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FISHING SEASON
NOT UP TO MARKAll Lines Were Below
the Average for Pre-
sent Season.

SOME REASONS GIVEN

High Tides and Prevalence of
Dog Fish Partly Responsible
---Lorneville Fishermen Had
First Rate Salmon Catches.

The fishing season has up to the present at least fallen considerably short of being a success even from the average point of view. P. A. Smith, who has been for over twenty-seven years in the business, gives some explanation for the shortage, and regards dog fish as one of the greatest enemies of the fishing industry, as they drive out the herring and this means a falling off of other varieties, most of which feed on this particular fish.

Mr. Smith pointed out that the gaseous season, which opened on or about the beginning of April, was not up to the mark, there having been only about a two-thirds catch. Bad weather is largely accountable for this and easterly winds are very detrimental to the gaspeneers fishery. The river freshet has also a great influence, as the fish in striking for the spawning grounds at the head waters are unable to stem the heavy downward flow of water. With an ordinary freshet, however, it is possible for the gaspeneers to get into the harbor easily enough.

The shad fishing this season has been a complete failure—even worse than the two preceding years. Little reason is given for the dearth in shad, except perhaps the unfavorable weather, or it might be the catching of "come-backs" (spawners) up river. A few fall shad—and very fine specimens too—have been caught in the salmon nets, but Mr. Smith regards the present time a little previous to make predictions relative to the catch.

As far as Lorneville is concerned there has been a good average salmon catch this season, but the same cannot be said of the harbor catch, which has been a complete failure, as the river has been so high that it has kept the salmon out.

Taken altogether the season's catch has not been so great as last year, but fishermen have realized just as much money, as prices have advanced. The only line to which this is not applicable is shad. Cod and haddock have been more scarce than usual and this Mr. Smith attributes to the prevalence of dog fish, which he regards as a veritable pest. He suggests that the government establish fertilizer factories on the shores of the fishing districts and offer a bounty to fishermen for these fish, which could thus be at least partially exterminated.

It is worthy of note that during the months of May, June and July the people of St. John have consumed considerably more fish than during the same term last year. This is due in a measure to the advance in the prices of beef and other meats.

DEATH ANNOUNCED;
HE STILL LIVESElijah Hays, of Warsaw, Ind.,
Mourned as Dead, is Very
Much Alive.

WARSAW, Ind., July 25—Elijah Hays, a philanthropist, aged 90 years, whose death was announced last Sunday from a local pulpit, is still alive. At his home, yesterday he walked to a window, fell and cut a severe gash in his head, but last night was said to be much alive in spite of the obituary printed on Monday.

Monday morning an undertaker went to embalm the body and found that Mr. Hays was alive but in a comatose condition. The nonagenarian revived somewhat and today was able to leave his bed unassisted. In 1887 Mr. Hays gave all his property, amounting to \$100,000, to the Methodist Episcopal Foreign Missionary Society, for use in the education of preachers at the Nicholas Low Institute at Mercedes, Argentina, South America. After this gift he received an annuity from the church to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church \$21,000 which he had saved out of this annuity.

AN OUTSIDE VIEW

What the St. Andrews Beacon
Thinks of Recent Police Court
Decision.

The St. Andrews Beacon says:—Police Magistrate Ritchie, of St. John, does not propose that the police shall do any more skulking than is absolutely necessary. Perhaps there is too much of this kind of thing; at the same time the magistrate should see to it that the strong arm of the law is not shortened by a hostile attitude on his part towards the police force. At best the policeman's lot is not a happy one and if his enemies receive a too sympathetic ear from the magistrate, neither their lot nor the peace of the city is improved.

A cable despatch to the New York Herald from Utrecht, Holland, says:—"At Houmen, near Nywegen, the automobile of Lord Ronald, of New York, knocked down an aged woman. The victim was taken in the automobile to Nywegen, but died soon after arrival there."

CIGARS WILL
COST MOREHavana Cigar Makers Decide
to Raise Price of the Weed.

HAVANA, Cuba, July 25—Twenty independent cigar manufacturers, though not the most important ones, have decided to raise the price of cigars, charging American money instead of Spanish gold. This step is likely to be followed soon by all.

WILL IMPROVE
THE LOCALITYFire Cleaned Out a Disreput-
able Portion of Victoria, B.C.

