

THE NINE HOURS SYSTEM.

Mr. Risteen Refuses to Accede to his Employees Demand, And the Men Drop Work at Five O'clock on Saturday.

The Factory Closed Down—Other Strikes Threatened.

The workers employed in the factory of J. C. Risteen & Co., have gone out on a strike, and the factory in consequence has been closed down. As mentioned in Saturday's Gleaner the employees demanded the Saturday nine hours system, which Mr. Risteen refused to grant them. The workmen thereupon, with the exception of the foreman, Mr. Lewis Peirce, and two or three of the younger hands, when the clock struck five on Saturday night, knocked off work. The men held a meeting a short distance from the factory and each decided to return to their work on Monday morning. On arriving at the factory on Monday morning the strikers found that the factory was closed down. Mr. Risteen has received the following order in the meantime to that effect. The workmen, or the majority of them, went into the factory and gathered up their tools and went home, asking no further questions. There were fifteen hands employed in the factory at the time the demand was made, ten of whom, including the leading workmen, made the demand which has resulted in the closing of the factory. Mr. Risteen was first made aware of the movement on Thursday last when he received the following peremptory epistle:—

FREDERICTON, MAY 27th, 1886. Messrs J. C. Risteen & Co.

Dear Sir,—We the undersigned workmen in your factory have decided to quit work at 5 o'clock on Saturday, and hope that your decision will meet your hearty approval.

The petitioners names are signed within the form of a wheel, so that it will be difficult for the firm to detect who headed the list.

A Glasgow reporter found Mr. Risteen in his office at the factory yesterday morning. "Yes," he said, "the factory is idle just at present" and probably will remain so for several weeks unless the men choose to go back and work their six days a week as agreed upon the first of May. It was at that time that the men were re-engaged for the season, at terms which appeared to be satisfactory to them, and now in less than a month they demand a change."

Mr. Risteen said he was not in a position to give them, and furthermore did not intend to accede to their demands, as he told the twenty when they made the demand it meant one hour for them to loaf and fifteen or twenty-five hours a week of lost work for him.

"Business has not been very brisk," said Mr. Risteen, "in the factory this spring, and consequently a much fewer number of hands are employed at present than we generally have. Mr. Risteen went over his books for the past two or three years and showed that at times there were upwards of thirty hands employed about the factory. "One hour a week off for that number of hands," he said, "means a good deal of lost work for the firm."

"However," said Mr. Risteen, "we are not very hard pushed just at present and he could do with a couple of extra hands for a few weeks without any material loss. The doors and sashes that were being made before the factory closed was mostly for stock, and the framing mills that were being built were not required until September next. Except a few job work, such as the manufacturing of furniture and some small articles, the orders are not required to be filled anyway soon."

The majority of the hands employed in the factory, Mr. Risteen admitted, were all good workmen, and he had always prided himself upon employing only the best skilled workmen. Mr. Risteen thought though, as the matter had terminated as it had, he could do with out their services about as well as they could fare outside of the factory. Some of the men who have gone out on the strike have been employed in the factory for ten and twelve years, one of them, Mr. Grace has been at work in the factory for fifteen years.

After leaving the factory, the reporter saw a few of the strikers. They seemed to be quite jubilant over the affair and with one exception, they said, all the men had employment promised them elsewhere. The request, said one of the strikers, was a simple one, and the least Mr. Risteen could do was to accede to it. Mr. Risteen, however, said that he would not accede to it, and if they should, and persisted in their demand, they might as well quit their work. They did not propose to grant such a system. If men were offered for their work, he did not see what he had to work for on Saturday or on Monday. This, however, he considered, was too small to adopt such a system, and he gave his reasons for thinking so.

Church Notes.

The ordinance of baptism was administered to one person in the Baptist church Sunday evening.

Licentiate Fraser Currie, of the Union Baptist Seminary, occupied the pulpit of the Free Baptist Church on Sunday last, the pastor, Rev. J. McLeod, being absent in Nova Scotia.

Before the services began at St. Paul's church on Sunday evening last, Mrs. Girvan, of St. John, who is visiting her relatives in this city, sang a very beautiful solo, and the conclusion of the services, took the solo part in a quartette.

Mrs. John Black, at the evening services at the Cathedral on Sunday last, sang a solo from Miss's anthem "The Wilderness."

