

SUCCESSFUL NEW BRUNSWICK MAN, NOW 80 YEARS OF AGE, TELLS SCENES OF HIS YOUTH

Senator Isaac Stephenson, Former Marguerville Boy, Tells Telegraph Something of Good Old Days in This Province; Says Hughes Will Be Next President; Is Outstanding Figure in Republican Camp; Largest Lumber Manufacturer in United States.

Tuesday, Sept. 19. "I don't want to be interviewed by the war and I'll tell you before you begin." The speaker was Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Marienette (Wis.), one of New Brunswick's most successful sons who has made a name and fame for himself in the United States and who today is eighty-eight years young, hale and hearty, back to visit the scenes of his childhood.

Senator Stephenson with a party of relatives was in St. John yesterday and leaves today for Fredericton. As intimated above, he refused to be interviewed on the war, adding: "You know we're neutral down there across the border and it wouldn't be well for us to express opinions."

"Well, then, the election," ventured The Telegraph representative. "What election?" questioned the senator. "The presidential elections to be sure," came the response.

"Oh, that election," said the staid old veteran of many political encounters. "We're going to elect Hughes and that's all there'll be to it. You know I'm a Republican but Republican or Democrat, we're going to elect Hughes. Wait and see," he said with finality and a sweep of his hand.

"What changes will we have under Hughes?" he continued. "Well, for one thing, we'll have a protective tariff and Hughes will stand up for our rights, man-fashion."

When a man eighty-eight years of age looks back over the years and says something like this, "Yes, let me see, yes, it was in '44 on July 15, a Thursday morning at 10 o'clock that we landed at the place called Flat Rock, then the average mortal is constrained to believe that the age of miracles is not passed."

Isaac Stephenson was born at Marguerville (N. B.) in 1829 and his history is the history of the growth of his adopted country from a tangled forest to a pulsating centre of commerce. Isaac Stephenson grew up with the country and is today as truly a product of the pioneer age as is the great lumber industry of which he is an outstanding pillar.

He was on the great American drive which came down the St. John river in 1844, the greatest drive, he said, which was ever brought that section but, when broke and the logs came far down the stream to within a few miles of St. John. In First Place.

Speaking of the lumbermen of this continent he said to The Telegraph: "You bear a great deal of talk nowadays about the Ottawa river lumbermen and the men from that section but, in all-round work as river drivers and in every department of the game there is no lumberman who can beat the New Brunswick or Maine trained man."

"It's seventy-two years since I saw Grand Falls," he said, becoming reminiscent, "but I'm going to see them in a day or two." He then chatted to The Telegraph about the wages paid in the early days, saying that he at one time

hired a first class sawyer for \$16 a month and had plenty of common laborers for \$8 a month. His going home was paid seventy-five cents a week and that was considered good wages, "and they did the washing and mending; they don't do that today," he added with a twinkle in his eye.

Senator Stephenson went into the lumbering game on a large scale as a lieutenant of Jefferson Sinclair, known in America as the "Napoleon lumberman" of this continent, and although Sinclair wished to start young Stephenson up business, to put him through Yale College, at this the New Brunswick lad refused. Placing a knapsack on his back he spent two years in exploring the lumber country in Wisconsin and Illinois and finally settled and erected his mill at a place now known as Wells. That place is now practically owned by Senator Stephenson.

His Big Project. Senator Isaac Stephenson is today the largest lumber manufacturer in America and perhaps on this continent. "We turn out 100,000 feet year at Wells," he said, "and that's not all." In connection with these gigantic mills there is a chemical plant in which wood alcohol is manufactured and the company has an all-way 190 miles in length in connection with its activities.

born at Marguerville and when only a child moved with her parents and other members of the family to Greenfield, where she spent the first of her life. She was the mother of thirteen children, twelve of whom are now living. Fred W. Herbert, C. Basil M., of Greenfield; James A. of Tracy's Mills; Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, Mrs. George Tweedie, Mrs. John Holmes, Mrs. Andrew Kinney, Mrs. George Harvey, Kinney, of Centreville; Mrs. Emma Manley, of Knowlesville; Mrs. Charles W. Connell, of Woodstock, and Mrs. John McKnight, of Fredericton. In addition she was the foster-mother of two children, Harvey Kinney, of Centreville, and Israel Kinney, of Blaine (Me.). She is also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kilpatrick's life was characterized by kindness to others, a devotion to God, and a faithful membership of the Presbyterian church of Greenfield, and in her zeal for the Master's work she leaves a lasting influence for good. About two years ago she was rendered blind by a stroke of paralysis which infirmity she bore with patience and cheerfulness to the end.

