

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1905.

LONGSHOREMEN MAKE INCREASE IN STEAMER RATE TO 40 CENTS FLAT

Big Meeting of Ship Laborers Decides for Higher Wages-- Protest by Steamship Men Does Not Carry Weight-- Association Chooses Officers--What Both Sides Say of the New Rate.

The ship laborers of St. John have decided to increase their rate of wages to forty cents an hour. The steamship men protest against the increase, but none would say Thursday night whether or not they would pay the new rate. The forty cents rate is to go into effect next Monday and will be operative during the summer season, or until November when the winter season will begin.

The Longshoremen's Association decided on the increased rate at a meeting in Berryman's hall Thursday night, attended by fully 300 members of the association, and a good deal of enthusiasm characterized the proceedings.

As before told in The Telegraph, the men's winter contracts with the steamship companies at thirty-five cents for stevedores and thirty cents for sailing vessels, end with April and therefore the question of summer rate has been agitating the men for some weeks, and it was practically decided before Thursday's meeting that there would be a raising of the rate. There was some expression of opinion in favor of a thirty-five cent rate, but this was overruled.

Protest by Steamship Men.

The steamship men gained knowledge of the suggested increase to forty cents, and they prepared a written protest, which was sent to the secretary to be submitted to the meeting. In this, a steamship man told a reporter, they protested against the talked of increase to forty cents an hour, and claimed in support of their protest that the freight was so low that they could not stand an increase, and that the business did not warrant it. They were willing to pay thirty-five cents. The document was signed by Wm. Thomson & Co., W. Malcolm Mackay, John E. Moore & Co., J. H. Scamell & Co., George McKean, Schofield & Co., Alex. Gibson & Co., Alex. Watson and J. M. Driscoll.

This protest was before the meeting Thursday, but did not effect the decision of the men. When the rate of the increase came up the motion to fix the rate at forty cents an hour flat on steamers and sailing vessels for a nine-hour day, was carried practically unanimously. No committee was appointed to make contracts with the steamship companies.

The meeting also elected officers. There was opposition for some of the positions, but the details are not given. The result of the election is: James Moore, president; Patrick Martin, 1st vice; Joseph O'Neill, 2nd vice; Phillip Dooly,

JOSEPH STACKHOUSE DIES IN HOSPITAL

Removed There Friday from Jail Where He Awaits Outcome of Dr. Baxter's Assault Case.

Joseph Stackhouse, of Loch Lomond, is dead. He died Friday in the city jail on removal from the assault case of Dr. G. O. Baxter. He was found to be so ill Friday that the hospital was deemed the fitting place for him. There he was taken in the ambulance by Detective Killen in the afternoon and there he passed away at 10.30 o'clock last night.

At the hospital, not much could be learned last night beyond the fact that he had died at the hour named, but he was very sick at the time of his removal from the jail. Dr. James Christie, who was called to attend him in the jail, gave a certificate recommending him for admission to the hospital and the order for transfer was given by Magistrate Ritchie. Mr. Stackhouse was between 35 and 40 years of age. The assault of which he was accused was alleged to have taken place on Sunday, April 9th, in his barn, when Dr. Baxter had gone to see him on business.

STEAMER LAUNCHED

The Hampton, Which Will Take the Place of the Clifton.

The launch of the new stern wheel steamer which will take the place of the Clifton, was effected Friday at Hampton. The ceremony of christening the boat was gracefully performed by Mrs. A. T. Mabee, wife of the future captain of the vessel, who named her the Hampton as a bottle of champagne was broken across the bows. A large crowd of interested spectators watched the proceedings and as the tug Tangent towed the shapely craft from the wharf every vessel in the district joined in celebrating the event.

The Hampton is 115 feet long, thirty-two feet wide and eight feet deep. She will soon be brought to the city to be fitted with her engines by Messrs. Fleming.

Herring Nets Seized.

North Sydney, N. S., May 1--(Special)--Yesterday afternoon, a number of herring nets were seized at Point Edward by fishery officer Forbes and handed over to Inspector A. C. Bettram. The nets were put out contrary to the fishery regulations. Many owners of the nets avoided capture by cutting their nets when the officers came along.

Portable Mill Burned at Black River.

Black River, April 29--(Special)--Smith's portable saw mill was destroyed by fire last night or early this morning. It was a fine mill and had been fitted up recently with all improvements.

PRACTICAL STEP IN BAPTIST UNION

Rev. Messrs McIntyre and Prosser Re-adjust Home Mission Fields

NO DENOMINATIONAL LINES

Chiefly Affects Carleton and York Counties--Two United Baptist Churches in New Brunswick Already.

