

## REMARKABLY HIGH WAGES ARE OFFERED ON THE MIRAMICHI

Report From Blackville Says That \$2.75 Per Day Is Being Offered For Stream Drivers, Who May Get \$3—Trouble Between Employers Makes Big Wages—Big Ice Jam in St. John River Expected to Break Soon.

With the water in the river gradually coming up, the big ice jam at Springhill is likely to break away at any minute, and when it does the ice will go out. So much honey combed and rotted is the ice that it is hard to tell from a reasonable distance from the river whether any ice remains in the river or not.

The St. John River Log Driving Company are rapidly preparing for the ice to move out. Their tug, the Randolph, is already in the water near their St. Marys headquarters and is all ready to go out on the river as soon as the ice moves out. Their other apparatus is also in shape to commence work at a moment's notice.

Mr. A. R. Miles of Margerville will be associated with Mr. Fred Miles in taking care of the drift drive on the river and the men and apparatus for this drive will leave St. John this week.

A large number of stream drivers left here this morning in charge of R. A. Estey to get ready to start operations on the Tobique. Besides the men who will leave here on Thursday for W. J. Noble, a number of men in charge of Robert Aitken's son will leave for the scene of the Aitken drive.

### Reports from Upriver.

The reports from up river points today are as follows:

Edmundston.—The water is open in places but the ice has not started to run out as yet. It is expected to start today or tomorrow. The weather is fine and warm.

Woodstock.—There is not much ice running today. The water is low and the weather is fine and cold.

Grand Falls.—The ice is still strong above and below the falls. The water

in the river is rising rapidly. The weather is fine and warm.

### Big Wages on the Miramichi.

Over on the Miramichi there appears to be a small sized war in progress between the lumber operators there and the working men seem to be the people who are profiting. The result has been that wages are up at sky figures and with prospects of their soaring still higher.

A special despatch from Blackville today to The Gleaner is as follows: Quite a crowd of men are gathered around the I. C. R. station and that vicinity. Some men are here to hire stream drivers. The wages are up to \$2.75 per day now and the prospects are that they will reach \$3. There is a great demand for men and they have heard the report which is current to the effect that the Miramichi Lumber Company managers have made the threat that they would make Lynch and Welch pay \$3 per day for their men this year on account of their opposition to their bill in the Legislature at the session just closed to allow them to dam the river. This story is public property and it is bound to work against the people who are hiring the men.

### The Ice Still Solid.

The ice is still solid in the Miramichi, as the following reports will show:

Dolstown.—Weather fine and warm. The ice is still solid with no signs of moving yet.

Dooktown.—The river is partly clear of ice. The weather is fine and warm.

Blackville.—The weather is turning milder and the indications point to a big rain storm. The ice in the river is still holding on.

## LARRIGAN MAKERS WILL HAVE UNION

Fredericton's Protective Association Will Be Continued and Men Throughout Provinces Will Be Organized.

It is proposed by the larrigan makers employed at the John Palmer Company's tannery to make the Larrigan Maker's Protective Association a permanent organization in this city and a meeting for that purpose has been called for Friday evening.

It is also proposed by the men to contribute a certain proportion of their wages each month to the association which will be conducted for the purpose of looking after the men's interests.

It is quite likely that within a short time a Union organizer will visit this city so that the Association may become affiliated with the unions in other places. It is also proposed that the larrigan makers in St. John, Sackville and other places in the provinces become organized for the mutual benefit of all concerned. The employees at the Palmer factory appear to feel very satisfied with the manner in which they are being treated at the factory since the strike and feel that when they get a softer class of stock, as has been promised them, they will be in fairly good circumstances, and especially when the increased pay promised for this fall, comes into effect.

## BARKER HOUSE TO BE ENLARGED

The enlargement of the Barker House told of by Proprietor T. V. Monahan, when he assumed control of the hotel in February last, have already commenced and within a few weeks the Barker House in its enlarged and improved form will be ready to receive its many guests.

Mr. Monahan has arranged for a lease of that part of the building below the Barker House and adjoining the main hotel building which is over M. Fickler & Co's store, and a contract has been made with Contractor Moses Mitchell to commence work at once and fit up 25 new rooms there which will give the Barker House a total of 75 rooms for guests. It is the intention to fit up 10 rooms in the house with private baths attached, thus affording every possible convenience to the guests.

The carpenters are now at work fitting up the new gentleman's writing room at the rear of the main office of the hotel and a contract has been made for installing a large open fireplace in the main office of the hotel so that it will be perfectly cozy and home-like.

At the Barker House this summer the furnaces will be moved to the front of the main building and in the large cellar so that there will not have to be such long leads running from it to the main house. Hot water heating apparatus will be placed in all of the new rooms as well as in all of the old rooms in which it is not already installed. There will also be a complete system of electric lighting and electric bells all over the new addition as well as those parts of the old house where they are not generally installed.

