

DWELLING OF B. M'GINNITY WAS DAMAGED

**FIRE DEPT. HAD A HARD
FIGHT THIS MORNING**

**Origin of Blaze Uncertain—
Damage to Extent of Some
\$500 on Charlotte
Street.**

The dwelling owned and occupied by Mr. Bernard McGinnity, Charlotte street, was seriously damaged by fire this morning. The fire broke at about 10.30 and gave the firemen an hour's hard fight. The damage is estimated in the neighborhood of five hundred dollars. Two streams were used on the fire which also damaged the adjoining property owned by Mr. Sylvester Belyea. The fire broke out in the rear of the building, the origin being unknown. Fire in the yard for the purpose of burning rubbish was assigned as the cause of the fire but the kitchen also was considered to be the source of the fire.

The building was considerably damaged, both the rear and the main part of the house suffering. Insurance was carried.

Will be Launched Tomorrow.
The motor boat used for towing rafts from the Nashwaak by Mr. Geo. Kilburn, is expected to be launched tomorrow.

Purchased Motor Boat.
Mr. Wm. D. Gunter, proprietor of the Babbitt Mill, Devon, has purchased the Corbett motor boat and will use it in connection with his business in towing rafts. It is expected to be in readiness by the end of this week.

Taken Under the M. S. A.
Four young men were brought in Saturday night by the Dominion police under the Military Service Act. Three were forwarded to St. John. The other was able to show that he was exempt.

Over Until May 1st.
The cases against two local men for violation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916, which were to be before the police court this morning, were adjourned until Wednesday on account of the illness of counsel.

Going Overseas.
Dr. Tilley S. Tupper of Calgary, arrived in the city on Saturday and is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Charles A. Tupper, Northumberland street. Dr. Tupper is now on his way overseas, having received an appointment as medical officer.

Still Alarm.
The motor truck responded to a still alarm Saturday afternoon to extinguish a fire along the fence at College Field. It is thought that some careless person had started a fire at the lower end of the fence and the sparks from the same had set the fence ablaze.

Died in Hospital.
The death of Peter Luipell, a native of Austria, occurred at the Victoria Hospital yesterday afternoon after a short illness. He was 24 years of age. Besides his parents, who live in Quebec, he leaves two brothers and one sister. The funeral announcement will be made later.

Back to the Land.
Mr. Enoch G. Hoben, who recently closed his grocery business on the corner of York and King streets, is removing with his family from the city to take up farming at Swan Creek, near Upper Gagetown. They will reside on the old homestead, where Mr. Hoben has carried on farming in a more or less active manner all during his business career of many years in this city.

Death at Marysville.
On Sunday morning Florence M. Day, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Day of Marysville, entered into rest. Two sisters survive, Mrs. John Christie of Campbellton and Mrs. Harold A. Swasfield of Hatfield, Mass. The funeral will take place Tuesday at 2.30 p. m., from the residence of her aunt, Mrs. John Gibson, Marysville. The deceased at one time was on the teaching staff of the Fredericton Business College and later went West returning on account of ill health.

Soldiers in Canoe Accident.
What might have proven a serious accident happened in the river below the highway bridge yesterday afternoon at about 3 o'clock. Two soldiers were out canoeing and one could not resist the temptation to move around. The result was an upset canoe and it might have proven fatal had it not been for the assistance rendered by parties in a motor boat near by, who helped the two out of the river and took them and the canoe ashore.

Soldiers Downed U.N.B.
At the College Field on Saturday afternoon the baseball team from the Central Ontario Regiment, stationed in this city, defeated the team from U. N. B. by the score of 8 to 2. The soldiers have some good stock and with more practice by the college boys ought to put on an interesting game. The batteires for the soldiers were Woodgate and Lucy and for U. N. B. Williams, Webb and Skillen. Spectacular catches were made by Reddall, Lightfoot and Weinert for the soldiers and by Howie and Cain for the college boys. A return match is expected to be played at College Field next Saturday afternoon.

