

INSURANCE ON CITY HALL INCREASED

RECENT FIRE SHOWED NOT ENOUGH CARRIED

Total of \$38,500 to be placed on Building and Contents—Repairs will Soon be Begun.

The insurance on the City Hall Building was increased on motion of Ald. McKay at last night's meeting of the City Council in committee. This action was taken on account of the narrow escape from destruction by fire which the building had a few days ago, when fire did damage appraised by the insurance adjuster at about \$1,100. Ald. McKay said he had a very distinct recollection of the erection of the building in 1876. It could not be replaced now under \$75,000 or \$80,000. On the motion of Ald. McKay the insurance on the building was ordered to be increased by \$15,000 and that on the contents by \$2,500. Insurance carried heretofore was \$16,000 on the building and \$5,000 on the contents. The total on building and contents now will be \$38,500. On the motion of Ald. Cooper the City Hall Committee was empowered to proceed with repairs to the building resulting from last week's fire.

Tribunal is Sitting.

Tribunal No. 54 under the Military Service Act is sitting today for the purpose of hearing applications.

Substantial Amount.

The receipts from the minstrel and variety show given recently at the Opera House under the auspices of the Anagwakade Chapter, I. O. D. E., were in the neighborhood of \$1,100.

New Lighting System.

William Minto has been awarded the contract for the new electric lighting system at the Municipal Home and the installation will begin at once.

May Make Change.

Mr. James Saunders who has been ill for some time, has recovered. He is contemplating the alteration of his store at the corner of Northumberland and King streets into a dwelling.

Already Paying Higher Rate.

Those who went to the City Hall this morning to pay their water rates received a surprise when told that the rates had been increased twenty-five per cent., but they paid just the same.

Meeting of Firemen.

A meeting of the firemen is called for tonight at the hose station to hear the report of the delegation which waited on the City Council last night in regard to the increase in salary, and also to decide what action will be taken by the firemen in the matter.

Another Increase Announced.

Cigarettes have increased again the second time within a few days. Cigarettes formerly ten cents a package are fifteen cents straight, those formerly fifteen cents are twenty-five cents straight, those formerly twenty-five cents are thirty cents.

Fined Two Hundred Dollars.

A penalty of two hundred dollars fine or six months in jail was imposed this afternoon in the police court in the case of a local man charged with violating the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916. The liquor seized at his residence was ordered destroyed. Another case of violation of the same act went over till Tuesday.

Orange Memorial.

The City Council has given permission for the placing of the memorial to members who have been killed in the present war which is to be erected by the Orange Association in New Brunswick, upon the green opposite the Parliament Building and below the A. & R. Club House. The memorial is to be of native granite and will cost in the neighborhood of \$5000.

Death of Infant.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tapley in the loss of their infant son, Ronald Ernest, after a lingering illness, at the age of one year and nine months. The deceased is survived by his parents, two brothers and four sisters. The funeral took place this afternoon at two o'clock from the late home, service being conducted by Rev. G. C. Warren. Interment was made at the Rural cemetery.

Lieut. C. McN. Steeves Wounded.

Mrs. Clarence McN. Steeves of this city, has received private information from London to the effect that her husband who is in France with the Canadian Engineers was wounded in the heel slightly. The information was contained in a cable from Major Sprenger, now in the war office at London, who was a fellow officer of Lieut. Steeves in the 115th Battalion. The casualty has not been reported in any list and no official confirmation has been given. Recent letters from Lieut. Steeves stated that he had been seeing some hard service with the Engineers. He was in the Dominion Public Works Department at St. John prior appointment in the C. E. F.

Just one hundred years ago a man was permitted to sell his wife in the open market at Dartmoor, England, for \$11.

Dr. C. T. Kennedy of Portland, Me., is a guest at the Barker House.

DISAPPEARANCE OF BOY AGED FIFTEEN YEARS

WM. STICKLES LEFT CAMP AT MINTO MONDAY NIGHT

Search has Revealed No Trace of Missing Boy—Son of Thomas Stickles of Fredericton.

