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THE SCHOOL CLOSING

The public schools of the city which closed today for the summer holidays, have completed a very successful terms work, and both teachers and pupils have well earned a respite from their labors. It is doubtful if there is a city or town in the whole Dominion which spends more money on education in proportion to population than does the capital city of New Brunswick. The amount assessed on the rate payers in 1926 for this service is \$107,725, plus \$3,000 for vocational training making the very respectable total of \$110,725. This is equal to nearly three times the total amount assessed for all purpose thirty or thirty-five years ago and represents forty per cent of the entire assessment for the year. While the city's educational policy is admittedly expensive it is at the same time an ambitious one and is no doubt heartily approved by a large proportion of the citizens. While the administration of the schools is in the hands of an irresponsible body, the members of the Board are conscientious and public spirited citizens, who devote a lot of time and energy to the performance of a thankless task. As a result of their incessant labors the city has a school equipment good for a population of twenty or twenty-five thousand people. We have certainly builded for the future with respect to educational facilities.

With splendid school buildings and a highly efficient staff of teachers more effort should be put forth to exploit the educational advantages of Fredericton. Many pupils now come in each year from the surrounding districts to take the High School course and we believe that the number should be considerably increased. The advantages possessed by Fredericton not only as an education centre but as a desirable place of residence, should be continuously exploited and if this is done there is certain to be results which will accrue to the advantage of the entire community.

The Mail heartily congratulates the School Board, the members of the teaching staff as well as the pupils on the very creditable showing made at the public examinations today.

JAZZ RELIGION

It is easy to sympathize with Rev. Tertius Van Dyke, son of Rev. Henry Van Dyke. He is leaving a New York pulpit because New Yorkers, he says want religion with a jazz tempo. Preachers are driven to shooting off fireworks and wearing red vests.

"If I were to announce some Sunday morning I was going to do a flying trapeze act, the church would be crowded," says Dr. Van Dyke.

A mere layman, though sympathetic with a puzzled preacher, ventures to think this New York pastor has not read his people right.

"Man is incurably religious." The average man in the pew really wants something for his spirit. The man in the pulpit must know how to bring that thing to him.

Some preachers, figuratively speaking, do shoot off fireworks and wear red vests. They would be good on the trapeze. They are all right—but they should be working for a circus.

The debate on the customs probe is still going on at Ottawa, but the chances are that a vote will be taken some time tonight. Yesterday Speaker Lemieux declared the Woodsword amendment as being in order. This of course will accrue to the advantage of the government, as it will give the Progressives opportunity to vote for a motion which censures neither the government or the Minister of Customs. It is now certain that two Progressives will vote with the Conservatives for the Steve's amendment. The situation is the most critical which the government has been called upon to face this session and anything is likely to happen. The defeat of the administration will mean a dissolution of Parliament and an early election. History is certainly being made at Ottawa these days.

The late Mr. Francis J. Sherman, a native of this city who died recently in Atlantic City, achieved quite a reputation as a poet in his younger days.

The fact that he was a Fredericton man and turned out verse of high quality has led some of the upper province writers to jump at the conclusion that he must in some way be connected with the Roberts family. Even so well informed a paper as the Toronto Globe tells its readers that "Charles G. D. Roberts and Bliss Carman are first cousins of Mr. Sherman". While the Mail does not wish to detract from Mr. Sherman's fame as a poet, in order that the record may be kept straight it would point out that Mr. Sherman was not related in any way to the Roberts family.

The Fredericton High School yesterday graduated a class of eighty-seven, the largest in its history. This institution enjoyed a very high reputation for efficiency under the principalship of Dr. B. C. Foster, and is nobly maintaining it under his predecessor Mr. A. S. McFarlane. Public interest in the closing exercises last evening was so intense, that the large assembly hall in the splendid new building could not begin to accommodate the crowd which assembled to witness them. Apart from this little drawback, for which nobody can be held responsible the closing exercises were a great success.

Inventors don't seem to get the hang of things. One has lately produced a flexible bumper for automobiles when he would have spent his time to a much better advantage on a device to increase the resiliency of the pedestrian.

A French author, in an effort to attract attention to an unpublished manuscript, shot himself five times in the temple and still lives. The movies are overlooking an unusually durable comedian.

The ambitious individual who longs to make a few marks in the world can either turn his attention to cleaning the spark plugs or changing the ribbon on a typewriter.