TORONTO, July 25 (Special)—The fire which caused \$150,000 loss in Victoria, B. C., wiped out one of the most disreputable portions of that city, states Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of the Methodist mission. "And I for one do not regret it, although our Indian mission was destroyed. That part of the city is near the Indian reserve and was a regular highway for Indian going and returning from the Fraser River fishing beds. The fire will improve the locality and the Indians and Japanese who congregate there will not now be subject to the great temptations which used to ensnare them."

NEWS FROM
FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, July 25 (Special)—The death occurred at his mother's home at an early hour this morning of D. A. Dow Coburn, a well known young physician who practiced at Canterbury. He had been ailing about a year from lung trouble.

He was a native of Keswick Ridge being a son of the late Dr. Benjamin Coburn. He graduated from McGill College in 1894. The deceased was thirty seven years of age and a widower. His wife was a daughter of Customs Officer Luke Lawson of McAdam. He is survived by his mother and two sisters, Mrs. W. C. Bart and Miss Hazel Coburn of this city. Senator King of Chipman is his uncle. He belonged to McAdam lodge of Freemasons and the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon under their auspices.

It has been raining heavily here this morning and in consequence the horse races have been postponed until tomorrow.

VOLCANIC
ERUPTIONS

SYDNEY, N. S. W., July 25—Reports from the Tonga Islands say that seven columns of volcanic eruptions were visible at sea for two weeks recently from the island of Tongatabu, within an area of two miles. The eruption has been accompanied by a continuous roaring noise and frequent explosions. Black pumice stones in large quantities were thrown as far as Nukunono, the capital, a distance of thirty miles. The Tonga government Gazette states that land is forming around the scene of the eruption and it is believed that a new island is in the process of formation.

Ring-Grundmark

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Captain and Mrs. Grundmark, Sea View, St. John county, yesterday afternoon, when their daughter, Miss Lena Sophia, was married to Harry W. Ring of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. A. McLean of Calvin Presbyterian church, St. John, in the presence of a large number of guests. The bride wore a dainty gown of white silk and carried a bouquet. She was attended by little Miss Violet Grundmark, her sister, who acted as flower girl. At the conclusion of the ceremony a sumptuous repast was served, after which the newly wedded couple left for their future home in St. John.

Augustus R. Macdonough

(Boston Herald, July 22.)
Old Boston families were grieved today to learn of the death in New York of Augustus Rodney Macdonough, son of the late Commodore Thomas Macdonough, U. S. N., at the age of 86. He was born in Middletown, Ct., and was well known here among the older people, whom he often visited.

His nephew, Rodney Macdonough, who for years was considered a confirmed bachelor, recently married Miss Estelle Gleason, a charming St. John girl, much to the surprise of their friends. They live at 48 Huntington avenue.

Augustus Rodney Macdonough was for 25 years the secretary of the Erie railroad, but was compelled to resign about six years ago because of failing health. He was a widower and had no children. He was particularly well posted on Dutch history.

Mrs. Mable Warnock

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Mable Warnock, wife of William Warnock, Prince street, west end. She was twenty-eight years of age.

Mrs. Almon an aged lady one of the St. Paul church picnicers yesterday lost her pocket book containing something over five dollars, in the station. The elderly felt her loss keenly but Officer Collins cleverly recovered her pocketbook from some Indians who had taken it.

A match game of tennis will be played on the courts of the Westfield Outing Association at Woodstock on Saturday evening next between Alex. Macaulay, Stephen McAvity, J. H. Doody and D. Mullin. It is expected that a great game will be the result as all are stars with the tennis racquets.

Diver Doyle was Westfield all day yesterday endeavoring to locate the Warwick salmon boat Lalla Rookh. Drags were also used but all efforts proved fruitless.

OTTAWA HAS A
\$300,000 FIREA Fierce Blaze in New
Edinburg Section of
Capital

VALUABLE PROPERTY

The W. C. Edwards Company
Works Damaged to Extent
of \$250,000 --- Hotel and
Other Buildings Wiped Out.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 25 (Special)—The New Edinburg portion of the city, which is adjacent to the government house and lying to the east of the Rideau River, was visited by a disastrous fire this morning. The total loss is put at \$300,000. Of this amount about \$250,000 will have to be borne by the W. C. Edwards Company, of which firm Senator Edwards is the head. The W. C. Edwards sash and door factory, the planning mill, the library bureau of Canada factory, in which the W. C. Edwards Company is largely interested, several piles of valuable lumber, Blackburn & Russell's mica warehouse, Foley's grocery, No. 6 fire station, and C. J. Neal's hotel store and the main offices of the Edwards Company are all burned to the ground.

