

SERIOUS LOSSES OF PROPERTY AS RESULT OF FIRES

New Brunswick Fire Prevention Board Meets to Consider Conditions in This Province

The appalling loss of property in the province, during the last three months, was one of the matters given serious consideration at a meeting of the New Brunswick Fire Prevention Board, held yesterday afternoon. It was pointed out that during the last three months, property valued at more than \$200,000 had fallen prey to fire started by lightning. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that some steps should be taken to have an act passed in the legislature next year to enforce the installation of lightning rods, under proper conditions. Another matter which was given careful attention was "fire prevention week," Oct. 2-9. The best method of placing instructive data before the public was considered and it was decided to petition school teachers and clergymen, and ask them to make announcements in the

schools and churches, giving details of the enormous loss by fire, the need for greater care, and the elimination of practices, which increase the hazard. In addition the fire marshal, Hugh H. McLellan, will distribute throughout the province literature depicting scenes of conflagrations and giving data as to the causes and means of prevention.

Fire Hazards.

The existing conditions in almost every town in the province were explained to the members by the fire marshal, and discussions took place pro and con regarding them. It was pointed out that in Chatham conditions have been greatly improved by the officials; one building was torn down and roof coverings were changed from shingles to patent types, thus eliminating to a great degree fire hazard. The fire fighting appliances in the different centres were also considered.

The members of the board after considering various matters, instructed Fire Marshal McLellan to proceed to St. George, St. Stephen, Milltown and St. Andrews at the earliest possible moment to look into conditions with a view to bettering them.

In the last quarterly bulletin issued, it is shown that the lumber loss in the province alone aggregated \$239,938. That \$81,996 was lost by fire to dwellings in protected areas, and \$40,292 in unprotected areas. The loss by fire in St. John county during that period was more than \$169,000. The loss by fire in the province during the first and second quarters aggregated the large sum of \$1,587,345.

POTATOES ON VINES STARTLE THE OWNER

Hohann, Wash., Sept. 23.—Potatoes are growing on vines in the garden of Harry Van Wartler here. Mr. Van Wartler says he planted his crop in the usual way. He was startled by the size of the plants and still more startled when tubers began to form on them. He is now picking large potatoes three feet above the ground.

Business in the Home.

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STRONG PLEA FOR MOTHERS' PENSIONS Arrangements were made for sending a delegation to Premier Foster to inquire into the matter of mothers' pensions legislation in the province, at the meeting of the local Council of Women held yesterday afternoon in the board of trade rooms. Action in regard to asking for the appointment of women on the board of the municipal home was deferred until a later meeting. The meeting was the first since the summer and members took up with renewed interest and enthusiasm. Hon. J. G. Forbes and E. L. Rising attended to prefer a plea for support of the Victorian Order next month and received a sympathetic hearing. The Kindergarten Alumnae was welcomed as a newly affiliated society and the delegates from the North End W. C. T. U. on their first attendance were cordially greeted. Reports were received of the good work done through the milk fund for babies and of furniture having been provided for the Red Cross hut at the Lancaster hospital. The Dominion fire commissioner asked the council to co-operate in the observance of fire prevention week.

WELCOMED MEMBERS Mrs. R. J. Hooper, vice-president, was in the chair and in welcoming the members after the summer vacation, she expressed the hope that the new season would be a very successful one. Mrs. T. H. Carter was appointed secretary for the meeting, in the absence of Mrs. G. C. Poir.

Hon. J. G. Forbes and E. L. Rising appeared on behalf of the Victorian Order of Nurses in the city, and Judge Forbes spoke feelingly of the great work done by the V. O. N. in St. John in child welfare, and besides nursing. He told of the financial needs of the order, asking support and advice from the council for a tag day in aid of the V. O. N. Mrs. George F. Smith was to convene for the day and would like to meet with representatives from the council next week. He asked also for the loan of banks. The loan of the banks was sanctioned. Mrs. Hooper spoke appreciatively of the work of the V. O. N., especially in regard to the administration of the council's free milk fund. Mrs. E. A. Young also paid a high tribute to the work of the nurses.

When Judge Forbes and Mr. Rising had withdrawn it was decided to give assistance to the V. O. N. for tag day and a committee consisting of Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson, Miss Alice E. Estey, Mrs. E. A. Young, Mrs. J. S. Flagler, Mrs. H. T. Bonnell and Mrs. H. P. Beck was appointed to meet with Mrs. George F. Smith to discuss tag day arrangements.

