

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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LOCAL NEWS.

ANOTHER BILLBOARD.—The city authorities have erected another billboard on York street for the use of companies showing in the city hall.

DEDICATION.—Rev. Dr. McLeod goes to East Bridgewater, Me., the last of next week, where he is to assist in the dedication of a new church.

NEW CHURCH.—The new Episcopal church at Nashua Village is to be dedicated on Monday. The metropolitan and coadjutor will officiate.

BAND CONCERT.—The 71st band, under the leadership of Frank Bryson, will give an open air concert on the band stand on the evening of May 25th.

JACK MEMORIAL FUND.—At the quarterly meeting of St. Andrew's society a resolution was adopted authorizing the treasurer to pay \$25 toward this fund.

THE RIVER.—The first topmast schooner to arrive in port here was the A. C. Watson which came from St. John on the 21st. She is loading planned hemlock boards from Estey's mill.

THE MILITIA CAMP.—It is thought that the camp this year will not be held until the last of August or the first of September. General Herbert is understood to be in favor of all the battalions being drilled.

FIRE.—The firemen were called out on Tuesday last, by the burning of the roof of the Orange hall, which ignited from a spark from Estey's mill. The fire was extinguished in a few minutes and no damage was done.

TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION.—Arrangements are being made for a mammoth temperance demonstration for May 24th. Delegates from the different lodges meet at the Commercial hotel this evening to complete the arrangements.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The Clover Leaf mission band in connection with St. Paul's church, held a very pleasant entertainment in the old Kirk Thursday evening. A program consisting of songs, readings, etc., was rendered in good style.

REPAIRED.—All the passenger cars bearing the name of New Brunswick railway are being repaired and newly numbered at the C. P. R. shops, McAdam Junction. The painting and lettering will correspond with the rest of the company's cars.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The provincial government is making great improvements in the Normal school, in the way of putting in a new hall-room, which will be fitted up in good style for the use of the scholars. The work is being done by R. C. McCredie.

SHOT THROUGH THE HAND.—While James Edmunds, of this city, was loading a revolver on Tuesday, the cartridge exploded and passed through the palm of his hand, coming out at the back. No bones were injured and James will be all right again in a few days.

AT POKIOK.—On Wednesday the steamer Florenville brought down from the Pokioek extract works the first shipment of the season, fifty barrels of extract consigned to Montreal. No work has been done at the factory as yet, but active operations are to be resumed in about a fortnight.

HORSES FOR EXPORT.—Dennis Hanlon, formerly of Fredericton, is now in the city buying horses for the Boston firm with which he is connected. He purchased a number of animals on Thursday and Friday and hopes to pick up two more. These he has obtained thus far are superior to all Dennis knows a good one when he sees it.

LAWYER'S DEPENDENT.—At a meeting of the Fredericton law tennis club on Wednesday evening the following officers were elected: Col. Maunsell, president; mayor Allen and major Gordon, vice-presidents; capt. Hemming, sec.-treasurer; executive committee, Messrs. Hilyard, Allen, Inglis, Wetmore and Street; auditors, Messrs. Inglis and Graham.

GORTON'S MINISTERS.—Men were busy early this week adorning the billboards through the city with the bills of Gorton's ministers, which appear in the papers on Monday evening. They are a first class company, and will no doubt be given a good house. They bring with them their celebrated gold bands which will be worn in the afternoon. The tickets are on sale at McCurry's bookstore.

THE ORDER OF UNITY.—Wednesday being the first anniversary of the founding of the order of Unity in this city, the members went on a "time" to their hall in the evening. After the regular meeting, at which thirteen new members were initiated, had adjourned, the committee which had the matter in hand proceeded with the arrangements they had made for the evening. After the well-known quartette composed of Messrs. Spurrin, Richards and Cooper had favored the company with a selection, light refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, etc., were served. Speeches were delivered by past president Fowler, chaplain Chas. Sampson, treasurer Estey, secretary Perkins and the chairman Joseph Walker. The F. O. M. W. orchestra, which was present, furnished music during the evening in their usual excellent manner. Everyone spent a very pleasant time, and went away well satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

St. Marys and Gibson.—Babbitt's mill at Gibson, which was shut down the first of the week for repairs, is running again in full blast. Although there is not as much doing in the mill line as is desirable, still Mr. Babbitt thinks the mill will be kept pretty busy during the summer.

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THE RAFT PILOT.

Something About the Hardy Voyagers Who Pilot the Sweep Down the River St. John—Their Labors and Their Hardships.

The best-paid class of laborers who have to do with our great lumber industry is the raftsmen—those hardy pilots who day by day, and at this season of the year, from hour to hour, may be seen swinging their unyielding crafts into the anchorage at Spring Hill.

The rafting grounds just now present a scene of much activity. Every day there are coming into port the number of rafts from twenty to fifty, to be handled by the surveyors. Each of these rafts contains from 100 to 200 logs of birch, spruce, hemlock or cedar. They are the product of the small operators scattered along the river all the way from Spring Hill to Grand Falls, who cut in the winter from 1,000 to 500,000 feet of lumber each of them, and are anxious to turn their labor into cash with as little delay as possible.

After the logs are surveyed at Spring Hill they are commonly sold there to St. John men, and combined in large rafts suitable for towing by tug to St. John. These large rafts contain on the average about 200 tons of lumber, (its spruce that is now referred to), and sometimes they are towed by a single tug, and made still larger by the addition of other rafts, so that it is not uncommon to see a mammoth raft sweeping slowly down the river, containing a million feet of lumber.

As to the small rafts to which reference has been made, they are gathered up at scores of "brows" along the river bank and at the mouths of streams. Probably 200 men are employed all through the rafting season in steering them down to Spring Hill. The men are usually paid a lump sum for bringing the raft down, based upon the size and the distance it has to come, and when the raftsmen has paid his expenses, he nets on the average about \$2 per day.

This is quite a difference in the speed of the drifting rafts. A green birch raft is so rough that it would sink or be being buoyed up by softwood floats. The depth of a raft in the water affects the speed with which it moves in the current. Thus, a birch raft will make a mile in a day's run. In like manner the hemlock raft will leave the spruce raft and the spruce raft will distance the cedar. Moreover, a large and heavily loaded raft will make better time than a smaller one.

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LOYAL ORANGE LODGE.

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