

FIRST SPAN OF NEW BRIDGE FINISHED

New Brunswick Guide Goes to Michigan to take Charge of Game Preserve--Summer Camps for Tourists.

FREDERICTON, April 5.—(Special)—The Canada Foundry Co. completed the erection of the first span of the new high bridge at noon today. They commenced work on Sunday morning and have been four and a half days. Supt. Grant expects to have the remaining span completed by Wednesday.

A Scott Act case against a resident of Keswick was acknowledged in the police court this morning. The information was laid by Rev. J. J. Colter.

Mr. Arling, the well known guide of Stanley has accepted a position as superintendent of a private game preserve in Michigan and will leave on Monday to enter upon his duties.

The Transcontinental Railway survey-

ing party in charge of Horace Longley, is here taking soundings in the river a short distance below the railway bridge. Should the valley route be chosen it is proposed to construct a new bridge here.

Adam Moore, of Scotch Lake, is preparing to build a number of summer camps at Magaguadavic Lake for the accommodation of tourists. He owns an island six miles up the lake and will have motor boats and canoes to transport his guests to and from the railway station.

District Passenger Agent Perry, of the C. P. R., is here today in conference with the transportation committee in connection with the old home celebration. He has promised one fire rate to extend from June thirtieth to July fifth.

TO FORM LOAN COMPANY

Glac Bay Takes Initial Steps to Form \$100,000 Corporation

HALIFAX, N. S., April 5.—(Special).—Initial steps were taken in Glac Bay last night for the organization of a local loan and loan company, known as the Maritime Land and Loan Company and capitalized at one hundred thousand dollars. A good proportion of capital is promised and several thousand is already subscribed. Amendments passed in the legislature last year render conditions very favorable for the operation of provincial companies and building promises to be very bright.

STRUCK RICH GUSHER

Natural Gas Gusher Struck in Ontario with Capacity of Million Feet Daily.

HAMILTON, Ont., April 5.—(Special).—The Hamilton, Caledonia and Lake Erie Railway Company, which is going into the natural gas business on an extensive scale, has struck a gusher in the Selkirk district, which is said to have a flow of about one million feet daily.

MAY BE MURDER OF LITTLE GIRL

MONTREAL, April 5 (special).—What appears to be the murder of a little girl has come to light in the investigation of the disappearance of Edith May Ahearn, of St. Cuneo. The little girl, who was only five years old, disappeared on Tuesday night and today the body was found in a clump of bushes in Cole St. Paul. Tuesday night a watchman at the mill assisted a drunken man and little girl, answering to the child's description, over on the canal, and yesterday her clothes were found in a shed.

PROBATE COURT

The last will and testament of the late Charles J. Willett was admitted to probate today and letters testamentary granted to Benjamin J. Dowling and Emily A. Cunard, the executors named in the will. The estate is valued at \$1,100 personal property. John Kerr, proctor.

THE COAL STRIKE

There was little or no change in the coal strike situation today. Work was resumed at seven more mines in the Pittsburgh district today, and the officials of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. report 70 per cent. of the mines now in operation and more miners at work.

The fish market is well supplied today. The retail prices are as follows: Cod, 5c.; haddock, 5c.; cod steak, 8c.; herring, 25c. and 30c.; halibut, 15c.; sole, 8c.; Newfoundland herring, 11c.; smelt, 10c.; salt fish at usual prices.

COAL SHOVELERS WANT MORE PAY AND STRIKE

A few days ago American hard coal advanced in price, and today the coal shovelers are out on strike. It now looks as if a real scarcity will set in.

When the Black Diamond liner Cacoma arrived yesterday at North Wharf, the shovelers declined to go to work.

The shovelers in the past have been receiving the longshoremen's rate of thirty cents per hour, but now fifty cents is demanded, and the men say they will not go to work for any less.

R. P. & W. F. Starr are the agents for the Dominion Coal Co. here, and they positively refuse to give the twenty cents increase.

F. P. Starr said that the firm would not pay the increase, and he expects to have new men to take the place of the strikers today.

