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**AUTO LICENSE FEES ABOUT 20 P. C. LESS IN 1926**

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 5—Automobile license fees in New Brunswick for 1926 will be about twenty per cent less than the existing fees in view of the introduction of the gasoline tax, Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, said today.

The reduction in license fees will put the new scale back at about the same figures that existed before the surcharge was initiated a couple of years ago. As for the patrol system of the highways which was then introduced, it had been expected that a somewhat greater reduction would be made with the introduction of the gasoline tax, but the minister of public works said that it would be unsafe to make a further cut, until experience shows what the gasoline tax will yield.

The gasoline tax, Hon. Mr. Stewart stated, will in all probability be three cents per gallon, which, he said is the figure generally adopted by other provinces.

Some changes in the mode of collecting automobile license fees is under consideration and it is expected when the new scale is finally adopted some provision will be made where by the burden of the owner of the small cars will be lightened and the owners of the big, high powered and heavy cars, will pay a larger portion of receipts from the motor license fees which now amount to about half a million dollars annually in this province.

**Potatoes \$5.50 In Maine Friday**

PRESQUE ISLE, Me., Dec. 4—Potatoes are selling at \$5.50 here today but there are few sales, shipments are light and trade is dull.

Farmers and others are optimistic, however, and it is confidently expected that after Christmas prices will skyrocket and there will be a market at prices higher than now obtained for all the millions of bushels that growers and shippers are now holding.

**Record Premium Paid out for Life Insurance**

New York, Dec. 4—What is believed to be the largest single payment of a premium ever made to a life insurance company by an industrial organization was made yesterday when the All-American Cables Incorporated delivered to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company a check for \$1,325,238. The payment was made for the purpose of placing nine hundred employees of the All-American Cables Incorporated on a pension basis.

**SMELT FISHERMAN FELL AND FRACTURED HIS SKULL**

Philip Thibodeau, of Brantville, Northumberland Co., Dead as Result of Injuries Sustained on Wednesday Laet.

Mr. Philip Thibodeau, a resident of Brantville, about five miles below Tabusintac, is dead as the result of a distressing accident which occurred Wednesday, the 2nd. inst. Mr. Thibodeau was engaged in smelt fishing and while engaged in carrying a heavy smelt pole from the riverbank to the ice, slipped and fell. When found half an hour later by a smelt fisherman he was bleeding profusely. The injured man was rushed to the Tracadie Hospital where it was found that he had suffered a fractured skull and severe chest injuries. The unfortunate man died shortly after being admitted to the hospital on the same day as the accident.

Deceased is survived by a wife and family.

**MARITIME AMATEUR HOCKEY MEETING**

At a special meeting of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association held at Truro, Friday, the New Brunswick section of the association, consisting of northern and southern sub-sections, was formed and approval was expressed of a resolution recently passed by the Halifax City League to the effect that Halifax and Dartmouth be considered one as regards hockey and that an interchange of players between the two communities be allowed.

Application from Marysville, N. F. for league admission was rejected. The interpretation placed on the by-laws touching eligibility was that absence from home for the purpose of obtaining temporary employment should not bar a man from playing with his home team.

On recommendation of the New Brunswick delegates it was decided that New Brunswick should be divided into a southern league consisting of Moncton, Sussex and Saint John, and a northern league consisting of Campbellton, Bathurst, Chatham and Fredericton. St. Stephen would be eligible, in the event of not being admitted to either the northern or southern leagues, to compete in the championship play-off.

By-laws recently passed by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association regarding a new defence arrangement of 40 feet instead of 2 feet as heretofore and requiring the width of goal tenders' pads to be reduced from 14 inches to 12 inches were not adopted.

Rule 17, "playing rules of the game" as adopted at the annual

**KING GEORGE MUST TAKE TWO MONTHS' SEA TRIP A YEAR**

London, Dec. 6—King George will have to leave his island domain for a two months' sea trip every year, his medical advisors have decided.

The Mediterranean trip which the King took last spring was a complete success and an annual repetition, preferably in the spring will be necessary for the good of the royal health, the physicians say. His Majesty has weak lungs which with the approach of three score years are affected by the damp London winters. The problem of building another new royal yacht to replace the obsolete Victoria and Albert, which is far from a satisfactory sea cruiser, is again being considered. The King was about to build a new sailing cruiser when the war opened and since then the Victoria and Albert has been tolerated in the interests of royal economy.

Queen Mary, as is well known, is not a good sailor, and the few trips which have been made in the Victoria and Albert have been hard trials to her.

The history of the Royal yachts has been an unfortunate one. Queen Victoria's first yacht, the Osborne, was a good sea boat but had cabins which the Queen said, "would have disgraced a merchantman," and she ordered the Victoria and Albert.

King Edward soon realized its drawbacks and built the Alexandra, which, however, was never popular with the Royal family, and like the Osborne was sold.

It is rumored that the new yacht will be the most palatial cruiser ever built in Great Britain.

**HOWARD MCKENDY HEADS CHATHAM CURLING CLUB**

At a meeting of the Chatham Curling Club held in their rooms Wednesday night officers for the coming season were elected as follows: President—Howard McKendy; Vice President—W. H. S. Ritchie; Secretary—J. Thomas Troy; Treasurer—F. P. Heckbert; Auditors—W. H. S. Ritchie and R. A. Walls; Managing Committee Officers—R. A. Snowball; W. M. Jardine, E. Burke.

Twenty-four new members were elected at the meeting, bringing the total new membership to thirty-three. The rink is being made ready for playing and prospects are bright for a most successful season.

The Chatham hockey team is undertaking strenuous indoor practice at the college gym, under the direction of coach W. A. Broady. It is expected that under favorable weather conditions ice hockey practice will start within a week. J. Arthur Leggat, Secretary-Treasurer of the local club, left for Truro where he will attend the meeting of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, as representative of the Chatham Club.

Canadian meeting was amended to read "The goal-keeper may stop the puck in any way or manner he pleases. When caught the puck must be dropped without delay either in front or at one side of the net, or cleared by throwing directly back of the net."

**Town Topics**  
Tid-bits on the Tip of Everybodys Tongue

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**A Drawback To Baltimore**

A former journalist recently received a letter from his son, now living in Baltimore. Amongst other things, the letter said "Here we cannot get decent chocolates." Five pounds were sent at once evoking this response:

"Chocolates arrived first class condition. Many friends here have sampled same and pronounced them superb."

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