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STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. William Keen, of St. Stephen, died in Marysville yesterday, aged 85 years.

The Salacia, the last of the Donaldson line winter port boats this season, sailed today.

McLaughlin Carriage Co., Ltd., 32 Dock street. Open every evening. Terms easy.

Steamer Prince Rupert will make a special trip to and from Digby tomorrow at usual hours.

The pay of the section men on the eastern division of the Boston and Maine has been advanced ten cents a day—Portland Press.

An opportunity will be given for twenty-one men to apply for positions on the fourth contingent in the office of Col. McLean, Saturday.

No. 5 hose cart responded about noon today to a still alarm for a fire in a pile of rubbish on the inside of the railroad track near Hillyard's mill.

The death is reported of Mrs. Ann Moore, which occurred last evening at the home of Henry Johnson, at Welsford. Mrs. Moore was eighty-seven years of age.

There is room in Trinity choir for several good alto voices. Application may be made to the choirmaster, R. F. Strand, 267 Charlotte street, any day between 5 and 6 o'clock.

Toilet Sets at \$1.89 a set; Tea Sets at \$3.19, including ten cases of household goods, have arrived and will be marked at special prices during my ten days' sale. McLean's Department Store, 565 Main street.

Capt. Beverly R. Armstrong will lecture in the school room of St. Mary's church tomorrow evening on the "South African War." There will also be patriotic music, and a pleasant evening is assured.

The Marysville shingle mill started sawing on Tuesday for the season. The mill is equipped with nine shingle machines and all are running. The saw mills will not start operations before next Monday.

Charles Goggin, of Hampton; Harris D. Babbour, of St. John; Joseph A. Hudon, of Montreal; Nellie R. Babbour, of St. John, and Theodosia Goggin, of Hampton, are seeking incorporation as the C. S. Goggin Company, Limited. The proposed capital stock is \$20,000.

A young man named Nice, working on the Donaldson line at Salacia, was last night badly injured. He was thrown from a truck which he was handling and struck heavily upon his head. He was taken to his home in Carleton.

The yacht Windward was launched at Millidgeville yesterday. She is the first of the fleet to enter the water this season, as she was last; but launching took place three weeks earlier this year than last. The Windward will be thoroughly repainted and will be ready for service in about ten days.

W. A. Simonds, who went from here in charge of the immigrants to the Manchester Shipper, returned today. He reports that there was absolutely no trouble with the men after leaving St. John. They were well fed on the train and were quite satisfied with their treatment.

The staff of the Allan Line who have for the past few months been looking after the winter port work for their line will leave on Monday for Montreal. Captain Barclay, the port captain will remain for a short time to close up the business. Those who leave for Montreal are Manager W. Wainwright, Robert Teakle, Mr. Magee and Harry Watson.

Rev. Dr. Morrison will read an original French dialect poem entitled "Le bon St. George," at the Boys' Brigade concert on Friday evening in St. John Presbyterian church. This one has not yet been read in public and is very appropriate this week. He will also repeat, for the benefit of the first St. John Company, "Le Regiment des Filles," commemorative of the departure of the school teachers for South Africa. The dialogues and readings will also be unusually entertaining.

PERSONAL

Frank Shute of Fredericton, who was critically ill in Havana, is recovering. William Richards, the Bramich-Jungerman, who was very ill, is now improving.

Lewis Bliss has been appointed accountant in the Fredericton Boom Company's office at St. Mary's in succession to the late W. K. Allen.

The many friends of Rev. Dr. Mowatt of Erskine church, Montreal, will be delighted to learn that his congregation have arranged a three months' trip for him and Mrs. Mowatt to the old country. They will start in time to take in the coronation proceedings and will visit many places of interest during their stay on the other side.—Fredericton Reporter.

THE POTATO MARKET.

(Fredericton Gleaser.)
The potato market continues to show great activity, both for local consumption and for export. \$1.25 to \$1.30 a barrel is the price for Early Rose or Delawares. W. T. Estey is today loading a car for the United States market. James A. Bell will load a car at Doaktown or Blackville this week for export.

At Presque Isle, Me., potatoes are selling at \$2.10 to \$2.50 per barrel.

QUEER BIRD'S NEST.

Among the bananas on a stalk brought here yesterday for E. A. Goodwin, was found a bird's nest, which had remained safely hidden and uninjured through the journey from Jamaica to St. John. In the nest, was a small egg, about the size of a gray-bird's, mottled in color, and in a sound condition. How the egg escaped destruction is a mystery and Mr. Goodwin is keeping the nest as a curio.

CAPTAIN EXONERATED.

Board of Inquiry Clears Capt. Thompson of Lake Superior of All Blame.

