

News Briefs

CASE SET OVER

Walter Grace appeared this morning before Police Magistrate Walter F. Limerick, in city police court, charged with theft by violence. His case was set over until Monday.

FIRE DEPT. CALLED

The Fredericton Fire Department was called by still alarm this morning to attend two small fires, one an overheated pipe at the residence of William Murphy, King Street, the other a chimney fire at the residence of H. W. McGibbon, King Street. No damage was reported.

SPONSOR CONTEST

An Oratorical Contest, sponsored by Fredericton Council No. 194, Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with other Councils throughout the province, will be held in St. Dunstan's Hall, starting at 8.00 p.m., Monday, March 28. This contest is open to any Catholic student, male or female, in any public or private graded school, high school, Normal school, business school or University of Fredericton or vicinity, who has not observed his or her 21st birthday. Contestants may choose either of the following subjects upon which to speak: "Democracy or What?" or "Social Justice in Industrial Life." Three cash prizes will be awarded, to be divided as follows: \$5.00 to the winner of first prize, \$3.00 to the winner of second prize, and \$2.00 to the winner of third prize. This contest will be open to the public, and there will be no attendance fee or collection charge. Entries may be addressed to Edward J. Carten, city.

Chairmen To Meet Re Schedule For Future

Chairmen of the various House Committees are expected to meet this afternoon to arrange a convenient schedule for future committee meetings. The Municipalities Committee will likely consider Saint John bills Tuesday when the House resumes, and Wednesday will likely be given to Dalhousie bills.

F. T. B. Young, M.L.A., Gloucester, was the first speaker at the Legislature this afternoon, continuing the Budget Debate. H. Ralph Gunter, M. L. A., York, was the second speaker. At press time it was expected that G. W. Perry, M.L.A., Carleton, would be the last speaker this afternoon, and that E. R. McDonald, K.C., Westmorland, would adjourn the debate until Tuesday.

Committee Plans Collection Of Housing Loans

A drive for the collection of arrears under the Dominion housing loans, was decided upon at the meeting of the finance committee of the City Council last evening. The report as a whole was fairly satisfactory. Alderman Dr. A. W. G. Good, chairman of the committee stated today.

In four cases however, payments have not been made for such a length of time that foreclosure may be necessary. The four mortgages amount to approximately \$3,500 each.

Under the Dominion Housing Act of 1921, a scheme whereby the Dominion government loaned the money for the erection of houses and the city took mortgages on the buildings and guaranteed payment to the Dominion, approximately \$80,000 was borrowed in this city. At the present time less than \$40,000 is outstanding.

VETERAN SEAMAN PASSED AWAY AT DEVON TODAY

Capt. Horatio B. McKel Lived Here For Past Eight Years

The death occurred this morning in Devon, of Captain Horatio B. McKel, aged 83 years, following an illness of two weeks. The deceased, who was born at Brown's Plains, King's County, lived for the greater part of his life at Saint John. He moved to Devon eight years ago upon his retirement from active service as a sea captain. As a sea captain he sailed out of Saint John to many American and West Indies ports. During the war he was captain of the "Sissiboo", running between Partridge Island and Saint John. He was well known and highly respected and his passing will be learned with regret by his many friends here and elsewhere.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Name McKel, one son Allison H. McKel, Saint John, and one brother Charles H. McKel, Chicago. Funeral services will take place this evening at eight o'clock at the home of Frank Miles, South Devon. Rev. W. A. Burge will conduct the services. The re-

WILL ATTEND CONVENTION AT TORONTO

W. E. McMullen And Dr. W. J. Wright To Leave Tomorrow

Deliver Reports

Will Describe Mining Activities In N. B. During The Year

W. E. McMullen, inspector of mines in the service of the department of Lands and Mines, and Dr. W. J. Wright of the University of New Brunswick, provincial geologist, will leave tomorrow afternoon to attend the annual convention of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, which is being held in Toronto next week.

On the opening day, Monday March 14, the presentation of papers will include a report of mining activities in New Brunswick during the past year by Mr. McMullen. It is not expected that the recent discovery of what is believed to be anthracite coal at Nackawick, York County, will be included in the report. Mr. McMullen stated today that the department of Lands and Mines has not yet received an official report on the new coal fields.

Also during the convention a paper on "Diatomite and other New Brunswick Non-Metals," prepared jointly by Mr. McMullen and Dr. Wright will be presented.

