \$115,000 requested by the Board of School Trustees for the maintenance of schools, and allowance in street lighting costs for improvement of the lighting on Queen Street. An increase of \$2,000 was levied for the City Hall Committee to allow for the installation of new lighting in the City Council Chamber, and the remodelling of the City Hall to allow for another office. Some time during the year the stairs leading up to the Opera House on the left side of the entrance going in, will be removed, and an office built there for the purpose of holding meetings and conducting private business.

Relief Levy Lower

That changes in the market place will not be made this year, was indicated when no money was included in the levy for the purpose. From similar indications, the old city dump on the river front will not be improved at present. Levy for the Municipal Home was reduced by \$2,000 due to the revision of the relief lists which was completed yesterday and which reduced the number on the list by 30 per cent.

Pavement of University Avenue and George Street is planned but this cost was not included in the levy since it will be done as a capital expenditure. Debentures amounting to \$60,000 will be issued during the year to carry out a three-year paving and sewerage and water extension plan.

Given Hoist

The matter concerning the city stoneyard and rock crusher, long a thorn in the side of many of the citizens of Fredericton, was apparently given a hoist for one year and possibly two. The delay is for the purpose of choosing a suitable site for crusher, it was stated.

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ACCEPTS CALL TO GIBSON CH, NORTH DEVON

Rev. A. G. Pentz, N. S., Will Replace Rev. W. A. Burge in Gibson Memorial Church

The Gibson Memorial Church at Devon, at a special meeting of the congregation held at the church last evening, extended a unanimous call to Rev. A. G. Pentz, Auburn, N.S. The call is to take effect in June. Rev. Dr. J. W. Bartlett of Wilnot United Church, was chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Pentz is a graduate of Mount Allison University, and is Assistant Secretary of the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada. For the past eight years he has held a pastorate at Aylesford, N.S.

Mr. Pentz will move his family here when he arrives to take over the Devon pastorate. His wife was a daughter of the late Rev. W. Turner and Mrs. Turner. The late Mr. Turner was a minister of the United Church and was well known in Nova Scotia. Mr. Pentz will replace Rev. W. A. Burge, who recently resigned from the Devon pastorate.

INSPECTOR HERE

E. J. D. Downing, Provincial Factory Inspector, is in the city today on routine business, and will be here for about a week. It is expected. During his stay he will inspect the shops and factories in the city to see that they comply with the Factory Act.

refilled, the blaze caught on the walls and ceiling before it was extinguished. Two lines of hose were laid.

FORMER LOCAL MAN ENLISTS IN SPANISH ARMY

W. Turney Whitehead, Former Accountant With Daily Mail, Now On Firing Line

Native of Woodstock

Formerly Served In the United States Army

Fredericton is represented on the firing line in the Spanish Revolution. W. Turney Whitehead, a former accountant on The Daily Mail business staff is now in Spain. Whether he



lined up with the Loyalists or with the Reds as they are called, has not been ascertained. Mr. Whitehead who has had rather an adventurous career is a son of Chipman Whitehead, formerly of Woodstock. After leaving school at Woodstock he went to the United States where he spent three years in the United States Army. Then he returned to Woodstock where he remained until 1929. In that year he went to New York and secured a position as Manager of the Golfer's Club—the only club of its kind in the United States. He made good and was well liked by those with whom he was associated but he decided to return to his native province and in 1936 came to Fredericton to accept a position as accountant on The Daily Mail. In addition to his office duties he wrote an interesting column headed "The Men on the Street." His articles were breezy and were read with interest.

Last year the wanderlust fever again struck Mr. Whitehead and he resigned his position with The Daily Mail and left for Saint John. After remaining in that city for a few months he again started on his travels, visiting several of the upper provinces and a few weeks ago sailed as deck hand on a cattle boat bound for Liverpool.

After arriving in England Mr. Whitehead got in touch with Spanish military authorities and went to Spain where he enlisted in the Spanish Army. Whether the army is the Loyalists or the Reds cannot be ascertained. Mr. Whitehead who was of a genial and kindly disposition made many friends in this city who will watch his future career with interest, and will hope that he comes safely through the Spanish revolution.

SCHEMATIC BETTER

Mrs. Ada V. Allen, Burt's Corner, who is critically ill at Victoria Public Hospital, is resting more comfortably today. It was learned this morning from the hospital.

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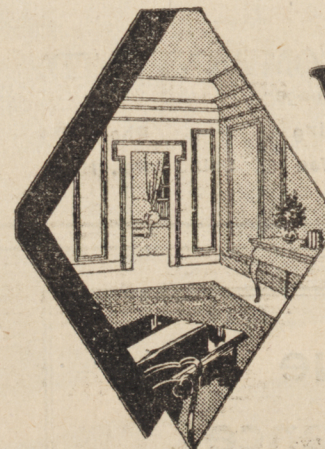
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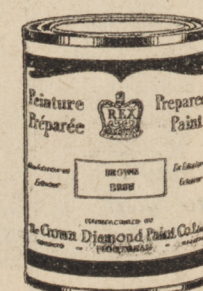
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