

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSS ACTION BY CHIEF CLARK

Commissioner McLellan Denies that He or Any Other Commissioner Desired to See Chief of Police Lose His Position—Had Intended to Advance Salaries Under a New System.

At the meeting of the city council yesterday, Com. McLellan stated that neither he nor his fellow commissioners had been after Chief Clark's head, and that he had been decided on Friday, after a conference Thursday evening with the St. John representatives in the legislature, not to give effect to the resolution to reduce the police force to one man.

"I am credibly informed," he added, "that the chief knew two hours before he secured the injunction that matters were in such shape that no action would be taken on the resolution; and that the chief acted against the advice of his best friend, the city. The chief has gone out of his way to make it appear as if, through the commission, he was hunting for his head, but I deny it or anybody to say that I ever said I wanted his head."

Continuing, Com. McLellan said that the reason the public had not been taken into their confidence in that they thought it was in the interests of the city not to do so. They knew the government could not vest the appointment in the city until the legislature met, and the resolution to reduce the force was only intended to show that they were in earnest. Some people thought that was discourtesy to the government, but the city had been trying to get the right of appointment from the government for years.

The chief's affidavit admitted what he had been trying to persuade the council all summer, namely that the chief is supreme and does not recognize the authority of the city. He thinks no policeman can be dismissed except for cause.

This shows the chief is not acquainted with the regulations, No. 9 of the municipal rules, adopted by the council, says policemen can be dismissed without cause. This protects the city as well as the men.

The chief expressed grave fears of the result of reducing the force. If the reduction had taken place, it was the intention to provide as much or better protection.

The chief intimates that I, especially, was trying to degrade and humiliate him. This to me is a very serious accusation, and I am only concerned to improve the system, instead of making any change in the personnel of the force, it was the intention to give every officer a trial under a new system, and with increased pay, I intended to ask the council to give an increase of 25 cents a day.

Com. Schofield—That had not been agreed to.

Com. McLellan—No, but I intended to ask for the money when the estimates came up.

Continuing, Com. McLellan said no member of the commission had expressed any friendliness to the chief, and that he had tried his best to help the chief. But now that the chief had taken the matter into his own hands, he must recognize all responsibility for the police service, until the courts determined the city's rights.

Com. Agar Agrees.

Com. Agar expressed approval of

NEWS IN SHORT METRE

LOCAL.

Police Court.

In the police court yesterday morning James A. McDonald, formerly St. John manager for the P. E. Publishing Company, was arraigned on a charge of stealing \$40 from his employers. The case was adjourned until Friday morning, when he is expected to appear. He has been charged with stealing \$40 from his employers, and his honor said he would allow it, fixing the amount at \$2,000 which the prisoner said he would secure during the afternoon.

Factor Davidson and Mabel Thomas, charged with lying and luring, failed to appear in court, having been given their liberty on \$20 deposits on Sunday. The deposits will be forfeited.

Young Man Disappears.

Arthur M. DeLong, who made his home with his aunt, Mrs. Saunders, proprietress of the Waverly House, Charlotte street, left the house about a week ago and has not been heard from since. He worked with the Union Bakery on Charlotte street. No reason can be assigned for his disappearance. He was twenty-one years old, fair complexion, medium height, and usually wore dark clothes.

Acknowledgment.

The treasurer of the St. John Protestant Orphan Home acknowledges with thanks the sum of \$50.00, amount of collection at Christmas Day services of united Presbyterians held in Calvin church.

New Year's Reception.

The Potentate and Divan of Luxor Temple Ancient Arabic Order Mystic Shrine, will hold a reception in their temple on New Year's Day, from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. for the ability.

His Big Cargo.

The Allan liner Corsican, Captain Elson, arrived in port early yesterday morning from Liverpool, with eighty-two passengers and one of the latest freight cargoes that has been brought here by any steamer for some time. The big liner had 3,500 tons of cargo saved away in her hold. Four hundred passengers were brought across, but all with the exception of the few landed here, disembarked at Halifax. Captain Cook reports having had a pretty rough passage. The pas-

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PARABORO'S SHIPMENTS OF LUMBER

Year Just Closing an Off Year for Shipments of Deals and Scantlings to United Kingdom.

Special to The Standard.

