

RAFTING WILL BEGIN SHORTLY AT DOUGLAS

WINTER LUMBER WILL BE RAFTED AT MITCHELL

Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Co. will Raft Shortly—Water at Good Height for Driving.

The St. John River Log Driving Company will begin rafting operations at the Douglas Boom this week. Preparations are now well advanced. At the Mitchell Boom a considerable quantity of lumber was wintered and together with what will go through the booms at Kingsclear will be rafted during the summer.

The Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Company also is about to begin rafting operations at the mouth of the Nashwaak River, the rafts being towed to the pulp mill at Fairville.

Labor Situation

The scarcity of labor has not been felt much by the driving companies so far but probably will as the season advances. It is not expected that the problem will be acute.

Corporation Drive

The St. John River still is some six feet above summer level and there is a good run of water for driving operations. One of the drives is between Grand Falls and Aroostook and the other was at Shogomoc this morning.

Government Meeting.

A meeting of the Provincial Government is to be held in this city in the evening on Wednesday, June 5th.

Horses from Montreal

A large number of horses of various types bought recently in Montreal by Mr. John E. Sullivan of this city arrived here today.

Eclipse of the Sun

There will be a total eclipse of the sun, partially visible in Canada on the 8th of June. It will be visible between the hours of two and five o'clock in the afternoon.

Returning to Woodstock

Woodstock Press: Dr. A. H. Prescott, who has been practising in Saskatoon for the past six months has decided to return to Woodstock, and resume his practice here. He expects to leave the west about June the 16th.

Arrived in England

It is officially announced that another detachment of Canadian troops has arrived in England. Included in the detachment are drafts from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and from the Composite Battalion at Halifax.

Located at Rouen

A London cable says that Lieut. Colonel J. K. McKay, D. S. O., of Picton, who recently received multiple Rouen. Lt.-Col. McKay was in Fredericton early in the war as commander of the 24th Field Battery.

Fredericton Bar Association

The Fredericton bar association has been reorganized. The officers are as follows: President, A. J. Gregory, K. C.; vice-presidents, A. R. Slipp, K. C., and R. W. McLellan, K. C.; secretary-treasurer, C. R. Barry.

To Command Hussars

Major A. J. Markham of St. John has been appointed Commanding Officer of the 8th Princess Louise's Hussars, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, in succession to Lieut.-Col. McDougall who is transferred to the reserve of officers.

Taken to Hospital

Mrs. C. A. MacVey was taken suddenly ill at her home on George Street this morning from an attack of appendicitis. She was later removed to the Victoria Hospital where an operation was performed. At last accounts her condition was satisfactory.

Moving To Sussex

The first section of the Depot battalion will change quarters today when 550 men will move from St. John to Sussex, the summer camp of the regiment. The rest will follow later on. Fatigue parties have already been in Sussex preparing the way for the main battalion.

A Promising Colt

Woodstock Press: Nella Archille, owned by Rev. J. J. Ryan, dropped a black colt, very handsome, with white mark on forehead, last week. The sire is Bintax (owned by Geo. W. Boyer) by Bingara, son of Geo. W. 206%. Nella Archille was bred by Peter Bradley of Hingham, Mass., and bought by Mr. W. B. Belyea. Nella Archille by Archille 2.15%, son of Bingen; second dam Nella Bocha 2.18% (dam of Border Scout 2.11%) by Clay King.

Died From Bloodpoisoning

Albert Brannen died early this morning at his home, Regent Street, at the age of forty-two years. Death was caused by bloodpoisoning which resulted from a slight injury received some weeks ago. He is survived by a widow formerly Miss Shortill, one son Leo, and one daughter Annie, also his mother and three brothers, Edward, John and Herbert all of Devon. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. Kenneth McLaggan and Miss Minnie Brannen of Devon. The funeral will take place Friday at 8.30 a. m. with High Mass at St. Dunstan's Church by Rev. Father Carney. Interment will be made at Sunny Bank cemetery.

ORCHARDS NOT YET BEYOND THE FROST DANGER

A FEW DAYS WILL TELL TALE IN THIS SECTION

Blossoms Two Weeks Earlier Than in Average Season—Good Prospect for Hardy Fruit.

