

Around the City

SNOW OR RAIN.

EXPRESS TRAIN DELAYED. The C.P.R. train from McAdam was one-half hour late last night in arriving being delayed by the heavy weather along the line.

AT CLEARING STATION. London, March 15.—Lieut. L. McC. Ritchie, of St. John, New Brunswick, who is suffering from wounds in the ankle and face, is at a clearing station.

DARING ROBBERY. Some time last Sunday night or early Monday morning a thief made a rear entrance into the American Clock Manufacturing Co. at 22 Dock street and stole a Hudson seal coat valued at about \$100. The robber or coat has not yet been located.

HIS FOURTH BIRTHDAY. Bernard Wilson received a pleasant surprise yesterday afternoon when a number of his young friends gathered at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. C. A. Paris, the Great. The children spent an enjoyable afternoon in various games. Supper was served at six o'clock.

BANK MEN SIGN UP. J. E. Belyea, of Belyea's Point, and his friend R. MacRae, late in Montreal, have joined the Siege Battery. Both have been clerks in the North End branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION. A meeting of the St. John Teachers Association was held last evening in the Natural History Society rooms. Dr. Bridges gave a very interesting and instructive paper, his subject being "Dr. Youn's the Great Scientist." Frank Owens presided and there was a very large attendance of members.

THE POLICE COURT. In the police court yesterday Charles M. Bestwick was reported for not having the snow removed from in front of his premises corner of Duke and Carmarthen streets, also for allowing a piece of board fence to overhang the sidewalk. The case was set over until Monday.

REPAIRING CABLE. The Canadian government steamer Tyrion, Capt. Dickson, which was in St. John harbor recently, is engaged in making repairs to the Dominion government telegraph and telephone cables running from Grand Manan to the mainland. It is expected that cable connections will soon be made with Campbellton, thence to Grand Manan.

LARGE SCHOONER LAUNCHED. A large four masted schooner, the Laura A. Barnes, has just been launched by R. L. Bean's yard, Camden, Me. The schooner is owned by Capt. Charles Barnes and was christened by his daughter, Miss Alice. The vessel was named in honor of the captain's wife. The Barnes family formerly resided in St. John and have many friends here. The vessel has a gross tonnage of 625 and a net tonnage of 530. She is 165 feet in length, 37 feet beam and 13 feet 6 inches deep. The schooner has a freight carrying capacity of 1,100 tons.

COUNTRY MARKET PRICES. Prices in the country market this week range as follows: Potatoes 45 cents a peck; carrots, 35 cents; parsnips, 40 cents; cooking apples, 50 cents and eating apples, 65 cents; cabbage is 5 cents a pound; squash, 8 to 10 cents; and onions, 5 cents. Lettuce is 10 cents a head, and American celery 20 to 25 cents. Cranberries are 25 cents a pound; mutton is 25 to 35 cents a pound; mutton, 24 to 32 cents; pork, 35 cents; steak, 25 to 35 cents; beef, 15 to 25 cents; turkey, 60 cents; chickens, 55 cents; fowl, 48 cents; and geese, 40 cents. Butter is 46 to 50 cents a pound; fresh laid eggs, 65 cents; and case eggs, 60 cents a dozen.

RED TRIANGLE CLUB. The Loyalist Chapter, I.O.D.E., gave a delightful entertainment for the sailors and sailors at the Red Triangle Club last evening which was enjoyed by a large number of the men. The program included solos by Frank Hazel and Mr. Hendrie; piano solo, Mrs. McAvity; reading, Lieut. Francis Walker of the 9th Siege Battery; accordion selections, Robert Carr; hornpipe, Miss K. Sturdee; violin solos, songs, etc., Miss Evelyn Bates of the Opera House performers; pierrot dance, Miss K. Sturdee and Miss M. MacLaren; "Diga, Diga," blacked faced artists, Miss Ryder and Miss Knight. Allan McAvity was the piano accompanist. An interesting address was given by Capt. I. F. Best. The National Anthem concluded the programme.

TWO APPEAL CASES. Two interesting appeals from the decision of Police Magistrate Ritchie in connection with the Prohibition law are to be heard before Chief Justice McKeown—one on Saturday, March 16, and the other Saturday, March 23. Courtier proceedings have been taken to set aside the judgment of the Magistrate in finding Frederick Galbraith \$200 for violation of the act in having liquor in his possession outside his residence. W. M. Ryan is for the appellant, and the case will be heard tomorrow.

WITH DEPOT BATTALION. Captain C. D. Knowlton has been compelled to give up his appointment as adjutant of the Depot Battalion through illness. Lieut. G. Earle Logan has been appointed acting adjutant.

IN NEW PREMISES. The Eastern Trust Company, having purchased Chubb's premises from the Royal Bank of Canada, have removed their office from their old quarters at 139 Prince William street, to the new building, 111 Prince William street. This is one of the best locations in the city.

THE OLDEST RIVER TOWING FIRM IS OUT OF BUSINESS

D. D. Glasier and Sons' Business Purchased by St. John River Log Driving Company—Was Factor in Lumber Industry for Nearly a Century.

