

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1904.

## LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

Announcement was made in the last number of the Chatham Advance that its publication is for the present discontinued.

The capital stock of the newly incorporated Adams-Burns Co., Ltd., is \$175,000 divided into 1,750 shares of \$100 each, instead of \$15,000 as reported.

F. A. Barbour, the engineer who planned and is supervising the St. John water service extension, has been engaged by the Halifax city council to report on the water service of that city.

Caleb Vanwart, of 126 Adelaide street, who is employed on the tugboat Hero, was stricken with paralysis Tuesday night. He was taken to the Victoria Hospital in Fredericton. Mrs. Vanwart is now with her husband.

The prospect of an early closing of navigation on the river has caused considerable activity around the wharves and produce stores at Jaganaw. Although a little early for the waterway to freeze over, reports have been coming down river of ice an inch and two inches thick in places, and lumber merchants and tug boat owners have naturally been anxious to bring down as many rafts and scows as possible.

At a meeting of the school trustees the following are the figures submitted by Secretary Manning for the month of October: Enrollment, 7,239; daily average attendance, 6,337, being 87 per cent. of the whole. The school was the only school with a low attendance during the month, and as this was owing to the diphtheria scare which is now declared over, it is hoped the figures will soon be normal again.

The steamboats all made their trips up river on Saturday, though it was uncertain in some cases if they would reach their destinations. Considerable ice was reported below Fredericton and to ensure a clear passage the newly purchased steel steamer of the Star Line, the Pokanoket, was sent up early on Saturday morning ahead of the Victoria, the Champlain joining the procession at Gagetown. She acted admirably as an ice-breaker, and the three boats arrived safely at Fredericton about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The Pokanoket having no license as yet was unable to carry either freight or passengers, but her steel hull made short work of the river ice and she appears to have reached St. John just in time of need.

The farmers up river are rushing produce down in great quantities. At Indiantown on Saturday, the supply of beef and pork greatly exceeded the demand. Hindquarters of beef were to be had at 31, 41 and 5 cents a pound and pork 25 cents by the carcass. A considerable quantity was taken back as there was no buyers. The low price is due to the farmers being in places short of hay and on that account having to sell their stock before winter sets in. Turkeys just now keep at a high figure, bringing twenty cents a pound on the boats. Buckwheat is also dear, because of the heavy loss during the early frosts. According to weather forecasts, the North End another week will see the end of the open season of 1904 while the mild weather of last night should upset their calculations.

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An Innovation in St. John--Promises Well, Says the Manager.

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Manager Haven, of the St. John branch of the bank, has opened the sub-office, where E. Clinton Brown, district store for merely was, and said Saturday night that he expected there would be a good business done there. Besides, a bank agency in that section of the city was an innovation, and was in keeping with the trend of trade towards that quarter. Quite an amount of business was done during the week, and some accounts were opened.

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## WHITNEY PICKS HIS BATTLEGROUND

The Ontario Conservatives Will Wage War on Ross on Question of Corporations and Municipalities.

Toronto, Nov. 15.—(Special).—J. P. Whitney, the provincial Conservative leader, presented a statement of his position to a gathering of Conservatives at the Albany Club Saturday night. This statement enumerates the platform from which the campaign will be waged against the Ross government in the approaching elections.

It sets out that the issue has been created by the government itself in its treatment of the question of corporate aggression against the interests of the municipalities. Upon this line the fight will be waged.

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Fatal Ending to Outing of Two Charlotte County Young Men--George McBain Shot in Knee.

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Young Avery hastened for help, and had McBain conveyed to his home, where Dr. Deinstadt dressed the wound, but the patient died, not recovering from the shock.

Avery became fear stricken, and since then has been unable to speak, so that the real cause of the accident has not been ascertained.

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