LUMBERMEN CUT CABLE

St. John River Log Driving Co. Claim Boom Above Fredericton Temporary Highway Bridge was Obstruction.

Fredericton, April 21.—The wire cable holding the boom to sheer the ice away from the spiling which has been driven for the temporary span of the Highway Bridge was cut this afternoon by representatives of the St. John Log Driving Company, who claimed that the boom formed an obstruction to navigation.

What action will be taken in the matter will depend upon the instructions received from the Attorney General, who has been advised of what occurred.

A. R. Wetmore, chief engineer of the Provincial Board of Works, said this afternoon that everything had been done to meet the views and wishes of the St. John River Log Driving Company, and that arrangements had been made by the contractor to open the boom whenever the company's boats wished to get through. The boom, he said, was absolutely necessary in order to carry on the work, and while the ice was running it was difficult to see how the work could proceed unless there was a boom to keep the ice away from the spiling as much as possible. The work is likely to be held up by the company's action.

Manager Rowan, of the St. John River Log Driving Co., said this afternoon that he had not cut the cable, but had merely taken a boom which was the property of the company. "I will cut any cable that is an obstruction to our steamboats, however," said Mr. Rowan.

STELLAR PROGRAMME AT NICKEL THEATRE

Crowded Houses Greeted each Performance Yesterday — Interesting Pictures and Winning Vaudeville Acts.

The Nickel opened the week with a stellar bill, and hundreds enjoyed the programme at the different shows yesterday afternoon and last night. Both the picture programme and the vaudeville features are of extra merit and much favorable comment was heard by the crowds of delighted patrons.

As a headliner for the picture bill a two reel film "The Queen of Spades" makes a charming story, and is one of the most sumptuous pictures seen in some time. The story depicts the trials and troubles which befall an inveterate gambler and unable to resist the lure of the gaming tables. How gambling is carried on in the select circles under the mantle of respectability is also depicted, while the denouement provides a moral in keeping with the story. The story is excellently acted; mounted in superb manner, and in costuming shows a rich display of the modish creations in feminine dress.

A Vitagraph picture "Let 'em Quarrel," is a delightful comedy feature which relieves the strain after the more serious scenes of the preceding picture and lends variety to the programme.

Ruth M. Blaisdale, concert soprano in a new song hit was heard to excellent advantage and proved a favorite at all performances.

The Nickel introduced at yesterday's performances the Vissochi Brothers, a clever pair of musicians and whistlers. The Vissouchi team give a novel entertainment, are past masters as accordian players, and as whistling artists have few peers; their repertoire ranges from popular airs to grand opera and they proved an excellent attraction.

The same programme will be repeated today, and in addition some of New Brunswick's scenic beauty will be shown.

WEDDINGS

Fitz-Randolph—Balloch.

A quiet but pretty ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock in Trinity church when Guy Allan Fitz-Randolph, of this city and Miss Emily Kathleen Balloch, of Fredericton, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. A. Armstrong, rector of Trinity. The bridegroom is a son of A. F. Randolph of the firm of Randolph and Baker, and is himself connected with the firm. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. and the late Rainsford Balloch, of Fredericton.

The bride was given away by her mother. The couple were unattended. The ushers were Frank Kinnear and Harold Cruikshank. Besides the immediate relatives of the couple, the guests included Mr. and Mrs. F. deL. Clements and daughter, Miss Louisa Fisher, Courtland Robinson, Miss Carr, Mrs. G. Y. Dibblee, Fredericton; Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. John Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Heber Turnbull, Mrs. Silas Alward, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rupert Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitz-Randolph, Fredericton; Mrs. Best, Miss Best, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Daniel, Miss Fenety and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph left on the Boston train en route to Bermuda for a honeymoon. On their return they will reside at Randolph.

A Musical Treat.

Reserve Thursday evening next, April 24, for LaTour Male Voice Glee Club annual concert, City Hall Carleton. Musical treat. Mrs. E. A. Smith, recitations. Miss Olivia Murray, violinist. Tickets 25 cents, Landry's, etc.

The Usual Way.

When a man doesn't know just what to say he generally says it anyhow—and then regrets it.—Puck.

THOMAS E. SHEA SCORES BIG HIT IN OPERA HOUSE

Favorite Actor Opens Engagement in Modern Drama — "The Bells" Tonight—"Jeckyll and Hyde" Tomorrow.

