

BY-PRODUCTS OF COAL MAY BE PUT TO USE

MIDLAND COAL COMPANY MAY TAKE UP MATTER

New Company Organized to Operate in Grand Lake Region—Coke, Tar and Other Products.

William E. Golding of St. John, Robert B. Smith, M.P.P., of Oromocto, and Harry A. Smith of Fredericton, have been incorporated under provincial charter, as the Midland Coal Company Limited. The head office of the new company is at Midland, Queens county, and the authorized capital stock is \$240,000. The company is empowered to carry on a general mercantile business, to acquire as going concerns businesses now in operation and to continue them. It also is authorized to carry on the business of a coal mining company. One feature of the charter which is unusual is the authorization to operate works and plants for the production and utilization of coke, semi-coke, briquette coal, gas, tar or other products, evidently forecasting the use of coal by-products, which has not been attempted heretofore in the Grand Lake coal fields.

City Council in Committee.
The City Council will meet in special session in committee tonight for the purpose of discussing the proposal to meter the water services and other matters of importance.

Jack Leonard Active.
The Boston Globe says: "Jack Leonard, who finished training the Leonard horses at Poughkeepsie last season, plans to make Windsor this year when he leaves South Weymouth." Driver Leonard trained a stable at Fredericton some years ago.

With Casualty Company.
In district orders recently it was announced that Lieut. F. A. Reid would be attached to the new district depot in the casualty company under Major Frank Rowe. Lieut. Reid will consequently soon arrive in Fredericton to take over his new duties. He has an enviable record overseas with the 87th Battalion of Montreal.

Honor for Col. Anderson.
New Brunswick is soon to have another brigadier-general. According to word which a returned soldier brought to Moncton recently, Lt.-Col. Anderson of the Railway City, has just completed a brigadier-general's course and has returned to the front. Col. Anderson went overseas as officer commanding the 8th Battery.

Gassed Second Time.
Lieut. Alex. W. Thorne, former city editor of the St. John Standard, received a second gassing on April 26 last, and is now in No. 20 General Hospital, France, according to official advices received from Ottawa by his wife yesterday. The poisoning is slight, the report indicates. Lieut. Thorne attended the U.N.B. several years ago.

Worth Saving.
Today the Mail publishes another list of N. B. automobile owners and the registered numbers of their cars, a continuation of the list published last week. Additions will be printed each week until the list is completed. Many are saving these lists, as it is quite often desirable to know the owner of a car by its number, or find out the number of some owner's car.

Steamer Delayed This Morning.
The steamer D. J. Purdy was somewhat late in getting away this morning, it being after eight o'clock when she left the wharf. The delay was caused by the breaking of a raft near the draw span of the railway bridge, which hindered the passing of the steamer through the draw. After the logs were cleared away the steamer proceeded on her course.

Registered at London.
Among those registered at the New Brunswick Government office, 37 Southampton street, Strand, London, April 17th were Nursing Sister A. M. McFarlane, Nursing Sister F. E. Inch, Gunner W. L. Roberts, Pte. A. C. Edgcombe, Lieut. J. E. Hanning, Fredericton; Gunner A. C. Pyne, Marysville; and Lieut. A. H. Tweedie, Chatham.

Still at Large.
Miss Della Scott who decamped without ceremony from the police station Tuesday is still at large. No definite word of her whereabouts has been received. It is stated that she liberated herself by reaching through the bars of her cell door and opening the lock which had been thought to be out of reach of any inmate of the cell. A subsequent test by one of the policemen showed that the lock is not out of reach although every person cannot get a hand through the bars.

A Genial Visitor.
Mr. William J. Robertson of Tryone, P. E. I., arrived in the city last evening to join Mrs. Robertson, and they will be the guests of Mr. F. B. Edgcombe for a few days. Mr. Robertson was for some years in the dry goods trade, and enjoys quite a reputation as an inventor. Perhaps his greatest achievement was the hopperdosen, or lighting potato bug killer. This invention has been tested in the potato fields on the Island, and has been found to work well. Other inventions by Mr. Robertson include the hen scratcher and the conobo light.

REPLY SHOWS NOTHING IN THE SMITH CHARGES

SHIPPEGAN SUPERVISORS ATTACKED MALICIOUSLY

Minister of Pub. Works to Hold Investigations—Names of Those Behind Charges Much Desired.

A very interesting communication arising out of an incident in the final hours of the Legislative Session was received today by the Honorable P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, from one of his colleagues in the County of Gloucester, John G. Robichaud.

