

LOCAL NEWS

Arrived in Halifax.

The tern schooner Melba, Captain Read, arrived in Halifax on Thursday with a cargo of hard coal consigned to S. Cunard & Company.

Joined Siege Battery.

Stanley Clowes, of Oromocto, and Herbert Dibblee, of Manguerville, enlisted at St. John yesterday in No. 9 Siege Battery.

Band Concert Last Night.

The Fredericton Brass Band played a very enjoyable programme at the Smythe street band stand last night. A large number of people heard the music.

Long Auto Trip.

Mr. Chas. H. Edgecombe, accompanied by a party of friends, left this afternoon on an auto trip to Portland, Boston and the White Mountains. They will be absent about ten days.

Motoring Party.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Olts, of Meductic, Miss Vera Olts of Benton, and Mrs. Murray, of Dumfries, were at the Barker House last night. They arrived by auto.

Flour Up Again.

Bread flour had a further advance today of 20 cents a barrel. The retail price of best brands is now \$8 per barrel. Pastry flour has advanced 25 cts. a barrel.

Overseas Officer Here.

Capt. A. E. Barton, of Moncton, is at the Queen. Capt. Barton served with the First Canadian Contingent, leaving with the 8th Battery, which was commanded by Major S. B. Anderson.

Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gourley, of St. Marys, announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Miss Dora May Gourley, and Mr. Alfred Hartley Wood, of Fredericton. The wedding will take place in the near future.

Fishing Parties Return.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosack, of Jamaica, who had been fishing with Mr. Charles Cremin of Fredericton as guide, arrived here today on their way home. They are at the Queen. Mr. Walter Meehan, who was with Mr. W. H. Allen on Cain's river, is also at the Queen.

A Son and Heir.

Word was received here yesterday of the arrival of a son and heir at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. McKee, at Radville, Saskatchewan. Mr. McKee was at one time manager of the Bank of Commerce here, and Mrs. McKee was formerly Miss Massey, of this city.

Recruits for Highlanders.

Everett D. MacLean, of Long's Creek, Queens county, Arthur B. Wood, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and John A. Skeggs, of Gardiner's Creek, enlisted at St. John this week for the 236th Battalion. Percy Carter enlisted at Sussex for the same battalion.

Work Progressing Rapidly.

The work of giving George street, between York and Regent streets, proper surface drainage is progressing rapidly. A surface sewer which will aid in the drainage of George street is being laid through Barrack Lane, the proper name of which is William street, to connect with the Brunswick street sewer.

Miniature Strike.

A miniature strike occurred yesterday on the work of laying a curb and gutter on Regent street, between Brunswick and King streets. But one man was affected, however. The trouble arose over the presence of a native of Bukovina on the job. Another workman, a native of England, declined to work under a "foreigner who ought not to be there anyway," and left the job.

New Potatoes.

The editor fed on new potatoes yesterday. The tubers were the product of T. J. Hurley's garden, which also produced new potatoes on July 15 from seed planted May 11.—Hartford Observer.

[Some Fredericton newspaper men have been feeding on new potatoes for over a week—grown in their own gardens.]

The Country Market.

Berries and new vegetables were quite plentiful in the country market this morning. Strawberries, probably the last of the season, brought 9 and 10 cents a box. Beans and peas sold at 40c. a peck, new potatoes 35c., cucumbers 3 to 5 cents each, lamb \$1.50 to \$1.75, butter 25c., eggs 30c., blueberries \$1 per pail, raspberries 15c. a box, gooseberries 12c., cherries 20c.

Few Forest Fires.

Lt. Col. T. G. Loggie, Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, states that there have been few forest fires in New Brunswick this summer, on account of heavy rains. A serious fire occurred in Grimmer Settlement, on the line of the International Railway, however. Only hard work by the crew of the Richards mill with the fire hose saved the village of Kedgewick, consisting of some forty houses.

PERSONAL.

