

News Briefs

AT SAINT JOHN

Hon. W. P. Jones, director of Old Age Pensions for New Brunswick left yesterday for Saint John on official business. He is expected to return to the city tomorrow evening.

BARGAINS AT THRIFT STORES

At the attractive new store recently opened on Regent Street—Thrift Stores Ltd.—the canny housewife will find a really fine selection of groceries ideally suited to the average family's household needs.

NO ARRESTS

No arrests have yet been made in the break in the Bay Auto Parts the night before last. Chief Jones of the City Police reported today. Police are still investigating.

RENTED APARTMENTS

Miss Jennie Woods and her niece Miss Nan Ladds who came here last fall from Everett, Wash., have rented apartments in the new Delong house now being erected on University Avenue and will move into their new home about May first.

FALSE ALARM

No calls were sent in today to the F'ton Fire Department although an alarm was rung in this afternoon from the parliament buildings through faulty wiring in the sprinkler system. The alarm caused considerable excitement for a time.

SIGNS OF SPRING

The crocus, the rhubarb and the dandelion were amongst the signs of spring seen yesterday in the east end of the city. The purple martin has also arrived back in his old haunts.

DELEGATION HERE

Mathias Whurr, president of the Minto Local, U.M.W., W. S. Walker, treasurer and district board member, and Earle Upton, secretary, were in the city today. It is understood that they were to confer with Premier A. A. Dymally, and Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines, this afternoon concerning amendments to the Mining Act.

NOT YET NAMED

The representative of the Department of Agriculture who will represent the department on the delegation which goes to Ottawa this week concerning markets for New Brunswick Potatoes, had not been decided upon at present time. The decision was to be made this afternoon, however, J. K. King, deputy minister of agriculture stated today.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

An oratorical contest sponsored by the Fredericton Council of the Knights of Columbus was held last evening in St. Dunstan's Hall. The speeches were interesting and well presented. Donald McDonald winning first prize, Miss Margaret Hay second prize, and John A. H. Duffie third prize. The other contestants were Miss Mary Simcock and Harold Lynch. Judges of the contest were Rev. A. C. McDonald, Miss Dorothy Hughes and James A. Hughes.

TRAVEL IN COMFORT

The centenary celebration of the Waverley Hotel tonight gives us a realization of the ease of travel under modern conditions. It was from the Waverley Hotel that the stage coach left three times a week for Saint John. It was also from here that the stage coach left for the Miramichi. Today the trip to the Miramichi a long and tedious journey in those days can be made via the Capital Transit Limited, in a few hours—and the starting point of the journey is just around the corner.

Funeral of Late Dr. H. A. Greene This Afternoon

The funeral of the late Dr. H. A. Greene, who passed away on Sunday morning at the Victoria Public Hospital took place this afternoon. The deceased, whose death resulted from a fall on the icy sidewalk over two weeks ago, was a well known resident of this city, having resided here since 1911. He had practiced dentistry in various parts of New Brunswick for nearly a half century.

Services were conducted by Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead at 2 o'clock at the home of J. E. Palmer, 204 Church Street, son-in-law of the deceased. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery extension.

Chief mourners were: James E. Palmer, Charles J. Loughlin, Aubrey E. Clarke, John J. Palmer, Allan Loughlin, Everett Palmer, Fred Carpenter, Henry Carpenter, George Carpenter, Stanley Ebbett, Arthur Ebbett, Wm. A. McLellan, Jack P. McLellan, Roland Loughlin.

Pall bearers were: Nathaniel Jones, Robert Stevenson, Harry Steen, Oscar Harris, Arthur Ebbett and Roland Loughlin.

COMMITTEE ON MONCTON BILLS THIS MORNING

Act To Amend Act Of Incorporations Met Objections

Discussion

Consider Plebiscite On Length of Term Of Mayor, Aldermen

Two bills were considered by the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature at this morning's meeting, with C. H. Blakeny, M.L.A., Moncton, as chairman. Both bills related to the city of Moncton which was represented by a delegation composed of Mayor W. E. McMonagle, L. T. Tingley, City Clerk, and T. T. Goodwin, K.C., City Solicitor.

The first bill was entitled "An Act to Fix the Valuation for Assessment Purposes within the Municipality of Westmorland of Swift Canadian Company, Ltd." R. M. Palmer, Moncton, appearing on behalf of Swift Canadian Co. Ltd., explained that the purpose of the measure was to fix the valuation at \$100,000 for county purposes for a period of five years. The bill was reported with an amendment exempting the company from School Rates.

