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BELIEVE THE WATER AT INDIANTOWN HIGHER THAN
Water Level on River Two Feet Higher Than Last Record
C.M.R. Crews Having Tough Time With Kennebecasis

As Hiram Sees It

"I suppose," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbaker, "you are very busy now preparing for spring seeding?" "No sir," said Hiram, "on account of these here floods I ain't doin' nothin' but 'an' Hanner has been too busy to try to do any work in the garden."

CONDITIONS REPORTED UNPRECEDENTED ALL ALONG RIVER TODAY

North End Houses and Shops Menaced—Pokioik Bridge Partly Covered—Lumber Piles Overturned and Mills Flooded.

The spring freshet of 1923 will go down in history as the greatest ever chronicled as the water in the St. John river today exceeded by over two feet the height of the memorable high mark of 1887. Proof of this was established at noon today when a representative of the Times visited the scene and aided by life long residents of that section of the city located a mark made at that time of the highest freshet ever recorded.

THE RECORD FRESHET OF 1887

In 1887 the river began to rise early in May and by the sixth of the month the approaches to the wharves at Indian town were totally covered and the water was so high that the steamers Clifton and Belle Isle could float on their surface.

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TRACK COMPLETELY UNDERMINED IN SEVERAL PLACES AND COVERED WITH WATER

Rising Freshet Drives People on Low Land From Homes—Work of Crews Last Night Almost Useless—Line May be Tied up for Several Days.

Flood conditions unparalleled in the history of the Province obtain today along the C. N. R. between the city and Rothesay, the worst places being at Rothesay and Riverside. Crews of men worked all night in an endeavor to stem the rush of waters, but a high wind accompanied by a driving rain through the night drove the whitecaps against the roadbed and undermined it so that it will be days before trains can pass over it.

BILL AMENDING TEMPERANCE ACT GETS 3RD READING

Several Bills Considered in Parliament Yesterday. Senate Commission on the Hoppe Coal Leases Places the Indemnity at \$100,000, but Makes No Recommendation.

Ottawa, May 4.—Edw. N. Hopkins, new Progressive member for Moose Jaw, took his seat in the House of Commons yesterday.

"Holding Our Own" Says C. P. R. Superintendent

Railway Crews Having Difficult Time All Along Main River

Only heroic efforts on the part of C. P. R. officials and workmen is resulting in keeping their main line between the city and McAdam open for traffic.

Trains to Fredericton and McAdam and Full Suburban Service in Operation—Hope for St. Stephen Service Today and St. Andrews Tomorrow—Water Drops in Keswick.

Had Scattered After Three-sided Attack—Patrol Captures Motor Boats. New York, May 4.—The motor fleet back in line again.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—Pressure is highest west and north of the Great Lakes, and there are important disturbances in the Southern States and to the southward of Nova Scotia.

TWO SIGNED FOR FREDERICTON

Dean and Smith Will Play With the Capital Baseball Club—New England Tour Arranged.

Fredricton, N. B., May 4.—Latest reports from Boston, where Joe Ford is getting Fredricton's 1923 baseball team together, are to the effect that Benny Smith and Bill Dean, two of the biggest factors in the success of the local club in 1922, have both been signed up to Fredericton contracts and will report for duty in a few days.

Boy Sent To Home; In Sorry Plight

The sorry plight of a young colored lad was brought to light in the police court this morning. He was charged with the theft of \$17 from the home of Walden Harris, 84 Spar Cove road, on May 1. The youth had shipped the city and was headed for Middleton, N. S. He was arrested in Digby at the instance of the local detective department and brought back to the city yesterday.

Government Gains In Newfoundland

St. John's, Nfld., May 4.—Gains for the Government were again today on the first returns from yesterday's general election in this colony, called on the question of a Government guarantee for half the \$18,000,000 cost of establishing a new pulp and paper plant for Armstrong of London.

ST STEPHEN MAN ONE OF OFFICERS

Toronto, May 4.—Advertising was one of the main subjects of discussion at yesterday's session of the annual meeting of the confectionery and nut industries.

POKIOIK BRIDGE PARTLY UNDER

The highway bridge running from Bridge street to Spar Cove road, and known as the Pokioik bridge, was partially under water today.

Premier Places Loss At Half A Million

Fredricton, N. B., May 4.—Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier and Minister of Public Works has estimated the damage to public works in the province by the present freshet at half a million dollars.

Many Means Used In This Journey

How C. N. R. Passengers Reached the City Last Night—Several Transfers. A. L. Stern, manager of the Purdy Ice Cream, was a passenger from the delayed Halifax train due to arrive in the city last evening.

8200 LIQUOR FINE

As a result of a visit this morning by Liquor Inspectors Bridge and Carson to a beer shop in Bridge street Archibald Frith was brought to court today a little before noon and charged with having liquor, overstrength, in his beer shop.

Logs Adrift

Lumbermen reported great quantities of logs adrift in the river. It was impossible to learn how many were adrift, as one operator said it was

PHILIX AND PLEASANT

Department of Meteorology. Issued by authority of the Director of Meteorology. Director of Meteorology.

KYLE MAKES PROGRESS

North Sydney, N. S., May 4.—S. S. Kyle was eight miles off Flat Point in a dense fog and heavy ice at eight o'clock this morning.

LATE REPORT ON C. N. R. SITUATION

Transfer Arrangements for Suburbanites—Hope to Get Steamboat Specials Away Tonight.

11 PUT TO DEATH FOR BRIBERY

Moscow, May 4.—Eleven members of the Moscow Housing Commission were convicted of bribery and corruption on April 14 and were put to death, the executive commission of the Soviet being refused to accord clemency.

CONVICTED ON ARSON CHARGE

Byron, Que., May 4.—William Brennan and Tom Flannery, both of Cobalt were found guilty at the Pontiac Criminal Assizes here yesterday of having set fire to a barn on the farm of P. Desjardins, Almette Island, on March 24, 1922, and will be sentenced at the end of the term.

EARLY FALL OF THE CUNO GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED

London, May 4.—Rejection by France of Germany's reparations proposals was expected here, consequently, it was received like all foreign conclusions.