

LATEST LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Events of Interest About the City and Municipality.

Railway Bridge Piers Completed--Boom at the Mills.

Church Circles Excited--Lumbering Notes--Bits of News.

Mr. John Moore and Mr. D. W. Hart, of Fredericton Junction, started for Ireland this week to look after the estate of the late Mr. Moore.

Thanksgiving Services. The Thanksgiving services in the different churches were well attended.

The 10th Month. The 10th month at Marystville has been shut down for the season.

To Have the House. Men were at work this morning getting out the beams above the bridge which were framed in last week.

Bridge Building. Simmons & Barpee who have the contract for the re-building of the Nerepis bridge, have got the work well under way.

Home Cookery. The demand for home cookery is so great that the ladies of the Y. W. C. U. are compelled to open the temperance hall three times a day instead of once.

The New Hotel at Marystville. The fine large brick building on the right of the Marystville cotton factory is a new hotel for the accommodation of the female operatives of the factory.

Marystville Skating Rink. Work has been suspended for a few days on the Marystville skating rink, but will be resumed in a day or two.

Marystville Girls' Goods Store. The painter finished their work on Mr. Gilson's new dry goods store at Marystville a few days ago, and the premises are now kept busy supplying their numerous customers.

An Evening With the Students. The W. C. T. U. will give an entertainment to the students of the Normal school and the Y. W. C. U. on Tuesday evening next in the Temperance Hall.

The Work of Prayer. The meetings held during the week by the Young Men's Christian Association in observance of the week of prayer, were well attended and will no doubt result in much good.

Marystville Sewing Society. During the closing of the school, the Marystville sewing society were shut down for nearly a week, but since the reopening of the school have been humming away as busily as ever.

Funeral of the Late George Thompson. The funeral of the late George Thompson took place Thursday afternoon.

Another New Church. At a recent meeting of the Baptists of Gibson it was decided to erect a church in the village, and if all goes well, the work will be begun early in the spring.

Foot Ball Match. The foot ball match between a St. John team and the University team attracted a number of people to Wilton's field Thursday afternoon.

The Fish Jubilee Singers. Nearly all the reserved seats are taken for Monday evening and these famous singers will get such a home as the talents of the performers deserve.

BITS OF NEWS

Mild and beautiful weather for the season of the year.

Mr. Gilson's lumber crew have started for the woods.

The farmers have been doing a good stroke of ploughing through the last few days of the year.

Prof. Stoddard entertained some of the university students at the Queen Hotel last night.

Mr. John Kilburn is expected here from Quebec in a few days to live near the woods.

Two passenger trains are being equipped in the N. B. R. works at Madam, and will be ready to run in a few days.

The international bullion association will hold a convention in Wood-tons, beginning Wednesday next.

Mr. Howard White, of Centerville C. I. is buying up large droves of cattle for the American market.

Camrose & McArthur brought down a fine drove of 100 sheep and lambs from Prince William yesterday.

The work of raising the road bed of the indicators branch was completed last night, and the men discharged.

Rabbit Mill at Gibson is running full blast, sawing shingles and boards.

Messrs David H. Waterhouse and Edward H. Lester have been appointed trustees of the Peace in the city and county of St. John.

The boom company steam yacht, Melbourne, which was frozen in back of one of the Douglas islands, last night in getting down after the ice ran out.

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Early Navigation of the River Above Fredericton.

Scenes and incidents on board the Old Reindeer.

As Told by an Old Kingscote Resident and Others.

More than ordinary interest seems to centre in the short paragraph in the last issue of The Gleaner referring to the first steamer that went up the river from Fredericton to Grand Falls. A number of the older residents can be said to have a clear recollection of the first voyage to Grand Falls by steamer as Mr. Nelson Cliff, of Kingscote, or "old Uncle Nelson" as he is popularly known along the river. Mr. Cliff has spent a lifetime upon the river in logging, lumbering, engineering, drilling and steamboating, and probably no man better understood the course of the river, or was better known along its banks than he is in the prime of his life. He is now eighty-three years of age, and although his memory is considerably impaired concerning early occurrences, he can recall to mind many things which took place years ago, in his boyhood and as readily as if they had happened but yesterday.

It was on Thanksgiving day, a Glaxo representative had a chat with him about the days of steamboating on the upper St. John. It was because of his extensive knowledge of the river and its course that when an effort was made to navigate the upper St. John with steamers they looked to him to pilot the boats.

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A FREDERICTON MAN'S HARD LOT.

Knights of Labor Say They Will Drive Him Back to a Land Where He Can Live.

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