

News Briefs

NO CHANGE

No change was noted today in the condition of E. H. Wilbur who has been confined to his home on Smythe Street for some time.

GYRO CLUB MET

Routine business was considered last night at the weekly meeting of the Fredericton Gyro Club. James G. Badcock, the president, was in the chair.

OFFICERS' MESS

The Fredericton Garrison Officers' Mess held their weekly meeting last night at the Mess Room, and enjoyed a social evening. Bridge was enjoyed by the members present and delicious refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

DIED IN HOSPITAL

The death occurred yesterday afternoon at the Victoria Public Hospital, of Mrs. Mary A. McMullin, aged 81 years, after a short illness. Mrs. McMullin was well known in Canterbury where many friends will learn with regret of her passing. She is survived by one daughter Mrs. Wm. Whibberly, Marysville, with whom she lived; two brothers, Henry Hartin and Joseph I. Hartin, both of Canterbury; four sisters, Mrs. John W. Dickinson, Canterbury; Mrs. Segee Dickinson, Danforth, Me.; Mrs. Carey Hatch, Gorham, N.H.; and Mrs. Arthur Kincaid, Madison, Me. The remains will rest at the J. A. McAdam Funeral Home until Wednesday when the funeral will take place, leaving the funeral home at 11 o'clock for Canterbury. Services will be conducted at two o'clock at the grave by Rev. H. E. Dysart. Interment will be made at Canterbury.

Vocational Courses Open Tomorrow At The High School

Two courses, one in motor mechanics and one in radio, will open tomorrow in the Fredericton High School under the Dominion and Provincial Youth Training Project. It was announced today by W. K. Tibbott, Director of Vocational Education for the province. A course opened at Saint John on Monday in welding, and another will open tomorrow in motor mechanics.

Approximately 300 applications have been received from different parts of the province for enrollment in the different courses under the plan. The number which it will be able to accommodate could not be stated.

Baden-Powell Celebration Tonight At St. Dunstan's

The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of the city are being entertained this evening at St. Dunstan's Hall in celebration of the 33rd anniversary of Lord Baden-Powell, of Gilwell, England, Chief Scout and founder of the Boy Scout movement. Lantern slides are being shown by Professor Robert Pugh, field worker for Boy Scouts, community games and a sing-song conducted, and a banquet served. Mrs. E. A. Skene, Girl Guide district commissioner, and Capt. G. Alvah Good, district commissioner for the Scouts, comprise the committee in charge of the celebration.

Moore's Mills Hens Lead In Contest

The seventeenth week of the 18th New Brunswick Egg Laying Contest, conducted at the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton, was concluded on February 20, with a production of 645 eggs and 721.7 points. This is a weekly production of 46 per cent.

The Barred Rocks owned by W. J. White, Moore's Mills, led in production for the week with 50 eggs and 36.9 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by Lloyd M. Wood, Harvey Station, were in second position for the week with 45 eggs and 52.9 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by Arthur L. Graham, Hoyt Station, were in third position with 43 eggs and 50.2 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by W. J. White, Moore's Mills, lead the contest to date with 852 eggs and 928.1 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by C. A. Shannon, Dorchester, are in second position to date with 767 eggs and 716.4 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by Mrs. P. A. Mitton, Riverside, are in third position to date with 646 eggs and 697.5 points.

Barred Rock hen No. 3 owned by W. J. White, Moore's Mills, is the leading hen to date with 98 eggs and 116.0 points.

Barred Rock hen No. 8 owned by W. J. White, Moore's Mills, is in second position to date with 95 eggs and 104.3 points.

Barred Rock hen No. 8 owned by Mrs. O. A. Mitton, Riverside, is in third position to date with 88 eggs and 99.2 points.

ONLY ONE SPAN UNCOMPLETED ON THE NEW BRIDGE

Spans Four and Six Are Completed Today, State Officials

Rapid Progress

Only Span Five Yet To Be Erected; Rails Already Laid

With the five o'clock whistle this afternoon at the construction operation the new C.N.R. bridge, only one span will remain to be built to close the gap between the Fredericton and Devon side of the river. Only the final finishing touches remained to be applied to spans four and six when work opened this morning, and with the end of the day only span five will remain to be erected.

No date for the complete linking up of the two ends could be set today by officials of the Hamilton Bridge Company, which is erecting the steelwork.

To Begin Span Five

Since no work has been done on span five, the timber falsework for the carrying of the steel in the early stages will be the first part of the operation. The erection of the steel and the riveting will follow.

After the steel is in place little will remain to be done, excepting the removal of the falsework and cleaning up timberring and other material. The rails have already been laid on all the spans now in place, and laying of rails on the final span when it is completed will be a small operation.

The substructure, which was built by the Richardson Construction Company of Toronto, was completed a short time ago, and their machinery has since been stored. It will not be taken to Toronto for the present.

