

## WONDERFUL SEASON ON ST. JOHN RIVER.

River steamboat men agree that the length of this navigation season has afforded opportunity for an unusual number of trips by their several boats. The river became practically free from ice as far as Georgetown on March 20th, on which day the Springfield, Capt. Peatman, leaving Indian town, successfully made the trip. The tug Waring also went up.

Since that date the Springfield has made 107 regular trips, besides numerous excursions and the conveyance of picnic parties. By two trips the Springfield was the earliest steamer on the river.

Respecting the Star line, the Victoria has this season made 79 round journeys, commencing May 5 and laying off November 1.

The David Weston went up April 3rd and Friday completed her one hundredth passage.

These are the dates of the foregoing year: Victoria, first trip April 18th; last trip, Nov. 14; in all 94 trips.

David Weston, April 17; laid off November 20; 94 trips.

The Aberdeen has made a large number of trips between Fredericton and Woodstock, 45 in all. She began April 1, but came down on July 11th to ply from St. John.

The May Queen began earlier this year than last and has had a most successful season. She was laid off several days ago. The boats which still run will probably continue until the formation of ice, which may quickly happen at the first cold snap. The water is chilled through the effects of several snow flurries and cold snaps, and it would require but a few hours of real coldness to have the streams freeze.

## BULLET THROUGH NORTON CHURCH WINDOW AT TEMPERANCE MEETING.

A revolver shot was fired through the window of a Norton church on Friday evening last while a lecture on the subject of temperance was in progress. Nobody was injured, but the shot had the effect of causing the gathering to break up in confusion and of setting the wheels of Norton justice in motion.

The lecturer, who was an American, spoke in the Baptist church and his audience Friday evening was both large and deeply interested. He had not been

## LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Next Sunday will be the first Sunday in Advent. It is also the beginning of the ecclesiastical year.

About half of the men who went on strike in the Portland Rolling Mills a few days ago have returned to their duties.

A concert and pie social will be held at Little River schoolhouse on Friday evening, for which a good programme is being prepared.

The West End branch of the Bank of New Brunswick, on Union street, has been opened for business. C. H. Lee is acting as manager.

J. Arthur Partridge, formerly of the staff of the Globe, and later of the Worcester Telegram, has joined the staff of the Genesee Press, a leading paper published in Rochester (N. Y.).

The Methodist ministers met in Centenary church yesterday morning. Rev. S. Howard presiding. Routine business was transacted. The reports of the churches were received.

It is announced that Rev. H. F. Waring has decided to accept the call extended to him last Friday by the First Baptist church of Halifax, and will formally tender his resignation next Wednesday evening.

The public schools are being heated with soft coal. Only a limited amount was procured and the trustees hope that by Christmas hard coal will have reached a figure sufficiently reasonable to enable them to stock up with it when another fuel supply is needed.

Fifteen deaths occurred in St. John during last week, caused by: Congestion of the lungs and infantile debility, two each; syncope, croup, scurvy, bronchitis, cerebral hemorrhage, softening of the brain, cholera, uteri, arterio-sclerosis, tubercular laryngitis, broncho-pneumonia, rheumatic antritis, one each.

Edward Lahey has returned from Perth, Carleton county, where he has been removing obstructions in the St. John river, to allow the sinking of a log dam in which masons will work on the foundations of the new steel bridge to succeed the old wooden structure. Today Mr. Lahey will go to Eastport where he undertakes a big contract in connection with the water works.

A movement is reported to be on foot among local housemen to organize a horse show association, the object of which will be to hold a horse show in St. John at the most convenient season. The association would not operate in opposition to the Exhibition Association, but it is the opinion of those interested that a show could be made a paying annual feature in this city.

