

Another taxi fare hike on the way for Fredericton

By CHRIS HERRINGTON

Fredericton area residents are in for a taxi fare increase of about fifteen percent. The fee hike is slated to become effective by approximately January 1st, 1974.

That is the opinion of Mr. Bryon Lawrence, chairman of the Community and Social Services Committee of Fredericton City Council. Lawrence's committee is responsible for submitting proposals to council concerning new taxi rates and zoning.

At present, pre-amalgamated Fredericton is divided into zones, with the taxi fare depending upon the zones involved. However, the July 9th amalgamation of the Fredericton area has made the old

zones obsolete.

There are, according to Lawrence, three possible courses of action which council may take:

Plan 1 - creation of new zones including the newly amalgamated areas. This would include a necessary fare increase.

Plan 2 - removal of the zone system, with rates to be set by the individual companies not exceeding an eight dollar maximum.

Plan 3 - removal of the zone system and installation of meters in all taxis with maximum rate regulated by council.

Proposal two was rejected by Council on October 9th. Proposal three, installation of meters, is strongly opposed by the taxi owners of Fredericton for a

number of reasons, most notably the high installation cost of meters and the high fares which would occur during peak traffic hours.

Proposal one, new zones with an increase in present fares, seems mutually acceptable to both Council and the taxi owners.

Owners cite rising costs of labor, equipment, and fuel as the reasons for the proposed increase in fares. The price of fuel alone is expected to jump thirty percent this winter.

Council will probably reach a final decision by the second Tuesday of November. Anybody who will be affected by the proposed fare increase are urged to contact their Fredericton City Councillors before this date.

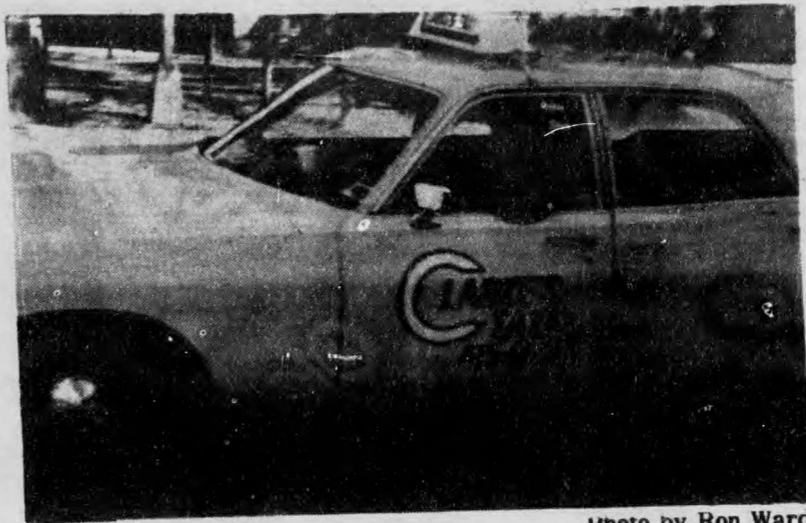


Photo by Ron Ward

How much will a tour of Fredericton cost this time? Wait and see.

Smallwood hints of re-entry into politics

By JEAN MURCH

The only living Father of Confederation, former Newfoundland Premier Joseph R. "Joey" Smallwood, spoke at a Canadian Club meeting in Oranmoot, Friday. He is currently touring Canada to promote his recently released book "I Chose Canada".

Although most of his speech dwelt on Newfoundland's confederation in 1949, he did hint of a possible re-entry into politics. "If I can ward off certain individuals in Newfoundland, I'll keep on writing. If I can't, I'll go on talking," he said.

When asked if that meant he will take up politics again he replied, "If I fail in warding them off... yes."

"I'm an unemployed man," Smallwood said. "I had a good job for 23 years, an awful lot of overtime in it... and now I'm laid off."

Smallwood spent 6 terms as premier, but sees his greatest contribution to the province in the part he played in confederation. Speaking of his Grandfather David Smallwood, an "ardent confederate" who emigrated from P.E.I. to Nfld. in 1861, Smallwood said, "little did he know that his own grandson would become an ardent confederate himself, and have a little bit of success in bringing it about."

He spoke of Nfld. before it became a Canadian province. "We were an island remote from the world," he said.

He is pleased with the progress made in the province. Although the province was divided on the confederation issue in 1949, he said, there isn't one Newfoundlander who won't be celebrating next year's 25th anniversary ceremonies.

Reminiscing about his pre-confederation meetings with Prime Minister Louis St-Laurent,

Smallwood said he objected to the move at the last minute. The scheduled date for confederation was to be April 1, coinciding with the new fiscal year.

Smallwood said he would not have it said that Newfoundland became a "province of Canada on All Fools Day". As a result, the

official signing took place "just before the stroke of midnight on the 31st".

The former premier will end his coast-to-coast tour November 3, when the Canadian Armed Forces will take him to Germany. There he will visit Canadian Forces Base Lahr before going to London where he plans to research a second book.

Geologists met last week

Nearly 300 geologists were in New Brunswick this week, October 12-15, to participate in field trips and excursions to areas in the Province where recent geological work has been completed.

The field trips were part of the 65th annual New England Intercollegiate Geological Conference which has been renamed for this year the North-Eastern International Geological Conference. It is being hosted by the department of geology at the University of New Brunswick.

Participants, representing such distant areas as California, Texas, Colorado and Newfoundland, included both students and professionals from universities, government and private US and Canadian companies.

The conference included no formal meetings, presentations or speeches. Its main purpose has remained during its more than 70-year history, to bring geologists interested in the northern Appalachian Mountain chain together in the field.

The geologists participated in two or three trips out of 24 being offered during their four day stay in the Province. Trips include Grand Manan Island, the Saint John area and other parts of

southern New Brunswick, Moncton, Sackville, Bathurst, Campbellton, the Minto coal fields and fossil plants, the Mt. Pleasant area near St. Stephen, and the Burnt Hill Tungston Mine in central New Brunswick.

The field trips were led by UNB faculty members and members of the N.B. department of natural resources, Brunswick Tin Mines Ltd., Atlantic Coast Copper Ltd., and McGill University with the assistance of UNB geology students.

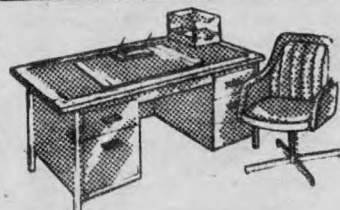
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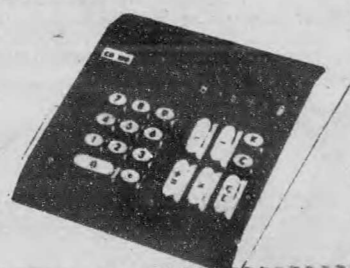


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