

RIVER CLEAR OF ICE AS FAR DOWN AS KINGSCLEAR

BIG JAM ON ISLANDS ABOVE SPRINGHILL

Ice Opposite City Moved a Few Feet During Last Night—Early Opening is Now Expected.

Passengers arriving here by rail today from up-river points state that the St. John river is practically clear of ice from Andover to Kingsclear. At the latter place is a huge jam which has formed on the islands and which extends for a distance of eight or ten miles. Each spring the ice jams at that point until the water backing up behind it forces its way through.

Ice Here Moved.

At some time during the night the ice in the river opposite Fredericton moved a short distance. The ice piled on the piers of the Highway Bridge but ran only a few feet. The ice in the Naashwaak usually runs out a few days before the main river is clear but so far has not made a move.

A Heavy Report.

The synoptic report of the Legislative proceedings last night counted over 11,000 words and was the heaviest in a period of ten years. It was all handled by the Western Union Telegraph Company for the St. John and Moncton newspapers.

Marguerite Clark Here Today.

Marguerite Clark, the world's most popular photoplay star, will be the feature attraction at the popular Gaiety Theatre today in "Bab's Matinee Idol." Friday, Jack Pickford will appear in Mark Twain's famous story, "Tom Sawyer."

King's College Advance Movement.

The King's College Advance Movement is already meeting with encouraging success. The subscriptions received up to yesterday included one of \$500 from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, one of \$250 from His Lordship the Bishop, and five of \$100 each. Bishop Richardson in his charge yesterday afternoon emphasized the importance of the movement to the very existence of the College, which is the officially recognized by the Crown as the theological institution of the diocese of Fredericton.

To Unveil Honor Roll.

There promises to be a big time at Castle Hall tonight the occasion being the unveiling of the honor roll, containing twelve names of the members of the Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, Knights of Pythias, who have enlisted for overseas service. Marshall Company, Uniform Rank, of Marysville, will act as guard of honor. Grand Chancellor Slipp with several St. John members will be present and take part in the impressive ceremony. There will be a short program and refreshments.

Women's Auxiliary Formed.

There was an interesting meeting in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon in behalf of the Maritime School for the Blind. Mr. J. Weir dress, a branch of the woman's organization was formed to carry on the good work in connection with the worthy institution. Following are the officers: Mrs. John Black, president; Mrs. W. J. Osborne, first vice president; Mrs. Frank Morrison, second vice president; Mrs. Frank Cooper, treasurer; Miss Daisy Weddall, secretary.

Mrs. Icebella Barker's Funeral.

The floral tributes at the funeral of the late Mrs. Icebella Barker were as follows: Broken circle, husband; wreath, mayor and city council; basket, George Street Baptist Missionary Aid Society; flat bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. William Farrell; flat bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich Jarvis; flat bouquet, Evelyn Hurley; flat bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hurley; flat bouquet, Burton Kierstead; flat bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lyons; flat bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barker; Mrs. Sarah Barker; flat bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Clowes Banks; flat bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. McKilligan.

Power Bill Tomorrow.

The New Brunswick Power Company's Bill is to be before the Corporations Committee of the Legislative Assembly tomorrow morning. Large delegations for and against the bill are to be present. Many of the delegates arrived here last night and today but the majority will come tomorrow morning. The American capitalists who have invested money in the company will be represented, some being present in person. The company has made considerable development of water power on the Magaguadavic river and intends to make still further developments, eventually using water power exclusively.

N. B. Forest Club Meeting

The second Annual Meeting of the New Brunswick Forest Club will be held at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, at 8 p. m. on Friday the 12th inst. After election of officers, it is expected that a paper prepared by Donald Fraser of the Fraser Lumber Co., dealing with the "Factors determining the Value of Timber Lands" will be presented. Also a technical address by R. B. Miller, Dean of the Forest School, dealing with the "Utilization of the Waste of By-products from the Saw-mill Industry", and a practical paper by J. R. Gareau, Forester for the J. B. Snowball Co., dealing with the "Elimination of all Unnecessary Waste in Logging Operations". The meeting will be open to any person interested in these matters.

