

News Briefs

TWO STILL ALARMS

The Fredericton fire department was called yesterday afternoon by two still alarms to the residences of James Brenner, George Street, and Harry Brown, Needham Street, where a chimney fire and overheated pipe were quickly attended to with little damage.

COMMITTEE MET

The Finance Committee of the City Council met this afternoon at City Hall. It was understood at press time that matters pertaining to foreclosures on overdue accounts for housing loans made by the city to builders would be considered at the meeting. Under the provincial housing act of 1921, the Dominion advanced money to the province which in turn advanced money to the city, from which individual builders borrowed for building purposes.

IN POLICE COURT

Lawrence Grant, Fredericton, who was arrested last evening by city police, appeared this morning before Police Magistrate Walter F. Limerick, charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Information was laid by Gerald Grant, also of this city. The accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a fine of \$20 or one month in jail. Charles Donahoe, Fredericton, also arrested last evening, was charged with drunkenness and damage to real property. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a fine of \$10 plus assessment of nine dollars for damage, on the damage charge, and eight dollars or 30 days on the drunkenness charge. Aldrick Doucett, arrested last evening, also pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness and damage to public property. He was sentenced to a fine of \$10 and assessed for the damage on the damage charge, and eight dollars or 30 days on the drunkenness charge.

Aged Resident Laid To Rest Here Today

The funeral of the late Mrs. Diana Calder, who passed away yesterday at her home, took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home. Services were conducted by Rev. George Telford, and interment was made in the family plot at the Rural cemetery. There were many beautiful floral tributes showing the high esteem in which the deceased, one of Fredericton's oldest residents, was held by all who knew her. The mourners, who also acted as pall bearers, were Thomas L. Fowler, Dr. A. S. McFarlane, E. Leslie McFarlane, David C. McFarlane.

Oil Shale Mined In Albert County Over 80 Years Ago

In connection with the matter of developing mining interests in Albert County as reviewed by C. H. Blakeny, M.L.A. a few days ago, it might be of interest to know that as far back as 1860 the Albertite Mining Company of which George G. Gilbert, father of Walter Gilbert of the purchasing department of the provincial government, was president, shipped large quantities of Albertite coal and shale to Boston.

This coal and shale was nothing more or less than congealed oil. As time went by this industry practically ceased but the information goes to show that nearly 80 years ago mining possibilities were recognized in connection with Albert County.

GRANTS DIVORCE IN LOCAL CASE

Muriel A. Beatty Granted Decree; Case Not Defended; Others

A divorce decree was granted the petitioner this morning in the case of Muriel Alma Beatty, Fredericton, vs. Henry Elbridge Beatty, Fredericton, heard before Mr. Justice Grimmer at a continuation of the March sitting of the New Brunswick Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes. No costs were asked. C. L. Dougherty appeared for the petitioner.

Although the case was on the defended side of the docket, no defense was presented in this case. Two witnesses testified for the petitioner, Mrs. Hallie Grant, Nashwaaksis, and the petitioner.

A remanet case, Laura Almira Bradbury vs. Harry Whitfield Bradbury, was set over until the May term of the court.

Only one case remains to be considered at this term of the court, that of Leo J. Hickey vs. Nora J. Hickey. It is expected that this case will be considered this afternoon, completing the docket.

Six decrees were granted, one case dismissed, and four cases set over until the May term, at the present term.

NON-RESIDENT LICENSES UP 10 P. C. IN 1937

Visitors' Angling Licenses Largest Since Inception

2,368 Issued

Annual Report Dept. of Lands & Mines Was Tabled in House

An increase of 10 per cent in the number of non-resident angling licenses sold in this province, as compared with 1936, is announced in the annual report of the Department of Lands and Mines. The number issued was 2368, which is the largest ever issued since non-resident fishing licenses were established twenty-eight years ago. As in former years the seven-day tourist license proved the most popular, 1952 having been issued, many fishermen buying a second license in order to remain in the province another week. Eliminating the duplicate licenses, the number of individual non-residents was 1937, as compared with 1560 in 1936, an increase of 372 or 23 per cent.

Sale of non-resident salmon licenses last season under the reduced price of \$15 each, was 377, the County of Restigouche leading with 148. Next in order came Victoria County with 90, Northumberland with 46, York with 38 and Carleton with 28.

