

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN CITY INSURANCE TAX

Manufacturers and Business Men Express Opinions On Bill.

SAY PRINCIPLE OF MEASURE WRONG

Suggested Imposit be on Net Premium Rather Than Fixed \$100.

The proposed bill to give the city power to impose a license fee of \$100 on fire insurance companies which have no agency in the city but take risks here has aroused much interest, as is shown by interviews with merchants and manufacturers this morning.

It was contended by those interviewed that the principle of the bill is wrong, in that it imposes a heavy tax on industry and must be paid by the local industries.

A. Blake, of the Atlantic Refinery, said that the mutuals, which are the companies which will be affected by the bill, are simply associations of industries to insure themselves and not in business for profit.

Charles Coster, of T. McAvity & Sons, said he thought that if the city intended to tax these companies, it should adopt the method of the federal and provincial governments and make it apply on net premium rather than a fixed tax of \$100.

Following will be found interviews with a number of local concerns:

THE REFINERY

A. F. Blake, manager of the Atlantic Sugar Refinery said their insurance was carried in the old line companies but they were nevertheless opposed to the principle of associations of industries insuring themselves and in this respect differed from regular companies organized for profit. It followed that a tax on mutuals was a tax on industry. The entire tax in Saint John would be paid by a few local industries, which seemed an unfair way of raising civic revenue.

M. R. A. Ltd.

Manchester Robertson Allison Ltd. did not wish to be included in any controversy in the insurance matter. They stated that all their policies were written locally with the people with whom they did business year in and year out, the citizenship body.

COTTON MILLS

The cotton mills here are insured with the mutual corporations. It was stated today the attitude of the mills corporation was fully covered by remarks on this subject by President L. W. Simms of the Board of Trade before the Common Council.

Imperial Insures Here.

Imperial Theatre is insured with companies represented by long established offices in this city, though primarily the policies are handled by a central brokerage house. Looking after all local-Albion insurance business. A local office is the Saint John representative of this central bureau and the various offices in town get a share of the large amount. This local office of the American concern's policies was effected after King Square new house was built about 12 years ago.

George C. Weldon, president of S. Hayward Co., Ltd., said this morning his company was absolutely opposed to such a tax. He termed it as "unfair."

T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd.

Charles Coster, of T. McAvity & Sons said they felt the proposition to impose the tax of \$100 per fire insurance companies doing business in the city, whether they had agents here or not, and where no agent was present, collecting the amount from the insured, was not fair to the merchants and manufacturers. In their own case he said they were insured in the Associated Factory Mutuals and this association was composed of 28 companies. They did not know how many of these companies their risks would be placed in at any time. They had been insured in as many as 15 companies and at present were in 6 companies.

He suggested that the fair way to impose a tax on these companies would be to follow the same method as the Federal and Provincial governments, which imposed a tax of 5 per cent. on the net premium. If the city would impose some such tax as that he felt sure there would not be any objection on the part of the local concerns interested.

W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd.

James G. Harrison, president of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., said his company was not greatly interested in the matter as it carried its insurance with local companies.

Scovil Bros., Ltd.

A. Neil McLean, managing director of Scovil Bros., Ltd., said his company placed its insurance locally. Although the building was equipped with the sprinkler system which entitled the company to go to an outside company, he said he had gone to the local board and secured what he considered an eminently fair rate. His company, therefore, was not interested in the matter. He expressed the opinion, however, that in view of the campaign to build up the Maritime governments, matters being equal, the preference should go to local companies.

PERSONALS

Mrs. A. M. Belding left on Saturday for Montreal to visit Mr. Belding, and return with him to Saint John, after his trip across Canada in the interests of the Maritimes.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morgan, 244 Duke Street, will be pleased to learn that their daughter, Joy, who has been seriously ill, is well on the road to recovery.

Female Help Wanted. See the want ad. page.

Twice Approved



BENITO MUSSOLINI.

ROME, March 16.—The Chamber of Deputies gave the Government of Premier Mussolini two votes of confidence on Saturday. Supporting the Government's internal policy the chamber voted 215 to 15, while the second vote on the colonial policy was 211 to 15.

Out of Danger.

ROME, March 16.—The complaint from which Premier Mussolini has been suffering is ulceration of that part of the small intestine next to the stomach, accompanied by rather severe hemorrhages. The Premier is now considered out of danger.