Paraboro, Dec. 30.—Many years the shipment of deals and scantlings to the United Kingdom has been one of Paraboro's leading industries, but the year now closing has been in this respect "an off year." The shipments of deals and scantlings to Great Britain and Ireland this season aggregated only 17,575,560 feet, valued at \$223,621, as compared with 23,552,217 feet valued at \$408,215 shipped in 1911. This marked falling off in shipments was not on account of the supply of lumber, but was caused by the unsatisfactory condition of the British market and by the sharp advance in freight rates, which largely decreased their output. The year's output, however, was not so small as the deal shipments would seem to indicate. The exports of lumber to the United States were larger than in any other year in the history of this port. The exports of spruce boards and scantlings to the United States up to the 1st of December totaled 16,511,763 feet, valued at \$214,077. During the present month exports aggregating more than a million feet have been shipped. The exports in the same time in 1911 totaled 3,829,514 feet, valued at \$48,626, while in 1910 the exports amounted to 6,300,301 feet with an estimated value of \$85,197. We were assured, prior to the last Federal election, that failure to accept the Taft-Felding pact would destroy our lumber trade with the United States. The remarkable increase in our lumber exports seems to indicate that the pre-election predictions were in error.

The number of laths exported this season was 10,618,300, valued at \$29,234. The figures last year were 12,185,600 laths valued at \$32,822. It was seen, therefore, that although the laths exported this year were fewer by two millions than in 1911, the value was almost equal, and the number of laths was 10,600,100, which is very nearly the same as this year, but the valuation then was only \$23,862.

The piling exports amounted to 953 pieces, valued at \$54,295. This is the smallest number of pieces exported in several years, but some people believe that the country of the piling should cease altogether.

The coal shipments this year aggregated 190,000 tons, valued at \$670,000. The figures for 1911 were 170,000 tons, valued at \$590,000. The greater part of the coal is carried in steamers, making regular trips to St. John and Portland, but it also gives more or less regular employment to the greater part of the schooners sailing to various ports in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The Paraboro fleet is getting smaller, but taken altogether it has been a good season. There has been abundant employment, and freights, particularly "off shore" ones, have been much higher than usual.

One enterprise started this year has had a successful season and appears to be capable of almost limitless development. It is the Johnson Manufacturing Co., which has shipped several cargoes of barrel shooks to Cornwallis this season, and already has orders for twice as many next year.

There is abundant material within easy reach and the demand is constantly and rapidly increasing, so there should be no difficulty in building up a prosperous business.

The new public building is nearly finished, and the interior work is well advanced. It is a great improvement and will be a great credit to the present conditions. It will be completed next spring.

An undertaking which has cost considerable money and has caused an immense amount of talk is the attempt to dam the Partridge Island River near the O'Mullin bridge, and convert it into an artificial lake. The work has given employment to a number of men and the dam was supposed to be nearly completed. The water of the about stream was soon covered with water, much to the disgust of a number of property owners, who feared the dam could not be made to hold enough water to flood the marsh. For a time there was water enough and to spare, and the young people were seeing the lions of various winter sports at an early date, but, unfortunately, several large leaks developed in the abutment, and the water began to seep away. It will be nobody seems to know, but it is safe to assume that the abutment will cost more money and cause much more talk before the hopes and wishes of its friends and promoters are realized.

THE DEATH OF ARTHUR EVERETT.

The death took place at Montreal on Thursday last of Arthur Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Everett, formerly of this city. He was a bright young man and was well known and respected. He had been in poor health for several months. Besides his parents he is survived by two sisters, the Misses Bessie and Edith. The funeral took place yesterday and the remains were interred in Mount Royal cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Everett and their family moved to Montreal from here about two years ago.

Peter Ryan.

The death took place yesterday morning of Peter Ryan, a well-known carpenter and builder, at his home, No. 143 Brunswick street, after a brief illness. Mr. Ryan, who was twice married, is survived by five children, the eldest being James A. Ryan, of this city; John P. Ryan, P. E. Island; Mrs. Charles Cochran, Mrs. Edward Kennedy and Mrs. Joseph Quinlan, all of this city; also by his second wife and two children.

THE FIREMEN HAD FAIRLY BUSY TIME OF IT IN 1912

During the Past Twelve Months the St. John Fire Department Responded to 153 Bell Alarms and Numerous Still—No Very Serious Fires During Year—A Chronological List.

With the closing of the year 1912, it is fitting to give a brief account of the work done by the fire department which is at call at all hours of the day and night and during an entire twelve months, the men on both sides of the harbor respond to very many alarms.

In the year 1911 the number of bell alarms was the greatest in the history of the department, but looking over the list for the past year it is shown that the number was not as great as in the year previous, but at all events, there was a large number of calls, and some of the fire department, and the excellent class of fire fighters which John Kerr, the chief of the department, has under his command.

Up to date there have been on the eastern side of the harbor 121 bell alarms while on the West side there were 32 bell alarms, making a total of 153. This is far below the number of alarms for the year previous. In addition to these bell alarms there have been numerous calls for still alarms sent in to the stations, especially to the stations where the chemical engines are housed.

These stills are for slight fires which can be easily extinguished by the chemicals and do not necessitate the calling out of the other apparatus and the men. There have been many bell alarms for slight fires which have been responded to by engines, hose wagons and ladder trucks which were unnecessary and could have been sent in to the stations, especially to the stations where the chemical engines are housed.

