

News Briefs

TO MONTREAL

F. M. Tweedie, M.L.A., Northumberland, will leave for Montreal tonight on a business trip. He will return early next week.

HAS RECOVERED

J. H. Malcom, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia of this city, has recovered from his recent illness and will return to his duties in a few days.

AWAY ON BUSINESS

E. C. Atkinson, president of the Fredericton Board of Trade is in Montreal on business. He is expected to return on Saturday.

NEW OFFICE TO SAVE ON SALES TAX REBATES

A saving of several thousands of dollars per year is expected by the establishment of a sales tax rebate office which will soon be opened in the departmental buildings. Premier Dymally announced last night that the office would be established in the near future. Miss Martha Hawkins, Saint John, has been appointed clerk to take charge of the office.

The federal sales tax does not apply to goods manufactured in Canada and sold to governments. Formerly the merchants had to collect the rebate themselves, and since many amounts were so small it was not worth the trouble. The new office will handle the matter.

U. N. B. DEBATERS WIN AND LOSE

John McKnight and Robert W. Porter Represented University

The debating team of the University of New Brunswick won and lost decisions in two debates held yesterday and Tuesday. At Antigonish, N. S., the U. N. B. team, composed of John McKnight and Robert W. Porter, both of Fredericton, were defeated by the St. Francis Xavier University team of William Campbell, Premier, B. C., and Donald Dixon, Campbellton, N. B. The U.N.B. representatives upheld the affirmative of the subject: "Resolved, that the Democratic Nations of the World Have Betrayed China."

At Halifax, N. S., Tuesday night, the New Brunswick team won a decision over the King's College debaters, as S. Hart and J. S. Wetmore. The winners upheld the affirmative of "Resolved that in the Light of Present Day Social and Economic Needs and Possible Future Developments, the Powers of the Dominion Government should be Immediately Strengthened at the Expense of the Powers of the Provincial Governments."

Johnston McKenzie Passed Away Last Evening

A gentleman who was held in high respect by all who knew him passed away at his home 659 Brunswick St. last evening. Johnston McKenzie was born at Port Daniel, Quebec, but came here when a young man and has resided in this city for fifty six years. The late Mr. McKenzie was for many years a leading member of Christ Church Cathedral. He was a sidesman for many years. He was also a member of St. Andrews Society and for more than forty years he was connected with the Fredericton Fire Department. In his younger days and up to within a few years ago Mr. McKenzie took an active part in the deliberations of the local Liberal Association. He was an active worker in the Liberal cause and the Court House poll on election day would have something lacking if Johnston McKenzie was not on hand. In the death of Johnston McKenzie Fredericton loses a good citizen and a man who had the respect of all who knew him. He was 79 years of age.

Mr. McKenzie's wife died some years ago. He is survived by three sons, Ralph of Regina, Sask., William of New Jersey, and by Rev. John McKenzie of Huntington, Conn., rector of the Episcopal Church in that city and by two daughters, Amy and Florence McKenzie of this city. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon. Prayers will be held at the home at 2:10 p.m. and the funeral procession will proceed to Christ Church Cathedral where at 2:30 o'clock Very Rev. Dean Moorehead will conduct the service and interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

The Rev. John McKenzie is expected to arrive here tomorrow to attend the funeral.

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD DISCUSSED THIS MORNING

Hon. Mr. Squires And Others, Discuss Accounts Today

Committee Meeting

"No Justification For Criticism of Dysart Regime"

Considerable discussion this morning in the Public Accounts Committee at the House centred around New Brunswick Liquor Control Board receipts. A contentious matter was made of the fact that accounts of the board are apparently not available to the committee.

Hon. Fred C. Squires, leader of the Opposition, stated that he believed the Legislature was to have the accounts of the board for examination. He wished to make enquiries concerning the accounts. Gaspard Boucher, M.L.A., Madawaska, chairman of the committee, wished to know how much information was desired, the nature of Hon. Mr. Squires' enquiries. Hon. Mr. Squires stated that he could present enquiries at the next meeting of the committee.

John W. Niles, M.L.A., Victoria, explained that this government is following along the same lines as the previous government. In the past the committee had been informed that such enquiries should be placed on the floor of the house.

Hon. Mr. Squires intimated that such method might prove futile.

F. G. Richard, M.L.A., Kent, pointed out that the Liquor Board is a board by itself, and that in the past it has been a general practise that the committee could not get the accounts of the board for examination.

Hon. Mr. Squires wished to know if the committee had the privilege of having members of the board before the committee.

Mr. Boucher believed this committee had no right to determine the policy of the government.

