

News Briefs

MISS HODGE SERIOUSLY ILL
Many friends in Fredericton and elsewhere of Miss Fannie Hodge, Campbell Street will learn with regret of her very serious illness. Miss Hodge was taken ill on Tuesday last. Pneumonia developed and her condition today is considered very grave.

Action In Circuit Court Continues Here Today

The action of E. S. Inch, and Co., vs. the Farmers' Co-Operative Dairy Co., Ltd., both of this city, is continuing today in the York County Circuit Court. This morning P. J. Hughes, K.C., counsel for the defendant company cross-examined E. S. Inch, while this afternoon re-examination of the witness by W. J. West, counsel for the plaintiff, was underway.

Yesterday afternoon in his evidence, Mr. Inch charged a change in contract. He stated that the original contract called for refrigeration a plant for cooling 275 gallons of ice cream in a specified time and that the contract was changed to read "700 gallons."

The action is for the collection of \$604.20 balance allegedly due the plaintiff on the contract for installing and supplying the plant.

Mr. Justice C. D. Richards of the Supreme Court, Kings Bench Division, is presiding. Other witnesses were expected this afternoon.

"VALLEY ROUTE" IS NOT INCLUDED IN N. B. BRIEF

Boards of Trade Will Submit Briefs; Meet With Hon. W. P. Jones Re Matter Today

The matter of the Valley Route to the Sea and the improvement of the roadbed on the Nashwaak subdivision of the C.N.R. will not be included in the New Brunswick brief for the Rowell Commission, it was definitely stated by R. L. Phillips, chairman of the Fredericton Board of Trade today.

In conference with Hon. W. P. Jones this morning, it was decided to leave the matter to be taken up in the briefs of the Saint John and Fredericton Boards of Trade. Whether there will be a joint brief was not known for certain today. In any event, the two Boards will back to movement co-operatively.

Mr. Phillips stated today that he expected to meet with Hon. A. P. Paterson, Minister of Education and Federal and Municipal Relations this afternoon to discuss the matter.

QUICK ACTION SAVES LIFE OF DEVON CHILD

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Neill Was Struck By Truck; Injuries Serious

Quick action on the part of George Staples, driver of a heavy truck loaded with logs, saved Robert Neill, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Neill, Devon, from instant death this morning. Despite the attempt of the driver to avoid the child as he ran out into the street, the rear of the truck struck the boy incurring injuries amounting to a fractured skull, a fractured leg, and a crushed foot. In swerving his truck to avoid running over the child, the truck upset, doing considerable damage to the vehicle.

Staples, who was driving a truck belonging to the Devon Lumber Co., was proceeding down Union Street at 9.45 this morning when the little boy started to cross the street to play with children on the other side and ran immediately in front of the vehicle.

Witnesses of the accident stated that only the action of the driver prevented a fatal accident on the scene. The boy was rushed to the hospital by ambulance after receiving medical attention at his home. His condition is serious. It was stated the consequence of the head injury will not be known for several days.

Leo F. Hayes, Devon town marshal, investigated the accident.

Don't miss "Tilly of Bloomsbury," the play which is to be put on tomorrow and Thursday in the Opera House by the Y's Men. Exchange your tickets now at Medjucks Men's store. Price 50 cents.

RESIDENTS OF ABERDEEN ST. UP - IN - ARMS

Want Action In Regard To Missing Link In Street

The Stone Yard

McCaughey Says Unpaved Streets Worse Than Present

Residents of Aberdeen Street especially those living between York and Regent Streets are still agitating for the removal of the stone crusher and city stone yards which is located in the vicinity of the Carleton Street Extension on that street. They are asking that some action in regard to this matter be taken by the City Council. Some of the residents of that locality in conversation with The Daily Mail today stated that no action whatever was taken regarding the request which they made a week ago to the City Council in committee. They claim that the matter was not brought up in the regular meeting of the City Council.

Those who are interested in the matter include E. J. Cormier, Percy W. Butland, Louis Charters, Clarence Gillies, Fred Flewelling, Fred Thompson, Fred Gunter and the Palmer-McLellan Company. Speaking to The Daily Mail some of these gentlemen say that they are asking for a street to connect Aberdeen Street above York with the two blocks below Carleton Street Extension. There is plenty of room to run this street and it may not necessarily be a paved street just now. A good dirt street would do. They claim that if this street were put through that it would have an increased assessment value of at least two thousand dollars as they know of different parties who are ready to build houses as soon as this connecting link is made.

