

THE DRIVING CONDITIONS REMAIN GOOD

COLD WEATHER DELAYS MELTING OF SNOW

Drives on Smaller Rivers Coming on Well—Ruslagornish Drive Reaches the Oromocto.

Stream-driving conditions continue to be favorable. The cold weather of the past few days accompanied last night and today by snow, has kept the snow from melting too rapidly and the result is that there is a steady driving pitch of water in the streams in this section with prospect of it remaining that way. With a heavy cut although much lumber could not be got to the streams, satisfactory driving conditions will mean much for the lumber industry.

Ruslagornish Drive Out

The drive on the Ruslagornish which had been underway for some days is reported to have reached Oromocto waters safely. On other rivers in this section excellent progress is being made.

Driving on the upper waters of the St. John and other larger rivers will not be under way for some time yet. Huge quantities of snow are still on the headwaters and prospects are considered good.

River Rising Slowly

The St. John River here is rising slowly. Yesterday and last night it came up a few inches. The drift drive is making satisfactory progress.

Health Much Improved.

Guy H. Hunter who has been undergoing treatment at the Jordan Memorial Sanitarium for the past ten months has returned to his home here much improved in health.

Flour Sent to Halifax.

Enormous quantities of flour, the property of the Canadian wheat board which have been stored in cars at various points in this province including St. John, since last November have been forwarded to Halifax. The flour has not been sold and what disposition will be made of it is not yet known. There are 150,000 bags yet or 208 carloads. It has been understood from several sources that the flour will be put up at auction.

Death at Acton

William Hood a well known farmer of Acton died Friday at his home after a brief illness with apoplexy. The deceased was aged eighty three years and had resided at Acton the greater part of his life. Four sons and three daughters survive. They are Alexander of Queensbury, William C. of St. John, James and Frederick at home, Mrs. Thomas Thompson of Millinocket Me., Mrs. Charles Davis of Maine and Miss Melissa at home. Interment will be made at Acton.

Engineers' Dance.

The Engineering Society of the University of New Brunswick gave a very enjoyable dance last evening in the College gymnasium. Despite the foul weather a large number of guests were present and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The chaperones were Prof. and Mrs. Stevens and Prof. and Mrs. Turner. Music for eighteen dances was supplied by Tennant's orchestra, and the extras were played by Miss Thurrott and the Messrs. Anderson, Sutherland and MacGinn.

Removing to Burts Corner.

The women of the George St. Baptist Mission Study Class met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Wilcox. It being the closing meeting of the winter's Study. The Study book on "Medical Missions" was reviewed by the leader Mrs. James Hunter, in an intensely interesting and instructive address. After this a social hour with refreshment was much enjoyed. Mrs. Wilcox is shortly to remove to Burts Corner where her husband holds a position. Her departure is much regretted by her friends of the city.

Dope Smuggler Arrested.

Two new developments have occurred in the rigorous investigation of alleged smuggling of drugs from New Brunswick and Quebec into the new England states. Harry Gillis, of Calais, has been placed under arrest there Mrs. Leslie Goodrich said to belong to Bangor, but known in Calais as Mrs. Leslie M. Wainwright on a charge of having narcotic drugs in her possession. She is alleged by the United States federal officers to be a member of one of several gangs whose operations between Canada and the republic are being investigated by the officials.

Anything for Politics

St. John Times: Many vicious attacks have been made upon Hon. Mr. Veniot in regard to the Caraqueet Railway. Mr. Veniot has done all that it was in his power to do. That he did not do more was due to delay at Ottawa. As he pointed out yesterday, an appeal had been made to Ottawa against the act relating to the Caraqueet Railway, which was during the last session of the legislature, and he found it difficult to get a decision from the minister of justice as to whether or not it would be vetoed. More significant of the spirit which prompted the attacks upon the minister was the letter he found at Ottawa written by a political opponent, and tending to discourage the federal government from taking any action. There are partisans so bitter that they would destroy a public service rather than permit an opponent to gain any credit for work accomplished.

