

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1904

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, N. B., May 18.—(Special).—Latest reports from St. John head waters indicate that unless heavy rains occur very soon between 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 feet of lumber is likely to be hung up for the season. The water in the brooks is said to be very low. The snow has all gone from the woods, and the portage roads are almost as dry as in midsummer.

Wm. J. Scott, of the Scott Lumber Company, returned this afternoon from a visit to the scene of his concern's operations in Quebec. He reports that the drive on Little Black river reached safe water on Saturday night. The Wild Cat drive is also out, with the exception of 500,000 feet, which was left on the landings.

Thomas Crockett finished driving operations on Blue River several days ago, but he was obliged to abandon a portion of his drive. Morrison Bros. also found it necessary to abandon about 2,000,000 feet.

Kilburn, who has 6,000,000 on North-west Branch of the St. John for W. H. Murray, is reported to be having a hard time of it, and it is very doubtful if he will get out.

Edgcomb's drive of 2,500,000 on Smoky River is making slow progress, and it is thought that about half of it will be hung up.

It is reported in the city tonight that Robert Aikens' drive on the Aroostook stands a poor chance of getting out. Mr. Aikens had his drive on this river hung up last season, and the same luck befell him the season before.

There has been no rain here today, and the water in the river is still falling fast. The following provincial appointments are gazetted:

County of Charlotte—Melville N. Cockburn, Robert E. Armstrong, Thomas A. Odell, and Mrs. Thompson A. Andrews, to be members of the board of school trustees for the town of St. Andrews; the said Melville N. Cockburn to be chairman of the said board.

County of Northumberland—Allan A. Davidson, K. C., to be a justice of the peace. Allan A. Davidson, K. C., to be police magistrate for the town of Newcastle, with civil jurisdiction, in room of John Niven, deceased.

The following additional appointments are gazetted:

Captain J. J. F. Winslow, 71st York Regiment, to be aide-de-camp, in place of Captain F. A. Lister, resigned.

Major J. D. B. MacKenzie, 73rd Regiment, to be aide-de-camp, in place of Lieut.-Colonel Call, deceased.

Rev. Leonard Boyd Gibson, of Glasgow, has been registered to solemnize marriages.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating Daniel W. McCormick, John E. Moore, A. P. Barnhill, Sarah A. McCormick, Fannie H. McCormick and Nellie B. Baird, of St. John, as the Victoria Hotel Company, Ltd., with capital stock of \$25,000.

The old wooden building on Queen street, opposite the Bank of N. B. A., where the legislature of New Brunswick first assembled, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire this forenoon. The

narrow building adjoining it on the lower side, occupied upstairs as a dwelling by Daniel Collins and down stairs by T. W. Gregory, engraving, caught fire from a defective fire upstairs and was quite badly gutted. The building is owned by Miss Segue, and was insured. Both tenants saved most of their effects.

A telegram from Boston this morning announces the death there last night of Mrs. Fenwick, widow of William Fenwick, of St. John. Deceased was ninety years of age.

SUSSEX.

Sussex, N. B., May 17.—A. Fowler, of St. John, arrived here today with a string of four horses and will use the track preparing for the season's races.

David Watson, of St. John, is here today buying horses.

Burpee, Frouze and G. W. Stockton, of Penobscot, and W. A. Jeffries, of Sussex, left here yesterday by C. P. R. for the west. They expect to settle in the vicinity of Calgary.

The body of Patrick Wanley, a former resident of Kings county, was brought from St. John this morning and conveyed to White's Mountain for burial. The deceased moved to St. John about thirty years ago.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Lawson, who died at Amherst on the 13th inst., took place yesterday afternoon. She was buried at Kirk Hill cemetery. The Rev. B. F. Nobles officiated.

HAMPTON.

Hampton, N. B., May 17.—E. G. Evans, superintendent of the N. B. Coal & Railway Company, has tendered his resignation to take effect June 1.

The funeral of the late Edward McCarron was held this morning and was very largely attended. Interment took place in the Catholic cemetery, Lower Norton.