Several other buildings, including the fine residence of the Blackburns were scorched. The W. C. Edwards & Co's main lumber mill lies on the west side of the Rideau river which at this point is spanned with a bridge over which the street cars run along Sussex street to Rockcliffe and escaped. The lumber piles destroyed were principally hardwood. Altogether about 2 million feet of lumber was burned.

Gordon Edwards was seen, and he placed the loss of the firm at nearly \$300,000 upon which there is about \$200,000 in insurance. The hotel, the fire station and the grocery store were not valuable buildings. The wind was blowing northeast and in this way the main mill was saved. Had the wind been in a westerly direction the whole mill which is one of the most modern and best equipped in the Dominion would have been totally destroyed. Some very fine new machinery was placed in the planning mill yesterday. The lumber piles are burning themselves out on the edge of the Ottawa river where it is joined by the Rideau.

SITUATION IN
CONGO STATE

BRUSSELS, July 25—Advices from the Congo state that an officer and nine militia men have been killed by the natives and that in French Congo, a missionary has been slain in the interior, where the native soldiers are rising against the white.

A LARGE ORDER

Lieut. Col. Gaskin of the Salvation Army told a Times man a good story this morning relative to the ignorance of many English people with regard to the size of Canada. They appear to think that this country could be covered in a morning's walk.

On one occasion the Army was asked to locate a lost relative in Canada. Lieut. Col. Gaskin wrote asking for particulars. He explained that if the parties could give some idea of the man's location the army could perhaps trace him. The following explicit statement was received in reply:—"He is on a farm in Ontario."

SHOULD WORK FULL TIME

There is considerable comment heard about the city, especially on the west side about the fact that the dredge barge is idle for about six hours every day, at high tides. The dredge works at the channel dredging only at low water, and at half tides has to lay up. It is felt, that with so much dredging to be done on the west side, a dredge should not be idle for that length of time.

Hon. J. G. Forbes and Rev. G. M. Campbell will leave next month for a tour of the eastern coast of Nova Scotia in the interests of the Canadian Bible Society.

An earthquake shock occurred at Coenova, Italy, yesterday, and in several provincial towns where the people became panic stricken. No damage has been reported.

Furness steamship Rappahannock, Captain Buckingham, will go to sea this afternoon at four o'clock, bound for London, via Halifax, with a general cargo.

WILL START
ON MONDAYClark & Adams Expect
to Be Ready
Then

ON NEW WAREHOUSE

May Be Interesting Develop-
ments When Workmen Get
Together on New Clark
Wharf---An Opinion As To
Question of Extras.

It is probable that Clark & Adams, contractors for the warehouse on the D. C. Clark wharf will commence work on Monday. Mr. Adams said this morning that everything in the way of materials for the warehouse was in readiness and had been for some time. He thought they could make a start on the work on Monday. While Mr. Clark had reported to Engineer Peters that the contractors for the warehouse could start at any time now, he said it would be difficult to get their material down the wharf and at any rate there were only eighteen boats ready, however they would like to get started and would make a try at it Monday if possible.

It is expected that there will be some interesting times when the two gangs of men get to work together, one crowd on the D. C. Clark wharf and the other on the Clark & Adams contract. Some knowledge ones on the west side predict a clash. D. C. Clark is making good headway with the foundation of the warehouse. About 110 feet has been put up; of this amount about a third will have to be widened to provide for the extra two feet which it has been found necessary to allow for the grain conveyor. The work now being done extends two feet to the north of the original line as called for in the specifications. As before stated, some 80 extra pieces of piling will be required to make the change, and this, of course, will be added to the already rapidly increasing bill of "extras."

A west side man who is competent to judge such matters, stated today that the bill for extras on this wharf owing to the changes that had been, or were to be made, from the specifications, would amount to well on to \$50,000. If proper care and foresight had been exercised in preparing the specifications part of this amount would have been included in the original contract price and some of the charges would have been eliminated altogether, as the changes made had all been more costly than if they had been in the original plan.

