

## First Boat Arrives Tug Lord Roberts

The Work of Stringing the Boom Will Be Proceeded With as Rapidly as Possible—Ice Above Grand Falls Still Holds and Keeps Back the Large Amount of Logs Above That Point.

The first boat to arrive here from St. John this season was the tug Lord Roberts, which arrived shortly after noon today, having left St. John yesterday. The Lord Roberts first of all went to the St. John River Log Driving Company's headquarters at St. Marys and later came over to this side of the river.

This morning the tug, Maggie M., arrived at Lincoln and soon afterwards started down river with the camp and the men who will work on the drift drive in charge of Fred Miles. The tug is en route here and this morning at daylight the Admiral left Evansdale en route to this city and is expected to reach here at any time.

The Randolph this morning was able to get from her winter quarters at St. Marys, and was soon busy under the orders of Manager Bliss, who is in control of the boom business for the St. John River Log Driving Company as manager and secretary-treasurer.

These tugs and others will this year do the work of stringing the booms and this work will proceed as rapidly as possible, although it is impossible to say now when the work will be completed as conditions vary each year.

Owing to the great amount of floating ice, the river having been full of floating ice and a few logs all day, it would be impossible to place the booms in position and if there comes rain or warm weather the 20,000,000 odd feet of logs which are held up at Seven Islands will likely run by the boom limits before the booms

can be hung, but under more favorable circumstances the boom will be in position to hold these logs when they come down.

The water in the river is about one foot higher than it was yesterday and is at about the same height that it was last year when the first boat arrived.

When the ice ran out it damaged the Star Line pier somewhat and the water has since carried away about 25 feet of the wharf at the lower end.

The roads leading to the Star Line wharf are in a beastly condition but it is said that they are to be looked after at once. Lumber has been ordered by Agent Robin Cropley, who is at his old post again this season, to have the Star Line Company's wharf repaired, but nothing has been done so far towards repairing the city's wharf next to it.

Everything is ready here to receive the Steamer Majestic when she arrives and she will be able to dock at the company's wharf.

The Star Line Company has applied to the city to have a V or 2 inch water pipe run to their wharf so that the boats may be supplied with city water for the boilers and filtering water for the passengers.

### Majestic on the Way.

St. John, April 26.—The Star Line Steamer Majestic left for up river at noon today. She will try to reach Gagetown. The Elaine arrived at Lintonville at 1 o'clock today.

Springfield, which was the first boat

to go up this year is expected back from her second trip this afternoon. There is yet a considerable quantity of ice in the Reach, and the boats here have some difficulty in getting through at some places as several tug boats are at work in the stream freeing the logs which were caught in the Reach.

### The Up-river Reports.

The reports from places up river today are as follows:—

St. Leonard—Look very much like rain. The ice in the river is getting shakier and will run out in a few days now, if the weather is warm. The water is not rising much.

Edmundston—River clear. No ice running today. Weather is dark and cloudy.

Grand Falls—Above the Falls the ice is loose along the shores. It looks like rain. The river is all clear below the Falls.

Woodstock—The river raised about eight inches last night. Some ice is running. Raining here.

From Boiestown it is reported that the ice in the Miramichi there has not moved out but it is expected to go at any minute. Crews of stream drivers are leaving Boiestown today for the head of the river.

Mr. John Kilburn sent a large number of men from here to the drives yesterday afternoon, but Mr. Kilburn did not accompany the men himself.

Other operators will send men away today. It is expected that stream driving at the headwaters of the St. John river will get started about the 1st of May.

## ESCAPED FROM SUNBURY JAIL

Two Men Who Stole Rig from Rusiagornis Man Effect Their Escape Last Night.

The authorities of Sunbury county are endeavoring to recapture two prisoners, Arthur McLean, alias Fox, alias Carter, and Samuel Adams, alias Shaw, who escaped last night from the Sunbury county jail at Burton.

This morning Mr. R. W. McLellan, clerk of the peace of Sunbury county, sent the following descriptions of the men to the chief of police at Woodstock, St. John, McAdam Junction and Fredericton, as well as to John Duplisse at Fredericton Junction, with the request that they be arrested on sight.

Arthur McLean, alias Fox, or Carter—Age 28, height 5 ft. 10½ inches; complexion dark, black hair, eyes brown; tattooed on left forearm; scar on left cheek, a line below the eye; weight about 175 lbs.

Samuel Adams, or Shaw—English, aged 32; height 5 ft. 4½ inches; complexion fair; weight 144 lbs.; hair dark brown; occupation, nurse or druggist; scar on the upper left arm; nail on the third finger on the right hand split.

