

News Briefs

CLOSING THIS EVENING

The closing of the evening classes of the Fredericton Vocational Ctee is taking place this evening from seven thirty to eight-thirty. Public cordially invited.

HAS PNEUMONIA

Friends will regret to hear that little Agnes Sears, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sears, is ill at her home with double pneumonia.

"LAUGHING IRISH EYES"

Plan to attend the three act comedy "Laughing Irish Eyes" which is to be put on on Thursday, March 17, and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, in St. Dunstan's Hall.

FINISH TEACHING

The third round of teaching at the Provincial Normal School ended this afternoon, with each of the 295 student teachers having taught 25 minute lessons to two classes.

CONFINED TO BED

Friends will be sorry to learn that C. F. Bailey, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station, this city, is confined to his bed today with a severe cold.

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED

Many friends will be pleased to learn that T. A. MacDonald, who has been confined to his home, Winslow Street, following a heart attack Friday morning, is now considerably improved. Although still confined to his home, he expects to be able to resume his duties at the Department of Lands and Mines within a short time.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Friends will regret to hear that Leonard Cormier, son of Comptroller General and Mrs. E. J. Cormier of this city was operated on this morning at the Victoria Public Hospital for appendicitis. Mr. Cormier arrived home on Saturday evening from St. Joseph's University, Moncton, where he is a student after having been ill for about a week.

THREE CLINICS

Three clinics for the examination of applicants for blind pensions will be held next week. Dr. W. A. Pullin, Moncton, will examine at Richibucto on March 21, and Dr. Felix Dumont, Campbellton, at St. Basil, Madawaska County, March 23, and at Grand Falls the following day. Forty-five applications have been received for the examinations so far, 16 for the Richibucto clinic, 24 at St. Basil and 15 at Grand Falls.

Concaved Streets Caused Several Minor Accidents

The concave condition of many of the heavier lanes of traffic in the city was responsible for several minor car accidents in the city today. Cars meeting in the streets have been finding difficulty in turning out for each other because of the hollowed streets.

A collision occurred on Queen street at nine o'clock this morning when the car driven by Alfred Hornsneil and a truck belonging to A. F. Betts came together. The Hornsneil car was turning onto Queen Street from Westmorland and proceeding down town while the truck was going up Queen Street. The Hornsneil car had one headlight broken. The truck was undamaged.

A second minor mishap occurred midway in the same block of Queen street at about ten o'clock when a car driven by Howard Timms and the truck of the McColl Frontenac Oil Co. collided. Damage to both vehicles was confined to dented fenders.

Well Known Local Lady Passed Away

The death occurred at 12.15 o'clock this morning of Mrs. Mary Helena Delong, wife of Harry B. Delong, of this city. The deceased, aged 57 years, was stricken suddenly ill about 2.00 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Draper, Victoria Street, where she was called by the illness of her grand child. She was born at New Mills, Restigouche County, and resided in Fredericton for the past 41 years, where she was well known and highly respected. She is survived by her husband, Harry B. Delong; two sons, Ralph and Royden, this city; three daughters, Mrs. Thomas Dean, Saint John, Mrs. Jack Draper, Fredericton, and Mrs. Brydon Richardson, this city; two brothers, Robert and Abraham Flann, Campbellton; three sisters, Mrs. William Hamilton, Black Lands, New Brunswick, Mrs. William Hamilton, Vancouver, and Mrs. Annie Richardson, of British Columbia. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon with services at her late home, 259 Victoria Street, at 3.30 o'clock conducted by Rev. John Linton. Interment will be made at Rural Extension cemetery.

SMOKERS CAUSED 88 FOREST FIRES DURING SEASON

Loss For Year Was Below Average For Four Year Period

24 Unknown Origin

Twenty-three Fires Are Attributed To Lightning

Although forest fire losses in the province during the season of 1937 was below the average of a four year period, expenditures on preventative measures exceeded those of 1936 by a little more than \$10,000. The most destructive forest fires in a period of many years occurred in 1935, when 79,302 acres of crown land and 72,050 privately owned were burned over, involving a property loss of \$318,203. During the season of 1936 fire losses were kept down to the low figure of \$421, and last year, when 4,483 acres of crown land and 8,782 privately owned were destroyed, the monetary loss was estimated at \$25,322. In describing weather conditions during the season, G. L. Miller, Chief Forester, in his report says:

