

News Briefs

ARRIVES TODAY

A. B. Baird, superintendent of the Dominion Parasite Laboratory at Belleville, Ont., arrived in this city this morning. He will attend the Staff Conference of the Department of Lands and Mines which begins here tomorrow evening.

AT SAINT JOHN

Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C., who completed the preparation of the New Brunswick Bill for the Rowell Commission yesterday, left for Saint John this morning on official business in connection with it. He is expected to return tomorrow or Thursday.

ARRIVING TOMORROW

Dr. Arthur Gibson, Dominion Entomologist, and J. J. de Grysse, Chief of the Forest Insects Division, Dominion Forest Service, are expected to arrive in this city tomorrow morning. They will attend the staff conference of the Department of Lands and Mines.

COMMISSION TO MEET

The Town Planning Commission of the City Council will meet on Friday evening to hear a report by Alderman Ray T. Forbes on lectures on Town Planning which he heard while attending the meeting of the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities at Ottawa recently. The commission will consider the report with a view to possibly applying some of the new ideas in operation here.

Addressed Institute Here Last Night

Dr. Anup Singh, Harvard educated Indian scholar and writer, addressed the Institute of International Affairs at their regular meeting last evening on the new constitution of his native India. He dealt especially with the Nationalist movement now underway. This morning he left for Saint John where he will address the branch of the Institute there. He arrived in this city yesterday morning after visiting the various branches of the Institute across the Dominion.

Discuss Divorce And Padlock Law

Two matters of considerable discussion at the present time, the rising divorce rate in the province and the Quebec Padlock Law, were subjects of considerable discussion yesterday at the regular meeting of the Ministerial Association.

After hearing an address by F. W. Park, which gave a comprehensive exposition of the nature and effects of the much discussed piece of legislation, a committee on the matter was appointed. They will draw up resolutions in regard to the alleged encroachment on the rights of liberty and conscience, of free speech, and assembly.

A three hour Good Friday service, such as had been held in former years is planned again this season. Other arrangements in this regard will be held later. Rev. Dr. J. W. Bartlett presided in the absence of Rev. Dr. George E. Ross, president of the group.

CONTRACT FOR NEW BRIDGE IS AWARDED

Luther B. Smith Gets Contract at Price of Approximately \$65,000

The contract for the construction of substructure and approaches of the Digdequash River Mouth Bridge on the trunk road between Saint George and Saint Stephen, Charlotte County, has been awarded to Luther B. Smith West Saint John for approximately Sixty-five Thousand Dollars.

This new bridge crosses the Digdequash River at its mouth a short distance down stream from the present old bridge of two covered wooden spans and a wooden swing draw span. The draw span will be eliminated in the new Bridge and the grade and alignment will greatly improve this important highway.

The contract embraces the following work: The construction of four concrete and granite masonry piers on ledge rock foundation; ten reinforced concrete slab spans of twenty-six feet each on concrete and granite masonry and trestle bents, also on ledge rock foundation, covering a length of 277 feet. The total length of the entire work, including stone and earth embankment approaches, will be 1633 feet.

FAREWELL TO REV. DR. MILLIGAN LAST EVENING

Presentation, With Addresses By Congregation, School Children

Many Present

Representatives of City Clergymen and The Scouts Attended

Last evening at St. Dunstan's Church the congregation bid farewell to Rev. Dr. J. H. Milligan who has been appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Saint John and who left for that city this morning to take up his duties. A large congregation was present and amongst those outside the congregation of St. Dunstan's who occupied seats in the front of the church were Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead, Christchurch Cathedral, Professor R. D. Pugh, G. Alvah Good and Harold F. Dougherty and also the Rt. Hon. the Countess of Ashburnham and Mrs. A. E. Mathewson representing the Boy Scouts. They occupied seats in the front of the church. Mrs. L. F. Cain a member of St. Dunstan's congregation represented the Girl Guides. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. Dr. Milligan assisted by Rev. W. M. Donahoe and Rev. Father Burns of Devon and by Rev. Father McDonald, Curate of St. Dunstan's Church.

At the conclusion of the service two little boys and girls representing the children of St. Dunstan's congregation approached the altar rail and presented Rev. Dr. Milligan with an address accompanied by a spiritual bouquet. The address was read by Burton Rideout and the presentation was made by little Miss Evelyn O'Hara. The others who accompanied them to the altar rail were Richard Lee and Gilberte Dolron. The little girls were nicely attired in white and wore white veils. Rev. Dr. Milligan made a fitting response to the address and presentation made by the children.

