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St. Mary's Departmental Store.

S. Herbert Logan, Manager, - St. Mary's, N. B.

New fall stocks arriving will be of generous assortment. We will have everything new there is to be had. We are giving all odds and ends a splendid chance to clear.

McCall's Patterns.

We have much pleasure in announcing to our friends and patrons the securing for St. Mary's Fredericton and vicinity of the sole agency for McCall's New York patterns. Before you buy your fall patterns see McCall's Catalogue. We will have our stock ready in good time for fall business. McCall's patterns have a reputation.

Tuesday Sales.

Ladies' Shirt Waists.

Balance of our up-to-date stock of shirt waists to clear. Regular price 50c. Tuesday, 33c. Regular price 65c. Tuesday, 49c. Regular price 85c. Tuesday, 59c. Regular price \$1.00. Tuesday, 69c. Regular price \$1.25. Tuesday, 79c. Regular price \$1.30. Tuesday, 79c. Regular price \$1.35. Tuesday, 79c. Regular price \$1.50. Tuesday, 89c. Regular price \$1.75. Tuesday, \$1.19. Regular price \$2.00. Tuesday, \$1.29. Regular price \$2.25. Tuesday, \$1.49.

Shirt Waist Suits

Only 1 brown lustre shirt waist suit, size 34. Regular price \$6.50. Tuesday \$3.99. A few navy blue duck shirt waist suits, sizes 34, 36, 38. Regular price \$2.25. Tuesday \$1.39. A few Duck suits, sizes 32-34-36. Regular price, \$1.45. Tuesday 99c.

Baby P. K. Coats

White P. K. Coats 2 only. Regular price \$1.50. Tuesday 99c. 1.95. \$1.29c.

Baby Dresses.

A few Cashmere Dresses in red, white or pink. Regular 75c. 85c. and \$1.00. Tuesday 59c.

Examine our stock and compare prices. We believe our regular prices are much lower than city stores. Everything is new and stocks are well kept.

St. Mary's Departmental Store.
ST. MARY'S, N. B.



Vacation Days are KODAK Days

Picture taking will add immensely to the pleasure of your vacation.

KODAKS \$5 to \$108
BROWNIE CAMERAS \$1 to \$39

C. Fred. Chestnut,
Apothecary,
Queen st., - Fredericton, N. B.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

I expect to remove in the near future from my present place of business to the store lately occupied by Mr. H. D. White, between Gleaner and Western Union Telegraph Offices, where I will be glad to receive the same splendid patronage as in the past.

F. E. BLACKMER, 222 QUEEN ST.

NEW ST. LAWRENCE FORT.

Big Guns Will Command River Below Quebec.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—(Special)—The Militia department has settled upon a site for the land battery to be established on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River just below Quebec for the protection of that port and shipping by the St. Lawrence route, and an order in council has been put through in connection with the appropriation necessary. The land elevation is one hundred and fifty feet above the river. The guns now ready for mounting are big enough to command the whole river at this point. The new fortifications will be five miles down the stream from Quebec.

SHE WAS ONLY JOKING.

But Husband Took it Seriously and Drowned Himself.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—(Special)—James Garron turned home yesterday and his wife told him to jump into the lake and drown himself. "All right," said Garron, "I'll do just that." He did, and though he was alive when taken from the water, he died in the hospital two hours later. In the pocket of his coat the coroner found this note: "This is to certify that my wife, Maggie Garron, told me to leave the house and go to the lake and drown myself. Good bye and God forgive her." Mrs. Garron became hysterical when informed of her husband's act, and hurried to the hospital, but arrived a few minutes after his death. "I was only joking," she said, as she knelt at the side of the bed where lay the body of her husband.

DOUKHABORS ON THE MARCH.

Party of Forty Start in a Search for the Redeemer--Rounded up at Yorktown.

Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—(Special)—The Doukhobors have started another march to find the Redeemer. The party numbering 40 men and women, reached Yorkton yesterday. They tore off all their clothing, and after performing a funeral ceremony around this pile, set it afire. They were rounded up by the police and placed in the court house.