Some time ago it was reported that the bridge will be completed by April 1. With the progress that has been made in the last short while, some observers feel that the bridge will be completed before this date. In any event, the bridge will be ready for the passage of trains in the early spring.

Painted in Spring

It was intimated that trains will be travelling on the bridge before the structure is painted. The Hamilton Bridge Co. also has the contract for this work, but it is necessary to wait for the frost to get out of the steel before paint can be applied.

RAPID PROGRESS IN PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING

Premier and Family Are Here; Cabinet Meeting Expected; House In Shape

Preparations were going steadily ahead today for the opening of the Legislative Assembly on the coming Thursday. Premier A. A. Dysart, accompanied by Mrs. Dysart and their daughter, Miss Mary Dysart, arrived in the city last evening and expected to take up residence today in the A. J. Thompson house, Brunswick street which they have engaged for the session. Hon. C. T. Richard, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, and Hon. W. S. Anderson, Chairman of the New Brunswick Hydro Commission, arrived in the city today. Other cabinet members are expected this evening and tomorrow.

F. H. Copp, M.L.A., Port Elgin, and Mrs. Copp have taken up their residence in the home of the late Dr. W. C. Crockett, Church Street. Hon. F. C. Squires, Leader of the Opposition, is expected to arrive in the city this evening.

Mr. Perry Ill

G. W. Perry, M.L.A., opposition member from Carleton County, has been ill and it is not known whether he will be able to attend the session of the House or not.

Final touches were being put on the Assembly Chamber today, with cleaning and dusting, the arranging of chairs and furniture, and similar work going on apace.

The Opposition Committee Room, in the offices formerly used by the Forestry Department, was open this morning with H. B. Durost, secretary of the Opposition at his desk.

Premier Dysart stated today that there will be a cabinet meeting either tonight or tomorrow, depending on whether the ministers arrive in the city today or not.

IS IMPROVING

Miss Flora Loudoun who is a patient at Victoria Public Hospital, is resting comfortably today. It was learned from the hospital this morning.

Miners' Union Voices Strong Exception To Statement Of Barrett

Deny That Their Members Are Going Back to the U. M. W.; Delegation Met Hon. J. B. McNair Today; Bitter At Results of Strike; "Piece Of Foolishness."

Voicing strong exception to the statement of Silby Barrett, U.M.W. International Board member, which appeared in sections of the press yesterday, claiming that 60 or 70 U.M.W. members who left the Union to work during the recent strike had returned to the fold, the executive officers of the Miramichi Mine Workers' Union today declared that it is impossible. The three officers, who are in the city today conferring with Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney General and Acting Minister of Health and Labor, and Horace A. Pettigrove, Provincial Fair Wage Officer, stated that there are only 105 men working in the Miramichi mine and that 77 of them belong to the newly formed Independent Union. The Rothwell Union, a similar organization, has a membership of 85.

At two o'clock this afternoon the heads of the Union, James J. Tait, President; Albert Pettley, Vice-President, and David Muir, Treasurer, met with Hon. Mr. McNair to discuss the future of their organization and possible legislation. What definite legislation they had in mind could not be divulged until after the conference.

"Merely Propaganda"

Speaking to The Daily Mail this morning, the delegation claimed that such statements as Barrett's are merely propaganda aimed at putting the U.M.W. on a firm footing before the session of the legislature. The statement concerning the forming of a co-operative organization and possibly a co-operative store at Minto, was blown to pieces today when it was learned that there is no arrangement for the formation of such bodies under the Co-operative Credit Act.

Bitter at the invasion of the U.M.W. and the recent strike, it was declared that the union is responsible for the present part time employment in the Minto area. "The strike was a piece of foolishness," Mr. Muir declared, "no gain, all loss."

U.M.W. Responsible

"We always had six days work per week in the winter months," Mr. Tait pointed out, "and at present are working three and four days. The loss of markets due to the strike is responsible for the loss of these days work. The U.M.W. is responsible for the strike. We naturally would like more wages, but only if the industry can stand it," he added when questioned.

The delegation voiced itself as not being in favor of the checkoff system—one of the original demands of the U.M.W. and allegedly the demand of the miners of Minto. "We don't want anyone taking a dollar out of our envelopes," they said.

Oppose Strikes

"We are also not in favor of a strike," Mr. Tait declared. "The constitution of our union sets out that all questions will be settled by negotiation between employer and employee and through government agencies for settling labor matters. There is only one way to carry out these things," he declared, "and that is through conciliation."

Speaking of the tactics of the U.M.W. in Minto, it was stated that there should be such a thing as free speech—"it is a British birthright—but such a thing can be carried too far," it was declared.

The new Union, which was formed on February 7, has applied to Ottawa for registration and expects to be duly registered by the end of the present week.

