

## ASSESSMENT RATE FOR PRESENT YEAR TO BE \$1.65

Highest Rate, Largest Assessment and Largest Valuation in History of City—Value of Personal Property Decreased During the Year—\$108,000 to be Collected—Outside Rate \$1.10

Chief Assessor A. A. Sterling presented to the City Council last night a statement of the valuation of the city for assessment purposes and of the assessment now being made up. The rate inside the fire limits is to be \$1.65 and outside \$1.10. The total assessment is \$101,000 and the total amount to be collected is \$108,070. The rate is fifteen cents higher than last year and together with assessment and valuation is the highest in the city's history.

The rate would have been about \$1.60 had there not been a heavy decrease in personal property due to the removal from the city of several people of means. Real estate shows an increase in valuation of \$58,000, but personal a decrease of \$33,000.

Incomes have increased \$59,000. The statement as furnished by the chief assessor is as follows:

### ASSESSMENT.

Assessment ordered .....	\$101,000.00
Add 7 per cent. ....	7,070.00
Total for collection .....	\$108,070.00
Inside \$5,289,083 at \$1.65 ..	87,269.86
Outside \$394,200 at \$1.10 ..	4,336.20
Total .....	\$91,606.86
Banks .....	\$4,569.88
Insurance Cos. ....	1,429.24
Special .....	270.00
2063 polls at \$5 per head ..	10,265.00
Total to be collected .....	\$118,140.13

### VALUATION.

	1911	1913	Inc. or Dec.
Real estate .....	\$3,384,583	\$3,326,633	\$57,950 Inc.
Personal .....	1,628,425	1,661,220	32,795 Dec
Income .....	670,275	686,685	33,590 Inc.
Inside .....	\$5,683,283	\$5,624,538	\$58,745 Inc.
Outside .....	\$5,289,083	\$5,330,313	\$58,770 Inc.
Outside .....	394,200	394,225	25 Dec
Total .....	\$5,683,283	\$5,624,538	\$58,745 Inc.

## CITY COUNCIL HAD LONG SESSION IN COMMITTEE

The City Council held a lengthy session in committee last night, a number of important matters coming up. A bill of R. B. Hanson, city solicitor, for services rendered, was ordered paid after some opposition. A proposition of the Fredericton Gaslight Company to light the streets was referred to a special committee. Chief Assessor Sterling applied for an increase in salary of \$200 but opposition developing among some of the aldermen, the matter was laid over until tonight.

### MR. HANSON'S BILL

A bill was then submitted from R. B. Hanson for legal advice and work pertaining to the dispute between the Chief of Police and Police Magistrate Marsh. Ald. Wilkinson thought the city should not pay the chief's legal expenses and that it was a very peculiar bill.

His Worship said it was authorized by the police commission.

Ald. Wilkinson thought that they went beyond their powers in authorizing such a bill. The mayor then called upon City Clerk McCreedy who stated that the police commission had full authority to authorize the payment. The bill was then approved and ordered paid.

### COACH OWNERS PETITION

A petition was then presented by Ald. Wilkinson to the effect that as the owners of coaches did not get the protection they expected the coach license be removed and the coach drivers license continued as in the past. The petition was signed by Roy Smith, Jas. Higgins, Wm. Thurrott, H. M. Young, Coles Kitchen, Dell Gunter, J.T.G. Hatt.

It was moved by Ald. Everett and seconded by Ald. Ebbett that the petition be referred to the Finance Committee.

### CHIEF ASSESSOR

#### WANTS INCREASE

Ald. Reid presented a petition from the Chief Assessors praying that his salary be raised to \$1000 per year.

After he presented the petition, he remarked that he had been speaking to Mr. Sterling pursuant to his demand and found that he had good reason for asking for an increase. He had investigated and found that Mr. Sterling's work had considerably

increased during the past year. He had been made this year to date. The city was hiring a man to do the work it would probably cost double the amount.

Ald. Ebbett thought the council should be guided more or less by the Finance Committee.

