

Local News Thursday, Friday and Saturday

LITTLE CHANGE IN RIVER.

There is little change in the river today, the water rising very slowly. Little lumber has been floating lately.

APPOINTED NEWS AGENT.

Mr. Percy Logan, son of Conductor A. E. Logan, has been appointed news agent on the Valley Railway train and went on duty today.

ASSAULT CASE RESUMED.

The Durham Bridge assault case, adjourned from Saturday last, was resumed in the police court this afternoon.

ARRANGING ENTERTAINMENT.

E. S. Peacock of St. John, is in the city today making arrangements for a performance by the Harmony Glee Club of St. John at the City Opera House next week.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

Islington Lodge, Sons of England, will observe St. George's Day by holding an entertainment in the Church Hall tonight.

SUPREME COURT.

Argument in the arbitration case of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company and Fraser Limited is being continued before the Supreme Court. Mr. Carvell addressed the court this morning on behalf of the respondent.

STIFF SENTENCE.

A soldier of the 28th Battery, remanded yesterday, appeared before the police court this morning on the charge of drunkenness and was sentenced to a fine of eight dollars or thirty days in gaol.

TO LEAVE SOON.

Mr. F. W. Sumner of Moncton, who has been in Fredericton the greater part of the session conferring with the government, expects to leave shortly for London to enter upon his duties as agent general. Mr. Sumner has consented to serve as agent general without remuneration.

J. D. PHINNEY ESTATE

The late J. D. Phinney, K.C., L.D., left an estate which has been probated at \$15,000 of which \$2,000 is real estate. The principal bequests are \$500 to his son Dr. Frank Phinney of Cincinnati, \$500 to his daughter Mrs. R. W. McLeish of this city and \$200 to the Methodist Church at Richibucto. Residential property at the latter place is bequeathed to his sister. The widow and E. A. McKay are the executors.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

The consensus of opinion about the legislature is that Mr. A. R. Gould is all through as a railway builder, so far as this province is concerned. It is also said that when the government gets ready to complete the Valley road that an arrangement will be entered into with Mr. A. E. Trites of Salisbury, to do the work. A proposal that the undertaking should be turned over to Mr. Pinder of Southampton Railway fame, does not find favor in government circles.

NOTHING DOING YESTERDAY.

A prominent local grafter spent yesterday forenoon around the legislative buildings, button-holing the members, and endeavoring to "touch" them for a few dollars in furtherance of a scheme which he has in view. His proposition got a very chilly reception. The reply made was that the session had been unduly prolonged, the price of board had been increased and so far as he and his schemes were concerned there was nothing doing. It is said that a certain promissory note now floating in a local bank was among the topics discussed.

GOVERNMENT CAUCUS.

There was another government caucus this morning, which lasted until after one o'clock. Proposed legislation was discussed and there was a painful lack of harmony shown. Commodore Stewart dropped in casually during the morning, mistaking the caucus for a meeting of the Municipalities Committee. A black look from Dr. Price and a red look from Harry Woods acquainted him with his error and he made a hasty retreat. Several members urged the government to submit a statement of the debt and liabilities to the House and it is likely that that will be done.

CONCERNING ASSESSMENT

N. C. Cameron, provincial secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, has communicated with the premier, Hon. George J. Clarke, asking the government to appoint a commission to inquire into an assessment system that would be most applicable to the needs of the province. Mr. Cameron said that other villages and towns throughout the province are just as dissatisfied with their assessment system as the City of St. John, and that the provincial government should appoint a commission for this purpose and pay for it out of the provincial funds.

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BRUSH-FIRE AT DOUGLAS ASSUMED THREATENING SIZE

Douglas Boom Buildings. H. J. Morgan's Hotel and other places in Danger--Big Crew Fought Fire

A brush-fire near the Douglas Boom yesterday assumed such serious proportions that scores of men had to be employed in fighting the flames in order to save buildings which were in the neighborhood. The fire was burning in the morning and sent up a huge column of smoke. In the afternoon the wind was blowing harder and the fire ran through the grass and brush in various directions. The boom-buildings owned by the St. John River Log Driving Company were in the path of the fire and word was sent to the company's office at St. Mary's. A big crew of men was sent to Douglas and after a hard fight put the fire out.

H. J. Morgan's hotel was also threatened by the fire and he had a large crew at work beating out the flames.

Robert Evans' property was also threatened by the fire but escaped damage.

This season of the year is one of particular danger from grass-fires. The disastrous fire at Barker's Point this week spread rapidly through the grass. At yesterday's fire considerable amount of fencing was burned.

TESTING NEW HORSES.

A new pair of grey horses is being tested by the Fire Department this week. It is possible that two horses may be used on the ladder-truck in future instead of one as in the past.

Mr. J. S. MacLaren inspector of customs and his secretary, Mr. A. L. Hoyt are guests at the Queen.

FINAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF RECRUITS FOR 55th,

Lieut. A. E. Gardiner, Medical Officer, Here To-day--Those Formerly Rejected To Be Given Another Chance

Lieut. A. E. Gardiner, A. M. C., of McAdam medical officer for the 55th Battalion arrived here last night and today is conducting the medical examination of the recruits for the 55th who have not previously passed the final test. A number of applicants who were rejected at the previous examination by Lieut. Gardiner will be re-examined.

The men of the 55th Battalion including both the draft from Halifax and the men enlisted here are now quartered in the Amusement Hall at the Exhibition Building. The men numbered seventy-eight. Drills are being held daily. The detachment has been furnished with an excellent cook who was formerly a cook for the officers' mess of the 71st York Regt. Major Osborne who is command of the detachment has made arrangements to furnish an orderly-room which will be located in the Administration Building. It probably will be some days before everything is running smoothly.

FOR THE BATTERY

John Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Price of Moncton, received word from Kingston that he had successfully passed examination for a captaincy, and it is expected that Captain Price will be gazetted shortly. Mr. Price expects to be attached to the 28th Battery, which is now mobilizing here under the command of Major Crocker.

Mr. M. Lodge of Moncton, is a guest at the Queen.

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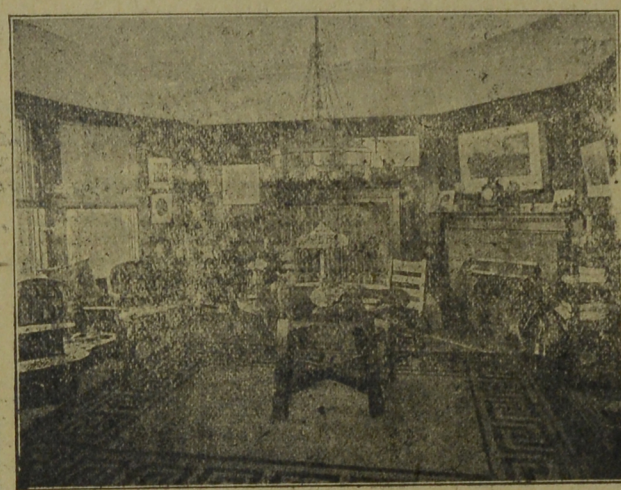
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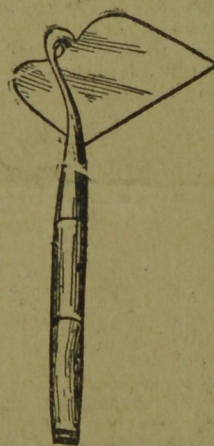
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