

N. S. TO HAVE 3 CENT GAS TAX

New Levy Makes Possible Reduction in Motor Vehicle License Fees

Charge Will be Fixed on Weight of Car—To License Drivers

HALIFAX, Dec. 30.—Nova Scotia will have a 3-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax effective from Jan. 1, 1926, according to an announcement issued this afternoon by Hon. Percy C. Black, Minister of Highways in the provincial government. The announcement also states that the tax has made possible a reduction in motor vehicle license fees. The system of licensing cars according to horse power has been abolished. The announcement says, and effective Jan. 1, next, the Nova Scotia motorist will pay according to the weight of his car at the rate of \$1 per hundredweight and an additional \$1 for the plates. The minimum will be \$18, including cost of license plates. Motor cycle charges will be fixed at \$4, \$8 and \$12, the latter for cycles with sidecars attached. Commercial trucks will pay at the rate of \$1.35 per hundredweight on weight of chassis only. TO LICENSE DRIVERS. Another new departure included in the amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act is the system of licensing drivers other than owners of licensed chauffeurs. With the license plates and permit the owner obtains free a permit to drive or if he does not drive, a permit for such person as he may designate. If he desires to let any other person drive his car that person must obtain a license at the rate of \$1. There will be no examination for these licenses to drive, but they may be re-issued if incompetency is discovered. Dealers' licenses will cost \$20 for three sets of plates and \$15 each for every additional set.

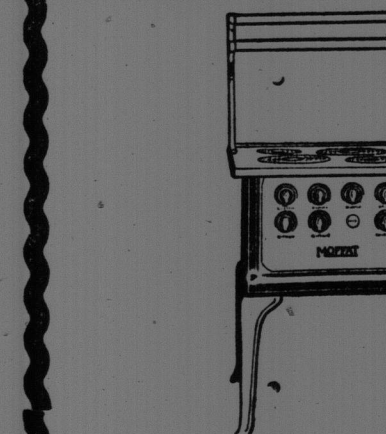
NEED SMOKE MASKS

Fire Department May Ask Commissioner of Safety to Provide This Equipment

It is understood that an application will be made to the Commissioner of Public Safety for the provision of smoke masks for the Salvage Corps and the fire department companies. It is pointed out that such masks are greatly needed by firemen who are prevented by thick smoke from entering buildings on answering an alarm and making an attempt to assist persons trapped in rooms to escape. An instance of the need of a mask was demonstrated recently at a fire on Prince Edward street when a young woman was rescued from the third story window. Others of the family had escaped down the stairway, but she was cut off and made her way to the window from which she was taken down a ladder. While this rescue was being made firemen were unable to proceed up the stairway in search of others who might have been held there by the dense smoke.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Special New Year dinner \$1, Clifton House, 12.30 to 2. 1-3
Good ice—East End Rink. 1-4
Skates sharpened, 25c, Scribner's, King Square. 1-5
Wanted — We buy, sell, rent, exchange and rewind all kinds of electric motors.—Jones Electric Co., 16 Charlotte street. 1-30
S. S. Montrose grand novelty dance tonight, Seamen's Institute, 8.30. Ladies 85c, gents, 50c. 1-22



40% Cheaper Than Gas

A family of three (name on request) cut the monthly cooking bill down to \$2.06, saving 40 per cent by discarding their gas range. This saving is not as great as others published in this space, but it adds further evidence why so very many have changed from Gas to a Moffat Electric. The saving over coal is clearly tremendous. More important still are the healthier air, the cleaner house, the steadier heat and carefree cooking provided by Moffat Electrics. Built to outlive the owners, installed free—ten months to pay.

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ARCTIC EXPLORER WILL BE SPEAKER

George P. MacKenzie, With Capt. Berner This Year, Coming to Saint John

George P. MacKenzie, officer in charge of the Canadian Government Arctic expedition of 1925, of which Captain J. E. Berner was navigating officer, is to be in Saint John on Tuesday of next week and will address a joint meeting of the Canadian Club and the Saint John Branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada in the Admiral Beatty Hotel. Mr. MacKenzie brings with him some very remarkable motion pictures, taken during the expedition and the members of the two local organizations consider themselves most fortunate in being privileged to see the pictures and hear at first hand of the expedition.

IN ICE 20 DAYS.

The explorers were shut in the ice for twenty days. They met with the McMillan expedition at Etah in Greenland and made the acquaintance of its members, enjoying social intercourse for some time. The slides, which are to be shown by Mr. MacKenzie, have never been shown in this part of Canada and have hardly been shown at all previously.

CANADIAN PACIFIC COMPARTMENT-OBSERVATION SLEEPERS

A most attractive feature of Canadian Pacific service between Saint John and Montreal is provided by the Compartment-Observation sleepers which are now being run on the train leaving Saint John at four o'clock in the afternoon, and on train 16, leaving Montreal at seven o'clock in the evening. Each of these cars contains one drawing-room, three compartments, a large observation room and an observation platform, the latter of course being always placed at the rear end of the train. The observation room, which is fitted with large windows, giving a practically unobstructed view on three sides, is intended as a lounge for the benefit of all sleeping-car passengers on the train. It is supplied with the latest magazines, as well as with stationery and a writing-desk. Each compartment contains one lower and one upper berth, and all toilet facilities, much like a drawing-room. Patrons traveling alone or in parties of two, who are unable to secure a drawing-room, will find a compartment most convenient, as well as distinctly lower in price. Needless to say, the whole car is fitted up to the best Canadian Pacific standard, thus ensuring complete comfort to the traveler.