Ald. Wilkinson said that it would not take long to make entries of 133 property transfers and that was all in five months. He thought that Mr. Sterling was fairly well paid.

Ald. Osborne said he was guided by Ald. Reid's statement and he did not like to feel that a city official was underpaid. If (Mr. Sterling) was worth \$1000 a year he should be paid that.

Ald. Reid moved that he be granted the increase seconded by Ald. Osborne that the Chief Assessors' salary be increased \$200 taking effect June 1st.

Ald. Wilkinson opposed it strenuously for he could not feel it would be a wise move.

The motion was then held over for full presence of council.

### STREET LIGHTING PROPOSITION

A communication was presented by Ald. Ebbett from the Fredericton Gas Light Company relative to the city's proposition that they should get electricity at 3 1/2 cents per kilowatt-hour. The city would have to transform the current to provide efficient and economical light. This would necessitate the purchase of two seventy-five lights regulating transformers with panels for same and the remodelling and fixing up would cost approximately \$10,000. The estimated cost of running expense after that would be \$5000 per year. The light committee recommended a business proposition that the city enter into a ten year contract with the Fredericton Gas Light Co. to provide light at a flat rate of \$67.00 per lamp per year. In consideration of this the city would agree to turn over to the company all the present poles and wires.

### ALD. EBBETT FAVORS IT

Ald. Ebbett thought that it would be in the interests of the city to adopt this although it would throw two employees out of work. He thought it better to buy the light than produce it.

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## MEDIATORS IN DEADLOCK

Proposal to Admit Carranza Delegates Has Caused Trouble

Huerta Wants Mexicans to Settle Difficulty Without Outside Interference—Carranza's Proposal

New York, June 2—Carranza has refused an armistice. The mediators have deadlocked and may withdraw. Huerta has rejected United States plans and wants the rebels admitted to the conference and the adjustment made by Mexicans exclusively. The United States has refused clearance papers to ships with arms.

### WASHINGTON VIEW.

Washington, June 1—American delegates to the Mexican mediation conference at Niagara Falls were in frequent communication today with the Washington government. It was declared in official quarters that the burden of the inter-communication related to the hitch in the progress of negotiations which had arisen since the note was last week sent to the South American mediators outlining the position of the Mexican Constitutionalists. It further was reported that the matter of recognizing or rejecting representatives of the Constitutionalists as participants in the peace conference now was squarely up to the mediators themselves.

Observers at Niagara Falls reported that General Huerta's representatives had regarded the appearance of Carranza's emissary with a degree of favor, as indicating hope for future peace in Mexico, and that they had determined to leave the matter of receiving Constitutional agents into the conference entirely to the South American envoys.

This determination, it was asserted was reached by the Mexican delegates on the day that Mr. Urquidí, representing Rafael Zubaran, arrived from Washington with the Carranza note. Since that time, it was said, Huerta's agents have not sought to exert any influence over the mediators regarding the proposal to broaden the scope of the conference.

That Justice Lamar and Mr. Lehmann, representing the United States, have been urging recognition of Carranza seemed more apparent than ever in Washington tonight. Late last night a long communication was addressed to the American commissioners from the state department. It was drafted after a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Bryan and was telegraphed in code. It did not reach the American commissioners until early today. After they had received it other communications passed between them and the Washington government. President Wilson personally sent messages to his representatives, the nature of which was held in the strictest confidence.

Whether mediation would come to naught in case the South American envoys should determine to reject all proposals for enlarging the scope to the conference so as to include representatives of the Mexican revolutionists was the uppermost subject of discussion throughout the day.

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## CONFERENCE ON WOOL INDUSTRY AT WASHINGTON

Washington D. C. June 2—Improvement in wool handling and sheep husbandry is the aim of a three-day conference which was opened at the Department of Agriculture in this city today. Many persons interested in the sheep and wool industry appeared at the conference in response to the invitation issued by Secretary of Agriculture Houston. The subjects scheduled for discussion included the manufacturing value of American wools, the possible adaptation of foreign methods to American conditions, the improvement of farm and ranch methods of handling wool, the standardization of the wool clip and the prevention of damage by dogs and predatory animals.