The repairs on the I. C. R. station which were begun last fall have not yet been completed. Meanwhile the building does not present a very creditable appearance.

The Misses Fulton, of St. John west, who have been spending a few days with their brother, Rev. R. G. Fulton, returned home yesterday.

MONCTON.

Moncton, N. B., May 17.—In the police court yesterday, Police Magistrate Kay, in giving his judgment in the Scott Act case against J. M. Bigelow, dismissed it. He said it was something that he could not understand that "there were open barrooms all along the streets in Moncton and that the police could not get evidence of selling." Notwithstanding that the lockup was full of drunken men, Indians and squaws, still the officers cannot get the liquor in sold or whether it is intoxicating or not.

Prosecutors for the Scott Act, said Magistrate Kay, have virtually set aside and introduced an act of their own for the purpose of making money out of fines. The lawyer for the prosecution and the lawyer for the defence knew that what he was

saying was a fact, and the police officers also knew the same.

James McCleave's automobile met with a serious accident at noon today and as a result the woodwork is practically demolished. Mr. McCleave and E. Hammond, formerly of St. John, were taking a spin at the east end of Main street, when the machine struck a lump on the road. The weight of the machine carried it down the incline and it turned over. McCleave and Hammond were thrown out. The latter was rendered unconscious, in which condition he remained some time. Both were badly shaken up and McCleave was out about the time.

Moncton, N. B., May 17.—(Special).—Some prominent citizens are mourning the sudden departure from the city of a young man who had been in the employ of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company here for the past year or more. The agent in question formerly belonged to Truro and while here was a member of one of the leading church choirs and was teacher in the Sunday school. His unpaid bills included his board and at least one or two accommodation notes.

At the annual meeting of the board of trade tonight F. W. Sumner was elected President; Senator McSwiney, vice; D. I. Welch, secretary-treasurer. A discussion on legislation taxing outside workmen took place and the matter will be further dealt with at a meeting on the 27th inst. The feeling was against such legislation.

Moncton, May 18.—(Special).—Another movement is on foot to erect a large stone block in Moncton to include an up-to-date hotel, opera house, stores, etc.

An option has been secured on the site of Victoria block, and the adjoining land at the corner of Main and Robinson streets, and some outside capitalists have lent encouragement to the project.

H. A. Peters is promoting the scheme, and it depends largely upon local capitalists, and will shortly sound local capitalists, assistance whether the scheme will go through.

The proposed block would be 150x180, and three stories high. There was some talk last summer about Boston capitalists erecting such a block, but it did not materialize.

Moncton, N. B., May 19.—(Special).—Mrs. John England, of Adamsville, was brought to Moncton hospital tonight by Doctor Botsford, suffering from a terrible gunshot wound. The wound was the result of an accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of her seventeen-year-old son, about 10 o'clock this morning.

Young England was handling the gun and got a cartridge loaded with double B shot stuck in the breech, and in attempting to get it out, it was discharged and just starting the kitchen door at the time, he received the full charge in the left leg, just above the ankle. Doctor Fairbanks, who attended the injured woman, called Doctor Botsford in consultation, and after dressing the wound the best possible, it was decided to remove the patient to the Moncton hospital.

The leg is so badly shattered that it will have to be amputated above the ankle. Bentley Horsman, while attending a barn raising at Stileville yesterday, had a narrow escape from death. A man on the

frame twenty feet above him accidentally let fall an axe, the corner of which struck Horsman a glancing blow on the head, inflicting a severe wound.

The Moncton cricketers have received word from the Everett (Mass.) cricket team to the effect that they will visit Moncton in August.

ST. MARTINS.

St. Martins, May 17.—The passenger car for the St. Martins railroad is expected to reach the village this evening. This will make traveling to St. Martins more comfortable, and tend to increase the revenue of both the Intercolonial and the St. Martins railways.

P. M. Cochran, J. P., issued papers in a peculiar case this week. It is claimed that William Lair, of Bains Corner, presented an order to W. A. Campbell, of West Quaco, storekeeper, who cashed it, and then found he was out \$12. Mr. Campbell took legal proceedings.