The funeral service was conducted at the home on Thursday afternoon by Rev. M. E. Mann, assisted by Rev. D. H. Eves, and her children were present, her four sons acting as pallbearers. The body was laid to rest in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Mrs. Margaret Emma Stairs. The Bangor Commercial says: Mrs. Margaret Emma Stairs, aged 67 years, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Stairs, of Bangor, on Thursday, Sept. 14, after an illness of nearly a year. Mrs. Stairs was born in South Hampton, Canada, and made her home in that country nearly all her life. She moved to Bangor about 1850 to live with her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Stairs, and remained there until her death. She was married to Mr. Wm. Stairs, who died in Bangor, N. B. During her short stay in Bangor, Mrs. Stairs had made a number of friends who will learn with deep regret of her death. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Stairs; five daughters—Mrs. William Miller, of Philadelphia; Mrs. A. L. Crispin, of Greenville (Me.); Mrs. H. T. Johnson, of Kineo; Mrs. A. W. Skilling, Bangor; Mrs. C. H. Black, Holville (N. B.); one son, Charles Stairs, of Bangor (N. B.); one daughter, Mrs. Heppy Kingwood, Brock (N. B.); and one brother, Gilbert Gray, of Lower South Hampton (N. B.). The interment will be in Temperanceville (N. B.).

Rev. W. E. Norton, D.D. Toronto, Sept. 20.—The death occurring at his residence, 100 St. George street, at 10 o'clock this morning, of Rev. W. E. Norton, for fifteen years superintendent of Baptist Home Missions for Ontario and Quebec, and one of the best known men in the denomination. He was 85 years of age.

Freud J. Toner. Fred J. Toner entered into rest Sept. 20 at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Toner, in Mispe, after a lingering illness of 21 years, leaving his wife and two children, Verma B. and Aretta C. His parents, one brother, Harry R., of Boston, and four sisters, Mrs. E. R. Fox, Mrs. E. J. Rogan, Miss Ida E. Everett (Mass.), and Miss Gertrude at home.

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 20.—Frederick Percival Forbes and Estella Mae Forbes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler, of Steadman street, were married at twelve o'clock today at the bride's residence, by Rev. E. H. Cochran, pastor of Highfield Street Baptist Church, St. John. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Forbes, of the C. P. R. This afternoon for New England cities. They will reside in Richibucto.

Robert William McKim, of Wickham, Queens county, and Miss Susanna Carls, of this city, were united in marriage last night, by Rev. B. H. Nobles at his home, 41 Park street. The bride was attended by Miss Helen Grant and Miss Edna Sloan. The groom's gift to the bride was an amethyst pendant, and to the bridesmaid a cameo ring. Mr. and Mrs. Besley left on the afternoon express for Hanport (N. S.), where they will visit at the groom's home before going to Montreal, where they will reside. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Besley, mother of the groom, Mrs. Langport (N. S.), Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sloan, of Pitt Meadows (Me.).

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WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE IN ST. JOHN MARKETS

Prices show but very little change during the week. Sugar has remained stationary. Flour is quiet while a slight advance in the price of cheese is noted. Certain vegetables show an advance also. Moose skins and deer skins are now on the market, and are bringing wholesale prices of five and six cents respectively. Prices prevailing are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Potatoes, per bushel (0.70 to 1.00), Flour, per barrel (0.25 to 0.28), Butter, per lb (0.20 to 0.22), etc.

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Bonnie English lasses may drive motors, operate vehicles of one kind or another, make munitions or even work in the flour mills but when it comes to loading a ship, the pool salt then the Liverpool salt is no scarcer today than ever was but it is difficult to secure the ton to load it and the bottoms to carry it.

The Liverpool salt is used almost exclusively in this country. It is far ahead of other types of salt for the curing of fish, it contains most valuable properties and "strikes down," as the dealers say, more rapidly than that from other sources.

Should the Liverpool supply by any means be cut off from the maritime provinces it would be a very serious matter indeed but the local dealers believe there is little or no danger of that, in the immediate future at least. The price in the present time for Liverpool salt is 90 cents from the ship's side for a bag containing one-twelfth of a long ton. In the past three months the price of Liverpool salt has advanced about two cents per bag.

From Martinique, a quantity of six miles, driven in their wedge than a mile, and captured the important strategic base and market in a mile north of Comblanchette. To the French fleet, court, two miles east of Freignot, one of the best in addition to the French fleet, and to the safety of the Canal. Some were taken. The French fleet, and to the safety of the Canal. Some were taken. The French fleet, and to the safety of the Canal. Some were taken.

Advices have reached the city to the effect that the Cunard Steamship Company has decided to use the port of New York during the coming winter for its new Bristol line. The new line, it will be remembered, has been using the port of Montreal during the past season and the company for some months has been looking into the advantages of the other winter ports on this side of the Atlantic, in order to decide which one to use during that period, when Montreal is blocked by ice.

Speaking to a prominent shipping man yesterday The Telegraph was furnished with the outlook for the port of St. John during the coming winter season is very bright indeed. He expressed the opinion that had St. John been chosen by the Cunard company for its Bristol line it would have been extremely doubtful if the port could have satisfactorily handled the business with its present accommodations, in view of the other business already promised. There is little doubt, it is said in well informed circles, that the trans-Atlantic mail boats will make the port of St. John their Atlantic point of call during this winter. The freight rate which is being offered for St. John for the coming winter is of a very abnormal character so far as bulk is concerned, and all records are likely to be smashed during this season, if indications become realization.

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