## Hibbard Company's Affairs Aired in Montreal Court

POPE PIUS CELEBRATES SEVENTY NINTH BIRTHDAY

Rome, June 2—Addresses and telegrams from all parts of the world were received at the Vatican today congratulating Pope Pius on his seventy-ninth anniversary. There was no celebration of the anniversary, but during the day the Pope received visits from a number of cardinals and many of the foreign prelates who came to Rome for the consistory. This morning His Holiness said mass in the presence of a few specially invited of the faithful.

## FRANCIS MAJOR PASSED AWAY AT KINTORE

Word was received here last night of the death at Kintore, Victoria county, of Francis Major in his eightieth year. The deceased is survived by four daughters and four sons. They are Mrs. Fred Robertson of Fort Fairfield, Me.; Mrs. George Robertson of Kintore, Mrs. George Barclay of Upper Kintore, Mrs. John McLellan of Kintore, Leslie Major of Woodstock, George Major of Clearview, Carleton county, James Major of Kintore, and Alexander Major of Kintore.

The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. McLellan, with whom the deceased made his home. The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Pringle and interment will be made at Kintore.

The late Mr. Major was a native of Akerdeenshire, Scotland, and came to New Brunswick about forty years ago with the Kincardine party, settling in Victoria county. The late Ald. Major of this city, was a son.

James Major of this city, a grandson of the deceased, has left to attend the funeral.

## TWO AMERICAN MORMONS EXPELLED FROM GERMANY

Berlin, May 31—The Mormon propaganda carried on by emissaries from America must end, the German authorities are determined.

They have ordered the expulsion of Lucas Cheney and Wallace Tolmann, two Americans living at Gera, near Leipzig.

They are accused of acting as Mormon missionaries under the guise of students.

## THE ILLINOIS G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

Mattoon, Ill., June 2—This city is aglow with the national colors in honor of the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, who are already arriving in large numbers to attend the annual encampment of the Department of Illinois. The encampment will have its formal opening tomorrow and the sessions will be continued until Friday.

## POLITICAL ECONOMIST TO ADDRESS CLOTHIERS

Atlantic City, N.J., June 2—Leading clothing manufacturers from many cities are attending the annual convention of the National Association of Clothiers now in session here. A leading feature of the convention programme is to be a banquet at which Prof. Joseph F. Johnson of New York University will discuss "Economics" and United States Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania will deliver an address on "The United States as the World Power."

H. F. Freeman of St. John, is in the city.

H. E. Belyea of St. John, is at Windsor Hall.

W. P. Buckley of Woodstock, is a guest at Windsor Hall.

Major G. W. Parke Brings suit against His Former Associates—Case of "Freeze Out" Alleged—F. A. Hibbard Replaced by Mr. Polleys of Boston—To Divide \$100,000 Profits

Montreal, June 1—An echo of the construction of the St. John and Quebec Railway was heard in the local courts here today. The basis of the suit is \$1,000,000 contract on that portion of the St. John and Quebec Railway between Fredericton and Woodstock.

The plaintiff in the suit is Major G. W. Parke, a local physician, who is suing Col. F. W. Hibbard, president of the Quebec Public Utilities Commission, and a well known lawyer of this city, and also F. A. Hibbard civil engineer. These three gentlemen entered into an agreement which they were to share equally in the profits of the \$1,000,000 contract on the St. John and Quebec Railway, the profits on which were expected to total \$100,000.

According to the agreement in question Col. F. W. Hibbard was to do the financing of the project; F. A. Hibbard to superintend and manage the construction of the line, and Major Parke was to secure the contract from the St. John and Quebec Railway Company.

