

BUDGET DEBATE
OPENED IN HOUSE
THIS AFTERNOON

C. T. Richard, Financial Critic of the Opposition, Opened Debate

Govt. Caucus Tonight
Board of Education Held Brief Sitting This Morning

The New Brunswick Legislature began its third full week today, with C. T. Richard, financial critic of the Opposition, opening the debate on the Leger budget this afternoon. He will be followed tomorrow by Hon. W. H. Harrison. Tonight the government supporters will meet in caucus respecting government legislation.

The government held a meeting last night and received a report on an investigation into the administrations of unemployment relief in Kent county. The investigation was conducted by Leo F. Cain, of this city. This morning the government held another meeting at which a delegation from the New Brunswick Master Bakers appeared and asked certain concessions, which will be considered.

The New Brunswick Board of Education met this morning with Premier Tilley presiding. At the meeting the Board authorized the establishment of an examining station at Plaster Rock to enable students there to write matriculation and Normal School Entrance papers in that place instead of going to Andover, as is ordinarily the case. Also revision was made of boundaries of certain school districts but no action was taken.

NEWS BRIEFS

GONE TO SAINT JOHN
Rev. Dr. George E. Ross, Rev. S. J. MacArthur, and Rev. J. W. Paul Woodstock, left for Saint John this morning, to attend a meeting of the St. John Presbytery.

TO SPEAK WEDNESDAY
A. P. Patterson, Saint John will address the members of the Twentieth Century Political Club at a meeting in the County Court House on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. Patterson's subject will be "New Brunswick's Federal Rights".

RETURNS FROM SOUTH
Ald. F. S. Mundle who with Mrs. Mundle has been on a trip to Florida, has returned to the city. The couple motored all the way from Florida to Calais, Maine, and then shipped their car to this city. They enjoyed a splendid time and visited many beautiful cities in the south.

"EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE"
"Employer and Employee" was the subject of an interesting address given at today's weekly Rotary luncheon by John Reid, which was listened to with considerable enthusiasm by those present. John Kinghorn acted as chairman of the meeting. The matter of employer and employee relations has been in great prominence during the last few years and it occupies an outstanding place in our present economic crisis, the speaker pointed out. The presentation of this subject by Mr. Reid was of great interest and the speaker was aptly qualified to speak, as he has been long identified with local industrial life.

FINED \$100 AND 3 MONTHS
Found guilty here yesterday afternoon before Police Magistrate Walter Limerick, of having on his person on February 1, without a permit, an offensive weapon to wit, a knife, Harold Bailey Broad, was sentenced to a fine of \$100 and costs or a jail term of three months. Two witnesses were heard, with P. J. Hughes, K.C., of this city prosecuting. In addition Broad was sentenced to a jail term of one month for stealing a quantity of articles to a value of not less than \$25 from Federal Relief Project No. 123, Fredericton, on Dec. 7 last, and was committed to jail for trial by a jury on a charge of breaking into and entering and stealing from the grocery store of R. B. Young on Jan. 31.

CITY COUNCIL IN HEATED
DEBATE RE PARTIAL RESTORATION
OF CIVIC EMPLOYEES' SALARIES

Ald. T. Earle Doohan Thinks It No Time With City Still on Dole; About Forty Affected; Ald. Maxwell, Forbes and Mundle Think It a Wise Procedure.

The city council, after a heated debate on the subject, voted last night in its March committee meeting to restore a percentage of salary reduction which has affected city employees for the past two years. The motion to restore the cuts partially, was made by Ald. Warren Maxwell and was only passed after a vote of 6 to 4 and some serious debate on the wisdom of such a move.

The carrying of the motion will mean that those city employees whose original salaries were over \$2,000 and who had been cut 15 per cent over the past two years, will now be under only a ten per cent reduction; those whose salaries were between \$1,000 and \$2,000 and who had been under a ten per cent reduction, will now be subject only to a five per cent cut. On the other hand employees whose salaries were under \$1,000 and who had been subject to a five per cent cut will have their original salaries completely restored.

Poor Time to Restore?
Ald. E. Earle Doohan, one of the chief holdouts against passing the salary-restoration schedule, argued that it was no time to restore salaries. "Until the dole is discontinued in Fredericton," he asserted, "don't give anybody a raise." "I don't think we're ready to restore wages and if we do at the present time we'll be severely criticized," agreed Ald. Moses Mitchell.

Aldermen Warren Maxwell, C. Hedley Forbes and F. S. Mundle thought it wise to restore the salaries in view of the pickup in business conditions. Ald. Maxwell was of the opinion that there is no way so false of saving money as to cut salaries. "When we restore the money," he said, "the employees can pay their bills better."

Ald. Forbes was of the same opinion and Ald. Mundle thought that "something should be done to show that prosperity was returning." In fact, he said that it is planned to restore cuts to employees in the brick industry just as soon as possible. The cost of daily bread and butter being higher it means that some increase should be made, he said.

The matter of whether the salaries of the civic employees should be partially restored was one which engendered lively argument in which Ald. Forbes and Ald. Doohan took the most active part. The latter argued that the salaried man of \$1,000 and over didn't feel the cut until the present year whereas the "laboring" man had been subjected to hardship from the start of the depression. He was strongly opposed to restoring anyone whose salary was over \$2,000. He was reminded by Ald. Forbes that all large companies have given back reductions, also that only one person would be effected in the \$2,000 class and that only about forty persons would be affected altogether.

Has Business Increased?
Ald. Doohan was reminded that the sliding scale was fair enough to all concerned in the restoration schedule. Ald. Doohan thought it a good example for "a good many other institutions in the province" if salaries were maintained as they were for a time. He was told that business was picking up and answered: "Has business picked up? I'm not so sure it has, and nobody else is!"

His Worship Mayor Clark when

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DEBTS DECREASED

During the course of the March committee meeting of the city council last night. His Worship Mayor Clark pointed out that in the eight years intervening since 1926 up to the end of the year 1934, the city of Fredericton had decreased its net debt a total of \$136,859. On December 31, 1926, the net debt stood at \$948,930, while on December 31, 1934, the debt was \$812,071. The remarks of the Mayor were received with a salvo of handicapping from the board. According to the auditor's report for the past year there was a surplus on the year's operations of \$536.91. Last year the funded debt increased \$11,500 and the sinking fund reserve \$14,000.

RETURN TO MONTREAL
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Vivyan returned to their home in Montreal last evening where Mr. Vivyan holds an important position with the Bell Telephone Company. Mrs. Vivyan has been visiting her mother, Mrs. George McCarthy for the past two months and her husband came here last week to spend a few days. Mr. Vivyan is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick and the couple are well-known and popular in this city.

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