The Provincial Horticultural Department reports that in the apple growing district in the vicinity of Fredericton trees of such hardy varieties as Duchess, Wealthy, Alexander, Dudley, Fameuse and McIntosh are making a good show of blossoms. The Ben Davis, Gano and similar varieties winter killed to a considerable extent. The blossoms on the apple trees in this section came two full weeks earlier than usual. From the Gagetown section of the St. John Valley comes the report that there are good prospects for the apple crop.

Strawberry Crop

Strawberries are reported by the Department to have wintered well. The wet season of 1917 however set them back somewhat and the growth is not as far advanced as it should be. Prospects are considered fair.

Danger of Frost

Despatches from Nova Scotia state that the Annapolis Valley, the chief apple-growing district of that province was hard hit by frost Sunday night. As a result it is expected that the earlier varieties of apples will be less in quantity. The New Brunswick orchards have not been visited by frosts yet but the period of danger is at hand. The weather has cleared and remains cool. It probably will be known during the next week or two if frosts will damage the apple blossoms.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT

Excellent Program for Concert at 8.30 at Parliament Square.

The Fredericton Brass Band will play at Parliament Square tonight, weather permitting. The concert will start at 8.30. The program announced is as follows;

O Canada.

March, Marshal Hart, Missud; Overture, Stradella, Flotow; Waltz, September, Godin; March, Pasadena, Vessalla; Nocturne A Night in June, Ring; March, From the West, Bidgood; God Save The King.

G. H. Offen, Bandmaster.

Officers of 236th Return

A despatch today states that Major Cecil R. Mersereau and Major H. H. McLean have arrived at a Canadian Atlantic port among a large party of Canadian officers returning from overseas. Both were with the 236th MacLean Highlanders and are well known in Fredericton where they were stationed with that unit. Mrs. Mersereau is residing in Fredericton.

FOREST FIRE UNDER CONTROL ON SEVOGLE

ANOTHER FIRE ON THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY

Also Under Control—Rains Helped Greatly in Fighting the Fire—Pulp Wood Threatened.

The Provincial Department of Lands and Mines this morning received word from Chief Forester G. H. Prince who went to the SevoGLE River, Northumberland County, a few days ago to fight a fire which was raging in the forest on the Sinclair timber limits, which was to the effect that the fire was under control. It is supposed that the heavy rain of Monday and Tuesday aided greatly in the checking of the flames which had done much damage and were threatening more valuable timber land.

Fire on Intercolonial Railway

The Department this morning also received a telegram to the effect that there had been a serious fire along the International Railway in Restigouche County but that it was under control also. This fire it is believed also was checked by the recent heavy rain.

Bad District

On account of the lack of rolling stock enormous quantities of railway ties, pulpwood and telegraph poles are piled along the International Railway which now is operated by the Canadian Government Railways, awaiting shipment and a forest fire, should it gain headway at almost any point along the railway, will cause huge financial loss. The fire reported to the Department was in piles of manufactured lumber of the kinds named. It was between Kedgwick and Anderson stations and near Hazen, Grimmer and Stewart Settlements. In the event of a big forest fire in that section there would be loss of human life without much doubt and destruction of large areas of the most valuable timber land in the province.

Wounded in Head

Lt. Col. W. J. Osborne this morning received a letter from his son Gunner Gordon Osborne who is serving in France with a Canadian heavy battery, which states that he had been wounded slightly in the head but was still with his battery being treated locally. The wound was received through the young soldier neglecting to wear his helmet. Gunner Osborne has been in France since December last having enlisted a year ago in March. He is a brother of the late Capt. Hubert P. Osborne who lost his life while serving with the Royal Flying Corps.

Mr. W. F. Copp of Newcastle is in the city.

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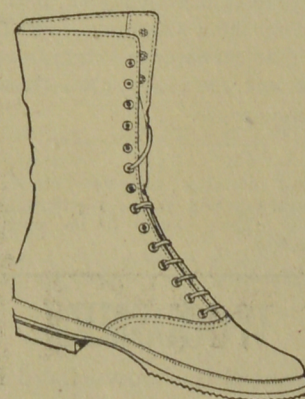
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