SOUTH KEWICK STREETS.

Permitting Steam Drivings Operations.

Despite the hard season for driving the greater part of the lumber cut on the Kewick has been brought into the boom at the mouth. Gilman's drive is the only one which has hung up. This is at the falls on the main stream. W. H. Lawrence has about 3,000,000 feet in the boom and is engaged in rafting it. He intends to do his own rafting this season.

Bears are said to be numerous in the vicinity of Joses' forks. Mr. John Pugh has just several sheep this spring. Jones Bros. hunter and trappers of this place, set a trap on Mr. Pugh's farm and succeeded the very night the trap was set in catching a bear of unusual size. In his frantic efforts to free himself from the trap, he broke down quite large trees within his reach and dug up the earth around the place. The quietness and stillness which pervade the place when the river is bound in the ice king's fetters have given place to energetic active work and the hilarity of the raftsmen. The almost perfect arrangement of the shore boom direct by the greater part of the lumber into the Douglas boom's end there is already a very large amount of lumber to be rafted. This will be greatly augmented when the driving commences being the lumber within the boom's limits, and will probably be sufficient to engage a large force of men in rafting for the greater part of the season.

The rapidity with which the work of rafting is conducted is largely due to the excellent modern appliances and methods applied to a judicious intelligent division of labor which is plainly observed through the various operations of the rafting.

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THE DOUGLAS BOOMS.

The Work Being Done by the Fredericton Boom Company.

How the Various Departments of the Rafting are Conducted.

General Notes from the Company's Headquarters.

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SPORTING NOTES.

All who desire to take part in bass ball during the present season, are requested to meet to-morrow night at D. J. Stockford's veterinary store on Carlton street.

The Infantry School base ball nine go to Woodstock on the 12th of June to play the Star club of that town.

The Nationals of St. John, have challenged the Infantry School B. B. club to play them a friendly match game of base ball some time during the present month. Owing to their other engagements, and the preparations they will soon have to make to go in camp on the 24th inst., the club have decided not to accept the challenge at present. They hope though to play it out later in the season.

The athletes of the infantry school have been invited to take part in the artillery sports in St. John on Dominion day. A tug of war between ten or a dozen men of the infantry school and as many from the St. John artillery is talked of as one of the probable competitions on that day.

Hansel's regatta at Toronto takes place on Friday and Saturday next. Quite a large number of persons will be there, including Hankin, Ross, Lee, Gaudier, Hann, Homer and Bright. McKay will start for Newport, on Lake Memphremagog, Monday morning of next week. Homer returns to Toronto before starting for Quebec, where he is to row Hanlan on the 16th prox.

The Boston Herald says: "The return of Norris, the young Halifax sculler, to Bedford basin, was a surprise to everybody. He was supposed to be located here as it was supposed he was to be located here for the season. George Paikler says of Norris he knows that he has speed and endurance, and will make the best of the ocean polo he can only get well located and trained. It was thought that Norris had secured a backer in Boston, but as a silent tongue is considered by betting men as much a prerequisite for success as good rowing, and Norris had the reputation of talking loudly about his performances, none of the betting men have cared to risk the chance of carrying the stake boat and then gave up the racing back on a steamer."

New York, May 31.—The Teemer-Roscoe race at Oak Point, to-day, was won by the former by a length in 20 minutes 28 seconds. ALBERT, N. Y., May 31.—The single scull race between Courtney and Homer, to-day, resulted in a dead heat.

Worcester, Mass., May 31.—The three mile boat race at Lake Quinsigamond, to-day, between James A. Ten Eyck, of this city, and Joseph Laing, of Montreal, for \$500 was won by Ten Eyck in 17 minutes 28 seconds. Laing gave out at the end of three-quarters of a mile and Ten Eyck rowed home alone. There was not much betting before the race, as Laing was considered a sure winner, bearing accident. He took the lead and at the half mile point was five lengths ahead. The race being very hot and began to rain. Ten Eyck started, and at the three-quarters point took the lead, keeping it to the finish. Laing turned the stake boat and then gave up the racing back on a steamer.

The monthly meeting of the equity court is being held to-day, Judge F. Macneil presiding. York county court opened this morning. Judge Smead presiding.

