

CITIZENS PRESENT REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION AT CITY HALL

PETITION WITH 3,000 NAMES IS HANDED MAYOR

Probe of Administration and Engaging of Expert Asked

BEFORE COUNCIL AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY

His Worship Says It May Be Taken Up Next Tuesday

A delegation consisting of George Carvill, George McArthur and George H. Waterbury waited on Mayor White informally this morning and presented a petition asking that a thorough investigation in civic expenditures be made. It was the desire that an expert be engaged to go over the expenditures of the various departments and see where reductions could be made and the cost of administering the city affairs be reduced. The petition contained more than 3,000 names of taxpayers. It was said that more than 1,000 had entered one booth and signed the petition without solicitation. His Worship promised to bring the petition before the council at the meeting on Tuesday. It reads as follows:

TEXT OF PETITION.

To His Worship the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Saint John:

The petition of the undersigned taxpayers of the City of Saint John humbly sheweth:

1. That, as is well known, there is at the present time prevailing in this community very pronounced and widespread uneasiness and dissatisfaction with the ever-increasing civic burdens and problems, which are a constant source of worry to citizens, especially the owners of real estate.

2. This condition of affairs is made manifest by the numerous letters and editorials in the public press dealing with the civic debt and inequality of taxation affecting real estate, which is based on a system leading to confiscation.

3. The voicing of these pressing grievances having awakened public opinion, we deem it desirable at this time to ask for some definite action on the part of the Common Council looking to a measure of relief.

4. Your petitioners, therefore, respectfully request that an auditor or firm of auditors, outside of the city, of undoubted experience and recognized standing, be appointed by the Council, but named or approved by a committee of the undersigned, to make a thorough audit and investigation of the city's books and accounts covering all departments, including the assessors', and extending over the past five years, showing all expenditures, the increase from year to year of the bonded indebtedness and the floating liabilities from time to time, with amounts paid for interest on all liabilities, and making such suggestions with a view to improvements in the methods to be pursued as may be deemed desirable, and recommending the adoption of all measures deemed necessary or advisable for effecting economy in the administration of civic affairs and the lessening of the burdens of the taxpayers.

EFFICIENCY EXPERT.

Also that an efficiency expert of outstanding ability and experience be appointed in the same manner as the auditor, with full power to make all inquiries in the several departments, including the assessors', which he may deem necessary or advisable for the purpose of obtaining all information needed or required by him and with fully authority to have free and uninterrupted access to all books, accounts, documents and papers, and to be given all assistance which he may need or request from the heads of departments and all civic officials and from all other persons from whom he may require information concerning civic affairs; and that both auditor and efficiency expert make reports containing such suggestions as they deem useful or advisable with a view to the reduction of civic expenditures and the lessening of the burden of taxation, copies of such reports as made from time to time to be furnished by the auditor and efficiency expert to the press and to the committee on request.

Dated August 2, 1926.

77 GRANDCHILDREN

CHITTENDON, Vt., Sept. 2.—This is a small town, but it has its boast, the champion grandmother of the United States. She is Mrs. Lovina Durkee, 84, who has 77 living grandchildren and twice as many great-grandchildren. The population of Chittendon, had they all remained here, would be almost doubled.

WINS FIRST PRIZE

The Fairville Superior School has won the first prize of the Strathcona trust awards for physical work of Grades 7 and 8 pupils among the graded schools in Saint John and Charlotte counties. I. Newton Fanjoy was principal of the school last year.

LET KANSAS BEAT THIS ONE



Kansas is supposed to be the sunflower state. But California boosters think their state can beat 'em all, and maybe they're right. This shows Miss Gladys Kenyon holding a sunflower grown at Hayward, Calif. It's 17 inches in diameter and weighs 16 pounds, nine ounces.