Mud Hole

They claim that instead of spending money on the road next to the Palmer-McLellan factory which partly belongs to the C.N.R., and which is nothing but a mud hole after a rain, that the same money would help to put the street up through in the vicinity of where the Baird coal shed now is. This would mean not only the moving of the Baird coal shed but also the moving of the city blacksmith shop and that the latter job could be done by a few men in half a day. This yard has been surveyed off and there is no less than seven building lots being held up and these lots have water and sewerage connections. These residents of Aberdeen Street claim that they have the support of several members of the Council in their contention that this street should be put through, and they seem to think it strange that no members of the Council who are opposing the proposition are the two gentlemen who represent Carleton Ward in which ward the missing link in regard to Aberdeen Street and the objectionable stone yard is located.

Raise Property Value

The building of this short block between York and Carleton Streets on Aberdeen would very much benefit Aberdeen Street and should increase the value of property in that locality. This would make a connected street from Smythe Street down to Church Street and eventually the same street would probably be extended to University Avenue. This is the last street (Continued on Page Five)

NACKAWICK COAL BELIEVED TO BE 'HARD' VARIETY

Present Indications Of Anthracite; First Hard Coal Fields In Eastern Provinces

Coal drilling operations in the vicinity of Nackawick, York County, give indications of the first anthracite coalfields in the Eastern Provinces, according to the statement of Harold C. Deming, Woodstock, who is in charge of operations on the site.

A definite statement cannot be made on the matter at the present time however due to the infancy of the operation. The seam is a very old coal rock and from present indications is of the hard coal variety. A slim possibility remains that the coal is a high grade bituminous since the difference between the two grades is so slight. The coal samples are distinctly different from the Minto type.

Two drills are in operation on the site at present, which is midway between Fredericton and Woodstock on the Saint John river. The proximity of the field to the Otis branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway put the field highly advantageous position in this respect. The extent of the seams thus far discovered has not been fully investigated.

R. W. ARMSTRONG PROMOTED IN SERVICE L. C. B.

Succeeds F. J. Poirier As Assistant Accountant And Cashier

Erroneous Report

Saint John Man To Be Junior Accountant On Staff

R. W. Armstrong of the Accounting Department of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board has been appointed Assistant Accountant and Cashier of the Board in place of F. J. Poirier who a few days ago was promoted to Chief Accountant. Mr. Poirier took the place of the late Major F. H. Rowe. Mr. Armstrong takes Mr. Poirier's place. W. W. McLellan is promoted to the position which up to now has been filled by Mr. Armstrong and Harold Lynam of Saint John joins the staff taking the place of Mr. McLellan who has up to now been the Junior Accountant.

The position of Deputy Commissioner which was also formerly held by Major F. H. Rowe will not be filled at the present time. The report published elsewhere that Mr. Lynam came from Saint John to accept the position made vacant by the promotion of Mr. Poirier is incorrect as that position goes to Mr. Armstrong. By this arrangement promotion is made in the office amongst the hands who have served previously.

Mr. Armstrong, familiarly known as "Ron" among his many friends, is very popular about the city. He is an ardent follower of local sports. His many friends will congratulate him on his promotion.

TWO DIVORCES GRANTED IN COURT TODAY

Seven Cases Remain On Docket; Three Deleted From The Original Docket

The January session of the Divorce Court, postponed until the present time because of illness of Mr. Justice Grimmer who presides over the court, opened this morning with a total of twelve cases on the docket.

Three cases were deleted from the docket however following the opening of the court. Two new cases, one defended and one undefended were deleted while the other was remanded. Of the seven cases left, two are undefended and five are defended.

Granted Today

One divorce, that of Treva Louise McKinley vs. Raymond John McKinley, Westmorland county, was granted today, while Annie Alberta Morehouse, Carleton County, was granted a divorce from Thomas Oran Morehouse pending filing of marriage certificate.

In the first mentioned case Justice Grimmer warned W. H. Goodwin, counsel for the plaintiff that in the future divorces would not be granted when only one witness was available. There is too much of a possibility of a 'plant' he indicated.

In the second case the petitioner, Fred W. Morehouse, a son, and Sheriff Albion Foster of Woodstock, were witnesses.

Four of the cases are from York County. E. C. Atkinson filing petition in three cases and Hanson Dougherty and West filing petition in the fourth case, which is from this city. The docket is as follows:

Undefended Cases

New Cases:
Annie Alberta Morehouse vs. Thomas Oran Morehouse. Hon. Fred C. Squires, Woodstock, files petition.
Treva Louise McKinley vs. Raymond John McKinley. Goodwin & Goodwin, Saint John, file petition.
Elizabeth Delilah Kelly vs. Murray George Kelly. E. C. Atkinson files petition.

Defended Cases
Laura Almira Bradbury vs. Harry Whitfield Bradbury. Winslow & McNair file petition. C. J. Jones, K. C., Woodstock, for respondent.

