

News Briefs

HAS CHICKEN POX

Phillip Mavor, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mavor, is ill at his home with chicken pox.

TO TRURO

J. C. Voness, officer in charge of the maritime district, Dominion Forest Service, and M. B. Morrison, Dominion Forest Engineer, will leave tomorrow for Truro, N. S., on official business.

RETURNED FROM HALIFAX

L. H. Parks, Superintendent of Fisheries for the inland counties, returned Saturday from Halifax, where he spent the last week on departmental business.

ATTEND MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Gibson Memorial United Church of Canada, Devon, will be held this evening, while the annual meeting of the Wilmot United Church, this city will take place tomorrow evening.

PARISH WARRANTS HIGHER

It is expected that the warrants for the parishes of York County will be about twenty-five per cent higher this year due to hospitalization, it was stated this morning by Major John S. Scott, county secretary-treasurer.

IMPROVES STEADILY

Friends will be glad to learn that A. R. Murray, who has been confined to his home and the hospital for the past short while, is now improving steadily at his home and expects to be able to return to his office on Wednesday.

INVESTIGATING APPLICATIONS

John G. Robichaud, this city, of the old age pensions commission, has been carrying on work of investigation for the past few weeks on the north shore in connection with applications received for increases in pensions.

PREACHED IN KINGSTON

His Grace Archbishop Richardson of this city, preached in the cathedral at Kingston, Ont., yesterday. On Wednesday he will return to Saint John to attend the meeting of the Synod. He is expected to return to this city at the last of the week.

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED

Friends will be pleased to learn that reports from his home this morning stated that E. H. Wilbur, who has been critically ill following a paralytic stroke, the second in a short while, is considerably improved today. It was stated that he is much brighter and that the paralysis has left one hand.

BROKE ANKLE IN FALL

Edward Coyle, a kindly old gentleman who resides with his son, Fred Coyle on Beaverbrook street, met with a painful accident this morning when he slipped on the icy sidewalk in front of his home. His many friends will regret to learn that he suffered a fractured ankle in his fall.

SERIOUS FIRE

A dangerous chimney fire in the home of Edward Nealis, Royal Road, last evening aroused fears for the safety of the home but fortunately the blaze did not get into the walls or roof and no damage was done. Neighbors from the surrounding district rushed to the scene, attracted by the flames, and summoned by emergency telephone calls.

CHIMNEY FIRES

The Fredericton fire department was called to two fires over the week-end, one caused by a plugged chimney at the home of Harold Bunker, Victoria Street, Saturday afternoon, and the other a chimney fire at the residence of Ronald Edwards, King Street. No great damage was reported at either fire.

Industrial Committee Of City Council Will Be Appointed Tonite

Also Two Members to Children's Aid Society — Zoning By-Law Before Council Tomorrow Night

At the regular monthly committee meeting of the city council this evening the industrial committee of the council will be appointed, as well as two members of the Children's Aid Society.

One of the important features of the regular council meeting tomorrow evening will be the consideration of the zoning by-law. The by-law has been properly advertised and time given for the receipt of objections, and the law must now be either passed or rejected.

Only one objection was received, that of Super Service Stations Ltd., who objected to the law on five counts, in connection with their purchase of property on Queen Street, just above Court House Square, with intentions to erect a bus terminal and service station. The law forbids such construction on Queen Street.

CITY MINISTER GETS MARRIED FOR FIFTH TIME

Rev. Dr. F. A. Wightman, Retired Minister, Wedded Mrs. Mary G. Patterson on Saturday Evening

A Unique Record

This Makes Third Marriage for the Bride; Gone to West Indies

For a man to be married five times, and his bride to have been married three times is a record for this part of the world. It is probable that the marriage on Saturday afternoon of Rev. Dr. F. A. Wightman, seventy-five year old retired clergyman and Mrs. Mary G. Patterson, both of this city, established such a record for New Brunswick.

The wedding which came as a surprise to friends of the contracting parties took place at St. Paul's United Church at six o'clock on Saturday afternoon when Rev. Dr. F. A. Wightman, retired United Church clergyman, was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary G. Patterson of this city. The ceremony was witnessed only by Mrs. Murray Kierstead daughter of the seventy-five year old bridegroom, and by Miss Martha McIntosh friend of the bride was performed by Rev. George Telford pastor of St. Paul's Church assisted by Rev. D. R. Chowan retired clergyman of this city. Following the ceremony the bride and bridegroom left for New-York enroute to the West Indies where they will spend the remaining winter months. On their return they will take up their residence at the home of the bride on King Street.

Previous to his retirement from the ministry about ten years ago Rev. Dr. Wightman for many years occupied churches in different parts of the Maritime provinces including Devon, St. Stephen, Gagetown and Charlottetown. Since his retirement he has resided in this city.

A feature of the wedding is that this is the bridegroom's fifth venture into the matrimonial field whilst Mrs. Patterson has been married three times, this being her second marriage within recent years.

The lady who becomes Rev. Dr. Wightman's fifth bride is a native of Georgia but has been a resident of this city for several years. She is interested in handling antique books and furniture. Dr. Wightman has for years taken an interest in local historical subjects and antiques and it is said became interested in his bride during his frequent visits to her show rooms on King Street in search of ancient historical books and objects. Although she has been blind for several years Mrs. Whiteman has been active in the affairs of her business and has also been active in coaching High School students in French literature, supplementing the lessons given them at the school. It is said that in addition to this she formerly studied law and medicine and was admitted to the bar in the United States. Dr. Whiteman has written more than one book and has contributed extensively to the press in the way of correspondence. His articles on salmon being particularly interesting. He is an officer of the Fish and Game Association and of various other organization including the York and Sunbury Historical Society of which he is one of the founders and a past president.

