

The Weather

FORECAST

Partly cloudy with scattered showers.

Noon temperature44
Today's low37

Today's Thought

Our time cannot be long: Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand—Rev. 1:3.

City News

LEFT FOR RIVER

W. Russell Halliwell and a party of seven who were guests at the Queen Hotel on Sunday, have left for the Miramichi where they will fish with George Allen.

FISHING PARTY

William F. and Edward Merrill of Skowhegan, Maine, arrived at the Queen Hotel this morning and left today for the Miramichi where they will fish for spring salmon with George Allen.

Will Address Institute

J. C. L. Harvey, editor of the Montreal newspaper, "Le Jour," is in the city today and this evening will address the Fredericton branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. Mr. Harvey, who is accompanied by Madame Harvey, is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

Following his address here, Mr. Harvey will leave for Saint John tomorrow where he will address the branch in that city. The meeting of the Society will be held in the Legislative Library.

Board Trade Will Hold Supper Meeting

For the purpose of increasing interest in new membership and the completion of other business, the Fredericton Board of Trade will hold a dinner meeting at the Waverly Hotel at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11. The meeting is the first of the dinner meetings decided upon at the last executive meeting following recommendations of the Membership Committee of the Board.

Under the new plan of meeting it is hoped that increased interest will be taken in the work of the Board and in attendance at the meetings. Each member attending will pay a fee of 50 cents. The matter of securing new membership for the board will be one of the matters before the meetings.

Well Known Local Resident Passes

A resident of Fredericton for the past 19 years and well known and highly respected in the community, Mrs. Maggie Ellen Wishart, wife of J. Henry Wishart, passed away in Victoria Public Hospital at 7 o'clock Saturday evening. The passing, which came suddenly, after only one day's illness, was a great shock to her many friends.

Born in Queens Co., the daughter of the late Henry and Rebecca (Baird) Porter, the deceased was 63 years of age.

Since coming to Fredericton she had formed a vast circle of friends. She was a member of St. Paul's Church.

She is survived by six sons, Beverly of Hamilton, Ont., Arthur, of Blind River, Ont.; James and Bruce of Fredericton, Dr. Frank Wishart of Campbellton, and Charles of Hamilton, Ont. One daughter, Freda, of Fredericton also survives. Others surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Robert McAllister, and Mrs. Harry Darrah of Chipman, Mrs. Frank Schriver of Montana, and Mrs. Charles Larkin of Grand Lake.

The funeral took place this afternoon with service at the late home 53 Grey Street, at 3 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. F. A. MacLean. The body will be taken on the evening train to Chipman. Interment will be made at Chipman.

Mechanic's Union Seeks F.W.B. Order

MECHANICS OF CITY MEET FAIR WAGE OFFICER

Board Begins Meetings Tomorrow: Consider Union Petitions

Heavy Agenda

Union Reinstates Its Claims After Voluntary Withdrawal

Representations made by the Merchants' Union of Fredericton to the Fair Wage Officer in a meeting last week and another on the week-end, will be among the matters to be considered by the Provincial Fair Wage Board which is meeting here this week. The first meeting of the Board will be held tomorrow, while other meetings will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, it is expected.

The Mechanics' Union, which was formed last year, is seeking a 54-hour week, a graduated scale of wages depending on the skill and years' experience of the employee, time and one-half for overtime and double time for Sundays. Several meetings were held last summer and fall, with the Fair Wage Officer meeting both the Mechanics and the Garage Employers, and later meeting with both bodies at one meeting. At that time, however, a settlement could not be reached.

Voluntary Action

Although the Fair Wage Board was to make a ruling at the time, due to economic conditions and the slack season in the garage business, the Union of its own free will withdrew its claims for the time. It is felt at this time, however, a Union spokesman said today, that sufficient grace has been allowed the employers.

Although the Union is representative, a minority of the garages already pay scales and have working hours suitable to the Union. These garages do not fall under the conditions of the complaint to the Fair Wage Board.

A heavy agenda awaits the meeting of the Fair Wage Board here. Approximately 15 complaints and other items are before the Board. In addition to this, it is learned, the Fair Wage Officer, H. R. Pettigrove, has checked on 19 orders now issued by the Board to see that they have been complied with. It is understood that the orders of the board have been followed in the majority of cases. In the others, steps will be taken to obtain compliance of the rulings. The Fair Wage Officer was at Saint John on Friday and Saturday where he met with representatives of the Dairy Workers and other groups.

