

ASSESSMENT
CHANGES UNDER
NEW ACT MADE

Provisions go Into Effect
With the New Year—
Some Shifts to be
Made — Aldermanic
Changes.

The City of Fredericton Assessment Act which was passed by the legislature at its session in the spring of 1926 will go into effect in 1927. The Principal Assessor, Peter Farrell, and his Assistant Assessors, are at work now.

The provisions of the new act will cause some changes in assessment. They will entail the shifting of some of the burden from some places and putting it in others. The exemption on income which formerly was \$300 is now \$400 having been increased by \$100. The change is for the purpose of lightening the burden on small incomes. Stocks-in-trade also are to be assessed on a different basis which will reduce the assessment. These decreases will make necessary the imposition of the loss elsewhere. Real estate is considered likely to bear more.

Another change is the assessment of income from personal property. Formerly the tax was supposed to be imposed directly on the personal property. Household furniture and effects are exempt to the amount of \$500.

Penalty Provided

A penalty not exceeding fifty dollars is provided for failure to make an assessment return or for making a false return. It is expected that the provision for making assessment returns will disclose personal property which will be in excess of amounts assessed previously.

Year Nearing Close

The city's official year which corresponds with the calendar year is nearing its close. The present City Council will meet tonight in December committee meeting and Tuesday night in council. There will be another meeting in January to close the year. The civic election is to take place on the second Monday of January five weeks from today. The two-year terms of five aldermen expire with the year. They are: Wellington Ward, Ald. W. K. Hay; St. Ann's Ward, Ald. Harry A. Smith; Carleton Ward, Ald. D. W. Ross; Queen's Ward, Ald. C. N. Goodspeed; King's Ward, Ald. Ivan McKnight.

Ald. McKnight has announced his intention to withdraw from the race. It is too early yet to say whether or not this will happen in the way of a vacancy for the five vacancies.

CITY AFFAIRS

Condition is Better.

John Roberts who was treated at Victoria Hospital for a fractured skull is reported to be considerably improved.

Reported Doing Well.

Joseph Roy Norrad of Boiestown who had one of his wrists severely lacerated by a saw in the lumber-woods recently is reported doing very well at Victoria Hospital.

Alarm of Fire.

Shortly after eight o'clock Saturday night an alarm of fire from box 24 called out the firemen for an overheated pipe at the homes of James Forbes, Queen street West.

Late Mrs. Jennie McLaggan.

The death of Mrs. Jennie McLaggan occurred Sunday afternoon at the home of her nephew E. B. Young, 75 Charlotte street. Surviving are one brother Thomas Fraser of Fredericton and two sisters Mrs. John B. Young of Naskwaak and Mrs. John Urquhart of Vancouver. Service was conducted last night at the home by Rev. F. H. Holmes. Interment was made at Pleasant Valley today.

Remanded Until Friday

Mrs. Clara Stairs and her brother George Sinnott who were arrested at Southampton Junction on a charge of incest the complainant being Benjamin Stairs husband of the woman, appeared in the police court this morning and were remanded until Friday morning. The accused when asked if they understood the nature of the charge against them said they did. Sinnott also is charged with threatening Stairs with a revolver. Since Mrs. Stairs was arrested charitably disposed persons have furnished her with better clothing and footwear and she was dressed comfortably when she appeared in court this morning.

DULL POTATO
MARKET UNTIL
THE NEW YEAR

Lifting of the Railway
Embargo Makes No
Difference — Cuban
Demand is the Only
Bright Spot.

The raising of the potato embargo by railways at New York and Boston not only has had no effect on movement of the New Brunswick crop but has actually been followed by a drop in price. W. W. Boyce prominent local shipper stated today that there was little prospect of the American market improving until after the New Year. The Cuban trade on the other hand is brisk with several vessels chartered ahead to load for Havana. The shippers' price for the Cuban trade is \$2.50 per barrel.

American Prices Off.

Both New York and Boston seem to be over-supplied with potatoes just now. The retail price in Boston is \$2.80 per barrel. The wholesale price in New York is reported at \$2.70 and \$2.75. Better prices were being paid in the field in New Brunswick early in the season.

Pick of Crop Marketed.

The trade in general reports that the pick of the crop all over the continent has been marketed and that high prices will not be paid for the balance. Considerable quantities of the New Brunswick crop already have moved out.

Many Burning Chimneys.

During the week-end the firemen were called three times by still alarms for burning chimneys. The latter burned out at the residences of C. L. Dougherty, Smythe street; Augustus Fowler, Needham street; and Samuel Brown, Aberdeen street. No damage was done in any case.

Third Anniversary.

Celestial Temple, No. 19, Order of Pythian Sisters, will observe the third anniversary of the founding of the Temple at Castle Hall tonight.

ARCHIE STERLING
BURNED IN TRAIN
WRECK IN WEST

Now in Hospital at Medicine Hat, Alberta —
His Parents Were
Notified by Wire on
Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Alan Sterling of this city on Sunday received a wire from Medicine Hat, Alta., informing them their eldest son Archie Sterling is in hospital there suffering from burns about face and neck and shock. The injuries were sustained in a train wreck. Press despatches contain reference to the wreck.

Archie Sterling went west about August 1st. He is well known throughout the Maritimes through his connection with rugby football and hockey, having played with University of New Brunswick and with Fredericton Hockey Club.

The press despatch says that a west-bound freight train crashed into a stalled stock train the men on the latter being hurt. They were stock attendants. The caboose of the stock train was thrown into the ditch where it caught fire. The men were rescued from the burning car. Harry Brown of Sheffield had both legs broken. The others were R. C. Wightman of Lancaster, Ont., and W. Booth of Vancouver.

HAD TO AMPUTATE.

Ralph M. Sutton Loses Left Leg as Result of Accident.

Complications which set in made it necessary to amputate the left leg of Ralph M. Sutton at Victoria Hospital Saturday. Amputation was above the knee. The leg was broken Wednesday morning when Mr. Sutton in the course of his employment with the Maritime Electric Co., fell when a pole which was rotten through at the base collapsed in Queen street as he was working on the cross-arms. Escape from death at the time was little short of miraculous. He came through the operation well.

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