HANGED HER
AT SUNRISEMadame Fromkina
Was Executed This
Morning

MOSCOW, July 25—With the observance of the greatest privacy Madame Fromkina, who in March last attempted to assassinate General Reinhold, the prefect of police, and who in May made an attempt to murder the inspector of the political prison here, was hanged this morning at sunrise today.

The authorities made every effort during the past fortnight to persuade the woman to plead for the mercy of the emperor, but this she obstinately refused to do. Her parents interceded with the throne in her behalf but their efforts were unavailing.

Madame Fromkina was not charged with actual murder, but accused of making several ineffective attempts to kill officers. It is believed that her mind was unbalanced and that she suffered from hysteria.

The engagement is announced of Miss Marion J. Peters daughter of the late Thomas W. Peters to Harry A. Marvin, traveller for the Maritime Mail Co. The marriage will take place Aug. 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Philips.

Mrs. George Coster of New York is visiting her brother, D. J. Brown, Leinster street.

A CARNIVAL OR
OLD HOME WEEKSuch a Celebration
be Held Here.

DURING THE AUTUMN

One Business Man Thinks we
Should Commence at Once
to Lay Plans for It---Mayor
Says There is no Hurry.

There is a feeling among many of the business men of the city that something should be done at once toward making preparations for a fall carnival or Old Home Week.

The date suggested for the affair is about the middle of September. At that time the tourist rush will be pretty well over, and the hotels will be able to accommodate the big influx of visitors. It would not doubt be attractive here if arrangements for cheap excursions from various points were made.

One of the prominent merchants speaking of the matter today said he thought no time should be lost in making the preliminary arrangements, as there would naturally be a lot of advertising to look after and the form of celebration and the attractions should be decided on as soon as possible. He said he believed that all the business men who subscribed to the exhibition fund which was started by B. R. Macaulay a few months ago, would be willing to allow the amounts they then subscribed to be devoted toward whatever scheme a committee of the citizens thought best.

The proposal to have an Old Home Week, with processions, a regatta on Lily Lake and fireworks in Rockwood Park, sports on the Victoria grounds, and maybe a horse show or some other features, seems to be the suggestion that meets with most favor.

Mayor Sears, when asked about the matter this morning, said he thought there was plenty of time yet to think about it. He thought the visit of the Governor General here and the firemen's tournament were enough to keep busy on for a while, and the matter of an Old Home Week could be considered after the firemen's celebration was over. He thought a suitable time to hold a carnival or some such affair would be between September 20 and October 1.

It is, however, the opinion of a number of prominent merchants that the matter should not be delayed so long, but that arrangements should be discussed now. It is argued that there need be no interference with the firemen's programme, as as a project of this nature needs considerable advertising to ensure success, something should be done as soon as possible.

CAPTAIN HAS
STRANGE PETS

British steamship Laura, Captain W. H. Rea, arrived in port this morning from Boston in ballast to load deal for West Coast of England. The Laura landed at Boston 8203 bales of sisal grass from Progreso, Mexico. Captain Rea has on board a couple of strange pets, a shaggy goat and a raccoon. These two animals are inseparable companions and play about the decks to the amusement of the crew. They have been trained to do many tricks. The goat will run round in a circle with the raccoon perched upon its back. The raccoon will jump through hoops held by the crew and alight again on the goat's back. The steamer is now berthed at the new city wharf. Pilot Thomas Trainor brought her into port.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The Knights of Pythias of St. John will observe their annual memorial day service on Thursday, August 15, when the graves of departed brothers will be decorated. Announcement will be made later of the place for receiving flowers.

At a meeting of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, last evening, Benjamin L. Sheppard was elected a representative to the grand lodge, which meets in Fredericton, August 7.

Swedish steamship Helsingborg, Captain Meyer, arrived this morning from New York in ballast, and was berthed at No. 3, west end, to load deals for the west coast of England.

Mrs. Edward Hogan and children arrived home from Seattle last week. Miss Agnes B. Hogan accompanied them and is visiting her sister Mrs. Josh Ward, Dorchester street.

GOT \$30 FROM
MRS. FERGUSONAnd Now Charles McDonald
is Charged With Obtaining
Money Under False Pretences.

A man giving his name as Chas. McDonald has been arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences from Mrs. Ferguson, wife of James Ferguson who was arrested here recently at the instance of the Springfield police authorities, on charges of theft and incendiarism.