It will be remembered that in the last hour's Session of the Public Accounts Committee, one of the Opposition members, B. Frank Smith, made charges of a general character against two of the road supervisors in the County of Gloucester. The Minister of Public Works was called to the Committee room and he asked Mr. Smith then and there for the name of his informant which Mr. Smith refused to give, and finally agreed with the rest of the Committee that the charges were unsupported and they were so referred to in the report of the Public Accounts Committee.

Investigation.
The Minister of Public Works however, told the Committee at that time in his usual energetic fashion, that while he had the utmost confidence in the integrity of his supervisors, Messrs. Hebert and McNally, he proposed to investigate the allegations at the earliest possible moment, and as soon as he arrived in Bathurst, he communicated with his colleague in Shippegan, John G. Robichaud, giving him a statement of the charges of B. F. Smith as outlined in the opposition press, and asking for a report. This came today in the shape of a telegram from Mr. Robichaud which read as follows:

"Shippegan, N. B., April 30th, Via Bathurst, N. B., May 1st, 1918.

Hon. P. J. Veniot, Fredericton, N. B.
Your letter received, in so far as I can see charges laid against Supervisors Hebert and McNally as outlined in your letter are absolutely untrue and malicious in character. You must insist upon getting name of informant and proceed immediately with most rigid investigation. Matter cannot remain in public doubt for any length of time. Offender, if any, must be punished. J. G. ROBICHAUD."

As is natural, the Minister of Public Works is very much pleased over the report of Mr. Robichaud and says that it is nothing more than he expected. He has taken steps however, towards holding an investigation and proposes that if there is any possible way of doing it, the people who are behind the false statement made, shall be forced to come to the front.

Returned After Service.
Private Chester Tapley of this city has returned after lengthy service overseas. He enlisted with the 55th Battalion in the spring of 1915 and saw much service in France. He was wounded in one of his feet and cannot yet put his foot on the ground.

COFFEE MILL JAM MOVED BY THE FRESHET

LOGS HUNG FOR TWO YEARS BELOW GD. FALLS

River at This Point Now Fifteen Feet Above Summer Level—Rise of Water Was Rapid.

The heavy rain of yesterday is of great benefit to the stream drivers throughout the province. The water in the St. John river rose rapidly last night, for a time at the rate of about one and one-half inches per hour. The river is about a foot and a half higher than it was yesterday morning and is now about fifteen feet higher than summer level.

Coffee Mill Jam.
Mr. Walter Jackson, manager of the St. John River Log Driving Co., stated to a representative of The Mail this morning that the jam of logs held at the Coffee Mill at Grand Falls for the past two years by the lowness of the water was brought out last night by the rapid rise in the water due to the heavy rains of the past few days.

Snow at Edmundston.
At Edmundston last night snow was falling quite heavily. This is not expected to affect the level of the river and an extremely high freshet is anticipated.

The D. J. Purdy Arrives.
The steamer D. J. Purdy arrived last night on her first trip of the season up the river. She was somewhat late in getting here due to the heavy rain. She moored at the wharf at about 7.45 o'clock.

Anglo-Canadian Mortgage Co.
Oscar Ring, R. C. Gilmour and Martin G. Dolan, all of St. John city, have been incorporated under the name of the Anglo-Canadian Mortgage Company, Limited, with capital stock of \$50,000 and head office at St. John. The company is authorized to carry on a general real estate and mortgage business.

Maritime Linen Mills, Limited.
W. C. Newcombe, P. J. Ward, Ella K. Shea, all of Moncton, have been incorporated under the name of Maritime Linen Mills, Limited, with head office at Moncton and a capital stock of \$24,000. The company is empowered to take over the plant and business of the Eastern Linen Mills, Ltd., and to conduct a general manufacturing and trading business in linen and other textiles and goods.

Steen Bros., Limited.
Steen Bros., Limited, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$49,000 and head office at St. John. The company is authorized to carry on a business of manufacturing millers, dealers in flour and other foodstuffs and similar business. Those incorporated are A. J. McLaggan and Mrs. Dora W. McLaggan, of South Devon; Alex. S. Steen, Mrs. Vida B. Steen and J. D. Lewin, of St. John.

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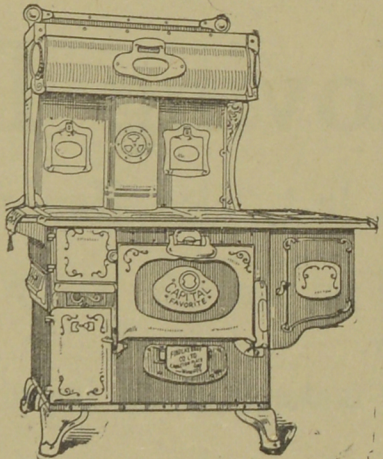
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