

FIRE INSURANCE RATES REDUCED FIVE PER CENT

**UNDERWRITERS MAKE
GOOD THEIR PROMISE**

**Reduction Went Into Effect on
March 8th—Result of Im-
provement in Fire
Equipment.**

Information particularly gratifying to the merchants of Fredericton was received this morning. It was to the effect that the fire insurance companies have made a general reduction of five per cent. on the premiums on all mercantile risks in this city. The reduction went into effect March 8th. Ald. T. S. Wilkinson, chairman of the Fire Committee of the City Council received the information and it is probable that official notification from the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters will come later.

In Return for Improvements.
The reduction in insurance rates on stocks is made in accordance with the agreement made by the fire underwriters last year when the city made extensive improvements and additions to the equipment of the Fire Department. Although the improvements had been made the insurance people showed no inclination to reduce the rate until recently when the City Council made strong representations in the matter. The improvements desired by the underwriters and made by the city was the addition of a combined hose wagon and chemical engine motor-driven, and a city service ladder truck which also has a chemical engine.



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.

New Lot of Flowers.
A beautiful lot of roses, carnations, daffodils, etc., have arrived and are for sale today at Bebbington's.

Charged With Non-support.
A case against an out-of-town resident charged with non-support will come before Magistrate Limerick tomorrow afternoon.

To Call for Tenders.
The Municipal Home Committee has been empowered by the City Council to call for tenders for the installation of an electric lighting system in the Municipal Home.

Registered in Paris.
Miss Catherine R. Shea, St. John; T. S. Crockett, Fredericton; E. Paturel, Shediac, and A. L. Rice, Edmundston, were registered at the Canadian office Paris, March 12.

Returning Home.
Mrs. M. Safford and Mrs. A. W. Hagan of Utica, N. Y., who were called here last week by the death of their father, the late Philip Sullivan of Stanley, are in the city today en route home.

Arctic Bowling Alleys.
At the Arctic Rink bowling alleys last night the E. Edney, J. Searles team, defeated the A. Staples, W. Foster team in the total, by four pins. The former score being 2211, while the latter was 2207. J. Searles made the highest single-string fall, by dropping 115, of the "hard-woods".

Two Still Alarms.
The fire truck responded to a still alarm sent in from the residence of Mr. W. A. Estabrooks on Charlott street last evening. It was a chimney fire. This morning another still alarm from Donovan's printing office, King street, was responded to. The fire was slight. The chemical extinguishers were used.

Assault Case Adjourned.
The assault case involving residents of North and South Devon, was before Magistrate Limerick yesterday afternoon. Several witnesses were heard. The case was adjourned till 2.15 o'clock this afternoon to get further evidence. The defendant was allowed his freedom until this afternoon, his attorney having taken the responsibility of having him present today.

Mid-Week Market.
This morning's market was very small and few buyers were about. Potatoes sold for \$2.50 and \$2.75 per barrel and were the best seen here for some time. Pork was selling for 26c and 28 cents per pound, beef sold for 15 and 18 cents per pound. Butter is coming down in price, somewhat, having sold for 35 and 38 cents per pound. Eggs sold for 50 and 55 cents per dozen.

Devon Retail Merchant's Assoc.
Provincial Organizer Burley of the Retail Merchants' Association held a meeting last night at the hose station in North Devon. A large number were present and a branch of the society was formed with the following officers: P. S. Watson, Pres.; G. G. Harvey, Vice Pres.; Lloyd Belyea, Sect.; H. W. Bowlen, Treas. The society starts with a large enrollment of members and the prospects for the future are bright.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT SETTLEMENT

**COUNCIL INVITES ACTION
BY AGRICULTURAL SOC.**

**Much Discussed Problem of
Exhibition Property Before
City Council—Ald. Mc-
Kay's Views.**

There is to be another attempt to reach a settlement between the City Council and Agricultural Society No. 34 concerning the claim of the city to an interest in the exhibition property. This time there is supposed to be a prospect of success according to the statement made last night at the meeting of the City Council. Ald. McKay is to use his good offices with the directors of the society to have them make some proposition to the City Council. The proposition probably will be that the exhibition property be vested in a commission. Ald. McKay intimated that personal feeling between some of the society's directors and ex-Ald. McLellan had been the chief obstacle in reaching a settlement last year.

Ald. Walker's Motion.
Ald. Walker brought up the matter. He said there was a feeling among the citizens that this matter should be settled and he moved that a special committee of three be appointed to interview the society and report at the next meeting.