In pursuance of this three-sided agreement Major Parke secured the contract for the construction of the line between Fredericton and Woodstock. This subcontract from the St. John Valley & Quebec Railway Company was taken by Major Parke for the three interested in the name of the Hibbard Company, a duly incorporated company of the province of Quebec, with headquarters in Montreal, and with a branch office in Fredericton.

It was understood among the three gentlemen interested that if the Quebec Contracting Company, a Montreal organization, which was carrying on very extensive operations on the Transcontinental railway, could finance the New Brunswick section of the St. John and Quebec Railway, the contract taken in the name of the Hibbard Company would be transferred to the Quebec Contracting Company.

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## CHIEF JUSTICE McLEOD ON EMPRESS INQUIRY

Montreal, June 1—Now that the first burst of excitement and grief at the loss of life through the sinking of the C.P.R. steamship Empress of Ireland has partially spent itself and the general public is settling down to await the government inquiry before giving judgment as to the responsibility for the frightful accident, an unhappy controversy between the commanders of the two vessels involved is looming large on the horizon.

Doubtless each of them feels badly over the event itself, but at present it seems to be the case of "blaming the other fellow," and shifting the blame as far as possible. While the tragedy is written so deeply on the hearts of thousands as never to be erased in life, the two men who stand out conspicuously before all the world as possibly more or less responsible for it are in wordy conflict over it.

### CAPTAINS AT VARIANCE

Captain Kendall, of the lost ship, tells the coroner at Rimouski that the captain of the collier Storstad might have prevented loss of life if he had kept the Storstad's nose in the gap she made in the Empress' side.

Captain Andersen, of the Storstad, in interviews in Montreal, says he did try to do this, but the Empress "was going a good speed ahead," and drew away in such manner that

## MAINE FEDERATION OF LABOR MEETS AT WATERVILLE

Waterville, Me. June 2—Representatives of organized labor throughout the State of Maine were on hand at the opening of the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor. The sessions will continue several days during which time the affairs of the federation will be reviewed and plans discussed for increasing the membership and extending the influence of the organization throughout the State.

## THE UNVEILING OF JEFFERSON STATUE

New York, June 2—A portrait statue of Thomas Jefferson a gift to the city from the late late Joseph Pulitzer, was unveiled today in front of the School of Journalism of Columbia University. The unveiling formed part of the commencement exercises at the school of which Mr. Pulitzer was the founder. The statue is the work of William Ordway Partridge and represents Jefferson as he appeared at the age of 58 years, when he was president of the United States.

## NORTH DAKOTA SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN CONVENTION

Jamestown, N.D., June 2—What promises to be the most successful as well as the largest convention ever held by the North Dakota Sunday School Association was opened here today with hundreds of delegates and visitors in attendance. The convention program covers three days and comprises an excellent series of papers and other Sunday School experts of wide prominence.

## PERSONAL

R. O. Inness of Campbellton is at the Queen.

Chas. A. Campbell, of North Sydney is in the city.

Mrs. William Flemming of St. John, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of Mrs. A. H. Farrell.

the bow of the Storstad was forced out of the hole.

Captain Kendall's evidence, in brief, is to the effect that the captain of the Storstad was at fault, first in proceeding ahead when the Empress of Ireland had signalled that she was "under way, but is stopped and has no way on her;" and second, in backing out from the gap she had made in the Empress' side. Captain Kendall is backed by his chief engineer, William Sampson, an Irishman, and by James Rankin, a marine engineer, both of whom state that the collier should have kept her nose in the hole and held up the Empress long enough to allow the crew to launch the boats and get the people off in safety.

### BLAMES EMPRESS

Captain Andersen takes quite a different view of the Empress' actions just prior to the fatal crash by the Storstad. He says the Empress was going fast ahead, and it was impossible after the collision to keep the vessel's bow in the rent she had made because the Empress was going fast. As to statements made by Captain Kendall and others to the effect that the Storstad did comparatively little toward using its boats to save lives, Captain Ove Lanes, agent for the Storstad, says the collier, at great risk to itself, did everything

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