PULP AND PAPER COMPANIES FEAR SAW-FLY MENACE

R. E. Balch, G. L. Miller, Others, Return From Meetings

Delivered Paper

Companies Promise Co-Operation to Combat Menace

Great interest of the pulp and paper companies in the control of forest insects, especially the spruce sawfly, was described today by R. E. Balch, Dominion entomologist in charge of the laboratory in this city, who returned this morning from attending a meeting of the Canadian Society of Forest Engineers at Ottawa, and of the woodlands section of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association at Montreal, last week.

In a paper delivered before the latter association, Mr. Balch stated that in the past year a great increase in the prevalence of the sawfly in districts heretofore lightly infested has been noted. At the meeting, which was also attended by G. L. Miller, chief forester for New Brunswick, Kenneth Brown of the department of lands and mines, L. S. Webb, International Pulp and Paper Co., Campbellton; Professor J. Miles Gibson, Dean of Forestry at the U. N. B., and E. L. Howie, Fraser Companies, Ltd., Edmundston, technical information was given by Mr. Balch on the detection of the insect menace and how to combat it.

Mr. Balch, who while in Ottawa also conferred with the heads of the Dominion Entomological branch, stated that the pulp and paper companies are enthused over the work of control and offer fullest co-operation by taking observations on the menace and in sending in specimens of other forest insects for the information of the laboratory.

Much optimism was shown in the awakened interest on the part of individual companies, and plans were made for further co-operation on the same basis as present assistance in fire hazard work.

At the meeting of the Engineers Society last week Professor Gibson was elected president of the association.

NO DIAL SYSTEM HERE FOR SOME TIME AT LEAST

Reports City Being Wired For System Denied; Adoption New Phone and Purchase Of Property May Be Indicative

Reports which have been prevalent in this city for the past while to the effect that preparations are already underway in this district for the installation of the dial telephone system, were put to rest today by J. H. Turner, district plant superintendent of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. Ltd. The reports, which stated that wiring is already being done for the adoption of the new system before 1940, were denied by Mr. Turner. The understanding was based on the more complete adoption of the new desk telephone in this city, which telephones are constructed for

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ALMOST COMPLETE HEAVY LOADS ARE BANNED ON GRAVEL TURNOVER RESULT CIVIC ELECTION ROADS IN PRO V.

Four of Five Seats Go to Opposition In Marysville on Saturday

Two Recounts

Only One Alderman Is Returned; Vote Close In Other Wards

The civic election for five aldermanic seats in the Marysville Town Council, which was held on Saturday, produced almost a complete turnover as the opposition party swept into office with four of the five available seats in the four wards. Voting was particularly close in wards three and four in which recounts had to be made. The clerk cast the winning vote in ward four to put Jacob Pyne into office and depose Alderman Charles Sloat after the recount failed to change the count of 128 votes each. Recount was also necessary and in ward three gave Merrit Amos a two vote majority over Alderman William Moore. On the first count each had tied at 114.

Alderman Irvine Gregory in ward one, was the only Alderman returned to office, when he had polled a 40 vote majority over candidate Hilton Robinson. Alderman Charles Finnamore in ward three, and Alderman Charles Sloat in ward four fell by the electoral wayside and forced to give up their councillor seats.

A mutual agreement settled a question which had arisen in ward three as to which alderman-elect would sit for two years and which for a single year's term, when it was decided that the candidate polling the largest vote take the two years term and to the second highest would go the other seat. Three contestants were in the field for this seat. It had been found that the Town Act of Incorporation did not make the point clear where a seat has been vacant for an entire year as in this case.

The results of the election are as follows: Ward one, Alderman Irvine Gregory, 149; Hilton Robinson, 109; Ward two, Lewis Titus, 149, Alderman Charles Finnamore, 109; Ward three, Cecil Daley, 149 (two year term), Merrit Amos, 116; Alderman William Moore, 114; Ward four, Jacob Pyne, 130, Alderman Charles Sloat, 128.

GOVERNMENT TRUCK INTO DITCH WITH LOAD

A Government truck with a load of sand went into the ditch this morning near the residence of C. M. Giles on the Woodstock road. The sand was dumped into the ditch fifteen feet deep. The cab was damaged. The driver of the car Halley Morgan jumped and escaped injury. Several trucks are busy this afternoon trying to get the truck and sand back on the road. The sand was being taken to Kingsclear for use on the slippery hills.

4,000 lb. Load Limit In the South, East and Central N. B.

Roads Rutted

Travel on Pavement Is Good; Snow Going Rapidly

An order banning all motor vehicles over 4,000 lbs. in weight from travel on gravel roads in the southern, central and eastern sections of the province, was issued today by A. W. Barbour, deputy minister of public works because of the present thaw and the soft condition of the highways.

Roads bare of snow and ice, with the frost fast being removed from the surface by the warm rains, in many sections were being pounded into a soft mass of ruts with the heavy traffic. The length of time during which the ban will be necessary is not known, but in any event will be in force until a reverse of weather conditions again hardens the surface of the roads to winter condition.

Travel on the paved highways is not being effected to any great extent by the weather conditions. Although much ice exists in many parts and careful driving is necessary, a great portion of the road is bare of ice and snow and offers good driving conditions.

Snow in the northern portions of the province has not been removed to such a great extent as here, due to the greater snowfall in those areas earlier in the winter.

The unseasonable rain was taking fast toll of the snow in this city today. Slippery sidewalks and streets

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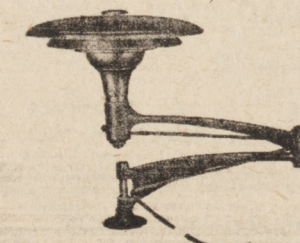


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