The following is the criminal calendar. The Queen vs. George Norman—Indictment for assault on a woman. The Queen vs. Rega Bryner—Indictment for arson. Tree bill.

Andrew Anderson was chosen foreman of the Grand Jury.

The Advertisements Appoint Cases. The case of Ald. J. D. Sharkey vs. the City was argued before the Chief Justice in chambers yesterday morning. Chas. W. Beckwith, city clerk, appeared on behalf of the City and Ald. Sharkey in person. Mr. Sharkey took for his defence the following points:—

1st. No evidence of service of the summons within the jurisdiction of the police magistrate.

2nd. Conviction not supported by evidence which does not prove any violation of the by-law.

3rd. Conviction held for not awarding distress in default of judgment.

4th. By-law ultra vires.

After hearing the arguments on both sides, which took several hours, his honor stated that he would probably be able to give judgment in the case on Thursday next.

The Fredericton Bridge. The new bridge at Fredericton has been formally opened. The total length of the bridge is 1,027 feet, three spans 175 feet each, two of 150 feet, two of 35 feet each beside approach.

Mr. A. G. Beckwith made the plans, and Mr. Haines inspected the work. Mr. Albert Brewer was the contractor.

In Short Notice. The steamship Siberia is past due at Newfoundland. The company and friends of the passengers have become quite anxious about her.

The Cobble Case. The minister of justice has granted a power of extradition in the case of Cobble, who will be sent to the United States to stand trial.

New Buildings. Mr. R. A. Estey is erecting a large lumber warehouse on Queen street, next below the Orange hall.

Mr. George Lee is excavating and laying the foundations for a new brick building on Queen street on his lot next above Dunphy's hotel.

Why it?—Why do so many limp and hobble?—Why do so many suffer from rheumatism, stiff joints and colds, coughs, asthma, whooping cough, croup, diphtheria and many other common and painful complaints, is found in Hagar's Yellow Oil, which can be purchased at the leading retail of twenty-five cents.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

Various Items of Interest from Different Quarters.

Salmon and Lobster Fisheries.—St. Croix Water Company.

Campbell has a new steam ferryboat which will run between that place and Cross Point.

John Slipp, one of the foremost farmers of New Brunswick, died at his home at Upper Hamstead, Q. C., a few days ago.

Pokokok Division, No. 312, S. of T., was organized at Pokokok on Wednesday evening last, with thirty charter members. A. W. Fleming was chosen W. P.

Sunday evening his lordship the coadjutor bishop administered the solemn rite of confirmation to a number of persons in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville.

Salmon are scarce at Edmundston, Miramichi being the season is still in its infancy, and old fishermen say there will be few salmon until you cannot see for mosquitoes.

The attempt to try Macrae and Bernard before these magistrates at Miramichi, Mr. McCarty swearing, when asked the value of the watch, that he would not take \$20 for it. This was all the answer he would give, and Mr. Ryan and his associates decided that it had the value at \$20 or more and took the case out of their hands.

At Edmundston lobsters were plentiful last week, but have taken themselves off again. One concern had to stop hauling their traps, as all the labor they could muster could not keep the catch clear. This concern has packed over \$15,000 worth already, representing 75,000 lobsters killed at one place, while the other six concerns within a radius of five miles have not killed over 115,000.

A lad named William Bourke tried to climb on board a bark lying at the Ballantyne wharf, St. John, on Sunday afternoon, but in doing so, mislaid his hold on the rope ladder and fell between the vessel and the wharf, striking his head against the fender with terrible force. The boy was removed to his home in an unconscious condition and remained in that state during the whole night, blood oozing from his nose and ears. The boy's consciousness returned, and he seems to be slightly improved.

The St. Croix Water Company was organized at St. Stephen, N. B., last week, with the following board of directors: Weston Heath and J. S. Maxey, of Gardiner, H. M. Heath, of Augusta, D. F. Maxwell and Jas. H. Gault, of St. John, N. B. The town of St. Stephen and Milltown both have closed twenty year contracts with the company for a first-class water system, the latter being for \$300,000 a year and taxes. Substantially the same gentlemen own the Calais water works now working. The two systems will be connected and supplied from the same pumps and reservoir. Work has commenced in Calais, and both companies hope to complete the work in the three towns this fall.