In speaking to The Daily Mail this morning, Mr. McMullen described the conventions as being very valuable to all connected with the mining industry. It is expected that over 1,500 will attend, representing mining in every part of the Dominion. The convention is being held in the Royal York Hotel during the three days, March 14, 15 and 16.

DIVORCE COURT SITTING ENDED ON THURSDAY

Unique Situation As Respondent Is Granted A Divorce From The Petitioner

With the granting of a decree for the respondent with costs and the custody of the child in the case of Leo J. Hickey vs. Nora J. Hickey, both of Northumberland County, heard yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Grimmer at the March sitting of the New Brunswick Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, the court was adjourned sine die.

Two witnesses were heard this afternoon for the respondent, Mrs. Nora Hickey, Boiestown, mother of the petitioner, and Mrs. Frances Quinn, Fredericton. Arthur McF. Limerick appeared for the petitioner in place of E. Allison MacKay, and C. J. Jones, K.C., Woodstock, appeared for the respondent.

A situation never before met in the court by Mr. Justice Grimmer arose in this case at its first hearing yesterday morning. Mr. Limerick moved to have the prayer of the petitioner stricken from the petition due to insufficient evidence to prove the alleged charges. Counsel for the respondent then requested permission to proceed with the case for the respondent, which was granted.

Newspaper Assn. To Meet At Saint John In May

The next meeting of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Weekly Newspaper Association will be held in May at Saint John, it was decided at the meeting in this city yesterday afternoon. The annual meeting will be held at Summerside early in the fall, it was also decided. At the meeting yesterday, at which C. C. Avar, editor of the Sackville Tribune and president of the Association presided, a lengthy discussion on advertising and circulation problems developed.

Those present at the meeting were: J. G. Boucher, M.L.A., Le Madawaska, Edmundston; H. B. Anslow, The Graphic, Campbellton; George H. Christie, The News, Dalhousie; C. R. Allen, secretary-treasurer of the organization, The Observer, Hartland; S. D. Granville and Lawrence Knowles, The Courier, St. Stephen; C. R. Davis, The King's County Record, Sussex, and Mr. Avar.

mains will be taken tomorrow morning to Saint John where services will be conducted at the Chamberlain Funeral Home at two o'clock by Rev. Dr. Vincent and Rev. J. B. Colwell, and interment made in Fernhill cemetery.

DISTINGUISHED CHINESE LEADER MAY SPEAK HERE

Peace Council Makes Arrangements to Hear Doctor H. C. Tao

Eminent Scholar

Substantial Fund Is Raised for Medical Aid To China

The possibility of bringing Dr. H. C. Tao, distinguished Chinese scholar and one of the leaders of the Chinese National Salvation Movement, to Fredericton was discussed at the monthly meeting of the Fredericton Peace Council held last evening. Dr. A. H. Wright, in the chair, explained that Dr. Tao, who is President of one of the larger Chinese universities may be passing through New Brunswick shortly on his way back from a meeting in London of the International Peace Campaign.



DR. H. C. TAO

Dr. Tao is on his way to resume a lecture tour in Western Canada which was interrupted by his trip to London. Committees were formed by the Peace Council to make arrangements for him to be heard if possible by a Fredericton audience.

Other business discussed included a report on the tag day held recently in aid of medical aid for China. A total of \$60.41 was collected and it was decided to donate the proceeds to the Red Cross for Chinese relief. A vote of thanks was extended to the Countess of Ashburnham for her very efficient management of the tag day.

GRAND FALLS WOMEN STILL HAVE CHANCE

Only Mistake In Drawing Up Bill Denied Them Right To Hold Civic Offices

That women as well as men may be qualified for mayor, councillor or assessor in the Town of Grand Falls, was the wish of the town as evinced in an amendment to a bill reconsidered this morning by the Municipalities Committee, C. H. Blakeny, chairman, at the House. The bill, an act to amend the incorporation act of the Town of Grand Falls was sponsored by Hon. F. W. Pirla, Minister of Lands and Mines, who recommended the amendment.

Although the words "he, his and him" appear in the bill, the masculine in generic sense includes the feminine.

The bill as amended was recommended to be reported.

A bill to authorize Sunbury County to effect temporary loans, the gross amount of which at any time shall not exceed \$15,000, was adopted.

A bill to amend the consolidation act of the Town of St. Stephen was laid over pending arrival of the town solicitor.

A bill to authorize the Town of St. George to issue debentures was adopted for report as amended.