PILOTS QUARTERS

The pilots took over their new quarters in the Custom House this morning and a telephone has been installed for their use. The room is on the second floor. They hope to secure their old quarters again when the warehouse building at Reed's Point wharf is repaired.

AT THE DRY DOCK

The river steamer Majestic, which has been undergoing repairs at the slipway at East St. John, has been taken off the marine railway pending the completion of a new tail shaft for the vessel. The Majestic will probably go back on the slipway the latter part of this week to have this work completed. The other repairs have been finished.

The winners in the Civic and Civil Bowling League contest last week were: First, O. J. Lawson, 88; second, H. D. Needham, 82; third, R. W. Merryweather, 84; consolation, A. Stewart, 60.

BIRTHS

WILSON.—On March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Wilson, a daughter, Patricia, at the Evangeline Maternity Hospital.

CUNNINGHAM.—On March 15, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Vernon Cunningham, 80 Spring street, a daughter, Elizabeth, at the Evangeline Maternity Hospital.

MEALY.—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Stander, 1001 Highway, a daughter, Margaret, on March 15, 1935, a daughter, Margaret, at the Evangeline Maternity Hospital.

STEWART.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stewart, 483 City Line, West, on March 15, 1935, a daughter.

DEATHS

GORHAM.—In this city, on March 14, 1935, Mary Jane, widow of Warren J. Gorham, the daughter of the late Patrick and Elizabeth Canning, leaving one brother and one sister to mourn. (Boston papers please copy.)

Funeral took place this morning at 9 o'clock from the residence of the late Mrs. J. D. Canning, 28 Harding street, to St. John the Baptist church for requiem high mass at 9 o'clock.

O'NEILL.—At St. George, on March 16, 1935, James O'Neill, leaving his wife, Mary, and three daughters, one son, and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral on Wednesday at 9 o'clock to St. George's church for requiem high mass at 9 o'clock.

PERRY.—At the General Public Hospital, on March 15, 1935, Captain George H. Perry, leaving one son.

Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. W. S. Harvey, 176 1/2 Duke street, to St. John the Baptist church for requiem high mass at 9 o'clock.

PERKINS.—At the residence of F. L. Perkins, 176 1/2 Duke street, on March 15, 1935, after a short illness, Clifford Dykeman Perkins, leaving a loving wife and one sister.

Funeral on Tuesday from 176 1/2 Duke street services at 2:30 p. m.

BARTON.—At Seattle, Wash., U. S. A., on March 15, 1935, George Barton, formerly of Saint John, N. B.

Funeral took place on Sunday at St. John's.

HATFIELD.—At his home, 252 Prince street, Saint John, N. B., Friday, March 15, 1935, Samuel Fairweather Hatfield, leaving to mourn his wife, six step-children, three brothers, one sister and one niece.

Funeral from his late residence, Sunning street, at 2:30 p. m.

GALLIVAN.—In this city, on March 14, 1935, Michael Gallivan, leaving two sons and five daughters to mourn.

Funeral from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Holden, 25 Orange street, Monday morning at 9 o'clock to the Cathedral for high mass of requiem. Friends invited.

Court Treasury Enriched By \$864 in Week End Liquor Cases

Within the short space of about five minutes liquor fines totalling \$864 were collected in the police court this morning on charges of violation of the prohibitory act. Seven persons, gathered in by the police over the week-end, on drunkenness charges, contributed \$64 to the total, while the remainder came from four West Saint John men, who pleaded guilty to keeping intoxicating liquor for sale in their beer shops in West Saint John. They were

JAMES O'NEILL IS DEAD IN ST. GEORGE

Prominent Business Man Was Brother of Rev. A. B. O'Neill, C. S. C.

James O'Neill died early this morning at his home in St. George after a brief illness, although he had been in failing health for some time. He was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of St. George and had been in business as a general merchant and in dry goods for many years. He was a man of studious mind, conversant with many subjects, and was considered an authority because of this love of research. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Arthur and Edward; three daughters, Mrs. Edward McGrath, Miss Annie and Miss Clara O'Neill, all of St. George; three brothers, Rev. A. B. O'Neill, C. S. C. of Notre Dame, Indiana; William and John, of Eureka, California; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary and Miss Catherine, both of St. George. The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at St. George to the Catholic church, with mass sung by Rev. J. W. Holland.

LEADING MAN AND WIFE ARE HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrington Receive Gift on Wedding Anniversary.

