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Editorial

STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

The stores in Newcastle remained open on Saturday, Victoria Day; May 24th and closed on Monday May 26th it having been decided to catch the Saturday trade and hold the holiday on the following Monday.

The calendar calls for the observance of Victoria Day on the proper date, viz.—Saturday May 24th and we are rather of the opinion that the power to effect a change lies beyond those who seem to derive great pleasure in tampering with the red letter days of the calendar.

It is a sound business principle to keep an eye on the making of a dollar legitimately, but it is time to call a halt when we continually disarrange and confuse the calendar. The entire citizenship of this town is not made up of store owners and proprietors, and it has been pointed out to the writer that the merchant does not possess the right to manipulate these dates to his liking and thereby create confusion and dissatisfaction among a body of people who greatly outnumber his class. It is indeed a selfish attitude to take and we trust the difficulty will be overcome in future by observing a Statutory Holiday on the proper date, unless of course; such date happens on a Sunday; then the holiday is observed the day following. The matter of juggling the dates for the observance of Statutory Holidays sooner or later come to an end.

MORE LIGHT FOR SQUARE

It is gratifying to know that the Park Committee of the Town Council intend to beautify the Public Square this year, and the members are to be commended for so doing. Now that it has been decided to make the Square a beauty spot it might be suggested that every available means to that end be utilized. We refer to the four iron lamp stands which are at present erected at the four corners of the park. These stands were erected years ago and used to good advantage when Newcastle had gas as a lighting commodity. It would be a simple matter to wire these stands and have lamps placed on them; which would not only add to the attractiveness of the park but would also make it a much brighter spot and would be putting to a good purpose these lamp stands, which at present are of no use whatever. We leave the suggestion with the Park Committee for consideration believing that the matter will be promptly attended to.

GASOLINE TANKS
The number of gasoline tanks that

line the streets of Newcastle? If it has not—just take a look around and count them. After you do so you will probably wonder why a small town the size of Newcastle wants so many of these unsightly gas tanks. You will also wonder how much revenue the town is deriving from them. It would appear to many that the town should receive some remuneration for the use of the streets as a market place for those who use them in connection with their business. They apparently must be profit producing machines otherwise there would not be so many of them and surely the town is entitled to some of the profit for the use of its property. Members of the Town Council—think it over!

THIS YEAR'S TAX BILLS

The 1924 Tax bills for the Town of Newcastle have already been delivered to a number of the ratepayers and the work of distribution is still going on, so that all will have them before the expiration of the discount date. The rate this year is the same as last year viz:- 3.60 and the valuation and assessment also practically the same. If you pay your taxes on or before the 5th., of June you will receive a discount of 5 p. c. and if paid within 10 days after June 5th., you will be entitled to a discount of 21-2 p. c. Immediately after 30 days are up, from the date of your tax bill, and you have not settled your taxes you are then a defaulter. It is a mistaken idea of many that one does not become a defaulter until the 31st. day of December in the year for which the taxes are being collected. While your name does not appear in the Annual Town Report as a defaulter, if you pay your taxes on or before December 31st, nevertheless you are a tax defaulter on June 27th., if at that date your taxes are unpaid.

In consideration of the above it would be advisable for everyone who does not wish to become a defaulter, to arrange to have their taxes paid in time. Taxes like death must sooner or later be met and there is nothing to gain by withholding payment. In fact those who do withhold are the losers of the discount which otherwise they might save.

A good plan is to pay your taxes during the discount period and then once paid you are through with the unpleasant task,—as so many look upon it as such,—for the next twelve months.