A bill to authorize the sale of the town of St. George electrical distribution and street lighting system to the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission was reported as amended.

A bill entitled "an act to amend section 8 of Chapter 190 of the Revised Statutes, 1927, respecting the rates and taxes act, so far as it relates to the County of Madawaska" was reported.

CONDITION REMAINS SAME The condition of Miss Fannie Hodge who is seriously ill at her home on Campbell Street remains about the same today. She has been quite seriously ill with pneumonia for several days.

"FIREWORKS" IN MUNICIPALITIES COMM. MEETING

Moncton Bill Asking Authority for Issue Was Origin

Heated Discussion

Suggest The Financial Statements Accompany The Bills

The approval of the Moncton Bill asking authority to issue \$137,000 in debentures to cover indebtedness already incurred, started "the fireworks" at this morning's meeting of the Municipalities Committee.

A. J. Boucher's (Govt.-Madawaska) suggestion that financial statements accompany all money bills received from Municipalities, Towns and Cities started the discussion, with G. W. Perry (Opp.-Carleton) claiming that as things stood at present the Committee "was just a rubber stamp for the Municipalities, Towns and Cities."

Approves Suggestion

Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney-General approved of Mr. Boucher's suggestion pointing out that in the case of two of the bills before them today the money asked for had already been spent. Robert McAllister, (Op.-St. John Co.) drew the attention of the Committee to a bill coming before them from the County and City of St. John later, relative to expenditure incurred for the Coronation celebration and claimed that this money was spent illegally as the Corporations had no power to assess for this purpose. The Attorney-General then advanced the suggestion that all private and local bills should have a preamble covering the reasons covering the request for further borrowing powers, a practice that is in force in other Legislative bodies.

The suggestion of the Chairman, C. H. Blakeny, (Govt.-Moncton) that in the case of all Bills for Capital Expenditures, the bill should first be placed before the Department of Federal Relations and Municipal Affairs for their approval met some opposition but resulted in the following resolution being moved by Hon. Mr. McNair and seconded by Mr. A. J. Boucher that, "The Department of Municipal Affairs be requested to obtain from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly on their introduction copies of all bills authorizing Municipalities to issue debentures and that the department submit for the information of the Municipalities Committee in each case a statement showing the total valuation for assessment purposes of the Municipality in question as well as the total outstanding indebtedness, funded and unfunded, and the amount in sinking funds."

U. N. B. DEBATERS GIVEN DECISION OVER LAWYERS

Neil U. C. Ganter and W. D. Bonnell, Supported Negative for U.N.B.

Unanimous Decision

Debate Put "Taboo" On Benevolent Dictator For Canada

Canada would not be better under a benevolent dictatorship, according to the decision last night in the debate between teams from the University of New Brunswick and the University of New Brunswick Law School, Saint John.

Neil U. C. Ganter, Woodstock, leader, and William D. Bonnell, Sussex comprised the U. N. B. team, while the law school was represented by J. Edward Murphy, Moncton, and J. Paul Lordon, Bathurst. The judges R. E. Balch, and W. R. Richardson, both of this city, gave the decision to the local collegians by unanimous vote, while a standing vote of the audience gave the victors a two vote majority.

Emphasis on Dictator

Chief emphasis of the argument was placed on the dictator himself. In opening the debate, Mr. Murphy stated that the democratic government has made the people a means to industry and has not itself been the means of supplying the best needs of the people. He pointed out that a dictator would need no constitution to govern.

Declaring that there is no assurance of a benevolent dictator remaining benevolent, Mr. Ganter outlined the features a dictator of this type would necessarily have. He stressed a worthy philosophy and sound economic program and high ideals.

Mr. Lordon declared that New Brunswick cabinet ministers have as much authority as dictators. He blamed the last depression on economic liberalism which exists in democratic government. The disaster of the loss of state rights by the establishment of a dictatorship was the main point of Mr. Bonnell's argument.

The victory of U.N.B. over the U. N. B. Law School of Saint John is always looked upon as a signal honor and the students who represented U. N. B. are to be congratulated. Mr. Ganter, the leader, is an exceptionally brilliant student. He hails from Woodstock and has taken a leading part in college functions. He is also premier of the Maritime Tuxis Boys Parliament. Mr. Ganter in addition to his college activities occupies the Baptist pulpit at Upper Gagetown. William Bonnell, the other member of the team is a popular member of the student body at the university.

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