OFFICIALS OUTING

I. C. R. Men Enjoying a Picnic at Point du Chene.

Moncton, Aug. 12.—(Special)—The city wears a deserted appearance today, this being the annual outing to Pt. du Chene of I. C. R. employees and their friends. The attendance is about the same as last year. Some fifty cars made up into three trains conveyed the picnicers to their destination. The day is fine for the outing and so far there has been no accident to mar the occasion.

MRS. HAM DEAD.

Wife of C. P. R. Official Succumbed to Cancer.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—(Special)—Mrs. Ham, wife of George H. Ham, special representative of the C. P. R., died at her residence here this morning from cancer. Mr. Ham, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, was recovered sufficiently to be removed to his home only a few hours before the death of his wife.

ASSASSINATED.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Aug. 12.—(Special)—The long list of murders resulting from the strikes was increased this morning by the assassination of the Manager of the Fabryka Iron Works, who was shot at his residence by a striker.

Harrison R. Johnson, aged seventy-two, living at Gawn, Michigan, died Thursday night after twenty-four hours of terrible suffering from burns received the evening before. He was a bed-ridden invalid. While the members of the family were out of the room he attempted to light his pipe. His long beard caught fire, the blaze spreading so rapidly that he could not summon help. His head shoulders and arms were badly burned. Johnson was a veteran of the civil war.

Wolves have been reported in Kent Co. One day recently Samuel Morton of West Galloway, saw three full grown ones with several young. The grown animals after removing their young to the woods reappeared and made a demonstration against Mr. Morton, but finally retreated. It is supposed they are following deer, which are very numerous.

FREDERICTON'S GREAT DISASTER.

Aberdeen Mills and an Enormous Quantity of Lumber Entirely Destroyed by Fire.

LOSS ESTIMATED IN THE VICINITY OF \$200,000.

Worst Fire in the History of the City for Half a Century.

Fredericton was last evening visited by one of the most destructive fires the city has ever known. The Aberdeen mill, situated on government lane, and owned by Donald Fraser & Sons, was totally destroyed along with many thousands of dollars' worth of dry lumber. The fire, burning fiercely for over five hours and destroyed property worth at the least calculation \$150,000. Only the most determined work on the part of the firemen and others prevented the dwelling houses in the vicinity from going up in smoke. The fire originated in the basement or lower section of the mill, and was first discovered at 5.45 o'clock, or fifteen minutes before the crew was to have quit work for the day. The first intimation that the workmen had that something was wrong, was when a sheet of flames shot through an opening to the floor above. The woodwork being saturated with oil, the flames spread with lightning rapidity and the men had to jump and run for it. There was some water stored in casks about the mill, but so sudden and terrific was the onslaught of the fire that to attempt to combat it was simply out of the question. Many of the workmen did not have time to get their coats and waist-coats, which were hanging about the walls, and several of them lost not only clothing, but watches, bicycles and other personal belongings. MADE GREAT HEADWAY. In less than fifteen minutes after the fire was discovered the roof of the mill fell in and the place was soon converted into a mass of blazing ruins. Never did a frame building burn with greater rapidity. Everything about the place was as dry as tinder and the interior being saturated with oil, made excellent fuel for the flames. An alarm of fire was wrung in from Smythe Street and the firemen responded promptly with the horse hose wagon and hook and ladder truck. As the mill, unfortunately, was situated outside of the city water limits, there was not much the firemen could do towards combatting the flames. The nearest hydrant is located in front of the old government house, and as this is attached to only a four inch main, it did not prove very effective. A line of hose, seven hundred feet in length, was laid out and the firemen made a determined but unsuccessful effort to save the lumber piles in the yard. FLAMES SPREAD RAPIDLY. A stiff southwest breeze was blowing at the time, and soon caused the flames to spread from the mill to a pile containing about one million spruce boards just below. The lumber being very dry, was quickly consumed, along with a large quantity of cedar shingles near by. Just below the board pile was a long shed containing the bulk of the season's output of box shooks, and despite the efforts of the firemen with their single line of hose, this was soon a mass of flames. The lumber yard at the lower side of the mill covered about three acres, and about all the available space was taken up with spruce scantling and boards, cedar, shingles, etc. The boards and scantling were in ranks about ten feet apart, and piled to a height of twenty feet. The flames first swept down the side next to the river bank, and gradually worked back towards government lane, making a clean sweep of the yard. Men and teams worked with great diligence, and succeeded in removing some of the lumber to the opposite side of the road, but without proper apparatus they were simply powerless to check the fierce onslaught of the flames. At one time it began to look as if the mill board-lug house would have to go, and willing hands took hold and hastily removed the furniture and a large quantity of provisions to a place of safety. The heat from the flames was something intense, but the firemen, mill crew and hundreds of citizens, with the perspiration rolling off their faces, worked like Trojans, removing lumber, barrels of oil and other portable articles in order that the flames might be kept down. Unfortunately, Donald Fraser, Jr., the manager of the mill, was absent in the Tobique lumber woods, and there seemed to be nobody to give directions to the gallant band of workers, otherwise considerable lumber might have been saved from destruction. AMOSKEAG DID GOOD WORK. Early in the evening a telephone message was sent to Morrison's Mills

