

HUNDREDS OF WORK MEN NEEDED IN ST. JOHN

Advertisements in a Dozen Papers Fail to Bring Men Here Fast Enough for Work That is Offering—Wages High and Demand Increasing—More Criticism of Head Tax.

There is a labor famine in St. John just now. Not for a generation has there been such an amount of new building and construction work going on, and this work has absorbed all the men who are available from points all over New Brunswick and the adjoining provinces. A labor official of this city said that the greatest dearth of men was amongst the carpenters. While he could not give the figures, he said that the number of men working in the city at present was much greater than usual, and they were receiving continual calls for more.

For several weeks past the daily papers have contained advertisements calling for more men, both laborers and carpenters, and the demand for these advertisements is repeated in the papers in other parts of the province, and evidently with little avail. A short time ago the C. P. R. advertised for 200 freight handlers about November, with an additional 200 about December. The demand apparently amounts to many hundreds, as this morning's paper contains a request from another large company for many more men. Wages of both classes of men have steadily risen, as compared with the rates advertised a week or two ago.

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OBITUARY

David Grossman. The sudden death of David Grossman occurred at his home in Chipman, Quebec county, Oct. 24, in the fifty-eighth year of his age.

He leaves to mourn a wife, four sons and three daughters. His sons are John in Ontario, Fred, in Greenville (Me.), and George and Harry, at home. The daughters are Mrs. John Dentary, of Nashua (N. H.), and Misses Grace, at home.

The funeral took place Sunday at 10 a. m. The interment was at Brown's cemetery, Kent county (N. B.).

Mrs. Michael Quinlan. The death of Mrs. Michael Quinlan took place yesterday at Willow Grove. She is survived by her husband, four daughters—Mrs. Thomas Bowers, Mrs. Peter Ryan, Mrs. Francis Lemihon, of St. John, and Miss Mary Quinlan, at home—and five sons—William and Edward, at Willow Grove, and James, Gratton and Joseph, in St. John. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Tuesday) at 10 o'clock from her late residence. Interment will be in the Golden Grove cemetery.

Monday, Nov. 11. The death of Mrs. Michael Quinlan took place yesterday at Willow Grove. She is survived by her husband, four daughters—Mrs. Thomas Bowers, Mrs. Peter Ryan, Mrs. Francis Lemihon, of St. John, and Miss Mary Quinlan, at home—and five sons—William and Edward, at Willow Grove, and James, Gratton and Joseph, in St. John. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Tuesday) at 10 o'clock from her late residence. Interment will be in the Golden Grove cemetery.

Friday, Nov. 8. Her many friends will hear with sincere regret of the death of Mrs. J. Kimball Scammell which occurred at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Scammell had been an invalid for several years and her death was not unexpected. Besides her husband she is survived by her son, Master John K., and one brother J. D. Pollard Lewis. Mrs. Scammell was a granddaughter of the late Senator Lewis, formerly president of the Baptist New Brunswick conference.

The funeral will be tomorrow afternoon, the service commencing in St. Luke's church at 2:30 o'clock.

Friday, Nov. 8. The death of William Ramsey of Little River, occurred at his home Wednesday. He was the youngest son of the late Messrs Ramsey and was thirty-three years of age. He is survived by his mother, three brothers, and two sisters. The brothers are James, Edward and Moses, all of Little River, and the sisters are Mrs. Robert Scoble and Mrs. Charles Casey, both of this city. The funeral will take place today at 3 p. m. from his late residence.

Friday, Nov. 8. The death of Mrs. Amanda Case, wife of Bradbury Case, occurred Wednesday afternoon at her home at Willow Grove. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. She was seventy-four years old and besides her husband is survived by two sons and one daughter. Mrs. Case was born in Moncton on the death of his wife three months ago. His wife was Miss Agnes Murray, of St. John. He has no children, but one brother and two sisters survive.

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CONDENSED NEWS; LOCAL AND GENERAL

Twelve burial permits were issued by the board of health during the week. The registrar of births reports the births of nine girls and seven boys during the week. Nine marriages were recorded.

The early spring may see a considerable addition to the plant of the Susex Manufacturing Company's works. This concern has been showing a constantly increasing output and the present quarters are rapidly being outgrown. At present the plant is working to its full capacity to fill orders.

George McCollum, of Hartland (N. B.), has bought the Exchange hotel in St. John, N. B. It is reported that the consideration is between \$7,000 and \$8,000. Mr. McCollum is not an amateur at this branch of business, as he had been for some time the proprietor of a hotel in Hartland (N. B.), which was destroyed by fire last spring.

Word has been received here by John McKenna, of Barker street, to the effect that his son, John A., is lying in a critical condition in the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. The young man has lately been employed on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, in Boston, where it is supposed he met with an accident. His father has gone to Boston to investigate.

The extensive repairs being made to Leinster street Baptist church are progressing rapidly. Considerable work has been done on the roof and the walls and the interior of the church are being completely repainted and redecorated. A new electric lighting system with tungsten lamps is being installed, and when complete will give the most modern installation of any church in the city. The work will take a couple of weeks more, and in the meantime church services are being held in the Sunday school room.

The Maritime Oilfields Company will probably begin boring for oil and gas this week at Canaan, some seventeen or eighteen miles west of Moncton along the northern division of the I. C. R. Drilling operations at Taylor's Village are also being prosecuted. There were 28 children enrolled last week, with an average attendance of 87. The secretary paid a tribute to the excellent work of the teachers, and their interest in the children and their efforts to overcome difficulties experienced with hard rock in that section. A depth of about 700 feet was reached there and oil and gas were struck in small quantities, but the presence of so much rock made the work slow and tedious. At Stony Creek at present the Maritime Oilfields Company are drilling two wells. In one a depth of about 200 feet has been reached, while the other has only recently been started, but so far no oil or gas has been found in either—Richibucto Review.

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