James Hayes of the corporation drive has cleared the road, and has now a force of 222 applicants are undergoing an examination, of which number 182 have been sent from the normal school. There are 40 applicants for grammar school licenses.

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Police Court. Three lads, Stanley and Howard McDonald of the codgers lodge and Sam Jones were arrested for stealing a lap robe from Mr. Jas. Boyle. Jones pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month in the jail. The case was proven against the McDonald boys who were sent to jail, the former for three months and the latter for two months.

GENERAL NEWS. The Salvation Army are to hold a three-days' jubilee in Charlottetown, on the 12th of June.

A tapo worm, thirty feet long, was extracted from the stomach of a salmon in Digby the other day.

An electric storm occurred at Charlottetown, P. E. I. on Saturday night and on Sunday. The lightning struck the telegraph wires somewhere along the line, and the electricity was distributed through electric light and telephone wires in the city. The operator of the telephone office was knocked insensible and the operator in the telegraph office had a narrow escape. Rails and coils in the offices were burnt out. Telegraphic communication was almost impossible all day yesterday, owing to the atmospheric difficulties.

Our Work.—I was off work for two years suffering from kidney disease, and could get no relief, until advised by a friend to try B.B.R. I was cured by two bottles and consider it a miraculous cure. The above is the substance of a communication from Wm. Tier, of St. Mary's, Ont.

In this city on the 27th ult., of dropsy of the heart, Isaac Quigley, aged 60 years.

On the 31st ult., of paralysis, Mr. Jas. Hayward, aged 52 years.

Funeral to-morrow at 3 o'clock.

White Lead. 90 K. B. B. Canadian White Lead, to take the place of English. Cheaper but not so good. For sale much lower than usual by R. CHESTNUT & SONS, Fredericton, June 1, 1886.

Glass. 225 BOXES WINDOW GLASS, assorted sizes. Just to hand from the manufacturers. R. CHESTNUT & SONS, Fredericton, June 1, 1886.



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New Advertisements. DAILY EXPECTED!

Ex Sch. A. C. Watson from Boston. 250 Bbls. New England A. Corneal. 155 Bbls Perfection do.

For Sale Low from Vessel. James Hodge. Fredericton, June 1, 1886.

STALLIONS.

THE Government of New Brunswick having purchased a CAYENNE and a PERCHERON STALLION, the services of the same for the season of 1886 will be sold at Public Auction, at the residence of Mr. John Armstrong, near the Marsh Bridge, on Wednesday, the 9th day of June Next at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish bonds, with satisfactory securities, for the return of the same on the 15th of August. The season will close on October 1st, and the same will be sold immediately thereafter to the Provincial Stock Farm, or such other place as may be designated. Additional terms and conditions will be made known at the sale. CHAR. H. LIGERIN, Secretary Board of Agriculture, Fredericton, 26th May, 1886.

Flower Pots. ALL SIZES. JUST ARRIVED. LEMONT'S.

Fredericton, June 1, 1886.

Baby Carriages. 2 NEW LOTS, 12 CARRIAGES. JUST ARRIVED. Lemont's.

June 1. Lemont's. Lunch Baskets. VERY CHEAP AT Lemont's. June 1.

4 STONES, 3 CASKS and 2 CASES STONEWARE. PRINTED DINNERS SETS. CHINA TEA SETS. RUBY JUGS and TUMBLERS. CUP GLASS TUMBLERS. FURNITURE COVERS. 69- Call and see -69 AT LEMONT'S. Fredericton, June 1.

A GIFT. Send 10 cents postage, and we will mail you a few good, valuable, sample lots of goods that will give you the best of value for the money. Both sexes of all ages can live at home and work in spare time, or all the time. Capital not required. We will start you. Immediate pay runs for those who start at once. STINSON & Co., Portland, Maine 114-68

Burnt Out! BUT STILL ALIVE. THE SUBSCRIBERS, thankful for past favors, beg to inform the public that they are again to work at the OLD STANLEY, where they will be pleased to receive their old friends and as many new ones as wish to do so. We have a large hand for purchasers to select from, a good assortment of CARRIAGES. We are also prepared to make to order, from the best of stock and good workmanship, any style or make of Carriages required. We are repairing all in line branches attended with neatness and dispatch. Cooper & Pinder. Fredericton, April 21, '86.