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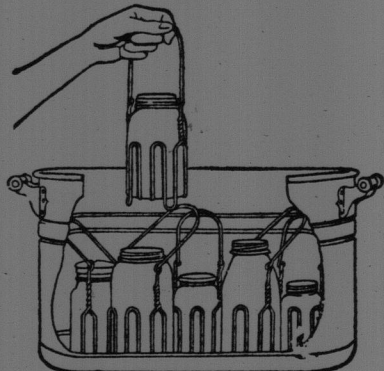
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## TRUCK OWNERS CHARGE UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION

Ask Common Council to Tax All City Motor Vehicles Alike.

Equable taxation by the city on all motor vehicles was strongly advocated at this morning's committee session of the Common Council by a delegation of about 15 local owners of motor trucks. Spokesmen for the delegation charged unfair discrimination against motor truck owners who were compelled to pay eight different taxes on one truck, according to figures presented by C. H. Townshend, one of the speakers.

Mr. Townshend recalled that a similar delegation waited on the council last year, but said no satisfaction had been given. He and other owners considered it unjust that they be taxed on their trucks, while owners of pleasure automobiles, which use the city streets as much as trucks, escaped free. He also declared that very few city-owned trucks used the roads of the province, yet they were compelled to pay almost as much to the Provincial Government as to the city. He presented the following figures as taxes on a truck costing \$800:

Provincial license	\$22.00
Road patrol tax	4.75
Driver's license	2.00
City license	13.20
Workmen's Comp'n Bd.	6.00
City driver's license	1.00
Water tax	5.00
City assessment	24.15
	\$78.10

The Mayor thought the city assessment was only about half the amount stated, while Commissioner Wigmore declared that the water department did not collect the water tax from truck owners. Even with this taken off, the Mayor expressed the opinion there was considerable justice in the case presented by the truck owners.

Mr. Townshend thought that all should be treated fairly. By means of these trucks, my people earned their living in the city. Pleasure cars, however, went scot free. He suggested off-hand that if a tax was necessary, it should apply to all, and that so much a pound be charged.

Commissioner Wigmore thought the truck owners should go to the Government. He said he could never see any justification for the government in taxing trucks that never went outside the city limits.

Commissioner Frink: "The Government needs the money—that's their justification."

Mayor Potts thought there would be little likelihood of any action in regard to this year's tax. He pledged his word, however, that the matter would receive the consideration and action of the Common Council. With this assurance, the delegation withdrew.

## Want North End Grounds

Another delegation composed of Charlie Gorman, champion speed skater, and A. T. Snodgrass, was heard in regard to proposals to convert the North End grounds into a centre of athletic activity to include baseball, football, running, speed-skating etc. Mr. Snodgrass presented the proposals verbally at first but when he was asked by His Worship to put their application in writing, he withdrew and did so.

Commissioner Frink said that the Council had purchased this piece of ground for playgrounds at a cost of about \$12,000 and the original intention was to use it only for playgrounds purposes. He said that last year a group attempted to buy the Allison grounds from the city but this had been defeated.

The Common Clerk explained that the North End Improvement League had recently been incorporated to control these grounds and that so soon as the city solicitor returned, a formal lease would be drawn up between the city and the league.

In view of these facts, the Mayor said there was not anything the city could do respecting the application. He was decided to notify Messrs. Gorman and Snodgrass to this effect.

J. R. Harkins, commissioner of Canadian National Parks, wrote setting out certain conditions for the proposed lease of the Fort Howe grounds by the city.

Commissioner Frink said he would bring in a report on Monday.

A recommendation from Commissioner Frink that the city build a retaining wall near the property of the Sterling Realty Company, Ltd., at 104 Metcalf street, was approved.

A request from Commissioner Harding that an extension of \$2,750 be granted him on an authorization to spend \$500 on repairs to the central police station was granted.

## Would Abolish Top Wharfage

Commissioner Bullock asked the Mayor if he had received any communication from the port committee of the Board of Trade in regard to top wharfage. The Mayor said he had not.

Mr. Bullock said he had been asked to bring the matter before the council. The port committee, he said, had advocated abolition of top wharfage charges on the ground that Portland, Me., was a free port, and by doing away with these rates St. John would be put in a better position to compete. Commissioner Bullock said that the city collected \$127,000 last year from this source, and asked, if this was abolished, where would that amount be raised? Could the port afford to do without this revenue?

