

SPORTING GOSSIP
OLD MOOSEPATH
TRACK IS LEASED

A. P. Ryan Has Secured the Track for the Season from the Owners—Will be Widened and Placed in Shape for Coming Events.

Announcement relative to horse racing and the Moosepath track appeared in the Fredericton Gleamer of a recent date under the initials of "J. D. B." The article follows: "St. John Track Not Leased."

"In fact from some sources it certainly would appear that there is a lot of tough work ahead before the organization of a thorough circuit can be completed. I am told by one, who has been connected with the enterprise in the past, that so far Moosepath track, which has not been leased for this season, and with its fences more or less down, and the high rental asked by the owners, makes it look like a tough proposition for anybody to take hold of. With Saint John still an uncertainty, the circuit is therefore just as far up in the air as when representatives of the track were asked here to meet recently, and few came."

"Unless some action in respect to the New Brunswick circuit immediately develops, therefore it would seem as if not only the horsemen, but also the track managers of this province would need to get working in harmony with the Aroostook people. Any success is to result from the season's efforts—J. D. B."

"Perhaps it might interest the writer of the article to be made acquainted with what the Saint John horsemen intend doing. The local horsemen have, through the energy of A. P. Ryan, secured a lease on Moosepath track from the owners, Messrs. Fleming and Ross. As soon as Spring opens up, and the warm sun gets in to work, preparations will be made to make the track much better than in the past. The track will be widened, and all turns will be widened. The fences will be repaired, and a new judge's stand will be erected on the site of the old one."

"When work is finished, it is believed the Moosepath circuit is ready for some lively races. Again it is pointed out that the local horsemen have purchased some fine horses through the winter months, and will bear good marks, come from the States, and will be pitted against the best in their class."

"Some lovers of racing game are assisting financially to place old Moosepath once more on the map for real events. St. John will certainly be in the circuit, and when the time arrives for races it is intended to have the track in the very best of shape."

MAINE RACING
DATES ANNOUNCED

Some Excellent Events and Purse for August Meet in Houlton—Aroostook Fair Circuit and Mid-Summer Racing.

The programme of early closing events in connection with the Agricultural Society Fair, at Houlton, August 26, 27, 28 and 29, offers several fine races with good purses, as follows: No. 1. Free for all reopened, purse \$300. No. 2. 2 1/4 trot and pace reopened, purse \$400. No. 3. 2 1/8 trot and pace reopened, purse \$300. No. 4. 2 3/4 trot reopened, purse \$300. No. 5. 2 3/4 trot and pace, purse \$300. No. 6. 3 years old and under trot reopened, purse \$300. No. 7. 3 years old and under pace reopened, purse \$300.

Class Races to be Announced Later. Aroostook Fair Circuit Racing. Caribou, August 18, 19, 20, 21, 1919. Houlton, August 26, 27, 28, 29, 1919. Presque Isle, Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5, 1919. Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 9, 10, 11, 12, 1919.

Federicton, N. B., Sept. 13th to 15th, 1919. Mid-Summer Circuit Racing. Houlton, July 3, 4, 5, 1919. Presque Isle, July 12th and 13th, 1919. Caribou, Fort Fairfield and Woodstock Mid-Summer races will be anounced later.

The Soldiers' celebration and big racing events will be held on July 4, 5, and entries are to be made with Dr. E. P. Henderson, Houlton, Me.

FEDERAL CLUB'S SUIT. Washington, April 9.—Trial of the Baltimore Federal Club's suit against organized baseball for \$900,000 damages was devoted today to arguments by counsel for plaintiff and defendant of their respective motions for directed verdicts. Justice Stafford was not expected to give his decision until tomorrow.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT. The High School and Y. M. C. A. Intermediate will play a basketball match in the Y. M. C. A. Gym. tonight, starting at 8:15 o'clock standard time. There is no admission fee, and as the teams are fast, a good game may be expected.

