

GETTING READY.

River Clear of Ice from Grand Falls to St. John.

A FLEET OF TUGS NOW AT WORK SWINGING THE BOOMS.

Hoped to Have Them Ready by Monday Night.

ALL OF THE OLD LOGS CAUGHT IN THE ICE WILL BE SAVED.

With the exception of the ice jam at Springhill between Hart's Island and the main land, the river is now open from Grand Falls right through to St. John. A large quantity of logs, intermingled with ice and drift wood, ran by the city yesterday afternoon, but with the exception of ice piled along the shores, the river today is almost as clear as in midsummer. It is estimated that about a million and a half of logs have passed the city since yesterday, but up to nine o'clock this morning none of them had reached John O. Vanwart's where Fred D. Miles and a crew of men are in waiting to capture them.

The report published a short time ago that there were six million feet of logs in the ice jam at Macnaquic, seems to have been considerably exaggerated. John A. Morrison, contractor for the corporation drive, says that not over three million feet were caught in the ice below Grand Falls, and it is safe to say that all of them have not yet come down the river. Mr. W. H. Murray, who was in the city yesterday, does not think that over half a million feet ran out with the ice yesterday. It takes a great many logs to total a million feet, and possibly Mr. Murray's estimate may not be much below the mark, though other lumbermen differ with him.

The tugs Admiral, Hero, Fanchon, Eva Johnson and Latona have arrived from St. John and have already commenced to put out the booms at Douglas and Sugar Island. The Eva Johnson went up river yesterday and closed the Sugar Island boom and the shear boom connecting with it will be out today. The work of swinging the booms is being pushed along as expeditiously as possible, and it is hoped to have them in position by Monday night. There are about 35,000,000 feet of logs hung up in the ice above Grand Falls, and the prospects are very favorable for saving the whole lot, as the ice in that section of the river has not yet broken up.

The steamer Majestic will leave St. John on Monday morning for this city on her first trip of the season. The Victoria will make her first trip on the following day.

The Fredericton and Woodstock Steamboat company's steamer, the Abandon, is expected up from St. John on Monday. It was hoped that she would be able to make her first trip to Woodstock on Tuesday, but on account of many of the landing places being blocked with ice she may not be able to get away until Thursday.

A large quantity of bank logs were got out during the past winter by farmers living along the river between Prince William and Woodstock and the first raft will be brought to Springhill in the course of a few days.

The river is unusually low for this season of the year, but there is certain to be a rise of water when the snow at the head of the river begins to melt.

A gentleman from Springhill who was in the city today stated that the ice jam near Hart's Island had not yet broken away. As the water is very low and still falling, he thought it might hold on for several days. There are very few logs in the jam.

Sunday Services.

Baptist Church—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. H. MacDonald, B. A. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m. Bible study lesson on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, and the regular church prayer meeting on Friday evening at the same hour. All are cordially invited to the service. Sea's free.

Rev. Jabez Rogers will preach in the Methodist church, Gibson, on Sunday

morning and evening. In the evening Mr. Rogers will preach a missionary sermon and the annual collection for missions will be taken.

Rev. James Crisp will preach in the Methodist church, Fredericton, morning and evening.

Monthly united social service in Gibson Methodist church Sunday evening.

The church of England services in the parish of St. Marys tomorrow will be as follows: Morning prayer and holy communion with sermon at All Saints, Marysville, 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon at the parish church, St. Marys, 7 p. m.

Saventh-day Adventist Church—Preaching at 3 and 7 p. m. Subjects—"Christ as Redeemer." The special services will be continued each evening next week. All are welcome.

St. Ann's parish church—Services at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. conducted by Rev. R. W. Colston, rector of Welsford.

Engagement Announced.

The London Morning Post announces the engagement of Capt. Kemmis-Betty, of the R. C. R. this city, to Miss Marjorie Worsley, daughter of Major General Worsley of the British army, niece of Lieut-Col Worsley formerly D. A. G. of Halifax. Capt. Kemmis-Betty has just completed a course of musketry at Hythe and is now en route home.

Government Defeated.

Melbourne, Victoria, April 21.—The Federal Government was defeated in the House of Representatives today on a Labor party amendment, making the bill providing for arbitration of labor disputes applicable to state employees. The Government will resign.

A Game Trophy.

Emack Bros. have on exhibition in their window the head of the large cow moose recently killed by some unknown parties near Penniac. The head was purchased by them from W. H. Allen, who procured it from the game warden. It is attracting considerable attention.

Fire Alarm.

The firemen were called out at 4.15 this afternoon by a blaze in the grass and fences in Queen Square.

Insurance Rates Advanced.

Toronto, April 22.—The Canadian board of underwriters today advanced insurance rates in Hamilton, London and Winnipeg 50 per cent in congested districts. In London and Hamilton 25 per cent is to be added on outside districts.

TWELVE MINERS KILLED.

Mexico City, April 23.—A telegram has reached this city from Capucha, capital of the State of Hidalgo, stating that a mine disaster occurred there in which twelve miners lost their lives by being precipitated to the bottom of a shaft 350 metres deep. The cause of the accident was the breaking of a cable to which was attached the cage containing the man. The accident occurred in the La Blanca mine. All of those who lost their lives were Mexican miners belonging to the poorer class.

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IS IT MURDER?

Unknown Man Found Dead Near Dorchester.

BODY LYING IN A DITCH

With Gaping Wounds in The Head.

Dorchester, N. B., April 23.—Dorchester has a mystery to unravel in the matter of the finding of the dead body of a man on the post road near the Two Miles Brook. At two o'clock yesterday afternoon as Frederick Doncaster was driving on the highway from Sackville toward Dorchester, he discovered the body of a man lying in the road ditch about two and a half miles from this village.

Coroner Allen W. Chapman was at notified and a jury immediately summoned to view the remains and the inquest is proceeding to-day. The man is about 50 years old, heavy build, weighs about 180 pounds and was too well dressed to pass among the tramp class. He wore a light mustache. A gold filled watch and a pair of cuff links were taken from the body, and some correspondence that was badly obliterated owing to the water soaked condition of the body and clothing.

When discovered the body was almost submerged in the water of the road ditch, which at that point flows through marshy soil. He was recognized by occupants of a house he called at on Wednesday evening and where he gave his name as Murray, hailing from Newcastle, Colorado. It is understood that papers to the same purport were found upon his body. These, however, were taken in charge, and their contents will not be known until brought before the coroner's inquest today.

The consensus of opinion is that there has been foul play. An ugly gash, which is still bleeding profusely, is noticed and has led to a most searching enquiry. The remains are now lying in the undertaking rooms of Thomas Anderson. The deceased was evidently a sailor.

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