

CONTRACTORS' PRICES KNOWN TO COMMISSION

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Applicants Now Will be Required to Base Their Desires on These Prices.

The Fredericton Housing Committee Friday night opened tenders for the erection of houses under the Housing Act. But two contractors submitted tenders in response to the call. They were John C. Smith and Ald. Judson Barker of Fredericton. St. John contractors were invited to tender but did not do so. No announcement is made at the present time of the prices contained in the tenders but it is said by the secretary of the Commission, R. H. Simonds, that the allowance of the Dominion Government for houses of the class specified, is considerably exceeded by the bids of the two contractors named. The houses on which figures were asked for, are of wood and of the type erected in Moncton by the Housing Commission of that city. On account of the contractors' prices exceeding the allowance under the Act, applicants will be required to pay the difference themselves in cash.

The Next Step.

The next step will be to require applicants to formally apply and agree to pay the prices for which the contracts will be awarded. So far there are only four who have shown an inclination to go ahead with the erection of dwellings.

The prices set under that act are \$3,500 and \$4,000 for houses of the two types selected by the Commission.

To Sell Furs.

Five beaver skins seized by game wardens will be sold at the Crown Land Office at noon on Friday, July 2nd.

Repairing the Drill Hall.

The roof of the drill hall is being repaired. Alterations also are being made to the interior. A new lighting system is being installed and general improvements made.

Improving Cemetery.

A horse-drawn lawn-mower has been used to cut the grass in that portion of the Old Protestant Burying Ground bordering on Brunswick street. The appearance of the place has been improved but the work should be continued and extended.

Beat a Chinaman.

Chatham World: A fine of \$15 was imposed on a Chatham man, in the Police Court, on Tuesday, for beating a Chinese restaurant man. The man was going out without paying for his lunch and the Chinaman locked the door and was beaten.

Slightly Mixed on Language.

The bill-posting crew of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus either has a superabundance of French posters or is slightly off on information concerning the language spoken in this part of New Brunswick. A large number of posters in the French tongue have been put up around Fredericton, though very few people in this section are acquainted with the language.

Assault Case at Marysville.

The assault case against four young men from Devon came up before Magistrate Clayton at Marysville yesterday morning. J. J. F. Winslow appeared for the complainant and Gregory T. Feeney for the defence. Two of the youths pleaded guilty, and were fined \$10.00 and costs; the other two were dismissed. The magistrate cautioned the young men to conduct themselves better in future and not to appear before him again.

Death of Helen E. McCatherine.

Miss Helen Elizabeth McCatherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dougald McCatherine died at her home this morning after a few days illness, in her fourteenth year. She leaves to mourn their loss besides her parents three sisters and four brothers, Adelaide, Jean, Marion, Harry, Stewart, Charlie and Jack. The funeral will take place tomorrow leaving the house at 1.30. Service will take place at Christchurch Parish Church at two o'clock. Rev. Mr. Bate officiating.

More Postponed Games.

Jupiter Pluvius evidently has it in for the York County Baseball League. Two postponed games to take place Friday evening to reduce the number which is piling up, could not take place on account of a heavy thunder shower which came up just before six o'clock. Marysville came down to meet the Imperials at the College Field but on account of wet grounds asked to have the game called off. The Y. M. C. A. team did not even go to Devon to play the Devon team.

Country Market.

The country market was exceptionally large this morning, and a large number of cars and motor trucks were one of the features. Live pigs were plentiful as were eggs and butter. Prices were as follows:—Eggs, 50 to 55 cents per dozen, butter 50 to 55 cents per pound, potatoes \$9.00 to \$9.50 per barrel, wild strawberries, 60 cents per box, cultivated strawberries, 40 cents per box, veal, 8 to 18 cents per pound, beef 12 to 18 cents per pound, lamb, 20 to 25 cents per pound, salmon, 49 cents per pound, mutton 18 to 25 cents per pound, live pigs \$5.00 each, hay \$34.00 to \$36.00 per ton.