The present season will see the passing of the oldest towing firm on the St. John river as the business of D. D. Glasier & Sons has been purchased by the St. John River Log Driving Co., and will be carried on by them.

The firm of D. D. Glasier & Sons has been a factor in the lumber industry along the river for nearly a century, they having been lumbermen as well as engaged in the towing of rafts from the booms at Fredericton to this city, and the closing of the St. John office will remove a landmark from Indian town as the oldest resident could not remember the time when this office has not been open.

The new owners of the business will do the accounting at Fredericton and conduct the business from that place. Gaspard L. Tapley has been appointed shore captain and will have charge of the operations at this end of the river.

It is said that the increased cost of operating, the firm has gone bankrupt, and last year did business at a large loss. J. D. Mitchell, who has been acting as manager for the past few years when asked about the sale stated that the firm had not sold out willingly, but owing to the fact that last year they had been forced by the Log Driving Co. to tow at the same rates as paid before the war, a big loss had been sustained, and at the end of the season they were quite heavily in debt to the Log Driving Co., who, to protect themselves, had taken over the business.

The new owners of the business had nothing to say except that they had bought the business and would operate it from Fredericton.

FIRST CONTINGENT MEN ARE COMING HERE

St. John Citizens Will be Able to Greet 2,800 Heroes Who Have Been Fighting For Their Country Since the Early Part of the Great War.

Many homes in New Brunswick and other parts of Canada will be made happy when the men of the first contingent arrive on a three months further. The first party consisting of 2,800 men will be seen at St. John and there is no doubt but that they will be given a grand reception. Preparations have been made by the patriotic societies and the citizens' reception committee to welcome the boys who left Canada in the early stages of the great war.

The coming home of these heroes is the result of appeals made to the government on behalf of the first contingent men by relatives and friends. The first party to arrive are the married men of the first contingent and the single men are still doing duty in France. In the party are quite a number of New Brunswickers and it is stated that there are some St. John men among the number.

It has been impossible to obtain the names of the men as the list is not to be given the press until the party arrives in St. John.

THE INDIANTOWN FERRY SERVICE

Said to be no Foundation in Report That a Smaller Boat is to be Put on the Route.

As far as can be learned there is no foundation in the report that a smaller boat will be placed on the Indiantown-Lancaster ferry service this year. It was feared by some of the residents of Indiantown and Mirford that the report of a smaller boat taking over the service was true. Although no official announcement has been made by the authorities, it is stated that the same boat will be in operation this year, or one of similar style. Owing to the fact that the present season of the year, the route is exceedingly rough, it is the consensus of opinion that the idea of placing a smaller boat in this service would be highly impracticable.

It is likely that within a few days some official announcement will be made regarding the plans for the coming season. Indications point to considerable traffic this year, and it is understood that several St. John families are to take quarters "across the water" from Indiantown.

DIED AT HOSPITAL. Patrick Mahoney and John Morrison passed away yesterday at the General Public Hospital. Both men have been looked after by the Salvation Army since they arrived in the city.

LIEUT. GILMOUR MAY BE PRISONER

When Last Seen He Was Falling Behind German Lines—Chances Are He is Alive.

A message was received yesterday by A. B. Gilmour which leads him to believe that his son, Lieut. Claire of the Royal Flying Corps is alive and a prisoner in a German prison camp. The message received reads as follows: London, Eng., March 15.—Flying Corps record office states that Claire was last seen falling behind German lines. No further particulars will be obtainable for at least three weeks. WELDON.

STARVATION AND EXPOSURE THE CAUSE OF DEATH

Miss Louise Dibrow, An Old Lady, Was Found Dead in Her Home, Coburg Street, Yesterday—An Aged Sister, Emma, Removed to The Hospital.

There will be no inquest into the cause of the death of Miss Louise Dibrow, aged 73 years, who was found dead in bed at her home on Coburg street, yesterday morning. Dr. Founey informed The Standard last night that it was in his opinion a case of death from starvation and exposure to cold. Her sister, Emma, was reported last night at the hospital as resting comfortably, considering her condition.

On entering the room where the body was found, these present yesterday saw at a glance by the prominence of the bones in the face and emaciation, that the deceased had been dead for some time. It is thought that death overtook the woman on Wednesday. She was found in bed with her clothes on. The sister in a dazed condition, and suffering from the deprivation of food was found in such a weakened condition that she could not raise her body.

According to information received by The Standard, the house was not in very sanitary state. The elderly couple have been living an eccentric life, and kept themselves apart from their neighbors. The elder sister when taken to the hospital was in a delirious state. It is reported that the parties have considerable wealth. It is known that the couple have a real estate on Coburg street, but no information was available last night as to the amount of ready cash if any, possessed by them. It is thought that they have no actual cash but no proof of this fact could be obtained last night. They own the house they have been living in at 72 Coburg street.

LOBSTER SEASON IS IN PROGRESS

Great Decrease Number of Cases and Total Weight Last Month Over Corresponding Period Last Year.

