UPPER ST. JOHN DRIVES MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

SOME REPORTED TO HAVE COME IN SAFELY

Heavy Run of Lumber Into the Booms—Rafting Will Not Begin Till the Water Falls.

Reports from the upper St. John river are to the effect that the drives in that section have had excellent conditions under which to work and that progress made is good. Some of the drives are in.

Freshet Still Keeps Up.

The freshet still maintains its height at this point although observations at the St. John River Log Driving Company's headquarters in Devon yesterday afternoon seemed to indicate that there was a very slight fall in the water.

Heavy Run of Logs.

There has been a steady run of logs into the booms for some days past but the water is so high that no rafting has been attempted. It will be some time before the crews can start rafting. Preparations are well advanced, however. The cut of lumber which was made in St. John waters last winter was smaller than the usual cut and the rafting season should not be as long as the average. Logs which were hung up in previous seasons, however, have been brought along by the high water of the present spring and they will increase the total amount of lumber.

Has Purchased Automobile.

Mrs. B. B. Manzer of this city, has purchased a 1918 Model Chalmers "6" from the Fredericton Motor Sales Co., of this city.

At Bebbington's.

Lovely white sweet smelling flowers—stock, heliotrope, carnations, roses, lilies, also pink and white snapdragons. Curly, crisp lettuce and parsley. All at Bebbington's.

Returned to Their Home.

Mr. A. W. Hatfield and Mrs. D. A. Hatfield of Hatfield's Point, Kings county, who have been visiting Chief of Police and Mrs. Finley for the past few months, returned to their home this morning.

Here From the West.

Mr. Jack Campbell of Vancouver, B. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Campbell, after an absence of fifteen years. He expects to remain here the greater part of the summer. Mr. Campbell is a son-in-law of ex-Warden John Scott of this city.

Died in Boston.

News has been received here of the death at his home in Boston of Mr. Frank C. Hopewell, one of the best known men in New England. He was the owner of elaborate sporting camps on Cain's River and had been a frequent visitor to New Brunswick in recent years. Residents of Doaktown and others who enjoyed his acquaintance will learn of his death with great regret.

Donations to Red Cross.

The Ashburnham Branch of the Red Cross Society wishes to acknowledge with thanks the following donations: 21 dozen mouth wipes, Junior Red Cross circle; 2 pairs socks, Miss Daisy Weddall; 10 pyjama suits, 39 towels, 17 pairs socks, the ladies of the United Baptist Sewing circle, Mouth of Keswick; $50, Mr. Edward Moore; $1, Mrs. A. G. Robinson; $5, Miss Prue A. Dunphy.

Children's Aid Society.

The treasurer of the Children's Aid Society acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following cash contributions for the two weeks ending May 4th: H. E. Harrison, $5; Dr. B. G. Foster, $15; High School Garden, per Dr. B. C. Foster, $25; St. Paul's Presbyterian church (Minchin Fund) $10; Arthur L. Noble, $10; John J. Weddall, $10; Dr. W. C. Kierstead, $5; Mrs. Eliazbeth Bell, $10. Total $90. Previously acknowledged, $425,-30. Grand total, $515.30.

Meeting Monday Evening

The meeting of the firemen which was announced to be held last night at the hose station was postponed till 7.30 o'clock Monday evening. This meeting is called to hear the report of the delegation which waited on the City Council a few nights ago in regard to the increase of $25 per year in salary. The firemen have been offered an increase of ten dollars but have not yet accepted it. Practically all of the fire-fighters have expressed themselves as wanting the $25 increase and no doubt will hang out if it is not forthcoming before noon on Wednesday next.

Saw Much Service.

Pte. Edward R. Hollins, another of Fredericton's soldiers, returned home from overseas a few nights ago. Pte. Hollins left here with the 140th Battalion in June, 1916, for Valcartier Camp as sergeant of the fife and drum band. After training there for a few months the 140th left for England where they again went in training. Pte. Hollins transferred to the 2nd Railway Battalion and went to France with that unit where he remained for some months. He was laid up in hospital for about five months with trench fever which resulted in his bein ginvalided home. He is at his home in this city on a fourteen day furlough, after which he is to report for a medical board.