Former N. B. Man Now U. S. Senator

There passed through Saint John yesterday, en route to his old home in Blackville, N. B., Senator John I. Schofield, of the Powder River district of Montana. Senator Schofield left New Brunswick 42 years ago and has been engaged in ranching, owning a 6,000 acre ranch there. He claims direct descent from Major James Schofield, a Loyalist of the American Revolution who came to Saint John in 1782 and settled in Kings county. Brothers in Blackville are William and Alexander Schofield.

REMARriage STORY DENIED BY BERLIN

Composer Says No Truth That There is to Be Second Ceremony

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Positive denials that Irving Berlin and his bride, who was Ellen Mackay, intended to be remarried in a Roman Catholic church to appease her father, Clarence Mackay, are issued from three sources in New York.

Rev. J. Francis A. McIntyre, Secretary to Cardinal Hayes, said no dispensation for the marriage had been issued. Father Superior Gaudin, of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Jean de Baptiste, Lexington avenue and Seventy-sixth street, where it was rumored that the ceremony would be performed, said that there was no truth in the report.

Mr. Michael J. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, when asked if he was to perform a ceremony for the couple, replied: "I don't know anything about it." He added that no priest on the cathedral staff had any appointment to perform it.

Mr. Berlin issued a signed statement from his office. It read: "The report that Mrs. Berlin and I are to go through another ceremony is untrue. I shall deny no more of these false statements."

The composer expressed his impatience with the "unnecessary publicity," which he said had followed him since his return to the United States, and asked to be left alone.

Auto Death Toll in States is Thousands

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Automobiles have killed 5,000 people in 78 of the country's large cities since the first of this year.

The greatest number of fatalities occurred in the four weeks ending June 19, when 546 were killed, according to figures gathered by the Department of Commerce covering four week periods.

For the four weeks ended August 14, this year, the last reported, there were 497 fatalities, an increase over the same period last year, when 467 deaths occurred.

From May to December, last year, the total number of automobile fatalities was 4,345, making a total from that time to August 14 this year of 7,548.

RUINS HUNTED IN AZORES FOR MORE QUAKE VICTIMS

Known Losses On Fayal Island Total 11 or 12 Dead and 200 Injured in Horta; Prisoners Released From Half Destroyed Jails and Hundreds Pray

HORTA, Azores Islands, Sept. 1.—Press was suspended and the banks were closed.

The major shock lasted only 12 seconds, going as suddenly as it came on a wonderful cloudless day.

The shock was the climax of a series of preliminary earthquakes lasting three years, of which the heaviest occurred on April 8.

Soon after the tremor was felt, scores of people rushed to a small boat which was preparing to sail to Lisbon.

The extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained. Horta and the surrounding villages suffered greatly. Flamingoes were totally destroyed.

RAILWAY EARNINGS IN U. S. SHOW GAIN

Reports From 78 Roads Show Net Operating Income Increase of \$19,809,000

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—The July earnings of 78 railroads show total net operating income of \$104,850,000, against \$85,041,000 for the same time last year, an increase of \$19,809,000, or 23.3 per cent. If the same percentage of gain is maintained by the other roads to report, July net will exceed \$122,000,000, or the equivalent of a return to 0.51 per cent. on the carriers' tentative valuation.

These remarkable earnings, and the prospect that August will do even better, probably showing profits in the neighborhood of \$130,000,000, stimulated trading in the high-grade railroad shares, which Wall Street has come to believe will receive a "melon" of no small proportions at the end of the year.

The July figures are the highest reported thus far this year, but will undoubtedly be exceeded by August, September and October, during which, according to the normal seasonal variation of traffic, a larger percentage of the year's freight movement is handled.

Gross revenues for the first 78 roads reported totaled \$98,000,000, against \$81,473,000 a year ago, an increase of 6.4 per cent. In June, 1926, gross was \$97,221,000, or 2.9 per cent. below this July. On the basis of net operating income for July, as estimated above, the first seven months of the current year net railway operating income of \$616,800,000, or at an annual rate of return of 5.76 per cent. on tentative valuation, against an actual net operating income of \$537,165,541, or a return of 5.19 per cent. for the corresponding period of last year.

