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## GRADUAL REDUCTION OF TAX ON IMPROVEMENTS HERE

Important Changes in System, Looking to Land Tax, Recommended to Council by Committee—Sale of City Land and More Equitable System of Collecting Income Tax.

The recommendations of the committee of aldermen appointed to consider the form in connection with Mayor Fink's inaugural address are here given. Introducing them, the committee, in a report submitted to the common council Monday afternoon and which is to be taken up on August 15, set forth that Vancouver, to encourage building, reduced the improvement tax fifty per cent and obtained such satisfactory results that eleven years later an additional twenty-five per cent was taken off. Building operations showed such a marked increase that in 1910 the building tax was eliminated entirely and the tax on land alone remained. And a striking fact was that the tax on the land did not increase but remained just where it was, twenty-two mills on the dollar. Building operations increased enormously and the population increased from 17,000 in 1894 to 100,000 last year.

Victoria taxes improvements at 50 per cent of value but the people have never voted to give improvements total exemption. The increase in value and the general development, it is calculated, will allow of total exemption and also reduce the land tax.

Edmonton is also working towards the single tax and sees good effect.

The committee here quotes E. MacLure Scuders, commissioner for Saskatchewan, and formerly of St. John, as saying that Prince Rupert is a single tax city and that practically all the other cities in the West are coming to the same principle. Success has been so great as to leave no room for argument against it.

The committee also give striking instances of unfair assessments in Toronto under the old system. The recommendations of the committee to the St. John council are as follows:

1st.—That the Common Council ask the government to permit the re-arranging of the levying and assessing of rates and taxes in the City of St. John.

(a)—By repealing the clause passed March 28, 1910, which provides that the tax rate shall not be raised for five years. We find upon inquiry that this clause has failed of the purpose it was intended to serve, for if the object was to fix and determine the amount of the tax rate payable by the city for five years, during this five year period, this object has not been served. While this act has compelled the assessors to assess each individual taxpayer according to his percentage, they, nevertheless, have the power and have exercised this to increase the valuation upon the property whenever necessary to raise more money, to increase the amount for assessments in Toronto.

(b)—By adding a clause providing that, after the first of January next, the tax on improvements, including all the buildings and superstructures, be reduced 25 per cent, and every two years thereafter a further reduction of 25 per cent, on the original value, until the tax on said improvement has disappeared altogether, and providing that the tax on land be increased sufficiently, beginning with the first of January first next, and every two years thereafter, to provide for the same.

(c)—That the city ask the provincial government to permit the re-arranging of the levying and assessing of rates and taxes in the City of St. John.

(d)—That the city ask the provincial government to appoint valuers, who shall be in the Royal Commission, which shall become a permanent court, whose duties shall be to adjust as equitably as possible all difficulties that may arise on account of the change in the assessment law, having reference especially to long, renewable leases, where the present rate of ground rent may be less or but little more than the future tax levied under the new system, and also having reference to the church property, where the tenant is also required to pay the land tax.

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## OBITUARY

**Mrs. Mary J. Boyd.**  
The death of Mrs. Mary J. Boyd, widow of William C. Boyd, occurred on Sunday last at her home in Musquash. She was 78 years of age. She is survived by two sons and four daughters. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from her late residence to St. Anne's Church, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. Francis. Interment was in the family lot at Musquash.

**Rev. George Howard.**  
Hampton, N.B., Aug. 9.—The Rev. George Howard died at his residence at Hampton Village on Monday evening, Aug. 7, after a long and painful illness, in his 78th year, leaving a widow, formerly Miss Foster, sister of Berton C. Foster, of Fredericton, and a family of five sons and three daughters. The sons are: Dr. Harvey Howard, of Oklahoma, and George, of Winnipeg, by his first wife, and William and Fred. of Fort Fairfield (Me.), and Joseph, at home, these three, by their surviving mother, together with the Misses Beattie, Laura and Eva, well known and successful teachers.

Mr. Howard was born at Wells, in the county of Somerset, England, and came to this province in the early fifties, taking up his home in Carleton county, where he was converted and joined the Baptist church at Jacksonville on baptism by the late Rev. B. N. Hughes. Subsequently, in 1871, he was ordained to the ministry and entered upon his work as pastor of the Jacksonville church. Other churches he served with zeal and great success were Richmond, Macquash (where he remained eight years), Gasquet, Hampton Village, Havelock and Hampton Station, where some years of faithful labor were given in public ministry. In November last, when he found his health too frail to continue his active labors.

