

SMUGGLING AT ST. STEPHEN.

More Details of the Incident Which Resulted in Officer Hitchings Receiving a Paralytic Stroke.

St. Stephen, June 10.—Officer Hitchings, who sustained a paralytic stroke while making a seizure of smuggled goods last week, still remains in a critical condition. As nearly as can be ascertained it appears that on Wednesday night Customs Officers O'Shaughnessy and Hitchings were on duty at the Union bridge. A team crossed from the American side, which was recognized as belonging to Harry Halley of Milltown, and driven by the owner, who was accompanied by Henry Barry. The officers ordered the driver to stop but this he did not do, continuing towards Milltown. Hitchings succeeded in boarding the team, threw off one barrel of beef, which Officer O'Shaughnessy took charge of. After a tussle with Barry the officer put the best aboard an electric car, and brought it to the St. Stephen wharves. In the meantime Hitchings took possession of the team. Halley jumped off, and as he had trained his horse to go without harness he deliberately took the reins and ran, and struck the animal a blow which started it into a run. Hitchings held on to the reins but as the horse had fallen on the breast of the horse he naturally could not control him. Fortunately the grey is troubled with the heaves, and practically stopped after running to the water tank at Milltown corner. The officers quickly put the bits in the horse's mouth and started back to look for O'Shaughnessy, drove as far as the Union Hill, turned, and when he reached the Maxwell corner at the Union he was stricken with paralysis of the side. He retained consciousness, although unable to talk. About this time the cart was boarded by Harry Halley, who quickly drove to Milltown, Maine, and put Hitchings in another team and drove the other back home, leaving him on his doorstep, where O'Shaughnessy and Constable Glass found him and carried him into his home. In speaking of smuggling across the border it may be noted that the collector of this port and Calais last week received a contribution of "consensus money" from some persons evidently living away from the border. The money was received through the medium of a well known clergyman of this town.

RAILWAY DISCRIMINATION.

At a Meeting of the Interstate Commerce Commission it was Learned That American Roads Had Discriminated on Flour and Grain for Export.

CHICAGO, June 12.—Gen. A. Schroeder, Clement B. Stein, F. L. Broobrich and C. F. Rock, representing the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, representatives of the railroads and lake states flour mills attended the opening session of the interstate commerce commission held here today. Among the interests represented were the Chicago Board of Trade, Winter Wheat Millers' League, National Millers' League, and the National Flour Millers' Association. The meeting was held in the afternoon. The committee on flour and grain for export and for domestic consumption was held here today. The committee on flour and grain for export and for domestic consumption was held here today. The committee on flour and grain for export and for domestic consumption was held here today.

At a meeting of the executive committee held yesterday, the following committees were approved:— Industrial exhibit—W. F. Burditt, chairman; H. A. Dwyer, T. E. Macdonald, F. E. Holman, J. D. Egan, Allan Schiefel, W. J. Parks, E. L. Bialig.

Natural History—Col. A. Markham, chairman; G. U. Ray, D. F. Mathew, S. W. Kain, A. Gordon Leavitt, W. Mcintosh, C. F. Rowe. Fruit and honey—S. L. Peter, chairman; Major H. M. Campbell, D. Geo. the Heberington, E. B. Hall, E. L. Colpitta. Agricultural products—S. H. Hain, chairman; Wm. Shaw, M. P. S. L. Hays, S. Creighton, Joseph Allison, D. H. Nease, R. B. Patsell, W. McFate, E. H. Turnbull, M. E. Parise.

Cattle, sheep and swine—W. W. Hubbard, chairman; Wm. Shaw, M. P. S. L. Hays, S. Creighton, M. H. Parise, John F. Ross, G. E. Fisher. Dairy products—W. W. Hubbard, chairman; S. L. Peter, J. F. Tilley, Major Hill Campbell, Harvey Mitchell.

Press—R. O'Brien, chairman; R. A. Payne, Dr. Jas. Harnay, John A. Bowers, H. G. Fenety, E. B. Carter. The chairman of several other committees have yet to report to the executive.

The live stock committee met yesterday afternoon. Mr. M. H. Parise, of Sussex, and Mr. E. Creighton, of Silver Falls, met with them and made a number of recommendations regarding the price list. The dairy products committee will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock. A number of special privilege applications have been made.

Is Your Wife Un-tempered? Examine her feet, and if she has corns buy Putnam's Pain-Expeller. Much of the misery of married life is due to corns. Putnam's Extractor is sure, painless, and romps.

THE MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities such as flour, sugar, and other goods. Columns include item names and prices.

COUNTRY MARKET—RETAIL.

Table listing retail prices for various goods from different regions, including items like butter, eggs, and produce.

GRAIN.