PREDICTS VICTORY FOR CONSERVATIVES

"We are confident that our party will carry at least 27 of the 29 seats in the Maritime Provinces," said Hon. George B. Jones, Minister of Labor, who spent a few hours in the city yesterday before leaving for Hamilton, where he addressed a meeting of conservative supporters last night. Hon. Mr. Jones will speak at Hamilton to-night and at Cambridge tomorrow.

"I have been in almost every county of New Brunswick recently," Hon. Mr. Jones said, "and have no doubt but that Sept. 14 will see a clear victory for the Conservative party. Our organization committees are functioning perfectly."

Hon. Mr. Jones predicted that the Conservative party would on Sept. 14 show gains in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Alberta and Saskatchewan. "We expect from 15 to 20 seats in Quebec, seven or eight more in Ontario than in the last federal election and are confident that we will carry every seat, with one exception, in British Columbia."

Hon. Mr. Jones said that while visiting the North Shore he was impressed by the ardent Conservative enthusiasm shown.

VALENTINO ESTATE ESTIMATE MILLION

Stated It Will go to Brother—Still Grows From Picture Receipts

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—The fortune of Rudolph Valentino, estimated at more than \$1,000,000, will go in full to Albert Guglielmi, brother of the dead star. It was learned today that the estate has been swelled by about \$800,000 since his death through the showing all over the United States of his latest picture, "Son of the Sheik."

This amount was realized in the large key cities, where the demand for a sight of Rido's favorite son has been unprecedented, following the announcement of his death.

S. George Ullman, manager of Valentino, said the daily income from "The Son of the Sheik" will be from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for an indefinite period.

Weddings

Laport-Mahony.

The marriage of Miss Elsa Maud Mahony, R. N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Mahony, Sydney street, Saint John, and David Joseph Laporte, son of Mrs. Mary Laporte, Harford, Conn., was solemnized on Aug. 28, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Graham, 850 West 17th street, New York, by Rev. I. P. Brown. The bride was most becomingly attired in a gorging gown of Spanish satin color with panels of panne velvet. She wore a hat of nigger brown velvet faced with burnt orange. Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Graham supported the bridal pair. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Laporte left by motor for a wedding tour to New Brunswick. They are now in the city, guests of Mrs. Laporte's parents and after a short stay in Saint John will motor to their future home in Washington, where Mr. Laporte is employed in the United States civil service.

Speight-Clarke.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarke, of London, England, and Horace Haslam Speight, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Speight of this city, was solemnized last evening at 7.30 at St. Mary's rectory, Waterloo street, by Rev. R. Taylor McKim. The bride was becomingly gowned in a grey traveling suit with hat to match. She carried a bridal bouquet of butterfly roses. Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan, Meadow street, supported the bride couple. Both bride and groom are very popular and have many friends in the city. The bride has been a member of the New Brunswick Telephone Company staff and the groom is in the employ of the C. P. R. at Kenora, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Speight left on the 6.15 train for Kenora, where they will reside. Heartly good wishes for their future happiness were extended by many friends in Saint John.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 2, 1926

Early in September is the Time to Buy Your Topcoat

Perhaps you're one of those men who puts off selecting a new Topcoat at the first cold spell, hoping that we will have a continuance of summer weather. It's dangerous as the topcoat season is short at best and all men get one sooner or later. You will like the styles, too.

Men's Tweed Overcoats in grey, fawn and fawn shades. Price \$22.50

Men's Gabardine Topcoats—Light and medium fawn shades and olive. Price \$20.00 and \$25.00

Boys' Overcoats made of navy guaranteed Fox Serge. Price \$4.50

Light Fawn Overcoats with patch pockets and all round belt. Price \$5.75

(Mens Clothing—2nd Floor)

Viyella Flannel

Dainty colorful fine Flannel in plain colors, hair-line stripe and sport checks, guaranteed unshrinkable and durable. Suitable for dresses, skirts, blouses, pyjamas and shirts, in light, medium and heavy weights.