As a preacher he was always forcible, though simple, analytical, but not diffusive; practical and suggestive, with apt illustrations of the truths he was teaching, and always careful to keep the Master and His saving power before the view of the people. He was also a good pastor and ever found a hearty welcome in the homes of those to whom he ministered.

He will be laid to rest tomorrow afternoon in Hampton cemetery, after funeral services at the house at 2:30 o'clock.

**John Keenan.**  
The death of John Keenan occurred suddenly at his home in Fairville on Wednesday afternoon. He was a brick-moulder in the employ of B. Moorey & Sons and worked all day. That evening however he was taken ill, and lived only a short time. He was a respected resident of Fairville. Besides his mother, Mrs. John Perry, he leaves three brothers, Michael and James, of Fairville, and Robert, now in the west. Two half brothers, Vincent and Philip Perry, one sister, Mrs. Charles Reed, and one-half sister, Miss Helen Perry, also survive. The funeral will be at 7:45 o'clock this morning to St. Peter's church.

**Miss Catherine McJunkin.**  
Friday, Aug. 11.  
The death of Miss Catherine McJunkin occurred at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. H. Roy, yesterday, after an illness of some duration. She was a daughter of the late James and Catherine McJunkin, and surviving are four sisters and one brother. The brothers, James McJunkin, resides in Roxbury (Mass.), and the sisters are: Miss Emily, of Boston; Miss Mary, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. H. H. Roy, of St. John. The funeral will be held from the home of her sister on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

**Mrs. Thomas Darling.**  
Friday, Aug. 11.  
Mrs. Susan W. Darling, wife of Thomas Darling, of Acadia street, died yesterday at her home, after only three days' illness from inflammation. She was 30 years old, and besides her husband, is survived by three small children.

**Charles E. Burnham.**  
Digby, N.S., Aug. 10.—(Special)—Charles E. Burnham died at his home here this afternoon, aged 82 years, after several weeks' illness. The deceased was a native of Digby, a son of the late William and Mary Burnham. For many years he was carried on a furniture business in St. John, retiring eight years ago. His wife died eight years ago at the age of 73.

Mr. Burnham was a member of the Baptist church and an honorary member of Union Division, No. 6, S. of T. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. James P. Jones, of Malden (Mass.), and four sons and three daughters—William, Charles, Burnham, of Boston; S. L. Tilly Burnham and Arthur C. of Medford (Mass.); Fred E. of Concord (N.H.); Mrs. Henry E. Haley, of St. Stephen (N.B.); Mrs. Harry King, of Calais, Maine; and Miss F. Blanche at home. He also leaves sixteen grand children, and four great-grand children. The funeral will take place from his late home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon with interment in the Baptist cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. T. S. Roy, pastor of the Digby Baptist church.

## CASTORIA

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## BAYSWATER PERSONALS

Bayswater, Aug. 10.—The following persons are summing at the Linton House, Bayswater: Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper and family, Misses Edith Kelly, Sadie Kelly, Flora Maxwell, Eva Keegan and Aubrey Hollis, of St. John; James Foster, Frank Maloney and Fred Holmes, of Boston; A. S. Smith, of Washington, and J. Holmes, of Toronto University, Ontario.

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## UNION OF THE BOARDS IN THE MISSION WORK

Important Step at Maritime Baptist Convention in Bridgetown  
AUGUST 18 TO 22

St. John Ministers and Two Lay Delegates from Each Church to Attend—The Complete Programme for the Convention Meetings.

The ratification of the union of the three foreign missions of Canada will be the important step taken by the United Baptist Institute and convention which will be held August 18 to 22, in Bridgetown (N.S.). The Maritime, Quebec, Ontario and Wesleyan boards will be consolidated into one board with headquarters in Toronto. The various provinces of Canada will be represented on the board, and the work in India and Bolivia, South America will be continued. The missionary legislation was enacted in Ottawa last year, and after ratification by the Baptist conventions of Canada the change will be made in December.

The programme of the convention will include the Baptist ministers namely, Rev. D. Hutchinson of Main street, Rev. F. H. Wentworth of Waterloo street, Rev. Miles McDuffen of Brunsell street, Rev. Mr. Williams of the Laborer's, Rev. M. E. Fletcher of West Side, Rev. B. H. Nobles of Victoria street, Rev. W. Camp, M.A., B.D., of Limerick street, Rev. F. E. Bishop and Rev. W. R. Johnson, M.A., of King Street, and Rev. J. H. Johnson, M.A., of Englishman who has been resident in British Columbia for some years, as announced Tuesday, has been filed at the registry office. No other purchases have yet been recorded.

