

LOCAL NEWS

XMAS ADVERTISING.

Don't delay making your arrangements for Christmas advertising. You have the goods, let The Mail serve you in the capacity of a salesman. Telephone the counting room and our ad man will call on you.

NO MAIL MONDAY.

On account of Monday being Christmas Day, The Mail will not go published.

BIJOU TODAY AND CHRISTMAS DAY.

This theatre will be open to its patrons today and Christmas Day, with four reels of specially fine pictures. Do not miss this big show. Afternoon 2-5. Evening, 7.15-10.30.

TO SPEND CHRISTMAS

Dr. C. R. Fletcher of New York, arrived in the city today at noon to spend Christmas. He will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Macnutt. Dr. Fletcher will remain here several days.

CONDITION SERIOUS

The condition of Mr. W. H. McGinn, superintendent of the City's Electric Lighting plant is seriously ill at his home. Mr. McGinn has been confined to his home for some time and his condition is now such as to cause his friends much alarm.

SPECULATING ALREADY

There is a rumor about St. John that a syndicate had been formed for the purpose of purchasing a large tract of land in the vicinity of Rothesay. Their object in doing this is supposed to have some connection with the building of the Valley Railroad in that vicinity.

FOR THE HUNGRY

Prof. Washington has made elaborate preparations for Christmas at his popular cafe. He will serve a bang up Christmas dinner and he has a good supply of Shadiah oysters, boiled live lobsters and other luxuries for tonight. Music will be furnished from 9 until 12 o'clock.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. John Dolan, who has been engaged in engineering work on the Southampton Railway is in the city to spend Christmas. He will return to Temperance Vale on Tuesday. Construction work on the Southampton Railway will be continued during the winter.

TO WED TOMORROW

Mr. H. L. Morse, the well known harness-maker of Hawkeshaw is to be married at Central Waterville tomorrow to Miss Sadie M. Moore, a sister of Mr. Adam Moore, the well known guide. The worthy couple have a great many friends who will join with The Mail in wishing them every happiness.

PLOWED IN DECEMBER

Not only in Quebec has December ploughing been done. Right here in our own county of York at the close of ten days of beautiful summer-like weather, many farmers went afield to finish hauling rails or picking stone, and on the 13th and 14th in Southampton more than one man ploughed sod from morning till night, and the work was the same as in October. This would be a good advertisement for New Brunswick abroad, and should do much to correct the false impression made in many quarters by the "political poets," effusion entitled "Our Lady of the Snows."

SOCIETY EVENTS

An Ottawa Paper says:—Mrs. C. S. Maunsell gave a small house dance last evening for her daughter, Miss Muriel Maunsell. About fifty of Ottawa's younger set were present, including Miss Ruby Hughes, Miss Margaret Fitzpatrick, Miss Jesse Casella, the Misses Rutherford, Miss May Lewis, Miss Nan Grant (Toronto), Miss Phoebe Wright, Miss Bee Blakeney, Miss Maud Codville, Miss Marjorie Bate and Miss Katie Christie, Messrs. Walter Creighton, Peter Murphy, Pat Edwards, Willis O'Connor, Ewan McLachlin, Bob Varty, S. Hall, Charlie Fellowes, Reginald Smith and Carleton.

COW HAD HARD TIME

A fine large heifer belonging to Mr. George Christie of Grand View while trying to drink out of the river on Sunday last slipped in. Her struggles only worked her father out in the loose cakes of ice, which were dammed up by the big ice jam below. When found she was about ten or twelve rods from shore bobbing up and down in about ten feet of water. Mr. Christie sent for help and Mr. Ezra Miller brought ropes. They built a bridge out of rails and at last got the rope thrown over her horns. A team was then brought and the animal pulled out of the ice to the shore. They then got a drag and hauled her to the barn. Although the animal suffered severely she will probably live.

MILD WEATHER
CAUSES PRODUCE
PRICES TO DROP

Big Slump in Country Market This Morning—Heavy Rains Make the Farmers Frightened Concerning Produce

The high prices which have prevailed for some weeks dropped suddenly today, in some cases being cut almost in half and in others about one-third. Oversupply is one of the causes for the fall in prices and the near approach of Christmas another, but the main factor was the heavy rain which set in last night accompanied by a rising temperature. Late last night there was a fairly heavy fall of snow. The snow turned to rain however with the result that sidewalks are flooded in many places and travelling afoot or by vehicle is very disagreeable.

LARGE MARKET

In spite of the bad travelling there was a well attended country market this morning. Buyers and sellers alike suffered much inconvenience on account of the rain which fell heavily. With the opening of the market an attempt was made to keep prices at their former high level, but a downward tendency was soon noticeable. Turkeys were offered at 38c. to 30c. per lb., but the price fell to 25 cents and a considerable number were sold for 20c. per lb. The price of chickens fell from 22 cents per lb. to 12c. and in some cases chickens were sold cheaper than that. It is probable that today's rain will be followed by a period of mild weather which will make it exceedingly difficult to prevent meats from spoiling and farmers and provision dealers are consequently very anxious to get as much as possible off their hands.