NEW DELEGATES New delegates from the North End W. C. T. U., Mrs. Wright, president, Mrs. Myles, Mrs. T. Hannah and Mrs. H. T. Bonnell, were welcomed. Mrs. E. A. Young explained that an entertainment had been planned for the soldier patients in the Lancaster hospital, but had been deferred from August until some time in the fall or winter.

Regarding the appointment of women on the board of the municipal home, previously urged by the council, it was decided to defer action until the next meeting.

Communications read included a letter of thanks for sympathy from Mrs. Millikan, and a request for affiliation from the Kindergarten Alumnae. The Kindergarten Alumnae was welcomed and was to be written to regarding delegates.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Alice E. Estey, treasurer, reported a balance of \$68.78, and bills to the amount of \$11.86 were ordered paid. The milk fund balance was \$1,261.62, and in addition \$20 was received. The last month's milk bill of \$132.84 was ordered paid. Attention was drawn to the fact that heretofore the milk would be half a cent a pint dearer.

GRAND UNION HOTEL MONTREAL Close to business centre and Railroad Stations American Plan \$3.20 up

prevention day, Oct. 9, asking the co-operation of the council and its affiliated societies. The matter of Mothers' Pensions was discussed. Mrs. Hooper, as a member of a special committee, told of meeting Hon. Dr. W. E. Foster, premier of New Brunswick. Mrs. E. A. Young was appointed to get in touch with Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, as soon as she arrived in the city, and arrange for a delegation to wait upon Premier Foster to ask for information as to the present status of mothers' pensions' legislation in the province, and to urge that such legislation be put in force.

FURNISH ROOM IN NURSES' HOME Mrs. L. Green and her daughter, Miss Alice Green, are to leave this morning for Boston and, after a short stay there, will go to Winnipeg to spend the winter. Before returning to St. John in the spring it is their intention to make a short visit with Mrs. Weiner, Mrs. Green's daughter, in New York. Their friends have united to wish them a pleasant winter. Before leaving, Mrs. Green has announced the completion of a project in which she has been greatly interested, the raising of sufficient funds among the Hebrew community to furnish one of the bedrooms in the nurses' home of the General Public Hospital. Mrs. Green has been Hebrew denominational vice-president of the Women's Hospital Aid, and has been active in collecting the funds to furnish a bedroom, in order that the room may bear a name plate saying that the Hebrew community provided the furnishings. The Hospital Aid has acknowledged, gratefully, the generous support of the Hebrew members.

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Back to School back to the Oatmeal Breakfast OUR children are back at school—healthy of body and alert in mind. The holidays have done them good, the change has fitted them for the strenuous days ahead,—but it rests with you to see that they KEEP FIT, that their little bodies are kept built up to withstand the rigours of fall and winter weather. Fortify your children by giving them the right breakfast. Satisfy the appetites gained through the summer holidays with food which will nourish the brain and body and ensure vigorous health. In other words get the children back to that basic, simple food—Oatmeal. Of all cereals the oat is the most invigorating, the most nutritious, and the easiest to digest. In fact to insure proper feeding for child and grown-up alike, one meal a day should be of oats—the supreme food. Your physician will tell you that oats do not produce fat—they produce bone and brain. But just rolled oats will not do. To be sure of getting oats at their best, buy the packaged kind, not the bulk. Quaker Oats is the finest and most wholesome oat dish in the world. Quaker Oats consist of rich, plump, queen grains only—the puny or imperfect grains are discarded. These large Quaker flakes absorb more moisture than small flours or broken flakes. That is why Quaker Oats makes the most, as well as the best, porridge. The most economical breakfast food too,—it costs less than one cent per dish. You will be ordering groceries to-day. Remember to include Quaker Oats on your list. Quaker Oats In Sealed Cartons Only QUAKER MILLS PETERBOROUGH AND SASKATOON Also makers of Quaker Flour, Puffed Rice and Puffed Wheat, Tilton's Oats, etc., all the same high standard as Quaker Oats. The Quaker mills at Peterborough are the largest cereal mills in the British Empire and the most modern mills in the world—striking evidence of the popularity of Quaker Products. Visitors to the mills are always welcome.