

SAYS AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT DOES NOT AFFECT PROPERTY VALUATION

E. M. Olive Makes Statement in Appeals Matter Today.

That the amount of the assessment had nothing to do with fixing the value on real estate was stated definitely by E. M. Olive, chairman of the Board of Assessors, this morning in answer to a question of Commissioner Frink. He said the assessors placed the real value of the property on it, according to their best judgment, and on this valuation the rate of taxation was fixed.

Relative to the ferry, Commissioner Bullock said the repairs to the Ludlow had amounted to \$6,000 above the estimate. He expected to ask for \$8,000 less this year than last, and this would make the amount to be asked for \$4,000 less than for 1922.

On motion of Mayor Fisher, T. T. Lantaulum and James Collins were appointed assessors for 1924.

Mayor Fisher brought up the tax appeal of Imperial Oil Co., and reported that the assessors had placed an additional value of \$8,000 on the buildings in addition to the \$9,000 for a new garage.

In connection with the appeal of W. E. Golding, the Mayor recommended that a reduction be made in the valuation to \$7,600.

Commissioner Wigmore asked how this would affect adjoining properties. E. M. Olive, chairman of the assessors, confirmed the report read by the Mayor in regard to the Imperial Oil Co. valuation.

His worship moved the assessors be sustained in their valuation of this real estate. Carried.

In connection with the Golding property Mr. Olive said the valuation on land in that locality was 20 cents a foot.

Commissioner Frink said he thought the time had come for the appointment of a permanent court of appeal in the matter of tax appeals, as it took up too much time to hear these appeals.

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In connection with the claim of the Furnishers Ltd., for a rebate on the amount paid in 1919 Mr. Ross said this matter had been taken up by H. A. Freble and Mr. Earle with the council and he had no personal knowledge of what had taken place.

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A conference, which had been arranged for yesterday afternoon between representatives of the Freight Handlers Union and J. M. Woodman, general superintendent of the C. P. R. New Brunswick district, did not materialize because Mr. Hall, general chairman of the Freight Handlers Union was unable to come to this city from Montreal.

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LOCAL NEWS

DISCUSS CLASSIFICATION

The members of the City Council met last evening and sat from 7.30 until 11.30 discussing the matter of a classification of civic employes. Mayor Fisher said this morning that he felt considerable progress had been made.

WORK COMPLETED

The Log Falls dam has been completed and the contractors, Dexter and Richardson have removed their equipment, it was stated at the office of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission this morning.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of A. O. H. Wilson was held this afternoon from his late residence, 208 Chesley street and was attended by a large number. Service was conducted by Rev. W. H. Johnston at the home and the committal service of the Knights of St. John Lodge, of which Mr. Wilson was a member. Members of the order marched in a body. Interment was in Fernhill.

WILL MEET GENERAL

Colonel J. Houlston, D. S. O., general officer commanding this district, with Lieut. Colonel H. C. Sparling, D. S. O., and other members of the 2nd Machine Gun Company, and are expected back tonight. They will meet the members of the British Legion tomorrow to hold an inspection of No. 2 Machine Gun Company, and are expected back tonight.

HAS SON IN ST. JOHN

Mr. Amelia D. Deering, wife of John M. Deering, former Maine State Commissioner, and mother of John Percy Deering, twice Republican candidate for governor, died in Saco, Me., on Wednesday. Mrs. Deering leaves, besides her husband, seven children, John Percy Deering of Saco, Fred H. Deering of Saco, and Miss Lucy Deering of Saco; a sister, Mrs. E. E. Willis of North Andover, Mass., and a brother, Frank Harmon of Saco.

SHIPPING

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived December 14. Coastwise: From St. John. Craft, 23. Craft, from Chance Harbor. Cleared December 14. Coastwise: To St. John. Craft, 23. Crosby, for Digby.

MARINE NOTES

The Manchester Port is due here Sunday from Manchester with general cargo. The Royal Mail Steam Packet liner Chateau is due to sail from Bermuda today for St. John direct with passengers, mail and general cargo.

