

### News Briefs

**SEWERAGE SYSTEM CLEARED**  
City workmen were busy this morning clearing the gutters and sewerage system in the city in preparation for the coming spring thaw.

**STILL ALARM**  
The Fredericton fire department was called by still alarm yesterday afternoon to the Windsor Hall sample rooms on York Street, where an overheated pipe was quickly attended to without damage.

**ROOF FIRE**  
The city firemen were called out this morning by still alarm to the residence of J. Stanley DeLong, Smythe Street, where a chimney and roof fire was quickly extinguished with little damage.

**CHIMNEY FIRE**  
The city firemen were called again today at noon by still alarm to the residence of Edgar McDonald, George Street, where a chimney fire was quickly extinguished without much damage.

**COURT STENOGRAPHER**  
Mrs. Anastasia Sharpe, Campbellton, has been appointed an official court stenographer, on recommendation of Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney General of the province. Notice of the appointment appears in the current issue of the Royal Gazette.

**TOURIST COMMITTEE MET**  
The tourist committee of the Fredericton Board of Trade met last evening at the office of the president, Ewart C. Atkinson. Matters pertaining to the coming tourist season were considered at the meeting.

**MET HERE**  
Robert Irving, Chairman, and W. A. I. Anglin, of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Saint John, met with Hon. J. B. McNair, acting Minister of Health and Labor this morning. Routine business was taken up and matters in connection with the operations of the board were discussed. "There was nothing of importance connected with the meeting," Mr. Irving stated.

### Churches Observe Beginning Lent With Services

This is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season. Masses were celebrated and ashes distributed this morning at St. Dunstan's and St. Anthony's churches, and the members of the congregation will also be given an opportunity to receive the ashes this afternoon and following the evening service.

In Christchurch Cathedral, a service of Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30. Morning prayers at 9 and a second Communion service at 10.30 this morning. At 7.30 this evening a Lenten service will take place. The address will be given by His Grace Archbishop Richardson.

### Passed Away At Morrison's Mills

The death occurred last night at his home, Morrison Mills, of Roy Alexander Blizard, aged 35 years. Mr. Blizard has been in failing health for the past twelve years, and his death will be learned with regret by many friends here and elsewhere. He was born at Fredericton and resided here all his life, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blizard, Morrison Mills. He was a young man of great courage who bore his sufferings without complaint during a long siege of illness. He is survived by his father and mother; four brothers, T. Earl, Boston; and Douglas, John and Kenneth, at home; four sisters, Mrs. Reginald Mofford, Boston; Mrs. Frank Boole, Fredericton; Miss Winifred and Miss Sybil Blizard at home. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon with prayers at the home at 1.45 o'clock. Services will be conducted at St. Margaret's Chapel of Ease, Morrison Mills. Interment will be made at Forest Hill cemetery.

### TODAY'S MARKET

The cold weather kept many farmers from attending the mid-week market at Phoenix Square this morning. Prevailing prices were as follows:  
Wood, per cord, \$5 and \$7.  
Hay, per ton \$8 to \$9.  
Butter, per pound, 35 cents.  
Headcheese, per pound, 10 cents.  
Apples, per peck, 25c, 40c and 50c.  
Eggs, per dozen, 25c, 28c and 30c.  
Squash, per pound, 3 cents.  
Potatoes, per barrel, \$1.25.  
Cabbage, each 5 cents.  
Turnips, per barrel, \$1.00.  
Carrots, per barrel, \$1.50.  
Parsnips, per barrel, \$2.75.  
Beets, per peck, 30c.  
Chicken, per pound, 32c and 35c.  
Fowl, per pound, 25c.  
Beef, per pound, 6c and 9c.  
Veal, per pound, 7c and 13c.  
Pork, per pound, 12c and 15c.  
Boots' honey, per jar, 25c.

### REPORT OFFICER NOTES LABOUR IMPROVEMENT

First Report Fair Wage Officer Was Laid On Table

Promising Record

Many Disputes Gone Into; Great Loss In Strikes

Through action already taken, substantial improvements in labour conditions throughout the province have been brought about, stated H. R. Pettigrove, Provincial Fair Wage Officer in the first annual statement, which was tabled in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. J. B. McNair, acting Minister of Health and Labor.

In the report it is shown that complaints involving 3,109 employees were received as industrial complaints. Up to the end of the fiscal year, Oct. 31, adjustments were made in cases involving 2,964 employees, leaving proceedings involving 145 employees yet unadjusted.

**Manner of Action**  
Under the workings of the board, all disputes are first investigated by the fair wage officer, and an attempt made to secure a voluntary adjustment. If this is impossible the matter is left to the board. Before action is taken, all matters relative to the dispute are carefully investigated and the respective claims of the employer and employee considered so that a fair and satisfactory settlement can be made.

The summary of industrial settlements shows that 1,007 men were involved in complaints settled by the Fair Wage Officer; 323 in complaints settled by order of the board; 145 in complaints unadjusted; 2,215 in strikes settled by the board; 150 in strikes settled by the Fair Wage Officer; and 1,200 in strikes unadjusted.