Celebrating the sixth anniversary of their wedding, Frank Harrington, leading man of F. James Carroll roll Players at the Opera House, and Mrs. Harrington, last night enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McGowan. During the evening the members of the Players presented to Mr. and Mrs. Harrington a handsome lunch set in honor of the occasion. The evening was pleasantly spent with song and story and several musical numbers were enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington left this morning for Halifax where Mr. Harrington will look after the leading role while James Coats is at St. John.

HUSBAND ON STAND

LONDON, March 16.—The crowd of fashionable folk who daily crowd the courtrooms had another big moment today when Lieutenant Colonel Ian O'Sullivan took the stand in his own defence against the allegations of his former wife that he had encouraged her intimacy with Sir John Cowan, the Quartermaster General of the British army, to further his own military ambitions.

Hannah Parker, the former wife, said, testified that Mrs. O'Sullivan told her the night before the marriage of her ex-husband to the Dowager Countess of Carnarvon "I'm glad they are going to be married tomorrow. Now I can put the screws on."

CARD OF THANKS

Charles Lawson and family wish to thank their friends for sympathy in their bereavement, also for beautiful flowers sent.

Ernest J. Brown and sisters (Mrs. A. F. and Mrs. J. A. Brown) wish to thank their many friends and relatives for kind letters of sympathy, during their recent bereavement, and for their kind wishes for the recovery of their son, who is now recovering from the effects of the late Mrs. J. D. Canning's illness.

Phillip George and daughter wish to thank their many friends for sympathy shown them in their recent bereavement, also for floral and spiritual offerings.

John Conboy and daughter, Gladys, wish to thank their many friends for sympathy shown them in their recent bereavement, also for floral and spiritual offerings.

Mrs. John McGowan and Mrs. Annie McGowan wish to thank all those who sympathized with them in the death of their son, John, especially those who sent flowers and spiritual offerings.

SPRING OPENING OF Baby Carriages

How many hours should baby be kept in the air? It is becoming more and more a realization on the part of the medical profession that fresh air babies are healthier and happier.

When you buy a baby carriage here you are securing the best and most scientifically made, so that the baby's comfort and happiness are assured. Inspection invited.

EASY TERMS Open an Account Today

AMLAND BROS., LTD.

19 Waterloo Street

CRIPPLED LITTLE ONES TO HOSPITAL

Two Leave Saint John For Treatment in Shriners' Care.

This afternoon as the Montreal train pulls out of the Union Depot at 4 o'clock, a momentous journey for two children, a boy and girl, crippled since babyhood will begin. Their destination is the Montreal Hospital for Crippled Children conducted by the Myrtle Shriners. Their cases present reasonable hope for cures. They will be accompanied by Charles Robinson, recorder of Luxor Temple, and at McAdam the party will be joined by a sister and another crippled boy from Woodstock. Mr. Robinson plans to leave the nurse in charge and return to Saint John from McAdam.

Three More Cases.

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, they will be admitted to the recently completed hospital for crippled children at Montreal and there treated without charge until they are returned home again. This is the beginning of this great work in New Brunswick and Mr. Robinson already has application forms practically ready for three more cases. As soon as arrangements can be completed they will be sent along.

The date for the dedication of the Montreal hospital has been set for May 16 next and Mr. Robinson now is working on arrangements for a big pilgrimage of Shriners from New Brunswick to attend the ceremonies, which will be conducted by the Imperial Council, Nine Shriners' hospitals for crippled children are now in operation throughout the United States and Canada.

MEET HERE TO PLAN FOR CAMP SUSSEX

Commanding Officers of N. B. Military Units Have Session Tonight.

A meeting of all commanding officers of New Brunswick units has been called for this evening at Military Headquarters by Col. W. B. Anderson, C. M. G., D. S. O., for the purpose of discussing the plans for Camp Sussex this year. The estimates for militia training have not been brought down in the case of Companies yet and it is not known what allotment will be made this year for the province. An early start, however, has been decided on by Col. Anderson.

WHISKEY BUSINESS GOOD SAYS VISITOR

Old Country Manufacturer Arrives at Sand Point—Metagana Has 286 Passengers.

John McIntrath, old country whiskey manufacturer, arrived here on the Metagana on Sunday. He went to Halifax, and will later go through to the coast and will end at Vancouver for the Philippine Islands, Hong Kong and other Eastern centres. He said that business in his line was good, prohibition made no apparent difference so far as Canada was concerned.