Thomas E. Shea returned to St. John last evening after an absence of twelve years, and must have been impressed with the warmth of the reception accorded to him in the Opera House when he opened an engagement in "A Man and His Wife," a drama of society and finance, with a good sparkling of comedy, not always relevant, but none the less amusing.

The production was, in every way, a success, although it must be admitted that Mr. Shea is not as convincing in modern drama as in the pieces which he has made particularly his own. To those who want to remember him as the greatest "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," or in his really wonderful conception of the remorse-riven Mathias in "The Bells," or as the crafty and subtle "Richelieu," it is something of a disappointment to see him in the prosaic role of a banker and financial wizard of Wall street. The fault is not the actor's; rather it is due to his vehicle, for only in the strongest of his scenes last evening was the superlative quality apparent which has made him famous in other roles.

In his opening act he was good, but it was not until the intense scene at the close of the second act that he rose to the heights of which he is capable. In his lighter lines he showed technical excellence but, notwithstanding his good performance, he left in the minds of those in his audience who had seen him before, the knowledge that he was not by any means in his best part. Those who enjoyed him last evening as Benjamin Clarke will get a taste of real acting when they see him in "The Bells" or in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," with which bills he is to favor St. John during the present engagement.

In the scene at the close of the second act where the keen business man appears about to break under the strain of the tragically acquired knowledge that while he has busied himself in becoming a financial power, a serpent has stolen into his home and ruthlessly attempted to rob him of the wife who was the inspiration of his business career, Mr. Shea was sublime in his anguish but it was asking too much of any playwright to carry the emotions through two more acts. Consequently, practically all the work most worth while, which fell to the part of the star, was contained in the first two acts.

It is pleasing to his friends that Mr. Shea retains the intense virility which marked his work in other years. He is, as of old, one sterling actor and in roles more congenial than that of last evening will add much to the enjoyment of the St. John theatre goers.

His company, as always with Thos. E. Shea, is very capable. Charlotte E. Burkett is his leading lady and she made the most of her opportunities. Miss Pearl Ford, winsome and pretty, made a charming ingenue in the role of Miss ESlizabeth Baker, while excellent character work was done by Mr. Cassady as Langley. Mr. Amory as the senior Clark, and Mr. Dickerman as Mendall. Mr. Nichols as Grien, the faithful clerk of the banker, had an especially good dialect and was seen to advantage.

Mark Fenton was the villain of the piece, and while his part was, as usual with villains, an unsympathetic one, he handled it in a very capable manner.

Mr. Beach, Mr. News and Mr. Stanford were acceptable in minor parts.

The play itself tells an interesting story and the fact that it carried the audience was especially apparent when the fine artistry of the climax of act 2 received but a complimentary curtain call, while in the third act, where, by the way there was not so much opportunity for good work, but in which the conventional triumph of the hero over the schemes of the villain is manifest, was received with uproarious applause and a triple curtain call.

In response, the star made a brief but effective curtain speech in which he expressed his pleasure at the opportunity afforded him of again visiting St. John and thanked the audience for the reception given him.

The scenic investiture and costuming of the piece were all that the story and locale made necessary and the play was staged with much attention to detail.

Tonight Mr. Shea will be seen in role of Mathias in "The Bells," a character in which he has few equals, and tomorrow evening he will present his masterpiece "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," of which he is conceded to be the world's greatest exponent of the past decade.

For Wednesday matinee and Saturday matinee last evening's bill will be repeated.

ANNUAL MEETING OF NO. 2 SALVAGE CORPS

The annual meeting of No. 2 Salvage Corps and Fire Police took place last evening in their rooms, Main street, a full attendance of the members being present. The total number of alarms during the year was 56 and 86 covers were spread. The secretary's report was read and the election of officers took place as follows:

Captain—John Thornton.
Lieutenant—J. C. Purdy.
Foreman No. 1.—George Carvell.
Foreman No. 2—William Brown.
Foreman No. 3—F. W. Campbell.
Foreman No. 4—Walter Logan.
Secretary—A. L. Chappell.
Surgeon—Dr. C. M. Pratt.

After the election speeches were made by Captain Thornton, Lieutenant Purdy, Foreman Carvell, Secretary Chappell and the retiring officers and others.