Miss Jardine, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Palmer, returned to Boston last evening.

Mr. M. G. Murphy, district passenger agent of the C. P. R., is in the city today on an official visit.

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A general increase in fire insurance rates is to be put into effect in the near future. This increase is to be made because of heavy losses which practically all fire insurance companies have met with in the past few years. Losses have increased to such an extent that the companies' profits have come near the vanishing point.

Risks on farm buildings have particularly proved to be bad. Already there has been an increase in rates on risks of this class in New Brunswick.

Mr. Peter Clinch, of St. John, Secretary of the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters, was in Fredericton on Thursday. His visit was in connection with the coming increase of fire insurance rates. St. John agents already have been notified of the change. It is expected that Fredericton will not be affected as much as other cities.

It is said that insurance losses in Canada last year were in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000, while premiums were about \$15,000,000. It is to make up this difference that rates are being increased.

To Command Ambulance.

Major G. G. Corbet, of St. John, has accepted the command of No. 8 Field Ambulance unit, which is being raised at St. John. He is at present at the Canadian convalescent home, Bearwood, England. Major Corbet is medical officer of the 28th New Brunswick Dragoons.

GREAT ACTIVITY
AT THE MIRAMICHI
TUNGSTEN MINE

Large Crew of Men at Work Taking Out Ore and Smelting Operations Will Start Before Long.

The work of developing the tungsten mine at Burnt Hill, on the Southwest Miramichi, is proceeding satisfactorily. A crew of from forty to fifty men have been steadily employed for more than two months. A number of scows are being used on the river and a large quantity of ore is being taken out. It is expected that milling operations will be carried on in the near future and no difficulty is anticipated in disposing of all the finished product that can be got out.

A number of capitalists, including Mr. Matthew Lodge, of Moncton, are interested in the development of the property, and are confident that they have a good proposition.

Captain of Tyne
Is Reprimanded

St. John, July 29.—Capt. W. H. Robson, of the steamer Tyne, of the R. M. S. P. line, which grounded on Sunday last on the Old Proprietor Ledges, at the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, is "reprimanded and severely censured" by the court of enquiry which sat here yesterday. He escapes the loss or suspension of his certificate by giving evidence of his success in getting the steamer off and on account of the lack of qualified officers at present, according to the finding.

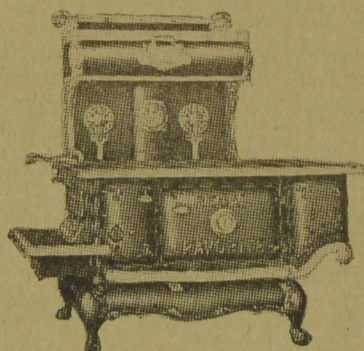
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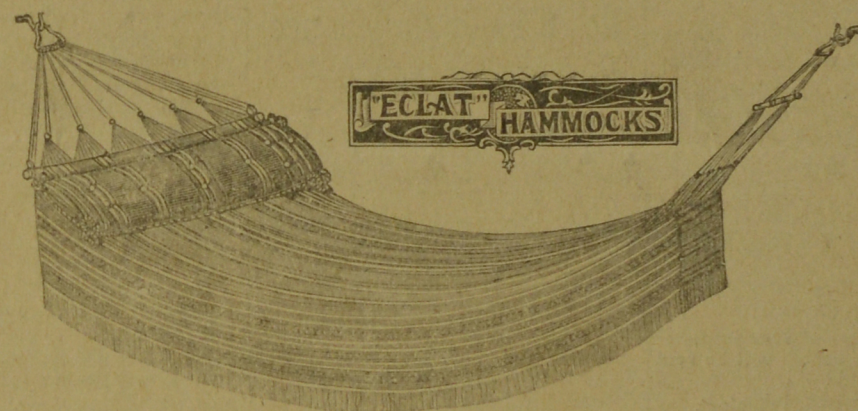
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