

RIDING ON WET RAILS.

ONE EXPERIENCE OF TRAVELLERS AND A DELUGE.

New Passengers on the Grand Southern West Bound Through Express Employed Themselves on Monday Night - Some of the Exploits of Superintendent Holt.

When the west-bound through express on the Grand Southern railway reached Lepreau on Monday, the passengers were hungry.

There were six of them. Six people collectively do not represent as much hunger as sixty, but individually a given six can be as hungry as six hundred.

They had left St. George at 11.20, and the run to Lepreau had taken six hours. Considering the state of the track, this was not bad time.

Nobody did complain of anything but hunger. Only one man made any mention of that. He said what he thought, while the others thought what they did not say.

But Lepreau is not a regular refreshment station. Superintendent Holt with an engine and flat car was just ahead repairing the bridge, and it would not do to have anything irregular when he was around.

It took something more than half an hour to complete the repairs. Then with increasingly sharp appetites the passengers were borne towards Musquash.

This haven of rest and refreshment was sighted in about half an hour. Then the train came to a full stop. The passengers looked out and saw "the lights of the village gleam through the rain and the mist."

There was about a foot of it over the track and two or three feet over all the rest of the country. It was impossible for them to get out and walk. It was equally impossible for the train to move ahead.

The roadbed was all right, for the pilot engine had gone ahead in safety, and the genial superintendent was in the land of promise. He had, however, left a souvenir in the form of a flat-car which had jumped the rails.

It was a well built and well disposed flat-car. It had run freely and patiently over the worst parts of the road, and would have rolled gleefully into Musquash had it been given half a chance.

To the ordinary mind, the most natural and obvious course would have been to take off the brake and pull the car on again. It was canted so that this would not have been an extraordinary feat of engineering, especially when the superintendent and engineer-in-chief was there to give his counsel.

He ordered the coupling pin to be drawn and steamed into Musquash. The car, with the brake hard on, remained on the roadbed in the way of the hungry passengers.

To the credit of Mr. Holt, it should be said that he did not intend to wholly abandon the derailed rolling stock. When he ordered the pin to be pulled, he remarked that the car could be there until daylight.

When the six hungry passengers found themselves on a train stalled in a waste of water, with a big obstruction ahead of them, they began to despair. Two of them were young ladies, who had started from St. Stephen, and been on the road all day. Matters began to look serious.

Even the venerable political economist, who had been preaching philosophy and enlarging on the benefits of abstinence, grew sad and silent. As a morning daily would say, "the sad event cast a deep gloom over the entire community." Things were dark enough.

Dark figuratively and literally. The "first class" car was one which had been mustered out of service after a life of usefulness on the Boston & Maine road. It had its full complement of lamps, but some of them had no oil, others had no chimneys and most of them had no wicks.

It was at this juncture that the glories of the lamp that would burn were forgotten in a hasty rush of the male passengers for the black and forbidding second-class car. Something eatable had been found. Two fishermen returning from Pocologan had by chance brought back some broken pilot bread. There were also the remains of a tin of butter. The find was appropriated.

Some of it was sent to the ladies, while the philosopher who preached abstinence ate the most of what was left.

Meanwhile the train men worked like bees in the water and with sundry "dams" to get back on the track the car that the superintendent had left in their path. After working about two hours and a half they succeeded, and Musquash was

reached at 9.40 local time. Supper was ready. Everybody knew that, and that was all that anybody knew, except that the track ahead was out of order. Whether it would be repaired that night no one could tell.

The other train, which had left St. John at noon, was on the siding, where it had been since 1.30. It was full of passengers, who had been sent from the New Brunswick road, and had thought to make a short and uncomfortable run to St. Stephen.

They were equally ignorant of the intentions of the management, and most of them were camping in the cars. As they had plenty of light and fuel, they were very well off, indeed.

When it became clear that the trains would stay at Musquash all night, it was equally clear that some people would do without beds. About this time the light of the solitary lamp on the up-train showed symptoms of immediate dissolution.

It was revived by collecting what oil was left in the other lamps, which were without wicks. The coal being out, the fire was replenished from time to time during the night by pickets from the neighbors' fences.

The road was repaired by 11 o'clock the next day. It might have been mended sooner had the construction train brought any constructing material along with it.

