

CITY NEWS.

Recent Events in and
Around St. John.Together With Country Items
from Correspondents and
Exchanges

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Wm. Maher was found dead in his bed at his home, North St., Sunday morning. The deceased was about 60 years of age.

On Wednesday the Canada Eastern brought nine carloads of fish from Loggieville, which were delivered to the C. P. R. to be forwarded to the United States markets—Gleaner.

By telephone from Montague Wednesday night, the Guardian learns that Dr. Gamaliel Gilhe of that place died at 8 o'clock that evening. He was in his 44th year—Charlottetown Guardian.

Messrs. Richards and Gunter's mill at Boletown has opened up for the winter's operations in spool wood. They aim at manufacturing 500,000 feet, which will be double last year's work—Gleaner.

The causes of death reported at the board of health office for week ending Jan. 8, 1898: Bronchitis, 3; old age, 2; consumption, 2; paralysis, 1; apoplexy, 1; pneumonia, 1; cirrhosis of liver, 1; peritonitis, 1; intestinal obstruction, 1; abscess of brain, 1; total, 14.

Tug Storm King went up to Quaco Saturday and pulled the scho. Karsle off the rocks. She was taken up into the creek, where the greater part of her cargo will be saved. The schooner's bottom in going and she will be a total wreck. Capt. J. A. Evans is still with the vessel looking after the saving of the cargo.

S. Herbert Mayes has leased premises on Rodney wharf, west side, and intends conducting a commission business there. He will deal in all kinds of country produce, such as poultry, beef, pork, eggs, butter, cheese, lard, etc., and by quick returns, on consignments expects to win and hold a large patronage.

Miramichi boat shipments are largely over-stated in the St. John Globe of the 3rd inst. The Globe puts them down as having been 147,125,000 a. f. f. for 1897, whereas the correct figure is 101,719,071 a. f. f. Miramichi was one of a few ports of the province which shipped less in 1897 than in 1896—Miramichi Advance.

Count Greenwell, No. 1762, at his regular meeting, elected the following officers: A. L. McKel, C. R. F. W. Whelpley, V. C. R. G. A. Whelpley, C. D. W. S. Blythe, P. S. Rev. H. A. Cochrane, N. L. H. Thos. C. W. Short, R. S. D. T. Boyle, P. C. R. L. D. Fowler, Sr. B. E. H. Whelpley, Jr. B. Thos. Whelpley, Sr. W. M. C. Short, Jr. W.

The wedding occurred at eight o'clock Wednesday night at Miss Nova Arnold to Wm. Carby at the residence of the bride's parents on Ratchford street, Amherst. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. McGregor. The bride was handsomely dressed and attended by Miss Emily Downey, while D. Greenwell supported the groom—Amherst Gazette.

Miss Frances Osburne Rainsford, eldest daughter of Osburne Rainsford of Grand Falls, N. B., and niece of R. H. Rainsford of Fredericton, and Dr. Mark H. North of Cambridge, Mass., were married Wednesday last at St. James' Episcopal church, North Cambridge, by Rev. Dr. Abbott. The bride was given away by Geo. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. North will reside at 10 Centre street, Cambridge. The bride has many friends and relatives in this province.

Of the accident to Clark Wallace, a Toronto despatch says: "Hon. N. Clark Wallace is nursing a painful injury in the form of a fracture of the arm. A day or two ago he was walking on the street when he slipped and fell. Much of the weight of the fall came on the left arm and when a physician made an examination he found that one of the large bones of the left forearm was fractured. Mr. Wallace, however, is around despite the painfulness of the injury. He carries the arm in a sling."

The death occurred in this city on Saturday evening of Harriet Trueman, widow of the late Thomas P. Trueman, at one time a leading citizen of Moncton. The deceased, who was in the eighty-second year of her age, had been sick but a short time. Her death will therefore be heard with deep regret by her numerous friends and relatives throughout the province. Mrs. Trueman was born in Moncton before that now present city had attained the distinction of being called a town. Two brothers residing in Moncton survive her, the Rev. John Prince and William L. Prince, and one sister, Miss Rebecca Prince of St. John. She also leaves behind her one son, Thomas P. Trueman, formerly of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Stephen T. Golding and Mrs. Charles F. Coleman, both of whom reside here. As a wife, a mother, a neighbor and a member of the Christian church she exhibited all the graces which adorn and beautify the Christian character. The funeral was held from her late residence, 189 Princess street, Tuesday afternoon, at 2.30.