John Chase, employed in the Richmond freight yard, will leave on Tuesday next for St. John, having been appointed to a position there in the mechanical department of the L. C. R. Mr. Chase is a well known Freemason. Wednesday evening a number of his Masonic friends presented him with a handsome jewel, an emblem of the fraternity. The presentation took place at Mr. Chase's residence, and was accompanied by a short address expressive of the esteem in which Mr. Chase had been held by his brother members of the craft.—Halifax Chronicle.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., the C. P. R. express for Montreal from this city, met with a peculiar mishap. Shortly after leaving Mattawamkeag when the train was running at full speed the locomotive struck some obstruction on the rails, but as nothing appeared to be radically wrong, the engineer from time to time thought that all was not right and finally determined to make an examination at his next stop some 15 miles distant. When the train was brought to a standstill then there were two quarters of beef on the front part of the engine and further that the wheels of the forward truck of the locomotive had left the rails. It is probable that the engine struck a hand car on which the meat was being carried and the jar of the collision threw the wheels off the rails.

The farmers of York and Carleton counties are reported to be taking full advantage of the mildness of the season. Ploughing is being carried on almost

## S. P. C. A. WORK.

### 146 Cases of Cruelty to Animals Dealt With in the Last Three Months.

At a meeting of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Monday afternoon, S. M. Wetmore, the secretary and agent submitted the following statement of the work done from August 22 to Nov. 21:

Removed from work for lameness	7
Removed from work for lameness	3
Unit for work	21
Owners and others cautioned for overwork	18
Overworked	18
Overworked	1
Lameness	1
Neglected	1
Some under harness	8
Thin in flesh	8
Destroyed	67

Cattle and other stock—Neglected 1, Injured 1, Shipments 21.

Other animals—Dogs ill-treated 2, Dogs destroyed 2, Monkeys ill-treated 1.

Fowls and birds—Fowls neglected 2, Fowls injured 1.

Children and others—Children ill-treated 9, Children neglected 9, Women ill-treated 2, Women neglected 2.

Grand Total 146. Cases taken to police court included in above.

Overloading horses fined \$2. Ill-treated horses cautioned by court. S. M. WETMORE, Agent. St. John (N. B.), Nov. 24, 1902.

## CHANGE OF BASE.

### Canada's Invasion of the United States.

On all sides one hears of American enterprise in Canada and the American invasion of England, but just now a topic in New York is the invasion of the United States through the establishing of "Semi-Ready" in the very heart of the metropolitan business section, and in one of the best known thoroughfares of the city, Broadway and Eleventh street. Reporters from the leading papers were present at the opening on Saturday, and regarded the occasion as an important bit of news.

The wardrobe, which is twice as big as any in Canada, presented a rather festive sight, filled as it was with floral tokens of admiration from friends and well-wishers in both Canada and the United States.

The following appeared in the New York World: "Adam thought he had settled the question of men's clothes once and for all, but by the time Solomon arrived at the human form was left with a lot of robes that still find favor with Oriental potentates. When Beau Brummel appeared masculine attire stood on a new basis."

"There are many New Yorkers, however, who are dissatisfied with the present order of things, and have been wondering what sign might be made of a new era in dress. The sign is 'Semi-Ready,' the new idea in clothes for gentlemen, is a solution of the vexed question."

"Semi-Ready" opens today with perhaps the most unique clothing proposition ever made. It offers those who patronize it the same style, finish, fit and cloth as they are accustomed to at not much more than half the tailor's price. It offers them delivery of their wardrobe in a week or more. It offers wearers of ready-made, which have attained greater perfection in New York than anywhere else, a word, made-to-measure elegance at the price of reliable ready-made.

"Semi-Ready" is neither made-to-measure nor ready-made; just ready to try on. Every garment will be sold at a stage where a custom tailor gives the last fitting and will be finished from measurements by expert tailors, or, as the manager puts it, 'When you buy in the morning it hangs before you at night.' It is claimed that the fit will be as individual as a tailor's, as that of the custom-made garment.

