

FIRE MARSHAL DOES GOOD WORK AND SHOULD BE MAINTAINED

Underwriters and Fire Protection Engineers Oppose Political Agitation for Abolition of Office in New York State

The agitation in political quarters suggesting legislation to abolish the office of Fire Marshal in New York State is being regarded with grave concern by underwriters and fire protection engineers.

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EPIDEMIC OF ARSON CHARGES IN CITY

Cook Held on Suspicion of Incendiarism in Connection With \$350,000 Blaze at Maisonneuve

FLOORS SOAKED WITH OIL

District Chief Tells Fire Commissioner of Finding House and Furniture Saturated With Coal Oil—Conflicting Statements.

Following the recent statement of Fire Chief Tremblay to the Journal of Commerce that a very large number of fires in Montreal were the result of incendiarism, investigations made yesterday appear to indicate a dangerous epidemic of arson.

Adelard Carriere was arraigned before Judge Lacombe yesterday on a charge of arson in connection with the burning of the Christian Brothers' school buildings on Letourneau avenue on December 12. He pleaded not guilty.

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INCREASE OF 53 PER CENT IN FIRE LOSS

Another Company's Record for November List Shows Increase of 45 per cent

ONE WILL RETIRE

Rumors of Reinsurance of Some Smaller Firms—Business Depression Was Followed by Flood of Losses.

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BOARD OF TRADE WILL STUDY TAXATION ON INSURANCE COS.

MR. R. LATULIPPE, Fire Commissioner of Montreal, who is investigating cases of alleged incendiarism.

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REAL ESTATE AND TRUST COMPANIES

Quotations for to-day on the Montreal Real Estate Exchange, Inc., were as follows:

Table with columns: Bid, Asked, Company Name, Price. Includes entries like Aberdeen Estates, Bevilin Ltd., Bellevue Land Co., etc.

STATE FEE WAS \$319,590. Chicago, December 23.—The Lake Shore mortgage securing \$100,000,000 debentures was recorded here on Tuesday.

COAL TRUST FOE DEAD. John C. Haddock, president of the Plymouth Coal Co., who died in New York, was buried in Wilkesbarre, Pa., yesterday.

PROPERTY FOR SALE. CLARKE STREET, ABOVE CRAIG, Central property, 7614 sq. ft. at bargain price.

PROPERTY FOR SALE. FINE REVENUE PROPERTY, situated on a commercial corner, consisting of stores and dwellings.

PROPERTY FOR SALE. NORTH END PROPERTY—100 feet frontage, 18 feet deep.

PROPERTY FOR SALE. NOTRE DAME DE GRACE—Beautiful nine room house for sale at 32 Royal Ave.

PROPERTY FOR SALE. OXFORD AND MELROSE AVE. Notre Dame de Grace, about 200 feet south of Sherbrooke.

PERSONALS

Mr. Marshall D. Welsh is staying at the Ritz-Carlton.

Major Schofield, of London, is at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Mr. E. M. Lambert, of Ottawa, is in town for a few days.

Mr. G. W. Watts, of Toronto, is staying at the Windsor Hotel.

Sir Francois Langelier, the Lieutenant-Governor, who is confined to his bed, is reported to be out of danger.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, the Minister of Justice, has gone to Quebec to confer with the Premier of the Province.

Captain Victor Pelletier, A.D.C., to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, has been authorized by the attending physicians on Sir Francois Langelier to state that Sir Francois was out of danger.

HEREAFTER—CEASE USING COSMETICS. Washington, December 23.—Commissioner Osborn has decided that under the War Revenue Law, hair oils, pomades, hair dressings, hair restoratives, hair dyes, or any similar substances are taxable.

PRUDENTIAL TRUST COMPANY. The Prudential Trust Company, Limited, has opened a Regina branch with offices at 40-41, Canada Life Building.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 25c each insertion.

BIRTHS. TIMMINS—On December 19, 1914, at 168 St. Joseph Boulevard West to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Timmins, a daughter.

MARRIAGES. BLUCK-MARSHALL—At the First Presbyterian Church, on December 16th, 1914, by the Rev. Malcolm A. Campbell, Margaret Allison, daughter of Mr. Chas. Marshall, of Montreal, to Harry Pontret Bluck, of Alcester, Warwickshire, England.

DEATHS. MOSSMAN—At Prescott, Ontario, on Wednesday, December 16th, 1914, William Home Mossman, aged 64 years, formerly of Quebec City.

TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE TO OPEN NEW PREMISES. Toronto, Ont., December 23.—The official opening of the new premises of the Board of Trade in the Royal Bank Building, King and Yonge streets, on Tuesday, December 29th, at 3 p.m., promises to be an auspicious event.

NEW BANK PREMISES. Waterloo, Ont., December 23.—The Canadian Bank of Commerce is now occupying its handsome new building here. Work upon its erection was commenced last June.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS. 7c Per Word for the First Insertion. 1c Per Word for Each Subsequent Insertion.

FOR SALE—YULETIDE NOVELTIES OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS. See the fine announcement in this paper by G. A. Holland & Son Co.

FOR SALE—LEATHER NOVELTIES AND ALL varieties of high grade leather goods, also beautiful carriage and auto accessories.

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