SURPRISE WAS SPRUNG TODAY IN APPEAL CASE

APPELLANT'S COUNSEL HAS PLAINTIFF'S LETTER

J. B. M. Baxter, Produces Letter to Support His Appeal—Court Decides Against Him.

A rather dramatic surprise was sprung in the Appeal Court this morning by Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., counsel for the appellant respondent in the divorce case of Charles Fitz-Randolph vs. Elizabeth Fitz-Randolph, when he presented to the court in support of his appeal for a new trial a letter purporting to be written to the plaintiff in the divorce suit by a woman residing in England and which he claimed would furnish ground for re-examination of the plaintiff with regard to his conduct in England.

Contents of Letter.

Mr. Baxter with the letter presented his own affidavit which had been prepared on Monday last and which was to the effect that the letter had been found on the street in Fredericton by an unknown man who had sent it to his client writing under the assumed name of "James Stafford," giving his address as General Delivery, Fredericton; further, that he had written to the unknown to ascertain how the letter had come into his possession but had received no reply.

The letter was read to the court by Mr. Baxter. The contents referred to events in England during January and addressed Mr. Fitz-Randolph in terms of endearment. Reference also was made to the action for divorce. The signature could not be made out but evidently was a Christian name. Mr. Baxter argued that the letter furnished grounds for new evidence and re-examination.

Mr. Gregory Objects.

Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C., counsel for the plaintiff in the divorce action informed the court that the letter came as an absolute surprise to him and that he had instructed his client who was away from home to return. He cast doubts upon the letter, drawing attention to an apparent discrepancy between postmark and date and also stated that there was nothing in the letter upon which to base any ground for a new trial.

The court through Chief Justice Hazen announced that it was not considered that the letter could be taken as furnishing new evidence or ground for a new trial and Mr. Baxter proceeded with argument on his main appeal.

Will Receive.

Mrs. W. E. Foster will receive at her apartments at the Queen Hotel on Friday afternoon between the hours of four and six.

CLAIMS OF KING'S COLLEGE PLACED BEFORE SYNOD

CANON VERNON AND DR. BOYLE SPOKE

Synod Sermon Preached Last Night by Canon Sisam—Schedule for Parishes Passed Today.

The Anglican Synod resumed its business this morning. The schedule of the parishes for 1918 for contributions, grants and endowments was reconsidered and passed.

Rev. Canon Smithers presented the report of the governors of King's College, Windsor, N. S., which was adopted.

Rev. Canon Vernon.

Rev. Canon Vernon was invited to the platform to address the Synod on King's College Advance and was heartily applauded. He compared the amount subscribed to the different churches with that given King's and pointed out the necessity of larger donations to this institution. He stated that \$10,000 had been collected in the city of St. John and that it was hoped that the remaining cities in the province would subscribe as freely in proportion. The announcement that His Honor Lieut. Governor Pugsley had donated \$500 for the maintenance of King's College was heartily applauded by the Synod.

Rev. Dr. Boyle.

Rev. Dr. Boyle, president of King's College, then addressed the Synod. In answer to inquiry, he stated that the annual expenditure in maintaining King's College was between \$15,000 and \$16,000.

He expressed appreciation of the co-operation of the church wardens and clergymen of the diocese in the maintenance of King's College. He also stated that at present there were thirty-two students at King's College, of whom seventeen were divinity students and fifteen science and arts students. Before the war the average number attending King's College was about 100. About 83 per cent. of the former students of King's had enlisted to serve their King and Country overseas. In answer to inquiry as to whether the same number of professors are still maintained at King's for the teaching of the thirty-two students as for the 100, Rev. Dr. Boyle stated that two of the professors had been dropped and that two more would be dropped as it was not deemed advisable to retain them.

Synod Sermon.

The Synod service was held last night in Christchurch Cathedral. Rev. Mr. Holmes of Hammond River, conducted the service. Rev. Dr. Boyle of King's College, read the first lesson, and Ven. Archdeacon Forsythe of Chatham, the second. Rev. Canon (Continued on page 4.)

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