The Times interviewed one of the coal shovelers this morning. He said that the men were justified in asking for an increase in pay because, since the new steam system has been introduced, there is little work for the shovelers. Some men only earn \$5 on a boat, and they find that they cannot get along on such a small income. It is often ten o'clock in the morning before the men start

work, leaving only six hours work, for which they get \$1.50.

Michael Kelly, business agent of the Longshoremen's Association, visited the men yesterday, and advised them not to strike. But the shovelers stood firm, and demanded the 20c. increase.

The shovelers say that they will accept the new rate if they are given work at 7 o'clock in the morning, but if they must wait until ten o'clock, why, they will not consider going back to work.

Messrs. Starr sent for Mr. Kelly yesterday and told him that fifteen cents per hour would be allowed the men, while the machinery was discharging.

Mr. Kelly told the shovelers of this, and they agreed to go to work with this understanding, out, a short time later, they reversed their decision, and stood out for the twenty cents increase.

All of the shovelers are not members of the Longshoremen's Association, so Mr. Kelly has little control over them.

Work at unloading the Cacoma commenced today, some new men having been obtained. Mr. Starr is confident of having the complete crew at work soon.

Thirty men went to work on the coal steamer Cacoma this morning. That many more are expected to start this afternoon. These men are working for thirty cents an hour, filling the places of the striking coal shovelers.

ANOTHER WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

Natal Colonial Field Force in Running Fight With Rebellious Zulus---Soldiers Driven Back Into Grey Town--Troops Gathering for Another Battle.

GREYTOWN, Natal, April 5.—The colonial field force, which was concentrating at Impanza, 12 miles northwest of Greytown, for operations against the insurgent chief Bambaata, the deposed regent of the Greytown district, has been compelled to abandon its laager after heavy fighting and retire to Greytown.

A portion of the force sent to rescue the women and children isolated at Keates Drift, succeeded in so doing, but while re-

turning was attacked by rebellious natives. A running fight was kept up for six miles, the Zulus continuing the pursuit until within a mile of Greytown. Three of the colonial police were killed and several were wounded. The remainder are safe at Greytown.

The police report that the rebels were in strong numbers and, flushed with victory, the officials fear further excesses. A strong force of artillery, infantry and mounted men is moving out of Greytown

today to operate against the rebels.

A laager has been formed here and every preparation has been made to defend Greytown in case of attack. An assault on the town, however, is considered unlikely to occur, the Zulus preferring to fight in the rugged country outside.

The British field force, at present only numbering a few hundred men, will be strongly reinforced during the next twenty-four hours.

MYSTERIOUS MR. GILT EDGE THREE TIMES CHALLENGED

The Mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge was three times challenged yesterday, by persons who had not the necessary documents and therefore could not claim the reward.

He was twice asked to move on by a policeman at the head of King street, examined the registers of all the hotels, rode on street cars, ate at a restaurant, and bought a cigar from Oscar Silberstein.

For the first time since being in St. John he was challenged three times in quick succession but as the challengers did not have the documents he simply said "Yes, I am Mr. Gilt Edge" and walked on.

Mr. Gilt Edge then examined the registers in the principal hotels and got by unchallenged. He has been in White's several times since being here. He partook of a turkey dinner there and had an attractive young lady at the same table with him. When he completed his meal he paid the cashier in small change.

Row and again halted at the Union depot, where he took a green car for the head of King street.

Fooled the Boys

One amusing feature of Mr. Gilt Edge's experience yesterday was that he went into Oscar Silberstein's cigar store and bought a cigar. Now there are a number of young men around Silberstein's and the Victoria hotel who have their eyes out for that \$20 yet Mr. Gilt Edge went in right under their eyes yesterday, made his purchase and got away. At the same time while he was in the store three or four young men in there were discussing his probable capture. He also visited the Lansdowne hotel yesterday where many young men are waiting him but he got by.

Was Out Early

The Mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge was early abroad yesterday. He was on Charlotte street as early as nine o'clock and had breakfast in the Oriental Cafe, Charlotte street at 9.30. After breakfast he walked slowly back to King street and boarded a red car for north end getting off at the north end police station. He sauntered down Main street to Mill street as far as the Union depot where he remained for half an hour, questioning the officials about the arrival and departure of the trains and generally familiarizing himself with the place. Several people looked at him sharply in the station and he heard his name mentioned many times but he was able to escape detection. From the depot he walked to King street, by way of Mill and Dock streets and Market Square.

