

FIRST MONTHLY MEETING OF NEW CITY COUNCIL

ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED

Condition of Streets Subject of Comment—City Hall Heating Likely to be Referred to Further.

The first regular monthly meeting of the new City Council in committee will take place tonight in preparation for the regular meeting tomorrow night. The usual bills will be passed and it is possible that there will be discussion on whatever new departures may be made during the year.

There is a feeling that the Water Department should produce more revenue but how that can be brought about is not known. Last year it was proposed that a policy of metering all services in order to reduce consumption should be introduced this year but it is doubtful if such will be done.

It is likely that the matter of improving the City Hall heating system will be considered further. A test of the boiler is to be made and much will depend on the result of that test. The council as a whole seems inclined to let the old plant remain in use for at least one year more although the City Hall committee has had plans prepared. It is argued that action now will save money later.

The condition of the streets is not satisfactory at the present time and it is probable that the matter will be referred to at tonight's meeting.



His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Pugsley will be at home at the Queen Hotel on the afternoons of Wednesday during the Session of the Legislature, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

R. S. BARKER,
Private Secretary.

Fredericton, N. B.,
March 25th, 1918.

Shad Fishing Season Closed

Mr. H. E. Harrison, Dominion Fishery Overseer has received official word that the shad season for fishing has been closed for four years, reopening again on March 1st, 1922.

Food Regulations

City Clerk, Mr. George R. Perkins, has received word from Food Controller Thompson, to see that the Food Regulations respecting flour and bread are strictly enforced in this city.

Mortgage Sale.

The Roach farm at Queensbury was sold under foreclosure by Auctioneer McDiarmid in front of the City Hall on Saturday. It was bid up to \$641 by Hon. A. R. Slipp, but he afterwards withdrew the bid. Mr. Alfred Williams was offered the property at \$640 but followed Mr. Slipp's example and withdrew his bid. The property then was put up again and knocked down to Mr. Slipp for \$441.

Was Slightly Gassed.

Mrs. Alex. W. Thorne of St. John, has received a letter from her husband, Lieut. Alex. W. Thorne, who went overseas with the 140th Battalion, stating that he had been slightly gassed. Lieut. Thorne was a reporter on the St. John Standard when appointed to the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He is well known in Fredericton, attending the University of New Brunswick for several years as a member of the class of 1906.

Albert County Visitor

Mr. George Steadman, a well known resident of Hopewell Cape, Albert County is spending a few days in the city the guest of Mrs. J. Howe Dickson. Mr. Steadman is a nephew of the late Hon. James Steadman, for many years County Court Judge for the district of York, Sunbury and Queens. Years ago he was a student at the old Baptist Seminary so he is not a stranger to Fredericton by any means. Some time has elapsed since his last visit and naturally enough he sees a great many changes.

Water Over Ice.

The water is over the ice at Temple's Landing and those crossing the ice at this point find it very disagreeable. This morning a lady and child who had walked across from South Devon after getting within twenty feet of the shore were surprised to find that they could go no farther on account of the water. However, a kind-hearted teamster, who happened to be in that vicinity went to their assistance. He backed the sleigh through the water, helped the lady and child on and then drove them to the top of the hill. The act was much appreciated.

Jacobson Sold to Athletes.

A despatch from New Britain, Conn. says that Mervin Jacobson of that city has received word from Manager Jack Dunn of the Baltimore Club of the International League that he has been sold to the Philadelphia Athletics. Jacobson practically started in his baseball career when he joined the St. Croix team in the N. B. & Maine League and later was with the Marathons. His good work during that season attracted the attention of baseball men and it was not long until he began to climb towards the pinnacle of his ambitions. This player frequently was seen on the Fredericton diamond.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR PRODUCTION OF MAPLE SUGAR

SEASON WILL BE AT ITS HEIGHT IN A FEW DAYS

First Maple Honey Made its Appearance Saturday in the Market—Statistics of Production.

The season for making maple honey and maple sugar has got away to a good start. At Saturday's market maple honey was offered for forty and fifty cents per bottle and was rapidly disposed of. The sugar makers expressed the opinion that this will be a very successful year. The past week was good, the weather being warm in the day with frost at night and the sap running freely. No maple sugar has been in the country market yet although it is in demand. It is expected from now on there will be a large supply of maple honey as well as maple sugar.

The larger operators in maple products living along the St. John river between Fredericton and Woodstock are in the business on a larger scale than usual and the total output of that section is expected to be large in comparison with former seasons. The season will be at its height within a few days. It is said that the industry in this part of Canada is capable of considerable expansion. The worldwide shortage in sugar is creating an increased demand for all sugar products and there is a ready market.

Production by Provinces.

Quebec and Ontario, says a recent writer, are in Canada the two greatest sources of supply. Western Canada has no maple trees, but in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick the output from the maples is capable of an increase under careful management. In the Maritime Provinces the maple sugar industry has never been regarded as a very serious addition to the resources of the country. Maple sugar and syrup were a luxury with a sentimental value and gave to Canada a bit of local color of which Canadians were justly proud.

Some Statistics.

The statistician, without whom life would lose much of its zest, says in a bulletin issued by the Minister of Agriculture, that from 1850 to 1890, according to Dominion statistics, the production of maple sugar together with its equivalent in syrup increased year by year, but since that time it has steadily fallen. The average yearly production from 1851 to 1861 was about 13,500,000 pounds; from 1861 to 1871, about 17,500,000 pounds; from 1871 to 1881, 19,000,000 pounds; from 1881 to 1891, an average of 22,500,000 pounds was reached. During the next decade the yearly average fell to some 21,200,000 pounds, while in more recent years it has dropped to a little

IMPORT TRADE SHOWS INCREASE OF HALF MILLION

CUSTOMS RETURNS INDICATE BUOYANCY

Within Ten Years Amount of Duty Collected at Fredericton has Trebled—Returns for Year.

The annual customs returns for the port of Fredericton for the year closing with March show a buoyancy in trade conditions and an increase in the value of imports which cannot be accounted for by the increased cost of living. Total value of imports was \$1,201,802, compared with \$745,342 for the year preceding. Duty collected amounted to \$162,304 and in the year before to \$111,658. The increase in the value of imports during the year was little short of half a million dollars. The increase in duty collected was upwards of fifty thousand dollars.

The details of the returns as furnished by Collector L. C. Macnutt are as follows:

Monthly Returns.

March, 1918—
Free goods \$6,521
Dutiable 5,141

Total value \$101,662
Duty collected \$12,932.80

March, 1917—
Free goods \$1,136
Dutiable 63,307

Total value \$64,443
Duty collected \$10,567.91

Increase in duty collected in March, 1918, as compared with March, 1917, \$2,364.89.

Quarterly Returns.

Quarter ending March 31, 1918—
Free goods \$20,518
Dutiable 230,825

Total value \$251,343
Duty collected \$32,836.95

Quarter ending March 31, 1917,
Free goods \$5,397
Dutiable 138,597

Total value \$143,994
Duty collected \$23,323.94

Increase in duty collected for quarter ending March 31, 1918, as compared with corresponding quarter last year, \$9,513.01.

Annual Returns.

Year ending March 31, 1918—
Free goods \$101,567

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less than 20,000,000 pounds. The authority from which these figures are taken also says that in the Maritime Provinces the yearly output has rarely exceeded half a million pounds; Quebec turns out about 14,300,000 pounds and Ontario 15,000,000 pounds per year.

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