GREAT INTEREST IN CULTIVATION OF CITY LAND

TEN ALLOTMENTS MADE AT QUEEN'S SQUARE

Greater Success Than Last Year is Anticipated—Preparations for Proper Fertilization.

Preparations for the raising of crops of various kinds, particularly potatoes, on Queens Square and neighboring land are well under way. The Retail Merchants' Association which planted a considerable area to potatoes last years is no doing anything in that line this season as the attempt was not successful. Ald. William McKay is in charge of the allotments and states that ten already have been made, the demand for them being greater than last year. A large area of Queens Square will be under cultivation and it is expected that better results will be obtained.

To Stop Encratchments.

Complaints have been made concerning encrachments on the allotments and it is probable that steps will be taken to have them protected. For years past a path used by those going to and from the University of New Brunswick has crossed the area which is to be cultivated. It is possible that this will be closed.

The land formerly known as Scully's Grove is to be cultivated by Mr. James McKilligan.

The soil in that section of the city, particularly in Queens Square is not naturally fertile and much fertilizer must be used. Those who have the allotments this year are taking steps to counteract this condition.

LOWER PRICES FOR PRODUCE

Week-end Market Shows a Downward Tendency—Eggs Selling for 30 and 35 Cents.

At Phoenix Square this morning buyers of farm produce were present in large numbers. The week-end market was of a large size, teams being practically all around the City Hall at the curb. The prices were somewhat lower than usual and the goods were disposed of fairly well. Butter was selling at from 38 to 40 cents per lb.; eggs at from 30 to 35 cents per dozen; honey, 45 cents per bottle; potatoes, $2.25 per barrel; carrots, $1.25 per barrel; parsnips, $1 per bushel; apples, $3.25 per barrel; smoked ham, 30 cents per lb.; veal from 10 to 16 cents per lb.; pork 24 cents per lb.; yellow eyed beans, 40 cents per quart; corn for seeding, $1 per dozen ears; onions for seeding, 15 cents per quart; young pigs, $7 and $8 each.

DISTRIBUTION OF EGGS VERY SUCCESSFUL

FIRST HATCHINGS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK

Nineteen Poultry Clubs Established Throughout the Province—35,000 Eggs to be Distributed.

The distribution of eggs by the poultry division of the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of improving the laying strains in the province is proceeding rapidly and will be completed in about fortnight. About fifteen thousand eggs will be distributed from the office of the Department of Agriculture in this city and twenty thousand will be distributed by Mr. R. P. Steeves of Sussex, director of elementary agricultural education. This will make a total of thirty-five thousand if the eggs can be secured for distribution for the sources of supply upon which the poultry division was depending have not come up to expectations.

Has Been Well Received.

The campaign for the establishment of poultry clubs which was undertaken last winter under the direction of Mr. A. C. McCulloch, poultry superintendent, was a pronounced success. Nineteen clubs now are in existence. These all are in the rural districts. It is to them that the department is distributing and has distributed eggs from this city. Mr. Steeves is distributing eggs among the school children on a different basis.

It had originally been intended to distribute Barred Plymouth Rock eggs obtained in the state of Maine but the supply was not sufficient and the balance was made up of White Wyandotte, Rhode Island Red, White Plymouth Rock and White Leghorn eggs. Besides Maine the sources of supply were Ontario, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, as this province was able to furnish some of the kind wanted.

To Hatch Next Week.

The first hatchings from the eggs which were distributed to the poultry clubs will take place early next week. Others will follow shortly. Later hatchings will come well into the summer.

An indication of the readiness of the people of the farming districts to take up this line of work is shown by the fact that several clubs have been formed in districts not visited at all by the representatives of the department. Neguac and Rogersville both are instances. The clubs nearest Fredericton are at Nasonworth and Keswick.

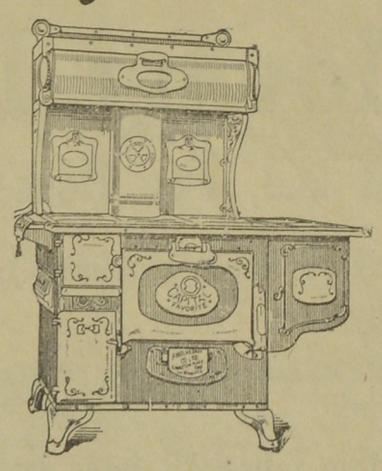
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