

AN ELECTRIC THAWING PLANT ADVOCATED

WATER DEPARTMENT IN GREAT NEED OF ONE

Present Method of Thawing Frozen Mains and Service Pipes by Steam is Antiquated

The Water Department of the city is much in need of a modern thawing apparatus to be used in the winter and spring for the purpose of clearing the mains and service pipes which have been frozen. The present winter has more particularly emphasized the need of a more modern apparatus than the steam plant in use now. The modern method by which water systems are cleared after being touched by frost is electrical. It has been advocated for some time that the Fredericton Water Department should be provided with an electrical thawing plant.

The New Apparatus.

The electrical apparatus has been given a thorough trial in many cities and has proved absolutely practical and efficient. It consists of a dynamo operated by a gasoline engine, both mounted upon a sled. Connection is made with the pipes or hydrants on either side of the frozen section and the current as it passes through generates sufficient heat in a very short time to thaw away the obstruction. The steam method in use in Fredericton is awkward and is very destructive to streets and sidewalks and the steam has to penetrate to the pipes.

Seriously Ill.

Mrs. Freeman Rideout of Neill street, Devon, is seriously ill at her home.

Guests of Mr. Dysart.

Fifteen of the Kent county constituents of Mr. A. A. Dysart, were his guests at dinner at the Queen Hotel yesterday.

Remanded Till Monday.

The young boy named Colpitts who is charged with theft appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick yesterday and was remanded until Monday.

S. A. Rummage Sale.

The Salvation Army intend holding a rummage sale in the first or second week in April. Proceeds to assist local work.

Price of a "Good Time."

At the police court yesterday a fine of \$5 and costs was imposed upon a local young man who had taken too freely of alcoholic beverage. He was also fined \$50 and costs for having liquor in his possession.

The First One.

A citizen while passing the Cathedral one day this week heard the notes of a robin emanating from a tree in the vicinity. He tried to locate the bird but was unable to do so, therefore cannot very well lay claim to having seen the first robin.

Eggs Are Scarce.

Although the hens are beginning to shell out in preparation for the Easter season the demand for fresh eggs still exceeds the supply. Strictly fresh eggs are still selling in the stores for sixty-five cents a dozen, and it does not look as if there will be much of a change in price in the next two weeks.

Six Months' Sentence.

Sentence was imposed yesterday in the police court on Allen Smith, who pleaded guilty to a charge of indecent assault. He was sentenced to six months in jail. Smith was the "Jack the Hugger" concerning whom complaint was made by residents of Gibson who crossed the river from Temple Landing.

New Sign at Gaiety.

The Gaiety management in keeping with the up-to-dateness of Fredericton's new motion picture theatre, has placed a new electric sign which faces up and down Queen street on the front of the building about thirty feet above the street. The sign is very attractive and bears the names of the theatre on both sides.

Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

An application for this made before His Honor Judge Crockett this afternoon for the release under Habeas Corpus proceedings of the two foreigners recently sentenced at Minto for illegal sale of liquor. Mr. C. D. Richards is making the application. The men were arrested by Constable Charles Johnston and appeared before Magistrate William Upton. The men are in Gagetown jail.

Penalty on Physician.

A physician of this city charged with violation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916, by writing a prescription for liquor for a person whom he had not visited professionally, was convicted in the local police court. The sentence was a fine of twenty-five dollars with costs or two months in jail. It is reported that the case may be appealed.

Fined for Not Reporting.

Meto Kaduk, an Austrian residing in this city, was arrested last night by the local police on the charge of failing to report to the chief of police, being a registered alien of enemy nationality. He appeared in the police court this morning and was given the sentence of a fine of twenty-five dollars or two months in jail. His defense was that he had been ill but it was not accepted.

HEAVY WIND DRIFTED SNOW ON RAILWAYS

TRAINS ON VALLEY RY. CANCELLED TODAY

Gale Played Havoc with Railways—Members of Legislature Remained in the City.

The present winter has been one of the hardest on railroads in this section of New Brunswick, in the history of railroading. The storms have been severe on several occasions blocking the lines and causing the cancellation of trains but yesterday and today the drifting of snow due to the heavy winds has been sufficient to interrupt traffic.

St. John & Quebec Hit Hard.

The St. John & Quebec Railway is hard hit today. The train which was to have left for Gagetown this morning was cancelled on account of the huge drifts on the line and the train from Centreville due here this morning also has been cancelled. The greater part of the rolling stock of this section of the Canadian Government railways is on the northern end of the line and the railway between here and Centreville must be cleared before traffic can be restored.

Newcastle Branch.

The Newcastle-Fredericton branch of the C.G.R. also has been badly drifted. The train known as the "whooper" due here last night was cancelled. The express which left Fredericton last night for Newcastle arrived there at 6.30 this morning about seven hours late. The express from Newcastle today was three hours late.

C.P.R. Main Line.

Drifts on the main line of the C. P. R. also have delayed traffic. The train from St. John was fifty minutes late this morning and the trains from the west and Boston were several hours behind time. The train which connected at Fredericton Junction did not leave until 12.40 this afternoon.

Burden on Street Department.

The gales yesterday entailed an extra burden upon the street department of the city. This morning the snowplows were sent out, the third time this week, and in some places crews of shovellers had to be employed. There is little profit in the snowplow contract this year.

Members Remain in City.

On account of the interruption in the train service several members of the legislature will remain in Fredericton over the week-end recess as it will be impossible for them to reach their homes and return by Tuesday. The wisdom of making the adjournment until Tuesday afternoon is now apparent.

MAPLE SUGAR SEASON WILL BEGIN SOON

INDICATIONS POINT TO INCREASED PRODUCTION

Price of Maple Products High—Food Controller's Department is Encouraging Production.

Although the weather is very wintry at present moderation is expected in the next few days and the farmers who have sugar groves at their disposal are now making preparations for the sap season. Firms in this city who sell sugar making appliances report that there has been a brisk demand for them and that prospects are that sugar making will be followed on a larger scale than ever.

Food Controller Urges It.

On account of the situation in the sugar markets of the world the Food Controller has urged that the largest quantity of maple sugar possible be made in Canada as it will help to relieve the shortage of sugar due to the tonnage problem and other causes. There is every prospect that the farmers of this section of New Brunswick will do their bit in this regard.

Prices Are High.

Prices for the various maple products are reported to be high with no tendency for the market to decline. This will aid in stimulating production. Complaints have been made from certain sections of the country that adulterated maple products have been placed on the market and it is probable that the Inland Revenue Department will be asked to keep a sharp watch for such fakes.

Week-end Market.

This morning's market was decidedly small, due to the heavy snow storms. Wood, as usual, was in great demand but none was to be had. Butter and eggs were very scarce. The former sold for 40 cents per pound, while the latter went for 60 cents a dozen. Veal sold for 15 and 18 cents a pound. The fore quarters of beef sold for 15 and 17 cents per pound, while the hind quarters went for 16 and 18 cents. Pork sold for 24 cents a pound. Potatoes sold for \$3 a barrel, carrots for \$2 and turnips for \$1 a barrel.

Clock at Auction.

The grandfather's clock donated by Mrs. R. FitzRandolph to the Daughters of the Empire for patriotic purposes will be sold at public auction in the assembly chamber of the Legislative Building on Thursday afternoon, March 21st, at 4.30 o'clock. 3ins

Plow Derailed.

On the Gibson branch of the C.P.R. the snowplow on the Woodstock train was derailed at North Devon station early this morning. The plow was replaced on the rails after a delay of about half an hour.

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