A Popular License

On the seven-day tourist license, which allows any kind of sport fish to be taken, the number issued was 1952. Every county in the province with the single exception of Sunbury, contributed to this total as follows: York 556, Northumberland 509, Victoria 292, Carleton 194, Restigouche 151, Charlotte 94, Gloucester 46, Saint John 42, Queens 22, Kings 17, Madawaska 13, Westmorland 12, Kent and Albert 2 each. For the privilege of fishing the open waters of the Restigouche and Northwest Upsalquitch Rivers, thirty-nine non-residents paid a rod license fee ranging from \$10 to \$20 per day, and contributed the sum of \$3,218 to the revenue of the province.

The total amount received last year from the sale of angling licenses mostly from non-residents, was \$19,075. The County of York headed the list in sales with a total of \$3,140.40, and Northumberland held second place with \$3,095.62. Next in order stood Restigouche with \$2,724.50; Victoria was fourth with \$2,612.10 and Carleton held fifth place with \$1,307.25. Other counties reported sales as follows: Charlotte, \$512.60; Gloucester, \$395.80; Saint John, \$293.90; Madawaska, \$207.90; Queens, \$143.00; Kings, \$106.20; Westmorland, \$70.40; Kent, \$10.00 and Albert, \$9.20.

A Big Increase

Since the year 1928 the number of non-resident angling licenses sold in the province has increased by 1042. In 1928 the total of the various kinds of licenses issued was 1326; in 1929 it was 1363; in 1930, 1585; in 1931, 1709; in 1932, 1244; in 1933, 1295; in 1934, 1557; in 1935, 1401; in 1936, 2159 and in 1937, 2368.

The number of registered guides in the province last year was 1108, which is more than double the number registered in 1935.

Boost Local Talent and the Y's Men's Club

"Tilly of Bloombury" put on last evening in the Opera House is a good show, well put on. Don't miss seeing the play this evening. Encourage the Y's Men's Club and local talent.

DEVON HOUSE LEVELLED EARLY THIS MORNING

Albert Thompson And Family Reach Safety In Night Attire

\$2,000 Loss

Building Nearly Down Before Firemen Were Called To Scene

Rudely awakened by the crackling of flames in their bungalow home, Albert Thompson and family of North Devon were forced to flee into sub-zero temperature of the early morning attired only in their nightclothes while their home home burned to the ground.

The call was sent in to the Devon Fire Department at 1.45 and firemen rushed to the scene. The blaze had gotten such a start before the family was awakened that the building was almost levelled before the assistance arrived.

In a two hour fight with two lines of hose, the firemen managed to save most of the furniture on the ground floor but furniture, clothing and everything on the second floor was devoured by the flames. The loss of the building, which was erected only ten years ago, will be between \$1,500 and \$2,000. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

The family was taken into the homes of neighbors nearby to spend the rest of the night.

Gerald Ashfield, assistant fire chief was in charge in the absence of Herbert Estabrooks, Devon fire chief.

COLORED YOUTH REMANDED ON A CHARGE THEFT

In Other Case Wife Alleges Husband Threw Pepper in Her Eyes

Richard O'Rea, of this city, appeared in the city police court yesterday afternoon before Police Magistrate Walter F. Limerick, charged with theft. Walter Grace, Fredericton, also appeared, charged with theft by violence.

O'Rea, 19 year old colored youth, who was remanded until Monday, pleaded not guilty. Two witnesses other than the accused were called. Officer Kenneth Foster, who arrested the defendant March 5, gave evidence as to the recovery of the allegedly stolen goods, a brown kit bag containing hockey gear. Robert Burgess, student hockey player, identified the goods as belonging to him. O'Rea, who claimed he had found the hockey gear in an old stove at the Arctic Rink, stated that he thought a member of a visiting team may have left the equipment at the rink.

Walter Grace, arrested by the city police March 5, on information laid by his wife, was remanded until March 11. His wife, on the stand, swore that her husband threw pepper in her eyes and took the purse. Grace alleges that she threw the pepper. George Brown, a barber to whose shop the wife ran with the burning substance in her eyes, was also on the stand.