Ald. McKay suggested that the committee report at the second or third meeting. This matter should not be rushed and litigation should be avoided. There would be a meeting of the directors of the society shortly and he could say that the prominent members of the society who were in majority were favorable to a settlement with the city. Time was wanted. He suggested that the committee be not appointed but action by the society be awaited.

Ald. Walker in reply said the matter had been hanging for several years and the society had shown no inclination to meet the city half way. The city was paying for insurance on the buildings of the exhibition and yet there was a doubt if the city could collect insurance in the event of fire. However, he would not press his motion if Ald. McKay would assure the council that the society would make a proposition to the city.

Ald. McKay's Statement.
Ald. McKay said that among the directors there was a feeling that action by the City Council in this matter had been pressed because of personal feeling. The late alderman for King's ward some years ago had conducted a suit for the society and it had been mulcted some hundreds of dollars. The feeling aroused then never had died out. There was a feeling, how-

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE HELD FIRST MEETING

**B. F. SMITH, M.P.P., CHIEF
CRITIC FOR OPPOSITION**

**Committee Will Meet Again
Tomorrow Morning—In-
creased Royalty on Coal
Suggested.**

The Public Accounts committee of the Legislative Assembly held its first meeting this morning with Mr. Fred Magee of Westmorland, in the chair. Others present were Messrs. G. H. King of Queens, C. M. Leger of Westmorland, B. F. Smith of Carleton, G. B. Jones of Kings and J. K. Pinder of York. Mr. John M. Keefe is secretary. The auditor general, Mr. W. A. Loudoun was in attendance and gave the committee some information on various items. Later the deputy heads of the various departments will be before the committee to give information.

Mr. Smith the Critic.
Mr. Smith appeared to be the chief financial critic of the Opposition and found fault with some items. The expenditure upon the campaign for Greater Production he characterized as wasted money, the conference at Fredericton in his opinion having no result.

Greater Coal Royalty.
Mr. Smith also made the suggestion that the royalty on coal which is mined almost exclusively in the counties of Sunbury and Queens should be increased from fifteen cents to thirty cents per ton to provide greater revenue for the province. Mr. King differed on this matter, stating that with wages so high and other expenses of mining increased in proportion, the operators could not pay a doubled royalty.

To Meet Again Tomorrow.
The committee passed the receipts and the greater part of the expenditures. It will meet again tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. The detailed accounts will be considered later.

Christchurch Parish Church.
The annual meeting of the congregation of Christchurch Parish Church was held Monday night. The elections resulted as follows: Wardens, Fred T. Allen, Fred H. Everett; vestrymen, W. J. White, Q. M. Sergt. Hobkirk, Walker R. Belyea, Donald Cameron, Fred Barnes, Jas. Smith, Wm. Quinn, Fred Smith, Jos. Tims, Hugh Doherty, M. L. Stevenson, T. S. Wilkinson. Delegates to Diocesan Synod, William Quinn, Walker R. Belyea, Fred H. Everett; substitutes, Fred Barnes, Fred T. Allen, T. S. Wilkinson.

Small Fire Today.
At about noon today the firemen were called out in response to an alarm from box 28. The fire was on the roof of the grocery store occupied by Mr. W. A. Erb at the corner of York and Charlotte streets and was soon extinguished.

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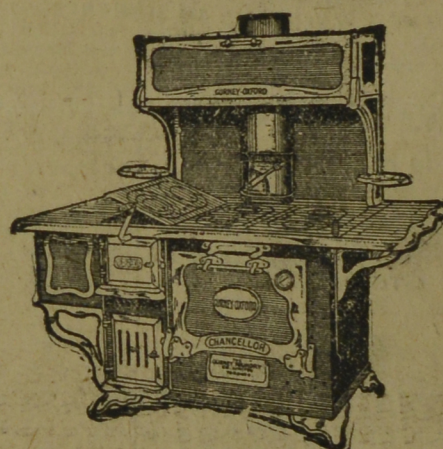
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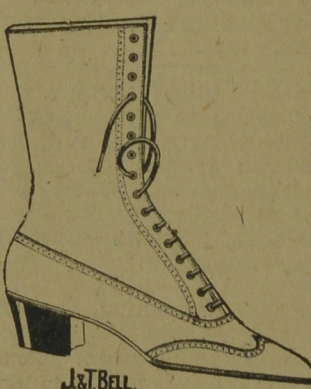
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