"The New York controller, the A. J. Keller Company, says that 'Semi-Ready' suit or overcoat is never sold in a finished state. The store contains nearly 100 wardrobes, which are filled with clothes of all descriptions at this 'embryo' stage."

## Supreme Court Chambers.

The matter of the sheriff's fees in the Mayes vs. Connolly suit came before Judge Leod on Saturday. Attorney General Pugsley stated that Sheriff Ritchie had agreed to let the amount of his fees be fixed by Mr. Curvey and himself and the sum of \$25 was spoken of. Later on the sheriff refused to accept the \$25. It had been agreed to submit the matter to the judge.

Judge McLeod said that under the act he could fix the fees only in case an appeal had been perfected and execution stayed. In this case the appeal had not been perfected. He suggested that the matter be postponed until today with a view to a settlement. This was agreed to. Attorney-General Pugsley appeared for Mr. Mayes; Dr. L. A. Curvey, K. C., for Mr. Connolly, and Dr. A. O. Earle, K. C., for Sheriff Ritchie.

## Takes in the Jas R. Burton Co. Works.

The lead and lead product trust formed in the United States, with a capital of \$80,000,000, includes the Canada Lead and Saw Works, of which the James Robertson Company are proprietors. John H. Robertson, president, stated that those who have been on the United States end of the Canada lead and saw works business for some months. Until he was shown the despatch this morning, however, he did not know that they had taken over the plant. He was of opinion that the announcement was a little premature. He stated that the Canada Lead and Saw Works was interested in the deal in so far as the lead branch of its business was concerned. He did not know of any other Canadian firms that were affected.—Montreal Toronto Globe correspondence.

## SCOTCH CURLERS WILL SAIL FROM LIVERPOOL DEC. 18.

### C. H. Ferguson, of St. Andrew's Club, Receives Word from Them—Will Spend Two Days Here.

A communication was received Friday by C. H. Ferguson, secretary of the St. Andrew's Curling Club, giving definite information regarding the visit of the Scottish curlers to Canada. It was originally the intention of the Scotsmen to sail from Liverpool to New York and proceed from there to Montreal where they would be to meet the representatives of the various Canadian clubs. It is evident that their ideas of Canada were of the usual narrow British character and probably thought that Montreal, in relation to the various Canadian cities, was equivalent to what Perth is in distance to the Scottish cities.

However, this has all been changed after hearing from this side of the water. The curlers will embark at Liverpool on the 18th of December and will arrive at Halifax about the 28th or 29th. They will stay four days in Halifax and then come to St. John, where they will spend two days as the guests of the curling club. At one time the Scotsmen proposed going direct to Quebec from Halifax but they were persuaded to change their programme and take in this city. Mr. Ferguson has written a letter to the secretary of the Scottish curlers, A. Davidson Smith, York Place, Edinburgh, stating that the curlers of St. John, consisting of the St. Andrew's, Thistle and Carleton Clubs, as well as the Fredericton and St. Stephen clubs will join in giving the visiting North Britons a cordial welcome and hospitably entertain them during their stay in this city. The Scottish curlers said that they proposed visiting St. John some time next winter. They would spend a week away from home, playing a number of matches, and travel and live during their tour in a Pullman car.

A prominent member of the Halifax Curling Club stated to a Telegraph representative this week that the curlers of that city proposed visiting St. John some time next winter. They would spend a week away from home, playing a number of matches, and travel and live during their tour in a Pullman car.

## ACCEPTS THE POST.

### Rev. Mr. Roper of Boston Will Take Up Seamen's Mission Work.

Rev. Mr. Roper, of Boston, who came here last week to look over the work at the Seamen's Mission with a view to becoming managing missionary of that institution, was present at a large gathering of the managing committee and friends of the mission on Saturday evening, at which H. C. Tilley presided. Both Mr. and Mrs. Roper spoke, telling of the nature of their work in Boston.