"The spring was backward, rivers and streams opening up much later than in 1936. Very few fires occurred until the last week in April, when a dry period set in lasting until the last few days in May. June came in with sufficient rain to keep fires well in check. The period from June 10th to June 18th was dry, with some fires followed by heavy rains. July came in with heavy thunder storms almost daily. Several fires originated from a particularly heavy electrical storm in Victoria and Northumberland Counties on July 24th. During the period July 24th to August 8th several fires from lightning occurred. These were chiefly confined to Northumberland and Gloucester Counties. A dry period followed throughout August into September, particularly in the southern counties. Fires burned deeply into the ground and were very difficult to extinguish. Rain on September 11th broke the drought and for the remainder of the season no further trouble was experienced."

The number of forest fires during the season of 1937 was 285, which with 43 railway and 9 railway tie fires brought the total up to 337. A table of causes of fires compiled by Mr. Miller, shows that 46 were of unknown origin, 23 were set by lightning, 88 by smokers, 7 were incendiary, 15 were due to camp fires, 73 were caused by land clearing operations, one by industrial operations, 8 by woods operations and 24 could not be classified.

Miss Fannie Hodge Passed Away Yesterday Morning

While not unexpected, the death of Miss Fannie Hodge which took place yesterday morning at her home on Campbell Street will be learned with sincere regret by a large number of friends both in this city and elsewhere. Miss Hodge who was eighty-nine years of age was the daughter of the late James and Catherine Griffiths Hodge for many years her father carried on a wholesale grocery business in this city, and was one of Fredericton's leading merchants. The business is now carried on by George W. Hodge a brother of the late Miss Hodge. The late Miss Hodge who was born in this city was a member of a family that has been prominent in the history of the city for nearly a century. Miss Hodge is survived by one brother George W. Hodge and two nieces Miss Jeanie Hodge of this city, and Mrs. D. C. Davidson, wife of D. C. Davidson, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Prescott, Ontario. During her active years Miss Hodge was well known in connection with activities of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The funeral will take place tomorrow Tuesday afternoon from her late home 33 Campbell Street. Service will be conducted at the home at 2.30 p.m. o'clock by Rev. George E. Ross, pastor of St. Andrews Church and interment will be made at the Rural cemetery.

New Brunswick Brief To Seek Assistance For Coal Industry

The New Brunswick brief to the Rowell Commission will include strong representations in favor of the increased freight rate assistance to New Brunswick coal producers so that they may compete on an equal basis with Nova Scotia.

The decision to include the subvention question follows the conference of a delegation representing the New Brunswick coal producers and Hon. W. P. Jones K.C., who is preparing the province's brief. It will now not be necessary for the Association to prepare a separate brief.

M.P. Of Opinion That Shediak Will Lose On Air Terminus Matter

Could Not Express Opinion of Contradictory Reports on Matter From Ottawa; Not Aware of Bill Being Introduced; To Be Here For The Opening of New C. N. R. Bridge

W. G. Clark, M.P. for York-Sunbury who spent the week-end in the city, is leaving this afternoon for Ottawa to resume his parliamentary duties. Speaking to The Daily Mail in relation to the Canadian Trans-Atlantic air terminus, Mr. Clark informed The Daily Mail that the general impression at Ottawa and Montreal is that Montreal and not Shediak will be the terminus. He stated that this is only his private opinion, and was formed after discussion with leading business men in the upper provinces who claim that with a terminus at Montreal a connection would be made with New York which would be a benefit to Canada. Whether this means Canada as a whole or just central Canada, Mr. Clark would not say.

Contradictory Reports
When asked regarding the contradictory reports from Ottawa which came over the wires during the past week, Mr. Clark was unable to express an opinion. These reports consisted of a press despatch exclusively to The Daily Mail in which it was stated that on March 1, Hon. Mr. Howe, as minister of transport introduced a bill into the Commons in regard to the air route. This bill, which was bill No. 31 provided that Hon. Mr. Howe himself, as minister of transport, would have control of all routes and schedules in connection with all routes in and out of the Dominion. On March 4, three days later, Hon. Mr. Howe wired Premier Dymally in this city, stating that the control of the air routes was out of his hands and in the control of Imperial and Pan-American Airways. Mr. Clark makes the same claim.

