

DECREASE IN FIRE LOSSES IN MOST OF PRINCIPAL CENTRES OF PROVINCE

N. B. Fire Prevention Board Issues Advice to Property Owners

Hugh H. McEllan, provincial fire marshal, has prepared interesting statistics regarding fire losses in New Brunswick, a brief reference to which was recently made in The Evening Times. The figures presented at that time showed that there had been a marked decrease in losses in 1923 from those of 1922.

The following statement shows the losses in the following centres:

1922	1923
Moncton City	\$220,320 \$117,104
Fredericton	100,881 80,992
Woodstock	68,881 16,888
Campbellton	47,602 23,214
St. Stephen	66,574 23,521
Sussex	149,030 217,979
Bathurst	147,880 88,000
St. John City	846,000 160,000

The New Brunswick Fire Prevention Board has issued the following advice: Building chimneys with bricks laid on edge seems to be a popular practice in many parts of the country and it is one of the main reasons for defective chimneys in rural property. Sooner or later, when this custom prevails, the mortar between the bricks will crack and apertures will develop through which sparks easily can escape. If safety is to be assured, bricks always must be laid flat and the chimney lined with fire clay. Further than this, chimneys should be built solidly from the ground up and never supported upon beams or brackets, since the inevitable settling of the walls and floor in time will open cracks through which sparks may be released into floor spaces and attics, rendering fire a virtual certainty. Flue holes which are not in use will be a continuing fire menace unless they are closed, and for this purpose tight-fitting metal covers are best. Such openings should not be pasted over with paper, for this introduces dangerous conditions when winter stoves are set up. Defective chimneys and flues, as a fire cause, are wholly eliminable.

Record of Wooden Shingle Roof. Wooden shingle roofs or equally combustible coverings have no more right place on farm buildings than on city or suburban structures, their record everywhere is irretrievably black and their employment can be justified only on the short-sighted ground of temporary economy. Sparks may find their way to an inflammable roof from many sources; they may drop from the chimney, they may be whirled aloft from a grass or brush fire, or blown from a passing locomotive or a neighbouring structure. Hundreds of instances are not wanting where the danger of the combustible roof has been demonstrated beyond the slightest question. Next to roofing his buildings, therefore, and looking to his chimney construction, the wise farmer could make no better change in his property which would affect more profoundly its safety than by covering every structure with fire retardant material.

When wooden shingles are used their fire hazard should be clearly recognized and every precaution taken to render them as safe as possible. Manifestly, a newly shingled roof, or one kept in good repair and painted, offers higher protection from fire than an old one, because the shingles lie closer together and present a smooth, hard surface upon which sparks or embers are less likely to cling.

Altogether, it is a safe prediction to make that where a fire in a chimney exists in combination with a wooden shingle roof an outbreak of fire is merely a question of time; there are few more fruitful ways of courting disaster.

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STUDENT



Emilliano Quijano, assistant secretary of finance of the Philippines, is en route to Columbia University, New York, to pursue an intensive training in business management. The island government sent him to America and it's rumored a high post awaits him upon graduation from the American school.

SOLDIERS' KIDDIES ENJOY BIG TREAT

The annual Christmas treat for the orphan children of former soldiers and their widowed mothers yesterday afternoon was a big success. After taking in the show at the Imperial the Christmas tree at the G. W. V. A. headquarters was stripped of its contents and each of the children given a present.

The committee in charge were: Dr. G. B. Peat, W. J. Ryan, W. W. Donahoe, G. W. Adams, W. A. Dougherty, Jr., C. I. Doherty, M. Downing, Miss C. Sheen, R. N., Miss Agnes Sutherland, R. N., and Mrs. H. Cannon. The fortunate winner of the pretty electric lamp, that was all dressed up like a big, beautiful doll, was George Gabriel, 208 Victoria street. Dr. O. Comeau played the piano for the children and accompanied Professor Maud and Miss Ellen Harrington, when they played the parts of marionettes. Several ladies, wives of the men who helped to entertain the children, were also assistants at the refreshment table. They were: Mrs. J. W. Adams, Mrs. W. A. Cooper, Mrs. John Power, Mrs. H. B. Roberts, Miss George Sherry and Miss Williams, of West St. John.

FAIRVILLE W. M. S.

