

TARDY RAIN AND FORTUNATE SHIFT OF WIND SAVED PENOBSCUIS FROM FIRES

But While Buildings Escaped After Hard Fighting by Villagers, Immense Damage to Timber Lands and Wood Lots Was Done, and There is Talk of Investigating Origin of Fire—Other Sections Suffer.

Sussex, Aug. 20.—(Special)—The first rain for six weeks, which began this morning, and a shift of the wind from the southwest to eastward, have saved many buildings at Penobscus from the forest fires. While the rain is welcome and the sense of relief is general, the damage to timber and wood land has been very heavy, and there is now talk of an investigation of the origin of the fire which has menaced several days and which has proved so destructive since it started.

The men of Penobscus fought fire until midnight of Saturday, with axes and shovels and by ploughing in the woods just south of the Corner. The south wind had brought the fire from the rear of the lots until it reached the edge of the woods, filling the village with suffocating smoke, and making it necessary to protect some of the buildings with wet blankets and frequent dashes of water. Had the wind increased in force and the rain held off it seems as if nothing could have saved the whole place from going up in smoke. The rain began at 11 o'clock this forenoon, and will check if it does not wholly extinguish the fire, which has extended from Pledisly to Springdale.

It is common talk in Penobscus that the fire followed the visit of two young fellows to the woods at a time when there was nothing to shoot and when they did not require a gun, although they had one. They have denied that they set any fire.

LOCAL NEWS.

Eight marriages and nine births were recorded in St. John last week.

During the past week six deaths took place in the city. The causes were: Enteritis, consumption, endocarditis, cholera infantum, arterio sclerosis, carcinoma of intestines, one each.

William F. Harrison, night operator at the Old Town M. C. R. R. station, shot and killed himself Thursday night while on duty at the station. He was 24 years of age. He had been married and had a three-year-old son boarding at Brownville Junction.

The silver jubilee of Very Rev. Father Hebert will be celebrated at Buctouche on Thursday. Bishop Casey will leave here on Wednesday to attend and there will be a large gathering of priests from various parts of the province. The occasion will mark the completion of the reverend father's twenty-fifth year in the priesthood.

W. O. Raymond, Jr., B. A., will be ordained into the ministry at the cathedral, Fredericton, on Sunday next by Bishop Kingston, after which he will return to his work at McAdam Junction. Mr. Raymond was graduated with honors from the U. N. B. three years ago and since that time has pursued a remarkably brilliant course in divinity at the Diocesan College, Montreal, from which he was graduated this year.

The location survey for the Chipman-Moncton section of the Grand Trunk Pacific was begun Monday at Chipman. The party of about fifteen men is in charge of Engineer H. H. Balcom. Engineer Weatherbe is coming with a party from Moncton to meet him. This section is approximately fifty-eight miles long. The survey of this section for the roadbed does not necessarily mean that the central route will be chosen, for it has been semi-officially given out that, whatever route is selected, the road will pass through Chipman.

The sluice gate at Latimer Lake was shut down on Tuesday to prevent any further leakage into the construction work of the contractors on the Loch Lomond extension. It is likely that some additional work will be done in the ditch along the dry lake to confine the water to its proper course. It was the intention of Superintendent Murdoch to open the sluice gate again this morning but owing to the heavy rain having increased the supply to the reservoir from other sources this may not be found necessary. The city requires about 4,000,000 gallons a day for its needs and in the dry season Lake Latimer is relied upon to yield 2,000,000 every twenty-four hours to keep the reservoir at its natural level.

St. David's church and Sunday school picnic was held Saturday at Pannocking on the grounds of R. B. Patterson, situated about a mile above Westfield Beach. That privilege was Mr. Patterson's contribution to the affair. Two trains, one at 9:25 and the other at 1:10, were well filled. Besides these many went up the river on the boats, there being altogether between 250 and 300 people on the grounds. As the expenses had been covered by contributions from the congregation, refreshments were free and all enjoyed themselves to the utmost. A programme of nineteen sporting events was carried out for which prizes were offered and with which the successful competitors were well pleased.

SOHOONER WRECKED

M. O. Haekell Picked Up on Handkerchief Shoal and Mate Drowned.

Chatham, Mass., Aug. 21.—The coal-burned schooner M. O. Haekell, from New York for Rockland (Me.), is a total wreck on Handkerchief Shoal, and her mate, Nelson Taunzen, of Rockland, has been drowned.

WILL \$15,000 BE THE BONUS?

