

AMUSEMENT TAX PROVISIONS ANNOUNCED

Increased Scale Provided by Bill — Passes Taxed at Rate of Five Cents—Some Exemptions.

The bill for the amendment of the Assessment Tax regulations was introduced in the House of Assembly last night. The bill concerns every theatre and place of amusement and the section defining the latter states every building, dance hall, billiard hall, concert hall, rink, athletic park, race track, bowling alley, shooting gallery, tent, enclosure or place, and every structure, apparatus, machine, contrivance, or device whatsoever, the purpose of which is to provide amusement or recreation whatsoever.

The checking of clothes for a fee is sufficient to bring a place within the scope of the Act.

The New Rates.

The section imposing the tax on the theatre admission mentions the following scale—on a fee not exceeding 25 cents, a tax of one cent, on a fee more than 25 cents but less than 35 cents, a tax of three cents; on a fee more than 35 cents but less than 40 cents, a tax of four cents; on a fee exceeding 40 cents a tax of one cent additional for each ten cents or fraction thereof in excess of 40 cents.

Passes Taxed 5 Cents.

"Dead-heads" do not escape as each pass is to be taxed five cents irrespective of admission fee.

Some Exceptions.

Performances for the benefit of religious, educational or charitable institutions, societies or organizations within the province, are not taxable. School or college athletic contests and other college entertainments are not taxable if the proceeds go to a school or college within the province. Children twelve years of age or under are relieved of the one-cent tax for Saturday afternoon performances.

For Other Amusements.

For places of amusement other than theatres the scale is to be one cent for a fee of twenty-five cents or less and one cent in addition for each ten cents or fraction thereof in excess of twenty-five cents.

City Affairs

Entertained at Bridge.

The Misses Beverley entertained yesterday afternoon at Auction Bridge. Those winning prizes were Mrs. A. T. McMurray, Mrs. H. J. McMurray and Mrs. Allison McKay.

Held Successful Tea.

The Governor Carleton Chapter I. O. D. E. held a successful Subscription Tea at the home of Mrs. A. T. Murchie George Street yesterday afternoon. The receipts amounted to \$50.00.

The Backward Season.

A commercial traveller said yesterday that he just came from a trip down river and found the sleighing to be the best of the season. He made the same trip at this time a year ago by automobile.

Good Ice for Curling.

A member of the Curling Club said yesterday that the ice in the Curling Rink was still fit to curl on but the season had been so long that the members had got tired, and lost interest in the game, so the season was over. Hockey matches have been played at the Arctic Rink several nights this week.

Recommended Hospital Bill.

The Corporations Committee of the Legislature this morning considered a number of bills. The River Saint John Electric Development Bill was stood over. This is promoted by J. E. Stewart of Victoria County. Bills recommended are relating to Filles de' Assomption, Campbellton, Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton, and Richibucto & Rexton Electric Light.

Edmundston, April 8—In circuit court this morning Justice Crocket rendered his decision in the case of the King vs Edmond Corben and Felix Beaudry and imposed a sentence of three additional months in the county jail on the accused. The accused had been convicted in early winter of breking and entering a store in St. Leonard's and had later attempted to break jail.

FIRST HEAVY RAIN IN MONTHS LAST NIGHT

Still Much Snow Except in North of Province — Speculation as to When Navigation will Open.

The first heavy rainstorm in months occurred last night and went some distance toward removing the winter's accumulation of snow and ice. The rain was cold however and for that reason did not produce the thawing which is would otherwise.

There is considerable speculation concerning the probable date of the opening of navigation and there are some who predict that ice will be in the river May 1st. In the one hundred and one years in which records have been kept ice has been in the Saint John River at this point May 1st on few occasions. The latest date of the opening of the river was May 7th, 1854. Yet in which ice has remained until May 1st or later have been 1832, 1847, 1850 and 1882. Since the last named year the ice never has remained until May although coming within a few days on several occasions. In recent years the latest opening was April 25th, 1923, the year of the great freshet which came within a foot of the eight of the record freshet of 1887.

Maypole on the Ice.

Older citizens tell of the marking of the late opening of navigation by the erection of a decorated Maypole on the ice on May 1st. The site usually was opposite Phoenix Square.

Contrast in Seasons.

By this time last year stream driving was quite general in the southern part of the province although later in the north and the first forest fire of the year had been reported.

Driving Prospects.

Stream driving prospects are considered good. In the extreme northern counties the snow has not been as deep as in the rest of the Province. Hauling was going on in many sections within a few days some logging operations being finished on Saturday last.

WILL MAKE A STRONG BID FOR TOURIST TRAVEL

Important Meeting Held Here Last Evening — W. E. Anderson, Tourist Manager, Heard — Committee Named.

A number of representatives of the City Council, Board of Trade and Fredericton Exhibition Limited, held a meeting last evening, and formed a tourist committee to act with the provincial executive in the promotion of tourist travel. Mr. W. E. Anderson of Saint John, tourist manager for the province was present and gave a very interesting address in which he gave an outline of the plan to be carried out. It is needless to say that the meeting was very favorably impressed and decided to heartily cooperate in the work. Mr. Anderson states that the provincial government was to donate the sum of \$7,500 to the organization on condition that a similar amount is made up by private subscription and otherwise. Already he said \$500 was in sight in Saint John and they had on hand tourist literature worth \$2,000. It was hoped that contributions would be received from other sections of the province. He pointed out that tourist visitors to the province last year had expended at least \$700,000 and the amount could be greatly increased.

Committee Named.

At Mr. Anderson's suggestion a committee was appointed to take hold of the work in this city. This committee is composed of A. D. Holyoke, Mayor Clark, Alex. Murray, John Neill, Ald. Smith, F. L. Cooper and H. S. Campbell. This committee conferred with Mr. Anderson this morning and discussed plans for carrying on a vigorous campaign during the coming season.

It is understood that the exhibition offices at Phoenix Square will be utilized as a tourist information bureau. These offices are conveniently located and well adapted for the service in every way.

Belle of the Ball.

An observant lady says that in her estimation the Belle of Governor Todd's Ball was a young lady who resides on George Street.

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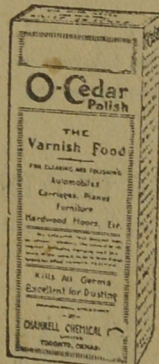
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