The W. M. S. of the Fairville Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. O. D. Hanson on Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance of members. Mrs. J. M. Rice, the president, presided in the opening of the hymn, Mrs. J. Stout, Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. S. A. Worrell led in prayer. Each member was given a copy of the book of missions. Chapters of the study book were taken up under the direction of Mrs. S. A. Worrell, assisted by Mrs. J. Shaw, Mrs. Dane Crosby and Mrs. Edward Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Arthur Hanson, leader of the mission band, reported on the progress of the work and plans for future activities.

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The inventor, O. K. Johnson, 246 Craig St. W., Montreal, is offering to send a lamp on 10 days' FREE trial, or even to give one FREE to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain how you can get the agency, and without experience or money make \$250 to \$500 per month.

TIMES CHANGES ON C. N. R. LINES JANUARY 6TH

Time changes on Canadian National Railway, January 6th, affect the time of several of the trains in and out of St. John, particularly those on the Valley Railway.

On the main line between here and Truro there is a change in the service of the morning local train No. 44. It will leave at 7:10 a.m. instead of No. 18 and will run to Sackville and Cape Tormentine, making the Prince Edward Island connections. At Moncton connection is made the same as at present, with the Maritime Express. The passengers may connect at Sackville with local train No. 18 leaving at 8:00 a.m. for Truro, and No. 17 train leaving Truro at 9:15 a.m. connects at Sackville with No. 44 train from Moncton to St. John, reaching here at 9:00 p.m.

There will be no service to Quebec via the Valley and Transcontinental after Jan. 6th. This service will be via Moncton, train No. 81 leaving at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, carrying buffet sleeper as far as Edmundston. Connection for this train is by No. 14 leaving St. John at 1:40 p.m.

There will also be the regular daily (except Sunday) service to Quebec by Maritime Express No. 29, the connecting train leaving St. John at 6:15 p.m. No. 59 train will arrive at Moncton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and connection for St. John will be by No. 18 train, arriving here at 9:00 p.m.

On the Valley Railway No. 47 regular passenger train will leave St. John at 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4:40 p.m. to Centreville. On other week days there will be a mixed train service. No. 241 leaving here at 4:50 a.m. (Atlantic Time).

No. 48 will leave Centreville Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:00 a.m., and arrive in St. John at 1:00 p.m. (Atlantic Time). There will be mixed train service on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. No. 242 leaving Centreville at 6:00 a.m. and arriving in St. John at 4:05 p.m.

Other trains are not affected by the change.

Save From Pneumonia By Vicks

Nova Scotia Lady Secures Relief Overnight

Mrs. Charles Denier, of 2 Ext. Queen Street, Amherst, Nova Scotia, writes: "I have had pneumonia for the last two winters and was on the verge of having it again when I thought I would try Vicks VapoRub. Before retiring for the night I rubbed it thoroughly on my chest and back and went to sleep, although I hadn't slept for three nights. In the morning I got up feeling like a new woman."

Dr. Oiler says pneumonia has taken the place of tuberculosis as "Captain of the Men of Death," to use a phrase coined by old John Bunyan. And influenza is not far behind. The germs of both these diseases are constantly with us. The only reliable protection against them is the resisting power which comes from good health. To avoid these dangerous diseases in winter, don't let yourself get run down and above all never neglect a cold. Build it up in its early stages with Vicks VapoRub, the external vaporizing treatment for colds.

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BUSINESS LOCALS

ORIENTAL EXHIBITION

Oriental exhibition at the Museum, 72 Union street, Jan. 7 to 11, afternoons from 2 to 6. Refreshments served by ladies in costumes. Admission 25c. 4440-1-7

Y. W. C. A. private kindergarten opens Monday at 9:30, Recreation Centre. 4450-1-7

ST. VINCENT'S ALUMNAE ASSEMBLY. K. of C. Hall, Monday evening. 4442-1-7

Good skating and tobogganing on Lily Lake tonight. 4444-1-8

Dancing, The Studio, tonight. 4444-1-8

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Boris Hamburg, cellist, Gena De Kres, violinist, Reginal Stewart, pianist, Pythian Castle, Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 8:00 p.m. Admission, ground floor, 50c; balcony, 75c. Tickets at C. H. Townshend's, Gray & Ritchey's and Phonograph Salon. 1-4 tf.

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