

WATER IN THE RIVER FELL FOUR FEET LAST NIGHT

The Ice Run Here Was One of the Tamest in Years — The Lumber Drives Making Only Fair Progress.

The water in the river during the ice run yesterday came up four feet at this point, but receded rapidly during the night and is today at the same pitch as was the case yesterday morning. As a result of the drop large quantities of broken ice have piled up along both shores of the river where it will remain until there is a warm rain and a rise of water. So far as can be learned there was no damage to property along the water front, as the ice run was one of the quietest in years. Considerable ice is still holding above Grand Falls, but below that point the river is all open. The ice in most of the tributaries has also moved out.

The Lumber Drives.

Reports from Sunbury and Queens Counties are to the effect that there was good water for driving at the start this week but it has been falling very rapidly. The Rockwell Stream, where the River Valley Lumber Company has a drive, was partly blocked with ice, and dynamite had to be used to open a passage for the logs. The River Valley Company also has crews on the Mersereau and Back Creek bringing out drives. The ice in the north and south branch lakes is still holding solidly, and is not expected to break up before the 1st of May. Mr. David Wood has a crew of men on a stream leading into the north branch lake, and is making good progress. Mr. G. B. Smith is in charge of the River Valley Company's drive on the back Creek.

The Fraser Companies drives in Salmon River and Canaan River are reported to be coming along well. The company also has drives on the Oromocto waters and on McCollum brook on the Nashwaak.

CITY AFFAIRS

Tag Day

The citizens are being tagged today by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. A number of young ladies were about the streets all morning with their tags and a great number were bought.

Examinations On

The students in the various educational institutions in this city are preparing for the annual examinations which come about this period each year. The University of New Brunswick is already taking its examinations for honor and distinction. Other U. N. B. students are writing supplementary papers. The Provincial Normal School and the High School examinations follow shortly.

Seen at Gaiety

The Bell of Atri a classic from Longfellow's Poems was seen at the Gaiety Theatre in pictures last evening. The pictures were shown in conjunction with Dumb Animal Week, which was under the patronage of His Worship Mayor and Mrs. W. G. Clark and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The large number that attended the theatre last night were greatly interested in the pictures.

Fell Off Shed

James Stephenson, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephenson, of 434 Westmorland street was the victim of a serious accident this morning at an early hour, when he fell from the top of a shed in the vicinity of his home and sustained a broken leg. The young lad was playing with other children at the time and had crawled up on the roof, losing his footing, he fell and twisted his leg so that when he fell, the leg was broken above the knee. The lad was immediately rushed to the Victoria Hospital and surgical attention given. He is resting as well as possible under the circumstances this afternoon.

Mr. Earl R. McSwain of Toronto is in the city today on business.

LOUIS TIBERT PICKED AS THE BEST ORATOR

Son of Provincial Vocational Director Won Elimination Contest Yesterday and Will Represent This City.

Louis Tibert, son of W. K. Tibert, vocational director for the province of New Brunswick, was the winner of the elimination contests at the high school yesterday to decide who should represent this city in the oratorical contest open to competitors from the high schools of this province. The contest will be held in the Vocational building at Saint John on Friday evening, April 26th. Campbellton, Fredericton, St. Stephen and Milltown will be represented in this "Battle of Words."

Other Winners

Ernest Whitebone of the Saint John high school was selected last evening as Saint John's representative in the contest. The Milltown speaker will be Thomas Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Day, who was chosen earlier in the week as the best orator from that district. Ralph Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rogers, is the St. Stephen representative for the "word" contest. This is the second time that Rogers has represented his town in the annual oratorical contests sponsored by the Rotary branches of the province.

Six young men completed in the elimination contests held at the high (Continued on page five)

ACCUSED WAS REMANDED TILL NEXT WEEK

Marysville Man Accused of Break Into Penniac School House Was Remanded Till Monday When Judgment Will Be Given.

Judgment in the case of the King versus Frank Doherty, Marysville man charged with breaking and entering and wilfully destroying property at the Penniac school house some time ago, will be rendered on Monday morning at eleven o'clock by Judge Walter Limerick in the local police court. The accused was remanded to jail when the case was resumed in the police court this morning from yesterday. A dispute arose between the two counsels in the case over some legal terms and the accused has not yet been put on his own defence. C. L. Dougherty is prosecuting while J. B. McNair is defence counsel.

The case for the prosecution was concluded on Thursday morning with four witnesses having been heard. They were Mrs. Mary Gammon, school teacher at Penniac, Goldie Collings, Helan Lovea and Edward Wade, one of the trustees of the School in that district. There evidence was in brief, that the school house had been broken into and everything put in a disorderly state. Books, the school register, and a bible had been destroyed.

The accused Doherty had been ar- (Continued on page five)

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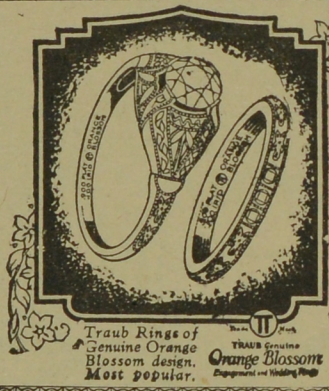
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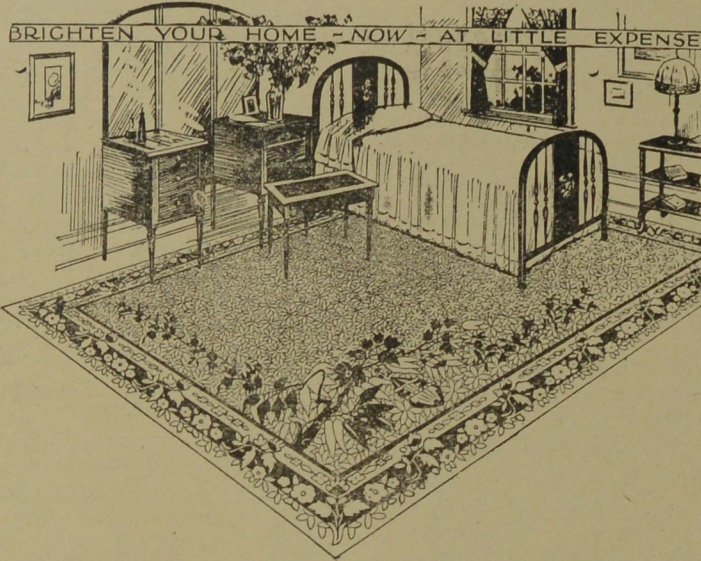
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