CONDITION IMPROVED

Warren Lindon night clerk at the Queen Hotel who was taken seriously ill on Tuesday night with a heart attack is much better today.

CONFERENCE ON FOREST INSECT PESTS CALLED

Foresters Gather In the City March 23 and 24 Re The Sawfly

Sponsored By Pirie

Open Discussion On the Sawfly Menace And Other Matters

Plans for the extirpation of the spruce sawfly and other insects which threaten serious damage to the forests of New Brunswick, will be discussed at a conference in the Assembly Chamber of the Legislative building here on the evening of Wednesday, March 23rd.

Minister to Attend

Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines will sponsor the conference. The conference which begins at eight p.m., will be opened by Kaare Smith, President of the Association of Registered Foresters followed by an address of welcome by the Minister of Lands and Mines. Dr. Arthur Gibson, Dominion entomologist, will deliver an introductory address, and precipitate the discussion. The principal speaker will be R. E. Balch, entomologist in charge of the Dominion Laboratory here, who will deliver an illustrated address on the European spruce sawfly and its prevalence in New Brunswick. He will deal with the matter from an economic standpoint, and tell of the efforts being put forth to control the pest by means of parasites collected in Europe and raised in the new parasitic laboratory at Belleville, Ontario.

Open Discussion

Mr. Balch's address will be followed by a general discussion to be led by J. J. deGryse, Chief of the Forest Insects Division, Entomological Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and Dr. A. B. Baird, a native of Chipman, who has charge of the Parasitic Laboratory at Belleville. Last year, Dr. Baird spent some months in Europe collecting parasites, which have been carefully developed at the Belleville Laboratory during the present winter.

It is announced that on Thursday morning, March 24th, a meeting of private land owners, timber licensees foresters, technical experts and others interested, will be held in the Forestry and Geology building at the University of New Brunswick. The object of this gathering will be to arrange details concerning the distribution of parasites, and the extension of the forest insects survey during the coming season.

At the conclusion of the forest insect conference, the inspectors and rangers of the New Brunswick Forest Service will confer with head office officials of the Department with a view of planning the details of a campaign of forest fire prevention for the coming season.

Y.S. HISTORICAL SOCIETY ASKS GOV'T. GRANT

Prov. Secty- States the Reasons For Declining This Year

Caucus Last Night

Busy Day Expected; 11 Speakers Are Slated In The Debate

R. B. Wallace and W. M. Burns representing the executive of the York and Sunbury Historical Society this morning waited upon Hon. C. T. Richard, Provincial Secretary Treasurer and asked for a grant for the local society. Mr. Richard could not promise favorable consideration to the society at the present time, because it was felt that by giving the local society a grant that it would open the door for giving grants to several similar small historical societies, one of which it is understood is to function in Moncton and would naturally be entitled to a grant under the same conditions. The provincial museum at Saint John is at the present time receiving a considerable grant and is doing much good work. In the first years of its existence while the local society was in a flourishing condition here they received for different years a grant of three hundred dollars from the Provincial Government but in view of the demands as stated by Mr. Richard he could not see their way clear to recommend a grant this year to the Society.

Considered Legislation

Forthcoming legislation, with the proposed changes in the Electoral Act included, was the object of discussion at the caucus of the Liberal party held here last evening. It was the second caucus of the party held since the opening of the Legislature.

A busy day in the House, with a night session this evening, was expected this morning. Eleven speakers were slated to speak today in the budget debate, but it was not believed that time would permit the delivery of all the speeches.

Opens Debate

J. J. Hayes Doane, M.L.A. for Charlotte, opened the debate this afternoon, having adjourned it from yesterday. E. W. Melville and G. W. Perry, opposition members for Carleton, and one other opposition member were slated to speak, as well as Dr. P. H. Laporte, M.L.A., Madawaska; W. W. V. Foster, M.L.A., Kings; Dr. W. M. Jenkins, M.L.A., Queens; Fraser Keay, M.L.A., Charlotte; F. T. B. Young, M.L.A., Gloucester, and H. Ralph Gunter, M.L.A., York. If it is possible for all the speakers to conclude, Hon. A. P. Paterson is expected to adjourn the debate.

A delegation from Queens County (Continued on Page Five)

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