

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, N. B., April 8.—(Special).—The first lumber raft of the season arrived at Springhill yesterday. They contain about 200,000 feet of lumber, belonging to James M. Scott, of Dunsmuir. A large number are expected during next week. Spruce logs are now being floated in at a rate of about 100,000 feet a day.

The university senate will meet here tomorrow. Among the questions to be considered is a proposal to amalgamate with the other universities of the maritime provinces.

Fredericton, April 8.—(Special).—James Eldon Lookhart, 11 for weeks of pneumonia and consumption of the bowels, died today at the hospital, aged 25 years.

An attempt will be made here to have the Grand Opera Company play in this city.

Fredericton, April 8.—(Special).—Wilbur Borden, formerly representing the Massey-Harris Company, in this place, has been removed to Colorado. His family will join him.

The half mile track has been leased for the season from the Park Association by H. B. Wetmore and J. McCoy. The first of a series of five races will be held May 14th.

Fredericton, April 8.—(Special).—A meeting of the University Senate at the Education Office tonight, was attended by Dr. Inch, Chancellor Harrison, Messrs. Borden, Merrett and Bridges, Judges Barker and McLeod, W. A. Park and Prof. Davidson.

The proposal to confederate with other colleges of the maritime provinces was considered and a committee composed of Messrs. Borden, Merrett, Bridges, Barker and McLeod was appointed to report on the subject.

Leave of absence for one year was granted to Prof. Davidson to take effect at the close of the present term. The professor is engaged in writing a history of Scottish trade and will spend the time principally in Scotland and Holland.

Dr. Scott will succeed him as secretary of the senate.

A delegation of students composed of J. A. Leggett and J. E. Porter waited upon the president and requested that steps be taken to rebuild the gymnasium building, lately destroyed by fire.

It is understood the senate decided to confer several honorary degrees at next session. The degree of LL. D. will be conferred on Rev. W. O. Raymond, of St. John; Eldon Mullin, of Fredericton, now in South Africa; and Robert Chalmers, of the University of Ottawa, a native of Resolute.

The university officers having failed to arrange for holding inter-collegiate sports in conjunction with Mount Allison, and with Acadia College, the students hope to be able to induce a team from that institution to visit Fredericton May 20th.

Quite a heavy rain storm accompanied by hail set in here at 11 o'clock this evening.

Fredericton, April 10.—(Special).—The Hon. Mr. Porter, Minister of the Interior, and Mr. Eggleston, Minister of the Marine, were the most brilliant and successful speakers at the city hall last evening.

Between three and four hundred ladies and gentlemen were present, including judges of the Supreme court, members of the government, and representatives of the military and educational institutions.

There was a goodly representation from the city, and the evening was a most successful one.

The interior of the building was tastefully decorated with flags, bunting, potted plants and cut flowers.

It was a scene never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. The guests were received in the assembly chamber by the Hon. Mr. Porter, Minister of the Interior, and Mr. Eggleston, Minister of the Marine.

A programme of 15 dances was carried out in the assembly chamber, the floor of which was covered with linen and waxed for the occasion.

Music was furnished by Winters' orchestra, from a position in a corner of the room.

Supper was served in the library shortly before midnight, and the very pleasant function came to an end shortly before 2 o'clock.

WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, N. B., April 8.—(Special).—This afternoon fire broke out in the cellar of W. F. Dobbie & Sons' hardware store, and the contents of the main store were totally damaged by water.

A clerk, Murray Saunders, carrying a lantern, went down cellar to draw some kerosene.

The liquid in the measure was accidentally lighted by the lantern and the clerk hurried to the main store carrying the burning liquid, to give the alarm. The cellar was soon filled with flames.

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Dr. Van Stan's Pineapple Tablets are as certain to cure indigestion and dyspepsia as they are convenient to carry. Keep them in your pocket—take one when your stomach gives you trouble—immediate relief.

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and the fluid from the measure carried the fire up stairs. No. 1 and 2 hose companies were quickly on the spot and had 1,700 feet of hose and drenched the fire with six streams of water, but the latter turned the contents of the store. The work of the firemen was dangerous on account of the presence of powder in the store. The firm carried an insurance of about \$15,000.

The goods in the adjoining dry goods store of B. B. Marshall were considerably damaged by smoke.

John Driscoll, jr., of the regular army of the United States, after an absence of seven years, arrived today on a visit to his parents. His regiment was first stationed at Fort Sheridan, Montana, and went from there on the commencement of the war in their Marching and they have been in many engagements in the Philippines, but escaped unhurt.

Woodstock, April 10.—(Special).—The residence and household goods of Benson Brown, Newburg Junction, were destroyed by fire yesterday. The origin of the fire is not known but it is supposed it was caused by a spark from the fire. The outbuilding was saved. Mr. Brown's loss will amount to about \$1,000. He carried insurance for \$500.

