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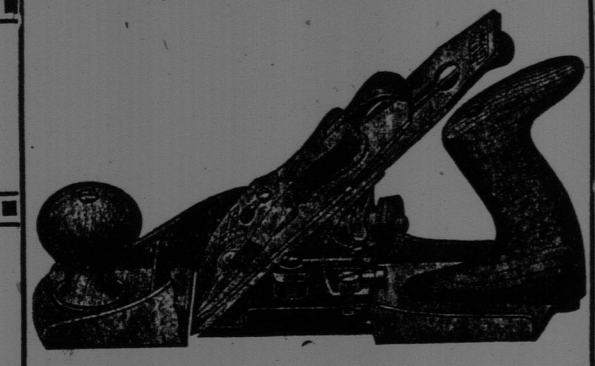
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PROVINCE FIRE LOSS \$74,513 OVER YEAR 1923

Figures in St. John City \$206,872 For 143 Outbreaks.

FOURTEEN LIVES LOST IN PROVINCE

Annual Report of Fire Marshal Presented—Sparks Caused Most Fires.

New Brunswick's fire loss for 1924 was \$1,999,963, an increase of \$74,513 over 1923, according to the annual report of Hugh H. McLellan, Provincial Fire Marshal, as presented at the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Fire Prevention Board here yesterday afternoon. The insurance loss for the year is placed at \$1,470,449, as compared with \$1,273,969 for 1923, while the loss not covered by insurance for 1924 shows a decrease from 1923, the former figure being \$229,514 and the latter \$651,882. There were 14 deaths in fires.

The month of December proved a disastrous month for the province in fires, the loss being \$1,638,029. For December, 1923, the loss was only \$27,491 and for 1922 it was \$47,018. Had December been an average month, the province would have easily not shown the fire loss increase over the previous year. There were 985 fires during 1924.

In St. John City, St. John city had 143 fires during 1924, causing the heaviest loss throughout the province for one locality. It was \$206,872. The insurance loss was \$198,376. Fairville had nine fires with a loss of \$9,013; Lancaster Heights had five fires with a loss of \$9,439; East St. John had seven fires with a loss of \$9,864, while St. Martins had three fires with a loss of \$965. Other parts of the county had 30 fires with a loss of \$91,797.

Moncton stands next to St. John in fire losses, they being \$150,072 for 96 fires during the year. Newcastle is third with a loss of \$14,704 with 13 fires. Gloucester county is fourth with \$122,604 with 41 fires.

Property Classification. In the list of classified properties, protected mercantile stores showed the greatest loss for the year, it being \$389,778. Standing next are manufacturing and special hazards, with \$255,288 for only 27 fires. The largest number of fires during the year occurred in protected dwellings, they numbering 876, with a fire loss of \$233,000. One hundred and seventy-six fires took place in unprotected dwellings, causing a loss of \$209,518. One hundred and fifty-four fires occurred in farm dwellings, causing a loss of \$190,175. The insurance loss in this class amounted to \$122,487. Sawmills suffered to the extent of \$172,947 for 16 fires during the year. "Protected" means any dwelling in a locality where there is fire-fighting apparatus.

Causes of Fire. Flying sparks caused more fires than any other cause during the year. Two hundred and fifty fires were caused this way, with a loss of \$227,664. Stoves, furnaces, etc., came next with 157 fires with a loss of \$338,175. Next came overheated or defective chimneys, flues, etc., with 136 fires and a loss of \$182,801.

Other causes are: Electricity, 25, loss of \$105,807; matches, 48, \$38,085; open fires, 22, \$23,476; smoking, 44, \$60,412; unknown, 156, \$467,904.

Properties Classified. The following table shows the class of property suffering loss for the year:

Fires	Loss.
Dwellings, farm	212 \$248,158
Dwellings, not farm	551 442,518
Mercantile stores	99 883,141
Mfg. and special	27 285,288
Mfg. lumber	10 49,999
Sawmills	16 172,947
Schools	5 52,919
Churches	12 30,588
Hotels, etc.	10 68,848
Offices, etc.	28 42,283
Other classes	28 42,283
Total	985 \$1,999,963

Automobile Losses. Automobile losses for the year are placed at \$18,709 for 23 losses.

Fatalities. Fourteen deaths occurred in fires in the province—seven women, two men and five children, as follows: Feb. 5 St. John; Feb. 28, Maltemple, Gloucester; March 26, Moncton; April 14, North Devon, York; Aug. 12, Albertine, Madawaska; Nov. 9, Richibucto, Kent; Nov. 9, Aroostook Falls, Victoria; Dec. 21, Moncton.