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Str. Mimac has been chartered, to load grain at Philadelphia for Rotterdam at \$3.31, berth terms.

Capt. Walter McLean of this city has been appointed navigator of the fine sailing vessel, the *Argo*, which is owned by a wealthy New York gentleman.

Mrs. Ann Enslow of Hopewell arrived in town on Saturday morning on a brief visit to friends in west end. Yesterday morning she met with a fatal accident. She was walking on Dock street toward north end, when she slipped and fell, breaking her left leg. She was taken to her home by some friends.

At the regular meeting of the Inevitable L. O. L., No. 16, St. Martins, the following officers were elected: James Rourke, W. M.; Calvin Bradshaw, D. M.; James Hodemith, chaplain; Geo. Patterson, rec. sec.; E. V. Floyd, fin. sec.; Wm. Fletcher, treasurer; Joseph McCumber, lecturer; John McIntyre, D. C.; committee, James Greer, Frank Cochran, James Dunlop.

P. E. ISLAND.

BEDEQUE, Jan. 6.—Mrs. John Cahill died last Monday morning after an illness of nine days. The funeral took place yesterday morning. Of a family she leaves three sons and three daughters.

The late cold snap has made the ice on the river quite safe for travelling to and from Summerside. John Tucker has the contract for bushing the Bedeque side of the river.

W. H. Pettiback, V. S., who recently returned from taking a course of study at the Ontario Veterinary college, Toronto, has just received word that he has been granted a grade A diploma. Mr. Pettiback in the government examination stood highest among seventy competitors.

Ira Schurman left last Monday for Wolfville academy, and yesterday Miss Louise Schurman left for Mt. Allison Ladies' college.

DEATH OF COUNSELLOR MORRIS.

(Charlottetown Examiner.)

We have to announce today the death of ex-Counsellor Morris, who was for many years industriously identified with the corporate interests of Charlottetown. Mr. Morris, endured with patience a long and distressing illness. He was the son of the late John Morris, at one time high sheriff of Queens county. In early life he was a leader among our volunteer militiamen, and the rose in the service to the rank of major. More recently he took an active interest in civic matters and obtained an influential position at the city council board. He was a warm-hearted man and had many attached friends. He leaves four sons, who mourn the loss of a loving and kindly-hearted father.

P. E. ISLAND WEDDING.

(Charlottetown Guardian.)

The nuptials of Edgar P. Strang and Miss Annie McPhail, daughter of Neil McPhail, were celebrated at West River, Wednesday evening. Rev. C. W. Corey officiated, assisted by Rev. G. Campbell. Miss Grace McNeill, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. The bride was attired in white cashmere and carried a handsome bouquet. The bridesmaid also was dressed in white, which was further adorned by a floral bouquet. Many valuable presents were received. The young couple will spend their honeymoon at the groom's home, the Leaside hotel, Cape Traverse, where the genial proprietor, Alex. Strang, gave a distinguished reception last evening to relatives and friends. A large number of invitations were issued, including many from Charlottetown and Summerside.

LONDON SPRUCE MARKET.

The spruce market at present is quiet, and if anything prices are somewhat firmer. One of the largest shipping firms in London inform us that they have not a second third or fourth spruce deal in the market here, and we have reason to believe that this represents the position at first hands generally, the stocks being almost, if not entirely, in the hands of retailers. We understand forward selling has been progressing, chiefly with France and Ireland, but not on anything like the same scale as last year, which is attributed to late shipments and other causes affecting f. o. b. business. The general impression is that the opening prices will be something about what they were last year. There is a fair stock, we understand, in Canada, and that, with a well supplied market here, will operate in keeping values from advancing, and shippers will, probably, be satisfied if they can clear their stocks at the opening figures of last year—Timber Trade Journal.

THE MARKET FOR PULP.

The total quantity of woodpulp imported into England last year was 327,080 tons, more than three-fourths of which was from Norway and Sweden, Canada only supplying 2,714 tons, and it is contended by those who have made a special study of the question in Canada that an enormous market is open in the Mother Country to their exports of woodpulp. It is to be hoped that the attention of the manufacturers of paper in the west of England will be favorably drawn to the Canadian pulp—English paper.

SHIPPING AT NEW YORK.