At Woodstock, Md., College on July 30, Cardinal Gibbons ordained nineteen Jesuit students to the priesthood, and conferred on them a large number of benefices, including John X. Regan, of Boston, son of John Regan, a former resident of St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bridges arrived from Toronto yesterday on a visit to friends. Mr. Bridges soon after his arrival called upon Mr. D. Mullin, K. C., and authorized him to issue a supreme writ for \$2,000 damages for false arrest against W. Humphrey, of this city last year.

Port Arthur (Ont.) papers of July 21 contain particulars of the accident that resulted in the death of Engineer J. A. Seeds, of this city. He was buried under the wreckage caused by a caboose of a work train on the Canadian Northern Railway leaving the rails and crowding on top of the locomotive.

I. N. Chappell, proprietor of the Old Course, House New Street, 29 Court Street, was struck by a horse on his way to his old home at Bald Verté, where he is to spend two weeks' vacation. Mr. Chappell, who has been very successful in business, comes to New Brunswick every year for a rest.

The Women's Baptist Mission Convention will be held in this city on Aug. 15, 16 and 17, at the Hotel Ontario. The convention will be present. This convention will last about two days, after which those who take part in it will proceed to Bridgetown (N.S.), where the Maritime Baptist Convention will be held on Aug. 18 and 19, and expected to continue for four days.

Accidentally falling from a boat on the Madawaska stream, Rudolph Anderson, a young farmer of New Sweden, was drowned according to a message received at Carleton Place, a Storm Wesell, Anderson's companion, tried to save him and nearly lost his own life. Anderson leaves his wife and two children.

The government dredge Stonelifer, at work at the mouth of the harbor, used the large grab yesterday for the first time, and lifted a boulder weighing 40 tons. It will be taken probably far outside of Partridge Island and dropped into deep water, or the resident engineer may deposit it at some place which is to be filled in on the West side.

Indignation is being expressed at Fredericton Junction as an automobile, driven by a woman, recently smashed a wagon belonging to Calvin Allen, of Frances Stevens. When about thirty years of age he began studying for the ministry and during his forty years of service had preached in Sussex, Woodstock, St. John, Hartland and Jacksonville. He was fifteen years in Sussex and sixteen years in Woodstock. He was known as one of the most eloquent of the old Free Baptist clergymen and was one of the best promoters of the union of the Free Baptist and Baptist churches. His work with the pen was also well known as he was a frequent contributor to newspapers. He was the possessor of a rich vein of humor, but was also quick to respond to the appeal of the pathetic.

## LOCAL NEWS

Correspondents who send letters to The Semi-Weekly Telegraph and who wish to have them returned if they are not printed, must send stamps for return postage.

David W. Livingston writes to The Telegraph from Fredericton, asking if someone will send him the address of his brother, Gordon Livingston.

The Royal Ancestry members are making arrangements for the visit of the supreme regent, Rev. Dr. McFaden, who is expected in St. John Aug. 19 to 22.

The neat-appearing blue shirtwaists, supplied by the postal department of the dominion government, for the letter carriers have arrived for the men in the St. John service.

A. R. C. Clark has the contract for the mason and carpenter work of the three-story brick building at the corner of Union and Brunel streets for His Lordship Bishop Casey.

The public schools will reopen on the 28th inst., and the attention of parents is directed to the necessity of obtaining permits for children who have not previously attended school.

In the will of James Cosman, of Metehun River (N.S.), who died recently, leaving an estate of about \$200,000, is a bequest of \$200 a year for life to Catherine Myers, now of the Port Hotel, St. John.

Thomas Malcolm, of Campbellton, builder of the International Railway from Campbellton to St. Leonard's, was in the city yesterday accompanied by his family. They have been enjoying a ten days trip through Nova Scotia.

Dr. Wm. Warwick's resignation as pathologist at the general hospital has not yet been brought before the local government, but it is expected that no plans have been made for the selection of his successor.

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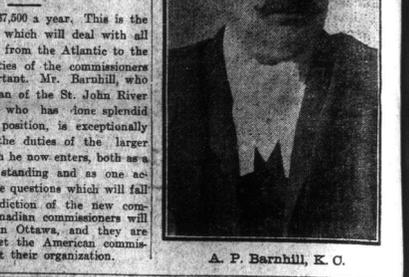
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## A. P. BARNHILL APPOINTED MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS COMMISSION

One of the Three Representatives of Canada at Salary of \$7,500 a Year—Well Fitted for Duties of Important Position.

Special to The Telegraph.  
Ottawa, Aug. 10.—The Canadian representatives on the International Waterways Commission were nominated today by the cabinet. They will have to be confirmed by the British government. The commissioners named to act for Canada are: Sir George Gibbons, London, Ontario; A. P. Barnhill, K. C., St. John, (N.B.); Aime Geoffroin, Montreal.



