

## THE ASSESSMENT BILL WAS VERY THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES

Commissioner McLellan in Able Address Presents the Facts in Concrete Shape and Impresses the Members—Hon. Mr. Baxter Gives Much Attention to This Legislation.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, June 20.—Much of the work of the House on the lengthy St. John assessment bill has been eliminated by the thoroughness of the consideration of the measure before the municipalities committee. The city solicitor, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, has been especially active in getting this legislation in shape so that it will be satisfactory to the House.

During the consideration of the bill in committee, the members were much impressed with the business-like address of Commissioner H. R. McLellan of St. John, who placed the facts before the committee in concrete shape. A portion of his address follows:

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Municipalities Committee: As one of the commissioners of the city of St. John and thereby representing a majority of the taxpayers I wish to express my approval of this bill, which you are now asked to consider.

My remarks will be confined to its necessity and its production, leaving the matter of its uniformity to those who represent the drafters of the bill, and who are better versed regarding its comparison with other assessment acts in force and the special features embodied in them as required to meet local conditions where they may be applied.

To draft an assessment act which will be both efficient and unanimously approved of has been and will no doubt continue to be the perplexing problem of drafters of such acts.

That a necessity existed for a change in the present St. John Assessment Act, was evidently appreciated by the drafters of the commission charter, who inserted a clause which made it compulsory for the commissioners to take some steps towards a change and the time for so doing was limited.

When the time limit was about expiring, an assessment commission was appointed by the Common Council or Commission, to go thoroughly into the matter and advise the council as to what would be most applicable as a cure to the ills of the present assessment act.

The members of the commission were chosen from different walks in life, professional, mercantile, contractors and artisans, who were acknowledged to be fair and reasonable in their judgment and they produced the report which promoted this bill.

That the members of this commission were efficient and earnest in their endeavor and were bent on producing a report which would measure up to the standard of any city's requirements for assessment purposes I firmly believe.

Wm. McConnell.

Wm. McConnell, 71 Mecklenburg street, who fell from the Ballast wharf into the Kennedy slip on the 14th instant, died at the General Hospital at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, following a sinking spell during the night. Shock resulting from the fall is given as the cause of death. Mr. McConnell leaves five sons and three daughters. The sons are Harry and John of this city, Joseph of Sydney, James and William of Boston. The daughters are Mrs. John R. Leck of

### DIED.

DORMAN.—At Moncton, N. B., on Wednesday, June 20, 1917, Maud A., youngest daughter of Fred W. Dorman.

Funeral Friday, at 2:30 p. m., from the residence of Mrs. J. E. Edwards, Princess street, St. John.

HENDERSON.—In this city, on June 20th, Joseph Henderson, leaving a wife and two brothers to mourn. (Fredericton and Boston papers please copy.)

Funeral on Friday afternoon from his late residence, corner of Tower and Watson streets, West St. John. Service to commence at 2:30 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.

WARD.—In this city, on 20th inst., after a short illness, Julia J., beloved wife of Josh A. Ward, leaving her husband, six sons and three daughters to mourn.

Funeral on Friday morning at 8:45 from her late residence, 19 Dorchester street, to the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception for Solemn Requiem High Mass at 9 o'clock. Friends invited.

### IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of Hugh Reid, Young's Cove Road, N. B., who passed away June 21st, 1916. "He giveth His beloved sleep."

## BRITISH MAKE GAINS ON ARRAS BATTLE FRONT

London, June 20.—British forces have made gains on the Arras front, south of the Cojeul river and also north of the Scarpe river, where we captured thirty-five prisoners. In addition to the captures already reported, four German field guns were taken by us east of Messines in the course of our recent advance in this area on Thursday night.

Paris, June 20.—General De La Croix publishes in the Temps the results of his study, supposedly from authoritative sources, on the present number of German reserves. He estimates that the grand total of German troops of all kinds and classes up to June 1 reached 13,130,000 and that this total was depleted by losses of 3,630,000; 2,300,000 rendered unfit through wounds and 1,130,000 resident in foreign countries.

J. D. Chipman, C. P. R. ticket agent, left last night for his home in Halifax. While in St. John he was entertained by his many friends.

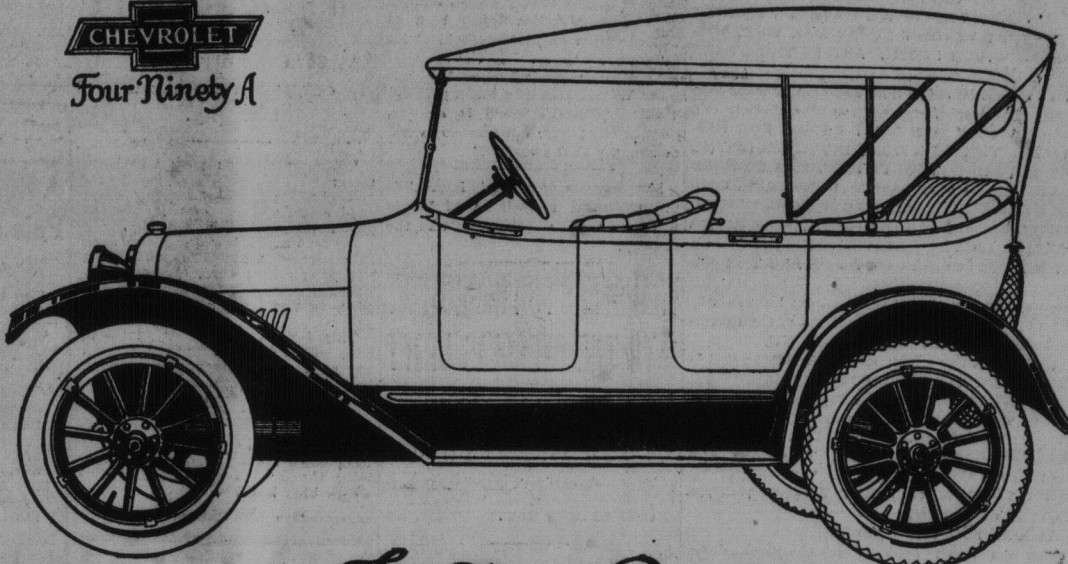
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