

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., NOVEMBER 9, 1901.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

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According to the United States national health authorities there are more than 40 cases of smallpox in the United States.

The last raft of logs for St. John from non River, Queens county, left last night.

The King Lumber Company's new mill at Chipman is ready, and it is expected to start cutting today.

Mr. Barnes, M. P., hopes to complete a section of the poles for the new telephone line to St. Stephen in 10 days.

The civil service examinations in St. John will commence next Tuesday. W. Dole will be the examiner.

The Montreal winter supply is reported to be very low and there are estimates at it may give out altogether.

The government steamer Landseville will leave on Tuesday for Halifax to visit the lightships on the eastern coast.

The stock of Piddington & Merritt is sold on the 14th by the bank to satisfy the city taxes, amounting to \$248.40.

The collection for the poor to be distributed through St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taken up on Sunday, Nov. 17.

Amos Wood Evans, of Hampton, has accepted the position of accountant with the J. M. Barnes Construction Company, at Chipman.

The large number of horses engaged on the new railway construction in Queens county, is causing a large demand for hay and oats in that county.

Large quantities of hay are being shipped along the river and Grand Lake by barge to Chipman for the King Lumber Company and the Sayre-Holly Company.

Rev. J. deSoyes, who has been granted vacation by St. John's (stone) church, left Wednesday morning on a visit to Louisbourg, C. B.

The pulp mill being built at North River, Victoria county, C. B., is being pushed forward very rapidly. The company have 120 men employed.

Saturday, November 23, will probably witness the closing of winter navigation as the boats will lay up about that time.

Dawson McKendrick, of the railway mail service, has been advanced to a first-class clerkship, and T. Bedell to a second-class.

A large number of teams are passing through Bellefleur every day, en route for Chipman, to engage on construction work on the railway.

The Party South North Star of Oct. 31 has a description of the Ontario province's visit to this city, and their trip on the St. John river.

Dawson Hayward was severely injured Wednesday evening by falling on a rock which projects through the sidewalk on Tower street, West End.

W. H. Brown, general trader, Pughwash, N. S., is offering to compromise with his creditors at 25 cents on the dollar.

Contracts for building a new high water wharf at Gagetown have been awarded to George and R. A. Anderson, of York county.

The stock of Merritt Bros. & Co. will be sold by the sheriff on the 13th inst. under the writ of execution of Messrs. Thomson and George McKean.

At a meeting of the local government yesterday at Fredericton bonuses were granted to two new flour mills. One at York county will receive \$1,000 and one at Grand Anse \$750.

Mr. Nelson Stevenson, of Prince Edward Island, will become the permanent pastor of Colberg street Christian church after next Sunday to succeed Mr. Williams, who left two months ago.

A prominent druggist in Yarmouth informed a Telegraph representative the other day that he carried no American goods whatever, but patronized Canadian houses and manufacturers solely.

James Gilliland has a crew of men, horses, carts and bridge-building apparatus at work on the approaches of the bridge at Chipman, Queens county, the retaining walls are now being erected.

The stock of Dean & Company, grocers, of Wall street and Paradise Row, seen sold out by the sheriff to satisfy the writ of Thomas Dean, sr., for rent amounting to \$800. The goods were put up by William Dean for \$75.

It is stated that the mission of the protectors sent by the Dominion Iron & Steel Company to the coast of Labrador has been entirely successful, and that large and valuable areas of iron have been discovered.

County Secretary Vincent has received the tenders for the painting of four rooms in the court house. The committee met yesterday and the tender of J. H. Pullen for \$55, being the lowest, was accepted.

The steamers employed by the Dominion Coal Company during the summer months in the St. Lawrence trade will be discontinued for the winter on the 15th inst., and be employed carrying coal from Sydney to Europe in winter.

Murray Flemming, formerly of the I. C. R. Macdonald, and who for the past nine months had been foreman in the C. B. Railway, has left for Boston to take a responsible position in one of its largest machine shops.