LOCAL BOWLING. ON BLACK'S ALLEYS. A double header was played on Black's alleys last evening, when two khaki teams met in deadly combat. The teams which lined up in the military category were the Armories Department vs. the Clothiers Department. Both quintettes broke even, and it is expected they will bowl again.

In the Commercial League the George E. Barbour and Ames Holden McCready teams met. The holders took three points. Tonight in the Commercial League the W. F. Hathway and Baird and Peters teams met in the City League the Lions and

IMPROMPTU SPEECH ON THE BUDGET BY HON. MR. TWEEDDALE
FEATURED WEDNESDAY'S SESSION

Minister of Agriculture Told How He, Providence and the Farmers Won the War—Intimated That British and French Governments Had Pleaded With Him to Save the Food Situation—Government Refuses to Act for School Teachers.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 9.—An attack on the government for continuing the amusement tax on children, and an impromptu but sufficiently long speech on the subject by Hon. Mr. Tweeddale were the principal features of the session of the legislature this afternoon. On a question of privilege the opposition leader attracted attention to a false report in the Telegraph which said the government bill to amend the audit act, by abolishing the practice of issuing financial statements on December 31st, had been allowed to stand over owing to the opposition leader's ignorance of book-keeping. Mr. Murray pointed out that the premier himself had moved that the bill stand over as he had not been consulted about it.

Mr. Foster has been trying hard to persuade his followers to show some regard to parliamentary procedure and decorum but with small success, for today the speaker addressed another lecture to the members on his right about their habit of reading papers when a minister is speaking, or government measures are before the House. The legislature took up supply this afternoon, and an item of \$5,000 for amusement tax expenses brought Mr. Potts to his feet. He protested against the imposition of the tax, as it affected, principally, women and children of the working class who attended moving picture houses, and who had few other opportunities of amusement. He had protested last year, though he had admitted it might have some justification in war time. He could see no reason for continuing the tax now. The government was taking pennies from the children in order to have more money for its extravagant expenditures on a so-called permanent road policy, the principal portion of which was to put money in the pockets of party supporters. The premier intimated that the government needed the pennies of children even if it did not ask them to vote, and the item was passed.

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POISON GAS TO BE DEVOTED TO VERY USEFUL PURPOSE

Scientists Have Discovered a Method by Which it Can be Used to Kill Caterpillars.

Paris, April 9.—(French Wireless Service)—Poison gas, that worked such havoc during the war, will be utilized for a very different and beneficial purpose in the future, it is announced in scientific circles. Gabriel Bertrand of the Pasteur Institute informed the Academy of Sciences today that he had discovered a method by which such gas may be applied for the destruction of caterpillars and injurious larvae which had worked destructively on tree growths in the country districts during the past few years.

ONE OF ORIGINALS AT FREDERICTON

Pte. Smith, M. M., Arrives at His Home After Five Years of Service.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 9.—Private Arnold Smith, M. M., one of Fredericton's "originals" in the first Canadian contingent, returned from overseas at noon today. Private Smith went overseas with the 12th Battalion under Col. H. F. McLeod, M. P., and in February, 1915, joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in France. He was wounded at the second battle of Ypres in April, 1915, and after recovering joined the Canadian Engineers. He was awarded the Military Medal for bravery at Passchendaele, but declined to give a reporter any of the details this afternoon, saying he had heard too much about it already.

TRIUMPHAL MARCH THROUGH LONDON

Elaborate Plans Being Made for Parade of Overseas Troops.

London, April 9.—(Canadian Press from Reuter's Limited)—Replying to Lord Dunsany in the House of Lords today, Under Secretary Viscount Peel said that the government were making elaborate plans for a triumphal march of the overseas troops through London, but pending the working out of particular details, he was unable to announce the precise date. It would be taken into consideration whether the march should consist of complete units with band and transport and full equipment. Lord Harcourt hoped no time would be lost, as thousands of Australians and Canadians were proceeding home daily. He hoped that representatives of the troops from the crown colonies, of which many were colored, as for instance in the West Indies, would be included in the parade, and that they might receive a tribute to the sacrifices they had made. Viscount Peel said the government quite appreciated the interest which the overseas troops included in the present low rates. They were quite willing that the British should stand a loss rather than that only soldiers who use the wharves should be called upon to pay their fair proportion of the cost of maintenance. The bill to permit the city to increase its wharfage rates was turned down, only three outside members standing in favor of the measure. Mr. Buxton gave notice that the matter would be fought out on the floor of the House.