These are the two men who some time ago stole a horse and rig from Mr. Phillips at Rusiagornis and were arrested at St. John. They were brought to Burton and placed in jail to await trial. A few days ago they decided not to be tried under the Speedy Trials Act and would therefore have been tried in May by Judge Wilson.

The men escaped from the jail during the night and were not missed until this morning. They are said to have escaped through the water closet.

### SEEK INCREASE IN WAGTS.

Montreal, April 26.—The employees of the Dominion Textile Co. in this city, numbering some five thousand operatives, have formulated and presented a demand on the company for an increase of 5 per cent. in their pay.

### Painful Accident.

Mrs. George Bliss' many friends will regret to learn that she was painfully hurt in a fall at the front entrance to Mr. H. B. Rainesford's residence last evening, falling down the steps and suffering a sprained wrist.

### To Start Sheep Raising.

Mr. Robert Fowler, youngest son of Mrs. J. D. Fowler, leaves to-morrow evening for Deadwood, S. Dak., where he will be met by his brother, Jim Fowler, with whom he is to enter sheep ranching. The latter has already secured the homestead for the man and several hundred sheep. Mr. Fowler's many friends wish he and his brother success in their new home.

## AN OLD MAN DIED IN LOCKUP

An Umbrella Mender Named Campbell Died While Locked Up at Newcastle.

Newcastle, N. B., April 26.—Stewart Campbell, an old man of about 75 years, said to be from Prince Edward Island, came here some days ago mending umbrellas. Yesterday afternoon he became intoxicated and smashed a window in James W. Davidson's house. A policeman was telephoned for and shortly after 1 o'clock Campbell was arrested and placed in the lock-up to sober up. Night policeman Hill says that Campbell was sleeping apparently between 12 and 1 o'clock, but on returning to the police station about 2 o'clock Hill noticed that he did not hear Campbell breathing. He went into his cell and found him dead. The body will be taken to Undertaker Maltby. Coroner Desmond will hold the necessary inquest this evening. Campbell is reported to be an old sea captain who sailed to these parts twenty-five years ago.

## MAY ERECT NEW FACTORY

John Palmer Company May Resume Business to Site in Vicinity of the Shoe Factory.

It is believed to be the intention of the John Palmer Company, Ltd., to erect a new factory in this city, the proposed site being, it is said, in the vicinity of the shoe factory, and the proposition including the enlargement of the business and having all the work done under one roof.

At the firemen's banquet held last evening, Chief Rutter referred to the fact that there was likely to be built this summer or next summer a large factory in the vicinity of the Hartt Boot and Shoe Factory, and it is believed that at this time he was referring to the Palmer Company's proposition.

The Palmer Company is now doing a lot of work and hustling it out as fast as possible, and as an incentive to have much work done the company yesterday announced the offer of \$25 in prizes to the three larrigan makers making the most money during the next five weeks.

This evening the Larrigan Makers Protective Association will hold their meeting and will be addressed by Mr. Kelly, a delegate from the American Federation of Labor and it is expected that in three weeks' time there will be an affiliated union in this city.

## CHAPMAN GETS JOB ON POLICE FORCE

Appointment of Anthony Chapman to Replace Geo. Rideout Announced This Morning—On Duty May 1st.

Col. Marsh, police magistrate, announced this morning that he had appointed Anthony Chapman to the vacancy on the police force of the city caused by the resignation of Police Officer George Rideout, who goes to Moncton to become Chief of Police. Officer Chapman will go on duty on the night of May 1st, when Officer Rideout leaves the force.

Mr. Chapman is a Fredericton boy, a son of Anthony Chapman, sr., for many years coachman at Old Government House, and is about forty years old. Up to a year or two ago he had been spending about 18 or 20 years in the Canadian and American west, where he did some police duty, and since his return to this city he has at times acted as special policeman, and on those occasions he performed his duties with entire satisfaction to those in charge of the force.

While Col. Marsh has full power to appoint the policeman of the city, at a recent meeting of the Administration of Justice committee of the City Council he asked the aldermen if they had any objections to Chapman being appointed, and there was not a single objection made.

The City Council will be asked in the near future to make an order for new uniforms for the police.

## MAN WANTED FOR ROBBING CRIPPLE

Police Officer King last night received a telephone message from the Chief of Police at Houlton, asking that he arrest a young man whose home is in St. Marys on the charge of robbing a cripple at Houlton. Officer King attended the late train which arrived about 11 o'clock, but the man wanted was not there and he is thought to have reached his home at St. Marys on the Gibson branch train earlier in the evening.