A. P. Barnhill, K. C.

The salary is \$7,500 a year. This is the new commission which will deal with all boundary waters from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The duties of the commissioners are most important. Mr. Barnhill, who has been chairman of the St. John River Commission, and who has done splendid service in that position, is exceptionally well fitted for the duties of the larger sphere into which he now enters, but as a lawyer of high standing and as one acquainted with the questions which will fall within the jurisdiction of the new commission, The Canadian commissioners will have an office in Ottawa, and they are presently to meet the American commissioners and effect their organization.

## FLORENCEVILLE FOR HOURS IN FIRE GRIP

Some Fifteen Buildings Reported Destroyed in Conflagration Which Raged in Carleton County Town from 7 O'Clock Last Evening Until Midnight.

Friday, Aug. 11.  
A fierce fire which broke out in John V. Kinney's store at Florenceville, Carleton county, at 7 o'clock last night, raged furiously till nearly midnight, caused great damage before the flames were finally got under control. From Kinney's store the fire spread rapidly before a strong north wind, but with the exception of the north side, which were destroyed, the fire was confined to the south of the store and to the east side of the street.

Among the buildings burned are the Turner building, Garrison building, the residence of Rev. Father Bradley and Dr. Hagan's drug store. Dr. Hagan's residence was not burned.

In all about fifteen buildings were destroyed but on account of the late hour at which the fire was still burning last night it was not possible to obtain an accurate estimate of the loss of the extent to which this is covered by insurance.

## REV. DR. PHILLIPS IS DEAD

Stricken as He Sat on Verandah of His Home in Jacksonville Talking to Rev. Dr. Hutchinson—Was 40 Years in the Ministry.

Special to The Telegraph.  
Hartland, N. B., Aug. 10.—Rev. Dr. C. T. Phillips died suddenly tonight at his home in Jacksonville, this county. He and Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, of St. John, who was his guest, were sitting on the verandah at Dr. Phillips' home about 9 o'clock when Dr. Phillips complained of suffering from a pain in his chest. He excused himself from Dr. Hutchinson and left him for a few minutes. Soon afterwards a neighbor called inquiring for him and found him in the barn lying on his face. Assistance was called for and he was taken to the verandah, where he died in about half an hour. Heart trouble is supposed to have caused his death.

News of the death of Dr. Phillips will be received with great regret in this city and throughout the province. Dr. Caleb Thaddeus Phillips was born in Somerville, Carleton county, seventy years ago. He was the son of Calvin Phillips and Frances Stevens. When about thirty years of age he began studying for the ministry and during his forty years of service had preached in Sussex, Woodstock, St. John, Hartland and Jacksonville. He was fifteen years in Sussex and sixteen years in Woodstock. He was known as one of the most eloquent of the old Free Baptist clergymen and was one of the best promoters of the union of the Free Baptist and Baptist churches. His work with the pen was also well known as he was a frequent contributor to newspapers. He was the possessor of a rich vein of humor, but was also quick to respond to the appeal of the pathetic.

Dr. Phillips married George Doucette, daughter of an old Free Baptist clergyman, and she and four daughters survive him. The daughters are Kate, Mabel, Maud and Georgia. The last named is a nurse in training in Norwich (Conn.), and Miss Maud and Kate are also nurses. He has a brother, Elias, residing in Ontario, and a sister, Mary, wife of Stipendiary Magistrate E. F. Shaw, of Bath (N.B.). C. T. Lagrin, of St. John, is a cousin.

Dr. Phillips had been actively engaged in the missionary work of the denomination in this province during last year and he had only recently been granted a year's rest which he was taking at his home in Jacksonville. Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed last night.

## CHAFFIN FOREST 25

Port Clyde Severn  
Flames Are the South Distr  
Has Been Raging Three Days and Miles of Territory Missing—Only Can Save

Special to The Telegraph.  
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 10.—A forest fire in Carleton county, near Nova Scotia, Shelburne, is raging in town of Liverpool. The burning for two or three days and today burst strength.

At Port Clyde, west destroyed. The territories mentioned is no there is a continuous one is doing vast damage. The weather has been summer that the fire feet into the ground. enormous amount of rain fire and until the rain. A flagration must continue.

The Halifax & South not get through to E had to venture to ship. Notwithstanding, a loss of a house and bar grave apprehension is.

## LOGGIE HOLLAND ROUSING M IN NORTHUM

Everything Pointing Victory for Candidate.