Total. Col. M. B. Edwards presided at yesterday's session, and the following members of the board were present: J. D. McKenna, M. L. A.; W. B. Snowball, M. P.; R. S. Ritchie, Councilor John T. O'Brien.

Cross-Word Group At Quilting Party

The Sewing Circle of Roxborough Lodge, L. O. B. A., met last evening at the home of Mrs. W. Aubrey Fuller, Rodney street, West St. John. The circle divided into two groups, one with quilting being in charge of Mrs. W. M. Nice and the second was a cross-word puzzle group, who made a patch-work quilt after the prevailing craze. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. Weaver. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Percy Benson, Water street. Those present were Mrs. Gilbert Evans, Mrs. Charles Cooley, Mrs. George Mace, Mrs. George Merryweather, Mrs. Sheryl Carvell, Mrs. J. Fillmore, Mrs. H. Dunner, Mrs. E. Clark, Mrs. J. Carlson, Mrs. B. Edwards, Mrs. W. B. Nice, Mrs. D. Stoneman, Mrs. Perry Houshoo, Mrs. F. G. Mrs. G. Herve and Mrs. G. S. Donner.

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, FEB 6

A.M. P.M.
High Tide.....10:17 High Tide.....10:43
Low Tide.....4:05 Low Tide.....4:35
Sun Rises.....7:28 Sun Sets.....6:25

LOCAL NEWS

ONE FINED TODAY

One man appeared in the Police Court this morning on a Canadian charge, pleaded guilty and was fined \$8 or 2 months in jail.

REGRET DEATH OF CHIEF

A telegram from the secretary of the Dominion Association of Fire Chiefs, conveying the sympathy of the Association on the death of George Blake, was received this morning by Mayor Potts.

SUGGEST VIRGINIA TRIP

The Board of Trade this morning received a letter from Virginia, suggesting that a committee of Canadian gentlemen pay a visit to that state next spring or summer, giving merchants an opportunity to meet the business men of that state and becoming better acquainted with conditions there.

ENJOYED BRIDGE

Roxborough Lodge, No. 32, L. O. B. A., held a delightful bridge party of nine in "Pretence Boys' Hall, West End. Ladies' prizes were won by Mrs. W. MacFarlane and Mrs. J. Merryfield; gentlemen's, Shaval Carvel and J. Merryfield. A committee of ladies from the lodge served dainty refreshments.

HAD VISITED HERE

William B. Watts, noted Boston detective, who died at his home a few days ago in Boston, was a strong personal friend of Sgt. Detective John T. Power of the local force, and on several occasions has visited St. John. He was never connected with a case in St. John, but used to come down here for holiday and business reasons. "He was one of the greatest detectives in the world," remarked Detective Power this morning.

PLAYLET AT EAST ST. JOHN ENJOYED

Fairmount Lodge, L. O. B. A., Very Successful in Providing Good Entertainment.

An interesting playlet, entitled "The Runaway Couple," was presented in the United Church Hall, East St. John, last evening, under the auspices of Fairmount Lodge, L. O. B. A. The hall was filled. Lorne MacFarlane acted as chairman. The play created much mirth and the actors performed their parts in a creditable manner. Their costumes were true to type.

The Cast.

The cast of characters was as follows: Horace Singleton, barrister, J. H. McKenzie.

Harry Bernard, a young lawyer, Donald Stockford.

Col. John Martin, returned Indian officer, T. D. Owens.

John Hobson, Singleton's gardener, Walter Wilton.

Mrs. Lucy Singleton, Miss Hattie Welir.

Amy Stanhope, Pearl McIntyre.

Miss Honora Ponsonby, Margaret McKenzie.

Jessie, the parlor maid, Isa Gibb.

A piano duet was played by Miss Edith Magee and Miss Violet Wood; vocal solo, Mrs. O. Brentnall; recitation, Hayward Sparks; Miss Edith Magee was accompanied. Between the acts, Hayward Sparks sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Brentnall. During intermission, fudge was sold.

The performers were treated to dainty refreshments after the performance.

The proceeds from this sale of candy netted \$14 and the receipts from the whoop-entertainment were very satisfactory. All the money will be given to the fund for the new hall. Mrs. Philip Macintyre was general convener. Mrs. John Chard, Mrs. William Wood and Mrs. Robert Magee formed the reception committee. The musical committee was composed of Mrs. O. Lawson and Mrs. Lorne MacFarlane. Candy committee, Mrs. Charles Pitman and Mrs. W. G. Woodroffe. Robert Magee was in charge of the door tickets.

