

News Briefs

STILL ALARM

The Fredericton fire department quickly attended to an overheated pipe this morning at the residence of James McLellan, Needham Street. No damage was reported.

GUEST SPEAKER

R. J. Albrant, general secretary of the Fredericton Community Y, spoke on the activities of the Y last night at the regular weekly meeting of the Fredericton Gyro Club presided over by James G. Badcock, president.

HERE FOR FUNERAL

John L. Feeney, Saint John; G. P. Feeney, Campbellton; and Jack Lawlor, Moncton, will arrive in the city tonight to attend the funeral tomorrow afternoon of the late Agnes A. Feeney.

RESTING COMFORTABLY

Leonard Cormier, son of Comptroller General and Mrs. E. J. Cormier of this city, who was operated on yesterday at Victoria Public Hospital, is resting fairly comfortably today, it was learned this morning from the hospital.

Many Certificates Granted at Closing Of Night School

Sixty-two certificates were presented at the closing of the night school last night, which for the past ten weeks has been conducted in the Fredericton High School. Besides demonstrations by the students in the work, the evening featured addresses by Dr. G. C. VanWart, chairman of the school board, Dr. Fletcher Peacock, director of educational services for New Brunswick, and Hon. F. C. Squires, leader of the opposition in the Legislature.

Dr. Peacock stressed the opportunities and possibilities which education of this type afforded while Hon. Mr. Squires pointed out the value of hard work and the necessity of good citizenship.

Demonstrations were given by the students in cooking, sewing, handicraft, art, woodworking and the building of a radio. One of the leading features of the closing was the modelling of clothes made by the students by themselves. Displays of the work done during the course were on hand. The number of certificates granted is practically the same as last course.

Last Tribute To Miss Fannie Hodge This Afternoon

The last tribute of respect was paid to the memory of Miss Fannie Hodge when a large number of friends turned out this afternoon to attend her funeral. The service was conducted at the late home on Campbell Street at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Dr. George E. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, after which the funeral proceeded to the rural cemetery where interment was made in the family lot.

The mourners included George W. Hodge, D. W. Griffiths, Thomas Griffiths, H. Ralph Gunter, M.L.A., Billy Richards, Harry Richards, John Richards, Don Richards, Charles W. Weddall, Luke S. Morrison, Stewart L. Morrison, Fred P. Hatt, William Adams, R. B. Adams, Thomas Belmore, C. C. Camp, Dr. A. P. Crockett, Harry G. Hoban, William Grieves, John T. Jennings, J. L. Neville, R. P. Allen, P. J. Hughes, K.C., Major John S. Scott, C. A. MacVey, Ernest A. MacKay, Major James Pringle, William A. VanWart, W. M. Clark and James Lowler.

Remains Late Miss Agnes A. Feeney To Arrive Tomorrow

The remains of Miss Agnes A. Feeney, who passed away yesterday morning at Newton, Mass., will arrive in Fredericton on the noon train tomorrow. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at St. Dunstan's Church and interment will be made at the Hermitage. The remains will be accompanied by Louis Stack and Mrs. Mary MacKinnon.

Miss Feeney, who was born at New Market, a daughter of the late John and Mary Feeney, spent her early life there before coming to Fredericton, where she resided until 15 years ago when she went to Somerville, Mass., to live with her sister, the late Mrs. Stack. She resided with her niece, Mrs. Mary MacKinnon, at Newton, Mass., upon the death of her sister. A short time ago she entered a hospital for treatment where her death occurred yesterday morning.

She is survived by a brother, John Feeney of this city; several nephews among whom are Dr. F. A. McGrand, M.L.A., Welsford; Jack Lawlor, Moncton; G. P. Feeney, Campbellton; J. L. Feeney, Saint John; several nieces among whom are Mrs. Joseph A. Cain, Mrs. Thomas L. Cain, Mrs. Fred Rowan, Mrs. Charles Cremins, all of this city.

CITES NEED OF HOSPITAL ANNEX AT MEETING

Delegation of Four Aldermen to Oppose The Bill

Buildings Crowded

Supt.'s Report Shows Daily Average Patients Increased

Quoting the superintendent's reports and otherwise citing the overcrowded condition in Victoria Public Hospital in the past few years, J. A. Reid, chairman of the hospital board at the regular meeting held last night declared that an annex to the institution is absolutely necessary.

The bill was read at the meeting in the city hall by the chairman but was not discussed to any extent and no comment made. Considerable informal discussion developed among the members following the meeting however.

The bill would enable the city of Fredericton to issue debentures for \$100,000 and guarantee a further issue of \$150,000 by the hospital board for the purpose of financing the annex. The towns of Marysville and Devon would be authorized to issue debentures for \$5,000 each, and the York County Council would be authorized to issue for \$40,000. The bill is expected to be taken up in committee next week.