Commander O. V. G. Spain, head of the board of inquiry into the stranding of the steamer Lake Superior, today read the finding in the case. Capt. Thompson and Pilot Rogers were both present. The finding in so far as it places blame or exonerates the men concerned, is as follows:—

That the ship was navigated in safety by Captain Thompson to a secure position off Musquash, where Pilot Rogers boarded her, and conducted her safely to the entrance of the harbor; that the master and officers were at their stations ready to execute any order or requirement of the pilot on entering the harbor; that the ship was well found in anchors and chains; that the stranding of the steamship Lake Superior was caused by the want of judgment of the pilot, in having placed the ship in the influence of the freshet by keeping her too far to the eastward and under port helm when approaching the wharves, and about to let go the starboard anchor on that side of the harbor, and by his not having kept her on the western side of the harbor, thus commencing the operation of mooring by letting go the port anchor and completing it by letting go the starboard anchor on or towards the eastern side. That the master, Capt. C. K. Thompson, is exonerated from all blame and censure, and that his professional reputation is not affected by the stranding of his ship; that the officers and crew of the ship are exonerated from all blame.

The court are of the opinion that had the starboard anchor not broken either the cable would have parted or the ship's windlass given away.

The deceased was 53 years old, a native of Nova Scotia and has resided in Gloucester for many years.

LABORERS ARE SCARCE.

Laborers are scarce in St. John and there is no reason why any able-bodied man who is willing to work should remain idle. Times are good for the laboring classes and although artisans and builders state that there is not such a rush this year as during some previous seasons, work is generally plentiful.

On the west side the winter port traffic has given employment to some hundreds of men during the season and now when it is drawing to a close, although not quite finished, considerable difficulty is being experienced in obtaining a sufficient number of men to handle the freight. The reason for this is that the usual spring industries are just now commencing and men are leaving their winter occupations to engage in others. Large numbers are already at work or preparing to begin fishing, many have gone to the woods to look after drives, and several of the mills, which have been closed down during the winter, are now running on full time.

In a few weeks, whenever the winter rush of freight has been cleared up, the C. P. R. will commence work on the extensions and improvements to be built this year and on these extensions some hundreds of laborers will find employment.

TODAY'S FUNERALS.

The remains of the late Mrs. Robert DeWolfe were this afternoon interred at Fernhill. The funeral took place from the residence, 33 Broad street, and the services were conducted by Rev. Geo. Sellar.

The funeral of the late Mary O'Brien took place this morning from the Mater Misericordiae home to the church of St. John the Baptist, where high requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Maynard. Interment was at the Catholic cemetery.

HARDWARE CLERKS' HOLIDAY.

The hardware clerks will have the Saturday half holiday in June, July and August this year as usual. The following firms have signed the agreement to close at 1 p. m. on Saturday in those months:—W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., T. McAvity & Sons, Kerr & Robertson, S. Hayward Co., Ltd., Jno. W. Addison, Miles Eagar, Emmerson & Fisher, Jas. Robertson Co., Ltd., H. Horton & Sons, I. E. R. Burpee, John J. Barry.

The hardware clerks have proved themselves public spirited in former years, assisting in securing band concerts and the like, and will no doubt help in the same line this year.

FISH MARKET.

Receipts in the local fish market this week have been very light. Fishing is reported very poor, especially off Grand Manan, and very little has been done on the Nova Scotia coast. The results of the harbor fishing have, so far, not been very satisfactory. The quotations for the week are halibut, twelve to fifteen cents a pound; cod and haddock, four cents a pound; gaspareaux, eighteen cents a dozen; shad, thirty to thirty-five cents each; pickerel, six cents a pound.

THE COURTS.

In Harris v. Jamieson in the circuit court, George Lord, a foreman employed at work on the I. C. R. elevator when Charles H. Harris was killed, was on the stand this morning. D. Mullin, K. C., for the plaintiff; C. N. Skinner, K. C. and A. G. Blair for the defendant.

Equity Court.

Rev. George E. Lloyd was on the stand this morning in the suit of Fairweather v. Lloyd and Robertson in the equity court.

FOUND DEAD ON THE FLOOR.

Miss Mary Wells died suddenly at her home on Prospect street, Gloucester, Mass., on Saturday from heart trouble. She had complained of not being very well and went to a neighboring house where she was given some hot drink with the intention of alleviating the pain. She returned to her home and one of the neighbors called and found her dead on the floor. Medical Examiner Quimby was summoned and pronounced death due to natural causes.

The Rev. G. M. Campbell of St. John will deliver a lecture in Wesley Memorial Church, Moncton, on Monday evening next.

POLICE COURT.

Made a Light Lunch on a Policeman's Finger—O'Brien Remanded.

The six prisoners on the bench this morning were rushed through without any waste of time and the fines imposed averaged somewhat more than usual.