The following is a complete list of the alarms which were sent in during the past year:

January.

Fri., 5th, 3.05 p. m., box 16, Harris house, Middle street.

Mon., 8th, 8.30 a. m., box 15, Marcus house, Brunswick street.

Mon., 8th, 9.45 a. m., box 39, Martin house, Union street.

Wed., 10th, 11.45 a. m., box 17, house, 30 Elm street.

Sat., 13th, 3.40 p. m., box 134, rolling mill, Strait shore.

Sun., 14th, 11.35 a. m., box 24, Dr. McInerney's barn, Princess street.

Sun., 14th, 1.15 p. m., box 125, need- less alarm.

Thurs., 18th, 11.35 p. m., box 122, steam, Malott, Indian town.

Thurs., 25th, 2.15 p. m., box 131, church, Victoria street.

February.

Thurs., 1st, 2.15 p. m., box 7, Tug Waring, South Wharf.

Fri., 2nd, 8.10 p. m., box 36, Chace house, Queen street.

Mon., 5th, 9.30 p. m., box 141, false alarm.

Tues., 6th, 3.15 p. m., box 28, Vendome Hotel, Prince Wm. street.

Fri., 9th, 9.35 a. m., box 7, accident to horse.

Sat., 10th, 9.45 p. m., box 7, Gibbons coal shed.

Sun., 11th, 1.15 a. m., box 7, Gibbons coal shed.

Mon., 12th, 11 a. m., box 14, Harringtons, Brussels street.

Tues., 13th, 4.30 p. m., box 45, Hanlon, Germain street.

Sun., 25th, 4 p. m., box 41, Codys house, St. James street.

Mon., 26th, 11.10 p. m., box 5, barn, North street.

Wed., 28th, 5.25 p. m., box 23, Halls book store, King street.

March.

Sun., 3rd, 10.53 p. m., box 162, chimney fire.

Wed., 6th, 1.55 p. m., box 121, Hector house Spar Cove Road.

Sun., 10th, 8.40 p. m., box 421, Beamish house, Westmain street.

Sun., 10th, 5.15 p. m., box 27, Frink estate Market street.

Sat., 24th, 2.40 a. m., box 164, tugboat, Alice R.

Wed., 20th, 7.25 p. m., box 5, Webber's, Dock street.

Sat., 23rd, 2.58 a. m., box 41, Earle's apartment house, St. James street.

Thurs., 21st, 9.50 a. m., box 256, Fleming's, Wright street.

Thurs., 21st, 8.40 p. m., box 253, Lawson's house, Wright street.

Sat., 23rd, 12.10 a. m., box 153, false alarm.

Sat., 23rd, 6 a. m., box 154, tar pot.

April.

Fri., 12th, 9.25 a. m., box 127, grass fire, Douglas Ave.

Sun., 13th, 11.20 a. m., box 12 Philip's, Union street.

Sat., 13th, 2.20 p. m., box 127, grass fire.

Fri., 13th, 3.50 p. m., box 131 grass fire.

Sat., 13th, 6.40 p. m., box 4, Dolan's, Canton street.

Sun., 14th, 7.30 a. m., box 14, Corkery's, Brussels street.

Sun., 14th, 4.20 p. m., box 133 grass fire, Hillary street.

Sat., 19th, 10.15 p. m., box 143, need- less alarm.

Sat., 20th, 10.25 p. m., box 121, false alarm.

Tues., 23rd, 8.10 p. m., box 17, York Cotton Mill warehouse.

Wed., 24th, 11.10 a. m., box 61, Christie's mill, City Road.

Sat., 27th, 1.07 a. m., box 221 dry house, Cornwall Cotton Mill.

Sat., 27th, 10.45 a. m., box 321, Pyle's house, Somerset street.

Mon., 29th, 5.35 p. m., box 124, Colwell's house, Adelaide street.

Mon., 29th, 10.25 p. m., box 123 Starkey's stable.

May.

Fri., 3rd, 1.40 p. m., box 145, McConnell's and McLeod buildings, Main street.

Fri., 3rd, 3 p. m., box 152, Harris house, Mill street.

Sun., 12th, 11.30 p. m., box 23, S. Hayward's, Church street.

Mon., 6th, 3.40 p. m., box 127, grass fire, Douglas Ave.

Thurs., 8th, 1.55 p. m., box 25, chimney fire, Vanwara's.

Mon., 13th, 8.52 a. m., box 144, Quinlan's, Hill street.

Sun., 14th, 8.40 p. m., box 45, Woodley's house.

Thurs., 16th, 1.10 p. m., box 27, Brunswick house, King Square.

