

TAXES POURING
IN AT OFFICE OF
CITY TREASURER

The New Assessment Law Seems to be Popular and Less Grumbling Than Usual Over Taxes.

This is the last day for the payment of city taxes in order to receive the benefit of the five per cent discount allowed by law. Many large taxpayers dropped into the City Treasurer's Office during the week and paid up, but as usual a very large percentage postponed the evil day as long as possible. The assessment this year is lower by some \$12,000 than last year's total and there is a difference of some six cents on the \$100 in the rate. But best of all the levy was made under a new assessment law which in the opinion of many citizens is the best enactment of its kind in the history of the city. Practically the whole assessment is based on sworn statements submitted by individual ratepayers, consequently there have been fewer complaints than usual. The ratepayer who is overtaxed this year cannot blame anybody but himself. Even a good assessment law if badly administered is likely to prove a failure, but it cannot be said that the present law is not being given a fair trial. For this the Board of Assessors is deserving of every credit.

Personal Property.

By long odds the most sweeping change made by the new law was in regard to the assessment of personal property. The former law put it on the same basis as real estate which was unfair and even ridiculous. Under the new law, apart from household effects, etc., only the income from personal estate is assessed. As a result many thousands of dollars worth of property, concealed under the old law, has been brought out into the open and is now available for assessment purposes. This no doubt had a lot to do with bringing about a reduction in the rate of taxation.

While business is none too brisk about the city at the present time it is expected that last year's total of tax collections at the close of the discount period will be reached.

CITY AFFAIRS

The Water Falling.

The water in the river which reached quite a high pitch after the recent rain, fell a few inches last night.

A New Trunkman.

Mr. Gordon Parlee has purchased an outfit and intends to engage extensively in the trucking business. He has had considerable experience and promises a satisfactory service.

Out of Town Guests.

Mrs. George Hanscom and Mrs. Ida Cogswell of Brockton Mass., and Mrs. George Sansom of Campbellton Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Urquhart and son Leon of Burton were the guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. James Feeney, George Street.

Home Again.

Mr. Joseph Sears, Rhodes Scholar arrived home yesterday from his visit to Florida. He came as far as New York by auto, stopped for a few days in New York and finished the trip by train.

Had Fine Trip.

Milan McKeen a well known guide of Macnaquac was in the city yesterday on his way home from a fishing trip on the Tobique and Nepisiguit. One of his companions was J. Sterling Rockefeller of New York, a nephew of the oil king. They made the trip up the Tobique and down the Nepisiguit to Bathurst and enjoyed some splendid trout fishing. Mr. McKeen is in the employ of B. S. Moore one of the leading guides of the Tobique.

Quite a Difference.

A local merchant who imported a package of goods from the old country last winter paid a bill amounting to \$9.40 which as explained to him was for cartage at St. John and freight from that city to Fredericton. A few weeks ago he made another importation of the same kind but the package was slightly larger. The goods were landed at Montreal and the freight bill to this city was only \$6.30.

ANOTHER TAKEN
IN ALLEGED
CAR THEFT CASE

Peter Harris of Doaktown Suspected of Being an Accomplice — Case Comes Up on Friday of Next Week.

A sequel to the dramatic arrest of Roy Perley, a young man of this city, Wednesday night last charged with the theft of the automobile of Robert Goss stolen on Friday last, was the arrest on a warrant this morning of Peter Harris of Doaktown accused of being an accomplice of Perley in the theft. It was in Harris' barn at Doaktown, not by the roadside as before stated, that the stolen car was discovered, and there are suspicions that it was to be used by the young men for rum-running purposes. The arrest was made by Police officer Bird.

Harris will come up for trial Friday, the 29th along with Perley.

Lorette Being Held.

Arthur Lorette who was arrested at the same time as Perley, also suspected of being an accomplice, was freed yesterday, but on further evidence, was taken into custody again today and is being held.

Assault Charge.

Roy Perley came up before the police magistrate this morning on a (Continued on page 6.)

YOUNG DOUGLASS
WAS STRUCK
BY A TRACTOR

Some Further Particulars of the Death of a Fredericton Boy in the West — Interment in the West.

While there are as yet few particulars concerning the tragic death of young Andrew Douglass, son of Mr. Stanley Douglass of this city, a telegram received last night stated that he was struck by a tractor, probably the Fordson tractor of which the boy wrote so enthusiastically in a recent letter.

Mr. Stanley Douglass, who has been absent in Quebec, was located yesterday noon and news of the tragedy was made known to him by phone. He arrived home at noon today.

The body of the boy will not be brought to Fredericton but will be buried at either Vancouver or New Westminster as the sons out West decide.

It is almost decided that Mrs. Douglass, Miss Elsie Douglass and the younger members of the family will go West next week, while Mr. Douglass and Clare will remain in Fredericton for some time yet.

Miss Mary Gregory is the guest of Miss Margaret MacLaren at St. John.

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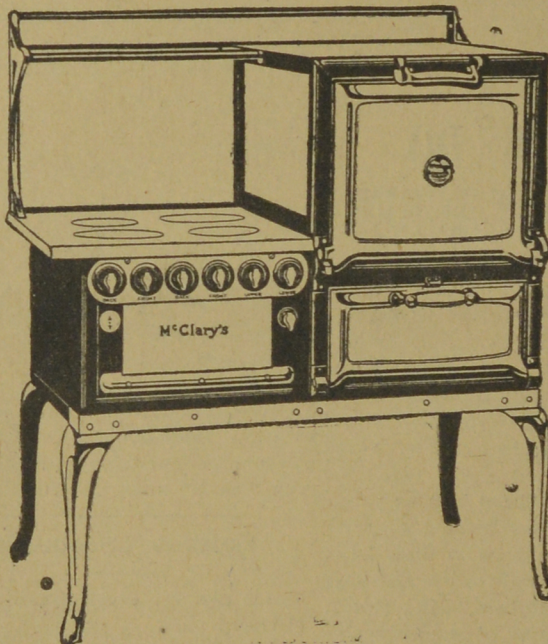
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