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ON THE RIVER.

Competition in Towing—Tobacco Deals to be Shipped at Gibson.

There is this season considerable sharp competition in the towing of rafts and scows upon the river, according to the Gleaner. This work has been done for several years by A. B. Ruddock of St. John, who practically had a monopoly of the work. This summer John E. Moore, a large lumber operator of St. John, has put tugboats upon the river and is making a strong bid for a share of the business. It is said that Mr. Ruddock is retaining most of his old friends and customers.

The Tobique Manufacturing Co. expect to cut about six millions of deals at their Plaster Rock mill this season. The lumber will be loaded upon cars and brought to Gibson and there transferred to scows and towed to St. John.

PRECIOUS AND VARIEGATED.

The Valuable Cargo Carried by a Small Boat to a Star Line Steamer.

A small boat that put out from Gagetown Wednesday to meet the Star Line steamer, carried a great variety of cargo, and was remarked on quite freely by the passengers on the steamer says the Fredericton Herald. In the bow of the boat was a young calf bound for market, next a court stenographer, then an Indian minked in with some fresh fish, next the man who did the rowing, then an Indian woman, next a member of the local government, and last but not least in the stern of the boat, the chief justice of New Brunswick. The precious and variegated cargo was stowed on board the steamer without mishap, but not without exciting the curiosity and amusement of those who witnessed the embarkation of the distinguished party.

TORONTO, May 22.—Coal has gone up fifty cents per ton. The strike is given as a reason.

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STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Star will be published as usual tomorrow.

Tonight—Five dollar dress skirts for three ninety-eight. Morrell & Sutherland.

The steamer Cumberland took away this morning twenty-six boxes of salmon for the Boston market.

The St. John Athletic Club made an attempt to get a cricket team from Moncton to come here and play on the 24th but were unsuccessful. The next game to be played here will be with Rotherham on the 31st.

A crowd of boys, who do not show very much respect for their elders have of late gathered about Union street, between Germain and Dock. This morning an elderly and peaceable gentleman was struck in the back with a turnip and severely injured.

The members of the Queen Square Mission Band will hold a special service this evening. The programme will consist of recitations and special music by members of the band and an address by Miss Herdman, who has recently returned from mission work in India.

The atmosphere is very heavily smoke laden today from the fires in the woods in this vicinity, says yesterday's Gleaner. Fires were started at Hainsville and Zealand a few days ago to clear up some land and the ground and underbrush being very dry the fire soon got beyond the bounds intended, and is still raging in the woods and pastures. So far no great damage has been done.

The death is reported of Nathaniel Brown, son of the late James Brown of Fairfield, which occurred last night at the home of his mother-in-law, 115 Winter street. Mr. Brown had been in poor health for some time and came to the city for medical treatment. He was forty-nine years of age and unmarried. His body will be taken on Sunday to Fairfield for burial.

Eileen Daley, 8 years old, fell into the pond at Blackstone Square Park, Boston, Tuesday morning, while playing with several of her companions. She had sunk once, when William Duggan, formerly of Halifax, then came along. Throwing off his coat, Duggan jumped into the water, and seizing Eileen by the dress, carried her safely ashore. Duggan formerly rowed in amateur scull races in Halifax.

LOTS OF FISH.

Pollock and cod have become so plentiful in the lower bay, says the Banquet correspondent of the Bangor News, that many of the local fishermen are catching their fall supply of the fish and salting them down. A large fleet of sail boats have been anchored about two miles down the bay during the week and large strings of the toothsome fish have been gathered in with only a few hours' work. On Tuesday many long strings of large sized pollock were displayed in this city, one well known fisherman having 84 in his lot for the day's work, and for which the men get from four to eight cents. There seems considerably more fun for the fishermen in catching pollock and cod in the harbor than in using many hours at a neighboring lake for a few small fish. With the recent arrival of the season's catch of herring for the factories the other kinds of salt water fish seem to have come along the eastern Maine shores and the fishermen are getting their supply of the celebrated "brain food" of Passamaquoddy bay.

EMPIRE DAY.

In all the city schools today Empire Day was celebrated in a fitting manner. During the morning sessions special lessons were given in history, map drawing, and other subjects having particular reference to the empire. Most of the classes had short programmes of their own along the same lines.

In the High School the scholars assembled at 1.30 in the assembly room, where a programme consisting of readings, essays and solos was carried out. Mayor White addressed the school.

In the Alexandra and Albert schools, where assembly halls are provided, the same form of celebration was held, the pupils being addressed by different citizens.

EXCHEQUER COURT.

The case of the King v. the Turnbull Real Estate Co. was continued before the exchequer court this morning. City Engineer Hurd Peters and C. J. Coster both gave testimony as to the value of the land expropriated by the government. They said it was worth between eighteen and twenty thousand dollars. The Real Estate Company are claiming \$17,000. Silas Alward, K. C., for the company; E. H. McAlpine, K. C., for the crown.

