

A BIG FRESHET

Sunday's Rain Storm the Heaviest Experienced Here for Months.

THE RIVER HAS RISEN FULLY FIVE FEET.

Ice Has Run Out Below Woodstock.

A BIG JAM OF LOGS AND ICE REPORTED AT SPRINGHILL.

The heaviest rain storm experienced in this locality since the great fall freshet of last year, set in on Saturday evening and continued until an early hour this morning. The weather has been exceedingly mild for the time of year for several days and the foot or so of snow which has covered the ground for a fortnight has been disappearing very rapidly. The big rain fall of yesterday put the finishing touches upon it and totally destroyed the sleighing for the time being. Early this morning, however, the wind shifted around to the westward, and a sudden drop in the temperature converted the rain into hail and snow. Sufficient snow fell to continue the sleighing, and it looks as if the worst was now over.

The great rain storm and accompanying freshet has caused a great rise of water in the river, it being now higher than at any time since last spring. At Fredericton the water has risen fully five feet since Friday and is still rising very rapidly. The ice here still holds firm, but the rise of water has put an end to traffic for the time being.

The ice started at Woodstock yesterday and reports to hand state that there has been a great rise of water at that point.

There is a heavy ice jam at Springhill, and the river is open between that point and Woodstock. The corporation drive, which was frozen in below Eel River, was started yesterday, and it is said that most of the logs have already reached Springhill and are jammed up among the islands there. Men and teams have been hard at work since the first of the month removing the logs from the river and succeeded in saving between two and three million feet. The balance of the twenty million feet or so in the drive has been swept away by the freshet and many of the logs may be lost. A great quantity of logs is jammed with the ice at Springhill, and if the cold weather continues and they become frozen in, it will be next to impossible to extricate them.

The ice has run out of the Oromocto river and other large tributaries of the St. John, and the brooks and streams are greatly swollen.

The river froze over this season at an unusually low pitch, and considering the great rise of water caused by the freshet, it is not surprising that the ice has broken up at many points. Had the rain continued for another day, it is certain that the ice opposite this city would have been carried away.

Such a severe freshet for the middle of December is a most unusual occurrence, and even the ubiquitous "oldest inhabitant" cannot recall anything to equal it.

Advices from up river are to the effect that the ice has run out as far as Kilburn but is still solid above Grand Falls.

Destruction in Maine.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 16.—The Kennebec river is at its highest pitch since 1896, and the water has been rising nearly a foot an hour. The river is clear of ice for miles above and below the city.

On the Maine Central, between this city and Hallowell, there were seven landslides in two miles, one of them covering the track for 30 feet, with mud five feet deep. At another place the track is covered with mud for 100 feet. North of the city there are numerous landslides. All trains are cancelled.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 16.—The storm all over Maine, Sunday, was the worst in five years. The ice is out and the river has risen three feet in 24 hours. No train from the west has reached Bangor since noon Sunday, and night trains between this city and Portland are cancelled.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 16.—The heavy rain and snow raised the Androscoggin river rapidly causing the ice to break up, and the river is now clear. At 9 o'clock last night 2,000,000 feet of logs broke away at Rumford Falls. The storm has raised the Androscoggin six feet four inches.

Madison, Me., Dec. 16.—The Kennebec is at freshet. The ice Sunday afternoon carried away the booms and logs of the Great Northern Paper Company, also boom and logs of B. P. J. Weston sawmill. The river is full of ice, logs and debris. Houses on the Anson side are surrounded by water. There is prospect of the biggest freshet ever known on the Kennebec.

TIME TO STRIKE NOW

Boers Discouraged by Recent British Victory.

THEY RECEIVED A SEVERE SMASHING FROM BRUCE HAMILTON.

Two Canadian Deaths Reported.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The war office reports the deaths in South Africa of Arthur Timely of wounds at Kruger's dorp, Dec. 9, and Chas Johnston of enteric fever at Pretoria Dec. 9.

The former belonged to New Westminster and the latter to Georgetown, Ont.