Holder's orchestra was present and played a short programme in their usual pleasing manner. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening brought to a close about midnight.

ALMOST THROUGH WITH BORINGS AT WEST SIDE

Public Works Official will then go to Bathurst in Connection with Harbor Development there.

A. W. Gregory, of the Dominion department of public works, who has been on a trip to Montreal, returned to the city yesterday. Mr. Gregory has some work to finish in connection with the borings on the West Side.

When through with this he will go to Bathurst, probably on Thursday, to do some work in connection with the development of the harbor there. The government made provision for the dredging of the channel to a depth of 20 feet into the harbor of Bathurst. Soundings made in connection with this programme showed the existence of a reef of rock in the channel. Mr. Gregory will make borings in order to determine the extent of this reef and the cost of its removal.

OPPOSITION CONTINUES SENSELESS OBSTRUCTION

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The smaller Liberals from Eastern Nova Scotia, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Chisholm (Antigonish), and D. D. McKenzie, then took a hand in complaining of the dismissal of a number of section men and other employes on the Intercolonial. On this they talked for hours. Mr. Davidson of Annapolis finally intervened, accused the Cape Breton member of having got government employees to work for him at the last election. When Mr. McKenzie denied the charge Mr. Davidson read extracts from evidence taken at an investigation held by Commissioner Duchemin. This evidence indicated that Mr. McMillan, a law partner of the North Cape Breton member, had paid the bills for whiskey and food.

"You don't pay election bills at all," said Mr. McKenzie.

Mr. Davidson retorted that he had no bills to pay. He said that he would vacate his seat if Mr. McKenzie would resign in North Cape Breton and thus see where a Conservative member or a Liberal member would be elected.

The Highways Bill.

When the I. C. R. bill had been passed the government brought forward the highways bill.

Mr. Cochrane in introducing it said that it was the same measure as that which he had introduced a year ago and which the Senate in its wisdom had seen fit to throw out.

There were cries of "No" from the Liberals, and Mr. Cochrane with a smile said: "All right, I won't argue about it."

The minister of railways and canals went on to say that this was a measure designed to make the farmers and settlers more contented and happy. It was part of a general movement of which the rural mail delivery and rural telephone were features. It had been urged that the federal government should provide for the upkeep of roads, as well as for their first construction, but he thought it was a little took soon to think of that. It would be much easier for municipalities to maintain the roads than it would be to build them. The money would be handled by making arrangements with the provinces as to what roads should be improved, and by agreeing with them as to the specifications. The same specifications, he pointed out, could not be used in all cases as the nature of the soil differed in various locations and different types of roads would have to be constructed.

Should Forget Politics.

When the specifications had been agreed upon they would advertise for tenders. He expected that the provinces and the federal authorities would be able to see that the money was well spent. The criticisms levelled against the scheme had not been on its merits. One province, Saskatchewan, had decided against it. There was no idea of assuming any provincial patronage, and the several governments should be able to work in harmony. If they would forget their politics they should be able to work out a plan which would be of great benefit to the settlers and farmers and all using the roads.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that there was no difference between the two parties as to the object of the bill and its usefulness if it were passed on proper lines. The only difference which had existed last year existed today. The leader of the opposition said that the bill was not rejected by the Senate last session. It was merely amended in a manner not acceptable to the government. There was nothing in the present bill, he continued, to guide the government in making the expenditures of the money upon highways. It might be possible to give to Ontario and refuse Quebec, or give to Quebec and refuse Ontario.

Mr. Cochrane—"The amounts to be voted will have to appear in the estimates."

Sir Wilfrid's Amendment.

Sir Wilfrid was not satisfied with the safeguard to which the minister referred. He said that a former member of the House, Mr. Lennox, now a judge of the high court of Ontario, had suggested that the money should not be expended according to the population of the provinces, but as the government might deem necessary. The opposition leader said that the minister should include in the Highway Bill a clause similar to that in the bill respecting agricultural instruction, and he moved an amendment couched in the language of the latter measure as follows:—That the bill be not now read a second time, but that this House, whilst recognizing the importance of assisting in the improvement of highways, is of the opinion that all appropriations for that object should be allotted and paid to the governments of the various provinces in proportion to the population of the said provinces, as determined by the decennial census.