HEAVY RAIN TO AID OF FARMERS IN PROVINCE

.55 Inches Fell During Night: River Level Again on Raise

A rainfall of .55 inches last night came to the aid of New Brunswick farmers. With the frost held in the ground by lack of moisture and warm rains, farmers looked forward to a somewhat later date of "getting on the land" for preparation of the soil and spring planting and seeding. The usual date is around the middle of May.

Last night's rain started the Saint John River on the rise again, with five inches being added to the river level since 12.30 yesterday. The water was still rising today, and it was expected that the rise would continue for two or three days yet despite the weather change this morning.

The warm rains will have a telling effect on the heavy snow still remaining in the woods in the up-river counties and the run-off will be speeded. The river level here now stands at 15.4 feet above the summer low.

Frost action has damaged the streets of Fredericton in a few places this spring. Already, however, the City Engineer's department is at work on the streets repairing damage done.

182 UNION JACKS TO LINE STREET

Merchants Subscribe To Plan For Decoration For Holiday

The efforts of the Board of Trade to have the streets of Fredericton suitably decorated for the occasion of the Royal visit and following holidays and occasions, have been well rewarded.

At the present time orders have placed for 182 Union Jacks complete with standards to line the sidewalks in front of the business houses and stores. Under the plan the merchants purchase the flags and standards in the interest of civic spirit. The Jacks will be 2 by 4 feet on a 12 foot standard on a concrete block base. The standards and flags will be removable from the base so that they may be taken in at night.

At the meeting of the Board, which is being held on Thursday night, the matter of opening the Tourist Bureau of Information on the Woodstock Road, and the observation of May 24 as a holiday will be decided upon. It is expected that the flags will be used for the first time if the day is held as a holiday. It is expected that the Information Bureau will open about June 1.

DRAMA FESTIVAL AT BRISTOL, N. B.

W. K. Tibert, director of vocation education for the province, and E. Brock Rideout, supervisor of festivals for the Department of Education, are at Bristol, Carleton County, today to attend the school festival being held there. The festival takes in the surrounding district. Mr. Tibert and Mr. Rideout left for Bristol this morning and are expected to return this evening.

Dr. Fletcher Peacock, director of educational services for the province, is at Grand Manan today in connection with educational matters there. Dr. Peacock will go to Perth before returning to this city and is not expected back in the office until the first of next week.



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WILLETT INQUIRY IS RESUMED IN FREDERICTON

Commissioner, Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney-Gen. Hears Argument

The Inquiries Act investigation of the Willett case of Bathurst, N. B., was resumed this afternoon when Attorney-General J. B. McNair, acting as commissioner, heard the argument of P. J. Hughes, K.C., counsel for Magistrate Willett, and E. M. MacLatchey, commission counsel.

The hearing was resumed at 2.30 p.m. in the Corporations Committee Room of the Legislative Building where the first portion of the case was heard. The first sittings of the hearing were held in February of this year.

The investigation arose out of trial in the Long and LeBlanc case last year. Magistrate G. Harry Willett, Bathurst, sentenced Joseph Leo LeBlanc, Ste. Anne de Kent, and Robert Long, Richibucto, to one month in jail each, and fines respectively of \$1,000 and \$500 when they pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring to defraud the Dominion government by smuggling. The Crown appealed to the New Brunswick Appeal Court, which greatly increased the sentences and fines. The court charged the magistrate with imposing his sentence in the hope of receiving some reward, and with committing perjury in his evidence before the appeal court.

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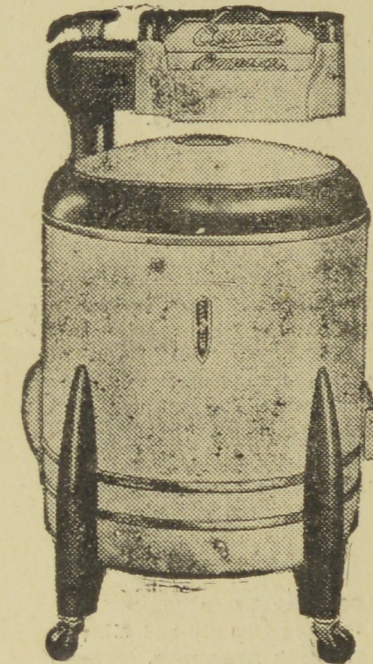
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