On Friday night last some evil disposed person or persons made an attack on the residence of John Bain, Bains Corner, and smashed in the front windows of the house, using bricks and clubs. As the occupants of the building were asleep at the time, there is no clue to the parties who committed the act.

Captain Gough is moving the Fowns & White portable mill from St. Martins to Musquash by water. They expect to sail in the morning.

HOPWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, May 17.—The body of the late Mrs. Jas. W. Reid, of New Horton, Albert county, whose death recently occurred in St. John, came down by yesterday's train, and was interred in the family lot in the afternoon.

Miss Ida Peck is recovering from an attack of grippe.

Mrs. Clara Hoar is quite ill. Dr. J. T. Lewis was called to see her last night. C. Allison Peck, druggist, of Hillsboro, visited his old home here this week. McClean Bros' steam mill has finished saving at the Russell Brook, and been moved to Lower Cape, to saw a cut there. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Peck returned yesterday from a trip to St. John.

Mrs. Alice Peck has returned from a quite lengthy visit in Moncton.

DORCHESTER.

Dorchester, N. B., May 17.—(Special).—The escaped convict, Gordon, who has been at large since Friday last, was captured this morning at Fairview about three miles from Dorchester.

The arrest was made by Gilbert Milton, a farmhand, who was in a very weak condition and offered no resistance. He will be placed in the farm gang tomorrow as usual, and made to wear the iron boot.

Edward Cole, the ferryman at Cole's Point, met with a most serious accident by being thrown violently from a heavy truck wagon on Saturday evening. The doctors examination revealed an injured spine, the muscles of the neck are also badly strained, leaving the sufferer in a practically helpless condition.

BLISSVILLE.

Blissville, Sarnby county, N. B.—Harry W. French, Leice, has the contract for the building of the Baptist parsonage.

The cost will be about \$1,200. It will be completed during the present summer. As the freshet is high and is over the highway in several places, communication is difficult, between different places.

One of John Moores drives is within four or five days driving of safe water. The other drive is still in Shin Creek, but with time and rain, J. Howe may succeed in bringing it.

Smith Bros' lumber is in safe water. T. B. Roberts and family have here to reside at Welsford. He has purchased a residence from Alex. Stephenson, of that place. Mr. Roberts has had a long and successful business career here. His departure will be much regretted by the community at large.

INDIAN ISLAND.

Indian Island, May 16.—Owing to the strong wind Sunday morning the Rev. Mr. Lawson did not get over from Deer Island.

Lloyd Calder left here this morning for North Lubec (Me.), where he will work in a herring plant.

Miss Helen Dixon spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents at this place.

Miss Aggie J. Cummings, who has been confined to the house with a severe cold, is again able to attend her duties at the schoolroom.

HARVEY STATION.

Harvey Station, York Co., May 17.—The continued wet weather is causing some anxiety among the farmers. The land is very wet and very little seed has been got into the ground yet.

Joseph Robison has returned home from a three weeks' trip to Manitoba and the northwest. Mr. Robison went as far as Edmonton and is much pleased with the appearance of the country.

W. S. Brown has gone to Fredericton, where he has been engaged for the summer as traveling salesman for R. Chestnut & Sons.

Thomas Burrell, who recently moved to Madam, has sold his farm at Manners, Sutton to Thomas Coburn, of that place, and a meadow lot to Alexander Swan. It is expected that Mr. Coburn will move on to the farm in a short time.

Thomas Robison has got most of his lumber out of Cranberry stream into the Magalloway lake and will begin loading on the cars at Magalloway station this week.

NEWCASTLE.

Newcastle, N. B., May 17.—Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of the Kent Northern Railway by an American syndicate, and there is every likelihood that the deal will be consummated in a few days. It is the intention of the new company to extend the road eighteen miles through to the beach and establish a new route to Prince Edward Island.

Fast steamers will be employed both summer and winter. The company also have in contemplation the extension of the road to Chipman. The present manager, Mr. Murray, will be retained. The Kent Northern was the only branch line in the maritime provinces kept open during last winter.