Table listing prices for various types of grain, such as wheat, corn, and barley.

TOBACCO.

Table listing prices for different grades of tobacco.

OLIVE.

Table listing prices for olive oil and other related products.

FRUITS.

Table listing prices for various fruits and produce.

MOLASSES.

Table listing prices for molasses and other sugar products.

FLOUR AND MEAL.

Table listing prices for different grades of flour and meal.

SALES.

Table listing various sales and market transactions.

SPICES.

Table listing prices for various spices and seasonings.

COALS.

Table listing prices for different grades of coal.

LUMBER.

Table listing prices for various types of lumber.

Wool Bought.

Charlotte et al. St. John, are buying Wash. Wool for the OXFORD MILLS. Cash price 6 cents in exchange for Oxford Cloth and Yarns, or any description of Dry Goods or Hosiery. All goods at once cash prices.

LOCAL NEWS.

CREATORS of Mr. Richard Rogers have agreed to accept a compromise offer equal to about 25 cents on the dollar.

MARINE EXAMINATIONS will be held here Wednesday, by Capt. W. E. Smith, R. N. R.

CARLETON SALMON FISHERY—Fishery Inspector O'Brien has nearly 300 fine salmon in the Carleton pond and each day adds to the number.

STOCKING THE LAKE.—On Thursday evening Surveyor-General Dunn and Mr. D. G. Smith picked 20,000 young trout, from the Miramichi hatcheries, in Loch Lomond.

STREET RAILWAY TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE.—The Tourist Association has passed a resolution favoring the extension of the street railway service on Douglas Avenue.

ROPE AS FIRE ESCAPE.—Repes as a means of descending from the upper stories of burning buildings have often proved to be useless or worse than the tragical happenings at the Windsor Hotel, and the main incident, according to the chronicles, occurred precisely as related in the poem.

EXPERT OF FRESH SALMON.—Friday morning, the Steamer State of Maine left at Boston 39 boxes fresh salmon containing 7,800 pounds. Larger exports of this fish are expected to follow.

THROUGH NAVA SCOTIA.—Mr. T. W. Rainford, canvassing and collecting agents for the N.S. Tourist Association, is at present in Nova Scotia. Subscribers are asked to pay their subscription to him when he calls.

GOING TO THE GOLD FIELDS.—The Victoria, B. C. climber of June 2nd says: Eugene Boucher, from St. John, N. B., is a guest at the Dominion while he selects his outfit for a mining expedition. He is bound for the Atlin gold fields.

CUSTOMS EXCISE.—Customs Officer Shagnessy made a seizure recently at St. Stephen of a large quantity of labels and capsules, which had been concealed in bags of rags and were being shipped to this city from Celis.

BONDS BOUGHT.—Mr. J. Morris Robinson has bought from the county of Gloucester \$10,000 twenty year five per cent. bonds issued to redeem \$8,000 of six per cent. bonds now due and to pay off a floating debt of about \$4,000.

LIFE AND DEATH.—There were 20 marriages last week; the births numbered 20, the males predominating, being 13. The deaths numbered eight being one each from pneumonia, consumption, infantile diarrhoea, paralysis, cardiac failure, cancer of stomach, cardiac and renal disease.

BEIGIAN CONSUL.—The resignation of Mr. Charles V. deBury as vice-consul for Belgium at the port of St. John has been accepted. By decree of the 15th May the Belgian government has appointed Joseph E. V. deBury as consul in Belgium and St. John, N. B., full consul, with jurisdiction in the whole province of New Brunswick.

DEATH OF MRS. SEARS.—The death occurred Friday night, at her residence 71 St. James street, of Mrs. Ann Sears, widow of Mr. John Sears and mother of Mrs. John Sears. Mrs. Sears was 82 years of age and had been an invalid for the last quarter of a century. She is survived by six of her 10 children.

BIOLOGICAL STATION.—The tenders for the erection of a wooden building at St. Andrews, to be used as a marine biological station, closed on the 6th inst. with Mr. F. J. Harding of the marine and fisheries department. Mr. Harding has not opened the tenders yet, as he awaits the arrival of Prof. Prince, who is daily expected from Ottawa.

PROPERTY MATTERS.—On Saturday, at Chubb's corner, Auctioneer Gerow sold the Hillman properties on Meeklenburg street and on St. George street, Carleton, by order of the equity court at the instance of the Nova Scotia Loan and Permanent Building Society. They were bid in by Mr. J. Roy Campbell for \$2,000. The case of the Nova Scotia Loan and Permanent Building Society was postponed until July 8.

BACK FROM KLOONDER.—Mr. John Greer has returned from Atlin in the Klondike country where he went with ex-Police-man Johnston and Mr. Dominick Hayer. The latter returned home some little time ago. Mr. Greer was taken sick with the malarial fever at Vancouver hospital for a time. Of the trio Johnson alone remains and was looking for work when his partner left for home.