FIRE ESCAPES.

Building Inspector Mahar reports that with one or two exceptions, all persons who have been notified to provide fire escapes on their buildings have either done so already or are having the appliances made. Two or three persons have not yet taken any steps in the matter, although they have all promised to do so, and Mr. Mahar is rather reluctant about taking proceedings against them. He is, however, determined that none shall evade the law.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ellen McGouey took place at half-past eight o'clock this morning from her late home, 48 Adelaide street, to St. Peter's church. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Borgman and the body was interred in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pall-bearers. This afternoon the funeral of the late Miss Margaret Crowley took place from her late home on Pond street to St. John's (Stone) church. Service was conducted in the church at three o'clock by the Rev. John deSoyres and interment was made in the Church of England burying ground.

TOBACCO WAR.

Imperial Cigarette Co. of This City. Much Interested in the Matter.

The war between the American Tobacco Trust and the Canadian manufacturers is making itself felt in this city. This trouble started several years ago, when the American company, who handled many well known brands of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco, strengthened its hold on the market by giving its customers a substantial discount. In this way they increased the handling of their goods and having done this proceeded to take further action which has resulted in great injury to the business of Canadian manufacturers.

About the beginning of the year, all the leading wholesale dealers received circulars from the American trust bearing a form of contract which they had to sign in order to handle the trust's goods. This contract was to the effect that the dealers should handle nothing but American tobaccos or brands of mixed American and Canadian tobacco supplied by the trust. Previous to this the wholesale houses in this city had been selling all the different brands of tobacco and were making a good profit on the Canadian goods.

There are certain brands, particularly of cigarettes, produced only by the American concern, which are so popular that the dealers have to sell them and to obtain the handling of these goods they have been compelled to stop ordering from other manufacturers.

When they learned that should they continue to sell the American company's product, for which there was a great demand, they would have to stop selling Canadian goods, they preferred signing the contract. The state of affairs here which has been seriously affected is the Imperial Cigarette Co., on Prince William street. They formerly sold to all the wholesale dealers in St. John as well as to customers throughout Canada, but now since the different dealers have signed contracts promising not to sell any but American tobaccos, the Imperial Co. cannot even show their goods. They have lost a large number of their wholesale customers and are now compelled, like other manufacturers to sell direct in small quantities to retailers or to the few wholesale men who have not entered into the contract.

The Imperial Co. has joined with the other Canadian manufacturers in a determined effort to break the American combine. Some months ago a delegation in which was a representative of the Imperial Co. went to Ottawa for the purpose of bringing the matter before parliament. They succeeded in getting an inquiry and the whole case is shortly to be heard before Judge McTavish of Ontario.

A VERY ATTRACTIVE WHITE WAIST is shown at Dykeman's. It is the "Coffee" waist, very daintily designed and moderately priced.

EXHIBITION NOTES.

The Exhibition Association are asking for tenders from those who desire to obtain the privileges of selling ice cream and soda water in the building during the fair. These privileges have proved exceedingly valuable to all parties interested during the last exhibitions. Tenders will close on the 28th May.

The management has of late been in communication with some West Indies concerns in regard to their sending an exhibit line of the products of those islands. The Jamaica Steamship Company have informed the management that they will do everything in their power to facilitate any such arrangement. Applications for space are coming in daily and the outlook for so early in the season, is extremely encouraging and the association is sanguine of having the best show in years.

ARE NOT IDLE.

Detective Killed and Serg. Kilpatrick are by no means idle in regard to the Oulton murder case. Although up to the present their efforts have met with very little success. It seems absolutely impossible for the police to discover any clue whatever which might throw light on the mystery of the old man's death. Time and again, since the coroner's jury brought in their verdict have the officers heard that such and such a thing may be of importance or that so and so knows something which he or she might be persuaded to tell. These uncertain clues have all been followed up and found to consist of nothing more substantial than imagination or gossip. Nothing was found in the Oulton house which proved of any value to the police, and they are working on the case without any firm starting point. If any persons in the city know anything about the case they have not yet opened their mouths about it, and the police are still as much in the dark as ever. But they would all like to win that five hundred.

COUNTY COURT.

In county court chambers this morning the defendant in Jas. E. White v. H. B. Alward was examined as to the amount of property he held. He was discharged. R. G. Murray for the plaintiff.

In the matter of W. McLeod Daye the claims of H. Finley, the Bank of New Brunswick and the McDiarmid Drug Co., Ltd., were allowed to be filed. W. A. Ewing for the McDiarmid Drug Co., and Chapman & Tilley for the others.

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POLICE COURT.

Six Boys on the Roll of Offenders Before the Magistrate.

Among the offenders who appeared before the magistrate this morning were no less than six boys, the oldest of whom was only 18.