SURVEY OF FREDERICTON BEING MADE FOR NATIONAL BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS, FOR RE-RATING

**Many Old Wooden Buildings in Centres of Business Blocks Will
Have to be Removed if Rates are to be Kept Down—City
Council Now has Power of Removal—C. E. Holt, of St.
John, Making Survey for the Underwriters—Residential
and Business Sections Covered by Inspection—City Pos-
sesses Some Advantages as Well as Disadvantages.**

A survey of the city of Fredericton for the National Board of Fire Underwriters with re-rating as the object is now being carried on by Mr. C. E. Holt of St. John. The survey has been made for some days and will be completed shortly. Mr. Holt has made a careful inspection of both the business and residential portions of the city and has made notes of conditions which will have to be remedied if Fredericton is to get full benefit of its fire department and water system.

Wooden Buildings.
A feature which has been particularly noted in the survey is the existence of wooden buildings in the middle of blocks in the business part of the city. Fredericton is said to be worse in that particular than many places of similar size in this part of Canada. Buildings of this class are considered to be a very high risk and insurance rates on buildings in the vicinity are made higher by them.

City Now Has Remedy.
The city now has in its hands a remedy for this condition as at the session of 1917 the Legislature passed an act empowering the City Council to pass a by-law for the removal of buildings which may be considered dangerous by the city engineer or similar official. For many years the Legislature refused to give the city such power although several city councils asked for it. The necessary by-law has not been passed by the City Council but it is expected that action by the underwriters will bring about the passing of such a measure in a short time.

Large Areas Must Be Cleared.
Large areas of the interior of blocks lying between Queen and King streets must be cleared. In some cases wooden buildings are strongly objected to by the underwriters. The recent fire at the property of Searle & Lamson, Limited, showed the danger existing from buildings of the nature referred to. Fortunately that fire occurred at a time when it could be fought in its early stages.

Pumping Station Inspected.
Mr. Holt also has inspected the pumping station and the water system. It is not known what changes if any, will be suggested there.

Some Good Features.
Although Fredericton is under some disadvantages from the viewpoint of the fire insurance companies it also has some advantages which the com-

panies recognize. The absence of hills is one, also the excellence of the fire department and the water system. The great number of trees also is a good feature as in the summer when they are in full leaf they are a preventive to the spread of flames and carrying of sparks by the wind. These will be taken into consideration in the matter of re-rating.

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES WILL CHANGE

**May 1st Will See Several Re-
movals to New Quarters—
Some New Firms
Opening.**

Wednesday being May 1st and the beginning of the leasehold year will see a number of changes in the business section of Fredericton although changes will not be as numerous as they usually are. McKay & Minto will occupy the store in Queen street store formerly occupied by McKay & Co. Walter Sentener, plumber, will take the store in Queen street west formerly occupied by G. K. Dunphy, grocer. The Townshend Piano Co., St. John and Halifax, will occupy the store in the Inches Building, Queen street, recently vacated by H. S. Campbell. The store at the corner of York and King streets, formerly occupied by E. G. Hoben, grocer, will be occupied by Morgan Bros., grocers. Grant & McGuire who have conducted a quick lunch in Carleton street, will remove to Regent street, taking the store recently occupied by William Grannan and opening a restaurant.

Enlists in No. 9 Siege Battery.
Mr. Dyson W. Wallace, son of Mr. R. B. Wallace of this city, was sworn in as a member of No. 9 Siege Battery a few days ago. Mr. Wallace was principal of the Fisher Memorial School at Woodstock previous to his enlistment and will be greatly missed by that institution. Before leaving his school Mr. Wallace was waited upon by the teachers and presented with an address and a useful and appropriate gift. Mr. Wallace also was the recipient of a beautiful set of military brushes presented to him by the pupils of Grade XI. of his school.

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