BUSINESS DISCONTINUED.—The assignee in possession of the grocery business of W. H. Anderson & Co., Frederickton, N. B., the business was started in the spring of '97, by W. H. Anderson and Arthur Thompson, who it was understood at the time invested sufficient capital to keep about. Keen competition, however, was encountered and money was lost which endeavored to work up trade.

TICKET AGENTS TRANSFERRED.—Mr. T. E. Henderson, I. C. R. ticket agent, went to St. John last night to relieve Mr. F. E. Hamilton, ticket agent there, who is off on a two weeks' holiday trip. Mr. Lyons, of the freight office, Turro, takes Mr. Henderson's place in the Moncton office. This is the first time during the 21 years Mr. Henderson has been occupying the position of ticket agent, that he has been transferred temporarily or otherwise from the Moncton office. (Saturday Moncton Times.)

A STRIKE.—Some of the hands at Messrs. T. S. Simms & Co.'s factory was on strike Saturday. The custom in previous years has been for the firm to give the hands a half-holiday on Saturdays in summer, and not deduct anything from the weekly wage. In the broom factory there are hands employed by the day and others on piece work. The option was given them a few weeks ago of taking the half-holiday and losing a

half-day's pay, or working up till 5 o'clock. On Friday Mr. Simms was informed that, unless last year's arrangement was continued, the employees would go out on strike Saturday morning against their demand, as it would not be justice to the hands working piece work. The others knocked off. The broom factory will be shut down Monday, but the brush factory continues work.

THE TWELFTH OF JULY.—The Orange order will have a mammoth aggregation of members in St. John on July 12 in celebration of the day. They will come from many provincial points. July 20 can be expected from the part of the I. O. O. F. country north of Moncton, while there will be a great gathering also from points between here and the railway town. Woodstock, Fredericton and other places in that section will also send large delegations. There will be a parade here, expected to surpass anything of recent years.

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Oh, and was it in their poor huts, To hear the storm wind blow, When heeded the savage fire, And when the savage grim and dire, His bloody work began, For a champion brave, I have been told, Miles Standish was the man.

But, oh, his heart was made to bow With grief and pain full low, For sickness in the pilgrim band Now drew a dreadful blow.

In arms of death so fast they fell, They scarce were borne; And his daughter's name was Rose, Was laid among the dead.

His sorrow was not loud, but deep, For her he did beweep, And such keen anguish wrung his heart He could not bear the ache.

Then to John Alden he did speak— "John Alden was my friend," And said, "Friend John, unto my wish I pray thee now attend."

"My heart is sad, 'tis very sad, My poor wife has gone, And in this wild and savage land I cannot live alone."

"To Mr. William Mullins, then, I wish you to repair, To wed his daughter fair, For she is the fairest of the maid, And she will love you true."

Priscilla was his daughter's name; Comely and fair was she; And such a kind and gentle maid, As any maid could be.

John Alden, to oblige his friend, He made the match good, And to his errand like a man, And asked for his consent.

Now, Mr. Mullins was a squire Quite critical and kind, And such consent would never give, Against his daughter's mind.

He told John Alden if his child He would be inclined that way, "Now, prithee, John, why dost thou not Speak for thyself alone?"

Deep red then grew John Alden's face; Which in that eye was rife, "But well she read before he went The language of his eye."

No matter what the language said, Which in that eye was rife, In one short month Priscilla was John Alden's loving wife.

London Costers' Language. London "costers" have a language of their own. Not that which is commonly designated "Billingsgate," but a language of a harmless nature. There is nothing very remarkable about it, its chief characteristic being a palpable kind of back-speak. In many matters a coster will speak of a half-penny as a "fatch," while "gen" is a shilling; but "fatch guy" is eight shillings. "Coster" means a sovereign, half a crown being given the somewhat unpronounceable term, "fatch-zook."

A curious method of expressing multiples is shown by "erth-awit-gent," meaning 15 shillings. "A dogheno" means "a good market," "dabheno," a bad one. A regular "crossano" stands for "a regular bad one." "Yes" and "no" are represented by "on" and "nay." "Tumble to your barkin" expresses "understand you." "Flash it" signifies "show it." "Cross chap" means a thief. "Showful" is an equivalent for bad money.

"Do the tightner"—a very expressive term, the derivation of which is not difficult to understand—means "go to dinner." "Nonmans" stands for "the off," and "tol" is a "share." Such terms as "round the 'ousa" (trousers), "beano" (buttons), "pearlies" (buttons), "Old Dutch" (wife or old woman), "dooks" (flats), "splosh" (money), and the like, will be familiar to most people.

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