Rev. Dr. Milligan was presented with a well filled purse from the members of St. Dunstan's congregation. The purse was accompanied by an appropriate address, Miss Anna Kelly, M.A., President of the Catholic Women's League read the address and the presentation was made by D. J. Shea. In responding to the address Rev. Dr. Milligan stated that he parted from the members of St. Dunstan's congregation, as well as from his many other friends in the city of Fredericton not of St. Dunstan's congregation, with feelings of the very greatest regret. He referred to the present relationships which had existed between himself and the different city clergymen during the time that he had been in Fredericton and expressed his appreciation of the fact that Very Rev. Dean Moorhead and members of the Boy Scout and Girl Guides executive were present to take part in the farewell.

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NO MATERIAL DIFFERENCE IN PRICE OF GAS

New Tax In Force From Yesterday; Ethyl Up Half A Cent Here; Standard Is Same

As forecast by Premier A. A. Dunsford on March 1, the new gasoline tax announced last night and retroactive to yesterday, did not materially effect the price to consumers in this province. In the Fredericton district the price of Ethyl gas advanced one half cent per gallon while standard gasoline remained at the same scale of 29½ as before the recent reduction.

The new tax imposes a flat rate of two cents per gallon on all gasoline. When the oil companies reduced their prices previous to the new tax going in force, standard gas was reduced two cents and Ethyl one and one half cents, from 31½ cents to 30.

In other sections of the province the new tax has varying effects to a slight degree. In Saint John the new tax set the respective price of standard and Ethyl gas a half cent and one cent higher, with gasoline selling there now at 28½ and 31 cents.

According to a statement by the Premier, legislation will be enacted shortly authorizing a substitution of a gasoline tax of 10 cents on the gallon for eight, retroactive to yesterday. Gasoline consumers had the advantage of the reduced price of gasoline for less than a week, since the reduction was made on March 15, a week ago yesterday.

The new tax will not disturb exemptions now in force.

COMMUNITY Y INAUGURATES FINANCE DRIVE

Objective of \$3,580 Is Slated For Present Year

Tendered Banquet

Speakers Commend the Work of Y; Trace Its Origin

Inaugurating a drive for public subscriptions, the Community "Y" tendered a banquet last night to a large number of officials and guests in the local "Y" rooms. The present objective of \$3,580 is an increase over last year due to expansion of this year's program to include girls and young women. The main speaker last evening was J. Morley Carson of the Saint John "Y". Other speakers were Mrs. George W. Brown, Mayor C. Hedley Forbes, George W. Brown and C. A. Shell, administration secretary of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. Chairman of the meeting was S. S. Miller, chairman of the Campaign Committee.

Mrs. George W. Brown, associate chairman of the Campaign Committee, introduced members of the Campaign Committee and sponsors of the Community "Y".

Mayor C. Hedley Forbes commended the work of the "Y", and introduced the captains of the campaign teams.

Sketches Movement

J. Morley Carson of the Saint John "Y" stated that it was not easy to refuse when the call for funds came. He mentioned the new Y.W.C.A. building in Saint John which was started through a \$12,000 bequest of a prominent Saint John woman. In considering the work of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. Mr. Carson briefly sketched its history. The movement began in England when in 1844 a young man from the country, George Williams, seeing the deplorable conditions under which young men work formed a group to aid them. The group was purely a religious one at first, but as the movement grew social, physical and educational activities were added. The work spread from England to America and to the rest of the world. Y.M.C.A. colleges were formed in Springfield and Chicago. Stressing the value of physical activities Mr. Carson stated that in the last Olympic Games, the majority of the teams off the different countries were led and coached by Y.M.C.A. coaches in those countries. Mr. Carson read letters from "Y" members of foreign countries to bear out his statement that the job was worth doing. He maintained that the demonstration of the faith of the members of the community has done more than anything else to prove that the job is worthy one and can be done.

Following Mr. Carson's address, George W. Brown briefly reported on the progress, stating that there was a substantial increase over last year.

C. A. Shell, administration secretary of the National Y.M.C.A. Council, Toronto, spoke briefly to the gathering. He offered several helpful suggestions to the committee on the methods of canvassing for funds.

NO POWER TO ACT IN BRIDGE COMPLAINT

Complaint Painters On New Bridge Not in Jurisdiction of Fair Wage Officer

Horace A. Pettigrove, Fair Wage Officer for the province stated today that neither he nor the Federal Department of Labor has jurisdiction in the complaint of painters on the new C.N.R. Bridge here over wage scale paid them during months of October and November.