McDonald represented himself to be a detective, and induced Mrs. Ferguson to pay him \$30. Subsequently suspicion was aroused and he was placed under arrest.

WILL GO AFTER
SATISFACTION

In consequence of an editorial in the Star of Tuesday last, the management of the steamer Elaine are understood to have under consideration the issuing of a writ for libel against that newspaper. The editorial in question alleges that on Monday trip Capt. Peatman had, after the boat left her dock at Indiantown, notified passengers destined for Westfield, that he would not land them, and not until the failure of a boat to put in an appearance in answer to the steamer's whistle did the steamer go to the wharf. Capt. Peatman is also charged by the Star with profane language while the passengers were going ashore at Westfield. Criticism is made that carelessness is shown in the stowing of freight and states that the smoking rule is violated to the extent that passengers have been seen to smoke and throw lighted matches in close proximity to packages of bananas, stacked hay and cans containing oil. Freight is also claimed to be stowed too close to the engine room and stoke hole. The entire article is a general criticism of the management of the captain and the steamer.

Both Captain Peatman and George R. Vincent, one of the directors of the line, make emphatic denial and state that they are prepared to vouch for the incorrectness of charges made.

To the Times Capt. Peatman denied that he used the language attributed to him, and says that his crew and passengers who were at the gangway will back him up in his denial. He states that he advised Westfield passengers on the down trip that he might not stop returning. He damaged the boat previously as a result of going to Westfield wharf to the extent of \$20 and says the wharf is in a disgraceful condition.

George R. Vincent, one of the directors, said that he was surprised that the Star should take such a course. They were able to prove the incorrectness of the statements contained in the article.

PLANS FOR
EARL GREY

A meeting of the civic committee which has the arrangements for the governor-general's visit in charge was held this morning in the mayor's office, when the different features of the programme were discussed.

It was decided that an automobile be placed at the disposal of his excellency, should he desire to use it on the morning of the 14th. According to the programme, the visiting dignitary will be left to his own devices for that morning.

The mayor wishes it to be thoroughly understood that the civic committee has nothing to do with the arrangements for the party which will go on the steamer to Fredericton with the governor-general. All guests are invited by the lieutenant-governor. The guests at the supper to be given by the mayor and council will necessarily be confined to officials.

The reception in the York Theatre is under the direction of the governor-general, and the mayor said it was his desire that this affair should be strictly informal, so that all could attend. The matter of dress would be left to the good sense of the people who went there. If persons wanted to go in ordinary dress there should be no restriction.

The steamer Elaine has been engaged to take the party to Fredericton. It will leave the wharf at Indiantown at 8.30 a. m., Thursday, the 15th. The return next day would be via the C. P. R.

The mayor has been invited to attend the reception and festivities in Halifax, while Earl Grey is there, but will not likely attend as he expects to go to Boston on August 1 to attend the Old Home Week celebration.

His worship thinks that the mayors of the provincial towns should be invited here to meet the governor-general.

THE CANADIAN
ARTILLERISTS

PETAWAWA CAMP, Ont., July 25 (Special)—The Canadian team of heavy artillery was gotten together for the first time this morning.

The personnel of the team is:—In command, Major C. Leigh 4th regiment, P. E. I.; Captain J. A. Ewing, 2nd regiment, Montreal; Lieut. J. E. McGowan, 3rd regiment, N. B.; Lieut. Cobbet, 5th B. C. battery; Sergt. Major Brown, 3rd N. B.; Quartermaster Sergt. Blaine, 2nd Montreal; Orderly Sergt. Elliott, 2nd Montreal; Sergt. Morgan, Boise, Williamson, Bombardiers Charbonneau, Troid, Lamont; Gunners Crook and Glaco, from 2nd Montreal; Sergts. Penny, McKain and Whitebone, Corporals Allan and Giles from the 3rd regiment, St. John, N. B. Sergt. Harris, Cornfoot, Harris, Dorsey, Westaway and Diamond, Corporal Seaman, Bombardiers Grennan, Proulx, Proulx and Craig and Gunner Bagnell from the 4th regiment, P. E. I.; Sergt. Bradbury and Bombardiers Wright and Moffatt from Cobourg.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., July 25—(Special)—The trial of Henry C. Nevin ended before Judge McLatch today in a verdict of not guilty. Nevin was indicted on two counts, conjugal relations with two women at the same time, and adultery.