The Metagana docked early yesterday morning, and at 9 o'clock her 286 passengers were landed and left in the morning train at 12 and 1 o'clock. In addition to the passengers, she had approximately 600 tons of general cargo, of which 75 tons were for provincial merchants.

Prominent among the passengers was J. W. Munro of Glasgow, a well-known judge and dog fancier, who recently purchased a 900-acre farm at Carstairs, Alberta, and is now en route there with his family. He was accompanied by D. K. Watson, a member of the West of Scotland football team.

MUSICAL RECITAL IN CHURCH IS ENJOYED

Follows Regular Sunday Evening Service in German Street Baptist.

Miss Louise Knight, soprano soloist, and Miss Audrey Boulton, violinist, and Mrs. J. D. Canning, pianist, gave a most enjoyable recital last evening, after the regular service. Dr. Percival L. Boulton, tenor, and C. J. Stackhouse, bass, sang solos and the choir furnished a very useful anthem.

Rev. Dr. S. Poole preached from "Singing the Soul, But Losing the Life." In the regular service, Miss Frances Murdoch sang and the male quartette gave a selection. J. Stewart Smith sang a tenor obligato.

In the recital Miss Knight sang "O' the Day" by Easthope Martin, with depth of feeling and sweet, clear tones. T. C. Cochrane, organist and director of the choir, played the accompaniments, and gave several organ selections. Miss Boulton played "Gounod's 'Ave Maria' and another selection. Both were listened to with rapt attention. Dr. Boulton sang "The Watchman" with fine effect and won the sympathy of the large congregation in the presentation of the old favorite, "The Ninety and Nine," which he sang in the regular service.

Unfurnished Rooms to Let. See the want ad. page.

Too Late for Classification.

WANTED—Applications will be received for the State examination in surveying and salary expected—Apply Box U 77, Times, 1295—2-18

LOST—String of pearl beads, between Brittain street and King Square, or in Imperial or in car on Thursday evening, March 12.—Phone Main 4057. 1295—2-18

WANTED—By business girl, to hear from three girls willing to share expenses in upkeep of an apartment. Write Box U 8, Times. 1295—2-18

LOST—Sum of money in German street or City Market—Apply Main 2894. 1295—2-11

IMPERIAL SUSSEX, N. B.

MON, TUES, WED, March 16, 17, 18 "Potash and Perlmutter"

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THE THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

JIMMY COOTS HERE AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Last Year's Popular Leading Man Local Guest Star This Week Only

Opera House stock followers numbering thousands will delightfully welcome the six day return of Jimmy Coats, whose Halifax success this season is equaling that which he scored here last season. The big comedy success, "The First Year," in which Mr. Coats has been very successful, is the bill selected for the "Jimmy Coats' Week," beginning tonight.

Discuss Gas Tax On Thursday Morning

Mayor Potts announced this morning that the weekly meeting of the City Council would be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock instead of in the afternoon. He also said that the proposed gasoline tax would be taken up at a committee meeting on Thursday morning.

Commissioner Wigmore asked when the application of the Imperial Oil company for permission to erect tanks was to come up. Commissioner Bullock said the plans had not yet been filed and no action could be taken until this had been done.

BIG C. P. R. DANCE IS BEING ARRANGED

Get Together Expected to Rival That of 1923 When 1,800 Attended.

A big "get together" dance for the employees of the C. P. R. will be held in the spacious baggage room in West St. John on Tuesday, April 14, and a large committee is now actively making preparations.

A similar event was held in 1923, and 1,800 were in attendance. The dance this year is expected to eclipse the former one from many standpoints. The large enclosure, with its hard wood floor, will be artistically decorated, refreshments will be served, and a special train will be on hand to carry the pleasure-seekers from the building to the city at the conclusion of the dance. A large orchestra will be on hand to furnish music.

BRINGS 477 HERE

Melita Arrives in Port—Has 2,000 Tons of General Cargo.

The steamship Melita arrived here on Sunday afternoon with 477 passengers, approximately 2,000 tons of general cargo and a fair-sized consignment of mail. Her passengers were sent for ward in two special trains. Prominent among her passengers were: F. G. Cocke of Toronto, Miss H. G. Foss of Sherbrooke, Que., Mrs. Mindon Cole of Montreal, H. B. Roy, a Canadian government official of Ottawa; T. W. Driskill of London, Miss J. C. Gillespie of London, and E. Haines of the same place. The three last named are en route to different destinations in the Orient. Both liners had several unaccompanied children, who were looked after by officials.