COASTING PARTIES PROVING POPULAR

Several Out Last Evening on The Hills on Outskirts of City.

A good many organizations are taking advantage of the good winter conditions to arrange coasting parties for their members. Several were held last evening.

The Ladies' Progressive Bible Class of Victoria Street Baptist Church held one, and on their return they were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Linton, Adelaide street. Games and music were enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. G. Ducey, the president of the class. Before departing, Rev. G. B. Macdonald, on behalf of those present, tendered a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Linton for their hospitality.

On Manawagonish Hill.

Miss Margaret Rice was hostess to several friends last evening. After they had enjoyed a coasting party on Manawagonish Road hill, all returned to the home of her parents, Rev. J. M. Rice and Mrs. Rice, where a pleasant time was spent in music and games. Dainty refreshments were served.

Members of the choir of the Fairville Methodist Church also were out last night on Manawagonish hill. Preceding the coasting there was a practice of music at the home of Marshal Stout, the choir leader, and Mrs. Stout, who served dainty refreshments after the outing.

NO DISCOURTESY SAYS MAYOR POTTS

Speaks of Power Company's Letter Re City Hall Conference.

Any intention of discourtesy to the directors of the New Brunswick Power Company in regard to a conference between the members of the city council and the directors of the company was disclaimed this morning by Mayor Potts. He said as he read the letter the Power Company sent to City Hall some time ago it did not ask for a conference and therefore the council could not be charged with refusing one. He quoted the letter in this regard as: "The directors of the New Brunswick Power Company stand ready to meet the Mayor and commissioners in conference and discuss the situation." This did not strike him as a request for a conference but a statement of the company's willingness to invite the company to come and confer with them.

Mayor's Position.

His recollection of the action taken at the council meeting was that a motion to receive the communication and notify the Power Company that if they desired a conference with the city one would be arranged, had been moved and carried.

His stand on matters of this kind, he said, had always been that any citizens had the right to go to city hall and discuss with the council matters of civic concern and he stood ready to arrange conferences along these lines at any time.

NEW HONORS FOR ST. JOHN SHRINERS

Chas. Robinson and J. W. Cameron Selected—Order Hired Crippled Child.

At a meeting of the executive of Luxor Temple, Mystic Shrine, it was decided to have Charles Robinson, recorder, made a member of the recorders' association of the Shrine and also have J. W. Cameron made a member of the directors' association. The case of a little crippled child came before the meeting and it was decided to supply funds for treatment pending the opening of the Montreal unit of the Shrine's hospitals for crippled children. To Show Picture.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for bringing to St. John three reels of motion pictures, one showing work in the children's hospitals, the other concerning the meeting of the Imperial Council, and the third dealing with the Shrine's band, one of the finest in the United States. Arrangements also were made for the Temple's ball to be held early in March.

MEET IN ST. JOHN

Mayor Wires Canadian Bar Association Suggesting Annual at Beatty.

Mayor Potts this morning wired Sir J. A. M. Aitken, president of the Canadian Bar Association, which is meeting in Ottawa, a suggestion that the next annual meeting of the Association be held at the Admiral Beatty Hotel in this city.

M. H. Campbell Of West End, Dies at 71

The death of Malcolm H. Campbell occurred at the home of his son, Albert, 162 Water street, West Side on Thursday. He was in his 71st year, son of the late Alex. P. Campbell of Salina, Kings Co., N. B.

He leaves to mourn his wife, one daughter and four sons, Ada, an J. M. C. at home, Geo. B. and Albert, of West Side, and Andrew of this city; four sisters and three brothers. The sisters are Mrs. Bert Jones of West Side, Mrs. Catherine Steel, Mrs. John McBride of city and Mrs. James Reid of Arlington, Mass., and the brothers are James M.G. and John of West Side, Benjamin of Arlington, Mass. There also are seven grand-children. The funeral will be from 162 Water street, West, on Sunday afternoon.

HAS 238 ON LIST.

A total of 238 men on his pay roll was reported today by Commissioner Frink. Of these 138 were on street cleaning and 38 double teams and 29 single were engaged in hauling snow.

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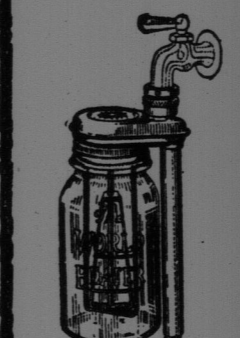
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