Marysville Protests

The town of Marysville at council meeting last night protested the bill, saying that the matter should have been before the council before going to the Legislature. Likewise, a delegation of four, consisting of Ald. Ivan McKnight, Ald. Ray T. Forbes, Ald. W. Raymond Crowdon and Ald. R. A. McMillan will appear before the Corporations committee to protest the bill.

Their contention is that the matter should have been passed by the City Council before going to the Legislature.

The superintendent's report showed that in the past month the daily average of patients over the same period last year increased by 6.1 per cent, and further stated that there has been an increased demand for hospitalization since 1931.

Superintendent's Report

The full report is as follows: patients at beginning of month, 65; admitted during month, 114; discharged during month, 123; patients at end of month, 56; medical cases, 19; surgical cases, 73; obstetrical cases 12; births, 9; deaths, 4; major operations, 30; minor operations, 88; X-ray examinations 113; X-ray treatments, 5; maximum number patients in day, 77; minimum number patients in day, 56; daily average patients for month, 67.64.

Those present at the meeting were: J. A. Reid, chairman; C. E. Boone, C. A. MacVey, Ald. Ray T. Forbes, Councillor B. O. Waugh, Councillor Howard Cameron, Councillor Rowley Manzer, Mayor C. Hedley Forbes, Dr. G. I. Nugent, Miss Areta Gerow, Dr. Oscar Morehouse, Dr. H. S. Wright, and Fred E. Haviland.

Log Driver's Wage To Remain At Same 1937 Level

Despite earlier reports in some sections of the press yesterday, the wage scales for stream driving operations and pulpwood-cutting activities will remain about the same as last year, it was learned this morning at the conclusion of the meeting of the New Brunswick Forest Operations Commission in the office of Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines, which was presided over by G. F. G. Bridges, of Moncton.

Stream drivers will be paid an average wage of \$3.00 per day and board, the same as last year. For booming and sorting, the men will be paid 23 cents per hour without board.

The commission has the power to set the wage scales in the lumber industries for the ensuing year, under the Forest Operations Commission Act.

Funeral Today Largely Attended

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Helena Delong, who passed away early yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Draper, took place this afternoon from her late home, 259 Victoria Street. Services were conducted at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. John Linton, and interment was made at the Rural Extension cemetery. The funeral was largely attended and there were many beautiful floral tributes. The mourners were Harry Delong, Royden Delong, Ralph Delong, Thomas Dean, Jack Draper, Dick Richardson, Ralph Dean, Miles Draper, Leith Draper, several grandsons and daughters. The pallbearers were Frank Delong, Charlie Delong, Barry Delong, Ford Delong, Richard Delong and Leslie Delong.

SAINT JOHN'S BILLS OPPOSED IN COMMITTEE

Bills Re Hospital And Municipal Home Bds. Are Discussed

Meeting Adjourned

Want Labor To Be Represented On The Board

Two Saint John Bills, one relating to the board of commissioners of the Saint John General Hospital and one relative to the board of commissioners of the Saint John Municipal Home, were object of heated discussion in the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature this morning.

John S. McKinnon, legislative representative of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor protested the bill relating to the Municipal Home, declaring that labor should be represented on the board. W. A. Ross, county secretary treasurer for Saint John pointed out however that labor was represented even though the members were not responsible to labor organizations.

A heated personal clash developed between Mr. McKinnon and E. Claude Seelye, councillor for Saint John County, when the former stated that labor was discredited and that Seelye had been dismissed. Mr. Seelye declared that he was not dismissed but had resigned.

Investigation Held

Councillor Grannan of Saint John stated that an investigation was held in 1937 to investigate the conditions of the board, and recommendations were made that the present position of the board be legalized until the matter can be cleared up. He thought there was no question of labor not being represented on Municipal council, and the board consists entirely of council members. Horace A. Porter, K.C., Saint John City, the municipal council represents everyone and that care of the poor is part of the job they were elected to do.

After minor amendments the bill was reported as amended.

The bill would allow the municipal council to appoint or remove members of the board, and all members would be councillors. Mr. McKinnon also objected to the clause whereby the term of office is determined by the municipal council.

The second Saint John bill, which was to take the power of appointing members of the hospital board from the hands of the government and relieve them of the responsibility, was deferred after considerable discussion.

Discuss Qualifications

Dr. E. W. Lunney, of the staff of the Saint John Hospital, believed that the bill should specify that only bona fide citizens and taxpayers of the municipality could be members of the board. W. A. Ross, county secretary, (Continued on Page Five)

MARYSVILLE TO OPPOSE HOSPITAL BILL IN HOUSE

Appoint Mayor and Solicitor to Go Before the Committee; "Town Should Have Right To Seek Own Legislation"

The regular monthly meeting of the Marysville Town Council was held last night in the Alexander Gibson Memorial School. The main items under discussion were the attitude of the council toward the hospital bill, collection of tax arrears, and bus transportation service.