In a communication received from W. M. Dickson, Federal Deputy Minister of Labor, today, it was stated that the Federal Fair Wage act does not apply to labor on contracts under the Canadian National Railways.

Mr. Pettigrove stated that fifteen men of Fredericton, Devon and Barker's Point were parties to the complaint. They were employed by the Hamilton Bridge Company to scrape and apply rust preservative to steel in certain of the spans in the bridge, at a scale of 25 cents per hour.

In their complaint they ask a scale of 55 cents per hour which their complaint understands is the scale for painters. Mr. Pettigrove stated that he finds no such set scale under the act but that a minimum of 30 cents per hour is called for for painters. The act stipulates however that wage must agree with the usual scale applying in the district concerned. This refers only to contracts in which the Fair Wage Board has jurisdiction.

DEVELOPMENT OF CRANBERRIES IS BEING PUSHED

Fifteen Projects Now Underway in Various Sections Of N. B.

Detailed Reports

Technical Observations And Records Being Kept

Development work in the production of cranberries in this province, started in 1936 by the provincial Department of Agriculture was continued last year, and the provincial horticulturist, A. G. Turney, in his annual report says that it will be continued with the various projects until the purpose for which they were established has been determined.

The projects, fifteen in number, include one on the property of Ellis Bunker at Rusagonis, Sunbury County, and a detailed report including costs is being kept. This information will include: the cost of establishing bogs under different conditions, the cost of operating bogs, together with yields and returns that may be secured; complete returfing and replanting, compared with implementation of natural growth by destruction of weeds, sanding and partial setting in of plants, without returfing; the effect of sanding at different depths; records of maximum and minimum temperature; frost prevention, pest control and marketing conditions.

Is Co-Operating

The horticultural division is co-operating with W. W. Fawcett of Upper Sackville in a cranberry growing development project on which he has made a good start. A plot of one-fifth of an acre was turfed, sanded and planted with vines from Nova Scotia in 1937, and four other plots of the same size have been prepared for planting in 1938. An examining and consulting service has been provided for determination of the existing type of soil; for survey of property to determine adequate water possibilities and general suitability; laying out of required marginal, main and lateral ditches; turfing conditions and procedure necessary; availability and quality of sand and amount required; securing and maintenance of vines with advice and assistance in planting; instruction as to weeding and general after-care of the bog; periodic examination and supervision of development of projects undertaken. During the season of 1937 fifteen cranberry bog possibilities were examined in the following areas: Rusagonis, Richibucto, Norton, Dover, Upper Sackville, Penniac, Blackville, Rothesay, Saint John, Codys and Cole's Island.

FOUR BILLS CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

Moncton Airport Bill Approved This Morning

Other Bills

Three Saint John Bills Were Also Approved

Four bills were considered at this morning's meeting of the Municipalities Committee of the House. The first to be taken up was the Moncton airport bill authorizing the City of Moncton to expropriate certain lands for the purpose of constructing an airport thereon, to levy assessments, and to issue debentures not exceeding \$75,000. C. H. Blakeny, M.L.A., Moncton, reported to the committee that it was intimated in Ottawa that the bill should be put through as soon as possible in order that the Federal Government might make a pronouncement. The bill, which had been re-drafted, was reported with minor amendments. A Moncton delegation composed of City Clerk Lingley and Alderman J. McNairn Speer were present.

A bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act to Provide for the Government of the City of Saint John" was also reported with amendments. One clause of this bill provided that in the case of recall elections fifteen per cent of the qualified voters would be necessary to effect a recall, instead of ten per cent of those who actually voted in the previous election. Another clause provided that real estate owners whose taxes on real estate are paid up to three years before the election be qualified to vote. This provision gave two extra years to owners of real estate. Several delegates from Saint John were present including City Clerk Henry D. Hopkins, Councillor Granmen, Jas. Whitebone and John S. McKinnon.

Two bills, one to limit the valuation for assessment purposes within the City of Saint John of Murray and Gregory, Limited, and the other of Charles Gurd & Company, Limited were reported with amendments. W. V. Foster, M.L.A., Kings, objected to the latter bill on the ground that it discriminated against the Sussex Ginger Ale Company, a local concern with distributing plant in Saint John by fixing the assessment of the Gurd concern.

The meeting adjourned until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, when it will hear a delegation from Moncton concerning a contentious bill relating to that city.

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