Michael Fitzmorris, one of the stone hotel quartette, admitted in a very weak voice that he had been drunk on Princess street. Michael was sent in to sing or pass his time in other enjoyable occupations for two months.

William Boyce, sixteen years of age, was arrested last evening for fighting in the J. C. R. depot. He was remanded until the other party to the fight, who is supposed to have been equally guilty can be secured.

Between five and six o'clock yesterday evening Charles Nealey raised quite a commotion in front of his father's house on Rodney street, Carleton. He was drunk and amused himself by breaking all the windows within reach. Only two whole panes remained after he had finished. Officer Lee, hearing the crash of breaking glass, hurried to the scene and arrested Nealey. In the struggle which ensued the prisoner made a light lunch off the officer's finger, inflicting a very painful wound. This habit of eating the police appears to be the fashionable caper in Carleton just now.

Nealey was charged with being drunk and breaking windows and was fined twenty dollars or two months in jail. The charge of resistance was not pressed. Last evening John O'Brien was arrested on suspicion of being the person who entered William Newman's house on Simond street on Monday night. The charge was read to the prisoner and he was remanded.

Gabriel East, the basket making descendant of the Millicetes was found on Sheffield street late last night very drunk. He was accompanied by another Indian, who, however, had not been overcome by the fire water. Paul had some baskets to sell but was unable to dispose of them in the court. He was sentenced to jail for two months with the hardest labor that can be given him.

Thos. Sheehan, charged with whiskey, pleaded guilty and got eight or thirty days.

THE CASE AGAINST KELLY.

In the case against William Kelly, charged with assault on United States Customs Officer Frank Burns, Police Magistrate Dibble of Woodstock said Tuesday that so far as he is concerned the case is dismissed. Other developments are expected. The case excites great interest and many of Kelly's neighbors from Debec were at Woodstock preparing to furnish bail if required. Efforts are being made by American authorities to extradite the prisoner but the matter is not settled yet.

CUT IN DRY FISH.

At a meeting of the fisheries committee of the Gloucester, Mass., Board of Fisheries yesterday the prices on salt codfish from the vessel, of all grades, were dropped 25 cents on a hundred pounds and a cut of 50 cents made on large dry headline cod. The prices now are: Large headline Georges, \$3.50; medium do, \$2.50; headline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3.25; medium do, \$2.25; large trawl headline cod, \$2.50; medium do, \$2; large dry headline cod, \$2.75; medium do, \$2.25.

EXHIBITION IN MONCTON.

At a meeting of the directors of the Moncton and Fox Creek Agricultural Society, held in Moncton yesterday, a letter was read from the minister of agriculture, Hon. L. P. Paré, stating that by the request of the society together with the Hon. C. W. Robinson, M. P. P., and A. R. Copp, M. P. P., and the members of Albert and Kent that the department of agriculture had decided to grant a sum sufficient to hold an exhibition called the Maritime Exhibition. The society passed a resolution to hold an exhibition this fall.

THE DELICIOUS ORANGE.

The very faintest, most satisfactory way of preparing oranges is to outline with a sharp knife two circles around the fruit, about half an inch apart and half way between the skin and blossom ends. Remove all the rind excepting the half inch band. Just over one of the natural separations between the sections of the orange cut the band with a keen knife. All the divisions may then be carefully separated one from another while all remain attached to the girdle of yellow rind. Oranges so prepared may be laid in layers on a fruit plate, outstretched upon the narrow piece of peeling; or they may, after the sub-divisions have been carefully made, be closed together again, and a ribbon tied around the orange over the rind girdle will preserve the spherical form and be very pretty and ornamental for guest occasions. It is but the action of a second to untie these ribbons, and behold! the sections all lie before one, in perfect readiness to be eaten and most easily detached from the bit of rind which holds them side by side.

Oranges should be served freely during the months when they are especially in season. No breakfast seems quite complete which does not begin with an offering of this beautiful fruit when it is to be had in perfection. Nearly all people are benefited by some acid fruit just before the breakfast proper is served, even if it be no more than a half dozen grapes. The stomach is thus prepared for the foods that follow. For breakfast, a half orange, cut cross wise and eaten with a spoon and sugar if desired, is a fine appetizer. This way of serving oranges is particularly appropriate for the morning meal. An orange spoon enables one to extract the juice and more delicate portion of the fruit with perfect success.

When sliced in sugar, care should be taken to remove every seed and so prevent bitterness.

For evening companies the mode of serving this fruit upon the narrow strip of peeling is most suitable, convenient, beautiful and refined.

To many orange ice is vastly preferable to lemon ice. It is richer in color and flavor.

Oranges, in the land in which they grow, are regarded as most desirable for food in the early part of the day, the saying being oft repeated that they are "gold in the morning and lead at night."

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