Second Bill

The second bill before the Committee was intended to amend the Act of Incorporation of the City of Moncton.

T. T. Goodwin, K.C., Moncton, City Solicitor, explained the nature of the bill. The first three sections of the bill provided that in case of any debt or chose in action, the assignee might bring action in the City Court of Moncton, in his own name. Other clauses provided for a closer check on expenditures pertaining to Alms-house Commissioners by the City Council. At the present, Alms-house Commissioners receive a commission or 2½% on expenditures, so that they receive a larger commission by expending more money. The purpose of these clauses was to correct this arrangement, by placing the secretary under greater control of the Council. The Council appoints one of the Commissioners as secretary and by the provisions of the bill would have greater control over him.

Another clause would extend the period of term of office of the Mayor and Aldermen for two years. This would become effective in January, 1939. A plebiscite on this measure would also be provided for.

Advance Poll

The next clause would provide for an advance poll in city elections for those unable to vote on the regular date of election.

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CONFERRED WITH DR. C. C. JONES RE UNIVERSITY

English Educational Of- ficial In City; Making Tour Of Universities

W. R. Brander, prominent English educationalist and secretary of the Bureau of Universities, London, England, is in the city today where he conferred with Dr. C. C. Jones, president of the University of New Brunswick.

Mr. Brander this afternoon was to meet the members of the different faculties of the University, and tomorrow will address the students in the Memorial Building.

The Bureau of Universities which Mr. Brander represents is a clearing house for universities all over the British Empire. While in Canada he will visit the other universities and gather data for a book on the Canadian colleges and universities.

Labor Delegation Objects To Act

A delegation representing the New Brunswick Federation of Labor was in the city today to confer with Premier Dymally, Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney General and acting Minister of Labor and other members of the Cabinet in objection to sections of the new labor act.

The Federation of Labor objects to several clauses in the act. They object to the section which states that no employees can walk out until 14 days after a strike vote; the section ruling that plants with less than 30 employees cannot have a conciliation board without permission of the Minister of Labor, and that Crown employees do not fall under the act.

It is claimed that the statutes are not so wide as those in other provinces. It is also understood that several other sections of less importance clash with the opinions of the labor body.

City Of Fredericton Will Not Oppose The Hospital Legislation

Special Meeting City Council Last Evening De- cides To Take No Action; Bill Again Before the Committee On Thursday; Plans for Building

The City Council in special session last evening unanimously decided to take no action on the contentious Victoria Public Hospital bill which on Thursday will again be before the Corporations Committee of the Legislature. In the session, the desire of the Hospital Board to erect an addition to the present hospital was not opposed. The aldermen in opposition of the bill merely objected to the manner in which it was presented to the Legislature. The fact that the passing of the bill would not put any obligation on the city to support the erection of the hospital was stressed.

Luke S. Morrison, chairman of the buildings committee of the Victoria Public Hospital was called on by Mayor Forbes to explain the proposed enabling legislation.

He pointed out that the legislation would not compel the city to act, merely enable them to if they so wish. He pointed out also the need of the new annex. Two problems face the hospital, he said, first the present accommodations are out of date, and inadequate; second the increased demand for hospital accommodation. According to figures he presented in 1934, the number of hospital days was 11,865, while in 1937 it had increased to 20,622 days.

The plans in mind have been drawn up to provide the type of hospitalization the board feels the community needs, he said.

Ald. McMillan questioned Mr. Morrison as to the number of beds the hospital would provide. It was explained that the hospital would provide for 140 beds. On question by Ald. McMillan he confirmed the question that the cost would be \$2,700 per bed.

Several different plans were considered for the addition, he stated. The plan now in mind is to erect a wing on each side of the new building. This would allow the use of the old building while the new annex is under construction.

Ald. Forbes arose to say that he could see the need of the new hospital but felt that the city should have been informed of the intentions of the board. He pointed out that the new building would increase the city's debt by \$100,000 and the liability by \$150,000. "It is a big matter," he said, "and I think we should have been given some information on it." He asked Mr. Morrison why the legislation was presented in the way it was.

Mr. Morrison stated that the board had felt that the city had no interest in the matter.

Ald. Creighton also argued on the necessity of the hospital. He expressed the opinion that a taller building could be erected more cheaply than a low structure.

