

## RAFTING IS STOPPED BY THE EPIDEMIC

**DOUGLAS BOOM CLOSED TODAY BY DRIVING CO.**

**Three Million Feet of Lumber Will be Held in Booms for the Winter—Manager Jackson Sick.**

Mr. J. Fraser Gregory of St. John is here today in connection with the closing of operations of the St. John River Log Driving Company for the season. The closing of operations at this early date with logs still in the booms is made necessary by the outbreak of Spanish influenza which has struck the rafting crews so hard that enough men are not left to carry on the work. Mr. Walter Jackson of this city, boom manager for the company is confined to his home by a severe attack of sickness.

### Will Winter Three Million Feet

The Douglas Boom will close today. It will be necessary to hold three million feet of lumber in the booms during the winter on account of suspending operations now. It is not known definitely yet how much lumber was rafted by the company this season but Mr. Gregory stated this morning that it is slightly in excess of what was rafted in 1917.

### Same on Restigouche

On the Restigouche River rafting operations had to be abandoned last week on account of the influenza epidemic. The Shives lumber mills had to be closed also for the same reason.

### War Conditions Hard

Mr. Gregory speaking of the general condition of the lumber business in New Brunswick said that war conditions were bearing hard upon it, and that an early cessation of hostilities would be very beneficial.

### Absentee Arrested

An absentee under the Military Service Act was arrested at Maugeville last evening by the Military Police and was brought to the city. He was taken to St. John this morning.

### Going Overseas

Woodstock Press: Mr. W. R. Jones left here today for St. John where he will enlist in the 9th Field Battery under command of Major Wetmore. This is the third son of Hon. W. P. Jones and Mrs. Jones to join the colors.

### Seriously Ill

Mrs. W. A. B. McLellan is ill at her home on Charlotte Street from an attack of pneumonia. Her sister, Miss Hazel Palmer of Toronto has been summoned. Mrs. McLellan passed a fairly comfortable night and her condition today is more favorable.

### Victory Loan Meeting

A very successful meeting was held last evening at the Victory Loan Rooms on York Street last evening. Those in attendance showed much interest in the business discussed. The preparations are almost completed for the big drive on Monday.

### Chevrons on Both Sleeves

Orders have come that warrant and non-commissioned officers must wear their stripes on both sleeves. This is the in England and the order arose by reason of the fact that returned men were compelled by Canadian regulations to remove their stripes from the left sleeve after coming back to Canada.

### May Postpone Sale

It was announced this morning at the Department of Agriculture that the sale of stock on breeders' consignment which it was expected to hold in Fredericton, November 7th, may have to be postponed on account of the epidemic of influenza. Dates for the sale will be announced as soon as conditions will permit.

### Albert Shale Samples

Referring to the samples of Albert shale which he expected to arrive some time ago Mr. R. H. Simmonds said today that he had communicated with Mr. William Cruikshank about it and was expecting it very soon. The reason it has not arrived yet is because a new spur is being run into the quarries and is not quite finished. Mr. Simmonds says that the City of St. John is buying a large amount of the shale.

### May Join Depot Battalion

Captain E. A. Sturdee, son of Colonel E. T. Sturdee of St. John arrived in that city yesterday. After he returned from England he was on duty in Military District No 2, Toronto. He has been now transferred to this district for duty. It is understood that he will be attached to Lieut.-Colonel J. L. McAvity's staff in the N. B. Depot battalion. Capt. Sturdee was in Fredericton with the 236th MacLean Highlanders.

### No Sugar For Grand Manan

By order of the Food Board of Canada no shipments of sugar have been made to the island of Grand Manan for the past month and will not be made for some time to come. This restriction was imposed because the people of the island have been illegally selling sugar to the border towns of Maine and have thereby been making large profits. At a sugar conference held in Washington some months ago the yearly allowance of sugar per capita for Canadians was fixed at ninety-two pounds and for Americans at eighty. Grand Manan has been receiving sugar at the rate of 240 pounds per capita.

## NINTH DEATH FROM PNEUMONIA IN FREDERICTON

**43 PNEUMONIA CASES FOLLOW INFLUENZA**

**Total Number of Reported Cases is 295—V. A. D. at Work Now—Some Serious Cases.**

The epidemic of influenza shows no signs of abating in Fredericton or vicinity. The ninth death from pneumonia since the outbreak of the disease in this city occurred last night when Mrs. Ellen McCordick died. Numerous cases of serious illness with pneumonia are reported throughout the city and there is little doubt that there will be other deaths before the epidemic subsides.