GUIMOND AND ADAMS SENT UP FOR FORGERY

TRIAL BEFORE THE KING'S BENCH DIVISION MAY 4

Third Man Implicated Has Not Been Arrested—England Remanded Until Monday.

In the Police Court this morning Herbert Adams and Eugene Guimond, were committed by Police Magistrate Limerick for trial at the next sitting of the King's Bench Division, Judge Chandler, which will be on May 4th, next. It will be remembered that these two men were arrested about two weeks ago by Chief of Police Finley in Campbellton. That place is the home of Guimond while Adams claims Matapedia, Que., as his abiding place. They are charged with unlawfully uttering a forged cheque, knowing it to be such. Evidence has already been produced by the prosecution to show that a cheque was indorsed by J. J. McCaffery, of the Queen Hotel, and was cashed in the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Downes, a farmer of Matapedia, who was the victim of the \$250 swindle has testified that his pass-book had mysteriously disappeared and that Adams had been a frequent visitor at his home. That same pass-book had been produced by Adams when he cashed the cheque. Another man was implicated but has not been arrested. R. B. Hanson, K. C. is for the prosecution and P. J. Hughes for the defence.

Remanded Till Monday.

The case of Albert W. England, who is charged with unlawfully forging prescriptions for intoxicating liquor also came up this morning. P. J. Hughes, who is acting for the Crown in this case had one more witness to examine, and as he was not present on account of the train being late, the prisoner was remanded until Monday. In this case R. B. Hanson, K. C., is defending the prisoner.

Grand Falls Power

A bill to force development of the water power was introduced in the House yesterday by Premier Foster, is a measure of far reaching importance. It was taken up by the House in Committee this morning and agreed to. According to the terms of the bill if the company can convince the government that it will undertake the immediate development of the power available and will also assent to the government regulation of the sale of the power, the company may be permitted to proceed, otherwise the government will take prompt action towards development on its own account. Mr. Powell, the company's solicitor turned up in the House this morning, but he does not seem to have been able to stay the progress of the bill.

CHARLOTTE CO. TO HAVE HALF OF BATTALION

REPORT CONCERNING MILITIA ORGANIZATION

Staff of York Regiment, Including Band, to Remain Here—Machine Gun Brigade After Band.

It is stated that the contemplated reorganization of the militia in this part of New Brunswick will locate almost half of the York Regiment, formerly the 71st York Regt., in the county of Charlotte. Major W. H. Laughlin of Milltown who is officer commanding the regiment was here recently discussing the situation with local officers and it was announced after his visit that the intention was to place two of the four companies into which the unit will be divided in the county of Charlotte. Heretofore on the eight-company basis only two companies were in Charlotte so that the relocation of the companies will mean a substantial reduction in the number of militia to be raised in York County. The other two counties included in the regimental area, Sunbury and Queens' appear to be left out of the calculations.

Staff From Fredericton

It is reported that as heretofore the staff will be located in Fredericton. This will include band, signalling section and bearer section. Formerly a machine-gun section also was on the strength of an infantry battalion. The organization of a machine-gun brigade for the province has made a change in that particular, however.

Machine-Gunners Want Band

The Machine Gun Brigade is desirous of having a band on its strength. Negotiations already have been opened to secure bandmen in and about Fredericton for this unit.

Annual Training Still Uncertain

It still is uncertain what arms of the militia will train this year at Sussex. The artillery is to go into camp it is said but there is doubt about the infantry. None of the rural infantry regiments have completed reorganization and a vote for their training has not yet been passed at Ottawa. There is a strong opinion in certain quarters that on grounds of economy there should be as little training of militia this year as possible.

Planning Next Move.

Immediately after the vote on the referendum was taken yesterday in the House of Assembly, the Dominion Alliance Committee held a consultation to plan their next move.

Seventy-one Placements.

The local office of the Dominion Employment Service made seventy-one placements this week, twenty-eight of which were for returned soldiers.

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