Moved by a Cop

Then he had dinner and it was such a good dinner that afterwards he stood thinking of it at the head of King street until a sturdy policeman was obliged to twice call his attention to the fact that he must move on. Like a law abiding citizen he moved and went along Charlotte street to Colong street and down Garden street to City Road. Some few minutes were spent in the vicinity of Spring, Summer and Winter streets and Mr. Gilt Edge gave the residents of the valley ample opportunity to capture him. No one seemed to be awake, however, so he wended his way along Para-

How to do it

The manner in which he is to be captured, in order to gain the reward, is as follows:—

With a copy of today's Times, and a Gilt Edge soap wrapper, which may be got from any grocer, in one hand, you will place the other hand on his shoulder and say:—"You are the Mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge!"

All persons connected with the Times, Telegraph and Gilt Edge soap company, and members of their families, are barred from this quest.

All other citizens have an equal chance under the conditions just stated. If you can capture him between six o'clock noon and 3.30 p. m. tomorrow, it will do to have today's Times in your hand. After 3.30 p. m. tomorrow, unless he is run down before that hour, it will be necessary to have a copy of tomorrow's Times.



Mysterious Mr. Gilt Edge

SUDDEN DEATH OF M. McCALLUM

The Well Known Union Street Liquor Merchant Passed Away This Morning.

The very sudden death of Michael McCallum, the well known Union street liquor merchant, early this morning, was a great shock to his friends. He was in a shop as usual last evening, but very early this morning complained of the return of pain in his chest from which he had suffered severely last week. He had been troubled for some years with acute indigestion. Mrs. McCallum wanted to get a doctor this morning, but he objected. Shortly after seven o'clock he was seized with a spasm of pain, became unconscious, and died in a few minutes. The shock to Mrs. McCallum, who was alone with him, was terrible.

Mr. McCallum was close to sixty years of age, and had been in business in this city for nearly forty years. He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Murphy, but no children. One sister lives in Michigan and another is Mrs. Cornelius King of Somerset street, this city. There are no other relatives.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, 239 Union street, on Saturday morning at nine o'clock. Service will be held in the Cathedral.

LONGSHOREMEN AND THEIR SUMMER RATE

They will Meet the End of the Month to Consider what They shall Ask.

About the end of the present month the Longshoremen's Association will hold a meeting to consider the rate which they will ask for the coming summer. Heretofore the rate has been forty cents an hour in summer and thirty cents an hour during the time the winter port business was on. A member of the union, talking with the Times today, said he thought it was rather unfair to charge the forty cent rate in the summer when local stevedores are doing the work and to charge only thirty cents in winter when the Montreal men are in charge. He thought it would be a fairer proposition to make a flat rate of 35 cents for all the year round, both summer and winter. It is stated that this arrangement would be satisfactory to the majority of the members of the union and to the steamship people as well.

McCRAW MUST PAY PENALTY

Murderer of Percy Sclater at Three Rivers will Hang on June 29th.

THREE RIVERS, Que April 5.—(Special).—Wallace McCraw was today sentenced by Judge Cannon to be hanged on June 29 for the murder of Percy Howard Sclater at Grand Piles, north of this city. The murder was committed about a year ago and McCraw and Mrs. Sclater were tried on the charge. McCraw was convicted but Mrs. Sclater acquitted in an exciting trial. A motion was made for a new trial for McCraw on the grounds that one jurymen was not sitting legally but the judge dismissed the motion and sentenced McCraw.

The overcoat was a burden today. Some men shed the garment on short excursions, and everybody welcomed the sunny warmth that stirs the blood and melts away the lingering vestiges of winter. The birds in the trees on the squares made the air vocal, and the men were glad to go abroad and catch the spirit of the season.