Rumor Says McArthur & McVey Will Get That Figure

MESSRS. MOONEY ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS

Say Latimer Was Not Lowered on Time, Suggestion of Additional Expense--Board Will Meet This Afternoon to Consider Committee's Report--Engineer Barbour Thinks Work Can Be Completed.

If street rumor is correct \$15,000 is the amount the water and sewerage board will be recommended to add to McArthur & McVey's contract for section 2 of the water extension, provided the work is finished by Nov. 1. A meeting of the board is called for 3 o'clock this afternoon, when the committee appointed to deal with the crisis which has arisen will make their report. It will be remembered that Engineer Barbour drew out the suggestion that a bonus of \$10,000 should be hung up for the contractors with a penalty of \$100 a day for every day after Nov. 15. He also suggested that the city should take over the work at cost which would involve a payment of \$4,000 to the contractors.

His estimate to complete the section—the city paying the bills—made a further expenditure of \$7,000 over the original tender necessary. The total additional expense would therefore have been approximately \$11,000. If the current report should prove correct there is an apparent saving to the city of some \$8,000 as compared with this. The time limit Nov. 15 is the one originally mentioned in the contract and gives the contractors two clear months to complete the section.

The western part, which presents few difficulties, is well advanced and the problem of the contractors has now to face is whether they can remove the ledge from Ellersley Brook to Lake Latimer, pump out the so-called dry lake, and lay the remainder of the reinforced concrete pipe within the prescribed time. The lowering of Lake Latimer will also have to be considered, as the contractors will have to extend the pipe some 400 feet out along the bed of the lake.

MESSRS. MOONEY WRITE.

In this connection it is understood that Messrs. Mooney & Sons have sent a communication to the board calling attention to the fact that the lake was not lowered by August 15. They ask if, in view of the increased expense which will be entailed by proceeding with the tunnel under these conditions, they should press forward the other sections of the work and await the lowering of the lake at a later date.

It is not thought likely that the board will take any action, as the lowering of the lake was not guaranteed to Messrs. Mooney by the contract. The increased expense would be incurred by the construction of a coffer dam similar to the one on section 4 at Robertson's lake and the pumping out of the water to permit of the pipe being laid. As regards section No. 1, McArthur & McVey will likely experience no difficulty in completing the work by Nov. 1. It was mentioned at the last meeting of the water board that they anticipated another month would see the woodstave pipe all in position. The consulting engineer at the same meeting expressed the opinion that section 2, which has proved the stumbling block, could also be completed if sufficient men and appliances were available. It is now said that 239 men are at work on section 2, and very high estimates are being made. It is not thought likely that even \$15,000 will give the contractors any margin of profit on section 2 in view of the low price of the work. According to their own estimate they have \$6,000 worth of machinery and with this addition, if the recommendation of the committee is the one line indicated, they should come out of an untenable position without much loss.

SELLS ALBERT COUNTY PROPERTY FOR \$16,050

Hopewell Hill, Aug. 18.—This auction James O. Wright sold at auction his 800 acres of timber land—with saw mill and the standing timber on a fifty-acre lot adjoining the buyer being Warren Downey, of Cape Station, who secured the property for \$16,050. The property is situated at Memel, four miles from here. The general impression is that it sold well. J. Alex. Fullerton was the auctioneer. Among the lumbermen present were G. D. Prescott, J. L. Peck, James W. Smith, P. J. McClellan, Warren Downey, Oscar Downey. The bidding was quiet.

Much regret at the death of Mrs. Rufus P. Milson, of Curryville, which occurred at her home on Thursday night, is expressed. The deceased, who was only twenty-three years of age, was Miss Price, of Hillsboro, and was very highly esteemed. She leaves, besides her husband, three small children, one a few weeks old.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Hitchcock, of Quebec, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McGorman.

Mrs. H. B. Peck, of St. John, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Peck.

AWARDED \$1500 FOR LOSS OF LEG

Truro, N. S., Aug. 18.—(Special)—The supreme court gave a verdict today against the Midland Railway Company in favor of one Blouin, an employe of the road, who lost a leg in an accident at Kennetook a year or so ago, for \$1,500. The accident was caused by a train running into the tail end of another train sticking out of a siding and the jury awarded all the questions submitted to them against the company.

