

FUR BUYERS OPTIMISTIC OVER MONTREAL SALES

N. B. Buyers Claim General Tone of Market Is Improved

Montreal Sale Improved

Geo. W. Chapman, Local Buyer, Owned Three of Ten Best

George W. Chapman of the firm of W. T. Chapman & Sons, of Salisbury, and who resides in this city, returned this week from the Montreal fox fur sales and reports the sale to have shown prices ten per cent improvement over the February sale.

There were 3,500 skins sold and of the ten highest-priced skins, Chapman & Sons owned three of them. Mr. Chapman told The Daily Mail today that of the 2,000 cross foxes offered before he left, only two of these exceeded the price paid for two of the skins sold by Mr. Chapman's company.

There was an advance of five per cent in sales in some of the classes. Mr. Chapman reports that among the fur buyers there was considerable more optimism than at the February sale and the general tone was one of hope. The feeling was that the fur market was not due for any immediate shrinkage.

The local fox fur magnate has been on a tour of inspection to his Salisbury ranches, and went from there to Montreal.

NEWS BRIEFS

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THIRD RANK

Last evening, Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, Knights of Pythias, exemplified the 3rd Rank on four candidates. About 75 members were present. Refreshments were served in the supper room at about 11 o'clock.

FOUR MONTHS' JAIL

Dana Gallagher, convicted on a charge of assaulting Harry McLaughlin, occasioning actual bodily harm, was sentenced yesterday by Magistrate Limerick to a jail term of four months. William London, charged with vagrancy, was remanded.

BOND ISSUE IS SOLD

A \$40,000 issue of Fredericton 10-year, 3½% bonds was sold for 99.1, to a syndicate comprising the Eastern Securities Co. Ltd., Saint John, and Geo. W. Brown & Co., Fredericton. Six syndicates submitted bids. The tenders were opened and the bid accepted by the council's finance committee.

BYRON McNALLY ILL

Word has been received from Edmonton that Ex-Warden Byron McNally is seriously ill at that place. Mr. McNally was a well known resident of Queensbury in this County and went west about fifteen years ago. His son Fred G. McNally, is deputy Minister of Education for the province of Alberta. Mr. McNally visited this city last year and remained here several weeks. He has many friends in Fredericton and vicinity who will regret to learn of his illness.

DIED SUDDENLY

Mrs. Eliza Roof, wife of Joseph Roof, of Douglas, died suddenly while at the home of Henry Davenport, where she had been engaged to do some work this week. Mrs. Davenport and the members of her family had left Mrs. Roof sitting at the kitchen table. She said that she was not feeling very well. When the family returned home they found Mrs. Roof lying dead in the chair. She had died from a heart attack. Coroner, Dr. Charles MacKay decided. Surviving is her husband. Deceased had formerly resided at South Devon and before her marriage was Miss Eliza Flowers. She was 78 years of age, known by many and held in the highest esteem.

CHIEF JUSTICE BAXTER AS ROYAL COMMISSION OPENS PROBE AGAINST PROVINCIAL R.C.M.P.

Four Specified Charges Against Mounted Police In Certain Allegations Made by Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot—Two North Shore Cases in Which the "Third Degree" Was Charged Were Taken Up This Morning—C. L. Dougherty, R.C.M.P. Counsel, Claims Hon. Mr. Veniot's Charges "Unwarranted, Unfounded in Fact, and Untrue."

Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter as a Royal Commission to investigate and report on certain allegations made by Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot, former post-master-general, against the R. C. M. P. of this province, opened the hearing in the Corporations Committee room at the Parliament Buildings this morning. Hon. Dr. Veniot, whose fiery accusations against the Police during the Commons sessions stirred the entire Dominion, was not present today, as he had declared he would not be several days ago. He was represented by an observer, C. R. Hawkins, of this city. C. L. Dougherty, who represented Major E. C. P. Salt, commander of "J" Division, New Brunswick Royal Canadian Mounted Police, opened this morning with the declaration that Hon. Dr. Veniot's charges were "unwarranted, unfounded in fact and untrue." No one appeared in support of the charges made by the Federal representative from Gloucester county.

As stated in The Daily Mail several weeks ago, Hon. Dr. Veniot had decided not to be present at the Commission hearing.

C. F. Inches appeared on behalf of the Commission and assisted in the examination of witnesses in the two charges dealt with this morning.

Chief Justice Baxter spoke briefly in opening the investigation, stating that he was sitting by virtue of a Commission dated April 25 to investigate and report on certain allegations made by Hon. Dr. Veniot.

Sergt. B. G. Peters, in command of the Bathurst detachment of the R. C. M. P., was present, as well as other members of the police body. Others present were R. P. Hartley, K.C., deputy attorney-general, and a number of citizens.

There were four specific charges referred to the Commission. The first was that third degree methods were used in dealing with the Stanley Scott case in Bathurst, in which Scott had been jailed on an alleged offence against the Game Act. The second charge was that third degree methods were used in the case of Gordon Rene Williamson, also Bathurst case, in which Williamson had been accused of manslaughter. In both cases Hon. Dr. Veniot's allegation was that the Police used unethical methods in attempting to secure information from the two accused youths. Information in both cases was taken this morning before Chief Justice Baxter and several witnesses were called.

Adjournment was made at 1 o'clock until 2.30 when the second case, that of alleged third degree methods in the Gordon Rene Williamson case will be resumed.

The third charge made by Hon. Dr. Veniot according to the Hansard records—the official report of the proceedings in the House of Commons—is that R.C.M.P. patrol boats lay idle while smugglers operated nearby; that on one occasion two boats were tied to the wharf at Bathurst; and that there was more liquor smuggled into Canada than ever before.

Charge number four was that when the "Paul T." smuggling boat was destroyed that food was improperly destroyed, while residents there were in need of food.

These last two charges will be taken up immediately after the conclusion of the first two charges.

Considerable advance was made on

the first named charges this morning. Major E. C. P. Salt, in command of "J" Division of the R. C. M. P. was the first witness called in the Stanley Scott case. The witness told the Commission what he knew of the case. Scott had served a sentence under the Game Act, being convicted on January 8, 1934. While serving sentence police had questioned him concerning a burglary which occurred in the vicinity of Bathurst. Scott had been asked if he knew anything of the case by the police. Inspector Webster was commissioned at that time by witness to investigate all angles.

Major Salt produced a statement made by Scott, which showed that Sergeant B. G. Peters had investigated him on three occasions, once in a "kind of stateroom" in the police station. The third time Scott had told Sergeant Peters that he should not be questioned until he saw his lawyer. "At no time during the questioning I was threatened in any way", Scott's statement read.

Stanley Scott, aged 20, of Bathurst, was next called. He was asked by C. L. Dougherty if Sgt. Peters had used "third degree" methods on him. "As far as I know he didn't", the

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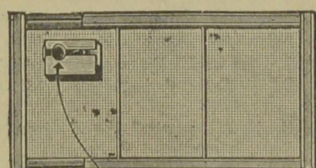
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