

STREAM-DRIVING PROGRESSES IN FRESHET WATERS

Reid Brothers, of Gagetown, Drive Now At Springhill

Waters Swelling

Fear of Freshet in the Northern Sections Is Now Feared

While the St. John river is being rapidly cleared of drifting ice floes, stream-driving operations in this section of the province are progressing at a great speed.

Reid Brothers, of Gagetown, have started their drive from the Macnaquac region and already it is at Springhill. From there it will be taken by raft down-river to be made ready for sawing. This same company has its drive on the Nashwaak well underway also. Generally the drives on the various tributaries and streams in Sunbury and the other counties are well underway.

River Level Dropping

The river level is dropping gradually and there seems to be no further danger of flood damage in this part of the province. However, higher temperatures and rain has caused a situation in the northwest portion of the province which is causing some anxiety. On the wooded slopes of the upper reaches of the St. John river and its tributaries there is much snow and ice yet. As these form the sources of the river's late spring freshet annually, the possibility of further reeding of the water down river is not encouraging.

Heavy showers Sunday morning followed a warm Saturday in Carleton county, checking the drop in the main river. At Woodstock came word the water again had started to rise. It rose more than a foot within less than 24 hours and was still creeping up the banks there last night.

NEWS BRIEFS

AT THE HOSPITAL

Miss Lalia McVey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McVey, who was operated upon at the Victorial Hospital last week for appendicitis, was reported to be resting quite comfortably today, having spent a comfortable week-end.

U. N. B. EXAMINATIONS

The final examinations at the University of New Brunswick will commence on Thursday of this week and will continue until two days before the college closing. At the present time the under-graduates are busily engaged in preparing for their examinations.

FIRE STRIKES TWICE

Striking twice in the same place may not apply to lightning but the fire department know now that it isn't so with fires. On Saturday night at eight o'clock a fire occurred at the city dump among some rubbish. On Sunday another fire occurred almost in the same place. Both were slight and easily extinguished. A grass fire occurred at the home of R. K. Neviers, Lansdowne street, this morning.

CHRISTENED AT ST. PAUL'S

Yesterday morning at St. Paul's United Church a christening service was held with Rev. George Telford, the pastor, officiating. During the ceremony Douglas Terry sang "The Great Messiah," it being especially well rendered. The children christened were Marion Elizabeth Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Young, and Robert Bruce Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Little, of this city.

GOING TO AMHERST

Stanley Wood and F. Leslie Wood, officials of the N. B. Department of Agriculture, are leaving tomorrow for Amherst, N. S., where they will attend the meeting at that place of the Maritime Livestock Breeders Association. A. E. McLaurin, formerly of this city will attend the meeting as a representative of the Junior Club work in eastern Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

OIL TANKER WAS OBJECT OF INTEREST HERE

"Elkhound" 700-ton Sea-going Craft Here Over the Week-end

Attracted Crowds

First Time That Tanker Ever Visited the Capital City

The oil-tanker "Elkhound" owned by the Irving Oil Company of Saint John arrived here at six o'clock on Saturday and docked with a cargo of 125,000 gallons of gasoline. It was the "Elkhound's" maiden trip up the Saint John river to this city and the first time that Fredericton was ever visited by craft of this description.

Hundreds of people flocked about the oil tanker as it lay at anchor at the Star Line wharf on Saturday evening, and more gathered at South Devon on Sunday where the oil tanker unloaded its huge supply of gasoline at the Irving Oil Company's tanks. The crew of twelve as well as employees of the company here worked from nine o'clock Sunday morning until late afternoon, pumping the gasoline from the tanker to the company's big tanks on the shore at South Devon. Hundreds of residents of this city and Devon watched the operations with keen interest.

Made Trip In 10 Hours

The big oil tanker made the trip here in ten hours and experienced no difficulty. The freshet waters enabled a safe passage, and it is understood that the craft will make another trip to this city before the waters of the Saint John river drop. It would be impossible for the "Elkhound" to make passage in low water.

The "Elkhound" carries twelve of a crew besides its captain, T. G. Weston, a sea veteran of thirty five years' experience. The boat weighs in the vicinity of seven hundred tons, is one hundred and eighty feet in length and approximately thirty five feet wide. The craft burns oil and takes ten and one half feet of water.

Captain's Experience

Speaking with a representative of the Daily Mail on Saturday evening Captain Weston related some factual matter about the "Elkhound" and referred to his own experience in the Great Lakes region, where he captained the "Charles Dick". He worked in the Great Lakes area for a number of years before accepting his present post as captain of the Irving Oil tanker.

Captain Weston was the recipient of unusual honors while employed in the Lakes region. For being the first to pilot a ship into Toronto Harbor for the opening of navigation in the spring of the year he was crowned with a silk hat by the mayor of Toronto. The silk hat symbolized to the sea folk the efficiency and reliability of the wearer. This honor was accorded Captain Weston in 1926 and 1927, and also in 1929 and 1930. To the Daily Mail enquirer Captain Weston recalled all this with an amused twinkle.

It is the purpose of the Irving Oil Company to have the "Elkhound" operate at points about the Bay of Fundy and as far around the Nova Scotia coast as Yarmouth. Also the oil tanker will carry on its commercial trade on the east coast of New Brunswick and up along the Northumberland Strait and the Gulf of St. Lawrence during the coming summer.

The extent of the strength and durability of such a craft as this, was shown last year when the "Elkhound" was brought across the Atlantic ocean from Scotland, where it was constructed. Besides the 125,000 gallons of gasoline the oil tanker yesterday carried barrels of grease and oil. The return journey to Saint John was made last night.

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To Be Here Two Weeks

Judge Carew Presided In Famous U. S. Law Case Recently

He stepped from the Boston train at 11.20 o'clock this morning, a tall stalwart figure; attired in light gray and wearing one of those iron-black hats, which with a suave vandyke on his chin, gave him that touch of dignity added to serenity which makes the typical judge. He was Justice John F. Carew of the Supreme Court of New York, here for two weeks' vacation, fishing with Jack Russell at Ludlow, N. B.

Judge Carew is famous today as the man who sat on the Vanderbilt-Whitney case recently heard in New York and which had repercussions all over the world, so interesting was the nature of the case.

The local reporters mulled around him today as he stepped from the train. They wanted to know about the case, about the child Gloria Vanderbilt worth forty millions of dollars and for whose custody the mother, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, and the aunt, Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt had fought literally tooth and claw in the New York courts. They wanted to know if it was true that mothers from all over the

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