

CITY WITHOUT  
TAX COLLECTOR  
AT PRESENT

John H. McCollom Turned in All Belonging to Office This Morning — Appointment to be Made Monday.

The City of Fredericton for the time being is without a collector of taxes. John H. McCollom who has performed the duties of City Marshal and Tax collector for several years this morning turned in everything connected with the offices to City Treasurer Chestnut, and retired from duty.

To Make Appointment Monday. The Finance Committee of the City Council to which the matter was referred with power to act, will meet Monday afternoon to consider the applications and to make an appointment. A published report that the appointment was to be made Friday night was unauthorized.

Seven Applicants. Ald. Thompson, chairman of the Finance Committee, stated this morning that seven men had applied for the position. He said further that J. H. McCollom was not one of them, and also said that he knew nothing of Walter Jackson as an applicant, in spite of current rumors.

Choice is Narrowing. Although the Finance Committee has yet to meet it is said that the choice among the seven applicants has narrowed itself to three. It also is said that there is a strong wish that the appointment be made on a commission basis or as near that as possible.

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CITY AFFAIRS  
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Presentation to G. C. McDowell. G. C. McDowell who today vacated the office of City Engineer was presented on Friday with a watch-chain and a box of cigars by the staff of the various civic departments with offices in the City Hall. A letter signed by all the officials accompanied the gift. Mr. McDowell expressed his appreciation of the remembrance from those who had been fellow officials for so long a time.

Becomes Town Clerk. George Danby has been appointed Town Clerk and Treasurer of the Town of Devon in succession to William Jaffrey who resigned some time ago. Mr. Danby assumed his duties today. His appointment made it necessary for him to resign as alderman for Ward No. 4. A by-election will be held to fill the vacancy. Town Marshal Leo Hayes has assumed the duties of Water Commissioner.

A Pleasing Incident. The Friday Night Bridge Club met last evening at the home of Mrs. T. Amos Wilson, Charlotte street. The prize winners were Mrs. Allan Sterling and Mrs. Harry Walker. Mrs. McDowell, wife of the ex-City Engineer, who has been a valued member of the club, since its inception and who is removing to Boston, was made the recipient of a string of pearls. The presentation was made by Mrs. G. T. Brewer, who read a nicely worded farewell address to Mrs. McDowell, expressing regret at her intended departure and wishing her continued happiness and prosperity.

City Takes Possession. The City of Fredericton today took possession of the concrete dwelling in University Avenue which was erected by Mrs. C. J. B. Simmons under the Housing Act. The property has caused the city much trouble and expense. Upon default of payment under the act the property was sold and bid in by the City Treasurer for the city. Later it was sold to George Davenport. Legal action was taken by the occupant in the meantime and she refused to vacate. The result was that the city found itself unable to deliver the property which it had sold. The board of Mr. Davenport and family had to be paid until a house could be rented by them. After long legal action the Supreme Court decided in the city's favor. Mrs. Simmons was allowed occupancy until May 1st but sale of the property was not advertised until today the city this time making sure of possession.

MAYPOLES DECORATED ICE OF  
SAINT JOHN RIVER HERE TODAY  
ALSO OUT AT OTHER PLACES

High School Maypole Near Highway Bridge, Another at West End Boat House—Many Out at Up-river Points — First Since 1882 — Difference of Opinion as to Whether Ice Was Out of River Here or Not, May 1st—Jam at Victoria Mill and Another at Burton Court House.

Fredericton did have a Maypole on the ice although the ice ran out on Friday April 30th. The Maypole was placed on ice which hung on the piers of the highway bridge although water is clear above and below. Douglas Woods and Frank Wishart, students of Fredericton High School, placed the Maypole which had been prepared in advance, decorated with High School colors, yellow and black, and bearing a large High School banner. The two boys reached the ice by means of a canoe in which was also Jack Babbitt of the University of N. B. The two High School boys climbed on the ice to place the Maypole properly. The ice might have been reached from shore as it was jammed against it.

Difference of Opinion. Difference of opinion has arisen whether or not it can be said that ice is in the river at Fredericton May 1st. There is no doubt that the river opened April 30th but some contend that the fact that ice is hanging on the bridges and has still to run from points a few miles up river is ground for the claim that the river is not clear of ice May 1st. Many wagers were made on the date.

Very Late Date. Taking April 30th as the date of the ice-run here the river has opened later since 1825 when the record first was taken on only seven occasions, the years being 1832, 1835, 1838, 1847, 1850, 1854, 1882. The latest recorded opening was May 7th, 1854.

Another Maypole. A second Maypole was placed on the ice opposite the foot of Westmorland Street by James White, T. Bert Atherton and Raymond Currie who used a boat to reach the ice.

Ice Jam Below City. Below Victoria Mill in the eastern part of the city the ice has jammed and is holding from that place down to Lincoln. The level of the water at noon was thirteen feet above extreme low-level and about three feet below average freshet height.

Many Maypoles Above City. Between this city and Woodstock many Maypoles were put on the ice the opportunity being better than at this city as in the majority of places the ice had not moved. Between Lake George Road and this city passengers on the C. N. R. train got a good view of four Maypoles. At McKinley's Ferry, nine miles above the city, a particularly well decorated pole was observed the flags of the Allied Nations and other national colors being used. The last year in which Maypoles were placed on the ice between this city and Woodstock was 1882.

Ice Out at Oromocto. The River Valley Lumber Company's office at Oromocto reported this afternoon that the ice had run out at that place and that the river was clear for some distance above. At Burton Court House the ice is jammed.

The Saint John River at Oromocto is rising steadily and the Oromocto is rising faster. No more word of the drives in Oromocto waters has been received but they are believed to have too much water.

Took Time by Forelock. A number of boys who were taking no chances on the ice going out before they could mark May 1st by placing a Maypole on the ice, prepared a small one and tossed it over the railing of the highway bridge a few minutes past midnight.

None of the local Maypoles stayed in position long as the ice moved out after they had been in position a few hours.

Returns Home. Telegraph Journal: Mrs. Lillian Kitchen Fox, brilliant reader and elocutionist, who came to Saint John to take part in the E. Clyde Parsons recital in aid of the Women's Council's free milk fund, left yesterday to return to her home in Fredericton. While in Saint John she was the guest of Mrs. G. G. Parker, Orange street.

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