London, Dec. 16.—A Pretoria despatch says that discontent is rife among the Boers, and the recent British victory came at an opportune time.

The best policy for the immediate future would be to push the war with even more vigor than ever by building block houses closer together.

If the supply of mounted troops becomes exhausted mounted infantry should be sent to the main blockhouses.

Bloemfontein, Dec. 16.—General Dartnell has lately been active in the Harri-smith district. By a series of night surprises at farm-houses he has captured 24 Boers who were in bed at the time.

Pretoria, Dec. 16.—It is reported that the burghers under General Delarey held a meeting at which they requested their commander to surrender on condition that the British would undertake to rebuild their homes. General Delarey told the men that it was useless to offer to surrender except unconditionally. It was decided to take the matter under consideration for a week, when another meeting will be held.

London, Dec. 16.—The correspondent of the Times at Pretoria says the number of Boers who are now surrendering is extremely small. The enemy received a severe "hustling" last week from General Hamilton's columns. Botha is probably between Elmslo and Amersfoort, Southwest Transvaal. So long as the personal influence of Botha is exercised, large surrenders may not be expected.

London, Dec. 16.—A picturesque incident of the war is reported from Carnarvon, Cape Colony. A garrison of twenty men at Tontelbosch sustained a Boer attack during six days. They had to fight for water every night. They had three of their number killed and 15 wounded.

Paris, Dec. 16.—A morning paper here asserts that Commandant General Botha has reported to Mr. Kruger that he has 24,000 armed men, 10,000 being Cape Colony recruits.

Christmas Boxes.

The teachers of the Church of England Sunday School at the Mills will have a sale at the rectory, George street, on Tuesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 17th. Decided novelties in candy boxes imported from the U. S., all kinds of homemade and imported candy and aprons.—d21.

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Fearlessly and without hesitation I appeal to the record of the administration of the Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier since it came into power in the year 1896, and to my own course since I have been your representative in parliament as reasons why the confidence extended to me by you in the last general election should be continued.

In the short time at my disposal before polling day I shall not be able to call upon all of you personally, and I therefore take this opportunity of thanking you for the very generous support you gave me in the former contest, and of asking that it may be renewed and increased in the present one.

Dated this seventh day of December, A. D. 1901.

Alexander Gibson, Jr.

Alfred Morrissey, of St. John, is among the guests at the Queen.

Debentures.

The Board of School Trustees of Fredericton will receive offers until noon on 20th December inst., for Debentures to the amount of Four Thousand Dollars, to be issued dated 1st January, 1902, in denominations of Five Hundred Dollars each, with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable half yearly at the People's Bank, Fredericton. These Debentures are issued in pursuance of Act of Assembly, 50th Victoria, Chapter LXVII, "An Act to Authorize the Board of School Trustees of the City of Fredericton to issue debentures for the payment and redemption of their debentures as they fall due". Debentures to run twenty-five years.

By order

CHAS. A. SAMPSON.

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WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY 1902

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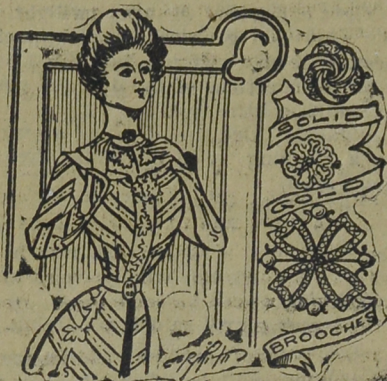
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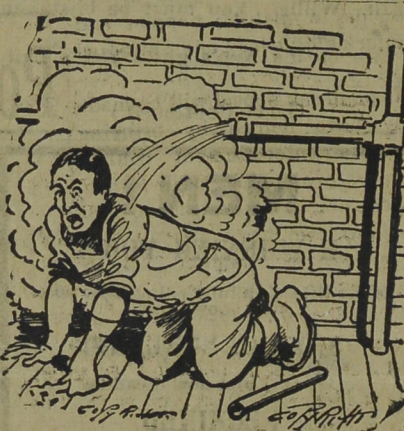
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