THE MORNING TRAIN—SACKVILLE TO TORMENTINE—CANCELLED JAN. 4TH

Train No. 240 on the Sackville-Tormentine line, now leaving Sackville at 7.15 a.m. and arriving at Tormentine at 9.30 a.m., will be cancelled on and after Jan. 4th, 1926. The first train for Tormentine will be No. 42 leaving Saint John at No. 44 at 7.05 a.m., leave Sackville at 11.10 p.m., and connecting at Tormentine with the S.S. "Prince Edward Island" for Island points.

CARD PARTY WINNERS.

Cards were played at 35 tables at the weekly card party in St. John the Baptist church basement last night and the prizes were won as follows: Ladies' first, Mrs. William Murray; second, Mrs. Devlin; consolation, Mrs. E. McCarthy. Gentlemen's first, Walter Daley; second, Thomas Stone and consolation, Thomas Killen. The card party next week will be held on Friday, Jan. 8, instead of on Wednesday.

LAW ON CATS SIDE.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Whether a cat in killing pigeons renders its owner liable for damage is a question that has been engaging the attention of the learned judges in the King's Bench Division. George Arthur Buckle, of Leeds, missed 13 homing pigeons and two King Squares. He sued the owner, W. Holmes, for \$40 damages. In dismissing the claim the local county judge explained that a cat was a prowling animal that could not be trusted to keep out of other people's business. It was therefore the duty of the owners to protect their birds from cats.

Effigy of Queen Mother To Be Unveiled Same Time as King's

LONDON, Dec. 29.—When the effigy of King Edward in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, is formally unveiled, the effigy of his Queen will be revealed to the public at the same time.

The figure of King Edward has been covered up with a flag for several years. The slab for the companion figure of Queen Alexandra is also in place. It is impossible to say when the unveiling will take place, but the sculptor, Sir Bertram Mackennal, said when interviewed, "For five years repairs have been in progress to the roof of St. George's Chapel, and until the renovations are complete it will be impossible to unveil the figures for fear of injury."

ALMS HOUSE BOARD REMOVED IN KINGS

New Appointments to Vacancies Are Gazetted at Fredericton

FREDERICTON, Dec. 29.—Provincial appointments are gazetted as follows: George Bidlake, clerk of the House of Assembly, in place of John Murray Keefe, removed; J. Fred Payne, clerk assistant of the House of Assembly, in place of J. Jacob Dickson, removed. That all persons heretofore appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council as alms house commissioners for the county of Kings, be removed from office and that the following persons be appointed such alms house commissioners: Martin Freese, Bellefleur Station, chairman; Charles Gorman, Central Green; DeForest Williams, Long Reach; Percy Robertson, Hampton; Isaac Gagne, Aroquois.

Committee To Settle B. C. Church Dispute

VICTORIA, Dec. 29.—Appointment of a committee of the British Columbia churchmen to settle outstanding difficulties in the way of church union in this province, was announced by Premier Oliver today following the passage of the necessary order in council. The committee will supervise the distribution of Presbyterian Church property between the congregations which favored church union by vote and those which opposed union. Seven members will constitute a quorum of the committee.

New Commander For Str. Montcalm

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—Captain Gavin Hamilton has been appointed commander of the steamer Montcalm, of the Canadian Pacific steamships, in succession to Capt. H. Sibbons, R.N.R., who was promoted commander of the Montroyal. The appointments were announced by Captain James Gilles, general manager of the line.

"PUSSYFOOT" SAILS

LONDON, Dec. 30.—After many months of heavy onslaughts against liquor in its native habitats, such as Germany, France, Scandinavia and Turkey, "Pussyfoot" Johnson, American crusader, sailed today from Southampton for New York.

ST. STEPHEN WOMAN, 80, BURNS TO DEATH

Mrs. William Smith Victim of Accident in Her Own Home

ST. STEPHEN, Dec. 30.—A fatal accident occurred here this afternoon when Mrs. Smith, wife of the late William Smith, was accidentally burned to death at her home on Porter street. Mrs. Smith, who was about 80 years of age, was in the house alone. About the time and just how the accident happened will never be known. Neighbors saw a fire in the ell of the house and notified the fire department, who were quickly on the scene, but found the ell was all in a blaze and the house full of smoke. On being informed that a woman was in the house they immediately made search and in a short time found her body just between the kitchen and shed where the fire was the worst. It is thought that her clothing had caught fire and that she was trying to get to the door. The house was quite badly damaged.

KILLED FOE IN DUEL IN CANADIAN WOODS

Prospector in West Says Trapper Fought it Out

WINNIPEG, Dec. 30.—A strange story of how two men fought with rifles in the bush, far from the nearest habitation, was unfolded before Coroner Hubert Campbell, at Chillico Lake. Frederick Cyr, who gave himself up to the police voluntarily, guided a party to the scene where, he says, he faced Alex Ducharme, veteran trapper of the British Columbia woods, in rifle battle. Cyr told the officers he had discovered gold prospects in the territory through which ran Ducharme's trap-lines. Ducharme, said Cyr, fearing spoliation of his trapping grounds by a gold rush, coaxed him to give up prospecting and to go trapping with him, but Cyr would not. The conflict came at last to the point where the two men faced each other with rifles, and Cyr shot the aged trapper to death.

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