The story of the disappearance of William Stickles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stickles of Forest Hill, was brought to the city yesterday by the boy's father, who came from Minto where he had been employed for some months with the carpentering crew of Mr. Fred Tims of this city, who is working for the C.P.R.

The boy, aged fifteen years, has been missing from a camp at Minto since Monday evening last. Up to today no word of the missing boy had been heard. If word is not heard by the end of the week the thirteen coal companies operating mines at Minto will co-operate and send out a huge searching party which will thoroughly cover the ground.

Employed as Cookee.

The boy was employed as a cookee at the camp of Mr. Fred Tims. Monday night between 7 and 8 o'clock, young Stickles left the camp and was seen at the time, but not since. His father also was employed there. No person was in the camp when the boy left. He did not take all his money with him and there is every indication that he did not intend to stay away from the camp for any great length of time. His health was good, his mental condition sound and he appeared to be well satisfied with his employment.

Old Shafts Searched.

The boy's absence was noted and a search begun on Tuesday. It was thought that he might have fallen into a disused shaft and all those in the near vicinity were searched without a trace of the missing boy being found. One was found in which there had been a cave-in since Sunday and a crew at once began to dig. The snow was reached below the cave-in, however, without trace of the boy being found.

No Solution of Mystery.

There is no solution of the mystery and foul play is feared. The boy made a practice of attending a picture show at Minto, about three-quarters of a mile away three nights a week, but on the night he left camp there was no show. He had changed only a part of his clothing and this indicates that he did not intend to go far.

To Lay Curb on King Street.

The Street Department will call for tenders for combined curb and gutter on King street from Carleton to Regent. A macadam pavement will be laid on that block, the work having been begun already.

FRESHET MAY CAUSE TROUBLE TO RAFTSMEN

WATER NEAR PIER TOPS AT THE MITCHELL BOOM

Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Co.'s Drive Expected to Reach Stanley Tomorrow—Water Too High.

The water in the river still continues on its upward climb, having risen about six inches last night. The bank logs at Springhill this year have practically all been contracted for by the Fraser, Babbitt and York and Sunbury mills, they having taken about 90 per cent. of the logs at that place.

A raft of logs broke away from Springhill early Wednesday morning and later in the day was found against the piers at the Highway bridge.

The Drift Drive.

Mr. Walter Jackson, manager for the St. John River Log Driving Co., reports that the drift drive about half way between this city and St. John, is getting along fairly well despite the recent heavy rains and the rapid rise of water.

Trouble at Mitchell Boom.

At the Mitchell Boom a few miles below the city, the water has risen to such a height that it may cause a great deal of trouble if it continues to rise very much higher, as the water is only a few inches from the top of the piers to which the booms are fastened and should the water cover the piers the logs in the booms may break away, which will necessitate another drift drive.

Mr. James M. Scott, operations manager for Fraser Companies, Ltd., in this section of the province stated that the drive on the Tay is expected out about the first of next week.

On the Nashwaak.

Mr. George Kilburn, operations manager for the Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Co., stated this morning that that company's drive on the Nashwaak was expected at Ryan's Brook tonight and would very likely reach Stanley some time tomorrow. He stated that of all the lumber cut about four million feet had been left. At the Mouth of the Nashwaak the water is so high that the rafting crews are unable to work.

Death of Mrs. Jane Cambridge.

The death of Mrs. Jane C. M. Cambridge occurred at her late home at Burton yesterday at the age of 77 years. The deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. M. Cookley of Douglas Harbor, and Miss Bessie at home, one son, Mr. W. A. Cambridge of Burton, and one sister, Mrs. Simpson of Sackville. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon with service at the house at two o'clock by Rev. J. W. Howe. Interment will be made at Burton.

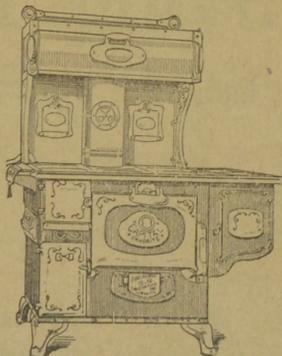
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