Notwithstanding the loss that W. F. Driscoll & Sons' store sustained by fire and the interference with their trade, they are now open for business in their upper store in the Masonic Hall. All the better goods are on sale in the Marshall store and they have telegraphed for new goods to replace those destroyed.

James McDonald, who has been employed in St. John, but who has since been engaged as a sailor at times for many years, has been dangerously ill at his boarding house, suffering from several attacks of hemorrhage of the lungs. Dr. Saunders is in attendance.

T. A. Lindsay, the popular and successful representative of the Temperance & General Fire Assurance Company in this county, has been appointed his inspector for the province, a well deserved promotion.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Southampton, April 7.—The 20th of March was the earliest for the ice to run in the St. John river, and the ice freest was the greatest in 30 years. The ice played many pranks along the shore, as the scattering and standing on end of nearly all the bows of river logs banked up, and the upsetting of boats, etc., but the most serious was the demolition of the large saw belonging to the wire ferry between this place and Temple and the breaking of the stone wall stretching across the river at Haverhill.

The Middle Southampton Cheese Manufacturing Company held their annual meeting the last of March in the Orange hall. The cheese master and manager, D. Scrivner, reported that the net gain to the company for last season was \$100 (about the same as the year before) which will be paid to the shareholders.

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John C. Fero has been on a visit to his children in the neighboring republic. He is greatly benefited by his trip.

While Grant, of Bangor, youngest son of J. N. Grant, of Bangor, is not too young to be a soldier, he is not too young to be a farmer, and he is coming home to settle permanently and assist his father in the large business of farming and lumbering.

Miss David Farnham, of the Provincial Normal School, accompanied by a lady friend, was home for the Easter vacation. She has been attending the school for the past year.

A very handsome hanging lamp has been suspended in front of the pulpit in the P. B. church. Appropriate Easter services were conducted in this church by the pastor, Rev. J. Barnes, and in spite of the bad weather and the worse roads the congregations were large. Mr. Barnes is holding special services tonight and several other churches in the neighborhood.

In the Reformed church was conducted, on Easter Sunday afternoon, a special service of song participated in by the children. The service was very successful. Much credit is due Miss Lillian Grant, the efficient organist, for the pains she took with the children in bringing the affair to a successful conclusion.

It is said that this church furnishes the best music on the river. Rev. Mr. Archer, pastor, is a clever young man and a good singer.

Frank Grant's new steam mill is employing a large number of men.

A. J. Way is building a woodhouse and cartinghouse combined.

Postmaster Farnham is building an open porch on the front of his hotel. On the south side, next the river, he is adding a large bay window, to serve as a conservatory.

A. W. Graft and H. N. Fox are busy doing many spring's wood cutting for this season.

Chas. Dunham & Son are rafting their logs at Patterson Creek.

Woolster Cronkhite is buying logs for Jas. Scott, of Haverhill.

SALISBURY.

Salisbury, April 7.—Miss Winnie McMuray returned to her home at Sackville Saturday, after having spent two weeks pleasantly with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Killam, of Haverhill, have been the guests of Mrs. J. R. Price for a few days.

A. C. M. Lawson returned Saturday from St. John, where he had been called for the funeral of the death of his father.

Mrs. A. E. Trilles entertained a large party Wednesday evening.

Mrs. V. L. Gowan and her sister, Mrs. Titus, returned to St. John last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Steeves and Mrs. Will Steeves, who have been spending a week with their sister, Mrs. I. D. Trilles, have returned to their homes at Hillsboro.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Petitcodiac, conducted service in the Episcopal church Sunday.

Miss Mabel Sherwood, of Hillsboro, visited her aunt, Mrs. H. C. Barnes, last week.

A number of students who were at home for the Easter vacation, returned to Sackville Monday.

ST. ANDREWS.

St. Andrews, N. B., April 8.—The funeral took place this afternoon of Mr. Wm. Anderson, who, for almost 40 years, had been a resident of this place. He was a joined by trade and came here from St. John as foreman for Mr. Anderson, ship-builder. Under the decline of shipbuilding and the acceptance of a house builder in the country. He was in his 82nd year, and leaves a wife, four daughters and two sons. One of his sons, Thomas Anderson, died today at the hospital.

Rev. Hunter Doyle, the Presbyterian clergyman, of Rolling Dam, and his wife, will leave for England in a few weeks. They intend spending the summer in the old world.

Mrs. Gifford, who, with her niece, has been enjoining for several months at the hospital, will leave town this week, preparatory to sailing for England on one of the steamers from New York.

All is bustle and stir around the summer residence of Mr. Wm. Van Horne here made wonderful changes about his summer home, having practically rebuilt it. The stone work and masonry are being performed under the supervision of James McDevitt, of St. John. A large crew of men arrived from St. John Monday.

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Mrs. Wm. Otty will then take possession of her house which has been occupied by Mrs. Dean during the winter, while Mrs. Otty was visiting in Fredericton. The water in the channel is falling and the banks of the river will probably appear a week earlier than usual. Farmers on the northern side have been ploughing this week.

