

Around the Maritimes

Export traffic through the port of Saint John so far this season shows an increase of from 30 to 40 per cent. over traffic in the corresponding period last year, it is officially announced.

A fire of unknown origin on Christmas afternoon did damage estimated at \$35,000 when it completely destroyed a wing of the Kentville Sanatorium. Twenty-five patients escaped the flames.

There is no change in the rate at which employers are to be assessed by the New Brunswick Workmen's Compensation Board under the Act in 1936, according to a recent notice in the Royal Gazette.

The schooner *Minas King*, which had been unreported for some days, and was feared lost, is now safe at Yarmouth after a hazardous trip from New York. More than a month was taken for the passage.

Reports from the northern New Brunswick coast show improvement in the growth of eel grass, which had been dwindling of late years, and the consequent return of brant, geese and ducks to the region.

The sale of Nova Scotia apples this season has been so brisk that the quantity remaining in storage is only a little more than half what it was last year at this time, or 597,317 barrels, compared with 1,011,300 barrels in December, 1934.

Members of the Truro Rotary Club voted for the forming of a Library for the Colchester County Hospital. This active body has been considering such a proposition through its executive for some time and the matter was given complete sanction of the whole organization.

The shipment of all meat other than game, undrawn poultry and government-inspected meat between the provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island is prohibited under the provisions of an order-in-council recently passed by the Dominion Government, it has been learned.

Revenue from the fur farms of Prince Edward Island last year amounted to \$762,296, or an increase of \$139,904 over the previous year. Within the 12 month period the value of properties rose from \$1,953,575 to \$2,047,766 of which slightly more than half was represented by fur bearing animals—practically all foxes.

At a meeting at Middleton, N.S., nearly 70 ratepayers of the town voted 59-5 to provide \$20,000 for a town hall and auditorium. This matter has been a contentious subject for many months among the ratepayers of the town and the decision came as almost a complete surprise. The site of the new town hall and auditorium will be determined later.

A decrease of 3,226,400 pounds is shown in the total quantity of all fish landed in the eastern

division during November and its landed value decreased \$39,656 compared with last November, according to the monthly report of the eastern division, Department of Fisheries. The division covers the Maritimes and the Magdalen Islands.

Through the foresight and co-operation of the town councils, boards of trade and business firms of the Annapolis Valley, the main highway from Bridgetown to Wolfville, a distance of 60 miles, has been and will be kept open for motor traffic throughout the winter.

Lobster taken by fishermen of Western Nova Scotia this month were valued at approximately \$500,000, dealers estimated. The fishermen will not put their traps out again until the spring.

As an economy measure, the Saint John offices of the motor vehicle branch of the Provincial Department of Public Works, as well as those in Moncton, St. Stephen and Woodstock, was closed December 31, Premier Dwyer announced. These were the only offices of the branch in operation outside Fredericton at that date.

Will the entire accounting department of the Dominion Atlantic Railway headquarters in Kentville eventually be transferred to Montreal? Fear that this will be the case was expressed following receipt of reliable information that several members of the staff have received notice of their transfer to the head office C.P.R. Montreal effective February 1.

The city of Fredericton has granted an exclusive five-year franchise to operate in the city a motor bus service for passengers and luggage. The company receiving the franchise, Capital Transit, Ltd., has also been granted a ten-year franchise by the towns of Marysville and Devon to operate a passenger service linking the two towns with Fredericton.

A recent issue of the Royal Gazette contains a notice by the New Brunswick Dairy Products Commission that on and after January 1, 1936, the price paid to producer-suppliers by milk dealers in the Saint John area for sweet cream purchased for resale as fluid cream shall be 35 cents per pound butter-fat, f.o.b. Saint John, in cans supplied by the milk dealers.

Dr. A. S. McFarlane, Chief Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick said he favored establishment of two systems in this province by which, first, the necessity of writing matriculation examinations in accredited high schools would be eliminated, and secondly, pupils in grade 8 might be admitted to high school on the recommendation of their teachers without writing high school entrance examinations.

A total of \$1,093 was raised at the recent radio auction conduct-

AS IL DUCE'S COHORTS CIVILIZE ETHIOPIANS!



Slowly but surely, it appears, Italy is succeeding in her attempt to civilize Ethiopia, and the above pictures give ample testimony as to her methods in this undeclared war that may plunge the world into another carnage. Top—an Ethiopian hut going up in flames as Italian bombers rained 200-pound missiles on

the city of Dessie in the hopes of hitting Emperor Haile Selassie, who is shown below with his son and members of the European Red Cross. The Emperor watched the bombing and aided in the handling of anti-aircraft guns. Two more air raids on the city have practically wiped it out.

ed by the Y's Men's club at Yarmouth, official figures revealed. After expenses were deducted the proceeds were split three ways, the Salvation Army, V.O.N. and the club each getting \$238.90.

At a special meeting of the Truro Electric Commission a

resolution was unanimously passed asking permission of the Board of Public Utilities to withdraw the commission's application to extend its lines to Maitland and district. This was taken to indicate the end of the scheme to supply electricity to Maitland from Truro.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S VOICE

London, Eng.—The gramophone record of Queen Victoria's voice made by the Edison Bell company may not be released for public hearing, but the British Broadcasting Corporation will be allowed to keep a specimen record in its library.

BRICK BRADFORD—On the Isles Beyond the Ice

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