

News Briefs

LOCATE CAR OWNER

City police have located the owner of the Essex sedan which was found abandoned in front of the R. C. M. P. barracks early this week. The car, bearing Nova Scotia registration, was claimed by Lawrence Hartland, and had been parked there by the owner.

BINGO GAME

The reopening of the Bingo games will take place on Monday evening at the K. of C. hall, Regent Street. The games start at 8 o'clock. A bag of flour is the grand prize. Tickets are two for five cents.

RESTING COMFORTABLY

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Ford Smith of this city, who has been confined to the Victoria Public Hospital seriously ill for the past week, is reported to be resting a little more comfortably today. Mrs. Smith underwent a serious operation on first going to the hospital.

TWO STILL ALARMS

The fire department answered two still alarms this morning, both for chimney fires in which no damage was done. The first came in from the home of Mrs. Fred Lynch, Victoria Street, while the second was from the home of Miss Grace Smith, Saunders Street. Both calls were between eight and nine o'clock this morning.

LEFT WITH PRISONER

Corporal Engel, R.C.M.P., of Alberton, Prince Edward Island, who arrived in this city yesterday to escort Maurice Gallant, who has been held in the county jail for the past few days, back to the Island, left today with his prisoner. Gallant, who was wanted under an offence of the Excise Act, was arrested in McAdam and brought to this city by members of the McAdam detachment.

DISCHARGE DELAYED

Many friends will be sorry to learn that R. Lee McCutcheon, who has been a patient of Victoria Public Hospital for the past week and who was expected to leave the hospital yesterday, will be confined to that institution until some time next week. Already having undergone two sinus operations, his condition necessitated another today. Although his condition is good he is suffering considerable pain, it was stated today.

LARGEST MARKET IN PAST WEEKS

The largest market since those of Christmas and New Year's, was gathered at Phoenix Square this morning. Fine weather with not too chilling temperature brought many farmers and producers into the city with a good variety of the usual items on the winter market. Wood was the most plentiful it has been in weeks, there being altogether about 20 cords in the market. Beef and other meats were the other big items. Prices generally remained about the same as the last few weeks. Seasoned furnace wood took a one dollar jump.

General Prices

Veal, 7c and 5c. per pound.  
Pork, 11c and 14c per pound.  
Beef, 7c and 9c per pound.  
Home cured ham, 25c per pound.  
Chicken, 28c per pound.  
Pickering, 10c per pound.  
Cordwood, \$6 per cord.  
Stove wood, \$7 per cord.  
Seasoned furnace wood, \$9 per cord.  
Partly green furnace wood, \$8 cord.

Funeral of the Late Walter F. Williams Largely Attended

One of the largest funerals ever seen in this district took place at Keswick yesterday when the late Walter Fenwick Williams was laid to rest. The service at 2 o'clock in the United Baptist church, Keswick, was attended by many friends of the deceased and the church was filled to capacity.

Many beautiful floral tributes and cards of sympathy were evidence of the esteem in which the deceased, who had been a deacon of the church for many years, was held. Rev. C. S. Young, who officiated in the service and was assisted by Rev. Mr. McLean of Burt's Corner, and Rev. D. L. Kennedy, of Devon, paid fitting tribute to the fine Christian character of the late Mr. Williams.

Three favorite hymns of the deceased were rendered by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. Charles Jewett. Rev. Mr. Young and Ernest Hallett sang a duet, "Eternity is Near." The mourners were: Lloyd Williams, Charles Williams, Roy Williams, Wilfred Williams, Edgar Williams, Archie Williams, Collie Williams, Harry Ingraham, Allan Sheppard, Simon Goodine, Grant Hawkins and Benjamin Williams; the pallbearers were: Benjamin Williams, Archibald Williams, Calhorne Williams, Winford Williams, Alfred Williams and Grant Hawkins.

Stresses Improved Conditions in N. B. Agriculture in '37

Dairying, Live-stock and Apple Industries All Increase Production, Says Hon. A. C. Taylor in Opening Agriculture Staff Conference

The great progress made in the dairying, live stock and apple industries of New Brunswick during the past year was pointed out by Hon. A. C. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture, in opening the four day conference of officials of the provincial and Dominion Departments of Agriculture which concluded yesterday afternoon.

To illustrate his statement, Hon. Dr. Taylor revealed that the value of dairy products produced in this province in 1937 exceeded that of 1936 by \$262,349. Ten thousand hogs were co-operatively marketed during the year, while a 50 per cent increase in the apple product was noted.

The greatest setback of the year occurred in the poultry industry, he said. Because of the high grain prices at the beginning of the year and the low sale price of poultry, the poultry population of N.B. had decreased slightly.

Reports of departmental officials were also discussed at the conference which took the form of a round table discussion under the chairmanship of the Minister and J. K. King, Deputy-Minister.

The conference was attended by representative practical farmers from different parts of the province, including Frank Doan, Nelson, President of the New Brunswick Farmers and Dairymen's Association; Earl Lister, Harvey, President of the Herd Improvement Council; and Kenneth Raymond, Bloomfield, President of the New Brunswick Dairymen's Association, and outstanding agricultural authorities from other provinces, including Dr. W. V. Longley, Director of Agricultural Extension for Nova Scotia; and John C. Moynan, Supervisor of Dominion Illustration Stations, Ottawa. John Calder, Fisheries Inspector, Welchpool, Campbell and Gilbert Prince, Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, were also in attendance. Other officials at the conference were Roy Grant, representing Canadian Livestock Co-operative, Moncton; A. R. Jones, representing Maritime Egg and Poultry Exchange, Saint John; A. A. H. Margison, representing New Brunswick Agricultural Societies United; J. E. McIntyre of the Maritime Fertilizer Council; and Dr. L. A. Donovan, chairman of the N. B. Milk Marketing Commission.