Summer chores could be materially lightened if some system could be devised for hooking up the bird bath in the back yard with the drip pan under the refrigerator.

An African chief, according to a returned explorer, has 2,000 wives. He is said to be the most accurate ash-flicker on the dark continent.

President Doumergue asks Premier Briand to form a new ministry to save the franc. It begins to look as if even Billy Sunday couldn't save the franc.

Of course the scholars are sorry that the vacation period has arrived.

Summer weather at last.

HUMAN FLY TO PERFORM STUNTS HERE

(Continued From Page Eight.) Wednesday morning. He also will climb the front of a building in the lower part of Queen street, between Regent and Carleton streets.

Hudson has climbed the C. P. R. building in Toronto the Windsor Hotel in Montreal both well known to many Fredericton people also the Woolworth and Flat Iron buildings in New York.

***** THROUGH OUR SIEVE *****

Every man is welcome to his opinion, even if it doesn't amount to much.

Slowly it is dawning on the minds of the dullest drivers that honking won't relieve a traffic jam.

Usually there are four or five others in the game willing to show the beginner how to play poker.

Lima Beane says the man who stops to think what he's saying doesn't always say what he's thinking.

Reformers are still working to have the calendar changed. But can it be done without interfering with the weather?

"Yan can get an idea where some of the tax money goes" remarked the Man on the Car, "when you see ten or a dozen city employees standing around a small hole in the street."

Science is now talking about broadcasting the scent of "garden things." If that happens we're betting that boiled cabbage will have the longest wave length.

DEBATE ON CUSTOMS REPORT VERY SPIRITED

(Continued From Page Five.) vin had entered Parliament 15 years ago after a brilliant record at the bar. He had been entrusted with the honor of being Deputy Speaker. He was a man of extraordinary ability. If he has done wrong, he has done it knowing the right as members knew. The chief allegations against the minister were his conduct in the barge Tremblay case and the Moses Aziz case, but the degeneration of the department was not conferred to these incidents. Mr. Meighen went into the details of a sale of liquor sold on the Tremblay at 36 cents a gallon to a political associate.

Turns to Aziz Case. Mr. Meighen then turned to the Aziz case. The question, he thought, might be reduced to this: Was Mr. Robichaud the member for Gloucester, N. B., who requested clemency for Aziz, as culpable, as the minister who acceded to that request? He thought there could be no division of opinion on that subject. And there could be not the slightest doubt, Mr. Meighen added, that the minister had acceded to the request. Amongst the reasons advanced by friends of Aziz was that he had turned King's evidence against his own brother, and that he had been promised in exchange that he would be given summary trial.

When Mr. Boivin said that he was not aware when he signed the telegram asking that Aziz be kept out of jail of the full facts of the case he overlooked the certainty that he must have read some of the letters adduced in evidence before he could have been in possession of all the facts.

Had Not Read Letter. Mr. Boivin had stated that he had not read the letter from Mr. Robichaud when he took action in the first instance. Three places in the minister's evidence before the Customs Committee disclosed that Mr. Boivin had sworn that he had "seen" the letter. He had not stated before the committee that he had read the letter, but the inference to the committee was that he had read it. Mr. Meighen did not think that Mr. Boivin would have ever assumed "the style of defence" before the committee which he had taken in the House. But, even in Tuesday's speech Mr. Boivin had stated that his secretary had "read" the letter to him. Did the minister believe that he had the right to step in and intervene with the execution of the Aziz sentence. Mr. Meighen declared that the minister had not such a right.

The Gaiety. "Rainbow Riley" is the photo play at the Gaiety for Friday and Saturday with Johnny Hines in the star role. There is also a continuation of the serial "The Green Archer."

DIED

JENNINGS—In this city on the 24th inst. Walter L. Jennings aged 52 years. Funeral service by Rev. Dr. Weddall at late home, 126 Brunswick street, at 2.30 Sunday afternoon. Interment in Rural Cemetery.

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A discount of five per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid in to the City Treasurer within the period of thirty days from the date hereof, after which executions may be issued and proceedings had thereon as by law provided.

All persons assessed in the City of Fredericton who do not pay their rates within the said period of thirty days shall have added to the said rates one-half of one per centum per month or part of a month until the said rates are paid.

Dated at the City Hall, in the City of Fredericton, this 22nd day of June A. D. 1926.

C. FRED CHESTNUT,
City Treasurer.

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