The Premier's Reply.

The Right Hon. R. L. Borden said he felt that the intention of the leader of the opposition would have been better fulfilled by a different mode of procedure. In adopting the same course as he had done last year the leader of the opposition was preventing the second reading, whereas, had he waited until the bill reached committee he could have easily moved his amendment. He had advanced nothing that was not advanced by him last year. He had adduced the agricultural bill as an example. "But surely the right honorable gentlemen sees the distinction between the two cases," said the Premier. "In the case of the Agricultural Bill, it is proposed to grant a specified sum of money, ten million dollars, and it was necessary in that bill to provide for the allocation of that money between the different provinces. But in this case, as was pointed out last year, there is absolutely no provision whatever for the expenditure of any sum of money, except such sums as may from time to time be voted by parliament.

"The bill does not enable the government or minister to spend a single dollar unless afterwards voted by parliament, and we pledged ourselves last year and when the estimates were brought down we fulfilled that pledge, and when the money came to be voted, it would be found to be apportioned to the different provinces on exactly the same basis as the subsidies."

Tilting Against Windmills.

"My right hon. friend," continued the Premier, "is merely beating the air, tilting against windmills and doing nothing except to obstruct the passage of a measure which, if carried, would seem to be to the advantage of every province in Canada in placing at their disposal, under proper safeguards agreed upon by the provincial and federal governments, a sum of money by which these provinces could bring about better modes of communication between the farmers in the country and the great transportation centres of Canada. I venture, therefore, to express my regret that the right hon. gentleman did not see fit to permit the second reading of this bill to pass without various and unnecessary discussion because, in committee it would have been open to him to propose such amendment.

"The people of Canada," said Mr. Borden, "have expended large sums indeed considering the conditions of development in this country and the resources of the people to provide railway transportation, but that expenditure upon railway transportation is only a portion of the chain that is necessary in order to give the producers, the farmers and manufacturers, the opportunity of transporting their goods to market.

"It is an advantage, of course, to have great lines of railway and waterways, but you need something more than that; you need good roads by which the farmer can bring to the railway, and to the shipping wharves, his goods at a quarter the cost which falls upon him today because of the system of bad roads which unfortunately exists throughout the country.

To Meet Great Need.

"It was for the purpose of adequately meeting that great and pressing need that the government last year submitted, and submits again this year, a proposal which, it seems to me, is entirely fair and in no way trenches upon provincial rights, because either this money will be spent by the provincial governments themselves, under all proper safeguards, or by this government, itself under one clause of the bill, the same as last year, but with the authority of the provincial legislatures and of the provincial executives; therefore the rights of every province are absolutely maintained by the provisions of this bill.

"Under these circumstances, and knowing that the people of Canada are thoroughly awakened to the need of better roads and highways in every province, I can only express my regret that my right hon. friend did not see fit to assent at once to the second reading of the bill and hail with satisfaction, as I think the country will, the proposals of the government to do something real and tangible to bring about a better system of highways in this great country."

Expect a Brisk Summer.

While the real estate business has not been as active recently as during the winter, the real estate men are looking forward to a busy summer and great activity in the building line. They report that inquiries from Montreal, Toronto and other Canadian cities as far west as Winnipeg were never so numerous as at the present time, and there are strong indications that a great deal of outside money will be invested here during the year.

Miss Lena M. Vincent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bev. T. Vincent, 26 Millidge Avenue, graduated on Saturday April 19, from the Rhode Island Hospital. She expects to remain in Providence until after the graduation exercises on May 7, and until after taking the State Board examinations on May 8 and 9th to become a registered nurse of that state. She is also a graduate of Providence City Hospital for Contagious Diseases and of Providence Lying-in Hospital for Obstetrics.

The Subjection of Man.

Why so much fuss over a husband promising in the marriage ceremony to obey his wife? Most of them do it without promising it.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

LIPTON'S CHALLENGE.

New York, N. Y., April 21.—A special meeting of the New York Yacht Club was called today for Thursday evening, April 24, to consider Sir Thomas Lipton's unqualified challenge for a match for the American cup.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER CASE IN CHICAGO THAT PUZZLES THE POLICE.