The managing committee for the purpose of allowing Mr. and Mrs. Roper to procure somewhat of an insight into the work to be done here, the result was very favorable from both sides. The committee was very much pleased with Mr. Roper and his wife, and the latter were pleased with the mission and its work. Nothing definite, however, was done.

The managing committee are confident that they have secured the right man, and one whose wife is a most valuable ally. Mr. Roper will not be free from his duties at the church in Boston, with which he is connected for a month or so yet, but will sever his connection there with the utmost expedition. Mr. Parlee now becomes assistant-managing-missionary.

## BACK FROM THE WEST.

### New Brunswickers Who Went a Harvesting Return Well Pleased.

Messrs. Stewart and George Muir, of Hingham, Queens county, who went to the Northwest harvest fields early in the autumn, reached the city Friday on their return home.

They came back with enthusiasm of the prairie land as a place to locate in and accumulate coin. They have been west about three months and worked near Verity, 135 miles west of Winnipeg.

Throughout the autumn and at present, laboring men have been and are in demand, for the general prosperity was such that even the west were inadequate to grapple with the work before them. An ordinary farm hand could command \$2 per day and in some instances \$2.25.

As decided by the west, as decided by Stewart Muir, would make a Canadian feel proud of his country in respect to raising cereals. Mr. Muir states his intention of returning west.

## U. N. B. Notes.

On Monday evening, at 7.30, Professor Clawson, of the University of New Brunswick, read a very able, brilliant and interesting paper on Thomas Carlyle, before the Teachers' Association of Fredericton. This is Professor Clawson's first address outside of the class room and was very worthy of being read before a larger audience.

At the regular meeting of the University Literary and Debating Society on Saturday evening, Nov. 16, the subject discussed was: "Resolved that the government ownership of coal mines would be beneficial to the Dominion of Canada." St. J. J. Freeze, of the senior class, opened the debate for the affirmative, and H. J. MacLachlan, of the junior class, for the negative. By special request, Doctor Harrison acted as chairman, and after an interesting discussion awarded the debate to the negative. In summing up, the chairman spoke briefly on government ownership of coal mines in general.

This evening the subject will be: "Resolved that the union of the various Maritime colleges into one large university would benefit education in the Maritime Provinces." Messrs. Barker and Jonah will lead the debate.

Last evening in the library of the university society held its monthly meeting. After the usual amount of business, Doctor Scott addressed the society on a Month in an Electrical Shop.

## Chatham Grocer Assigns.

Chatham, Nov. 21.—(Special)—Joseph C. T. Arsenault, who has been carrying on a grocery business here since last April, has assigned to James Morrison, commission merchant.

## MAN MISSING.

### John Simpson of Westfield Went In to the Woods for Axe-handles and Did Not Return.

The village of Westfield is agitated over the disappearance of John Simpson, who, on Saturday, entered the woods and up to yesterday had not been heard of.

It appears that early Saturday afternoon he left his home, saying he was going to the woods to get material to make into axe handles. By evening he had not returned, and when next morning came and he was still absent, the alarm was given and searching parties started off to scour the surrounding forest. They worked all day, but in vain. The search recommenced Monday morning, but up to the afternoon it could not be learned whether or not any trace of him had been found.

## In the Courts.

Before Judge Barker Monday, in equity, in the case of Frederick C. Jones vs. Wm. Parks & Sons, Ltd., Henry P. Benson and Joseph B. Henderson, the bill was taken pro confesso for want of a plea, answer or demurrer. In this action, which was for foreclosure and sale under a mortgage, the principal and interest was assessed at \$3,303.11, and an order was made for the payment of any balance arising from the sale, into court. Hon. C. N. Skinner, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff; A. I. Trueman, K. C., for Wm. Parks & Sons, Ltd., and G. C. Coster for H. P. Benson and J. B. Henderson.