The following is a summary of arrivals at New York from foreign ports for the year 1897:

	Strs.	Ships.	Bks.	Bgs.	Sch.	T.
American	323	58	67	26	478	853
British	1,687	14	21	40	331	2,512
German	444	35	38	10	10	537
Norwegian	243	8	38	10	10	321
Dutch	183	7	4	10	10	204
French	111	2	2	10	10	149
Italian	4	2	2	10	10	68
Spanish	58	2	2	10	10	85
Belgian	63	1	1	10	10	82
Danish	31	1	1	10	10	42
Portuguese	22	4	1	10	10	30
Austrian	20	1	1	10	10	25
Brazilian	1	1	1	10	10	20
Hawaiian	1	1	1	10	10	20
Swedish	1	1	1	10	10	20
Haytian	1	1	1	10	10	20
Greek	1	1	1	10	10	20
Nicaraguan	1	1	1	10	10	20
Total	5,117	200	253	70	880	4,614

PORK PACKING.

Letter from The Wm. Davies Co., Ltd., to W. S. Fisher.

In Reply to Some Questions Asked Them on Behalf of the Farmers.

W. S. Fisher some time since addressed the farmers of Hampton and vicinity, by request, on the subject of pork packing. In the discussion a number of questions were asked which Mr. Fisher was not able to answer. He therefore wrote the Wm. Davies Co. of Toronto, and from them has received the following reply:

TORONTO, Jan. 7th, 1898.

W. S. Fisher, St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir:—The writer regrets the long delay in replying to your letter of Dec. 15th, but unfortunately he has been absent from business for some five weeks through illness.

We are exceedingly obliged to you for your continuous attention to this pork question.

Replying to your several questions:—

1st. We would require the last season of at least 25,000 hogs for the first season before we would feel warranted in spending money on a new house in your province.

2nd. No business house can make any guarantee of one year or of two or of three in the purchase of raw product to be converted into an exportable article. A guarantee, however, will be given to all reasonable people in the putting of our money into a house for the purpose of operating on the business of pork packing.

3rd. The genius of a successful export business is regularity. It is positively fatal to run for one year and then stop, or nearly stop, for the balance. Customers in England require a regular supply of pork to come to us on a regular basis, they look for it every week. The season of the year when we are bound to have our largest receipts is from the 1st of June to the 1st of September.

4th. All weights given are for hogs weighed alive. Our present grades in Ontario are as follows: Best lean hogs, 150 and 160 lbs.; fat hogs, between 150 and 160 lbs.; over-weights, which take in all straight hogs, 220 lbs. and over. Of these ordinary classifications come sows, stags and very rough hogs. Now, the hogs we are packing are of the following grades: viz.: lean hogs, 150 to 220 lbs. For these we are paying today \$5.12½ per 100 lbs. delivered from April 1st to September 1st. Fat hogs, \$4.62½; for fat hogs, 150 to 220 lbs., \$4.25; for over-weights, \$4.50. All these hogs are packed in the following manner: terminating with a fat or lean hog between 150 and 220 lbs., we have to be governed by the judgment of the packer. A hog that is sufficiently fat to make what we call a No. 2 side of bacon, is put into the regular pack, and is sold at a premium of \$4.50. The average price which we paid for our hogs delivered in Toronto during the year ending March 31st, 1897, was \$4.36½. For the year ending March 31st, 1898, \$4.07 per 100 lbs.; for the present year, \$3.87½ per 100 lbs. This average represents the price for all grades of hogs. Strictly speaking, the select lean hogs would represent a considerably higher price.

5th. All the hogs we purchase in Ontario are bought at a price delivered at our factory. The prices which we have given you would represent a delivered price. The cost of carrying the hogs to the factory, and the cost of the country buying from farmers, and the cost of the country buying from farmers, when they ship them to our packing house.

6th. The answer to this question you will find in the above reply to your question.

7th. Our retail price for sausage in Toronto during the past year has been for 100 lbs. of sausage, \$4.50. This average price has been \$5.35 per 100 lbs. This average represents the price for all grades of hogs. Strictly speaking, the select lean hogs would represent a considerably higher price.

8th. The question of feeding is all important. Unfortunately the farmers' opinion on this matter is not valuable. The real test of the quality is when the hog is manufactured into bacon, and the value of the hog is then determined. The value of the hog is then determined by the quality of the meat, and the quality of the meat is determined by the quality of the feed.

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