DISCHARGED FROM ENGLISH ARMY

Americans Who Served Under British in the War Were Paid off and Discharged in New York Yesterday.

Camp Mills, April 9.—(Nearly 2,000 Americans, who enlisted in the war in the British army, were demobilized today in the treatment of the pay and transportation expenses to their homes. The men who arrived Monday on the steamship Mauretania had been here since the day of their agreement as to their status between the immigration authorities and the British military officials. Colonel White, representing the British war department, had charge of the demobilization.

SUPREME COURT WILL FINISH TODAY

Bench Defers Decision in Bathurst Lumber Co. Appeal—St. John Case Argued Yesterday.

Federicton, April 9.—Argument in the Bathurst Lumber Company appeal from the verdict in favor of defendant Harris, was concluded in the Appeal Court this afternoon, and decision deferred. The appeal from the \$10,000 verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Fairbrother, administratrix, vs. Eagles Hollows Engineering Company, awarded her by the Judge in St. John at the trial before Judge Crockett in November, was next taken up. Mr. Fred Taylor, K. C., moving for the defendant company to reduce the verdict to \$2,500, claimed to be the limit under the Workmen's Compensation Act, with Mr. D. Mullin, K. C., contra.

IN BLOOD DISEASES

Like Scrofula, Eczema, and Many Skin Troubles, As well as a general Spring medicine for catarrh, rheumatism, dyspepsia, Hood's Sarsaparilla is of great value to men, women, children.

It does its thorough work in these well-defined diseases by cleansing the blood, on the pure, healthy condition of which depend the vigor and tone of the whole system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is equally successful in all cases of skin troubles that are not so well defined—cases of a low or run-down condition or general debility, loss of appetite and that tired feeling, or cases in which we see now very plainly after-effects of the worry and anxiety caused by the world war and the debility following the grip, influenza and fevers. In all such ailments it has accomplished a wonderful amount of good.

Hood's Pills cure a stomach-acting, digestive cathartic.

AMERICAN PROPAGANDISTS CUT LOOSE IN PARIS WEDNESDAY

With the Knowledge That Wilson Had Sent for His Transport They Made a Bold Faced Attempt at Intimidation—Went About City Using Disgusting Slogans.

Paris, April 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Talking cannot go on for ever, and similar cryptic replies are the most definite information on the peace situation, the Associated Press has been able to obtain from the members of the American peace delegation, who decline to clear up the mystery which involves the proceedings of the big four. When asked today why it was necessary for the travelling party of the American delegation to be dependent on the steamer George Washington, and why it could not go home on the Leviathan, or on other ships sailing on an earlier date to the United States, one of the delegates replied that the American peace delegation to make hurried plans. "We do not accuse our Allies of forgetting what France has done," says the Paris correspondent, "but nevertheless, we witnessed a curious thing yesterday. American propagandists or newspapermen, knowing that President Wilson had summoned to Paris the ship which is to take him back to America, saw in this natural order an opportunity for blackmail. They made—with the disapproval of all Americans who are friends of France—a bold-faced attempt at intimidation. 'If you are not more accommodating,' they went all over the city saying, 'our President will return home, and you can extricate yourself from your difficulties by yourself.' The newspaper declares it has been the method of the conference to put the concerns of France last. England and America having gotten all they required, says the Matin, 'now we come, we with our other demands, and if we do not get satisfaction our country will be financially ruined. Such will be the fruits of our sacrifices.'"

ALLIES TREAT WITH BOLSHEVIK FOR AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS

Allied Delegation Went Forward Under a Flag of Truce to the Bolsheviki Lines Along the Volgodga Railway and Opened Preliminary Negotiations.