In the matter of Maggie Blanche Osborne, an infant, an order was made appointing Louise B. Osborne, guardian of the estate and person of the infant, with power to sell three lots of land to procure money for her maintenance and support. E. T. C. Macleod, solicitor for applicant.

## Admiralty Court.

The case of Joseph F. Michado vs. the ship Hattie and Lottie, was before Judge MacLeod yesterday. Frank Healy, attorney of Providence (R. I.), was counsel as to a decree of the Rhode Island District Court in an action against the ship brought by Captain Silva.

This afternoon Frank Magellan was recalled, examined, and the arguments of Doctor Stockton and Mr. Coster against and for the admission of the Rhode Island court's decree were heard. The point is whether the Rhode Island court has jurisdiction. Doctor Stockton contends that this decree should not be admitted, as the facts which led up to the issue of the decree are not attached.

Justice of the peace, to consider, and the case was adjourned. Dr. Stockton, K. C., and John Kerr, K. C., appear for the plaintiff, and J. C. Coster for the defendants.

## Probate Court.

In the estate of Robert Sullivan, a former resident of Carleton, a petition was presented by Michael Donovan, of Antigonish, a half-brother, for letters of administration. Robert Sullivan is believed to be dead, as he left the province in 1880 and has not been heard from. A citation was granted in the matter. The estate is valued at \$1,728 personal property; T. P. Regan, executor.

In the estate of Helen Odyre, S. A. M. Skinner, on behalf of John A. Odyre, executor, presented a petition for letters of administration to have an inventory filed. Scott E. Morrell appeared for Michael Odyre, the administrator, and disputed Mr. Kane's right to have an inventory filed. The case was adjourned until Dec. 1, when evidence will be taken.

In the estate of the late Margaret Leck, administrator, in the estate of the late Henry F. Leck, administrator; A. W. Macrae, executor.

In the estate of the late Ellen R. Baker, a petition was presented by Annie R. Gay, niece of the deceased, for letters of administration of the estate. The deceased left \$800 with E. T. C. Knowles. It appears she was married, and as her husband who survives here, is entitled to his marital rights in her personal property, it is doubtful whether the letters should issue. The matter was stood over; Scott E. Morrell, proctor.

## Circuit Court.

The November sitting of the circuit court will open this morning at 11 o'clock. Judge Hanington will preside.

## Local Politics in Charlotte County.

Judging from the talk about town, there is a likelihood of two independent candidates running at the next election. The government ticket will, now that Mr. Todd has consented to run again, remain the same as at the last election. The opposition ticket is likely to be composed of Mayor Murchie, of Milltown; George J. Clarke, Peter Russell, of Grand Manan, and a young man from St. George's. The two independent candidates will probably be Hazen Grimmer and C. N. Vroom. Mr. Grimmer was on the opposition ticket last year, leading his ticket; but it is said he has experienced a change of heart, and if unable to get a nomination from the government convention, will run as Independent, and no doubt will have many government and opposition votes. C. N. Vroom is so well known all over the county, having been fighting the cause of temperance for so many years, that he too is considered a strong candidate; and the fight promises to be a hot one.

Still, you can never tell until the votes are counted, who is elected, so a surprise may be in store for the county. Then again, a compromise may be effected, whereby two government and two opposition members may go in without a contest.—Frontier News.

## A STERLING SPECIFIC.

There are many substitutes, imitations and counterfeits of the famous Anker-Pain-Expeller. One must be careful to get the genuine. The rare and numerous are a sign of the original. The sterling specific is the only one for which a leader of the world's fame has given his name. It is the only one for which a leader of the world's fame has given his name. It is the only one for which a leader of the world's fame has given his name.

Get the Genuine from your Druggist or Grocer.

## SERGEANT JOHN NIXON LAID TO REST: THE UNION JACK OVER HIS CASKET.

### Claimed He Was the First Man Over the Walls of Sebastopol After the Famous Siege--Comrades of Former Days Drape His Coffin With the Flag He Fought For.