Commissioner Wigmore said if top wharfage rates were discarded there would be a big plea to do away with side rates as well.

Commissioner Bullock wanted to know if he had authority to write the Board of Trade committee that the council was opposed to any abolition of the rates.

The Mayor said Commissioner Bullock did not have authority. There was not anything definite from the committee before the council for action. Commissioner Harding said he would like to arrange a test of the big motor-driven hook and ladder truck with the council members present. This was agreed to by the members and a date and time will be set.

## ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, JULY 17.

A.M.	High Tide	P.M.
High Tide	6.08	Low Tide
Low Tide	4.53	Sun Sets
Sun Rises	4.53	Sun Sets

(Atlantic Standard Time)

## LOCAL NEWS

**FLOUR UP; SUGAR DOWN.**  
The wholesale price of flour advanced here 20 cents a barrel this morning, while sugar dropped 15 cents a cwt.

**BANK CLEARINGS.**  
St. John bank clearings this week were \$2,792,305; last year, \$2,980,023; in 1922, \$3,229,624. Halifax bank clearings this week were \$3,260,532.

**WHERE THEY'RE THICK.**  
Some idea of the number of automobile licenses issued in New York city may be gleaned from the number of a car parked in King square this morning. It was 1,182,019.

**ASSAULT IS CHARGED.**  
Archibald Caaros was arrested on a warrant by Detectives Power and Biddescombe a little before noon today, on a charge of assault. His case was to be heard in the police court this afternoon.

**VISIT ORANGE LODGE.**  
A party of about 20 officers from the various Orange lodges throughout the city will visit the Great Salmon River Lodge on Saturday. The party will be under direction of R. G. Magee, county master, and among the others who will attend are W. M. Campbell, in command of the Scarlet Chapter, and Harry Sellen, county secretary.

**RELATIVES LIVE HERE.**  
William J. Lawrie of Fredericton died on Wednesday night, aged 73 years. He was engaged in the painting and paperhanging business. He was born at West St. John, N. S. In his early life he was a well known oarsman. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Roy and William both at home; three daughters, Mrs. Bernard at home, Mrs. William Burt of St. John, and Mrs. Alex. Esson of Campbellton; two sisters, Mrs. Lister, of Woodstock, and Mrs. W. Carvell, of St. John, and one brother, Lester Lawrie, of St. John.

## JOSEPH WILEY DEAD.

The death of Joseph Wiley occurred in the General Hospital yesterday. He was a lifelong resident of West St. John. In his early life he was a well known shipwright. During the last 27 years he was employed as a carpenter by the city in the West End. He is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters. The sons are Robert F. of Boston, George M. of Montreal, and Walter L. at home. The daughters are Mrs. John Oikel, of Lynn, and Mrs. Harry Chellis, of Bath, Maine. The funeral will take place from his late residence, 62 Protection street, West St. John, on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

## WAS GREAT TIME FOR BOY SCOUTS

Trinity Troop at Mathers' Beach—Badges Won—Sports Held.

The Trinity troop of the Boy Scouts who returned from their summer camp at Mathers' Beach, Long Island, on Tuesday had a great outing. Just previous to their departure Dr. Peat and Dr. Chipman visited the camp and made a short inspection. During the camp several prizes were taken. One party under the leadership of Scoutmaster Upham spent two nights and a day fishing and earned to scout in true fashion, cooking and living in the open. During camp several tests and badges were passed including two tenderfoot badges, three second class badges, two camp cooks badges, six athletes, one ambulance, one pioneer, one public healthman badge, two electricians, one for swimming and two firemen. In addition there were several star tests for the cubs.

On last Saturday sports were held. The winners were: Water bolting contest, James Waddell and Wilbert Hart; cub races, Fred Jackson; scout races, Fred Wesley and Second Gilly; running high jump, Victor Regan; running broad jump, James Waddell and Curtis Johnston; throwing cricket ball, Clayton Peacock, Albert Fogell; shot put, Wm. Ward; 100 yards swim, Victor Regan; handcap swim, Victor Regan; diving, Edgar Williams; signalling, W. Hart and Albert Fogell; tent inspection, tent No. 3, Ralph Whitney, Fred Wesley, Albert Fogell and Wilbert Hart. The best improvised shelter, Wm. Ward and Fred Wesley. Through the kindness of Rev. R. E. J. Britton, "All Saints" church at Clifton was used as the disposal of the scouts and Holy Communion was celebrated at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning by Rev. D. H. Loweth of Providence, R. I. Miss Swan of Boston sang an appropriate solo during the offertory. Mort. Breen kindly ferried the boys to the mainland.