Obozerskaya, North Russia, Monday, April 7.—(By The Associated Press, sub Archangel, prisoners exchanged)—An Allied delegation went forward under a flag of truce to the Bolsheviki lines along the Volgodga railway today, and opened preliminary negotiations by telegraph regarding an exchange of prisoners. The delegation which consisted of two British and one American officer, was escorted by American troops. Carrying a huge white sheet as a flag, the party was permitted to move up the railway track unimpeded. Reaching the Bolsheviki lines a party passed them through and put them in touch with the Bolsheviki command. The Bolsheviki command, who were at their headquarters at Plesetskaya, fifty miles south of Obozerskaya. After a long telegraphing, Bolsheviki headquarters at Moscow announced their willingness and eagerness to treat with the Allies for an exchange of prisoners. Arrangements were made for another conference Tuesday. The Bolsheviki made a tentative proposal that the Allied commission go to Plesetskaya to arrange details. In Plesetskaya the Bolsheviki expressed a willingness to send an equal number of officers of the same rank into the Allied lines to be held as hostages during the negotiations. The Allied proposal, for an exchange of prisoners, came almost immediately after the return to Chongkaya of Rev. Father Roach, chaplain with the British forces, who was released by the Bolsheviki after having been held prisoner for several days. Father Roach was forced to march sixty versts from a point on the Bolsheviki line to the Allied lines, where he was captured, to the village of Entas, which is on the railway. On establishing his identity as a non-combatant, Father Roach was escorted, blindfolded, to the Bolsheviki front lines.

WHARFAGE BILL TURNED DOWN BY MUN. COMMITTEE

Only Three Members Voting With St. John Representatives for it—Dr. Baxter Gives Notice It Will be Fought Out on Floor of House.

Federicton, N.B., April 9.—According to the vote of the Municipalities Committee this morning, representatives of the city failed to carry a bill to meet the enormous, and often unfair, increase in rentals. Designed to Meet the Enormous and Often Unfair Increases in Rentals. Special to The Standard. Halifax, April 9.—A bill is before the Nova Scotia legislature called the Fair Rent Act, to apply in any city or town in the province whose council may declare it by resolution. Its design is to meet the enormous, and often unfair, increase in rentals, and to prevent cases of hardship under evictions. It provides that, where the rent of a dwelling house exceeds what is a fair and reasonable amount, this sum shall not be recoverable by the landlord, even if in the form of an agreement. It is set forth that in rentals coming into effect since the passage of the act, another clause of the act states that no eviction of a tenant shall be made, so long as the tenant continues to pay rent at a fair and reasonable rate, or unless by a sign is guilty of conduct which is a nuisance or annoyance to neighboring occupants, or on some other ground which may be deemed satisfactory by the court making such judgment or order. The act defines what is meant by a dwelling house, stating that it does not include any land other than the site of the dwelling house and garden.

HALIFAX CHURCH UNION SMASH

Amalgamation of Two Baptist Churches Very Short Lived—Breakers Looming up.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, April 9.—Some months ago the congregations of North Baptist Church and the Tabernacle Baptist Church in this city, decided to amalgamate, and the new congregation, known as the Baptist Temple, was formed. At the service on Sunday evening a meeting of the congregation of the Tabernacle was called, after the regular Sunday service in the temple, at which points of difference between the two sections were discussed. At a meeting tonight, a division of the church was considered. The old Tabernacle building has been sold and if they go out of the temple, as seems certain, a new church property will have to be obtained. A formal statement will be made in a day or two, setting forth the situation of the short lived union, and the points at issue. Rev. E. S. Daily, formerly minister of the Tabernacle, is in charge of the temple and if there is no decision it is his party that will go out.

GENERAL STRIKE AT MUNICH ENDS

Street Cars Are Running and Stores Are Opened for Business—Banks Still Closed.

Berlin, Tuesday, April 8.—(By The Associated Press)—The general strike at Munich was over today, after the holiday Monday in celebration of the founding of the Bavarian Soviet Republic. Street cars were running again and the streets were open. The banks, however, were closed as the new government has not yet assumed control.