There was buried Sunday afternoon in the person of the late John Nixon, a soldier who for many years had served his country in various parts of the world and who had, during his career in the army, seen much active service. "Sergeant" John Nixon had, it is understood, a claim to distinction which no other British soldier could share. He was the first man to go over the walls of Sebastopol on that memorable night when one of the greatest triumphs ever won rested on British arms.

Just before the funeral Sunday, two comrades who served with him on the blood-soaked Crimean fields, and who some years later were shipmates on the vessel which brought him to this country, performed a last act of thoughtful comradeship when they covered the casket with the Union Jack, and it was under that emblem that Sergeant Nixon's body was borne to the grave in Cedar Hill cemetery.

John Nixon was a member of the Royal Artillery, and served through the Crimean war and the war with Turkey as a member of "N" battery of the 7th battalion. With this battery he remained until the change was wrought in that branch of the army by creating brigades instead of battalions. When this change was made, the battery became "A" battery, eighth brigade.

After the Crimea, Mr. Nixon served through Ireland, and it was from Queens-

## CASE OF GOODSPEED UNIQUE: COMPLICATIONS INTEREST THE LAWYERS.

Circuit court opened in St. John at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. While nothing has been definitely settled it is almost certain that the trial of Fred Goodspeed as an accessory in the Dolbery murder will not occupy the attention of Judge Hanington at this term. It is equally probable that if a postponement is arranged it will be at the request of the crown counsel. The case is in a position which is unique in the annals of legal practice, as its progress is completely dependent upon the disposition of the Higgins case. Should Mr. Mullin appeal the Higgins case to the Supreme Court of Canada, which course has been opened to him by reason of Mr. Justice Gregory's dissent from the verdict of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, and should the appeal result in an order for a new trial, consideration must be given to the fact that in another trial the jury might disagree or even decide in favor of acquitting the prisoner. Should such a condition arise, and Higgins be freed, then Goodspeed could not be held as an accessory to a crime which, legally, was never committed. While this reasoning is held by legal men to be somewhat involved, yet the possibility of such a thing must be considered and Goodspeed will probably not be tried until the other case has been settled.

The crown, however, is at liberty to go ahead and prove the case, and the prisoner remanded for sentence until the Higgins case is disposed of, but this would entail considerable expense upon the county.

Hon. H. A. McKeown, K. C., said the postponement of the Goodspeed case depended upon whether an appeal is sought from the verdict against Higgins. Mr. Mullin, when asked, said he was not prepared to say whether or not an appeal would be made to the Supreme Court of Canada. Goodspeed's legal advisor, Scott E. Morrell, Goodspeed's legal advisor, said Monday afternoon that he was ready to go on with the case if the crown should decide to do so.

## Movements of Bank Officials.

A. S. Knight, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Oxford, has been spending a few days at his home in Moncton.—Moncton Times.

E. Walsh, manager of the Royal Bank at Acadia Mines is, with Mrs. Walsh, visiting the recent arrivals and friends at Halifax.—Truro News.

C. H. Eason, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, is in Ottawa. Mr. Morrell is acting manager during his absence.—Eastern Canadian.

Harry Montgomery, of the Royal Bank of Canada, Dalhousie, is confined to the house with la grippe, and Mr. Hickson, of Bathurst, is taking his place.—Campbellton Events.

## Will Be No Advance in Freight Rates.

Toronto, Nov. 24.—(Special)—It is understood in well-informed railway circles here that the recent announcement of a proposed increase in freight rates by the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific was sent out as a feint to induce the officials to decide against making any such move at present.

A cow at Cochran, India, had just been milked when the animal showed symptoms of hydrophobia, and died shortly afterwards. It had been bitten by a mad dog the previous evening. Forty people who drank the milk were placed under medical treatment.

## SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH'S PICTURE PUZZLE



"WHERE IS THE SLAVE BOY?" FIND HIM.