LUMBER IS AT TOP OF THE MARKET NOW

Spruce and Hemlock New York are at the Highest Price in the History of the Trade---A Steady Advance.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The Journal of Commerce says:

It is very generally conceded in the local lumber trade that conditions today are more tense than at any time in its history. The reason for this, in the main, is supply and demand. When it is understood that a conservative estimate places the annual receipts of receipts of greater New York alone at 2,000,000,000 feet, some idea of the total demand of consuming centres in the east can be formed, and some idea of the enormous quantities of timber to supply it. Until a comparatively recent date the principal sources of supply have been Pennsylvania, North Carolina, West Virginia and Canada, but lately the local trade has been drawing huge supplies from the Pacific coast, and this has brought into the question a comparison between the rival routes of transportation. However, neither the cost of transportation nor the evident shortage of shipping facilities cuts much of a figure as regards present high prices. During the past twelve years, values, broadly speaking, have advanced some 50 per cent., that is in the past three years having been from 30 per cent. to 35 per cent. In this advance extra large sizes and the longer lengths of construction timber have figured prominently. The steady increase has been due mainly to the unprecedented demand which has existed for building lumber, which includes

spruce, yellow pine, North Carolina pine and hemlock.

The prices ruling in spruce today are the highest on record, but this in no way deters available stock from being snapped up. Hemlock is also quoted at the highest rates known in the history of the trade, viz., \$22 per 1,000 feet (base) which on a general average means about \$30 per 1,000 at rail. A few years since a base price of from \$12 to \$13 was considered good.

An authority connected with the trade had this to say yesterday:—"As regards the general features of our business, the outlook was never better. Prices, to be sure, are high and supplies are not coming in quite so fast as we would like, but the latter are certain even if so slow, and certain also, is the demand, indeed, for the balance of this year it is likely to break all records. The call at manufacturing points for hard woods and cypress can hardly be met, and I see little likelihood of relief ahead. We certainly would be glad to avail ourselves of additional shipping facilities were these forthcoming, but I do not know where they are to come from. The craft now on the great lakes bring lumber as far east as Buffalo, from that point we depend on the railroads. But what we would welcome would be more ships for the Puget Sound trade, so that we might get something like the quantities of Pacific timber that we could handle."

WANT C. P. R. UP TOBIQUE

Delegation From Victoria County Waited on Minister of Railways Today.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 5.—(Special).—A delegation from Victoria county, N. B., waited on the minister of railways this forenoon and asked for a subsidy for the extension of the Paster Rock branch of the C. P. R. up the Tobique River, ultimately to connect with the Western & Restigouche road, which runs from Campbellton a distance of 60 miles. The delegation comprised Messrs. Twiss, M. P. P., Burgess, M. P. P., and Burns, M. P. P., and J. E. Stewart, James McNair and Messrs Marshall and McPhail. The delegation was accompanied by Messrs. Costigan, Carroll, Reid and Ferguson. Mr. Emmerson promised to consider the matter.

OBITUARY

Mrs. D. R. Williger

The death occurred at Kingston, King's Co., yesterday of Mrs. Deborah Ruth Williger, wife of George Williger. Mrs. Williger has been ill for over a year, suffering from consumption. She was a daughter of Warren Erb. A husband, father, mother, one brother and one sister survive.

James Haney

The death of James Haney, an aged resident of Summerville, King's Co., occurred on Tuesday last. Mr. Haney was crossing the river Monday afternoon on his way to the city when he became suddenly weak. He was seen from the shore and taken to Samuel McColgan's residence at McColgan's Point and from there to his home. Death is said to have resulted from paralysis. He was 76 years of age, and is survived by his widow. The funeral takes place tomorrow.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY

DUNDAS, Ont., April 5.—(Special).—John Berttram, a great Bertram Machinery Works here died suddenly yesterday. He had not been at his office for a week but no uneasiness was felt for him. Yesterday morning he felt so much better that he ordered his carriage intending to go to his office but while getting ready he suddenly collapsed and expired immediately. Mr. Berttram was 77 years old.

Archie Belyea, purser of the Crystal Stream, and his wife, arrived yesterday from Oakland (Cal.), where they have been spending the winter. Mr. Belyea is delighted with his trip, and will resume his old position as soon as the river opens.

CITIZENS MUST MOVE WHEN POLICE SAY SO

Thursday being the day set aside for the transacting of the civil business, the session in the police court this morning was comparatively brief.