A fire at Sackville on Sunday destroyed a barn belonging to Lebias Richards. The contents of the barn, consisting of hay, grain, sleigh, robes, etc., belonged to E. W. Emerson, who had no insurance. The signature of the house was removed, and it was badly damaged.

The directors of the Woodstock and Centreville railway have decided to sign a contract for the construction of the road

with Henry Crine, of New York, on his producing satisfactory evidence of his ability to carry on the work. The idea is to have the work commenced in April and completed in 18 months.

Coroner W. F. Roberts has as yet received no word from the relatives of the late Miss Louise Messenger, who was found dead in Mrs. McEldan's. Intelligence was sent to those who were supposed to be relatives of deceased a short time after the discovery of her body.

T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd., have acquired the lot on Union street where the Peters tannery was situated prior to its destruction by fire. The Simms company, it is stated, propose to erect a large brick factory on the site to carry on their manufacture of brooms and brushes.

Mrs. Clara St. Elmore, who was admitted to the Salvation Army Home, St. James street, Saturday, whose condition was considered serious, was resting easy yesterday, and is rapidly recovering under the care she is receiving at the home.

The marriage of Miss Edna E. Shatford, daughter of Mr. John E. Shatford, Halifax, to Mr. Edwin Fraser, C. E., took place at St. Paul's church, Halifax, on Wednesday. Mr. Fraser's home is in Minneapolis, but he originally belonged to New Glasgow, N. S.

Mayor Daniel and Col. H. H. McLean have declined the invitations to the British Veterans' banquet at Boston, Monday. Mayor Daniel has also declined an invitation of the Victoria Club to dine at the Waldorf-Astoria next week. Business in connection with board of health matters makes his absence from the city just now impossible.

The Halifax express brought to the city Tuesday afternoon a French Canadian, unable to speak English, absolutely without friends or funds, mentally weak, and totally paralyzed in both legs. He was carried from the train to the occupied 13th near midnight, when accommodation was provided for him till morning. He will be sent back to Norton.

Partidge are reported very scarce at Digby and throughout Digby and Annapolis counties. N. S. They are said to be plentiful through Shelburne, Queens, Kings and other counties to the eastward. As the sale of New Brunswick partidge is at present forbidden the only way to get them is to import them, and if Digby had an abundance she might do a good business with them in this direction.

The Denney meeting of the Episcopal clergy was held Tuesday morning, routine business was transacted including the reception of the report from the missionary. The conference was most successful and it is hoped to make it much more extensive next year. The clergymen present at the denney meeting were: Rev. Messrs. Dicker, Haydon, Spike, Sauganue, Richardson, Oung and Haslam. A service was held in Trinity church.

A decline can be noticed in the number of schooners loading around the Indian town mills. At present there is but one at Stetson & Cutler's. The number of schooners navigating the river is also declining noticeably less. Frost and the coming winter are commencing to think of a mutual agreement.

Rev. A. G. H. Decker united in matrimony Wednesday at St. Paul's (Valley) church Richard Farmer, of this city, and Miss Emma J. Matthews, daughter of Joseph A. Matthews, formerly of Cornwall, England. Only immediate friends and relatives were present at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer will reside on Rockland Road.

It was on the 7th November, 1863, 38 years ago tomorrow, that the first mission vessel, Dayspring, sailed from Halifax for service in the South Sea Islands. She was owned and maintained by the Presbyterian Sunday School of the maritime provinces, was commanded by Capt. Fraser, who married Miss Julia Smith, of Truro, and is now residing at Birkenhead, England. Mrs. Fraser and several members of her family were on board.

A young man who proposes to enter a fancy cut in the local show to be held at St. Andrew's rink, is a very noble pedigree, at a show a few years ago, but the exhibitor declined the money, stating after he got the prize, that he had picked up the cat on the street, and named and trained it, and evolved its pedigree out of the inner consciousness of his imagination.