Oromocto Indian Again Remanded

Mike Sacobie, Oromocto Indian, whose preliminary hearing on a charge of shooting with intent to murder was remanded from February 14 until last night, was again remanded until next Monday at 2 p.m., when he appeared last evening before Magistrate H. G. Kimball at Burton. It is hoped that Frank Atwin, the alleged victim, at present a patient at the Victoria Public Hospital suffering from gunshot wound in his foot, will be able to testify at next Monday's hearing.

The charge of shooting with intent to murder was laid on information of R.C.M.P. Constable R. K. Ackman, Fredericton. R. V. Limerick clerk of the Sanbury County Court, is conducting the prosecution, and the accused is as yet undefended by counsel.

CHIMNEY FIRES

Called last night by an alarm from Box 6, the city firemen quickly extinguished a chimney fire at the residence of W. H. Leslie, York Street. A still alarm this morning called the department to the residence of Byron Staples, where a chimney fire was quickly brought under control. Little damage resulted.

WILL DRAW UP CITY'S BUDGET TOMORROW NITE

Meeting of Finance Committee on Matter; To Consider Drive for Collections

A tentative 1938 budget for the City of Fredericton will likely be drawn up at the first meeting this year of the Finance Committee of the City Council which will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in the Mayor's office at City Hall. Last year's budget will be used for comparison in preparing the new budget.

The annual drive for tax collections also is expected to be considered at the meeting. The drive for arrears, which was carried out last year proved very successful, and it is believed that a similar drive will be launched this year.

Although considerable discussion among civic officials has centred around hospital and jail costs to the city, it is not known whether these matters will be brought up at the meeting.

Members of the Finance Committee are Ald. R. A. MacMillan, chairman; Ald. Dr. A. W. G. Good, and Ald. H. S. Wright, M.D.

Argument In Suit Before County Court Again Postponed

Argument in the action of the South Devon Fuel and Tugboat Company versus Frank T. Swim, which was to be heard today before Judge A. R. Slipp in the York County Court was postponed until next Tuesday at ten a.m. The suit, which was adjourned February 16, arose from a collision which occurred October 18 in South Devon at the turn of the Marysville Road.

The plaintiff is suing for damages to the extent of \$123.38, to a truck owned by the company. The defendant has entered a counter claim for \$137.60. Arthur McF. Limerick is appearing for the plaintiff, and Ewart C. Atkinson for the defendant.

A time sheet of J. Clark and Son, Ltd., will be presented at the postponed hearing, and one more witness will be called by the plaintiff.

PLANS ALREADY BEING MADE FOR SPRING MOVING

"Moving Day" Is Still Two Months Away; Activity Begins

Many Changes

Several New Homes To Be Erected In Summer

Although "Moving Day," which is now almost a fixed and traditional day on many of the calendars of the city of Fredericton, is yet over two months away, moving activity has already begun to take place to a small degree. In many other cases citizens are already formulating plans for changes of residence in the city.

May 1st, in this city at least, is Moving Day. On that day, families who sometimes have made their plans months ahead, carry them out so that they will be comfortably settled in their new residences before the advent of summer. The intentions of a few in this respect are already known.

Around the first of May Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Whitney expect to move into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland G. Loughlin, whose residence they are purchasing. Mr. Loughlin expects to build some time during the summer, it is understood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Covey, who have occupied an apartment in the residence of Col. C. J. Mersereau during the winter months, will move into the residence on George Street now occupied by Prof. R. H. Wright, Mrs. George W. Bailey, who has been spending the winter in Colorado, and who sub-let the Mersereau apartment to Mr. Covey, will again occupy it.

It is understood that Prof. R. E. D. Cattle and family will move from their present residence on Brunswick Street, although it was stated today that they are not definitely decided.

Otto Shierbeck and family will move from the apartments at Grape Cottage owned by the Misses Beverly, Brunswick Street, where they have recently resided, to an apartment in the residence of Major F. A. Good.

It is understood that John Neill is to vacate his residence on Church Street and will move into the residence previously owned and now occupied by W. J. West. Mr. West will build a new residence during the summer on Waterloo Row.

FEELING BETTER

Many friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. C. C. Camp, who has been seriously ill at her home since Thursday, is feeling somewhat better today. A day nurse and a night nurse are in attendance. Mrs. Camp will be confined to her bed for some time yet.

CONDITION FAVORABLE

Harry Gilbey, Mouth Keswick, who was recently operated on for appendicitis at Fraser Memorial Hospital, is doing as well as can be expected.

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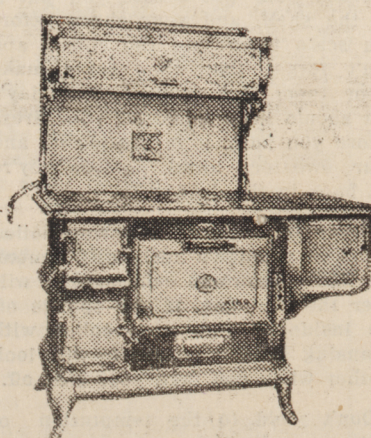
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