for the Amoskeag steam fire engine belonging to the city, and it reached the scene of the conflagration about seven thirty o'clock. Under the direction of Ald. Stockford, and John B. Hawthorn, two old time firemen, it was established on the bank of the river above the mill site, and with the veteran Fred Todd as fireman, was able to render splendid service. A line of hose was laid to the board-lug house, and was undoubtedly the means of saving that building from destruction, and prevented the flames from spreading to the big lumber piles in the upper end of the lot. The city firemen, with their line of hose, kept playing on the lumber piles on the lower side of the lot, but were gradually driven back by the flames to government lane. Here they succeeded by hard work in saving the dwelling house on the southern side from destruction. The fire worked right through to government lane fence, and destroyed several telegraph poles before it burned itself out. So intense was the heat on the roadway that the traffic had to be stopped. The houses on the left hand side caught several times, and only the greatest vigilance on the part of the firemen and occupants prevented them from going up in flames. One man remained on the roof of his house for over three hours armed with a garden hose and carpet, and must have suffered terribly from the heat. Most of the furniture was removed from the dwelling houses in the vicinity and stored in a field in the rear. It is most fortunate that the fire burned out, without rendering any families homeless.

A GRAND SPECTACLE.

The fire burned fiercely among the huge piles of lumber, and the spectacular display surpassed anything ever before seen at a fire in this city. It was a fine, warm evening and the reflection from the flames could be seen miles away. Nearly half the population of the city turned out and remained for hours watching the impressive sight. They thronged the sidewalk and roadway of government lane, and hundreds gathered in Willmot park and in the fields opposite the mill property. Probably never before has such an immense concourse of people been seen at a fire in this city. At times the situation looked rather threatening and many people were afraid that the flames would spread to the dwelling houses in the upper part of the city and do incalculable damage. The wind blew strong during the evening but fortunately the myriads of sparks, which soared high in the air, fell harmlessly into the water. The lumber being dry, burned out very clean and no large cinders were carried away by the wind. The three dwelling houses on the opposite side of the road were owned respectively by Robert Green, James S. Neill and Alex. McLean, and the small restaurant is under lease to Fred Crowley. In all these buildings window panes were smashed more or less damage resulted from the excessive heat.

WORKED ALL NIGHT.

Although the fire was practically under control at ten o'clock, it was after daylight this morning before it had burned itself out, and a number of the firemen and mill hands remained on duty throughout the night. Mr. W. A. Lindsay, supplying them with refreshments, on Mr. Fraser's order, The lumber yard, from the boarding house down has been swept clean, and all that remains of the mill is the stone engine house. Mr. Donald Fraser, Sr., the respected head of the firm, was in St. John when the fire broke out, and was notified of the occurrence by telephone. He caught the evening train and came to this city, reaching the scene of the conflagration about nine o'clock. Mr. Donald Fraser, Jr., the manager of the mill, is on a trip to the Tobique, and cannot reach here before this evening. Until his arrival it will be impossible to obtain a complete statement of the losses and insurance.

MR. FRASER INTERVIEWED.

Mr. Donald Fraser, Sr., in conversation with the Herald, stated that he thought that about one-third of the total loss was covered by insurance. He did not know the exact quantity of lumber destroyed, but was inclined to think that six million feet would be an outside figure. The bulk of the lumber was spruce scantling and boards, which was all (Continued from fourth page.)