THOUSANDS BOUND FOR THE WHEAT FIELDS

Depot Presented Busy Scene Saturday and Sunday

ONE NOVA SCOTIAN SENT TO THE HOSPITAL

Suffering From Pleurisy, He Will Lose His Trip--Thirsty Islanders Disapprove of Sunday Closing--Many Hundreds Not Expected to Return, Will Settle in the West.

The railway officials report that about 3,000 excursionists to the western wheat fields passed through here on Saturday and Sunday, the great majority coming from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The station was thronged with them throughout Saturday, but there was no disturbance of any nature. The crowd was an unusually orderly one, and the presence of the police was hardly necessary. The G. E. B. had taken ample precautions, however, for there reached here during Saturday more than a dozen plain clothes police, who went along with the train.

The Nova Scotians were the first to arrive, and the last special with them on board did not leave until after the arrival of the Boston express, which was half an hour later.

On one of the trains arriving in the afternoon from Nova Scotia was a young man who became ill shortly after entering. His associates evidently did not realize how serious his illness was and when he reached here his condition was critical. Dr. Berryman was called, and diagnosed the lad's illness as pleurisy. He was conveyed to the General Public Hospital and will probably remain there for the next few weeks. His name is Elliot McNeill. It is doubtful if he will assist in garnering the western grain this season.

Among others who left on Saturday evening were the Scotch gypsies who since early in the summer camped in the vicinity of South Bay. They said the railway rate to the prairies was very tempting, and as the west appeared to be the best place for them to make a better move than start for the plains.

The P. E. Island contingent arrived at 7 o'clock Sunday morning and left after tea, but a little more than an hour. Everybody looked quite prosperous and gave evidence of being thirsty, for within a very few minutes after the train had stopped the majority of the male members were making long strides in the direction of the York Point saloons. It being Sunday it was not found possible to purchase the strong waters, and the general disappointment was very keen. They did not hesitate to say that in the island it was a comparatively simple matter to buy liquor on the seventh day.

Hundreds of those who went through on Saturday had relatives and friends in the northwest, and the opinion that fully half of the travelers had gone west to settle was expressed.

Weddings.

Baird-Kilpatrick.

A very pretty marriage was solemnized in St. Barnabas' church, Greenwood, Caledonia county, on Wednesday, Aug. 16, by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Simonson, when Chas. A. Baird, of Bairdville, Victoria county, and Miss Sadie Kilpatrick, of the same place, were united in holy matrimony. The bride was the daughter of Mrs. Martha Kilpatrick, and one of Greenwood's most popular young ladies. The church, which was very beautifully decorated for the occasion was crowded with guests.

The bride wore a white gown of silk and tulle with veil and flowers, and was attended by her bridesmaid, Miss Sadie Kilpatrick, who wore white organdie over pink. Misses Lottie Kilpatrick, Margaret Scott and Eva Hancock were the flower girls. At the ceremony, upwards of 150 invited guests sat down to tea at the bride's home. Mr. Baird is a wealthy farmer in Bairdville.

Shaw-Evans.

A quiet and pretty wedding took place at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at 23 Cedar street, this city, when Miss Alice, daughter of Capt. George E. Evans, was united in marriage to William S. Shaw, of Norwood (Mass.).

The bride was attended by her bridesmaid, Miss Mary H. Shaw, and the groom by the Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond in the presence of a large number of relatives.

Miss Evans was an active member of Dr. Haysman's congregation and has many friends here who will regret her departure but wish her every happiness. She was widely remembered by friends and relatives by Mr. and Mrs. Shaw left on the steamer Calvin Austin Saturday night for Boston. They will take up their residence in Norwood, a suburb of that city.

McCluskey-McLean.

A very quiet wedding took place at 8:30 P. M. on July 22 at the residence of Rev. Dr. Grant, when Miss Thura E. McLean, of Queens county (N. B.) was united in marriage to R. A. McCluskey, of Dawson.

The bride was richly attired in white silk and carried a bouquet of cream roses and lilies of the valley. The happy couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCluskey, brother and sister to the groom and bride.

R. A. and J. W. McCluskey own a large tract of timber land and many interests in rich mining property in Alaska on the head waters of the Forty Mile River. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCluskey will reside in Dawson City.

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Parade, Aquatic Events, Horse Races, Baseball, and a Grand Ball--A Good Sum Realized for New Sidewalks.