The death of Mrs. Frank Kelley was a severe shock to this community. Mrs. Kelley was, practically speaking, a young woman, although the mother of eight children, the youngest being about two weeks old. She was much respected in the community and the sympathy expressed of her was general.

Mrs. Wm. Mitchell's body was brought by train from her daughter's residence in Massachusetts, where she died about a week ago. She had been a great sufferer for years and had been a patient in several hospitals. She went last autumn to reside in the States.

Wm. Piers, of Gormain avenue, will hold an auction sale of his effects on Monday, April 14. He is about to remove with his family to New York.

Rev. Mr. Evans held an auction of farming implements, boats, etc., at his residence last Wednesday.

It is said that Dr. Walker, of St. John, has bought the farm, which was the home of his boyhood, being at Ottawa by which he was adopted, died at the residence of his father, the late Canon Walker, rector of Hampton.

Rev. Charles Schofield, rector of Hampton, is spending a few weeks at Ottawa. On Sunday evening, Rev. Mr. Scoville, of Carleton, preached for him.

Regret is expressed at the death of Rev. Thomas A. Dickinson, for years rector of Hampton. He died in St. Luke's hospital, New York. Mr. Dickinson left here about three years ago for Regina. He has been here in St. John for a month or so after the death of Rev. Mr. Briscoe.

Percy Clark, aged 14, who formerly resided at Hampton in the home of Rufus Clark, by whom he was adopted, died a few days ago at the Industrial School, Silver Falls. Cornelius Sullivan, who took a great interest in the boy and who was anxious to place him in the school, west to St. John to attend the funeral.

It is impossible for him to speak of the kindness of the Society to the boy. The funeral took place after high mass on Thursday week, to the Catholic cemetery, Silver Falls. Rev. Fr. Cormier officiated.

Alfred Kilpatrick, one of the most popular young men of Hampton, has been recommended as rector of the St. John's church, and will be installed on May 1st.

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look, both of Gardenville, are to be married tomorrow.

William Waugh and Miss Addie Perkins, also of this place, drove over to Bridgewater today and will be married there.

KINTORE.

Upper Kintore, April 7.—A surprise party drove to the home of Mrs. Gendall on Thursday evening and were kindly welcomed. A most enjoyable time was spent in playing cards, and instrumental and games. Thirty set down to supper. Miss Gendall was presented with a purse of money as a mark of appreciation, for her services as organist in the Presbyterian church.

GREAT VILLAGE.

Great Village, N. S., April 8.—Mrs. Chas. Peppard, an aged resident of this place, having passed four score years and four, has gone to join the majority. Three sons and four daughters are left as mourners of a kind and loving mother. Twenty grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren are among those who survive.

The Smith-Stanfield Company, Ltd., capital \$60,000, has begun the erection of a store 40x70 feet three stories high, in the rear of their present building. It is understood that next year this firm will remove their old wooden building facing on Prince street and replace it with a brick and stone structure.

PORT MEDWAY.

Port Medway, N. S., April 7.—The Dalnall, the largest steamer that has been here, is taking in 1,700 or 1,800 tons of pulp and will be ready to sail to St. John tomorrow, the 8th.

Quite a number of salmon have been taken in the harbor and river, and shipped to Boston. As high as 70 cents per pound has been paid.

Lobstering is well under way, large catches being at \$8 per hundred.

There is a great demand for and great scarcity of Bank fishermen. Crews cannot be obtained just now.

Ray prospects are all that could be desired. There is little doubt that before this month closes the question of the Central will be settled, and that it will be along the shore. The premier's manifesto, and the increased subsidy are a guarantee of that. Should Macdonald & Mann decline to accept the government's demand for a bona fide shore route, other contractors of good standing are ready to take hold of the contract. It is understood that Macdonald & Mann have purchased the Central railway, which runs from Lunenburg to Middleton, connecting with the Dominion Atlantic. That purchase gives them a certain advantage, as the branch to be completed from New Germany to Colebrook is in the signed contract, and New Germany is one of the stations of the Central railway. The intention evidently is to use the Central as a connection with the main line along the shore. As to where the main line will cross the La Have river is a question. Surveys vary and the probability is it will be near Colebrook. For more days and it will be definitely known.

Splendid weather prevails. Planting was done at the end of March.

Malting in this country, took a vote at incorporation the other day, and incorporation was lost, two to one.

AMHERST.

Amherst, April 7.—George Ross, employee of Church Bros. & Co., has resigned and leaves tomorrow for the United States. Perhaps no young man in Amherst is so well known as Y. M. C. A. work as Mr. Ross, who took a most active part in his attendance at the Maritime Convention has brought him in contact with Y. M. C. A. workers throughout the province. An address was presented to him at the close of the convention, and vice in the Baptist church yesterday.