

PROSPECTS FOR DRIVING ARE BETTER

WARM RAIN LAST NIGHT
BRINGING STREAMS UP

E. Burt Lumber Company's
Drive on the Keswick
will be Out Next
Week.

The prospects for stream driving in this section of the province are bright, the warm rain which set in last night causing the snow in the woods to melt more rapidly and bring up the level of the streams which were showing signs of falling.

On the Keswick.

Mr. Elwood Burt of Burt's Corner, who is in the city today, states that the drive of the E. Burt Lumber Company on the Keswick River is making excellent progress and will be out next week. The drive consists of about three and a half million feet. In the same districts other drives are doing well. No other operators are driving the Keswick.

There is no word today from the Fraser drives but it is understood they are doing well.

On the River.

The drift drive of the St. John River Log Driving Company which began one week ago, today was at Lower Gagetown last night. Four tugs are at work for the company and satisfactory progress is being made.

Two Dollars at Caribou.

Potatoes were selling at \$2 per barrel in Caribou Thursday, according to reports received by the Bangor & Aroostook Railway.

Leaving to Rejoin Unit.

Gunnery Murray Kierstead and Eldon Dennison are leaving tonight to rejoin their unit, No. 9 Siege Battery, at St. John.

Laying Concrete Floors.

A concrete floor is being laid in the stalls at the hose station on King street, the work having commenced there yesterday.

Returned Home.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Pugsley left last evening for their home in Rothesay, Kings county. The Lieutenant Governor will return to this city for the University encenia.

Returned to Command.

Col. A. E. G. McKenzie, D.S.O., of the 26th Battalion, who had been in England, had returned to his command in France when the last mail left there. Major C. G. Porter is second in command.

On Pay Adjustment Board.

Capt. H. F. G. Woodbridge of this city, who returned from overseas some months ago, is in the city for a few days. He recently was appointed to the District Pay Adjustment Board for Military District No. 7, which comprises the province of New Brunswick.

One Year's Leave of Absence.

Prof. Earl A. Aldrich, professor of English and Modern History at the University of New Brunswick, has been given one year's leave of absence and has left for Cambridge, Mass., where he will continue his studies at Harvard leading to a doctor's degree.

District Depot Staff.

The staff of the District Depot according to announcement from St. John, is to be as follows: Lt. Col. W. J. Osborne, officer commanding; Major J. J. Bull, second in command; Capt. T. R. McNally, adjutant; quartermaster, Capt. R. L. Murdock; officer commanding casualty company, Major F. H. Rowe; hospital representative, Capt. E. E. Smith; second in command, hospital section, Lieut. E. S. Roxborough.

Back to New Brunswick.

Many people will be pleased to know that Mr. John K. Kane is returning to his old position as chief trade instructor at Dorchester penitentiary. For the last few years he has been at the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, Quebec province. Mr. Kane some years ago was a popular member of the City Cornet Band, St. John, and passed through on Saturday on his way to Dorchester to take up his duties.

Will Speak Here Tomorrow.

Rev. George Adam of Montreal, who is touring Canada in the interests of the Red Triangle Fund will arrive here tomorrow at noon and tomorrow night will address a public meeting in the Opera house on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. and its war work overseas. Rev. Mr. Adam is one of the best public speakers of Canada and personally visited the front in France with Harry Lauder, and is a personal friend of Lloyd George. He also has a reputation as an all round athlete.

Boutillier Stable Coming.

As announced in The Mail some weeks ago Nova Scotia stables will train here for the racing season of 1918 with the intention of racing in Northern Maine during the summer and autumn. It is announced that Frank Boutillier who trains the stable of Mr. R. H. Edwards while in the city recently made the necessary arrangements. On account of the Halifax explosion there will be no racing in Halifax for some time.

MONTH MADE NEW RECORD FOR DUTY COLLECTED

APRIL \$5,265 IN EXCESS OF
BEST PRECEDING MONTH

Month's Receipts More Than
Half Whole Year's Collec-
tions Ten Years Ago—
Imports Large.

The customs returns for the port of Fredericton for the month of April show a substantial increase in the value of imports as well as in the duty collected. The month has made a new record for collections at this port. The returns as furnished by Collector L. C. Macnutt are as follows:

April, 1918.	
Free goods	\$ 10,720
Dutiable	235,506
Total value	\$246,226
Duty collected,	\$28,480.19

April, 1917.	
Free goods	\$ 2,131
Dutiable	120,328
Total value	\$122,459
Duty collected,	\$17,073.41

Increase in value of imports for April, 1918, as compared with same month last year, \$123,767.
Increase in duty collected in April, 1918, over amount collected in the same month last year, \$11,406.78.

New Record Month.

The record month for amount of duty collected at the port of Fredericton heretofore, was May, 1917, when the collections reached \$23,214.31, but the past month shows an increase of \$5,265.88 over the best record of the port. The April receipts are more than half the amount collected in twelve months ten years ago.

WATER SYSTEM SATISFACTORY DURING TEST

Six Streams Taken Off Mains
Last Night—C. E. Holt, of
St. John, Represented
Underwriters.

The water system of the city was tested last night in connection with the survey of the city which is being made by Mr. C. E. Holt of St. John, on behalf of the National Board of Underwriters which is to re-rate Fredericton for fire insurance purposes. The test was made by the fire department under the direction of Mr. Holt. It is understood that the result was very satisfactory, good pressure being obtained at all the places where streams were taken off the mains.

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GREAT DEMAND FOR SEED GRAIN IN ALL PARTS

GOVT. IMPORTATIONS
TAKEN UP AT ONCE

Fertilizer Problem Next Sea-
son will be Serious—Pre-
parations Now Being
Made.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture reports that there is a tremendous demand for seed grain from all parts of the province and that the seed ordered by the department will be taken by the farmers as soon as it arrives in the province. Oats are particularly in demand. One hundred bushels have been ordered. The last carload of a lot of sixty thousand bushels ordered from Kingston, Ont., has arrived, making thirty-three carloads in all.

Fertilizer Problem.
The fertilizer problem for next season already is being considered. If conditions do not improve it will be necessary for farmers who want fertilizer for 1919 to have their orders in prior to September 1st next.

New Agric. Society.
It is probable that an agricultural society will be organized at Lake George, York county, in the near future. Since the close of the fiscal year of the province twelve new societies have been organized in the province.

In York County.

In York county where the orders for seed grain were received through the municipal council the shipments had to be duplicated. Originally one carload was sent to Otis and one to Fredericton. Two cars additional were sent to Fredericton for York and Sunbury counties, extra seed was sent to Otis and one car sent to McAdam was completely distributed between Harvey and Canterbury. It was this carload which received some criticism from opposition members because it was sent to McAdam.

The seed oats from Kingston are reported to be generally satisfactory.

Tank Crew Commander.

Lieut. J. Key, O. C. barracks at the St. John armories, has been appointed commander of the tank crew which is to proceed to Ottawa for training. There are eight men in the unit. Lieut. Key formerly was stationed in Fredericton as A.S.C. officer.

The test took place between seven and eight o'clock. Two streams were taken off at each of the hydrants at City Hall, Customs Building and Court House and the test was continued for about one hour. On Saturday a test was made on University avenue, where two streams were taken off. This test also was satisfactory.

Mr. Holt returned to St. John last night.

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