E. W. Melville, M.L.A., Carleton, pointed out that the board was a body created under the government. He believed that R. G. Fulton, chairman of the board, was carrying on in good faith, that everything is being run alright. He stated that he had every confidence in the management.

Not in Public Interest

J. A. Doucet, M.L.A., Gloucester, was told before 1935 that it was not in the public interest to have the accounts of the board before the public, that it might create difficulty and jealousy among employees, and that it was not in the public interest for the public to know prices and profits from the various brands of liquors.

Any member of the committee or of the Legislature can get any information by going to the board, he maintained. He also pointed out that some \$12,000 per year has been saved on the board by the present government.

Mr. Boucher very significantly pointed out that the net profit this year is the highest this province has ever had, although the gross sale was not so large as some other years.

Hon. Mr. Squires stated that no criticism of the various members of the board was meant, that it was merely a matter of policy. He believed that a plank in the Liberal platform mentioned that accounts of the board should be placed before the public.

Unjust Criticism

F. T. B. Young, M.L.A., Gloucester, maintained that the Opposition leader implied criticism of the policy of the government, and that there did (Continued on Page Five).

St. Patrick's Day Being Celebrated In This City Today

Today is St. Patrick's Day and is being celebrated by Irishmen throughout the world and Fredericton is celebrating in common with other places. At St. Dunstan's Church this morning special services were held in honour of the day and this evening at St. Dunstan's Hall an Irish play, entitled "Laughing Irish Eyes" will be presented at 8:15 o'clock. The flag on the city hall is flying today in honour of Ireland's Patron Saint.

The members of the legislature in common with other citizens about the town are all wearing the little shamrock in honour of the day.

This evening the Elks Club will be at home to different Irishmen in the city. The members of the legislature will also be present. The get-together is to start at eight o'clock.

J. J. Hayes Doone, M.L.A. for Charlotte has gone to Saint John where tonight he will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of St. Patrick's Society to be held in the Admiral Beatty Hotel in that city. He will respond to the toast "To the Day We Celebrate."

Bebington's Gardens today send shamrocks to all the members of the Legislature and to the visitors at the different city hotels.

MAKES DRAMATIC PLEA FOR PEACE IN HIS ADDRESS

Dr. Cheng Chih-Tao Spoke in Normal Last Evening

Large Audience

Have Mutual Ideals Of Freedom, Peace and Democracy

A dramatic plea by Dr. Heng Chih-Tao, eminent Chinese philosopher and educationalist for a lasting peace for his country, last evening held the close attention of a capacity audience at the Provincial Normal School. His address was sponsored by the Fredericton Peace Council. Introducing the speaker, Professor R. H. Wright of the University of New Brunswick explained the purposes and duties of the Council and outlined its aspirations for peace.

Dr. Tao symbolically addressed his listeners as friends, friends with perhaps some differences of customs, but many mutual ideas of democracy, freedom, and love of peace, but not peace at any cost. Since coming to the American Continent he has received the impression that Canada and the United States feel that they are out of the world. This he classed as an illusion.

Resist to Last

The Chinese people are willing to resist Japan until liberty is assured, he declared.

Japan has destroyed the educational systems of China. The supposed purchasing of land by the Japs has in reality amounted to confiscation, he asserted.

Refutes Jap Claims

He refuted the reasons given by Japan for aggression, that the Japs have not enough land, that they wish to civilize the Chinese, and that the Japanese people are crowded in their own country.

The real reason for aggression he claimed was to gain control of Chinese raw materials and markets.

He outlined ways of stopping the aggression, a military and political unification of China, a unification of other democratic countries, and an uprising of the democratic element in Japan.

"The Little Teachers"

The most touching part of his address was the reference to the "Little Teachers" sometimes called by their elders the "Mosquito Teachers." In China today they are employing a young system of teaching; a group of young students will assemble for instruction and then depart each to teach a small group what he or she has learned. The Chinese regard education as sunshine, air, water, something that everyone has the right to share.

In remarking on the results if Japan should win the war, he stated it would be merely a conquest of the soil, that the Chinese people would never be conquered; that it would be the beginning of an attempt to eliminate the white race; and that it would mean a world war. If China wins it will mean a new China, a new Japan, more friendly and democratic, and prosperity for everyone.

WILL SUPERVISE ESTABLISHMENT MAPLE INDUSTRY

M. L. Dunphy, Left For Renous Today; Groves On New Road Being Opened Up

With a view to furthering the maple sugar industry in this province, it was learned reliably today that M. L. Dunphy, president of the New Brunswick Maple Sugar Producers' Association and provincial apiarist, has been sent to the Renous district by the Department of Agriculture to supervise the establishment of an extensive maple sugar operation there.