LUMBER MARKET
EXPECTED TO IMPROVE

Small Stocks Carried in American Yards—Good Demand for Lumber in Boston

A market improvement in the lumber market is expected and the coming year, according to experts, will be a good one. The Canada Lumberman, the chief journal of the lumbering business in Eastern Canada, has the following on conditions in this part of the Dominion:

"Great things are expected of 1912, it being generally believed that next year will be the greatest ever in Canadian building history. There is particular activity promising at Montreal, where announcements concerning big construction projects are made almost daily. This, of course, is not without a well defined effect upon the lumber industry and the demand in many lines is improving. At Montreal, hardwoods are making a good showing, chestnut and plain oak being the brightest spots. In some quarters a rush of business is reported. The small offerings of shingles are resulting in somewhat better prices. Spruce lath sells readily. Little demand for dimension timber is experienced.

IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

"Logging operations in New Brunswick show an improvement upon previous years. Prices in Fredericton and St. John include: spruce scantling random lengths, \$16 to \$17; spruce boards, \$16 to \$17; hemlock boards, \$15 to \$15.50; shingles, \$1.38 to \$3.00. A better demand for the cheaper grades is reported from this section. Hardwood prices have advanced slightly.

THE AMERICAN MARKET.

"From New York a quiet demand but fewer offerings are reported in spruce; in fact, spruce supplies are much lower than they have been for a number of years at this season. The small buying on the part of the yards is attributable, doubtless, to the rather unsatisfactory building situation. Hemlock continues in fair demand. Retail supplies are limited and mill stacks are not heavy. A uniformly good demand for hardwoods continues to come from manufacturers—an indication that the consumers' supplies are working down pretty low and that there is need of stocking up.

"Boston has sufficient demand for spruce to keep prices firm. \$24 is asked for frames, the high figure reported being \$24.50. Random is held firmly with a fair number of enquiries. Covering boards are at an average trade. Hemlock is about holding its own. Shingles continue strong. The best cedars sell from \$3.50 to \$3.60. The low price for clears is \$3.20. The lath trade is quiet."

GUIDES' ASSOCIATION IS
AGAINST AMALGAMATION

New Brunswick Guides' Association Held Annual Meeting Yesterday—W. H. Allen, Penniac, President—Big Game Never More Plentiful—Enjoyable Dinner at Queen Hotel Last Night

The annual meeting and dinner of the New Brunswick Guides' Association took place yesterday at the Queen Hotel, the dinner last night being one of the most successful held in the history of the association. The guides have had a successful year and a feeling of confidence prevailed at yesterday's gathering. Big game was reported to be more plentiful than for some years past and the prospect for the season of 1912 is bright.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The election of officers which took place in the afternoon resulted as follows:
Honorary President—Hon. J. K. Flemming.
President—W. H. Allen, Penniac.
Vice-President—S. B. Thomas.
Secretary—J. Harold McMurray.
Executive Committee—Hon. J. K. Flemming, W. H. Allen, S. B. Thomas, J. Harold McMurray, Wm. Griffin Jr., Adam Moore, Bert Moore, L. Savage, Chas. Cremin, John Jarvis, John Murphy.
The membership committee consists of a large number of members.
Committee to interview Premier Fleming concerning fishing matters—Adam Moore, Arthur Pringle, Chas. Cremin, W. H. Allen, S. B. Thomas.

NO AMALGAMATION.

The Association decided not to amalgamate with the New Brunswick Fish, Forest and Game Protective Association. The latter was represented by Mr. W. W. Gerow of St. John, who laid the matter before the guides, explaining wherein he thought the advantage of amalgamation lay. The members of the Guides' Association, however, declined to consider the matter, theirs being the original organization and one which serves purposes which cannot be served by the Protective Association.

ENJOYABLE DINNER.

About thirty guides and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable dinner in the dining room of the Queen Hotel last night. The dinner was served in the Queen's best style. At its conclusion the toast list was taken up. Pres. W. H. Allen was in the chair with Vice-Pres. Thomas in the vice-chair.

"The King" was responded to by the singing of the National Anthem. "The Governor General," proposed by Vice-Pres. Thomas, was responded to by Pres. Allen and Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., both of whom referred to the advantage derived from the Guides' Association by the province at large.

"The Local Legislature" was replied to by Hon. H. F. McLeod, provincial secretary. In the course of his remarks he referred to the value of New Brunswick's forests and game as an asset.

The City of Fredericton was replied to by City Clerk J. W. McCready. The speaker mentioned the fact that the association which had first been formed for the purpose of advertising the province as a country for tourists and sportsmen had been organized in Fredericton.

Addresses were also made by Lt. Col. T. G. Logie Deputy Surveyor General, Adam Moore, W. R. Clarke, J. S. Neill, Ex-Warden McNally, S. B. Thomas, Arthur Pringle, B. Morral John Moore, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Saunders.

The gathering broke up about midnight with the singing of the National Anthem.

DON'T FORGET

Don't forget the bean supper at the Y.M.C.A. hall from 5.30 to 7 o'clock this evening. Plan to take supper there.

SERIOUSLY ILL

The many friends of Mrs. Otty Crookshank will regret to learn that she is seriously ill at her home in this city.

SIR CHAS. TUPPER'S
CONDITION WORSE

London, Dec. 22—Reports from Bexley Heath this morning state that Sir Charles Tupper's condition is not so satisfactory, the patient's improvement showing signs of a check.

Mr. L. T. Jondry of, Campbellton was in the city yesterday.

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