

LOCAL NEWS

Don't forget Williams Birthday Sale is on this week. Big Bargains.

If you want to save money go to the store of G. R. Thompsons, St. Mary's—Special sale of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Floor Oilcloth, Lace Curtains, Window Blinds. All goods we carry at reduced price.—m.t.d.

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How about that new summer hat ladies? Call at Williams, St. Mary's, they can save you money. Our Milliner is now ready to meet you and is only to glad to give you her help. Call and see our stock before buying.

GOING TO ST STEPHEN

A party of young ladies belonging to Fredericton will leave this week for St. Stephen where they will take positions in the Candy factory of Gansong Brothers.

CHINESE FAMINE FUND

Mrs. J. J. Colter reports that contributions to the Chinese Famine Relief Fund of date forwarded from Fredericton total \$153.20. Other contributions are, Rev. Dr. Kierstead \$1.00, Mrs. W. Richards 75 cents.

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CONTRIBUTED TO FUND

The sum of \$17.75 was remitted by members of the Methodist congregation at Boiestown to the General Secretary of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church to be added to the Chinese Famine Relief Fund.

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GAVE A BONUS

The directors of the Bank of Montreal at a meeting on Tuesday declared a bonus of one per cent. in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent. It is payable on June 1st.

LATE ELIZABETH GORDON

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon took place this afternoon from her late residence Morrison's Mill. The funeral service conducted by Rev. Canon Cowie and interment was made at Forest Hill Cemetery.

LATE DANIEL MANZER

The funeral of the late Daniel Manzer took place this afternoon from his late home, Nashwaak Village. Service was conducted at the Methodist Church by Rev. E. Howard Hood and Rev. Mr. Chown. Interment was made at Nashwaak Village.

POLICE COURT.

Police Magistrate Marsh was sufficiently recovered in health to preside at this morning's session of the police court. One drunk forfeited a deposit. A fifth offense Scott Act case was postponed until this afternoon. It is expected that the offense will be acknowledged.

GOING TO MONTREAL.

Sergt. Major Lavoie of No. 3 Regimental Depot, arrived here last night from Halifax, where he has been taking a special course during the past two months. On Monday next he will leave for Montreal, where he has been appointed to the staff of the recently organized school of musketry.

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MAJORITY FOR UNION

The Methodists of the Boiestown Circuit in the vote on the question of union of the Methodist Congregational and Presbyterian gave a decided majority for Union the vote being practically 3 to 1. The pastor Rev. Wm. R. Pepper reports the vote as follows:—

	For	Against
Quarterly Official	15	5
Members	168	54

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ON DECK AGAIN

Hon. George J. Clarke, speaker of the Legislature, has recovered from his recent illness and is once more at his post. Hon. Mr. Clarke is one of the ablest men who ever filled the honorable and dignified position of speaker and his friends on both sides of the House are pleased to see him on deck again. The House was getting a trifle weary of substitutes of the type of Dickson and Sproule.

DEATH AT GIBSON

The death of Elias Morgan occurred this morning at an early hour at his home in Gibson after a short illness. The deceased was aged sixty-one years and is survived by eight children all residing at home with the exception of Mrs. Anna Taylor in the West. Three sisters and four brothers also survive. The funeral will take place Friday morning the remains leaving by C. P. R. for Millville where interment will be made.

ICE MADE FIRST MOVE AT EARLY HOUR LAST NIGHT

Ran Short Distance and Shortly before Noon Today Made Another Start—Majestic to Leave St. John Tomorrow

DATA RE OPENING AND CLOSING OF RIVER

There is every indication that the season of navigation will open within the next few days, the ice being badly broken up and having made several starts opposite this city. Between seven and eight o'clock last night the ice which had been held by the two bridges began to move. It ran a short distance and stopped. At about eleven o'clock this morning it made another start and ran about one hundred yards before stopping again. It appears to be weak, the recent warm weather and rains having melted it to a considerable extent.

AVERAGE TIME OF OPENING.

The break up of the ice at this point has come at about the average time. In 1854 the break up of the ice took place at the latest day on record, May 7th. May 3rd marked the break up in 1832, May 2nd in 1847, 1875 and 1881. In 1835, 1838 and 1882 the break up came on May 1st. In the earlier days of Fredericton the erection of a May pole on the ice marked the occasions upon which the ice remained in the river until May. The middle of April has been the usual time at which the ice has broken up.

RIVER OPEN AT HAWKSHAW.

It was reported from Southampton this afternoon that below Hawkshaw Bridge the river was clear of ice for some distance but was not running above that point. Yesterday afternoon there was quite an ice-run at Lower Woodstock.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

Mr. D. J. Purdy of St. John, is in the city today. He says that the steamer Majestic of the Crystal Strea. S.S. Line, will sail from Indian town tomorrow on her first trip and will attempt to reach Gagetown. The steamer Champlain will also probably make her first trip this week.

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TOWN ELECTIONS WERE HELD YESTERDAY

The civic elections for the town of Chatham were held yesterday and resulted in a victory for the reform ticket.

Mayor—Ald. Cassidy, 64; Mayor Byrne, 300.