The Barker House has lately added a number of new sample rooms to its already excellent accommodation in this line. These sample rooms are in the Royal Hotel building on Queen street just above the Barker House and are the only hotel sample rooms on Queen street, all of them being light and airy.

It is Mr. Monahan's ambition to make the Barker House at least the equal of any hotel in the Maritime Provinces.

### In Search of Health.

Mr. Edward Beatty, who has been in poor health for some time, left last evening for Kamloops, B. C., in the hope that the climate there may aid him to regain his good health once more. Before leaving Mr. Beatty was presented with a large and beautiful bouquet of roses and carnations from the L. A. Wilmut Mission Band of the Methodist Church. Mr. Beatty was very much impressed with the thoughtfulness and kindness of the Mission Band in remembering him expressed the wish that he might return so as to be able to repay the Mission Band for their kindness.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. Charles Inch, accompanied by Mr. John Meritt, left for British Columbia last evening.

Mr. William Lipsett is seriously ill at his residence on Needham street.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Segee, of Boston, who have been visiting friends in the city, returned to Boston yesterday.

Mr. Ernest Fleet is spending a few weeks in Montreal.

## AT ROLLAWAY LAST EVENING

Prof. Demers made his initial appearance at the Arctic Rollaway last evening and enjoyed so enjoyable success that he has been engaged for a return on Friday evening, when it is expected that there will be one of the best crowds in the history of the rollaway in attendance.

It was a large and appreciative audience which assembled last evening at the Rollaway and to see Prof. Demers, who has the reputation of being one of the world's best and most famous fancy roller skaters. He is indeed a master of the skates, and performs wonderful feats, and all with that grace and ease which makes it a pleasure to watch him.

Mr. Demers showed the Fredericton people who think they can skate that, better, are movements on the rollers that they never heard of. His actions and reactions were astounding and the way he glides over the rollers is truly wonderful. He attempted feats that many would not attempt, such as:

He walked, two-stepped, promenaded single and double, showed the locomotive hop, a trick that made the crowd sit up and look some; had 400 different "whirls," all with different names, backwards, forwards, left and right. All are the same to him, but his trick of skating, not dancing, on a rickety table two by three feet, capped the climax until he springs another sensation, that of skating on a pair of toe rollers. He was simply amazed for his excellent exhibition by generous applause.

On Friday evening Prof. Demers will be at the Arctic Rollaway again and another attraction will be a five-mile running race for a gold medal, which will be offered by the management of the race. It is expected that these will be a large number of entries from the University of New Brunswick, and it is also possible that there will be some entries from St. John's.

## THE GLEANER'S NEW SERIAL

Readers of The Gleaner have a treat in store for them. Lovers of fiction will be pleased to learn that this journal has secured for their personal one of the most fascinating serials issued by the press in a decade. All who have read it declare that no other serial can approach it in interest and has been running for years. The opening chapters of "The Warrior or Saint" will appear in The Gleaner tomorrow. Do not neglect the opportunity of reading this sensational word picture of life in old England in the days of chivalry, when the sword ever leaped forth in defence of bright eyes and wounded honor.

### Scott Act Fines Paid.

In the police court on Monday three local first offenders Scott Act cases were acknowledged and fines of \$50 and costs paid.

### THE WEATHER.

Toronto, April 23.—Maritime: South-west winds. Fine. Wednesday: strong winds and rains from east and south with rain. A calm along shore with a steady west a day or two.

## BRING WATER NINETY MILES

Mr. R. S. Lea, consulting engineer of this city, has recently been appointed a member of the board of consulting engineers to investigate and report upon a new water supply system for the city of Winnipeg. This investigation will include, beside the present supply, the purification of the water of the Red River and the city supply from Shoal Lake, which is situated about ninety miles east of Winnipeg. A consideration of other schemes, involving the expenditure of millions of dollars, is made necessary by means of the rapid increase in the population of the city, and in view of its prospective needs.

Mr. Lea was for several years assistant professor at McGill University, in charge of the department of water supply engineering, and has had wide practical experience in hydraulic and sanitary work. Since 1898 he has been consulting engineer to the Board of Health of the Province of Quebec, and was lately appointed a member of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Robert Craik, late Dean of the McGill Medical Faculty.

In dealing with the question of the Winnipeg water supply, Mr. Lea will be associated with Mr. Allen Hazen and J. H. Fuertes, of New York, two of the foremost hydraulic and sanitary engineers in the United States; and Mr. J. E. Schwitzer, assistant chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, at Winnipeg—Montreal Star.

(Mr. Lea mentioned above is a brother of Mr. W. S. Lea, C. E., resident engineer on the sewerage and filtration work here.)

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