Larger Dairy Products Sale

The Minister in opening the conference, indicated that the dairy industry had made progress during 1937, pointing out that cheese production was 41.6% higher than 1936, ice cream consumption 37 per cent higher, creamery butter production 2.6 per cent higher. He remarked that dairy products sold for the highest price in several years, butter being 3.1 cents higher than last year. The value of dairy products produced in New Brunswick this past year exceeded that of the previous year by \$262,349.

Hon. Mr. Taylor stressed the fact that his department had been very active in searching for markets and promoting co-operative marketing of

New Brunswick farm products. He pointed to the fact that approximately 10,000 hogs had been marketed co-operatively this year, the greatest number in the history of the province. Mention was made of the development of the hog industry in Carleton and other counties. During the past year Carleton county shipping clubs marketed some 78 carloads, made up of 3,365 hogs, which yielded a net return of \$55,511.04 to the farmers of that county. He estimated that some 2,500 farmers in different parts of the province had been serviced in the hog marketing program. Assistance in marketing was also rendered to the strawberry growers, potato growers, and hay producers of the province.

The Minister, in discussing horticulture, remarked on the fact that the apple crop was approximately 50 per cent higher than the previous year, and stated that he had provided additional service for the fruit and vegetable growers and drew attention to the fact that progress had been made in co-operative marketing of small fruit, and that there was room for still further improvement as regards grading and packaging in this branch.

Less Poultry Raised

He pointed to the fact that due to high grain prices and low prices in the early part of the year for poultry products, the poultry population had decreased slightly during the year. He mentioned the effectiveness of the disease control policy that has been in effect in this province for some years, stating that since blood testing for pullorum had been introduced severe losses had almost disappeared.

During the conference proper, the superintendents of the various divisions discussed last year's activities and considered the program for the ensuing year's work. Special committees made recommendations that were later submitted to the Minister for his consideration, and if they meet with his approval will be incorporated into the coming year's program.

Reports on Live Stock

The Live Stock Division announced that the province had now been declared a restricted area as regards bovine tuberculosis. Mention was made of the fact that the demand for rams and boars exceeded local supply. The provincial veterinarian reported that 88 herds totalling 1,732 cattle had been tested for Bang's disease under a new policy in effect.

The superintendent of Women's Institutes announced that 178 institutes and 32 garment making clubs are now functioning in the province and doing effective work.

The registrar of the Credit Union Act announced that charters had been issued to 29 Credit Unions, with an approximate membership of 2,000. He stated that loans for the year totalled \$38,000, loans outstanding \$20,000, loans paid up \$18,000, and total assets \$35,000.

The superintendent of the Herd Improvement Service announced that active Herd Improvement Associations had increased from 49 in 1937 to 58 in 1938.

24 Creameries

The Dairy Superintendent stated that 24 creameries were in operation during the past year, that cream grading was working out very satisfactorily, and that butter grading had been established. Eight cheese factories were in operation with a substantial increase in output.

The superintendent of the Poultry Division reported that the Accredited Flock Policy is one of the major projects of the Poultry Division. This includes culling, blood testing and winter inspection of approved flocks supplying eggs to hatcheries. It is stated there are now 107 accredited flocks in the province. Some 41,596 birds were blood tested for 233 flock owners.

MASS MEETING CALLED

The Fredericton Peace Council has called a mass meeting of the citizens to be held on Monday evening next at eight o'clock at the Normal School. The meeting is called for the purpose of discussing the matter of the Japanese embargo and boycott.

Soldier of Fortune, Fredericton Man, Wounded In Spain

Suffering from three wounds but still full of eagerness to be in the fight, Frank Baxter, brother of Mrs. Duncan MacDougal of this city, and New Brunswick's only representative in the Loyalist forces in the Spanish conflict, lies in the military hospital at Albeeto, Spain. Wounded and taken to the hospital over two weeks ago, he wrote to his sister stating that he expected to be back in the fight in a month. Since the letter took two weeks to get here it is expected that he will soon be out of hospital.

A veteran of the 26th Battalion, he saw service with that unit in France. Later he saw service in the Sino-Japanese conflict and up until the time the present Spanish civil war broke out, he was serving as second mate on a boat plying between New York and Cuba. The 38-year-old soldier of fortune who last visited this city in 1918, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Baxter.

In speaking to The Daily Mail this morning, Mrs. MacDougal stated that her brother made no comment about the indications as to the outcome of the war. There are many Canadians and Americans fighting in the same battalion, it was stated. Mrs. MacDougal further stated that there are things in the letter she "wouldn't like to publish."

RADIO SERVICE

Gerald Gard of the Radio Transport Service of Saint John was in the city today on his return from Oromocto where he had made convictions in eight cases against parties who had failed to pay their radio license. Mr. Gard is making a tour of the province and is prosecuting those who have not paid their licenses up to the present time. In discussing the matter of collecting license fees Mr. Gard did not say what his department was going to do in connection with giving radio owners a more satisfactory service than they are getting at the present time, and about which many citizens are making complaints.

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