Thurs., 16th, 9.15 p. m., box 39, Forsyth's house, Pitt street, chimney.

Sun., 19th, 5.10 p. m., box 58, Rogers house, Carleton street.

Tues., 21st, 10.20 a. m., box 145, Walsh child burned, Long Wharf.

Sun., 26th, 6.25 p. m., box 27, Coffey building, Charlotte street.

June.

Sat., 1st, 12.40 p. m., box 134, spark on roof.

Sun., 2nd, 12.10 a. m., box 312, false alarm, Britain street.

Sun., 2nd, 2.30 p. m., box 152, false alarm.

Tue., 18th, 11.20 p. m., box 5, Roomey's house, Drury Lane.

Fri., 18th, 12.40 a. m., box 17, Wilson's foundry, Brussels street.

Fri., 21st, 2.35 p. m., box 221, spark in woodshed.

Sat., 22nd, 11.23 a. m., box 15, McDonald's, Erin street.

Tue., 25th, 8.25 a. m., box 5, Union Cafe, Dock street.

Sat., 29th, 12.15 p. m., box 14, tar pot, Erskine street.

Sat., 29th, 12.20 p. m., box 26, Magee building, Water street.

July.

Tue., 2nd, 3 p. m., box 41, needles.

Fri., 18th, 5.30 p. m., box 17, lumber pile, Christie's, Erin street.

Sat., 6th, 11.05 p. m., box 3, barn, McLaughlin estate, Coburg street.

Sun., 7th, 2.45 a. m., box 125, Conors house, Main street.

Wed., 17th, 5.05 p. m., box 53, I. C. R. oil shed.

Thurs., 25th, 2.50 p. m., box 52, McQuade's, Exmouth street.

Tue., 30th, 6.58 a. m., box 312, need- less alarm.

August.

Thurs., 1st, 1.50 a. m., box 241, Jami- son's, Celebration street.

Sun., 4th, 10.40 a. m., box 132, shed Indian town.

Sun., 4th, 10.50 a. m., box 45, Lewis shop, Britain street.

Sun., 4th, 11.50 a. m., box 58, Dolan's, Carleton street.

Wed., 14th, 9.50 p. m., box 8, Dunlop's Hares wharf.

Fri., 16th, 5.30 p. m., box 143, Thorne's house, Simonds street.

Wed., 21st, 9.40 p. m., box 8, false alarm.

Tue., 22nd, 11.05 p. m., box 231, Maynes office, City Road.

Fri., 23rd, 8.05 a. m., box 24, Staples, Princess street.

Mon., 26th, 11.40 p. m., box 15, three alarms, Wilson's foundry and other buildings, Brussels street.

Tue., 27th, 10.15 a. m., box 15, Wilson's burns, Brussels street.

Fri., 30th, 6.55 p. m., box 231, Pavilion, Rockwood Park.

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Fri., 30th, 8 p. m., box 14, Golding's, Brussels street.

September.

Tue., 3rd, 12.10 p. m., box 134, need- less alarm.

Tues., 3rd, 8.30 p. m., box 63, need- less alarm.

Wed., 4th, 1 a. m., box 312, city shed Rockland road.

Thurs., 5th, 1.10 p. m., box 48, oil stove, exhibition grounds.

Mon., 16th, 3.10 a. m., box 125, Kin- ball's house, Metcalf street.

Mon., 16th, 9.10 p. m., box 18, Simms brush factory, Union street.

Tue., 24th, 3.20 a. m., box 143, Mun- roe's, Main street.

Sat., 25th, 12.10 p. m., box 17, Balde and Crawford's house, Brunswick street.

October.

Fri., 4th, 6.45 p. m., box 19, Alexan- der's house, Courtenay street.

Fri., 4th, 1.10 a. m., box 145, need- less alarm.

Sat., 12th, 7.35 p. m., box 321, need- less alarm.

Fri., 11th, 1.15 p. m., box 144, need- less alarm.

Wed., 15th, 10 p. m., box 39, need- less alarm.

Wed., 16th, 8.08 p. m., box 19, chim- ney fire.

November.

Wed., 4th, 8.55 p. m., box 17, chim- ney fire.

Thurs., 5th, 4.10 p. m., box 24, need- less alarm.

Fri., 6th, 9.10 p. m., box 8, false alarm.

Sat., 7th, 3.15 a. m., box 153, S. P. Gerow's yacht, Liffitt.

Sun., 15th, 10.20 a. m., box 321, In- gram's house, Barker street.

Sun., 15th, 11.25 a. m., box 321, In- gram's house, Barker street.

Thurs., 19th, 12.45 a. m., box 51, false alarm.

December.

Mon., 2nd, 6.57 p. m., box 5, Empire Mfg. Co., Union street.