

ALD. MITCHELL DENIES REPORT OF RESIGNATION

Rumor Circulated That He Was to be Water Supt. — M. D. Patterson Named Tax-collector.

Ald. Moses Mitchell today gave a positive denial to the report which has been current for some days, that he is to resign his seat in the City Council and be appointed Superintendent of Water and Sewerage.

"It is ridiculous and there is nothing in it," was the alderman's remark when asked by the Daily Mail. "I never heard the story and have not even dreamed of doing such a thing."

W. B. Lemont Resigns.

W. B. Lemont who was Assistant City Engineer under G. C. McDowell and who also performed many of the duties connected with the Water and Sewerage Department, has resigned his office and severed his connection with the civic service last night.

Murray D. Patterson Collector.

Murray D. Patterson of 255 Regent street, was appointed City Marshal and Collector of Taxes, by the Finance Committee of the City Council Monday afternoon, the chairman Ald. Thompson reporting to the Council last night. The new official formerly resided in Lincoln and has been a member of Sunbury County Council. Recently he has held a federal mail contract.

AM. Thompson announced that the new collector was to receive eighty dollars per month and a commission at the rates of 3 percent. for taxes of 1926, 5 percent for taxes of 1925, 10 percent. for taxes of 1924 and earlier. The alderman said that Mr. Patterson was selected out of a list of seven applicants.

P. J. Hughes, Solicitor.

The Council in committee appointed P. J. Hughes, K. C., City Solicitor, in succession to R. B. Hanson, K. C., M. P., who resigned recently. The terms are the same as those on which Mr. Hanson held office. It was announced that preparation of bylaws, giving legal advice and attending at police cases were included in the salary of \$240.

CITY AFFAIRS

An Old Timer.

Globe: An eighty-year-old man, Morgan Murphy, was arrested on Sunday afternoon by Police Constables Corner and Young on a charge of having liquor in his possession other than in his private dwelling. He was allowed out on deposit of \$50 and as he failed to appear in court this morning the amount was declared forfeited.

A Big Egg Yield.

The two hundred hens which are taking part in the New Brunswick Egg Laying Contest at the Experimental Station last week produced 1009 eggs which is the best showing made since these contests started five years ago. All of the birds were on the job except thirteen, and the average was a little better than five eggs per bird. The pen of John Moore of Scotch Lake, York County led with 62, with George Woods' pen in second place with 61. The pens of W. E. B. Tale and John Woods were next with 60 each. The leading pen at the close of the 26th week is that of George Wood with a total of 1154 eggs and 1193.8 points.

Died Suddenly in Alberta.

Word has been received here of the sudden death at her home, Elland Ranch, Pennhold, Alberta, of Mrs. John Farrar formerly Miss Bessie H. Taylor of Fredericton. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George T. Taylor of this city, and had many friends here who will learn with deep regret of her death. Mrs. Farrar was in her usual health until Sunday morning last, when she was seized with an attack of heart trouble from which she did not rally, but passed away on Monday the 3rd inst. Besides her husband she is survived by one son, Charles J. P. Farrar at home, two brothers, Charles A. Taylor of this city and William P. Taylor, K. C., of Calgary and three sisters, the Misses Frances, Nellie and Annie Taylor all of Fredericton. The news of Mrs. Farrar's sudden death comes as a great shock to her relatives and friends here.

CAR-WASHING IS DISCUSSED BY CITY COUNCIL

Fire Department Drivers Petition for Permission to Carry on—Fire Committee to Decide.

The vexed question of permitting drivers of the Fire Department to make extra money by washing cars in the rear of the fire station, King street, came up again Monday night when a petition signed by Melvin Beairisto, Roy Shaw and E. P. Finnigan, the three drivers was received by the City Council. The petition set forth that the work of car-washing could be done with no interference with duty.

Comment by Aldermen.

Ald. McKnight, chairman of the Fire Committee said that recently a resolution was passed by the Fire Committee, to the effect that the drivers of the Fire Department devote all their attention to their duties.

Ald. Smith said he could see no objections to washing cars if it did not interfere with duty. The Fire Committee could reconsider.

Ald. Mitchell said that the matter had come before the Fire Committee through a dispute over the "division of spoils". This petition, however, was signed by all three drivers.

Mayor Clark said that there also had been the complaint that the drivers could devote their spare time to keeping the station and apparatus in proper condition.

On the motion of Ald. McKnight the matter was referred to the Fire Committee with power to act, the understanding to be that the fire station and apparatus were to be attended to first if the required permission were given.

Barn Burned in Devon.

Police Sergeant William Hughes of the Fredericton force, met with heavy loss Monday night when the barn on the homestead was totally destroyed by fire. The flames had complete possession of the building when observed. A pair of horses owned by Frank Hughes, stabled in the building were removed and also a cow owned by Sergeant Hughes. The owner states that he carried no insurance on the building. The Devon firemen kept the flames away from adjoining property.

INCENDIARISM FEATURED IN LOCAL ACTION

Frank Jewett and Kitchen Bros. vs. Ocean Accident & Guarantee Company, for Insurance.

Before Mr. Justice Crocket in the York sitting of the Court of King's Bench which opened this morning, an action for fire insurance is brought in a local case in which alleged incendiary figures. Frank Jewett and Kitchen Bros., bring action against The Ocean Accident & Guarantee Co. for amounts which total about \$5,000, for insurance on stock in the grocery store at the intersection of King and Regent streets which was conducted by Mr. Jewett. Two fires occurred in the store some months apart the second fire putting an end to the business. At the time incendiary was alleged to have occurred in connection with the fires.

Mr. Hughes' Presentation.

P. J. Hughes, K. C., appeared to day for the plaintiff and W. P. Jones, K. C., and J. B. McNair for the defence. Mr. Hughes in outlining the case for the court and jury, expressed the opinion that incendiary had occurred twice in Jewett's store, but that the proprietor of the store had no knowledge of the incendiary and was entitled to the amount of insurance carried.

The Jury.

The jury empanelled this morning to try this case is composed of T. V. Monahan, James Pringle, Frank L. Cooper, William L. Anderson, Otty F. Grant, George Embleton and Raymond Holyoke.

This morning Frank Jewett one of the plaintiffs was on the stand and gave evidence concerning value of stock, fixtures, etc. C. Albert Kitchen of Kitchen Bros. was present in court.

Wants Gasoline Tank

C. R. Hawkins appeared before the City Council last night on behalf of the Smith Garage in Westmorland street, which made application before for permission to install a gasoline filling tank.

of the Dominion Express Co. is here today on official business.

M. Harris Stevens of Halifax is registered at the Barker House.

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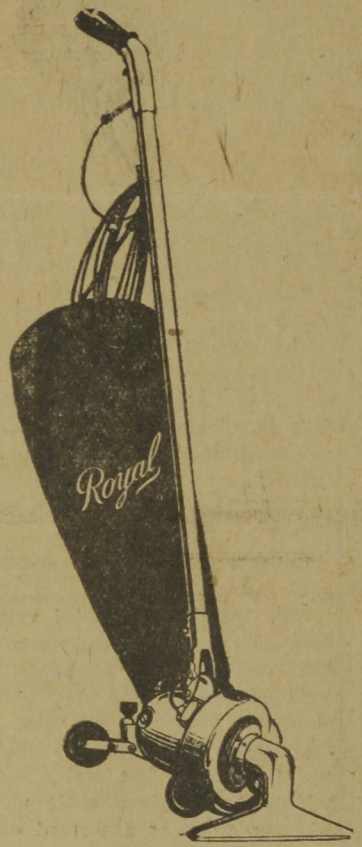
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