While the party referred to could not well be arrested here for stealing in Houlton, he could be arrested for bringing in stolen goods into this Province and if any action is taken by the authorities here it will be along these lines.

### Scott Act Cases.

In the police court a first Scott Act Case came from McAdam Junction, was acknowledged, and the usual fine of \$50 and costs was paid. Another case, a second offence charged against a man from St. Croix, was stood over until this afternoon when it is expected that it would be acknowledged.

## FAILED TO SET- TLE MINERS' STRIKE

The Conference of Operators With Their Employees Proved Futile

### MINERS REFUSED TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL

And Conference Was Broken Up After Sessions of Some Days

### CONCILIATION BOARD TO TAKE A HAND

Sir William Muloch Appointed Chairman and Will at Once Investigate Affair.

Fernie, B. C., April 26.—All attempts to settle the strike in the coal mines of British Columbia and Alberta by private negotiations previous to action by Board of Conciliation have failed, and the board appointed under the new labor disputes act, of which Sir William Muloch is chairman, now will take up the investigation. The conference between the operators and miners, which had been in progress since Tuesday, finally broke up yesterday without reaching an agreement. The miners say the operators' proposal was quite impossible of acceptance. Immediately after the rupture of negotiations a representative of the miners, and McKenzie King, Deputy Minister of Labor, held a conference.

## DETROIT UNITED WAS DEPRESSED

Stock Fell Off Several Points on the Montreal Exchanged—The Reasons Advanced.

Montreal, April 26.—The stock market produced the first striking price changes in many days in course of this morning's dealings. Detroit United was the issue involved, and the price was depressed from 75½ yesterday to 71½. This was due to a declaration of war against the management by the civic authorities on account of a legal fight which the company is putting up against the city of Detroit. The mayor of Detroit has declared it is a fight between 400,000 citizens of that city and a few hundred foreign stockholders, mostly in Montreal. The stock dropped 24 points to 72½ before business was transacted today on this announcement, and later went off another point. The balance of the market was dull and irregular. Rio bonds sold at 74½; Dominion Coal was stronger at 61½; and Nova Scotia Steel sold at 71½.

### On Wall Street.

New York, April 26.—There were hardly sufficient operations in the first five minutes in the dealings in stocks to define the tone of the market. The prices drifted sluggishly in either direction on nominal transactions. The market opened dull.

## WILL NOMINATE THEIR CANDIDATES

Toronto Liberals Again Approach the Hopeless Task That Has Foundered Them in the Past.

Toronto, April 26.—Local Liberals are already making preparations for the federal elections. It is said they hardly will take place until after another session of Parliament. Nevertheless, before the month has gone candidates will have been selected to run in South and Centre Toronto in the Liberal interest. In these two ridings and in North Toronto it is said the effort to secure a Toronto seat will be concentrated. Already W. H. Shaw has been selected to oppose Hon. Geo. E. Foster in the last mentioned constituency. The task of opposing Edmund Bristol in Centre Toronto may devolve once more on T. C. Robinson, K. C. Several names are mentioned as candidates in South Toronto, among them those of Controller J. J. Ward and M. J. Haney.

## Bliss Seeley Lost His Life

Young Man Was Drowned While Breaking a Jam on the Oromocto—A Native of Blissville and Much Respected.

The first fatal accident to take place on the stream driving operations in this Province this year occurred yesterday afternoon on the Oromocto river and resulted in the death of Bliss Seeley by drowning.

Young Seeley was one of a gang of stream drivers in the employ of Smith Bros., who conduct a large lumber operation in Sunbury County and who have their large mill at Central Blissville. In the course of the work yesterday afternoon a bad jam of logs resulted and Seeley went in under the jam in an endeavor to break it.

The particulars of the accident received here are very meagre, in that a telephone message from Blissville this morning stated that in trying to break the jam Seeley fell into the water and was drowned.

The workmen, who were with Seeley did everything possible to rescue

him, but their efforts were in vain. They also met with no success in their efforts to locate the body of Seeley, who was not seen after he first disappeared.

Although the search for the remains of the young man continued unabated, a telephone message from Blissville this afternoon was to the effect that the body had not yet been found.

Bliss Seeley was about 19 or 20 years old. He was the son of George Seeley, and besides his parents is survived by two brothers and two sisters. He was unmarried and a relative of Mrs. Lewis Phillips, this city.

At Blissville, the death of young Seeley came as a great shock to his many friends, as he was one of the most highly esteemed young men of that place.

## LORD'S DAY ACT BEFORE COURTS

Newsboy Charged With Selling Papers on Train—Case Reserved for Court of Appeals.