New Cases:
Charles Ervin Wallace vs. Erma Verna Wallace and Harry Hamilton. R. Wilmet Seely, Woodstock, files petition. Dr. R. Bishop, Woodstock, for respondent.

Leo J. Hickey vs. Nora J. Hickey. E. Allison MacKay files petition. Jones & Jones, Woodstock, for respondent.

Muriel Alma Beatty vs. Henry Elbridge Beatty. Hanson, Dougherty & West file petition. Respondent in person.

Myra Leone Dunlap vs. William Earl Dunlap. E. C. Atkinson files petition. L. F. Cain for respondent.

FOUR BILLS WERE CONSIDERED IN COM'TEE TODAY

Municipalities Committee of the House Met This Morning

First Meeting

Three Bills Approved, One Laid Aside For Consultation

No woman Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor for the Town of Grand Falls—Such is the desire of the residents of that Town as evinced in the first Bill considered this morning at the first meeting of the Municipalities Committee at the House. Among the qualifications for these positions laid down in the Bill, an act to amend the incorporation act of the Town of Grand Falls, is to be found a qualification as to sex. In section one, subsection one of the bill, it is stated that no person shall be qualified for nomination or election to any of the above mentioned positions unless he is a "Male subject of His Majesty."

Three Other Bills

Three other bills were considered this morning at the meeting which was presided over by C. H. Blakeny, M.L.A., Moncton. The Grand Falls bill was laid over pending consultation with the promoters of the bill. The other three bills were approved with minor amendments.

An act to amend the Act 53 Victoria, Chapter 73, intitled "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Grand Falls" was the first bill considered in the Municipalities Committee meeting this morning.

This bill would provide that no person be qualified to be nominated, elected or serve as mayor, councillor or assessor of the Town of Grand Falls unless he is a male British subject, 21 years or over, a resident of the town for at least one year immediately preceding his nomination; is assessed for real or personal estate within the town to the value of at least \$200; and shall have paid before his nomination all rates and taxes legally due by him.

Evidently women may not serve in Grand Falls as mayor, councillor or assessor.

Section three of the proposed amendment provides that the Town taxes of at least two of the nominators signing the candidate's nomination papers shall have been paid.

Section six provides that candidates may not withdraw after nomination papers have been accepted for filing.

Bill Laid Over

The bill was laid over pending consultation with promoters of the bill. Bill No. six, an act to fix and determine the valuation for assessment purposes within the city of Saint John of James Pender and Company Limited was the second bill considered.

The bill was approved by the committee (Continued on Page Five)

MINTO COAL OPERATORS TO PREPARE BRIEF

Conferred With Hon. W. P. Jones Re Brief Here Today

Demand Changes

Charge Discrimination Favoring Nova Scotia Industry

In a brief to be presented to the Rowell Commission, coal operators of the Minto district will demand equality with the Nova Scotia coal industry by adjustment of freight rate assistance, it was stated today by W. Benton Evans, of the Rothwell Mines. Leading coal operators in the Minto district gathered in this city today where they conferred with Hon. W. P. Jones, who is preparing the province brief, to discuss plans for submission to the commission. There is a possibility, Mr. Evans said, that the needs of the Minto coal industry will be set forth in the New Brunswick brief, otherwise a separate brief will be submitted.

Charges Discrimination

"It is an unfair situation," Mr. Evans declared. "Nova Scotia is getting millions where we get thousands. We are discriminated against in this respect to such a degree that the New Brunswick coal industry will be squeezed off the map by Nova Scotia, unless there is some revision."

Realizing the necessity of being on an equal footing with Nova Scotia to have a prosperous industry in this province, Mr. Evans stated that the matter of a brief has been under consideration for some time.

Those in the city today in connection with the brief are W. Benton Evans, A. D. Taylor, A. D. King, Percival Streeter, John Henderson, and Harvey Welton.

A. C. Smith, M.L.A. First Speaker Following Budget

After the bringing down of the Provincial budget this afternoon by Hon. C. T. Richard, Provincial Secretary Treasurer, A. C. Smith, M.L.A., Saint John, financial critic for the Opposition, will speak on the debate. It is understood that Frank H. Copp, M.L.A., Westmorland, will be the first speaker tomorrow, followed by Hon. W. S. Anderson, chairman of the New Brunswick Hydro Commission.

It is believed that there will be about 20 speakers altogether on the budget debate, which should take about two weeks. Hon. Fred C. Squires, Leader of the Opposition, will wind up the debate for the opposition, and will likely be followed by Premier A. A. Dymally or a front benchman for the Government.

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