The town in this way receives the money due it early in the year, when it is most required and is thereby enabled to go through with its program for the year without having to go to the bank to borrow money, on which it will be obliged to pay interest. As far as we can learn it is the intention of this year's Town Council to go strong after defaulters and it might be well for one and all of us to attend to our civic obligations before our names are placed on the default list.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

The failure of the Fire Bell to ring last Friday morning demonstrates the necessity of Newcastle installing an up to date Fire Alarm System. Fire is a most destructive demon and spreads so rapidly that it is most essential that a proper and immediate alarm be given, in order that it may be checked in its early stages and thus prevent greater damage and loss. When the Steam Fire Whistle at the Power House, was used along with its auxiliary the Fire Bell, Newcastle had a fire alarm system, which while by no means perfect, was a great improvement over that which we depend on today. The siren, which is at present in use, may serve to warn the upper section of the town, but in so far as the central and lower districts are concerned, it is entirely inadequate and as one Citizen

CREAGHAN'S
Fire Sale
Hold Back for the Biggest Fire Sale
Newcastle Has Ever Seen
Next Week Full Particulars Will be Given
Men's and Boys Suits, Overalls, Underwear, Neckwear, Hosiery, Hats and Caps, Gloves, Yard Goods, Etc., Etc., will be sold for a fraction of their former values.
The Place will Be the Bannon Store
Hold off your purchases till the Big Sale is announced
J. D. CREAGHAN COMPANY LIMITED

remarked, "a tin whistle would make as much impression in the two latter districts as the siren which is in use at present."
The Town Council should look into this important matter immediately and take steps to inaugurate a proper electric alarm system such as other towns and cities are equipped. It may cost some money but it would be money well spent and be the means of saving a large amount of valuable property, which otherwise is liable to be destroyed. For a number of years this fire alarm system question has been discussed by Town Councils, Firemen and Citizens, but it has always been sidetracked very much like the question of default tax collection, until we have at last arrived at the point, when it is necessary that some definite and effective action should be taken. "Procrastination is the thief of time," and the sooner we realize that such is the case and make up our minds, that we must act quickly on such important matters as the ones referred to, the better it will be for all of us, both individually and collectively.

RESIDENCE AND BARN DESTROYED

Fire totally destroyed the fine residence of Mrs. Margaret Rae, Strathadam, and also the barn of George Rowe, situated next door, on Monday. The blaze was first discovered in Mrs. Rae's residence and fanned to a fury by the heavy gale that prevailed on Monday afternoon. The whole building was soon a seething mass and the inmates were able only to save a few personal effects, the building and its entire contents being destroyed. The fire then spread to the barn of Mr. Howe and in a few minutes it was laid waste and it was only with considerable difficulty that his residence and the outbuildings of Mrs. Rae were saved. The loss is \$7,000 with small insurance.

Household Furniture of all kinds will be sold at Public Auction on Wednesday afternoon, June 4th, in front of the late Mrs. Jas. O. Fish's residence.

Agents Of Destruction
Each Simple in Itself but Costing New Brunswick Millions
CIGARETTES TOBACCO MATCHES
Fire's Red Scourge Has Left Its Mark
Remedy Is In YOUR Hands
CARELESS SLASH BURNING
Stop The Loss Which Is Tragic
Be Careful Yourself. See that Others Are. Consult With Wardens.
THE UNEXTINGUISHED CAMPFIRE
REGISTER FOR WOODS TRAVEL. WATCH ALL FIRES.
GUARD YOUR FORESTS
Attractive Forest Fire Prevention Booklet Free on request to Department of Lands and Mines, Fredericton, N. B.

Men!
If you like good clothes and want to get them at the Right Price, this New Store filled with hundreds of SUITS, will solve the Clothes proposition for you.
Hundreds of Men in this district, often went to the time and expense of going to our Chatham Store, just to have the benefit of buying from the range that is now carried in the Newcastle store. These same men, found they could save money in that way, now figure just how great this saving will be to you, with the Store within your reach.
Blue Serge Suits Light Tweeds
Guaranteed to give satisfaction in both wear and color at \$29.50 to 39.50
Light Colored Tweeds, both Sport and Plain Models from \$19.50 up to \$35.00
O'BRIEN'S
(Formerly the Durick Drug Store)
SHOES