Business Opportunities. See the want ad. page.

Spring Topcoats

For Men Interested in Appearances. Modeled to Appeal to Your Tastes. Made to Appeal to Your Judgment. Priced to Appeal to Your Pocket.

The success of this store in ready tailored overcoats has been achieved by avoiding cut and dried selections. We have never been in the rut of considering overcoats solely from the view of a size range. Our aim is to give a man individuality instead of taking it away from him; and whoever examines our new Spring Overcoat Selections will find them characterized by that intensely personal note that has given this store its reputation.

\$20, \$22.50, \$25 to \$40

GILMOUR'S

68 KING ST.

Finest English Milton China

Bouillon Cups and Saucers, Salad Plates, Cream Jugs, etc. Regular price \$2.00 and \$2.50 each. Choice to clear \$1.25 each. Tea Plates, 4 Patterns, regular price \$1.50. To clear 75c. each. Bread and Butter Plates, Fruit Saucers, 3 patterns, regular price \$1.00. To clear 50c. each. Make your choice from our window display.

O. H. WARWICK CO. LTD., 78-82 KING ST.

IN NEW POSITION.

William P. Lawton, new caretaker at the Customs House, took over his new duties yesterday. He was formerly shipper for Vassie & Co., Ltd., and his resignation there took effect on Saturday.

LIKELY THIS WEEK.

Tenders for the new vocational school will probably be called for the latter part of this week. A meeting of the School Board will be held before the tenders are called for.

Have You Foot Troubles?

You may have instant relief from corns, fallen arches, etc. Electrical Treatments. For personal attention phone Main 4761. W. W. CLARK, Graduate Chiropodist and Masseuse, 44 King Square.

MARVELOUS!

Visitor to Local Plant Expresses Wonder and Pleasure.

A well known Saint John citizen recently paid a visit to the fine pasteurization plant of the Purity Company, City Road, and after going through the various departments, expressed himself as being astonished at the remarkable efficiency and cleanliness of the plant.

To use his own words—"I am very fond of milk, and after going through your creditable plant, I feel that I can drink just twice as much as I did before. It is nothing short of marvelous the manner in which you handle such large quantities of milk. There is no wonder people like Purity milk. I always did like it, but now I like it more than ever."

You, too, should enjoy this good, rich, pure milk. Phone Main 5000 and order your daily supply now.

Francis & Vaughan

19 KING ST.

Main Street Baptist Church. Last Call to Hear THE SINGING EVANGELISTS

5 GREAT NIGHTS!

Monday Night RUTH TAYLOR, Speaker

Tuesday Night HARRY TAYLOR, Speaker. Subject: "Will God Shut a Man Out of Heaven Who Does the Best He Can?"

Wednesday Night Subject: "Saint John's Greatest Sin."

Thursday Night Subject: "The Most Startling Proposition Ever Put Before a Man."

Friday Night Subject: "Tear By Fire" or "Bonds that wouldn't bind, fires that wouldn't burn and a friend that wouldn't forsake."

THE MEETINGS WILL CLOSE NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

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Let Us Dye For You

Last year's dress, suit or coat makes up into a first class Spring outfit with a little thought. At the smallest cost.

Call up the clever Dyers of the New System Laundry and have them tell you what colors your garment takes best. Then you'll be all fixed to save a lot of money and gain the satisfaction that ambitious women enjoy.

New System Laundry

Cleaners—Dyers. Mid-city Branch - 25 King Square

Longer Life Boys' Boots

A lower percentage of expense on the bigger business they do, together with the special buying that only large firms can arrange—all these money-saving advantages permit Francis & Vaughan to have better Boots built for the same money than others pay for inferior.

Thus without paying more you get more here. Boots lasting from half as long again to twice as long. All because the outsoles are ten gauge thick oak tanned leather, the insoles are full grained, and stand repeated half soiling. The heels are solid leather, the Calf uppers are wholestock, the toes are double, the stitching extra and special strengthening wherever wanted.

On these lines see the "Summit" British built kip boot with waterproofed bell tongue and steel strengthened double sole—\$4.45. Sizes 2 to 8.

Others \$2.35 to \$5.35. Smaller sizes low in proportion.