

## News Briefs

### CONFERRED WITH MINISTER

A delegation from Kings County, composed of Couns. Albert Thompson, chairman, Chesley M. Vail, and William Baxter, and two M.L.A.'s from Kings, conferred this afternoon with Hon. A. P. Paterson, minister of federal and municipal affairs. The purpose of their conference was not disclosed this morning.

### RECOVERY NOTED

Many friends will be pleased to learn that Beecher E. Hovey, who was injured in a collision at Saint John February 16, is now able to be up and around his home on Charlotte Street. He returned Tuesday from Saint John where he was a patient at a hospital following the accident. While driving along Dock street, he had crashed headlong into a street car.

### SPOKE AT MEETING

Hugh Miller, secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in far off Korea, and Rev. John Murchison, Saint John, secretary of the society for the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, spoke at a public meeting held last evening at the Brunswick Street Baptist Church. Mr. Miller spoke on the work of the society in Korea, and Rev. Mr. Murchison spoke on the general work of the society. They also spoke during the "Listening Post" program this morning. They left this morning for Saint John.

### DIED LAST NIGHT

The death occurred last night at her home, Marysville, of Mrs. Frances Louise Smith, aged 84 years, after a short illness. The deceased was well known and highly respected, a great worker in her church, a kindly neighbor and friend. She was born in Carleton County and resided at Marysville for over 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Alfred E. Smith; four sons, Fraser, Anaconda, Roy E., Boston, Herbert, Centerville, and Fred, South Devon; four daughters, Mrs. James Mellon, Holden, Mass; Miss Jennie, Chile; Mrs. J. B. Armstrong, Detroit; and Mrs. Arthur Taft, Marysville. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon with services conducted at the home at 2.30 o'clock by Rev. Steadman Smith. Interment will be made at the United Baptist cemetery, Marysville.

### Considerable Damage In Afternoon Blaze

Considerable damage was done the frame building at 137 Queen Street, owned by the Gregory Estate, in a fire shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The blaze broke out on the third floor of the building from a spark from a stove in the flat occupied by L. Crawford and family, and was quickly checked by the fire department. Damage, mostly due to smoke and water, was done the walls and ceilings, but the furniture and furnishings of the room was almost totally destroyed. It is understood that there was no insurance.

### Met To Consider Matter of Abattoir

The Industrial committee of the City Council met in conjunction with the Finance Committee this afternoon to consider the matter of an abattoir in the city of Fredericton.

The request of Peter Nugard, asking concessions for the erection will be considered. Mr. Nugard asks free water and sewerage, freedom from taxes for a period of 30 years, a grant of land for the site of the factory and a yearly grant of \$250 for a period of ten years.

Commenting on the requested concessions, Alderman Ray T. Forbes, Chairman of the Industrial Committee said today, "the concessions are pretty steep."

### Committee Appointed Last Night To Arrange "Circus"

A committee was organized at a meeting in the Community 'Y' last evening to take charge of the annual gym exhibition. This year it will take the form of a circus.

Ross Kerr was elected chairman of the general committee, and working with him will be Mrs. R. C. Parent in charge of tickets; Vernon Box in charge of publicity; Charlie Murray in charge of properties, and Bert Neilson in charge of program.

The circus is planned for some time in April and the classes are now being arranged toward that end. Much enthusiasm is being displayed as the youngsters prepare for the big parade, the clown and animal acts, and the special events put on by each class.

Others on the committee include Mrs. Ken Foster, Stewart Jamieson, Oscar Harris, Emerson Skene, Miss Betty Brigham and Ralph Albrant.

## PENSIONS YEAR TOTAL SUM OF OVER MILLION

Nearly Million Three-quarters to Old of The Province

### Report Tabled

Province Only Paid \$426,975.51; Rest By Dominion Gov't.

Aid in the form of Old Age Pensions, to people of New Brunswick, amounted to \$1,701,194.34 in the fiscal year from Nov. 1, 1936, to Oct. 31, 1937, according to the second annual report of the Old Age Pensions Board, which was tabled in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. A. P. Paterson, Minister of Education and Federal and Municipal Relations. Of this amount however, New Brunswick only paid \$426,975.51, since under the arrangement the Dominion pays 75 per cent and the province 25 per cent of the cost.