Mr. Holt did not return with the construction train. Roadmaster Flinton did, and the repairs were rapidly made. Indeed, in regard to the actual work done on both days, no one could find fault.

When the train did get a clear track, from Musquash to Carleton, it went with a rush, and reached the end of its journey at noon, standard.

It was just 1 hour and 50 minutes ahead of time.

Ladies' Pocket Books, new lot, best value ever offered, at McArthur's, King st.

Who does not like to go to an auction? A great bargain is to be had so often that an advertised auction of nice furniture draws like a first-class opera.

The announcement of the sale at the residence of the late Hon. John McMillan affords plenty of people with money and leisure an opportunity to pass Tuesday morning pleasantly.

Amongst the novelties of the season in the stationery line, are the blanks, tablets, and packets of writing and scribbling forms of J. C. Blair. In all sizes and papers, from legal cap to the Foot Print tablet, these attractive goods meet with the commendation of all classes of purchasers.

All Nova Scotia is Insured. The genial face of Capt. A. W. Masters, jr., special agent of the Equitable Life Assurance company, has brightened the local outlook since Thursday.

The local outlook since Thursday. For two months or more his eloquence has fallen upon the appreciative ears of the Nova Scotians—who have succumbed to it in large numbers, and now his friends are glad to listen for themselves, though all regret the cause that called him home—the serious illness of his respected father.

British American for sale at McArthur's, King st. The Best in the Market. Housekeepers who have tried the jams and jellies manufactured by Mr. Hugh P. Kerr will never put themselves to the trouble and expense of making these articles.

It was to be expected. One of Mr. John C. Miles' pupils' pictures has gained the approval of upper Canadian judges and a first prize. Mr. Miles is proud of the fact and his pupil. He has reason to be. The school is open again, and the attendance is larger than ever.

Plenty of pupils and lots of orders ought to make "John" happy.

Railroad Men Will Read. The Grippeack for October containing a particularly good portrait and sketch of C. S. Wheaton, grand chief conductor of the order of railway conductors. Other sketches of interest relating to travel make up the contents of a very readable number.

Lodgers, Journals, Counters and Day Books, lowest prices, at McArthur's, King st.

"Can you tell me, Progress, why my coal-bin has grown since last winter? Have you any explanation for the phenomena that makes half-a-ton of chestnut shank to three-quarters its bulk since last season?"

"Last winter I was happy. Every time I got coal my bin, which is supposed to hold one ton, would not hold that quantity, and two barrels were required to hold the over-plus. And yet I was only charged for one ton."

"This year I am miserable. My bin has been untouched yet one ton of the same kind of coal will not fill it nor come, indeed, within several inches of the top. And yet I am charged for one ton."

"I want public scales and public inspection of coal. At present each coal merchant has his own inspector. Wouldn't it be better to have one inspector for the lot and compel every load of coal to be weighed in his presence upon the public scales?"

Uncle Tom's Cabin, Next Week. Uncle Tom's Cabin will draw a good house every time. Put on the boards by a good company it ought to be a fine attraction.

The performance given by this company is far superior to that of any similar organization that has ever visited this city and has given universal satisfaction.

The Boston Globe says: "The comicities of the two Topsy and the eccentricities of the two lawyers, Marks, Sr. and Marks, Jr., brought forth screams of delight. The remarkable sagacity exhibited by the trained Russian bloodhounds was a complete surprise and elicited a perfect storm of applause."

Like Christmas Eve. "This afternoon puts me in mind of Christmas Eve," said a dry goods man, Tuesday. "Everybody is out, and, for a wonder, they are all buyers. The 'shoppers' are scarce, as they should be always."

Good Blood Hangs on Good Digestion. MANY die because they are not nourished by the food they eat, eating yet starving. Bad blood shows itself in pimples, eruptions or sores, blotches, sallow skin, languor and a feeling of uselessness.

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WEDNESDAY, 17th October, beginning at 7 p. m. Representatives travelling on the Intercolonial and Grand Southern Railways will receive certificates from the Grand Scribe, which will entitle them to return free of charge.

Excursion Tickets at One First Class Fare will be issued at all stations on the New Brunswick and Northern and Western Railways. All tickets good to return up to and on the 25th.

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TWO NIGHTS, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 16 and 17, AND GRAND MATINEE, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17.

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