"Unaware of Bill"

When asked how the two contradictory statements worked out, Mr. Clark said that he was unaware of the bill having been introduced by Hon. Mr. Howe. It is understood that Mr. Clark was busy at the time on important committee work which was going on while the house was in session and that the bill was introduced while he was out of the chamber.

He stated that he had every faith that Hon. Mr. Howe would deal fairly and squarely with the proposition.

It is understood that the last has not been heard of this matter so far as the claim of Shediak is concerned. In view of the fact that it has been agreed upon by technicians that Shediak is the only suitable point for the terminus, so far as New Brunswick and Maritime interests are concerned it is not likely that the matter will be dropped, and more may be heard about it in the next few days.

Mr. Clark will be in the city next month for the opening of the new bridge, along with Hon. Mr. Howe, Allan G. McAvity, M.P., Saint John-Albert, and others.

DRAMA FESTIVAL DEMONSTRATION AT DEVON

A demonstration of Dramatic Festival activities was held in the Devon School on Friday afternoon last, when thirty-one teachers from the surrounding districts assembled to observe the methods adopted by the Devon teachers in the promotion of creative arts. This visiting day arranged through the efforts of the Inspector, Mr. Titus, proved to be very interesting and helpful to the visiting teachers. Mrs. Elizabeth Haynes, Dramatic Supervisor for New Brunswick, was present in order to give assistance and guidance to the teachers in general.

A balanced program of Primary, Intermediate and Advanced work was shown in grades one, five and eight. Grade 4, under the supervision of Miss Gramann presented a dramatized story and an excellent example of interpretative readings. Grade V, under the supervision of Miss Stickles, presented a dramatized story and a very good illustration of choral reading. Mrs. Haynes was favourably impressed with the efforts shown in these grades and for the benefit of the visiting teachers demonstrated how to begin a dramatized story. In Grade VIII the dramatic supervisor chose Alfred Noyes' lyric poem, "Kew in Lilac Time," to illustrate the method of procedure for choral reading.

Mrs. Haynes was very enthusiastic in praising the co-operative spirit displayed by the teachers of the Devon school in their endeavors to set forth the principles of creative education.

At the close of the demonstration Charles Murray, Principal of Devon School, on behalf of the Devon School Staff and the Women's Institute invited the guests to afternoon tea in St. Mary's Parish Hall, thus giving them an opportunity to discuss informally festival activities.

COMMISSION MET TODAY RE WAGES FOR LOG DRIVERS

Forest Operations Com. Met In Office of Hon. F. W. Pirie

Several Complaints

Wages Increased in '37; Effect Slack Market Not Known

The fixing of salaries for stream driving, rafting and boom operations was the matter of consideration before the New Brunswick Forest Operations Commission which met here this afternoon. At the meeting, which was held in the office of Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines for the province, G. F. G. Bridges, Moncton, chairman of the commission presided.

Several complaints were also expected to be before the commission for investigation. It was stated by Mr. Bridges today. In the matter of complaints, they are usually investigated first by the Fair Wage Officer, Horace A. Pettigrove, and when no satisfactory agreement can be made in this way the commission considers the matter.

What the effect of the the dropping off of the lumber market and the smaller cut will have on the decision of the commission could not be learned at press time. In 1937 the wage for stream driving and boom work was increased from \$2 per day to \$3.

The report of the commission for the last fiscal year was considered very satisfactory when tabled in the house along with the report of the Fair Wage Officer.

Those attending the sitting of the commission today were Mr. Bridges, chairman; W. H. Miller, Campbellton representative of employers; John H. Wallace, Reynolds, N. B., representative of employees; G. H. Prince, deputy minister of Lands and Mines and registrar of the commission; and Horace A. Pettigrove, fair wage officer.

Course In Chatham Opens Tomorrow

Miss Sazel Hayes, director of Women's work in the Department of Education, is in Chatham today arranging a handicrafts course which will begin there tomorrow. A request has been received from Buctouche for a course there. Dr. Fletcher Peacock, director of educational services for New Brunswick stated today. After the course in Chatham has been arranged she will proceed to Buctouche to arrange for the course there.

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