BAVARIAN PEASANTS ISSUE MANIFESTO AGAINST SOVIET GOVT

Berlin, April 9.—(By The Associated Press)—The Bavarian peasants' manifesto has been published a manifesto against the Munich Soviet government, declaring a blockade, on all provisions against Munich and Augsburg, according to a dispatch received here today. No food will be sent to these towns until the new government has retired.

BRITISH FLEET NOT TO VISIT THE U. S.

London, April 9.—No official visit to the United States of any portion of the British fleet is contemplated at present. This announcement was made in the House of Commons today in answer to a question by T. J. Moynihan, parliamentary under-secretary to the Admiralty.

THE FERTILIZER TWEED

Brought Out That Dept. of Fertilizer and Grain Seed Despending—Prize Show

Federicton, April 9.—Assembly Chamber, April 8.—The House met at three o'clock.

Mr. Murray (Kings) rose to a question of privilege. He said that a despatch appearing in the current issue of the St. John Telegraph had misrepresented his attitude with respect to the bill to amend the audit act which was before the House yesterday. He wished to say that the bill had not been allowed to stand, at the request of the opposition, but was the honor of the premier who had progress reported in order that he might give the bill further consideration. He thought that in justice to himself, he should set the matter right.

Notices of Enquiries. Notices of enquiry were given as follows: By Mr. Smith (Albert), as to whether or not William McDowall, a naturalized subject, was eligible for a position of Auditor of the County, was paid for services performed last year. By Mr. Taylor, as to the amount expended on permanent roads in the Parish of Lepreau, Charlotte County.

By Mr. Young, as to whether the government intends reestablishing the Kelly Creek bridge, Parish of Kings, and the name of the contractor. By Mr. Pinder, as to work on the Kelly Creek bridge, Parish of Kings, and the name of the contractor. By Mr. Jones, as to payments made to Duncan D. Estabrook for services performed for the Department of Lands and Mines in Queens County.

By Mr. Smith (Albert), as to the amount of money expended on the cutting of pulp wood and logs on a lot of crown land in the Parish of Chatham. By Mr. Dickson, as to the amount of traffic and cash receipts of ferries at Perry's Point and Godola Point in the County of Kings; and also to work on the highway road from Sherbrooke to the Jernigan bridge, and as to the qualification of Hugh R. McAlpin for the position of bridge inspector.

By Mr. Jones, as to payments made to and services performed by certain game wardens in the county of Queens, and as to services performed by J. G. McCree and supervisor in the Parish of Wickham. Hon. Mr. Roberts submitted the first annual report of the chief medical officer of the Department of Public Health.

Mr. LeBlanc moved for leave of absence for Hon. William Currie until the end of the session. Hon. Mr. Robinson introduced a bill to enable the city of Moncton to contribute to school purposes. The House went into committee with Mr. LeGer (West) in the chair and took up further consideration of supply.

Bonuses. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, on the item of \$5,000 bonuses to wheat mills, said that the increased production movement had made necessary a change of policy. Complaints had been made that existing mills in the province lacked the capacity to produce the increased supply of wheat. He had therefore recommended to the government that the bonus be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per mill for the increased amount applicable to be required to equip a mill with a capacity of fifty barrels per day. The result had been that bonuses of \$2,000 each had been granted to Thomas Kale and Basil Johnson in Kent, J. E. Porter in Antigonish, Charles Lambborough in Chatham and another to George Pinder in York County. The mills had been equipped with modern machinery and he believed could grind just as good flour as was produced by the mills of the west.

Mr. Murray (Kings) said that he trusted that, in granting bonuses, care had been taken to prevent encroachments, or encroachments on territory already provided with mills. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale said that the department made a careful investigation and saw to it that all necessary safeguards were provided. The bonus was \$2,000 per mill, and the mill had been equipped to the satisfaction of the department and put into operation. There had been a complaint made from the fact that the ground that a mill already existed at Newcastle, but assurances had been given that there was need of a mill in that section, and that the bonus was necessary for the owners of a mill to make an investment of \$10,000 in buildings and machinery.