Mayor Forbes called to the attention of the Council that the meeting had been called to consider what action the city would take and not with the type of building.

Mr. Morrison stated that the plans were not closed as yet and the board would be glad to consider any means of providing the accommodations more economically.

Deputy Mayor McCaughy agreed with the action of the board in presenting the bill. He stated that the

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IMPROVEMENTS IN CITY HALL ARE PLANNED

Clock in Tower May Be Floodlighted; Will Make Changes In Of- fice Arrangements

That the citizens may be able to tell the time by the city hall clock at right as well as day, the city hall committee in meeting last night discussed plans for the floodlighting of the dial of the big timepiece. No decision was made on the matter, it was stated by Ald. Ivan McKnight, chairman of the committee this morning. The matter will be further considered later.

The meeting also discussed plans, approved by the council some time ago for improvements in the office arrangements of the city treasurer's office.

In the near future the office which is at present used for a receiving office will be converted into a book-keeping office. The centre office, now the private office of the city treasurer, Fred I. Haviland, will become the receiving office, while an office between the latter and the council chamber will be opened up and used as the private office of Mr. Haviland.

Up to the present time this office has been used for a storeroom. The room will be ventilated and arrangements made for better lighting. It was stated this morning that the improvements have been needed for some time.

CENTENARY OF HOTEL RECALLS OLD STORIES

Wm. Grieves and Father McDevitt in the Olden Days; Traded Horses For Parade on 12th

In connection with the celebration of the centenary of the Waverley Hotel, which takes place today, a couple of interesting stories are told in connection with the founder, William Grieves. These stories show the good feeling which existed in the old days between all classes in the community.

William Grieves, who took a leading part in community affairs was a prominent currier. In addition to this he was a prominent Orangeman and for many years was head of the Orange Lodge in this city. He numbered amongst his close friends many Roman Catholics in this city, among whom was the late Rev. J. C. McDevitt, for fifty years, pastor of St. Dunstan's Church. On the occasion of the consecration of the present Roman Catholic cemetery at the Hermitage, the celebration had to be postponed on the first day because of rain. As the weather was still threatening on the following day, Father McDevitt went to his friend Mr. Grieves and borrowed a large canopy which the Orangemen had for use on the Twelfth of July if that day should prove rainy or too warm.

When Mr. Grieves brought out the canopy it had the letters L.O.L. printed on the front. Mr. Grieves suggested to Father McDevitt, that if he wished the letters could be covered over but Father McDevitt being a good sport had the canopy set up at the Hermitage and consecrated the graveyard standing under the Or-

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Indirect Benefits

Council To Consider Agreement During Present Week

The \$800,000 expenditure in Moncton over a period of the next three years for the construction of the new airport will wipe out unemployment in that city, stated Mayor W. E. McMonagle, who is in the city this morning. Many other indirect benefits are expected from the airport.

Only the approval of the city council to a tentative agreement whereby the city purchase a block of land, 1,275 acres in extent some three miles outside the city and transfer it if fee simple to the Federal government, is necessary before the matter can be put into operation.

In Moncton, it is understood, there will be little objection to the agreement. According to Mayor McMonagle the sole outlay by the city would be \$35,000 to \$50,000 for purchase of the property at Lakeburn. The matter will be considered in council during the present week.

Expected Costs

Outlay by Department of Transport—(1) \$541,000 for grading, draining and building runways; (2) \$50,000 to build the administration building to house customs, post, immigration, etc.; (3) \$35,000 to erect meteorological range finder; \$35,000 to provide for beacon lights, flood lights, etc., and five miles of underground cable for lighting.

Outlay by Trans-Canada Airlines: (Nothing definite yet but the following is expected) \$150,000 for erection of hangar.

Mayor McMonagle said further that if the R.C.M.P. use the airport they would build a hangar or pay rental for space in the Trans-Canada hangar. The same would apply, he stated, in regard to use of the airport by connecting lines to Maritime points.

And if Pan-American Airways Inc. and Boston-Maine Airways, Inc., use the port, as expected, they, too, would have to house their planes or rent space for them.

MET LAST EVENING

The sewerage and water committee of the city council met last evening in city hall following the council meeting. Recommendations for the purchase of a quantity of water and sewer piping, valves and other equipment was made. The new material will be used in a \$10,000 project planned for the coming summer. Ald. Delmas Olts, chairman of the committee presided.

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