George Dietz, a prominent German merchant of Chicago, was cruelly slain in his room, and the police have been unable to run down the assailant. Mrs. George Dietz is unable to furnish any clew and knows of no enemies that might have killed her husband. The case is a very mysterious one. The police are seeking a man and woman and admit that the actual murderer has not yet been arrested.

NEWCASTLE NEWS

Newcastle, April 21.—The death of Mrs. Frank O. Baxter, of Millerton, occurred very suddenly Saturday afternoon, after an illness of only three days. Deceased was only 43 years of age, and was universally esteemed as an earnest Christian woman and model wife and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, who removed from Harcourt to Millerton several years ago, were preparing to return to Harcourt on the 22nd instant, to again make their home there. The body of deceased was taken to Harcourt for burial this morning. She leaves besides her husband, the following children: Euna, Hilda, Leo, Harold, Bertha and Percy. The surviving brothers and sisters are H. Douglas Atkinson, I. C. R. stationmaster, Derby Junction; Hedley T. Atkinson, Douglastown; John Atkinson Richibucto, and Mrs. John Hutchinson, Harcourt. Interment will be made in the Methodist cemetery.

Rev. P. W. Dixon, pastor for many years of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church leaves for Montreal today to undergo treatment in hospital there. Father Dixon has not been in good health lately, but has improved the last few days, and it is hoped he will soon be able to resume his regular work. He is being temporarily relieved by Rev. Father Redding, who comes here from Dalhousie.

The Newcastle ferryboat, which was easily raised last week, is being overhauled and will probably be on the route again very soon.

Stephen Hurley, of St. John, lectured in the Opera House here Sunday night on Robert Emmett, under the auspices of the local A. O. H. Mayor Morrissy was chairman, and with him on the platform were Rev. Fathers Dixon and Redding and Hon. John Morrissy.

The programme was as follows:—Overture on piano, Misses Quinn and Sullivan; solo, "The Minstrel Boy," Miss May Morrison; lecture, Mr. Hurley; trio, "Off in The Stilly Night," Fred V. Dalton, Jack Creoghan and Clayton Morris; piano duet, Misses Quinn and Sullivan; address, Rev. Father Dixon; address, Rev. Father Redding. God Save the King.

Before the National Anthem, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer on motion of Hon. Mr. Morrissy.

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MARRIED.

FITZRANDOLPH-BALLOCH — At Trinity church, St. John, N. B., Monday, April 21st, Emily Kathleen, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. R. Balloch, of Fredericton, to Guy Allan, eldest son of A. H. FitzRandolph, of Fredericton, and Randolph, St. John Co., N. B.

DIED.

MURPHY—On Sunday the 20th inst., Elizabeth A., widow of the late Samuel Murphy, aged 63 years, leaving two sons and one brother, to mourn.

Funeral on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her late residence, 107 Simond street. Service at 2.15.

FLOWERS—In this city on the 19th inst., Jersie, wife of Wm. C. Flowers, leaving a husband, two sons and three daughters, also a loving mother, three brothers and four sisters, and a large circle of kind friends who will deeply regret her loss.

Funeral on Tuesday, 22nd inst., from her late residence, 53 Carmarthen street. Service at 3.15 o'clock.

From Halifax To Vancouver

WOMEN ARE PRAISING DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Nova Scotia Mother Tells How They Cured Her Aches and Pains, and Made Her a Well Woman Again.

Ecum Secum Bridge, Halifax Co., N. S., April 21.—(Special)—From Vancouver to Halifax come daily reports of the splendid work Dodd's Kidney Pills are doing for the suffering women of Canada, and this little place can show a splendid cure of its own. Mrs. Orastus Pace, the mother of a large family, was a sufferer from those aches and pains only women know. Today she is a strong healthy woman. Dodd's Kidney Pills did it.

"I had a pain in my left side and down through my hips," Mrs. Pace states. "I had headache all the time. My heart was weak, and at times a pain around it added to my fears. Some days I was hardly able to walk.

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MARINE NOTES OF THE WORLD

VESSELS ARRIVE AT QUEBEC SEASON OPENED.

Steamer and Schooner Floated—Dangers to Navigation

SCHOONER FLOATED.

The schooner Neva from Boston for Bear River, went ashore yesterday morning on the east side of Digby Gut, and was pulled off four hours later by the lifeboat without damage and proceeded to her destination.