Guelph, Ont., April 26.—Newsboy Statute of the Canadian Pacific News Co., appeared yesterday before Police Magistrate Saunders charged with violation of the Lord's Day Act, in that he sold a number of copies of the Toronto Sunday World, while the west bound Grand Trunk train was passing through Guelph on Sunday, 14th inst. The police testified that these papers were sold on the train to citizens of Guelph, who boarded the train to get them. The facts were admitted.

Mr. Haverson, K. C., for the defense, contended that under the Lord's Day Act, the railways run passenger trains and that the supplying of newspapers came within the exception of the Act in the same way as meals and light refreshments supplied on the trains. The news agent could not distinguish between passengers and those who entered the train for the purpose of obtaining papers. He admitted foreign papers could not be supplied.

After argument the magistrate considered the case of sufficient importance to reserve it for the opinion of the Court of Appeals.

## NO CONNECTION BLACKSOD PROJECT

Montreal, April 26.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, to-day gave an emphatic denial to the reports cabled from England that he had been invited to join the board of management of the proposed fast steamship line between Blacksod Bay, Ireland, and Halifax.

His reports from England stated that Sir Thomas and several other leading shipping men, including Robert Reford and Robert Bickerdike and Sir George Drummond, had been invited to join the board of the proposed company.

When asked as to this yesterday afternoon, Sir Thomas said: "No such request has ever reached me, nor any intimation of it, save what has appeared in the cable despatches. Further, I do not think it likely that such a request will ever be made, because the promoters of the Blacksod-Halifax route already know that I consider the scheme quite impracticable as a commercial steamship enterprise. I may further state that neither I nor the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will have anything to do with it."

### The Principal Assessors.

This evening the Council will be called upon to deal with the refusal of Dr. E. W. Henry to accept the position of Principal Assessor at such a low salary as \$400 per year. It is very difficult to forecast what will be done by the Council, but it was said this afternoon that Dr. Henry might be offered \$600 per year to do the work. Ald. Everett is not out of the running, however, as yet.

### The Late John O'Brien.

The funeral of the late John O'Brien will take place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock with High Mass of Requiem at St. Dunstan's church. Deceased, whose death occurred yesterday afternoon, is survived by two brothers, Dennis, of this city, Patrick of Charlestown, Mass. He was 80 years old and death was due to congestion.

## C. P. R. BRAKEMAN BADLY INJURED

Caught While Coupling Snow Plow and Dragged—Arm Will Have to Be Amputated.

Woodstock, N. B., April 26.—Wm. Glen, brakeman, was seriously injured this morning while working in the yard at the lower station and now lies in a critical condition at the hospital suffering internal injuries, a bad scalp wound and the fracture of an arm in three places. At the hospital it was said the arm will probably require amputation. He was hurt while coupling a snow plow by getting caught under the end and dragged some distance. He is a married man, his wife being a daughter of Oscar Dugan.

## I. C. R. PENSION SCHEME IN EFFECT

Railway Employees to Be Called on For First Contribution of Three Per Cent This Month.

Moncton, N. B., April 26.—The I. C. R. and P. E. I. Railway employees' provident fund, known better as the pension scheme, comes into operation this month and the first monthly contribution of the employees to the fund will be made this month. The amount which will be deducted from the salary and wages of such employees this month will be three per cent, and in succeeding months it will be one and a half per cent, this being in accordance with the provisions of the act. Notices to this effect are being sent out from headquarters at Moncton, and also relative to the administrative board, which is to be composed of two officers of the railway to be appointed by the minister, and two to be elected annually by the employees the election of the two latter to take place at once.

The pension scheme is to be administered by the General Manager on or before the eleventh of May. The election takes place by ballot in the usual way, and notice will be given when the vote is to be received at the various places.

### LaReane's Specialty Co.

In presenting to the numerous patrons of the theatre "Dooley's Troubles," under the management of Harry LaReane, it is doubtless true that no company of players ever came so highly recommended from nearby cities. This company is bright and clean, and the music exceptionally catchy. Their entertainments are devoid of tiresome waits. Their superior uniformed band and orchestra are a feature. At City Opera House Tuesday and Wednesday next. Seats now on sale at Wilkes' confectionery store.

### To Visit England.

Mr. A. F. Pyle of Plaster Rock will sail on the steamer Lake Erie for England on the 27th inst. and his many friends join in wishing him success.

### Judgment on Moving Day.

In the case of Lewis vs. Kenen, in which an application for new trial or reduction of verdict was made yesterday, as stated in The Gleaner, Judge Wilson has promised to deliver judgment on May 1st.

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