**Great Loss Shown**  
The great loss in working days to residents of the province through strikes takes glaring prominence. In five strikes in the province, up until the end of October last, the loss in man working days amounts to 36,725. In the Saint John fertilizer factory strike, 225 days were lost; 2,000 days were lost in the Saint John metal factory workers' strike; 14,000 days in the Miramichi lumber mill workers' strike; 1,500 days in the Campbellton mill workers' strike; and 19,000 days in the Minto coal miners' strike (to the end of October).

Speaking to The Daily Mail this morning, Mr. Pettigrove quoted the February issue of the Labor Gazette, stating that the total loss of man working days in the Minto strike, up to the time of the termination on Jan. 8, amounted to 3,900 working days.

Numerous investigations were carried out throughout the province to determine economic standards and rates of wages. Payrolls involving 5,463 employees were examined prior to Oct. 31, 1935. For the year ending Oct. 31, 1937, pay rolls involving 10,492 employees were examined.

**Minto Investigations**  
Extensive investigation was made in June in the coal mining industry in the Minto area. The enquiry extended to all phases of the mining operation, including air conditions, blacksmiths, cable boards, cages, conveyors, drains, explosives, lamps, stores, timbering, cost of coal to employees, deductions, fixed wages, hours of labour and housing conditions. The views of both employees and employers were obtained. The officer's report was later submitted to the Board for its guidance.

Forest operations have also been investigated extensively, and a steady improvement in wages in this field has been noted. Complaints covering 29 operators and involving 142 workers were investigated. Pay rolls in 11 operations were audited, in respect of which complaints were received. Compliance with the regulations was found. The officer secured voluntary adjustment in 14 operations involving 48 workers. Orders from the commission were necessary to dispose of complaints concerning three operations and affecting 27 employees.

**Wages Increased**  
In 1935, the wages of men engaged in forest operations was set by the Commission at \$27.00 per month and board per individual operation. In 1936, the average wage was set at \$31.00 per month with a \$27.00 minimum wage. In 1937, the average wage for each operation was set at \$40.00 per month with a \$34.00 minimum.

### Rev. H. C. Atkinson Authorized To Perform Marriages

Rev. Harry C. Atkinson, who lately accepted a call from the Brunswick Street Baptist Church, this city, has been authorized to solemnize marriages in the province of New Brunswick. The Royal Gazette, which carries notice of the registration also lists Rev. Errol Beade Watson, re-

### HAS NOT BEEN ASKED TO FILL C. A. B. VACANCY

Dyas Not Certain He Would Accept If Invited

Committee Met

Hon. F. W. Pirie Spoke This Afternoon; Also Other Speakers

"I haven't been asked by the Premier to take it and I haven't made up my mind to take it if I am asked," stated Dr. A. B. Dyas, M.L.A., Charlotte, this morning when he was queried by a reporter of The Daily Mail regarding the reported selection of him as new minister of health if a separate health portfolio is established in New Brunswick.

A vacancy in the provincial cabinet was caused upon the recent death of Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, who was minister of health and labor. Rumors of separate departments of Health and Labor could not be confirmed today.

**House Activities**  
The committee on standing rules met this afternoon at the House with E. R. McDonald, K.C., M.L.A., Westmorland, in the chair. The committee on contingencies is scheduled to meet tomorrow morning with John W. Niles, M.L.A., Victoria, in the chair. Other committees are expected to get under way this week and early next week.

C. H. Blakeney, M.L.A., Moncton, has been selected to close the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

**Night Session**  
A night session is expected tomorrow evening to expedite the closing of the debate before next Tuesday, when Hon. C. T. Richard, Provincial Secretary and Treasurer, will bring down the budget.

Hon. F. W. Pirie, minister of lands and mines, spoke on the debate this afternoon, and at press time it was expected that Robert McAllister, M.L.A., Saint John, would adjourn the debate this afternoon until tomorrow afternoon. The other speakers on the address will be Gaspard Boucher, M.L.A., Madawaska; G. W. Perry, M.L.A., Carleton; Horace A. Porter, K.C., M.L.A., Saint John; and Edwin W. Melville, M.L.A., Carleton.

### GRANTS CROWN LAND MADE FOR SETTLEMENT

Rapid Growth Back-To-Land Movement Emphasized In Royal Gazette

The rapid growth of the back-to-land movement in the province of New Brunswick, is emphasized in the notices of approval of applications for grants of land, which appear in the current issue of the Royal Gazette.

Twenty-six applicants were approved in all and grants made. Nineteen were approved subject to timber licenses to the first of August, 1941, while six are not subject to licenses. The land granted embraces 2,498 acres, falling under the first class and subject to timber licenses, and 698 acres under the other class.

The North Shore counties of Restigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland had the most grants. Four grants were made in Restigouche and three in each of the other two. There are also three grants in Sunbury County.