There were 10,749 aged residents of the province receiving pensions at the close of the year, the report shows, and the average monthly pension was \$13.49. At the end of the fiscal year of 1936, there were 9,107 pensioners, and the average pension was \$13.18, showing that the list of pensioners increased by 1,642 and that 31 cents was added to the average for pensions for the preceding year. It is interesting to note that the number of male and female pensioners are quite even, there being 5,355 men and 5,394 women on the list at the end of the year.

### Four Districts

The province has been divided into four districts for convenience, with a special investigator in each. This investigator has the authority to deal with such local inspection as the board may designate on a per diem basis when the need calls for it.

This arrangement has proven very satisfactory, as each investigator has carried out his duties of completing new applications, re-investigating claims for increase and generally doing the work required of him by the board, in a very efficient manner.

The Old Age Pensions have been a great benefit to Municipalities also, the report points out, since it has relieved them of the greater burden of support of some people who formerly depended totally on the Municipalities and organizations. There were 116 pensioners in institutions at the close of the fiscal year.

### No Transfers Property

It is pointed out that there is still uncertainty in the minds of many with respect to the board's claim on property of the pensioner, or against his estate after death.

The board may, with the consent of the pensioner, accept a transfer of the pensioner's dwelling house, but the board has thought it inadvisable to do so, except when the circumstances are unusual, because of the difficulties attending the management and care of such property.

### Pensions Started

The Act, authorizing pensions to the blind was passed by Federal Parliament on March 31, 1937, and came into force in this province on Sept. 1 the same year, under the administration of the Old Age Pensions Board. Since the report was made up, pensions to the blind have begun, and it was stated some time ago by Hon. W. P. Jones, director of Old Age Pensions, that it is believed that all applications will have been handled by the end of the present month.

### Executive Meets With Gov't Today

An executive meeting of the union of New Brunswick Municipalities was held in Supreme Court Chambers here this morning. Among the important matters before the union was the selection of Hampton, Kings County, for the scene of the next meeting of the Union.

Following the meeting this afternoon, the executive is to appear before the cabinet, to be heard on matters of requested legislation. This afternoon they will also confer with Hon. J. B. McNair, acting Minister of Health and Labor.

Among the members present today were C. M. Vail, Kings County; Councillor A. Howard Cameron, York County; T. H. Whalen, Newcastle; Ald. F. S. Mundie, Fredericton; F. A. Menzies, Northumberland, president; F. O. Creighton, G. W. Montgomery, secretary; Alfred Page, Woodstock; Carl McKinnon, Moncton; and J. E. Andrews, Victoria.

### RETURNED HOME

D. W. Griffiths, director of the Bureau of Information, returned today from New York and Boston Sportsmen's Shows. Other New Brunswick men who attended the shows will return tomorrow. The exhibit from this province which was on display at the shows, arrived at Union Station this morning and is now being unloaded.

## M'GINN FORTUNE IS NOW BEING INVESTIGATED

Charles J. McGinn Of Worcester, Mass., In Touch With Att'ys

### Fortune In Texas

Sister of Late Patrick McGinn Went to Texas as Many Years Ago

Notwithstanding contradictions that have been made in regard to the matter it is understood that Walter J. McGinn of the City Water Service and other members of his family may be in line for a fortune said to be worth in the vicinity of ten million dollars. This fortune comes through a sister of the late Patrick McGinn, of this city, a former well-known wagon maker. This sister went to Texas from Ireland many years ago and with her husband accumulated the foundation of what later was to become one of the largest fortunes in oil in that state. This sister recently passed away and Charles J. McGinn, a brother of Walter J. McGinn, and formerly well known in this city received word at his home in Worcester, Mass., regarding the fortune. Charles J. McGinn is now in touch with an attorney in Texas with the view of straightening matters out, and to find out how much of the fortune if any is coming to this branch of the McGinn family. Another branch of the family who would be interested in the estate includes Walter J. McGinn of Needham Street and Lewis McGinn who lives on Westmorland Street. Rev. Walter Donahoe pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Devon, is connected with the last named family.