Joseph Fitch was arrested last night by Officer Wm. J. Sullivan. The latter in his evidence said that last night at 6.15 o'clock there were about thirty laborers standing at the entrance to the east side ferry house. Finding that their presence obstructed the progress of pedestrians desiring to come to and from the ferry house, he requested them to move on as the ferry boat was not due until 6.23. With the exception of Fitch the men stepped from the street, but the prisoner entered the toll house. The officer requested him to either go through the stile or leave the entrance. Fitch, addressing Mr. Coughlin, the toll collector, asked if a taxpayer had to move from the passage way. Mr. Coughlin made no response and the officer again requested Fitch to get out of the way. As the latter did not conform to the request of the officer, the latter arrested him. Fitch, who pleaded not guilty, said that he was

INDIANS WANT CHEAPER RATE

Chief Sark of the Micmacs Made an Official Call at I. C. R. General Offices.

MONCTON, N. B., April 5.—(Special).—General Manager Pottinger, of the I. C. R., had a distinguished visitor this morning in the person of John Sark, chief of the Micmac tribe, of Charlottetown. Chief Sark was asking for a cheaper rate for the Indian on the government railways. The recent increase in rates bears heavily on the red man and the object of Chief Sark's interview with Manager Pottinger is to get a reduction. Chief Sark appeared before General Manager Pottinger in his official uniform, wearing his hat adorned in colored feathers. He attracted much attention around the offices. He has been visiting tribes in N. S. and goes to northern New Brunswick to pay his respects to the tribes in that section.

LATE PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cowans arrived in the city on the Boston train today.

Harry Brown returned home today from a visit to Montreal and New York.

George McAvity arrived home today on the Montreal express.

Engineer E. A. Barbour came in from Fredericton at noon.

W. B. McVay returned from St. Stephen today.

John Kilburn of Fredericton left for Sackville this morning.

Capt. E. C. Elkin returned home today on the Boston train.

J. King Kelley, W. B. Wallace, S. B. Bustin, Robert Maxwell, George E. Day and Sergt. Kilpatrick returned at noon from Woodstock where they have been attending the Orange grand lodge sessions.

POLICE REPORTS

Officer Rankine reports that there is an iron bolt protruding from the pavement at the corner of Charlotte and Union streets.

Between eleven and twelve o'clock last night the police were called into the house of John Natin, situated in a yard off Erin street, to eject Walter Natin, who was drunk and making a disturbance therein.

Officer Bowes extinguished a bon-fire last night on Bruce's street.

Captain Priddle of the schooner Free Trade, called at Chief Clark's office yesterday afternoon and stated that he had lost \$5, and that Jesse Sawyer, who left for North Head, Grand Manan, yesterday morning was responsible for the loss. He asked the police to endeavor to recover the money.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

BIRDIE'S VIEWS.

Miss Birdie McWhat is much impressed with the suggestion of a military ball for Prince Arthur. It would be much more exclusive than a reception, and the proletariat would not be so much in evidence. Birdie will endeavor to create a sentiment in social circles that will make a military ball the feature of the Prince's visit to St. John.

The various aldermanic candidates are trying to figure out today how many members of the city laborers' union will have their taxes paid, and how many votes might be lost by staying away from Berryman's Hall this evening. It's an awful experience to be on the gridiron.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam expects to be in the market in a few days with some very tender veal, the kind that melts in your mouth. Mr. Hornbeam's name is not Robert, nor is he commonly known as "Bob."

Several street crossings will be cleaned next week, if the weather is favorable.

Judge Ritchie is entirely in favor of higher pay for painters. He will see that the gentlemen who use nose paint get all that's coming to them this summer.

Mr. Jamesey Jones says he has it on the authority of several aldermen that street names will be placed on the street corners in St. John within twenty-five years from this date. This is a bold statement, and will be taken by most people with a grain of salt.

A man who went into a store on Charlotte street today and offered a piece of coal in payment for some groceries was advised to have the goods charged and go. The merchant had no desire to take undue advantage of a man who had to part with his valuables to secure food. The man was very grateful.