### Assumes Duties In Forestry Lab Here Today

W. B. M. Clark, Sussex, assumed his duties as assistant in forestry and laboratory research today at Fredericton. He is a graduate in Forestry from U. N. B., having graduated in 1933. He has been working with M. B. Morrison, Dominion forester, in the Dominion forestry service at Debert, N. S. They have finished their work there in connection with a tract of land recently purchased by the Department of National Defence for a proposed airbase, and both returned to Fredericton today. This is Mr. Clark's first assignment to this area and many friends will be pleased to learn of his arrival.

formed Baptist Church, Medicine, and Rev. E. C. Joyal, Apostolic Church of the Pentecost, Bath, Carleton County, as authorized to perform the ceremony of marriage.

Rev. F. W. W. Desbarres, Pictou, N. S., has been temporarily authorized to perform marriages in New Brunswick, from Feb. 16, 1938, to March 16, 1938.

### SPEAKERS FOR MODEL ASSEMBLY WERE CHOSEN

Twelve Speakers Now Selected; Three More Chosen Tonight

Plans Progressing

Maritime Universities To Send Representatives To Attend

Twelve speakers were chosen at a meeting last evening to represent the University of New Brunswick at the Model League of Nations Assembly which the University is sponsoring in this city on April 12, 13 and 14. Another meeting is being held this evening for the selection of three other speakers to make the full list of 15, and further plans in connection with the assembly will also be made. The parts which the different speakers will play in the assembly will be also decided.

Those selected last evening were George McAllister, Saint John; Robert W. Porter, Lloyd Birmingham, J. Mark Neville, Miss Millicent Ramsay, and Jack Thurrott, of Fredericton; Miss Ruth Camp and Miss Norma Linton, Saint John; Allison F. Mitchell, Welchpool; Wiley Tomlinson, Rileys Brook; and William Bonnell, Sussex.

The meeting this evening will be held in the Math. room of the Arts Building. Allison Mitchell, chairman of the committee will preside.

Six Universities will attend the conference this year, while McGill University and Montreal University has been invited to send representatives as observers. It is the first year since 1932 that the University of New Brunswick has sponsored the assembly. This year also, the University is departing from the usual practice of inviting only Universities which have sponsored assemblies in the past.

### Announces Course In Handicraft At Chatham

A four week's course in the Handicrafts under the Dominion and Provincial Youth Training Project supervised by the Provincial department of Education will be held at Chatham starting March 15. Dr. Fletcher Peacock, Director of Educational Services for N. B., who made the announcement today, stated that an enrollment of 35 has already been registered.

Miss Sazel Hayes, Director of Women's Work, who arranged the course at Dalhousie this week, stopped at Chatham on her return to this city to arrange for the course there. Those in charge of the course have not been announced yet as final preparations have not yet been made. Subjects of the course will be weaving, clothing, and art.

### CITY TO AGAIN CONSIDER MATTER OF AN ABATTOIR

Letter Received Asking Concessions For Erection

To Enlarge Mains

Unemployment Bureau To Be Closed On May 1st

The matter of a proposed abattoir and cold storage plant in the city of Fredericton is again before the City Council, following the regular monthly meeting last evening when a communication was received from Peter Nugard, asking concessions of the city for the erection of such a plant. This time free water and sewerage, freedom from taxes for 30 years, a grant of land for the site of the building, and an annual grant of \$250 for ten years is requested. The matter was referred to the Industrial Committee, to meet in conjunction with the Finance Committee, and will likely be considered in time for the next regular meeting. It is understood that the proposed abattoir would cost in the vicinity of \$14,000.

According to motion at the meeting, the City Unemployment Bureau will be closed on May 1. The resignation of Major E. C. Armstrong will be made effective then. Yvon Hagerman will be officially relieved from duty on the last of the present month, and a poor commissioner will be appointed at the next meeting.

**Enlarge Mains**  
That an extensive program of enlargement of the city water mains is planned for the coming summer was indicated by the motion which was passed for the calling for tenders for water main. According to the motion, the city is considering purchasing piping to enlarge the main on University Avenue from a four inch pipe to an eight inch pipe, as far as the University of New Brunswick gate, on Northumberland from Argyle to Victoria and on Smythe from Aberdeen to Argyle, the mains will be increased from one inch to eight.

The tender also calls for six inch main to be used on Victoria Street from Smythe to Northumberland. This block, up to the present time has been without water service. (Continued on Page Seven)

### SECOND COURSE OPENED

The second homemakers course under the youth training movement opened yesterday at Sussex with Miss Alma E. Weldon, superintendent of Women's Institutes in New Brunswick in charge. Miss Weldon, as well as supervising the course, will act as instructor in needlepoint, crocheting and quilting. Miss McMullen will have charge of culinary classes. The art of weaving will be taught by Miss Jensen. Miss Estabrooks will teach sewing, and Miss Veniot will conduct classes in knitting.

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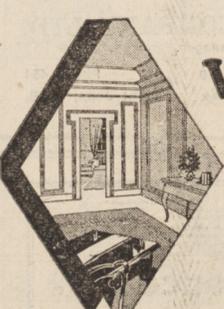
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