The development will put in production extensive groves of hitherto untapped maple trees, and it is believed will be the beginning of the maple sugar industry in this province on a large scale. It is reported that a company is now being formed in this city to carry out the project and that machinery and equipment is already on the scene. Camp sites have been chosen and will be built immediately.

The maple groves were made accessible by the new Plaster Rock-Renous highway which is at present under construction. This season's work is expected to be of an experimental nature while it is understood that the work will be carried out on a large commercial scale next year.

An order in council has been passed allowing the trees to be tapped on a rental basis. Mr. Dunphy will be engaged at the work for several weeks it is expected.

SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES AID SEED IMPORTS

Report G. C. Cunningham Embodied In Agricultural Report

Promising Markets

Argentine Has Modified Regulations to Aid Shipments

Development of an extensive market for New Brunswick seed potatoes in South American Republics is told by G. C. Cunningham, provincial government potato specialist in his report to Hon. A. C. Taylor, embodied in the annual report of the Department of Agriculture, tabled in the Legislative Assembly yesterday afternoon.

At the outset Mr. Cunningham expresses the opinion that "the soil and climatic conditions make this province one of the best, if not the best area in North America for the production of potatoes" and he adds, "these conditions seem more favorable for the production of this crop than of most other merchantable crops." In summing up he says that in 1934 no potatoes were shipped from the province to South America; in 1935 exports were equivalent to 1,140 crates; in 1936 they were the equivalent to 90,000 crates, and for 1937 sales and shipments to date exceed 530,000 crates. Incidentally to the marketing of potatoes, he says, there has developed in the province a crate manufacturing industry, the value of which last year was \$160,000.

Made Survey

A survey of the potato situation seemed to indicate that the development of new markets offered the best solution of the problem. Efforts were directed, not toward old markets already oversupplied, but to the creation of new markets. The aim was to offer certified seed where it was needed and where it would be of value to the foreign producers and consumers alike. They have modified their tariffs, their sanitary regulations, and have even used their systems of exchange control, not to keep out our best seed potatoes, but to make it easier for the growers to import our seed.

The work to date has been carried on largely in Argentina and Uruguay. It is believed that several other countries offer equal opportunities and the work will be continued and extended as circumstances and conditions warrant.

The early studies and investigations in Argentina and Uruguay indicated that their seed was badly run out; further research tends to show that degeneration even in the best growing areas is relatively rapid, and that a frequent importation of seed will be imperative if growers are to have seed which will give the maximum yields of high quality.

BLIND PENSION LIST IS DOUBLED DURING MONTH

Three Further Clinics For Examination Of Blind Persons

Rapid Progress

Will Issue 150 Cheques At End of the Month Against 66 in Feb.

With three more clinics for examination of the blind slated before the end of the present month and daily examinations of applicants in the offices of the medical examiners, it is expected that pensions will be paid to 150 of the province blind at the end of the present month.

The rapid progress that is being made by the Old Age Pensions Board under the direction of Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C., in setting in complete operation the payment of pensions to the blind, is emphasized since the expected list of eligible at the end of the present month is more than double the number at the end of February. At the end of February 66 people received pensions.

Several Clinics

Since that time clinics have been held all over the province by medical examiners appointed by Ottawa for the work. It is expected, according to a statement of Hon. Mr. Jones today, that approximately 35 applicants will be examined at clinics at St. Basil and Grand Falls during the week of March 28, and between 15 and 20 at Richibucto next week. Dr. Felix Dumont, Campbellton, will examine at St. Basil and Grand Falls while Dr. Pullin of Moncton will conduct the other clinic.

Although it was stated at an earlier date that it was expected that all eligible New Brunswick blind would be receiving pensions at the end of the present month it is now expected that additions will be made to the list after that date. The difficulty of obtaining medical certificates in some cases and the inability of many in outlying districts to attend the clinics because of travel conditions was given by Mr. Jones as the reason.

Speakers In House Today

E. J. Henneberry, M.L.A., Saint John and Philibert LeBlanc, M.L.A., Restigouche, spoke this afternoon on the budget debate at the Legislature. Hon. A. P. Paterson, Minister of Education and Federal and Municipal relations, is scheduled to speak tomorrow. Hon. Fred C. Squires, Leader of the Opposition, will likely speak Tuesday, followed Wednesday by Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney General and Premier A. A. Dymally, who will wind up the budget debate Wednesday or Thursday next week.

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