Special to The Telegraph.  
Chatham, N. B., Aug. 10.—A fine meeting in evening. The farmers are one of the best crops after duck as they are their work they walked ball. They all seemed in reciprocity, and more after he heard Mr. Loggie's address. Mr. Loggie's meeting better attended. The meeting at New this week is expected to be with Mr. Loggie's help.

## FOREST FIRE IS RAGING NEAR PENOBSCQUIS

Friday, Aug. 11.  
A telephone message from Penobscot was received at a late hour last night stating that a serious forest fire was raging in the neighborhood and was threatening the village. It broke out on the McIntyre property and had spread over the Hannah farm, McMonagle's and Chittick's and at 11 o'clock was near the lower portion of the Harry Morton property. A much damage has already been done and if the wind held, northwest as it was then blowing there was great apprehension that the flames would spread to the village of Penobscot.

The lumber properties of Al Freeze, Herbert Lison, Ed. Wallace and Byron McLeod were in danger at the time that the telephone message was sent. A crew of men under David McNitt, fire warden, were fighting the fire and it was the intention of others to go out early this morning to help check the flames. In the meantime they are hoping for a change in the direction of the wind to the northeast.

## W.S. MONTGOMERY VICTORY REST

Special to The Telegraph.  
Dalhousie, N. B., Aug. 10.—A. B. servatives held their camp. Marquis hall, Campbell was represented by James Jardine president Arthur Culligan, second all, W. S. Montgomery, who was unanimous standing bearer of the in Resigueuse. A confidence in R. L. B. Brief speeches were made, Councilor D. A. moral, Daniel McAllister, Rene Richard, Geo. Blackhall and Duncan. Great interest is being day, which promises largest ever held in Re

## BETTER STAY AT HOME; EAST IS THE PLACE

Messrs. Barry, After Looking Carefully Into Western Conditions, Have Returned to St. John to Stay.

That St. John is quite good enough for them is the decision of Messrs. J. and Henry Barry, who have spent the last three months looking over the west with the intention of settling there if they found conditions attractive. They are now back home and intend to stay here. It is probable that they will again engage in the lively staple business.

During their trip they went right through to the Pacific coast and visited several of the larger cities of the continent. In each place they paid particular attention to the business possibilities and also to living conditions. While they found the possibilities for a paying business good in almost every place they did not find anything to compensate them for leaving St. John.

They are quite willing to admit that in a country which is rapidly filling up and where there are so many transient travelers, the chances of making money are better but there are drawbacks which tend to discount them. In the first place the cost of living is much higher and the possibility of securing comfort is a more serious one than it is in the older communities.

The country itself and the spirit of the people do not appeal to them and they decided that they would be better off at home. For those with capital to invest there were great opportunities but the average clerk and man of business who have been leaving St. John to go west were doing very little to improve their lot in life by making the change.

One thing that impressed Messrs. Barry as different from the western provinces was the unanimity displayed in boosting their towns and helping to build them up. With the comparison of natural resources greatly in favor of the east all that was needed to make New Brunswick advance as rapidly as some of the western cities, they said, is the judicious use of the right kind of advertising and the display of more of

## LUMBERMEN HERE SEEK PIKE LAW EXTENSION

With a large quantity of State of Maine logs on hand, it is understood that millmen here have made representations to the treasury department at Washington through the regular channels, for an extension of the Pike law which expired on the 8th.

Their view is that the period should be extended sufficiently long to enable them to manufacture the surplus rough lumber. To this end the American logs have been kept separate from the New Brunswick logs so that they might be given preference should their desires be met with and the manufactured product allowed to go in free.

The opinion has been expressed that the Pike law which ran for two years, was an act of congress, that body will have to enact legislation for its extension; and that the treasury department will have no power to deal with it. Congress is expected to adjourn in a few days and prompt action will be necessary.

## EDISON AND THE TRUST MATTER

The following anecdote was related last week of Thomas A. Edison. A meeting of directors had been held a few days before at his Orange laboratory. The conversation turned on the recent indictments against trusts. Edison mentioned that he had been present at a dinner of "Captains of Industry" some time ago. One of the directors asked, "Edison, how is it you were invited to dine with that crowd?"—to which he replied without a second's hesitation, "Oh, I suppose it was to dilute the company." Readers of his recent published biography, Edison, His Life and Inventions, will call to mind numerous incidents of his inexhaustible fund of humor and of the keenness of his wit. In fact, although none but his most intimate friends know it, Edison has a remarkable gift of repartee.

To do away with the disagreeable smell when frying out, hard or greasy of any kind, put it in an oven, being careful not to have too much fire. When baking cookies turn the baking pan upside down and place the cookies on the bottom.