Discussion centred around the hospital bill after Town Clerk N. C. Cochrane introduced a copy of "An Act to Amend the Acts relating to the Victoria Public Hospital."

A motion by Ald. Pettigrove that Mayor Long attend the meeting of the Municipalities Committee when the bill comes up for consideration with authority to employ a solicitor to look after the interests of the town insofar as the bill relates to the Town of Marysville, was adopted. In the discussion that arose over the Hospital Bill it was felt by the council that if the Town of Marysville intended granting of aid in the construction of an extension of the Victoria Public Hospital by the issue of bonds, then it should reserve the right to apply for legislation on its own behalf.

Ald. Gregory reporting for the Finance Committee announced that tax collections for February amounted to \$323.40, while expenditures were \$1,712.20. With regard to lists of tax arrears prepared by the Town Treasurer, Ald. Gregory moved that as the Town Incorporation Act made no provision for cancellation of tax arrears (Continued on Page Five)

MAIL SERVICE TO MINTO FELT UN- SATISFACTORY

Local Merchants Are Dissatisfied With Arrangement

Protests Unheeded

Minto Mail Delayed and Held In This City Overnight

Many of the merchants of this city are expressing dissatisfaction over the fact that no mails from this city go out to Minto and Chipman and intermediate points on the afternoon train which leaves here at 4:40 o'clock each afternoon.

They contend that letters received by them in the morning could be replied to and could reach Minto at about eight o'clock in the evening. Instead of the mails going out on this train they are held in the post office here until the following morning and do not reach their destination until sometime about the middle of the next day. This also applies to newspapers which are placed in the Fredericton Post Office in plenty of time to catch the afternoon mail for Minto.

Undue Competition

These papers, going by mail are subject to undue competition with the morning papers from Saint John of the following day. It is only fair however to state that this is not the fault of the local post office authorities.

Several weeks ago the matter was taken up by the transportation committee of the Fredericton Board of Trade and the chairman of the board, former Mayor R. L. Phillips, was informed that this delay in forwarding the mail from Fredericton was made at the request of certain parties in Minto who evidently did not feel like going to the post office at night to get their mail upon the arrival of the evening train.

Those who did wish to get their mail were evidently deprived of the privilege on account of the requests made by some of the residents of that place.

Foolish Arrangement

The foolish part of the arrangement seems to be that those who do not wish to go to the post office to get the evening mail seem to want to deprive the others of the benefit to which they are entitled. They do not seem to realize that they would not have to go to the post office at night if they did not care to.

As a result urgent mail matter from the business men of Fredericton which should leave here in the afternoon is held over until the following day.

According to Mr. Phillips this arrangement has been endorsed by the postal authorities both at Saint John and at Ottawa. The protest of the transportation committee was evidently of no avail.

CLOSING BRIDGE NOT TO HINDER ROAD TRAFFIC

Hartland Bridge To Be Closed New Week For Part of Day

Other Routes

Roads Up River In Good Condition State Reports

With the closing of the Hartland bridge next week for part of a day to allow the replacing of a beam in the floor of the lengthy structure, through traffic via the St. John River Valley will not be hindered. Following the announcement today by C. A. McVey, chief bridge engineer of the New Brunswick Department of Public Works, it was stated that although traffic up and down the river at the present time is comparatively heavy, due to good road conditions, the Woodstock and Florenceville bridges will be used for crossing and the traffic will be handled in that way. The announcement as to the exact date of the closing has not yet been made. The bridge is at present being refloored and it was stated today by Mr. McVey that the operation should be completed in a week.

There are seven spans in the structure, each 177 feet long, and floored with wood planking. Only part of the flooring is being replaced, it was stated. The top flooring runs lengthwise and since only the centre plans are worn they alone will be replaced. It is believed that the work can be done at the rate of a span a day.

Other Routes

Traffic from Hartland down the river will take the Brighton side, crossing at Woodstock, while other through traffic may travel through Florenceville or Centreville, or cross the river at Woodstock and travel the east side all the way.

A. W. Barbour, deputy minister of Public Works stated today that the roads up the valley are in first class condition, giving traffic no difficulty.

TO ADDRESS LEGION

Dr. M. A. Clay, Saint John, who represented the Saint John Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., at the Dominion Legion conference at Fort William recently, will address the Fredericton Branch of the Legion at their regular monthly meeting here Wednesday evening.

IMPROVED TODAY

Friends will be pleased to learn that little Agnes Sears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sears who is ill at her home with double pneumonia is somewhat improved. She is expected to be confined to her bed for about ten days.

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