J. Willard Smith Wednesday received word from a captain of one of his vessels which recently called at Vineyard Haven, that the vessel had been allowed to call at that port without being compelled to pay pilotage, but the captain states that during this voyage a pilot future that the vessel had been allowed to call at that port without being compelled to pay pilotage, but the captain states that during this voyage a pilot future that the vessel had been allowed to call at that port without being compelled to pay pilotage.

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The creditors of H. S. Peters, grocer of Adelaide street, is compromising with his creditors at 40 cents on the dollar. His liabilities are about \$1,400.

The statement of Piddington & Merritt's affairs shows liabilities \$88,000, of which \$39,000 is to Merritt Bros. & Co. The assets are valued at \$10,000.

Truro, N. S., Nov. 6 (Special).—The Truro Gold Mining Company held a directors' meeting on the 6th inst. Manager Keith reported 145 ozs. returned in October from 216 tons of ore milled.

Whisky is never too old to drink. Neither are men.

The house that Jack built in these times is usually put up by the girl's father.

London doctors are making wads of wealth out of vaccination. In this case where's more money than glory in taking up arms—Sydney Record.

A Mercenary Suggestion.

QUESTION OF PAVEMENTS.

Director Cushing's Views on Subject Which is Causing General Interest Just Now.

The common council of St. John, during the current year, started to grapple with the problem of permanent street improvement, but did not prosecute it with much earnestness. During the coming winter season the question is expected to receive more attention as a system is likely to be adopted for the heavy traffic streets, operations to be carried out from time to time, in accordance with the demands.

For the past decade wooden blocks have been used on some of the principal streets in St. John, and now the substitution of sheet asphalt, granite or vitrified brick will be considered. In fact the adoption of these materials has already been considered. Wooden blocks have been satisfactory to traffic while they have been in good condition, but the life of this style of pavement has been too short and the cost of maintenance too high to justify continuance, and most of those who have given attention to permanent street work.

Speaking on the question recently, R. E. Cushing, the director of public works, said: "I hope in the near future to see the council adopt a plan of permanent street improvement. The matter has received considerable attention during the past year and recently a decision was reached to call for tenders for 12,000 yards of sheet asphalt, but there has been no conclusion to lay this material, the tenders being merely invited for the purpose of first learning the cost."

When asked his opinion regarding sheet asphalt use on heavy traffic streets, the director replied: "From evidence which I have collected, it is the best material for our streets where the grades do not exceed six feet in one hundred. Sheet asphalt is superseding other materials in many large cities in the United States and Canada, and the indications are that it will be one of the chief pavement of the future. Its original cost is much greater than that of wooden paving, but the cost of maintenance is far less. In fact, its advocates claim that at the end of 10 years' use asphalt is cheaper than medium or wood."

Recent English papers say the question of substituting Canadian woods for the Baltic deals so extensively used in English cities and towns has been given the attention of their engineers. In London and the provinces, Canadian spruce has been in use for four years, and the results compared have proven satisfactory. Although our woods have not been extensively used.

Respecting this, Director Cushing says the wooden paving is passing in England, as well as in other countries, consequently not much of a development may be looked for in exporting our woods for paving purposes. Tannanic he says makes a better paving than spruce, but it is difficult to obtain.

There is considerable agitation in the city for the shipment of their wood to England for use in pavements there.

Country Market.

Rather Dull Trade So Far This Week --Statement of Supply, and Retail Prices.

The country market in this city reported rather a dull trade this week. Beef is plentiful, but slow in movement at about the same prices as last week. Lamb is scarce and in fair demand. Veal is scarce. Moose meat has again become plentiful. Wild ducks are in fair demand and good supply. There have been no reports of the market for domestic geese are coming in fairly and find good prices. Poultry is rather scarce. Vegetables are plentiful. The following are corrected retail prices:

Country beef, side or quarter, 0.04	to 0.07
Butter, 0.12	to 0.15
Eggs, 0.10	to 0.12
Chicken, per pair, 0.20	to 0.25
Ducks, per pair, 0.15	to 0.20
Geese, each, 0.10	to 0.15
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