A practical step towards the union of the Baptist and Free Baptist denominations was taken Thursday night when Rev. W. E. McIntyre and Rev. A. J. Prosser, respectively the secretaries of the Baptist and Free Baptist home mission committees, met and re-adjusted the work in a number of home mission fields in York and Carleton counties, breaking down completely the denominational barriers in that part of the home mission work.

Some eight or ten fields in those counties were re-adjusted and the work will be carried on now without regard to the old dividing lines--Free Baptist clergyman, perhaps, preaching to a Baptist congregation in one place and the conditions reversed in the next. One excellent feature of this, Mr. Prosser said yesterday, is that it will do away with the great deal of expenditure of energy and means which the divided bodies have found necessary in carrying on the work and will leave more of both for home mission fields in other parts of the province.

At the meeting Thursday it was also arranged that the Free Baptists of Dover, Westmorland county, will come under the charge of the new Baptist church in Lewisville. There are already in New Brunswick two united Baptist churches--the first in Victoria county, and the other in Moncton. In the first named the joint congregation was Rev. E. S. Parker, Free Baptist, as minister, and a church building has been erected. In the second, Moncton Free Baptist church called Rev. Mr. Malatche, Baptist, of Stokelyville, and since his acceptance a number of Moncton Free Baptist church have affiliated with the F. B. congregation.

MAY BE GARDINER

Runaway St. John Boy Doing Up-River Section, and Says His Name is Brown.

A runaway boy, possibly ten years of age, who had been bothering the people of Hampstead and Lockhart on the river for a few days back came down river on the steamer Elaine Friday and departed at Westfield. A description of him given by passengers and up-river residents tallies in most points with the Carleton lad Gardiner, whose escapades in Halifax, on the I. C. R. and upon other occasions, are now pretty well known.

At Hampstead this diminutive rambler commanded a light skiff and rowed across the river to George Grove's wharf, where he hid his skiff and returned on the steamer Elaine Friday and departed at Westfield. A description of him given by passengers and up-river residents tallies in most points with the Carleton lad Gardiner, whose escapades in Halifax, on the I. C. R. and upon other occasions, are now pretty well known.

In this tussle the wanderer claimed he was temporarily relieved of \$4.50 in river and bills. A peace was soon patched up, and the good folks of the locality, who wondered at the care-free mein of the youngster, allowed him to depart on Friday morning he abandoned the locality a blaud idiot.

UNITED FAR FROM HOME

Happy Meeting of Several Former St. John Boys in San Francisco.

Herbert Price, surveyor, formerly of North End, who removed with his wife and child to Oakland (Cal.) last fall, has written an interesting letter to a relative in this city in which he relates a meeting of several ex-North End boys in that far-off land. On answering the door-bell recently he was surprised to find W. Paul McCormick extending his hand in greeting. Mr. McCormick had been in the golden west but a short time, and Mr. Price was not long in finding out the latest home news available. The couple then proceeded a short distance "to town"--which was a familiar by-word for former North Enders--only a mile or so separating Oakland from San Francisco.

In the big city they met Harry Day, son of Isaac Day, and another St. John boy. It was a regular home-gathering, seemingly, and the Union Jack boys enjoyed their meeting immensely. Mr. Price is surveying in Oakland, where his step-father, Charles Nichol, is a prominent contracting builder, and Mr. McCormick had already put in a few weeks surveying lumber in San Francisco. Both young men like their new homes very much.

Thirteen Miners Entombed and Likely Dead.

Wilburton, O., April 30--Thirteen miners were entombed and probably killed by an explosion early today in the Missouri-Kansas & Texas Coal Company's mine near Wilburton. Their bodies may not be recovered for several days.

Y. M. C. A. FAREWELL TO BUILDING

Service Sunday for the Last Time There

SOME RECOLLECTIONS

G. A. Henderson Reads Interesting Paper Giving an Account of the Organization of the Association and the Men Who Have Been Active in It.

The last religious service to be held in the old Y. M. C. A. building was Sunday afternoon. The president, Frank White, was in the chair, and after George A. Henderson had read the paper on the work of the Y. M. C. A. in their old building a number of those present indulged in reminiscences. Among those who spoke were J. E. Irvine, H. White, S. L. Goodell, W. S. Fisher, E. E. Macmillan, J. H. McAvity, B. J. Dowling, E. T. C. Knowles, Dr. G. R. J. Crawford and S. M. Wetmore.