It is expected that Charles J. McGinn of Worcester who is investigating the matter will be able to make a report within a short time. Different United States papers have recently referred at considerable length to this fortune and it is hoped that the Fredericton heirs will be able to realize a substantial amount of the fortune.

## EDITOR LAUDS GOV'T'S ROAD PAVING PROG.

Declares Extensive Paving Will Increase Flow Of Traffic to Province

The great value of the present government's permanent road building program to the tourist and sportsman traffic was emphasized by Ray Bull, secretary of the New York Road and Gun Editor's Association in a recent writing. In the article, which did ample justice to the New Brunswick exhibit at the National Sportsmen's Show held recently at New York City he dwells on the unspoiled beauty of this province and its great natural attraction to sportsmen.

Extracts from the article follow.

Many New York anglers and hunters who have previously been to New Brunswick, besides the others who have not, were especially delighted with the knowledge of the province's extensive road-building program in that it will make transportation easier and make more accessible, their favorite hunting and fishing spots. This was especially true of those New Yorkers who invariably spend their spring or summer vacations motoring through sections that appeal to them. Many sportsmen who otherwise might have passed up New Brunswick, undoubtedly intend to include the province in their itinerary as a result of the improved travelling facilities.

The province's road building program was adequately pictured for the visitors to the New Brunswick exhibit at the show with an illuminated map made of plate glass. With the aid of the map which had been prepared under the instructions of David W. Griffiths, New Brunswick tourist information chief, many of the visitors were able to trace the probable course of their next visits to the province.

The map showed all the trunk roads now paved and indicated the roads that will be paved under the present road-building program. The fact that the province now has seven hundred miles of paved roads and is adding to this mileage as rapidly as possible was conclusive evidence to the visitors that New Brunswick should be included in this year's vacation plans.

The enthusiasm displayed by visiting sportsmen and sportswomen to the New Brunswick exhibit will unquestionably be reflected in tourist travel to the Canadian province during the coming spring and summer. Guides stationed at the exhibit were besieged by a constant deluge of questions regarding New Brunswick's superb fishing and hunting.

## INCREASED USE HYDRO IS GAUGE OF CONDITIONS

Hon. W. S. Anderson Announces Increase Over Year 1937

### Meeting Today

Extension Power Lines Several Districts Is Approved

An increase of 8 per cent in consumption of electric power in New Brunswick in the three months, November and December, 1937, and January, 1938, over the same period last year, was described as a barometer of improving conditions, by Hon. W. S. Anderson, Chairman of the New Brunswick Hydro Commission, following the monthly meeting of the commission held here this morning. The operating reports were considered and books balanced for the last fiscal year, as well as the first three months of the present year.

### Extend Services

Approval was given to four proposals of hydro extension, and the work will no doubt be done in the present year. A canvass was made finding sufficient subscribers to extend power services to Deer Island, as well as east of Grand Lake from Cumberland Bay to Jemseg including Cady's and the Narrows. Over 300 subscribers were obtained in this

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## FIREMEN SAVE BUILDING IN MORNING BLAZE

Imperial Restaurant Is Scene of Fire This Morning

### Began In Cellar

Believe Damage Will be \$5,000; Some Insurance

Fredericton firemen, in sub-zero temperature, this morning fought a prolonged battle against a blaze in the cellar of the Nu Palms, restaurant on Carleton Street, to save the rest of the building from the devouring tongues of flame. In suffocating clouds of billowing black smoke, firemen in two man relays wormed their way along the floor of the first storey to hold a stream of water on the blaze through a hole in the floor. They could only stay in the building a few moments before they were forced to retreat and others take their place at the nozzles.

Combustion of gases in the furnace of the building blew the door open, the lashing flames igniting a litter of paper and boxes on the cellar floor. Walter Niles, one of the city firemen, was having breakfast in the restaurant when he discovered smoke and steam coming through the floor at the

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