Woodstock, Aug. 18.—Whatever the people of Centreville undertake they do well. Always up to the times, when it was decided that the summer would be a necessary one, the people inaugurated a carnival and selected strong committees with C. M. Sherwood as chairman and C. M. King, secretary. This event was held yesterday. The hotels arranged to close on that day, but all visitors were to secure dinner and tea under the auspices of the ladies of the village in Sherwood's Opera House. This building was crowded during meal hours; the ladies were obliging; the cooking was excellent and the proceeds, which amounted to \$200, will go to the sidewalk fund. Early in the day crowds began to gather from all quarters for a day of sport. A basketball containing the Colts base ball club, and many single and double rings went up from Woodstock. Mars Hill, Bridgewater and other Aroostook towns were largely represented, and the people of the adjoining villages turned out in force. There must have been at least 1,500 people present.

After the race, Drowning of Neptune, (Dr. Peppers taking the part well), the parade started from the mill pond at 10 o'clock and passed through the principal streets in the following order:

- Mounted Police.
- Centreville Band.
- Squad of Forty Mounted Infantry.
- Float, Spanish Tamborine Girls.
- Float, The Garden of the Province.
- Comical Float.
- Float, Indian Wigwam.
- Centreville Fire Brigade.
- Float, Sons of Rest.
- Comical Float.
- Float, Neptune, surrounded by Indians.
- Float, Roman Chariot.

The judges, J. T. A. Dibble, Coun. Joseph Fewer and John Adams, gave prizes as follows:

Most original—Miss Laura Wilkinson, \$5, for float Carlton County, the Garden of the Province.

Most comical—Centreville Fire Brigade, Fancy—Miss Emma Perkins, Roman chariot.

The boat races were closely contested. Messrs. Tracy, of Tracy Mills, led, \$5; swimming contest, Gerald Bearst, led, \$3. In the grased pole contest, John Kennedy won \$8.

The horse races on the streets were well fought out and proved interesting. B. F. Smith, M. P. P., and Joseph Fewer were starters and the judges were J. T. A. Dibble, H. E. Burt, J. C. Long and Wm. Armstrong. The results were: Running race—Horse owned by Dr. Peppers.

2:30 class—S. Burt's horse. On the exhibition grounds an interesting game of ball was played before a large crowd by the Woodstock Colts and the Centreville Peppers, and resulted in a victory for the former, 10 to 1. The glitche playing of the Woodstock team was again in evidence. Considering the team were against the Centreville boys played well. G. L. Cohoon made an important umpire. The batteries were: Woodstock, Milmore and Woodrow; Centreville, John Schley, and the proceeds of the game were for the benefit of the Centreville boys.

The ball in the Opera House, which continued into this morning, was attended by many and brought the day's amusement to a close. The Blasidell orchestra, of St. John, (Me.) furnished delightful dance music.

St. Martins Notes. St. Martins, N. B., Aug. 19.—On the 17th inst., the parish of St. Martins Sunday school convention was held in the Presbyterian church. The evening session was addressed by Dr. Fotheringham, Rev. J. B. Gauson and others.

Rev. Mr. Weibing spent a few days here, returned to Sussex on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly and daughter, of New London (Conn.), left here on Friday for Boston.

Warren Buckman left here Saturday for his home in Boston. Walter Brown, who spent his vacation at his home in Fairview, has returned to Boston.

Miss Charles Cair has gone to St. John to spend a few weeks with relatives. Miss Pansy Barkam, of Hampton, who spent a few days here, returned home on Friday accompanied by Miss Ida McCarber.

It is expected that the new passenger car recently purchased in Boston by P. M. Anderson, manager of the Hampton & St. Martins Railway, will be on the road this week. Joseph Skillen left here on Saturday for his home in Brookline (Mass.). On Friday evening, in the temperance hall, the Guild of Holy Trinity church had a basaar and supper.

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day to visit relatives in Woodstock. Mrs. S. T. Vaughan, of St. John, is spending a few days here with the Misses Godard.

A. P. Kent, of Sussex; H. M. Packard, of Brookton (Mass.); George McConnell and E. T. Jones, of St. John; C. E. Keyes, of Worcester; W. J. Brown and T. W. Barnes, of Hampton; W. V. McKinney, of St. John; R. H. Gravelin, of Windsor (Ont.); F. W. Mawbray, of Worcester; Mrs. F. Peters and children, of St. John are guests at the Kennedy House.

F. B. Fullmore left here Saturday for a trip to Winnipeg. Mrs. E. A. Titus and son, Harold, are spending a few days in St. John at the home of Mrs. J. E. Hopper. Alban Brown, who spent a few weeks at his former home at Fairview, left here Friday for Boston.