Plain Colors are pink, sky, copen, helio, grey, fawn, khaki and navy.

Half Stripes on white, navy and black grounds.

Sport Checks in grey, copen, peach and tomato.

(Dress Goods Dept.—Ground Floor)

New Fall Styles in Men's Furnishings

Men's Colored Shirts—Collars attached or separate—soft or starched.

The latest productions are neat figures on light colored grounds; novelty designs in richly blended colorings; printed and woven colors and the better grade cloths show Rayon Silk Stripes.

Sizes 14 to 18. Prices \$2.00 to \$5.50

Men's High Grade Pyjamas—In the newest styles. English Broadcloths, plain colors and neat stripes, some with silk frogs; also pretty Shakers and English Ceylon Flannels.

Prices \$4.50 to \$10.00

A good variety of Cloths and colorings.

Half Hose—English Cashmeres. New designs and colorings, checks, plaids, embroidered figures and stripes, also Ribbed Worsted in new Heather mixtures and silk and wool mixtures. Prices \$5.00 to \$3.25

Sport or Golf Hose—A wonderful variety, new designs and colored mixtures in many weights and grades. Prices \$1.25 to \$7.50

Men's Stylish Neckties—The last thought in the productions of Necktie Silks from the Swiss Looms. Paisley and moire stripes. Hand Loomed Italian Silks, Satin Back Crepes, Jacquard designs in Silk and Wool crepes, Failles and Knitted.

Prices 65c. to \$2.25

(Men's Furnishings—Ground Floor)

Chamoisette Gloves

Women's Double Tex Chamoisette Gloves, pique or heavy stitching. Colors, Fawns, Doe and Grey. Sizes 6 to 7 1/2. A very stylish glove for Fall. Price \$1.50 pair

(Glove Dept.—Ground Floor)

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Complete Bedroom \$50

A lovely large size Dresser in Walnut finish, hand rubbed, with plate glass mirror. A Simmons Steel Bed with centre panel hand finished in Walnut to match Dresser. A 10-year-guaranteed Spiral Spring and an all Cotton Mattress with roll edge. Exceptional value at \$50. Can be bought separate if desired.

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(Furniture Store, - - Market Square)

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All Untrimmed and Banded Hats, 25c.

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Advance Showing of Fall Coats

Coats for Autumn and Winter wear in a wide range of Fabrics are now being displayed for your approval.

Straight line and "wrappy" type Garments in plain and novelty materials, in a complete range of the season's popular colorings—All richly fur trimmed. Prices commence at \$25

(Costume Dept.—Second Floor.)

Ladies' Fall Hose

Fancy Silk and Lisle Combination—Colors of Harvest, Windsor Tan, Beige, Bran and Piping Rock. A good looking hosiery. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10. Price \$1.15 pair

Children's Three-quarter Hose—Ribbed, with fancy tops, light or dark shades. Sizes 8 to 9 1/2. A good school hose. Only 50c. pair

(Hosiery Dept.—Ground Floor.)

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Indestructible Necklets—24 in. 30c. string

Indestructible Necklets—30 in. 35c. and 65c. string

2-Strand Indestructible Pearl Chokers. 50c. string

3-Strand Indestructible Pearl Chokers. Price \$1.95, \$3 and \$5 string

Festoons in Indestructible Pearls. Price \$1.50, \$3 and \$5 string

4-Strand Bracelets of Indestructible Pearl. Price 50c., 60c., 75c., \$1 and \$1.25 ea.

Pearl Button Earrings. 50c., 60c., 75c., \$1 and \$1.25 pair

Pearl Bar Pins. \$2 and \$2.75 each

(Jewelry Dept.—Ground Floor.)

New Wilton Rugs

A choice assortment of English Wilton Rugs. Few things are more representative of taste and prosperity in the home than Rugs. These Rugs are quite out of the ordinary and are in neat Persian designs in rich warm colorings, very suitable for living room, hall or den.

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(Rug Dept.—Germain street entrance.)

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