HIGH BIRTH RATE FOR CITY OF FREDERICTON DURING MAY; THIRD HIGHEST IN PROVINCE

Two French Sub-districts, Restigouche and Madawaska, Have Higher Rate—St. John City and County Has Lowest Birth Rate—Fredericton Also Has Highest Death Rate, on Account of Hospital, and Second Marriage Rate—Sunbury Count Lowest in Marriages.

The Provincial Department of Public Health has issued some interesting statistics for the month of May. Although the collection of statistics is not proceeding as smoothly in all parts of the province as in others and although not complete for certain sections, much information is contained.

Births, Deaths and Marriages are recorded and the rate per thousand of population is worked out for each county for the month. As might be expected the counties with large French populations show high birthrates although there are some notable exceptions. The marriage-rate shows remarkable variation as does also the death-rate.

Restigouche County has the highest birth-rate, 52.6. Its population is predominately French. Madawaska County has the next highest birth-rate, 42.6, the element of its population which is of French extraction also being great. Fredericton City is a close third with a birth-rate of 40.9, although not many of its citizens are of French extraction. St. John City and County with a birth-rate of 19.7 has the lowest birth-rate of the province and King's County has a rate only fractionally higher, 19.8.

Gloucester which was showing a high birth-rate formerly, is fourth with 36.3. York County's birth-rate exclusive of Fredericton is 27.3.

Victoria County has the highest marriage-rate, 15.7. Fredericton City is second with a rate of 15. Albert County is third with 12. In Sunbury County there were proportionately the smallest number of marriages, the rate being 3.6. Queen's and Northumberland Counties are the next lowest with a rate of 4. King's County is very little better with 4.2. The rate for the City and County of St. John is 7.3. York County's rate is low, 5.2.

Fredericton City has the unenviable distinction of having the highest death-rate, 25.5. The reason for this however, is that Victoria Public Hospital in this city, draws cases from all over Central New Brunswick and many of the deaths occurring there are of non-residents. Gloucester County with 18.9 and Charlotte County with 16.5 are second and third. Sun-

bury County with 9.2 has the lowest death-rate although little better than Carleton County with 9.3. Other low death-rates are Victoria County 11.1, Northumberland County 10.6, Madawaska 11.4, St. John City and County had a rate of 12.8 and York County a rate of 14.8. Kent County is omitted from the returns.

The statistics for the various sub-districts for the month of May are as follows:

	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths
Albert County	17	9	9
Rate per thousand	22.6	12.0	12.0
Carleton County	57	14	18
Rate per thousand	29.7	7.3	9.3
Charlotte Co.	48	17	33
Rate per thousand	24.0	8.5	16.5
Fredericton City	27	10	17
Rate per thousand	40.5	15.0	25.5
Gloucester Co.	121	28d	63
Rate per thousand	36.3	8.4	18.9
Kings County	38	9	20
Rate per thousand	19.8	4.2	10.4
Madawaska Co.	71	8	19
Rate per thousand	42.6	4.8	11.4
Northumberland	95	12	32
Rate per thousand	31.6	4.0	10.6
Queens Co.	25	4	12
Rate per thousand	25.0	4.0	12.0
Restigouche Co.	79	11	23
Rate per thousand	52.6	7.3	15.3
St. John City and Co.	115	43	75
Rate per thousand	19.7	7.3	12.8
Sunbury Co.	16	2	5
Rate per thousand	29.5	3.6	9.2
Victoria County	43	17	12
Rate per thousand	39.6	15.7	11.1
Westmorland Co.	126	38	57
Rate per thousand	29.0	8.7	11.2
York County, exclusive of F'ton	57	11	31
Rate per thousand	27.3	5.2	14.8

Total numbers for province: Births, 935; deaths, 233; marriages, 426. Rate per thousand per year at the rate of the month of May for the province: Births, 29.5; deaths, 7.3; marriages, 13.4.

Records for cities and towns for the month of May are:

	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths
St. John	88	38	64
Moncton	46	19	19
Edmundston	18	1	2
Woodstock	16	8	8
St. Stephen	13	13	11
Chatham	18	1	3
Newcastle	6	3	4
Marysville	7	0	3
Sussex	4	1	4
Bathurst	6	3	7

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