## THIS OFFICER WELL KNOWN IN ST. JOHN

Major Pugmire Away on First Holiday in 20 Years.

Major E. Pugmire, of the Salvation Army, is returning to London on his first holiday in 20 years, was in Montreal this week, accompanied by Mrs. Pugmire and their five children, on the way to Quebec to sail on the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of France.

Major Pugmire was in St. John on several occasions. His recent experience has been obtained in the Orient and his last station was at Tokio.

Major Pugmire's holiday trip to England will include a visit to the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. The Salvation Army has a display there, showing in detail their operations in various parts of the world.

## RUSH HERE FROM BOSTON KEEPS UP WELL; 177 TODAY

A. C. Currie, Home From U. S., Says Tourist Outlook Good.

Alfred C. Currie, local agent for the Eastern Steamships, Ltd., arrived in the city this morning on the S. S. Prince Arthur. He had been on a business trip to Boston and New York. He said the passenger travel on the company's two steamers, the Prince Arthur and the Governor Dingley, continues heavy and that freights are slowly but steadily increasing. He attributes the latter to the fact time being made by the two liners. On his trip to New York he traveled on the new liners Boston and New York, which were only recently completed and are declared the most modern equipped passenger steamers on the Atlantic. He said that these steamers cost \$1,500,000 to construct and equip.

Other passengers on the Prince Arthur were: Sherman Patterson of Boston who came here on a visit to Thomas Glenn, 175 Main street; Miss Doris Wiesel, who returned after a trip to Boston and New York; and J. Freedman, who was on a business trip to Boston.

The majority of the passengers came to the provinces to enjoy a vacation and escape the hot weather which has been prevailing in the Eastern States for some weeks.

The Prince Arthur brought 177 passengers and a fair sized general cargo.

## GIRLS PREPARE TO SWIM THE RIVER

Two Ready for Long Journey From the Swimming Scow.

Two young ladies of this city are planning on swimming across the St. John river. The young ladies are the Misses Constance Ewing and Christina Higgins. They have been in training at the city swimming resort at the foot of Kennedy street and intend to make an attempt to swim from the scows to the opposite side of the river some time soon when tide conditions are favorable. They will be accompanied by Mark Burns, instructor, who has been taking a keen interest in their work.

The recent warm spell attracted hundreds to the swimming resort daily and the facilities were inadequate to accommodate all. A large number of boys and girls have been visiting the scows daily and receiving instructions in swimming. Since the first of the season many have progressed sufficiently to permit them going into deeper water. In addition to teaching swimming, Mr. Burns is also assisting many in learning the proper method of diving. This is the first time which has been hit, and as a result many boys and girls give promise of developing into clever divers.

## TO REBUILD AFTER TUESDAY'S FIRE

W. G. Clark Speaks of Plans—Were Tires Stolen?

W. G. Clark, president of J. Clark & Son, Ltd., whose automobile premises in German street were badly damaged by fire on Tuesday evening, said this morning that there was a policy of \$2,000 on the building, a general insurance on the second-hand automobiles which were in the building at the time of the fire and which were mostly a total loss and no insurance on the 150 tires destroyed. Mr. Clark said that he was of the opinion that some of the tires which had been thrown out of the building to escape the fire had been stolen. His heaviest loss, he intimated, would be from the tires.

It is the intention of the company to re-build, Mr. Clark said, on the site of the destroyed building. Plans had not yet been determined on but he thought the new structure would be either brick or concrete.

The damage done by the fire, Mr. Clark estimated, would reach about \$15,000.

## As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times' reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "what do you suppose the seagulls are thinking as they wing their way slowly up or down Courtney Bay when a baseball game is in progress on the South End diamond?"

"They're likely thinkin' about where they'll get the next meal," said Hiram.

"Are you sure," said the reporter, "that the small boys haven't got them hired to retrieve the balls that are batted into the bay?"

"The boys," said Hiram, "don't need no help fer that job. Some o' them there South End fellers could swim half way across the Bay o' Fundy. The thing that surprises me is that some o' 'em haint learnt to fly. We'll all be flyin' some day. An' we'll be taxed fer it, too—'ll bet a dollar. Yes, sir—we'll be taxed fer swimmin' out the air. That's about the only thing left. By Hen!"



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