

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, March 20.—(Special)—The ice in the river started at 5:30 o'clock this evening and ran about 20 yards. It is now settled firmly against the bridge piers and is not likely to move again before tomorrow afternoon.

One or two fine warm days will clear the river of ice in this section. Strange to say it was on March 20 last year that the ice started to run here and on the 24th one of Glaser's eggs made the trip from St. John to Lincoln.

Fredericton, March 22.—(Special)—Dr. Dundas, of Hyatt Station, who is recognized as a smallpox expert, arrived in the city Saturday and drove to Langerville to examine two suspected cases of smallpox at the home of George A. Purdy.

Two mild cases of smallpox made their appearance in the house of Austen Dunphy in George street Friday. City physicians who examined the cases were of opinion that the disease was aggravated chicken pox and are still of that belief.

The patients are both girls and one is able to be around the house. The house was immediately quarantined and a guard placed over it.

The model school and high school where members of the family were scholars will be closed tomorrow for disinfection.

The oldest boy had an attack of chicken pox about two weeks ago and recovered. The board of health, however, are using every effort to prevent the spread of the disease.

The latest advice from New York are that O. S. Crockett is very weak and it is feared the end is fast approaching.

A lively runaway occurred on the Highway bridge this afternoon. Two young men driving a hired rig were thrown out but not seriously hurt. The carriage was badly smashed.

The educational anniversary of the Methodist church was fittingly observed here today. Special sermons were delivered by the Rev. J. A. Rogers and his eloquent efforts were heard by large congregations. Special music was rendered by the choir.

Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Snowball will hold their first reception at Government House tomorrow afternoon.

Lieut. Governor Snowball has appointed Capt. J. J. Fraser Winslow, of 1st Regiment as his aide-de-camp for the ensuing year in succession to Capt. Lester, of the R. C. R. Captain Winslow is very popular in military and civil life, and his appointment will meet with general approval.

George S. Stanger. The body will be brought here for burial on tomorrow's train. Two well known residents of Rusingham passed away last evening—Mrs. Hiram Phillips and Mrs. Jane Nason. Mrs. Phillips leaves a husband and nine children, and Mrs. Nason, who had reached the age of 92, leaves five daughters.

John Kyte, the well known grocer of Gibson, has sold his business and property to David Campbell, of Nashwaak, for a good figure. Mr. Kyle intends going to British Columbia to join his three sons, who are located there.

It is understood that H. A. Powell, of Kingsclear, will be successor to W. D. Saunders, an operator of the electrical. The debate between U. N. B. and Mt. Allison has been postponed till about April 18, on account of the illness of Mr. Boden, of the Mt. Allison debaters.

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Secretary Dixon then moved that the district enter the consolidated school, this was easily seconded but before the matter was presented to the people an interesting discussion took place. The mode of conveying the pupils to the school was considered and a decision made that if the distance covered the three main roads, a house would not be demanded.

Extensive repairs and improvements are being put on the steamboat Miramichi, which will be on the river route this season, with Captain David Betts as captain. The former captain, John Bullock, has accepted the position of manager of the Miramichi Navigation Company.

A special meeting of the board of trade was held for the purpose of further discussing the proposed loan to the furniture factory. Vice-President Loggie occupied the chair. After some discussion, J. L. Stewart, D. B. MacLachlan, W. C. Winslow and R. A. Murdoch were appointed to prepare a resolution, and presented the following:

Resolved, That the board of trade recommend that the loan be made in four per cent. bonds, at par, the said loan to be first lien on all assets of the company; and also recommend that the company be assessed only on \$15,000. Adopted.

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in the village this week, and will make arrangements for opening up of the work. They wish to secure the use of the public wharf here, for shipping, and when the facilities for handling the plaster are satisfactory, quarrying will begin.

The ordinance of baptism was administered to two candidates by Rev. Mr. King, at the close of the service in the Methodist church this morning.

The McClellan stein mill began sawing on Friday at the Russell Brook.

Chatham, March 21.—An adjourned meeting of the Chatham Temperance League was held Thursday evening, in the Temperance hall. There was a large attendance, and Rev. D. Henderson occupied the chair.

The constitution and by-laws for the league were discussed and adopted, and more than 100 names were added.

Though the ice on the river is quite thick, it is very unsafe. On Thursday, while John Riley was hauling stone for the new cathedral, the ice gave way and horse, sled load and driver were precipitated into the water. The load splashed off, and the sled arose. A cry for help brought Donald Fraser to the spot, and driver and horse were rescued.

On Wednesday the horse broke through the ice at Black River, and caught a leg broken.

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Moncton, March 22.—(Special)—Representatives of the Order of Railway Telegraphers of the I. C. R. were here Saturday interviewing General Manager Pottinger in reference to matters pertaining to the welfare of I. C. R. telegraphers.

Mrs. Fleming, wife of H. B. Fleming, chief train conductor of the I. C. R., died at her home here last evening after a lengthy illness of tuberculosis.

Decidedly very highly esteemed and her demise causes serious regret among a large circle of friends. Mrs. Fleming belonged to Wolfville, her maiden name being Johnson. She was about 40 years of age and leaves her husband and two sons.

Bristol, March 21.—John Haining Perth has been spending a few days in Bristol. Miss Gibson will leave this week for Calgary where he intends to settle.

Rev. W. H. Smith, pastor of the Baptist church, is holding special services this week.

Rev. L. A. Lockhart intends moving his family to Canterbury, where he has charge of a church.

The river is dear of ice here now, though it has not run down from above. It moved here on Wednesday and jammed down on the Florenceville bridge.

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