Wilfred Gathro was found rolled in piece of old canvas, lying on Pond street, between one and two o'clock this morning, dead to the world. He was carried to the lockup and in court today endeavored to excuse himself. He was fined eight dollars or two months for being drunk.

Andrew Card, the second of the boys, was drunk and profane on Dock street. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined eight dollars, but as he is the only support of his widowed mother he was allowed to go on payment of half the fine.

Walter Godsoe, 17 years of age, was arrested on suspicion of being one of three boys who broke and entered the house of J. H. Hines on Protection street, Carleton. He pleaded guilty to the charge today and was remanded. John Fitzmorris did not think he had been drunk last night, Serg. Campbell thought he was and they could not agree. They didn't Mocha and Java worth a cent. Fitzmorris admitted that he had been drinking but since he had not appeared in the police court for three years he was allowed to go with the promise of getting six months on his next appearance.

George Campbell, whose name is William McLaughlin in the daytime, was found lying drunk on Sydney street last night. He was fined eight dollars or two months.

The charge against Jeremiah Graham for stealing from Michael Leary was taken up this morning. A number of witnesses were examined and the prisoner was remanded.

William Pettley and two other young fellows named Morris and Riley were charged with stealing coal in the I. C. R. yard. Morris had been up only a few days ago for knocking the bung out of a cask of ale. The case was postponed until Monday.

James Morrison was reported by building inspector Maher, for having his building on the corner of Union and Mill streets in a dangerous condition. He was ordered to have the necessary repairs made.

Abraham Nasr was reported for doing a business in the city on the corner of Waterloo and Union streets without a license. He said that he was the representative of an upper Canadian firm and was also an employee of D. Burke. He was sent to the mayor to arrange for a license.

Nathan Jacobson, reported for encumbering Pond street with junk was fined eight dollars. Jacobson remarked on the fact that while proper police protection was denied him he was not shut out from the privilege of being fined.

A PROVINCE MAN WANTED.

Deputy Sheriff Martin Lawlis returned to Houlton Tuesday noon from Washington, says the Bangor News, where he went several days ago with the necessary papers to obtain a warrant from President Roosevelt authorizing him to ask the authorities of the Dominion of Canada to deliver into his keeping one William Kelley of Richmond, N. B., who is wanted in Lawlis took county charged with assault with attempt to murder. Mr. Lawlis states that Congressman Powers aided him materially in securing audience with the authorities in Washington. The warrant which he brought with him is signed in the bold characters of the president himself. The signature is "T. Roosevelt," and it was apparently written with a fountain pen.

C. P. R. CAFE CARS.

Cafe cars are the latest addition to the rolling stock of the Canadian Pacific system. Some cars were recently turned out of the company's shops at Hochelaga and are now in regular service on the day trains between Montreal and Toronto. The cars, which are beautiful specimens of railway architecture and elegantly equipped, supply a service not hitherto obtainable on the system—an opportunity for travellers to secure dining-room accommodation and service at all times. Simply described, a cafe car is a combination first class passenger coach and diner. Half of the car has the standard passenger seats, while the adjoining compartment is a dining-room, backed up by kitchen and pantry. These cars have accommodation for thirty-two in the passenger section and sixteen seats in the dining-room. Meals will be served a la carte at all hours of the day. Two of the cars will be run between Montreal and Toronto and two between Toronto and Detroit.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SALE OF FINE GERMAN COTTON, CASHMERE, LISLE THREAD AND SILK HALF HOSE FOR MEN, AT DYKEMAN'S.

FERRY STEAMER BROKE DOWN.

The ferry steamer Western Extension broke down this morning while entering the Carleton floats. The iron brace which holds the blades of one of the paddles broke, making it impossible for the steamer to continue the service. Those on board say that the paddle did not strike anything, this morning, that would cause the accident. The tug Lillie was immediately obtained and continued on the route for some hours until the Ouagondy got up steam and came out. The Western Extension will be out of commission for some days on account of the accident.

NEW MARKET FOR POTATOES.

Steps are being taken by a number of prominent merchants and shippers to create a market for New Brunswick potatoes in Cuba. At present the market for these products is rather poor. The Arrostook counties ship their supplies into Maine and find sale for them there, but the market has never been properly worked up. The proposed plan is to have the potatoes shipped direct from St. John to Cuba by the steamer Bauta, which could call at that island to discharge, without losing much time.

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This store will be closed Saturday, May 24th. Open Friday evening.

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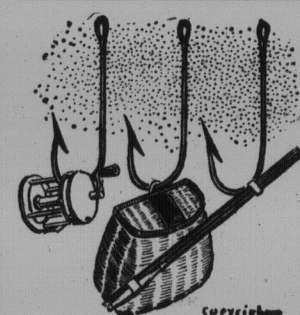
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