ICE OPERATORS BEGAN WORK ON RIVER TODAY

Shortill, Devon Iceman, Has Begun Operations Above Nashwaaksis—Board of Health Analyses Ice.

Despite the inconvenience of snow piled high on the river, icemen in this vicinity made a start this morning on their winter operations.

Frank Shortill, Devon iceman, began clearing away a site for winter cutting on the St. John river, a short distance above the Nashwaaksis tihs morning. Others, including R. R. Stevenson of this city, also began to arrange for the cutting season. Five operators usually work all winter, and supply the bulk of the ice in this locality for domestic consumption during the summer months.

Ice Clearing

An earlier report was that the icemen would be forced to do their cutting some distance above the city this year on account of the debris gathered at the top of the ice in this section of the river. But during recent thaws this has tended to clear up greatly.

The usual analysis of the ice will be made by the Board of Health as soon as cutting commences. Each year a piece of ice is cut from the river and sent to Dr. Hagerman for bacterial analysis.

This procedure will likely take place within a week or two as all the icemen begin their winter's work. Already the health authorities have issued licenses, but these are subject to approval when cutting begins.

CITY AFFAIRS

Adjusters Complete

Saint John insurance adjusters, D. M. Hope and D. A. Grant, who have been at work here for several days past left last night after making satisfactory adjustments.

Rapid Progress

City employees are making substantial headway in clearing away the bulk of yesterday's snow storm on Queen Street. A sharp change in the temperature today is the nature of a typical January thaw.

Surrenders Charter

Hon. A. J. Leger, Provincial secretary-treasurer, has accepted the application of the Little River Lumber Company for the surrender of its charter and dissolution of the company.

Seriously Ill

George M. Byron, King's Printer, was called to Saint John this morning by the illness of his eldest son, Edward. The young man underwent two serious operations recently in St. John, and his condition today was believed to be quite serious.

Granted A License

The National Trust Company, Limited, of Toronto, has been granted a license to transact business in New Brunswick and has appointed J. M. O'Halloran, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce here as its agent for the province.

To Address Institute

Dr. A. S. McFarlane, chief superintendent of education for New Brunswick, has accepted an invitation to speak before the Saint John Women's Institute on February 13. Dr. McFarlane will deliver an address on the subject of the recent report of the Education Commission. New Brunswick teachers are especiall invited to this meeting.

To Attend Meeting

Premier C. D. Richards and Dr. W. J. Wright, Provincial mineralogist will attend the dinner to be given at the Union Club in Saint John for the Alumni of the University of New Brunswick, which takes place on Thursday. At this dinner will be selected the Alumni orator for the encaenia, and election will be made of new members and appointment of examiners for the candidates for the Alumni scholarship.

GRAND JURY FOUND TRUE BILLS IN ALL THREE CRIMINAL CASES, TRIAL OF ATHERTON HAS BEGUN

Three True Bills Returned at York County Court Sitting in Criminal Cases Against Ralph Kitchen, George Lockard and Dick Atherton — Latter's Trial Begun This Morning Before Petit Jury—Unusual Request Made.

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At the opening of the York County Court yesterday afternoon, Judge A. R. Slipp presiding, a grand jury was summoned and after examining witnesses returned a true bill in the case of the King, on the information of Nathaniel Jones, vs. Dick Atherton, charged with breaking and entering the store of Kitchen Bros., on the night of November 27th., and stealing a quantity of cigarettes and tobacco. This morning the grand jury returned true bills in the case of Ralph Kitchen who is charged the same as Atherton and also in the case of George Lockard, who charged with receiving the stolen goods.

At the opening of the court this morning the trial of Atherton was started after the grand jury had retired to consider the Kitchen and Lockard cases. A petit jury was empanelled for the trial. C. L. Dougherty ic Crown Prosecutor and Fred H. Peters is counsel for Atherton and will also appear as counsel for Lockhard, when his trial begins, probably tomorrow. C. R. Hawkins, is retained as counsel for Kitchen.

Witnesses

Three witnesses had gone on the stand for the crown before the noon recess. Before examining the first witness, however, Mr. Dougherty addressed the jury outlining to them the course that the crown would follow in attempting to prove the guilt of the accused.

The first witness was Howard W. Peters, of this city who is employed as a shipping clerk at Kitchen Bros., Ltd. He told of arriving at the store on the morning of the 28th and of finding the window broken in the back door. He also said that he noticed that some cigarettes and cigars were missing and he at once notified G. D. McDougall, his boss. He was cross-examined by Mr. Peters, who questioned him regarding a bar that was ripped off the door and which had been used to prevent anyone entering the store through the window. The witness was also questioned regarding sacks around the store similiar to the one found by the police in which, it is alleged, the loot was conveyed from the store to the hiding place.

Mr. Dougherty returned to question the witness and showed him the sack that the police found but the witness could not say that it had been in Kitchen Bros., although they had had some similiar to it.

G. D. McDougall

The 2nd witness for the crown was G. Duncan McDougall, buyer and assistant manager of Kitchen Bros. He gave an approximate estimate of the goods stolen and fixed their value at roughly $175. The witness said, when shown two boxes of Simons cigars that there had been some of the same kind stolen from the store.

Hedley Price

The third witness for the crown was Hedley Price, of Ludlow, Northumberland County. Before the witness took the stand, Mr. Peters, made application to have Ernest Mellish excluded from the Court, while Price gave his evidence. He said his reason for it was that he had been creditably informed that at the preliminary hearing Mellish had promoted Price in giving answers by means of a secret code. Judge Slipp said that he had had many requests but none quite like that. He refused the request saying that he did not believe such a thing happened in the police court and that he could watch it here.

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