### Cases Reported

The number of cases of influenza reported to the Board of Health since the epidemic began is 295 and of that number nineteen were at the Military Hospital. In forty-three cases pneumonia followed influenza and nine deaths resulted of which three were at the Military Hospital.

### Visiting Nurses at Work

Miss Kate Stewart the official visiting nurse is accomplishing a great work. An assistant, who however is not a trained nurse has been secured for her. Mr. J. Benison Rainsford, a member of the G. W. V. A. is performing duty as a volunteer nurse both about the city and at the Victoria Hospital. The V. A. D. members began work last night and have already done much toward assisting families stricken with the disease.

### Victoria Hospital Handicapped

The Victoria Hospital has been much handicapped by influenza among the nurses. Out of sixteen on the staff nine have been ill.

### Whole families Stricken

There are instances of entire families being stricken with influenza and in some cases with pneumonia which follows. V. A. D. members are doing what they can in such cases and the visiting nurse also is aiding.

### Official Reports

Official reports to the Department of Health from places in this section of the province are as follows:

Marysville, nine new cases, 36 in all.

Gagetown, 40 cases, two deaths.

Hampstead, 40 cases, one death, twenty per cent serious.

Stanley, York County, 200 cases.

Canterbury, York, three cases, no deaths.

Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, of the V. A. D. of St. John had a call from Secretary Goodspeed of the York County Health Board yesterday asking for three women helpers.

## CASUALTIES CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED

**GNR. CLARENCE JEWETT WOUNDED, BUT ON DUTY**

**Gunner William Lounsbury is Seriously Ill—Gunner Martin Horncastle Reported Improved.**

Additional casualties were announced to Fredericton people today. Gunner Clarence Jewett is slightly wounded but is on duty again and Gunner William Lounsbury is seriously ill. The condition of Gunner Martin Horncastle wounded some days ago is reported improved.

### Gunner William Lounsbury Ill

Word was received today by Mr. and Mrs. John Lounsbury that their son Gunner William Lounsbury was admitted to Kimmell Park Military Hospital on October 19th seriously ill. Gunner Lounsbury enlisted with the 65th Field Battery stationed at Woodstock and left Petawawa with an overseas draft of that battery. He was a very prominent athlete while attending the High School here and stood above the rest in football, baseball and hockey. He captained the P. H. S. football team for 1917 and the hockey team for the last two years. He has one other brother Lieut. Edward J. Lounsbury who left with the 106th Nova Scotia Rifles but was transferred to another Nova Scotia battalion. He has seen about three years service.

A late letter received from Gunner William Lounsbury by his parents stated that the members of the 65th Battery were then in Wales and had not yet entered any army camp in England.

### Gunner Clarence Jewett Wounded

Mr. Harry C. Jewett received a telegram this morning notifying him that his son Gunner Clarence Jewett was admitted to hospital slightly wounded on October 12th but returned to duty on October 14th. Gunner Jewett enlisted with the 9th Siege Battery and went overseas with that battery in March, 1917. He has one brother Gunner Frank Jewett at present in England.

### Gunner Martin Horncastle Improved

Word was received today by Mr. and Mrs. John Horncastle that the condition of their son Gunner Martin Horncastle is improved. Gunner Horncastle was admitted to No. 30 Casualty Clearing Hospital on October 3rd suffering from gunshot wounds in the head.

### Attempt at Burglary Monday

An attempt was made Monday night to break into the drug store of Mr. J. M. Wiley, York Street. The door shows indications that a screw driver had been used to force it open but the marauders were apparently frightened off before they could do any damage.

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### May Run This Winter.

St. John Globe:—The latest word in reference to the Valley Railway is the best given out in some time. Premier Foster announced this afternoon, in response to an enquiry concerning progress on the railway that, after a conversation with the chief engineer he still had hope that the railway might be sufficiently advanced towards completion for the Dominion government to operate it this coming winter. The chief difficulty blocking rapid progress in the completion of the line is scarcity of labor, and should this and minor drawbacks be obviated a service by the Dominion government may be arranged for.

### PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. D. Palmer is seriously ill at her home from an attack of pneumonia.