St. Helias Creamery. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, on the item of \$5,000 for greater production, said he wished to make further reference to the creamery at St. Helias. The modern plant had been installed at a cost of \$5,000, and was operated by the Dominion Agricultural Department under agreement for a term of five years. That agreement had expired and the Dominion government refused to renew it on the ground that there had been a loss of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year. He thought it behooved that the factory should be sold and had tried to persuade the Federal Agricultural Department to operate the creamery another year. He had endeavored to entertain the proposal, but Mr. Grisdale, who had promised to undertake to secure the consent of the minister to keep the factory in operation for another year. Should it be continued in operation, the provincial department of agriculture would undertake to provide an operator at a cost of about \$2,000 per year and thought the factory would then be placed on a paying basis. He had thereupon read a letter which had been sent by his predecessor in office to the owners of the factory on February 4, 1914, in which the following statements had been held out to the owners on behalf of the government. They had been promised machinery and a per cent on the paid up capital stock in addition to a bonus of \$1,000. They were now making a claim based on the promise made by the former minister of agriculture, which totalled the sum of \$15,724.11. Rather than assume that liability, the department had offered to return and pay a

DEFACTO GOVT WELL INSTALLED

Gen'l Smuts Confirms Press Accounts That Nationalization is a Bolsheviki Ruse.

Paris, April 9.—The mission to Hungary of which General Jan Christiaan Smuts is the head, has returned to Paris and confirms press accounts that the nationalization is a practical Bolsheviki ruse. The members reported that the de facto government was well installed and said that during the conference with the mission to the Allies, various disposition not to quarrel with the Allies, but rather to meet them amicably on all questions consistent with the nature of the Bolsheviki regime.

ALLIES' OBLIGATION TO GREAT BRITAIN

London, April 9.—(Canadian Press from Reuter's Limited)—In the House of Commons, replying to a question, Mr. Baldwin said the Allies' obligation to the United Kingdom on March 31st last was 1,568,447,000 pounds sterling, and the obligations of the Dominions were 170,896,000 pounds sterling.

NO REPETITION OF MAURETANIA AFFAIR

American Consulate Has Representative at Winchester Camp to Straighten Out Papers.

London, April 9.—Robert P. Skinner, the American Consul General, is taking steps to prevent a repetition of the Mauretania incident, involving the holding up at the port of New York of war veterans, the majority of whom were Americans who had served in the British army, because the immigration officials had no satisfactory proof of their citizenship. The consulate has a representative at the Winchester camp, where 25,000 Americans are congregated for repatriation to see that the tangled problems of citizenship in this great body of men be properly met.

LADY CAVENDISH TO BECOME BRIDE WEDNESDAY APRIL 30

Ottawa, Ont., April 9.—The marriages of Lady Blanche Cavendish, second daughter of her excellencies, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, to Captain Ivan Cobbold, son of Mr. J. Cobbold and Lady Evelyn Cobbold, has been arranged to take place in London, England, on Wednesday, April 30th. Shortly following this ceremony, the Duchess of Devonshire will return to Canada.

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair, stationary or higher temperature. Washington, April 9.—Northern New England: Partly cloudy Thursday, rain at night or Friday. Moderate east to south winds. Toronto, April 9.—Pressure is high to the east of the Great Lakes, with a moderate disturbance is centred over Iowa, moving northeastward. The weather has been fair today in nearly all parts of the Dominion. Min. Max. Toronto 39 46 Ottawa 32 50 Montreal 30 42 Quebec 26 36 St. John 30 44 Halifax 26 40

DIED

STEWART—On the 8th inst., Charles Robert Moore Stewart, son of the late Robert Stewart and Emma Wilson. Funeral from his late residence, 95 Sydney street, on Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. O'KEEFE—In this city on the 7th inst., William O'Keefe, leaving his wife, three sons and three daughters to mourn. Notice of funeral later.