"For thirty-two years," said Mr. Henderson in his paper, "the doors of this building have been open daily to the young men of the city, offering them a place of rest and quiet, of study and of work. They are now to be closed with a view of enabling the work to be carried on in a more effective and aggressive way, in another locality, with more up-to-date accessories. I have been asked to present a few facts in reference to Y. M. C. A. work as it has been carried on in this city. In accordance with the request I have to say that what I shall read has already appeared in print either from the pen of Mr. E. T. C. Knowles or our late secretary, Mr. G. Williams.

"The first Y. M. C. A. was organized in 1854, and though the object as stated in its constitution was the promotion of the welfare of young men morally, intellectually and spiritually, it believed its future was due to its devotion to the intellectual rather than to the moral and spiritual interests of those for whom it existed. What it brought the magazine of the day together was an all-round development. The old association did good work as far as it went. It established a fair library, it brought the magazine of the day within the reach of many who would otherwise have been without them, and by its public debates gave the public an insight into the life of the times, and to make speakers of some of the foremost public men of our country. Few details are available concerning the earlier organization. We know, however, from the vote of membership that many of its members have held honorable places in the community. It was not until the 28th of November, 1867, that the Y. M. C. A. of St. John was permanently organized at a public meeting held in the lecture room of the St. David's Presbyterian church. It was then that the Y. M. C. A. of St. John was organized at a public meeting held in the lecture room of the St. David's Presbyterian church. It was then that the Y. M. C. A. of St. John was organized at a public meeting held in the lecture room of the St. David's Presbyterian church.

The formation of the association was announced and received the hearty endorsement of the clergy and citizens present. The first members were: George Berteaux, N. McKay, John McMoran, William C. Quinn, G. R. Prichard, C. L. Darrow, Matthew Riddell, D. P. Chisholm, J. M. Hutchings, Charles E. Skuse, C. H. Hutchings, Samuel Schofield, Andrew Malcolm, James G. Alex. Robertson, John Douglas, A. McVey, P. Chisholm, John Stewart, Josiah Barnett, W. H. Bab, David Willet, J. A. McAvity, J. J. Jamieson, W. S. Fisher, H. White, Henry Edgett, Thos. P. Davis, E. G. Nelson, James Woodrow, James J. Hill, William Ewing, R. E. Paddington, W. King, A. T. Richards, Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rev. J. G. Baylis, Rev. James Bennet, Rev. W. Alves, Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. P. Hastings, Rev. Mr. Narraway, Rev. W. Hearst.

OBITUARY

Harding Fowler.

Harding Fowler, of the Narrows, died in this city early Friday morning. Mr. Fowler came to the city about three weeks ago and was employed as a fisherman by Benjamin Wilson, Strait Shore. He was eighty-four years of age and the oldest active business man in the Croix. In 1839 he married Miss Velona King, who died in 1885, leaving six children--Messrs. Charles G. Willard, H. Parker G., and Mrs. Evelyn McAllister, of Portland (Me.) The others were Mrs. Etta Rideout, and Mr. Walter Pike, who died several years ago. The funeral services were held from his home on Tuesday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock, and were conducted by Rev. A. J. Padford, of whose church Mr. Pike had been an earnest member for years. Rev. C. G. McCall, of the Congregational church and Rev. Charles Leval, of the Union church, assisted in the service. The pall bearers were George W. Lord, Frederick T. Waite, A. Towers and John Prescott. The floral tributes were very beautiful, and for many years has a funeral been so largely attended, everyone desirous of showing the esteem in which the deceased was held. The interment was in the Calais cemetery.

Mrs. Angelina Whelpley.

Mrs. Angelina Whelpley, formerly of Kingston, Kings county, occurred Sunday at the general public hospital, Mr. Whelpley, who was about seventy-eight years of age, was a daughter of the late Thomas Fairweather, or Norton. Mr. Fairweather was one of the Loyalists and came to St. John with his father, Thomas Fairweather when six years old. Arthur C. Fairweather and G. E. Fairweather, of this city, are nephews of Mrs. Whelpley. The deceased lady, after her marriage, resided in Kingston until the death of her husband some years ago, and had latterly spent considerable time with friends in St. John.

Mrs. Wm. H. White, Rock Street.

Wm. H. White, of the Pender Nail Works, and who is also a sexton of the Congregational church, is called upon to mourn the death of his wife, Elizabeth A., who passed away Sunday night at her home in Rock street. Mrs. White had been in poor health for two years but bore her suffering with marked patience. In her death a loving wife and devoted

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