The lobster season is now in progress on both sides of the Bay of Fundy, and on the Nova Scotia coast as far east as Halifax harbor. Up to the end of February the total catch was 2,061 cases while 6,570 cwt. were shipped fresh in shell to markets. During the corresponding period last year the catch was 4,228 cases and the shipment in shell 13,845 cwt.

The weather during February of the present year was more severe than usual in the east and this may have an effect on the coast fisheries. The total value in first hands of all sea fish landed in Canada during February was \$338,533, as compared with \$530,884 for the same month last year, according to the monthly statement on sea fishing operations issued from the naval departments yesterday.

CONCERNING SALES OF McLAUGHLIN CARS IN ST. JOHN. Lieut. J. J. Kenteleman bought a McLaughlin Motor Car. This was his eighth McLaughlin Car. Three weeks ago another gentleman bought a McLaughlin Motor Car. This was the ninth McLaughlin Car purchased by several members of his firm. Several have bought four McLaughlin Cars. Still more have had three McLaughlin Cars, and a very great many more have had two McLaughlin Cars, and still they come.

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MASS MEETING WEST SIDE CITY HALL. Capt. T. F. Best whose addresses on the war have stirred the city during the past few days, will be the speaker at a mass meeting in the West Side City Hall, on Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 p. m. Special music.

CANADIAN LIGHTWEIGHT WINS. Lethbridge, Alta., Mar. 15.—Clontie Tait, Canadian lightweight champion and Neil Allison, lightweight champion of Iowa, battled ten rounds here last night. Tait winning on points. His lead was narrow, and was chiefly gained by monotonous use of his long left and because of Allison's wild swings while trying for a knockout. Tait had four rounds, Allison two, and the rest were even.

COUNCIL OF THE BOARD OF TRADE MET YESTERDAY

Several Matters of Interest Discussed—Shipbuilding Programme—In Favor Change in "Rule of the Road."

The fortnightly meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held yesterday and several matters of interest to the business community were discussed. Among the matters taken up was a communication from the deputy minister of marine stating that so far as the shipbuilding programme of that department was concerned at the present time they were only making contracts with firms already equipped for the building of steel cargo steamers. The secretary was instructed to go more fully into the matter with the department.

A resolution expressing the willingness of the board to co-operate with the provincial agricultural department in the matter of greater production was unanimously adopted.

The council re-affirmed its stand with regard to the changing of the rule of the road from right to left as far as the province of New Brunswick was concerned, change to take effect May 1.

A communication with regard to close commercial relations with the British West Indies after the war was read and a resolution favoring the expansion of this trade through the ports of St. John and Halifax was adopted.

WITH LEASE SIGNED WORK WILL COMMENCE

H. Grady, Representing Booth Fisheries, Ltd., in the City—Company is Ready to Build.

Twenty-four hours after the lease for the land on which to build has been signed we will have a crew of men at work, and if this matter can be arranged this coming week the factory will be erected and in operation this summer. Mr. Grady, representing the Booth Fisheries, Ltd., made this statement to The Standard last night in the course of an interview at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. Grady, accompanied by C. W. Kohler, chief engineer of the Booth plant at Chicago, and R. Kirwin, chief engineer of the plant at Eastport arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and are ready to go ahead with the work of laying out the proposed plant here just as soon as the matter of the lease can be arranged with the city.

A conversation with a Standard representative Mr. Grady said the company had practically closed for the lots now under lease to Mr. Driscoll, and it was only a matter of coming to a satisfactory arrangement with the city for the rental of the lots.

The Booth interests wanted to get to work at once in order to be ready for this summer's catch, and were prepared to put a crew of men to work within twenty-four hours after the lease was signed. If satisfactory arrangements could be arrived at and the factory built it would mean an expenditure of between \$75,000 and \$100,000, and there would be distributed for fish, wages and material about \$500,000 in the season.

Mr. Grady confirmed the report that the Booth Fisheries had purchased the Chamcook factory and said they intended to operate it to capacity this season.

A conference will be held today with the members of the city council with regard to the lease of the lots wanted for the erection of the factory.

TODAY IS TO BE A SILK AND DRESS GOODS DAY.

Special Display of Silks, Suitings, Tweeds for the New Coats are Here in Plenty.

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The Prohibition Law Enforcement League will meet at the Y. M. C. A., Monday, March 18th at the usual important business to come before the meeting. All interested are urged to attend. By order Rev. W. R. Robinson, president.

Today our big programme, including "A Bird of Prey" and the third chapter of "The Lost Express," Nickel, Queen Square.

Boys and Girls—Pearl White and Lonesome Luke at the Star Theatre this afternoon.

SPECIAL MEETING. Of the St. John's County, L. O. L., will be held in the Orange Hall, German street, this evening, 8 o'clock. All Orangemen in good standing are requested to be present. Francis Kerr, County Master.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. An enjoyable social gathering was held last evening at the home of Jas. A. Whipple, 3 Whipple street, West End, in celebration of the thirteenth wedding anniversary of his nephew, Walter J. Whipple and Mrs. Whipple. A large number of friends were present and a pleasant time was spent. Walter Whipple is a returned soldier, having served for two and one-half years at the front. He returned to Canada suffering from shell shock.

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