

LOCAL NEWS

THE WEATHER.

Maritime.—Increasing northeasterly winds, fair. Saturday, occasional rain.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. G. B. Hanson and family desire to thank their friends who have been so kind during their recent bereavement.

THIS IS "IMP" NIGHT.

The Bijou have a splendid "Imp" feature today also the little Pat Harrington, who has made such a success throughout his tour through United States and Canada. Come early tonight.

PRACTISE RANGE FINDING

A party of non-commissioned officers from "H" Company, R. C. R., spent the morning in practise at range finding, the party being located on Queen Street in front of the Parliament buildings.

EXTRA TRAIN POPULAR

The extra passenger train on the Gibson Branch of the C. P. R. is growing in popularity. Yesterday the train, the second since the inauguration of the service, brought forty-two passengers to the city and was crowded on its return.

MAY START SOON

The antimony mines at Lake George are still closed down, but hopes are entertained that arrangements may be made in the near future, whereby operations can be resumed. Just at present the price of antimony is rather low on the market.

AMERICAN SPORTSMEN COMING.

Mr. Adam Moore, the celebrated guide of Scotch Lake, is to leave on Monday for his camps on the headwaters on the Tobique to be absent two months. At Perth he will meet Mr. Thomas Roland and son and Mr. D. J. Singer, of New York, who have arranged to spend some weeks with him. They will put in the time trout fishing and bear hunting.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

Mr. W. H. Allen, the well-known guide of Penniac, has been doing quite a business of late shipping live porcupines, turtles, lizards, snakes and squirrels to New York. He consigns them to a party in that city, who forwards them to Germany. Mr. Allen says that there is money in business.

TOOK A PLUNGE.

Two local military men made a fishing trip to the Portbello this week and had an interesting fishing story to tell on their return. One of the twain was casting at a point where the bank went off very abruptly and apparently neglected to secure a firm foot-hold. A fish grabbed his hook unexpectedly and the shock was so great that in less time than it takes to tell it he was precipitated into five feet of cold water. In the struggle to reach terra firma, the fish, which was the largest hooked by the party during the day, made its escape.

PLACE YOUR ORDERS.

The Schooner Margaret May Riley is in port with a cargo of 600 tons of best quality Leigh Valley egg and stove coal, consigned to Mr. A. H. Yanwart. This vessel will begin discharging on Monday and consumers can save one dollar per ton over winter prices, by placing their orders so that delivery can be made direct from the wharf. It is quite possible that this will be the last cargo of furnace coal to arrive here this season, so don't delay placing your orders.—221.

STOCK MARKET REPORTS.

The Mail has made arrangements with Messrs. J. M. Robinson & Sons bankers and brokers of St. John, N. B. for a stock market service, which is pretty certain to prove popular with local investors. Reports of the opening and closing prices of leading stocks, listed on the Montreal and New York exchanges, will be received at this office twice daily and filed for the benefit of those interested. Reports on the leading Cobalt issues will also be included. The Messrs. Robinson are members of the Montreal stock exchange, and have direct wire connections. No doubt their many clients in this city will appreciate the enterprise of The Mail.

HALLEY'S COMET VISIBLE.

The comet was seen quite plainly at an early hour this morning both in this city and in neighboring places. Manager Kimball of the Mitchell boom, informed The Mail that many of the men at the boom saw the comet. At 3.15 this morning, the tail was quite plain, running from north-east to south-west. At that time the head was below the horizon. Later the tail became invisible on account of the glowing daylight, but the head of the comet appeared much like a very bright star about a quarter of the way between the horizon and zenith. The Highway bridge was quite popular as a place from which to view the comet. Several ladies arose early and went out on the bridge to get a glimpse of it.

SEVERAL DRIVES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ABANDONED

Kilburn Coming Out with but Half Million—W. J. Noble in Difficulties—Morrison Hung Up.

Reports that are anything but encouraging have been received from the drives on the Upper St. John. It is now probable that several drives will be hung up unless there is a heavy fall of rain in the near future.

Word reached the city last night by a man who had just left one of the drives that part of W. J. Noble's drive had been abandoned and that J. A. Morrison's drive was also hung up. With regard to the Kilburn drive it is understood that a portion has been abandoned and every effort is being made to bring out a small drive of about 500,000 feet.

On Tuesday last part of the Morrison drive was eighteen miles above Seven Islands. With the water falling at the rate it has been, there seems little possibility of this coming out. A report received from Mr. John Kilburn a few days ago stated that part of the Morrison drive was coming along with his own. If a portion of the Kilburn drive has been abandoned it is likely that the remainder of the Morrison drive is also hung up.

W. J. Noble is making a running drive in an effort to get some of his lumber out. Mr. Arthur Noble several days ago left his own drive and went to the assistance of the other drive. One of the Noble drives was left on the brooks. It is thought that Kilburn drive would amount to about 8,000,000 feet. The greater part of this has been left below Seven Islands. The drive of W. J. Nobles would amount to about 12,000,000 feet.

The water in the river continues to fall and reports from up river are to the effect that the drop is general and that rain is urgently needed.

Reports by Western Union this morning are as follows:—Grand Falls—Weather fine, and cool; River falling.

Woodstock—Water fell four inches. Number of logs running. Weather fine and becoming warmer.

Edmundston—Cloudy and cold. River falling. Few logs running.

ARBOR DAY OBSERVED.

Arbor Day was fittingly observed in all the schools of the city today. Tree planting was done at some of the schools and special lessons in this important subject were given in all. At the high school there was ivy planting, but owing to the lack of an assembly hall no musical program was followed.

Mr. D. B. Macdonald of Montreal is at the Queen.

CITY COUNCIL WILL ATTEND BOTH SERVICES

Memorial Services will not Conflict—Orangemen will go to Methodist Church—Freemasons to Cathedral

The city council, yesterday afternoon after taking the oath of allegiance to George V. discussed the question of attending memorial service on the day of King Edward's burial. Invitations to the two memorial services which will be held on that day had been received by the Mayor and the aldermen. After some discussion it was decided that the members of the council would attend both services if the hours at which they were to be held did not conflict. As the services at Christ Church Cathedral is to be held at 3 p.m. and the union service at 11 a.m. the members of the civic governing body will attend both.

The County Lodge L.O.A., at a special meeting held last night decided to attend the service at the Methodist Church in a body. A band will be engaged for the occasion. If the local bands have previous engagements one will be brought from outside the city. Subordinate lodges are to accompany the county lodge.

The Free Masons will attend service at the Cathedral and have secured the services of the Fredericton brass band. The 71st. Reg't band will play the South African Veterans to the Cathedral.

BURIED AT MAUGERVILLE.

The funeral of Mrs. John McLean took place at Maugerville this morning at nine o'clock. Rev. Mr. Ainsworth conducted the service.

FIRE COMMITTEE.

The Fire Committee of the city council is meeting this afternoon to receive a report from Chief Rutter on the horse recently purchased by the department and now used to haul the hook and ladder truck.

FUNERAL OF LATE JOHN CHRISTIE.

The funeral of the late John Christie was held this afternoon and was largely attended. Among the mourners were his sons James of this city, William of West Lynn and John of Attleboro. Interment was made in the Rural Cemetery. Rev. J. W. McConnell conducted the service.

Mr. Norman McGloan of St. John is at the Queen.

Mr. H. G. Rogers of St. John, is in the city.

Mrs. J. Leonard left last evening for her home in Boston, after spending the winter here.

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