

LACK OF RAIN AFFECTS CROPS OF PROVINCE

Twenty-four Hour Rain Needed in Most Sections of N. B.

Grains Affected

Shortage of Pasture Also Due to Drought of a Month

Central New Brunswick along with most other sections of the province is at present suffering from a lengthy period of drought. The past month has been very dry with probably less than an inch of rain recorded.

Agricultural officials here today expressed the opinion that a 24-hour period of rain is the only thing that would bring the much-needed relief.

Grain crops are chiefly affected by the lack of moisture. The grains are ripening quickly but the kernels are not "filling" very well. The danger is that the quality of the grain will be poorer.

ROOT CROPS AFFECTED

The same applies to the root crops which are badly in need of moisture. At the present time the root crops are at a standstill. The generally dry conditions have also caused pasture shortage with attendant reflection upon the milk product of the country.

The hay crops escaped damage because of their earlier harvesting season. Most of the hay crops already have been harvested. Thus they escaped the drought hazard.

The most recent rainfall was last Monday and Tuesday when .71 inches of rain fell in this part of the province. Prior to that the rain had been scarce. There has not been a heavy rainfall for over a month.

Agricultural officials here hold the opinion that unless rain comes soon that there will be serious damage to the crops, now progressing towards the harvesting season. There was prospect of rain today.

NEWS BRIEFS

GATHERING MATERIAL

S. Darwin, representing the Stovel Press in Winnipeg, was a visitor in the city today, having arrived from Sydney, N. S., by auto. Mr. Darwin is gathering statistical material for his company. He left early today for Winnipeg.

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Fred I. Haviland, city clerk and treasurer, began a month's leave of absence today from his duties at the City Hall. Mr. Haviland had been excused from duty temporarily by the city council at their regular August meeting recently. Mr. Haviland has not yet recovered his full strength following his recent prolonged illness. It is understood that he will consult a specialist.

PRESENTATION MADE

On Saturday evening friends of John Savage, whose marriage takes place in the near future, gathered at a local restaurant and made him the presentation of a beautiful dark mahogany clock. George Steele on behalf of those present, made the presentation. Those present were Ald C. Hadley Forbes, George Steele, Burgess Dunn, Harold Burden, Harry Fradsham, Robert Blair, Adrian Oldham, Frank Morgan, Frank Toner, George Crowley, LeBaron Storm, William Bourne, Bruce Walling, Fred Taylor, and Fred Cowperthwaite.

ATTENDING SUMMER SCHOOL

Percy A. White of Marysville, lately Principal of Fredericton Jct. Grammar School, is attending the Summer School at Mt. Allison University and will continue his university course during the coming year. Two of Mr. White's pupils, Allan A. Stuart and Low William Alexander, were successful in passing the matriculation examination in first division. Mr. Stuart, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stuart stood fourth in the province in the list, with a mark of 765, and Mr. Alexander was not far behind. Maurice V. Boone, late principal of Gagetown Grammar School, has been appointed Principal of the Fredericton Junction Grammar School.

A MUSICAL APPRECIATION HOUR NOVELTY

Series of such Hours is Inaugurated by Playgrounds Instructor

75 Children Present

Reach Record Attendance of 1,864 for Week

Moulding their playgrounds program on an advanced basis, the playgrounds committee under Murray G. Ross, has inaugurated a Musical Appreciation Hour, it being planned to run a series of such hours to make the children of the city music-conscious.

The first of such a series was begun last week with Herbert Webber as the first "guest artist." Mr. Webber gave an interesting talk on the history and construction of the violin to about seventy-five of the playgrounds children and later played a number of familiar classics which were greatly enjoyed by the kiddies. Hector led the group in a number of familiar songs and the evening proved to be both instructive and enjoyable.

A total attendance of 1,864 for last week indicated the degree of success of the recreational activities being carried on at Wilmot Park and Queen's Square. The two city playgrounds because of the popularity of the evening programs have been able to attract a considerable numbers of adults into softball, volleyball and horseshoe leagues and this with an increased number of children has helped to swell the attendance mark.

The Square won three of the first five of the Inter-Playground Contests, which will be continued this week. There is much rivalry between the two playgrounds and all these events have attracted large gatherings.

In the Bicycle races Joe Flanagan and Cedric MacDiamid were the Junior winners while Bud Hatfield Ben Ron Menzies were the senior winners.

PLAYOFF STAGES

The two playground baseball leagues advanced to the Play-off stage this week with the Imperials meeting the Park for the night to meet the League leading Giants in the Junior section while the Royals meet the Park to decide a winner to meet Marysville in the Senior section. Both these leagues are providing a good brand of baseball and will produced many future senior players.

Leaders in the 4-point contests are: Marcel Porier with 35 Albert Manuel, 31; Jack Morgan, 45, Cedric MacDiamid 39; Bertha Smith 55; Mary Dow 30, Thelma O'Rea with 37 and Marjorie Grey with 34.

PHYSICAL EFFICIENCY

The Physical Efficiency Tests have proved very popular but have proved a stumbling block to many aspirants for the merit badge which is given to every boy who complete each test satisfactorily. Moke Morgan and John Hanson were the only boys to pass the second test. Those passing the first test are: Jack Morgan, Ken Burgess, Ron Burgess, John Coveney, Howard Lawrence Neil McMinimium, Amos O'Leary, Ben Ryan, Morris Morgan, Ron Moffatt Albert Manuel, Don Gorman, Marcel Porier and Leo Lawson.

MOTOR VEHICLE CHECKUP

Royal Canadian Mounted Police here, in conjunction with the force all over the province are beginning this week a Motor Vehicle checkup of all motorists operating on the provincial highways. The police will check automobiles on the highways for brakes, drivers' licenses, etc. The program is in general keeping with the campaign against the series of motor accidents in New Brunswick in recent weeks, endangering human lives.

IMPROVEMENT IN PROVINCIAL FIRE SITUATION

Somewhat Relieved by Rainfall Over the Weekend

Fires Controlled Today

Orders Issued for Suspending of Slash Burning


The forest fire situation is reported from the office of the New Brunswick Forest Service as somewhat relieved by the rains over the week end. The fire at Belledune, Gloucester county, which had burned over a considerable area of blueberry barrens, received considerable rain and today is under control with a reduced number of forest firemen on duty.

Other fires were at Southaven, Gloucester county, in barren country on Crown land, where not much damage was caused although about 300 acres were burned; at the Black Rock road, south of St. Leolin, on Crown land open barren, where fire-fighting crews were operating, and two others in that vicinity which were thought by officials to have been set; at Range 6, Pacquetville, a small outbreak; two others at Pokesude Island and Shippegan Island, where there was not much tree growth; at Little Lake on Mink Brook, Sunbury County, where more men and equipment were sent this afternoon; at McDougall Lake, Charlotte County, which was being patrolled; at Canous, Charlotte county

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