

ST. JOHN RIVER HIGHER BUT STEADY TODAY

Cold Weather Prevents Rise — No Damages Being Reported—Road Conditions Bad in This District — Reports of Seeding Crops.

Cold weather over the weekend prevented the water in the river from rising as fast as it would have, had the temperature been higher. From Saturday noon to Sunday noon there was a rise of five inches but from then on the height of the river has remained about the same. The present level of the river is just ten inches lower than this year's highest height which occurred when the ice jam caused the water to back up and flood the country around here.

With the exception of the damage done by the ice-floe, there have been no other reports of a serious nature. Providing it does not rain hard the water should start lowering soon and the possibility of any damage to the flats on either side of the river will be removed. At many places along the Oromocto and Sheffield flats the roads are flooded and are impassable for anything except horse-drawn vehicles.

Other roads in this district are very bad in places. The frost is still coming out of the ground and causing holes and cavities. The Nashwaak road is fairly good for the time of year, but a heavy rain might cause much damage due to the nature of the high banks. A landslide occurred on Saturday about three miles above Marysville and the road was blocked for a short time by a tree that had come down with the loose earth.

It has been reported that some farmers are getting an early start on their crops and have started seeding in some lines. There is still a good amount of frost in the ground and the truth of the reports seems remote. Seeding in the hothouses in Sheffield has started but it will be three weeks at least before the large crops can be planted.

CITY AFFAIRS

Improving in Health

The many friends of John Bebbington Sr., will be glad to know that he is rapidly improving after several weeks illness. He is able to be up for one or two hours every day. Mr. Bebbington will be 89 years old in June, but despite his age he is active in business and takes a great interest in the welfare of the community.

Still Alarms Yesterday

The fire department was kept quite busy yesterday answering still alarms for chimney fires. At 8.30 a. m. there was a call from the Waverly Hotel; at 9.30 a. m. there was a chimney fire at J. Davidson's on Westmorland st., and at 10 a. m. at William Fraser's on Brunswick street; at 4 p. m. alarm 26 was rung in for a chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Colby on Charlotte street. Very little or no damage resulted from any of the fires.

Funeral on Sunday

The funeral of Trueman Burt was held from the late home in North Devon on Sunday afternoon, with service at 2.30 conducted by Rev. Mr. Dow. Many friends and relatives of the deceased were present. The late Mr. Burt had suffered a broken hip on Friday and died that night as a result of the injury. He had been one of three residents in Devon with a combined service of 150 years with the McFarlane-Neill Mfg. Co., fifty-five years being to Mr. Burt's credit. The pallbearers were: Benjamin Haines, E. A. Nason, Edward Reynolds, Ferdinand Atkinson, while the mourners were as follows: H. A. Burt, Ralph Campbell, John Haines, Harding Kierstead, Donald Bird, Elwood Burt, R. B. Adams, and W. B. Dayton.

Mrs. C. J. Dunham of Toronto arrived in the city at noon today to spend a short visit with relatives and friends.

HUSBAND AND WIFE, ARTISTS, FISHING HERE

John Taylor Arms, An Etcher, and Mrs. Arms, An Authoress, Arrived Today—To Spend Two Weeks on Miramichi.

John Taylor Arms, well known architectural etcher, and Mrs. Arms, an artist in her own line as an authoress, arrived in the city today and will spend the next two weeks' salmon fishing on the Miramichi river with guide W. Harry Allen. They reside at Fairfield, Conn., and while in New Brunswick will stay at the Queen hotel.

This is the seventh successive year that Mr. and Mrs. Arms have fished in this province, and they have been coming here since 1922 on which date the famous illustrator met Mr. Harry Allen in New York and expressed a desire to visit this province for salmon fishing.

Several Books

Incidentally Mrs. John Taylor Arms, who is the authoress of several books, is the first woman to run down the Cain's river in the early spring. During the coming fall she will publish a book with MacMillan titled "Fishing Memories", the memories being of she and her husband's fishing trips with Mr. Allen on the Cain's river in recent years.

Interviewed by a Mail reporter this morning Mr. Arms commented on the happy times he and Ms. Arms had spent fishing in this province. He said, too, that the collaboration of author and illustrator in husband and wife, had been mutually satisfying to both.

Tour Europe

Both have been doing extensive European travelling in conjunction with their work, and last year they toured northern Italy in the interest of their work. In this regard Mrs. Arms will in October publish a volume of her travels.

GENERAL SYNOD ENGLISH CHURCH HERE MAY 31

Announcement Made on Sunday by Bishop Richardson—Many Changes In Anglican Pastorates Here.

Announcement was made yesterday at Christchurch Cathedral by His Lordship Bishop Richardson, that the general synod of the Church of England in the Fredericton diocese will be in session here from May 31 to June 3.

A number of changes loom in local pulpits of the Anglican Churches. One is that of Dean of Christchurch Cathedral, which has been resigned by Very Rev. Dean Scovil Neales, on account of ill health. Rev. J. H. A. Holmes, of Rothesay, who has been named his successor, will be installed at the morning service of the Cathedral next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Holmes will preach his first sermon as Dean on Sunday evening.

The University of King's College at its encanenia next week, will honor Mr. Holmes, by conferring on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Another change is that of Rev. Mr. Forth of Prince William, who will be transferred to Newcastle within a short time. Rev. W. J. Bate, father of Rev. A. F. Bate, pastor of Christchurch Parish church, is expected to arrive here on Wednesday and take over the curate duties of that church. Archdeacon Sisam is retiring on May 1 too, it is learned, which will necessitate an appointment as will Mr. Forth's transfer.

On Visit Here

Miss Margaret Lynds, of Hopewell Cape, Albert county, and her sister, Miss Lily Lynds, are in the city, guests at the Queen. They are on their way home from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where they have been spending the winter. Miss Margaret Lynds was at one teacher of elocution at the Provincial Normal School.

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