HARBOR FRONT NOTES.

The C. P. R. steamer Montreal, for London and Antwerp, took away Canadian goods valued at $140,422, and foreign goods valued at $135,968, making a total valuation of $276,390. Her wheat shipments are 35,696 bushels.

The Donaldson Line steamer Cassandra, Capt. Mitchell, is at the island from Glasgow with general cargo and passengers. She will dock today.

THE BATTLE LINE.

There are now three steamships belonging to Messrs. William Thomson and Co. at Havre. The Himera, Capt. Tocque, arrived on the 19th; Eretria, Capt. Crossley, on the 20th, and the Albuera, Capt. Lockhart, on the 21st. They all arrived from Santa Fe.

ARRIVED AT QUEBEC.

Quebec, April 21.—Steamer Sokoto, arrived from Puerto, Mexico via Louisburg, arrived here at 5.30 p. m. Sunday and proceeded to Montreal. She encountered a snowstorm between Father Point and L'Islet. The steamer Montcalm left here on Saturday afternoon for Cabot Straits to assist navigation by informing vessels by wireless telegraph of the condition and position of the ice in the gulf. Steamer Cascapedia leaves here for Montreal on Monday morning to resume her trips between Montreal, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

THE DONALDSON LINE.

The steamer Athenia, Capt. Black, bound to St. John from Glasgow, was 150 miles east of Sable Island at 9.40 a. m. yesterday.

A BUSY PORT.

Sarnia, Ont., April 21.—Like other Great Lake ports, Sarnia, Ont., is now humming with activity in preparation for the impending opening of navigation which will be on April 23rd. It will come as a surprise to many people to learn that Sarnia, at the head of the St. Clair river, the entrance to Lake Huron, is a gateway through which more tonnage passes than any other one point in the world, there being an average of one vessel, either up or down, every five minutes throughout the season of navigation. Owing to the heavy rush of spring traffic to northern points in British Columbia, the management of the Grand Trunk Pacific Steamship Company announces that it will be unable to install oil burning equipment in their steamer, the Prince John, immediately, as had been intended, for fear of disorganizing the service, and will not withdraw from her regular run for this purpose until the autumn. Oil burning engines were installed in the Prince Rupert and Prince George last spring and in the Prince Albert within the last few weeks so that when similar engines are placed in the Prince John all of the company's leading vessels will be fitted with the most modern and efficient equipment.

STEAMER FLOATED.

Savannah, April 18.—Steamer Gulistan (Br) from Pernandina (before reported aground below quarantine) was floated this afternoon with the assistance of four tugs.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION.

Stmr Hellig Olav (Dan) reports April 12, lat 40 50 N, lon 51 55 W, passed a spar projecting about 2 feet out of water.

Stmr Perugia (Br) reports April 6, lat 41 32 N, lon 44 W, passed a log about 25 feet long and 1 foot square; lat 41 35, lon 38 49, passed a log about 25 feet long and 1 foot square.

Stmr. Caledonia (Br) reports March 26, lat 45 50, lon 42 07, passed two icebergs about 60 feet high.

Stmr. City of Seattle reports April 2, lat 53 09 N, lon 158 36 W, passed large quantities of logs, one of which projected about 20 feet out of water.

The Canadian signal service under date of April 15, reports ice as follows: L'Islet, light scattered ice; Money Point light open ice, distant; Cape Ray, heavy open ice, distant; Flat Point, heavy open ice everywhere, moving south; Point Amour, heavy close packed ice everywhere, stationary; Belle Isle, heavy open ice inshore, moving east, two bergs; Saguenay River, ice still solid, not expected to clear before two weeks. Stmr Wacousta left Louisburg, NS, on the 11th inst came through the Gut of Canso and Northumberland Strait; no ice met from Louisburg to about 40 miles west of Magdalen Islands; from there to 30 miles east of Gaspe met heavy drift ice; from 30 miles east of Gaspe to Cape Salmon, no ice; Cape Salmon to Quebec, light scattered ice.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

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Mount Royal, C. P. R.
Rappahannock, 2490, Wm Thomson and Co.
Ocamo, 1,228, Wm. Thomson & Co.
Manchester Shipper, 2542, Wm Thomson and Co.
Virginian, Wm Thomson and Co.
Clara Mennig, W M MacKay.