Aldermen—R. A. Snowball, 378; F. E. Neale, 329; F. M. Tweedie, 344; R. D. Walsh, 340; C. P. Hickey, 339; J. R. Ryan, 338; W. J. Groat, 327; M. Morris, 323.

The defeated candidates received the following votes: J. F. Benson, 319; A. P. Williams, 314; J. L. Stewart, 299; J. A. Boudreau, 283; H. H. Carvell, 272; J. A. Hay, 269; J. A. Kerr, 260; A. McLennan, 259.

W. H. Belyea was elected Mayor of Newcastle by a majority of ten over C. J. Morrissey. The vote for Aldermen stood: Charles Sargeant, 214; Denis Doyle, 192; Dr. McGrath, 188; John Clark, 187; James Falconer, 174; Stanley Miller, 171; H. H. Stuart, 161; Alex. H. McKay, 159; Thomas Russell, 157; Charles Dickson, 140; Geo. Stables, 131; John G. Kethro, 120; Gregory Layton, 107; Allan Russell, 78; Cameron Smallwood, 62.

The first eight are elected. Dr. P. H. Laporte was elected Mayor of Edmundston yesterday and all of the old councillors were returned.

GOING TO ENGLAND.

Premier Borden, Hon. J. D. Hazen and Hon. Col. Sam Hughes have taken passage for England at the end of May to confer with the imperial authorities in regard to Canada's co-operation in the naval and military defence of the empire. Hon. Robert Rogers will also probably go to England at the same time on immigration and other matters connected with his department.

ICE SOLID UP RIVER.

Reports from points on the upper river are to the effect that the ice is still solid and that stream-driving prospects are good. Efforts will be made to save a large quantity of logs hung up below Grand Falls.

PLANS OF ST. JOHN & QUEBEC RAILWAY TO BE FILED SOON

First Section Comprising Thirty Miles West from Fredericton to be Ready at Office in a Few Days

NOTHING RE CONTRACTORS EXPECTED BEFORE NEXT WEEK

Mr. J. Ross Thompson chief engineer of the St. John and Quebec Railway announced this morning that plans of the first thirty miles of the line which have been surveyed will be filed at the company's offices in this city within a few days. The section of the line covered by these plans will be from this city west the survey of which was made by Mr. B. M. Hill's party. Plans of the other section of the line between this city and Woodstock will probably be filed shortly after the others.

MR. GOULD EXPECTED

Mr. A. R. Gould of Presque Isle, Me., president of the St. John and Quebec Railway is expected to arrive here early next week when it is probable that something official will transact for the construction of the line.

ON LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

Warden Carson of the Municipality of the City and County of St. John, arrived in this city last night in connection with legislative business relating to the construction of harbor improvements at St. John by the Norton Griffiths Company. Mr. G. E. Logan accompanied him.

ECLIPSE OF SUN.

An eclipse of the sun occurred this morning and under proper atmospheric conditions could have been observed here at an early hour. Clouds obscured the sun however, making observations impossible.

DIED IN NEVADA

Mrs. John Hall of St. Mary's has received word of the sudden death yesterday in Tonopah, Nevada, of her brother, Isaac McCluskey who left this province about thirty years ago. The deceased was about sixty years of age.

ST. MARY'S INDIANS HUNTED OTTER THIS MORNING

Animal was Observed Swimming in River below Highway Bridge—Dodged Pursuers for Some Time

OTTER FINALLY KILLED NEAR FRIEL'S CREEK

The Indians of the St. Mary's Reserve took part in an otter-hunt this morning and afforded an interesting spectacle for many who observed it. Some of the Indians observed an otter swimming in open water between cakes of ice opposite the Reserve and determined to capture the animal. It came up on an ice-cake, but shots from the shore failed to hit it. Two or three of the Indians put off in a canoe, armed with shot-guns and rifles and made for the otter. The latter evidently realized its danger and swam up river a short distance from the shore. The Indians set out in pursuit, firing at the animal. The otter dodged and doubled as it swam and the marksmanship of the Indians was very poor, consequently the animal got quite a distance away from the place where it was first seen. Near the mouth of Friel's Creek, in the upper part of St. Mary's, a lucky shot hit the otter, and the Indians overtook and despatched it, afterward bearing it in triumph to the Reserve. The otter evidently was roused by the breaking of the ice. The fur of the animal is of considerable value.

SCOWS REMOVED.

Scows and a pile-driver owned by Mr. Whitman Brewer, contractor, of St. Mary's, were removed from the ice below the Highway Bridge last night and this morning by the aid of dynamite and were pulled in close to the St. Mary's shore. While men were working at the removal last night the ice moved a short distance, giving rise to the report that the men had been carried down the river on it. The water is not deep at the point mentioned and there was little danger.

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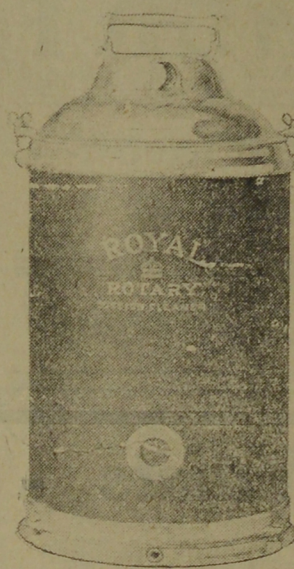
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