

CHRISTMAS RUSH ON TODAY IN EARNEST

Special Trains Brought Many — Post Office is Bearing Heavy Strain These Days—Express Companies Also.

With Christmas Day but two days off, business today was the best of the festive season in Fredericton. The regular trains brought their quotas of shoppers and the special train service also was in effect today. On Saturday the train service will be augmented further on the Fredericton & Grand Lake Railway and there will be a still large number of people in the city to buy for Christmas.

Perfect Winter Weather

Although the temperature was low this morning the weather soon moderated and for the greater part of the day perfect winter weather was enjoyed the temperature being fairly high. There was a fairly large market at Phoenix Square this morning and there will be another on Friday.

Activity in the Stores

The stores are scenes of activity and extra staffs are at work serving the customers who have not bought their Christmas gifts early. A good run of trade although delayed is the general verdict.

Burden at Post Office

The post office as usual at this time of the year is carrying a heavy burden. Extra staff is employed in various department of the Fredericton post office for the purpose of keeping up with the extra work which Christmas entails. Not only is the parcel post carrying a seasonable rush but the ordinary mails both outgoing and incoming are heavy on account of the Christmas greetings which are being exchanged.

The express companies also are carrying extra staffs at this time to deal with the extra heavy shipments of gifts in addition to the ordinary business.

Greetings by wire are more in use this season than before. The telegraph companies are offering special inducements for seasonable greetings over the wire.

CITY AFFAIRS

Arctic Rink Opened.

The Arctic Rink opened Wednesday night with band. There was a large attendance and the ice was good. The opening is about the usual time. There will be skating Christmas Day with band.

Tractors in Use in Streets.

A tractor in use for hauling sleds has appeared about the streets today and attracted considerable attention. The tractor is able to haul heavy loads at a good speed.

Married Here Today.

The wedding of Miss Laura Carr daughter of Nathan Carr of Geary and Clarence D. Carr son of Charles Carr of Geary, was solemnized this afternoon at the George Street United Baptist Parsonage. Rev. I. A. Corbett performed the ceremony. The bride and groom were attended. They will make their home in Geary.

Small Demand for Barrels

Saint John Globe: The demand for barrels this season is not so great as in 1925, was the assertion made this morning by a member of the firm of Taylor and White, barrel manufacturers. This is attributed to the fact that potatoes in which barrels played an important part last season, are being exported this year in bags. In preparation for the anticipated heavy demand for barrels during the potato export period, the plant of Taylor and White was active for many weeks, but owing to the decrease in the demands, the company was obliged to close its plant about three weeks ago.

Died in Lynn, Mass.

The death of George Ladds formerly of Fredericton occurred yesterday in Lynn, Mass. The deceased is survived by his widow and several children. Reuben Ladds of Nashwaakisis is a brother and Miss Sarah E. Ladds of this city is a sister of the deceased. The funeral will take place Friday on the arrival of the C. P. R. train at noon. The body will be taken direct to St. John's Church, Nashwaakisis, where service will be conducted by Rev. N. P. Fairweather assisted by Rev. A. F. Bate. Interment will be made in St. John's Churchyard.

JURY TRIAL TAKEN BY FAIRLEY AND FLETCHER

J. B. Dickson Counsel for Defence—C. N. R. Officials on Stand in the McGivney Liquor Theft Case.

A trial by judge and jury was chosen by Norman Fletcher and William Fairley of McGivney, when they appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick this morning on the charge of stealing twenty-two cases of liquor from a box-car on the C. N. R. at McGivney Junction, December 12th, or about that date. The accused are defending the charge and are represented by J. B. Dickson as counsel. P. J. Hughes, K. C., appeared for the prosecution.

Consigned to Commission

The accused are charged with stealing twenty two cases of Canadian rye whiskey and cocktails, whisky being the larger quantity. A bottle of rye was produced in court this morning as a sample. The entire contents of the car was not taken. The liquor was enroute from Ontario to this city having been consigned to the New Brunswick Liquor Commission.

Evidence This Morning

This morning evidence was given by Austin F. Steeves of Newcastle, C. N. R. Investigation Department and William H. Finley of Fredericton, of the same department. The C. N. R. station agent at McGivney Junction also was on the stand and gave evidence concerning the receipt of the car at that station and the place in which it was standing.

The officers gave evidence of the reported break at the car and the steps taken to apprehend the guilty parties. The marks of the hoofs of horses were identified by them and the trail which led to the premises where the bottles taken from the cases were found in a barn.

The case was continued this afternoon. The prospect is that the two men will spend Christmas in gaol.

EIGHTEEN STATES AMONG MOTOR TOURISTS

Camp Ground Register Discloses Interesting Information—Ontario Had Largest Registration of Canadians.

The data which City Engineer J. D. MacKay has secured from the register at the Tourist Camp Ground on the Old Government House property, contains much interesting information and is an indication of the increasing importance of motor travel during the summer and autumn months.

The register shows that the overwhelming majority of the motorists who carry tents with them and use the camp grounds along their routes are from the United States. Canadians are not numerous. Among the Canadian Provinces all of which are represented on the register, Ontario had the largest number of parties in 1926.

American Representation.

The American representation on the register came from eighteen different states of the Union. New England as being the nearest section had naturally the largest representation but New York also had quite a number of tourists. The states shown on the register are Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Washington, Florida, California.

The total of 483 parties registered contained 1839 persons although an estimate had to be made of some parties. A few early comers who used the grounds were not registered.

Equality of Sexes

Saint John Globe: Two women imbibed too freely on Tuesday evening and were arrested. In court this morning, one of them, represented by a lawyer, was fined \$8 or two months in jail. The other obtained her freedom posting a similar amount as a deposit, which she forfeited by her non-appearance before the Magistrate.

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