

RIVER STEAMER
SERVICE WILL
BE RESUMED

Majestic to Run Next
Week—River Rising
and Logs From Mac-
naquac Drive Run-
ning.

The St. John River is going to have one of the latest steamer services on record this year. The Crystal Stream S. S. Company which withdrew the Majestic last week will put her on the St. John-Fredericton route Monday. She will arrive Monday evening returning to St. John Tuesday and making another trip to Fredericton Wednesday. The intention is to keep the steamer on the route all next week if possible. The West Indian steamer arriving at St. John brought heavy consignments of fruit which will come to Fredericton by the Majestic.

No Sign of Cold Weather.
No sign of weather cold enough to interfere with navigation has appeared. The weather continues mild and it is expected to be that way for another week at least. The river has risen rapidly with tributaries also high and the swift current will make it unlikely for ice to form without a marked drop in temperature.

River Still Rising.
The river still rising with the recent heavy rains behind it was six feet six inches above summer level at noon today according to the measurements on the gauge of the St. John River Log Driving Company in Devon. The rate of increase in the freshet is not as rapid as it was yesterday. Logs are running. They are from a drive of Fraser Companies Limited which was hung last spring on the Macnaquac. Driving and rafting on the St. John River having been finished some time ago the owners of the logs are arranging to boom them and bring them to the Victoria Mill in this city.

Great Contrast.
The contrast between the weather now and that of a year ago could not be greater. Lakes and rivers had frozen long before this date. One year ago at Magaguadavic Lake Fred McLaggan of Nashwaak driving a team of horses for Fraser Companies Limited broke through the ice of the lake and had his horses drowned.

CITY AFFAIRS

Sugar Cheaper.
Sugar prices declined yesterday ten cents per hundred pounds.

False Alarm Friday Night.
A false alarm of fire was rung in last night from box 43. The culprit was not found.

Eggs are Scarce
Strictly fresh eggs are selling here for seventy five cents a dozen and are very scarce even at that attractive price. In the St. John markets fresh eggs are in great demand at eighty cents a dozen.

Teachers Institute.
The York and Sunbury Teachers Institute will meet in the Assembly Hall of the High School Building on the morning of Thursday December 20th and will continue the session for two days. A large enrollment is expected.

Interment at Lakeville.
The body of the late Wilfred L. Jordan, Barker's Point, was taken this morning to Lakeville Corner interment was made alongside of those of his mother that being the dying wish of the deceased. Relatives accompanied the remains. There was a short service at the home of Gifford Jordan at 7.30 last night conducted by Rev. H. H. Ferguson.

Late Miss Charlotte Perley.
The funeral of the late Miss Charlotte Perley took place Friday with service by Rev. F. H. Holmes assisted by Rev. A. F. Bate. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. The pallbearers were R. B. Hanson, M. P., L. S. Morrison, J. M. Lemont and J. J. Weddall. The mourners were W. J. Scott, William Perley, Col. C. J. Mersereau, Dr. H. V. B. Bridges and G. F. G. Bridges.

Inspects Marine Engines
Telegraph-Journal: After inspecting engines at New York, Jarvis Purdy, secretary-treasurer and acting manager of the Crystal Stream Steamship Company, returned to the city yesterday. The company is building a new ship at Meteghan, N. S., which will be ready for the St. John route next spring. Mr. Purdy states that it has not been definitely decided as to what type of engine will be installed in the new steamer.

CONSUMER
GETS SOME
RELIEF

The consumer in regard to retail prices in Fredericton has been given a measure of relief this month, in regard to certain staple foodstuffs but in other lines there have been slight increases. Fuel is steady at present with the general expectation that the unseasonable mildness of November and early December should tend to produce lower prices later. Coke from the Besco ovens at Sydney is now on the market and is being used in increasing quantities. It is considered superior to soft coal and almost as good as anthracite. Welsh coal also is on the market with many users. Wood still has its numerous users with furnace hardwood the most expensive. It is reported that there is much in the surrounding country but absence of snow prevents it from being brought in now. Later with the snow there should be abundance of wood for fuel with prices easier than otherwise they would be.

Food prices as quoted locally, December 1 showed some variations. Beef in all better cuts was somewhat easier and the same was true of pork. Cooked boiled ham also was a little cheaper. Best quality eggs however are scarce and high in price. Canned goods advanced, tomatoes, peas and corn being affected when the season's pack came on the market. Sugar showed little change. The humble onion was sold a little cheaper and currants for Christmas trade also were lower. Apples are dear owing to the poor New Brunswick crop. Macintosh Reds are worth ten dollars a barrel. Pacific Coast fruit though inferior in flavor is having a great call owing to scarcity of local apples. The packing of the western apples is in their favor and also the methods of handling the business on a huge scale.

Eighty Dollars For Lizzie.
A Ford car in running order which had been used some time was offered at auction in Phoenix Square this morning. Bidding was very slack and after it went up to seventy-five dollars the owner himself bid the car in at eighty dollars and drove away.

Return From Hunting Trip.
Purvis Shannon, William Coyle and Robert Clewly who had been hunting big game along the International Sub-Division of the C. N. R., arrived home Friday. They killed three deer. Their absence in the woods was so long that relatives feared that they had been lost.

THOUSANDS
OF CHRISTMAS
TREES SHIPPED

Ridiculously Low Stump-
age Paid Owners—
Precautions to Pre-
vent Theft from Cars
Enroute.

Thousands of Christmas trees already this season have been shipped from the Province of New Brunswick to points in the United States. About three hundred car-loads have left the southern part of the province and many others from points in the north. Each flat-car loaded with the trees contains about three thousand so the rate at which immature spruce and fir is leaving the province can be judged.

In many cases however it is not the young trees which the cut but the tops of fairly well grown trees as all the buyer wants is a symmetrical tree for the festive season of a size that can be handled easily in a dwelling.

Very Low Stumpage.
York and Charlotte Counties have been supplying many trees for this trade. S. H. Neales of Danforth, Me., being the chief buyer. Four carloads seized recently at Centerbury Station because of being cut on Crown Lands were for Mr. Neales. He made a hurried trip by car from Danforth accompanied by an associate J. Balkam and put up a deposit which released the cars pending a decision of the Department of Lands and Mines as to the rate of stumpage to be charged. The owners of granted lands who permit buyers to cut Christmas trees receive a rate of stumpage which seems ridiculously low. It is ten to twelve cents per bundle of trees, varying according to locality. Four is the average number of trees to a bundle so the stumpage is not more than three cents per tree.

Shipping Methods.
The method of shipping is to bundle the trees together lashing the branches close with rope-yarn. Each car takes about 750 bundles or three thousand trees as a load. Poultry netting is secured over the top and sides of the load to prevent theft from the cars enroute, as Christmas trees are a temptation to those who can get a chance at the cars. Boston, New York and Chicago are the destinations.
Quarantine Increases Demand.
Watt Junction, McAdam, Canterbury and Harvey are points from which many cars loaded with Christmas trees have been billed. Because (Continued on page 5.)

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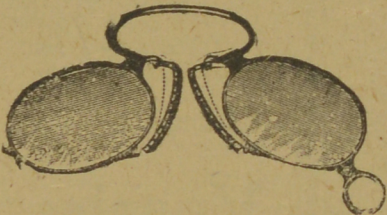
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