It is learned here that the Bell Telephone Company proposes to extend the New Brunswick field by way of the North Shore. The company is now extending its

lines in Quebec and hope to reach Dalhousie this summer, and from this point the company hopes to reach St. John by the I. C. R. route, and then into the state of Maine, thus completing an eastern American circuit.

Allan A. Davidson has been appointed police magistrate here in succession to the late John Niven.

ST. GEORGE.

St. George, N. B., May 17.—The pleasure steamer built by J. Newman for a number of local gentlemen was successfully launched on Saturday last.

Captain John McCleod, assisted by Pilot Baldwin, broke the bottle of wine over her bow and a neat little sign nailed on forward as the wine poured down her front proclaimed her christened "Jessie M."

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Milne are receiving congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. The employees of the Bay of Fundy granite works presented Mr. and Mrs. Milne with an elegant silver tea set.

On account of the high water in the lakes, due to the heavy rains, the fishing is not yet at its best. Several fine strings of trout caught by local sports give promise of "better doings" when the water falls.

Three schooner loads of pulp have already been shipped from here since the river opened and another schooner is on her way to be loaded.

A dog killed three sheep on Sunday last and his owner decided that he had fared long enough. Procuring a bag he weighted it down with stones, secured bound his canine friend inside and threw him over the upper bridge, a stone's throw from the falls. It is not Niagara but men have been known to go over and no trace or vestige of them ever been found. However, the dog was home before his master.

Father Doyle and Father Nolan, Redemptorists from New York, are giving a mission here in the Roman Catholic church. Both are gifted, eloquent preachers.

Dr. Dick is being welcomed by his many friends after a prolonged stay in St. John.

GAGETOWN.

Gagetown, May 17.—Arbor day was observed at both grammar and primary schools in the district. At the grammar school the fence which was becoming dilapidated and was not now a necessity, was removed and several trees planted. The result of the zealous labor of teacher and pupils is a much improved school ground.

Tree planting and flour bed making occupied the time and attention of the primary department.

Fred James was in the village last week coming to accompany his mother, Mrs. Silas James, and his sisters to his home at Middle Sackville, where they will for the present reside. The removal of the family is much regretted, they having made themselves valuable members of society, being especially interested in all church work.

Queens county circuit court opened this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Judge Gregory presiding. One case only was entered and disposed of, that of the King vs. James Jolliffe, of Colas Island, for setting fire and destroying a quantity of boom poles. The prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge and after due deliberation was sentenced

to six months in the Queens county jail. H. A. McKeown appeared for the crown and J. R. Dunn for the prisoner.

Dr. A. Stockton, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Gaudy, Mr. M. J. Isaac were here this week.

A party of about thirty went to Queens-town on the Springfield Monday evening to attend service in the new Episcopal church at that place. The farewell sermon by Rev. H. A. Cady was preached on that occasion. Mr. Cady leaves shortly for the Northwest, much to the regret of his parishioners.

CHATHAM.

Chatham, May 18.—The funeral of Jean, only daughter of William Scott, was held yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. D. Henderson, assisted by Rev. J. Morris McLean. The choir of St. Andrew's church sang the hymns "The Sands of Time are Sinking and Safely, Safely, Gathered in. Among the beautiful flowers were a wreath from pupils of school department deceased attended, calls "Lilies from Mrs. and Mrs. K. A. Snowball, roses from Mrs. Ellis, call lilies from Miss Alice Johnson, carnations from Miss Bertha Edgar.

Ben Lockhart had the ends of three fingers cut off yesterday while working at one of the barkers in the Dominion Pulp Mill.

Ambrose McGraw died on Sunday after an illness of several months. He was 40 years old, and leaves a wife and one son. The funeral was held Tuesday, the interment being in St. Michael's cemetery.

The Migration of Birds was discussed at the Miramichi Natural History meeting last evening by Dr. Cox. Dr. Baxter and Captain Anthony Adams.

P. H. C. Benson left last night on a trip to Bathurst.

Captain Marshall, D. S. A. of St. John, has been in town the last few days.

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