BROAD UPWARD MOVEMENT IN STOCK PRICES RESUMED IN WALL STREET

Some Profit Taking and Short Selling Failed to Check.

New York, Dec. 14.—The broad upward movement in stock prices was resumed at the opening of today's stock market, despite scattered profit taking and short selling. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 115.12, up 1.12 from 114.00, and the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index was up 1.12 to 114.00.

MONTEAL MARKET

Stocks to 12 noon. Open High Low. Atchafalca 104.00 104.00 104.00. Am Best Sugar 45.00 45.00 45.00. Am Best Sugar 45.00 45.00 45.00.

LABRADOR MEDICAL MISSION MEETS

The annual meeting of the Labrador Medical Mission was held this morning at the Red Cross Depot. The reports showed a very successful year. The secretary told of a large donation from the allied mission at Brookville and read the report from the Roxbury branch. The sum of \$481 was realized from subscriptions, donations and a tea and was conducted by the mission.

PERSONALS

Mrs. William H. Christie, of Fredericton, is spending the week in the city, the guest of Mrs. George G. Cochrane, 111 Orange street.

CASE IS DISMISSED

The case of S. J. Forde against the steamship Lutzen was dismissed by Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen in the Admiralty Court this morning on account of lack of prosecution. The case has been postponed from time to time to permit the plaintiff to bring witnesses from Montreal as they did not appear this morning. His Honor dismissed the action. L. P. D. Tilley, K. C., represented the plaintiff and Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., and I. Goldberg the owners of the steamer.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

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A cold day for calls for Hot Bouril

ARTHUR R. LEE IS DEAD IN OTTAWA. Many friends will regret to learn of the death of Arthur Roland Lee, which occurred in St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa, yesterday, after an illness of six weeks. He underwent an operation for appendicitis and had been in a serious condition, but his death was unexpected and came as a great shock to relatives and friends.

GOING WELL IS WORD FROM GORMAN. Has Workout With Mc-Gowan—Latter Will Come Here. That he was working out with Everett McGowan and was going well was the good news received by Frank White this morning from Charlie Gorman, who is in Boston. He has quarters at the Putnam House. The morning he arrived Charlie said he got out his skates and with McGowan went to the Arena and had a good workout. In two or three sprints McGowan was unable to shake Charlie, and this greatly encouraged the local star.

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A Bright Thought—Give a Cedar Chest. Every maid ticks to the idea of a Hope Chest, every wife wants one as eagerly. For nothing can take its place for storing away in moth-proof safety the precious things of the future.

Lowest Here--\$17. A genuine Tennessee Red Cedar Chest for \$17—what need of further word of Marcus leadership? Varieties shown in window include a beauty in solid walnut lined in cedar.

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Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents

BIRTHS. BARTON—In this city on Dec. 14, the wife of Harry H. Barton, a daughter, Harriett Matilda.

DEATHS. LEE—At St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa, on December 13, 1923, Arthur Roland Lee, son of Charles H. Lee and the late Frances Lee, leaving his wife and two daughters.

IN MEMORIAM. PETERS—In sad but loving memory of our darling husband and father, Harry W. Peters, who was called to his heavenly home on Dec. 12, 1923.

WIFE AND FAMILY. You're not forgotten, Daddy, Darling. Not will you ever be. As long as life and memory last, We will remember thee.

MURDER—In sad and loving memory of our dear baby, Donald Frederick Hurd, aged three years and nine months, who entered into rest Dec. 14, 1922.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THE THEATRES OF ST. JOHN. ROSSLEY SHOW NOW AT IMPERIAL

Phonograph Club Sale. Will Close Saturday Evening. All who wish to secure one of these famous Phonographs on such liberal terms will do well to come early Saturday. Only a few more left.

ALMAND BROS., Limited. 19 WATERLOO STREET. The Last Word in Talking Machines. You who have been waiting for a talking machine that would faithfully reproduce the original voice or instrument, you who want something better than "Mechanical Music" that you soon at present.