CHASED HIM
OUT OF TOWNMiners' Organizer For-
ced to Leave Town
by Citizens

TRIED TO ORGANIZE

But Found He Had Struck
Poor Locality for His Business
--Beaten, Arrested and Made
to Run for His Train.

ELY, Minn., July 25—Alfred Lundstrom a local organizer for the Western Federation of Miners, was run out of town yesterday by business men. Lundstrom went into a market and attempted to form an organization among the clerks. The clerks informed the owner of the shop and Lundstrom was kicked down several times by the proprietor. The organizer took to his heels up the street, followed for several blocks by the market keeper, who struck him as often as he got within reach. Lundstrom was afterwards arrested on the complaint of several business men. When taken before the municipal court he promised to leave town, if allowed to go. Permission was given and Lundstrom was escorted by a jeering crowd to a train.

Anticipating violence by the Western Federation of Miners citizens held a mass meeting last night, at which the city pledged armed protection to all miners, who wanted to work. About 3,000 persons representing all classes of citizens attended. Resolutions were passed condemning the strike, commending the treatment accorded the men by the mining company and guaranteeing armed protection to all who wanted to work. Special officers will be sworn in in any number necessary to carry out the promise of the city. Nearly every man in the city has pledged himself to serve as a deputy should the occasion arise. The authorities of Ely have instructions to turn back all agitators attempting to enter.

There has been little actual trouble at Ely, the mines are all running and the workers appear satisfied.

HE WAS ON ILL
FATED STEAMER

FREDERICTON, July 25 (Special)—Moses Burpee, son of Asa Burpee of Burton, Sunbury County, held the position of engineer of the ill-fated steamer Columbia, lost on the Pacific on Saturday last, and his relatives, having had no word from him since the disaster, are naturally very anxious concerning his welfare. Mr. Burpee has been in the west fourteen years, and visited his former home five years ago with his bride.

WANTED--A DIRECTOR

To the Editor of the Daily Times:—Sir,—In view of what has been said by The Daily Telegraph anent the directorship of the city, I feel it my duty as a citizen and taxpayer to add a few words to what you have already said in this matter. For the want of a competent director we are dropping money every day, not only on the west side, but all over the city. Workmen idling their time. Two and in some cases three bosses where one competent man would be sufficient. Men leaving off work before the proper time. Doing work by the day when contract work should be done (as for example the new water main from the One Mile House to Marsh bridge). Such a school of loafing was never seen here before. No systematic way of laying the asphalt, as a result workmen are seen sitting on door steps generally smoking their pipes, waiting, like Micawber, for something to turn up. Just now you will see a fine staling, which will cost a lot of money, going up around the High School on street for the purpose of painting window frames.

The above are but a few of the many ways we are losing money. We are sadly in need of a man endowed with power to say to this incompetent one to go and that competent one to come. One who will keep the superintendents up to their work. Such a man should not be taken from the aldermanic staff, even if he was to be found there. Possibly one might be found in the city. If not, let one be employed from abroad, without further delay. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the interest you have always taken in city affairs,

I remain, yours, etc.,
OBSERVER.MAKES BEER IN
A TABLET FORM

LONDON, July 25—A Danish civil engineer, says a consular report just issued here, has succeeded in producing beer in the form of tablets. These are dissolved in hot water. When cooled the beverage is a beer of excellent quality and flavor.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS

In county court chambers this morning Judge Forbes gave judgment in the case of Robertson vs. Garson, a case that had been heard previously in Richibucto.

In this case action is brought by the plaintiff to recover \$14.50, the value of an anchor, which he alleged that the defendant purchased from him on the 30th of November last.

The evidence showed that payment had not been made before the action was brought, and judgment was given in the plaintiff's favor for \$60 and costs, but this was subsequently reduced to \$30, with costs.

Mrs. George Lee, of Worcester, Mass., arrived in the city this morning by steam or Bay State. She is registered at the Hotel Ottawa, and will leave for her old home in Gibson on Saturday.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

JAMESEY IS HET UP.



Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Jamesey Jones, desires to add his tribute of praise to the group of eminent engineers who are now conducting the affairs of the civic board of works. Jamesey has been going about the streets, noting their fine condition and the great speed with which needed work is being done. Pincel-bars have replaced derricks for lifting heavy

curb stones, and there is a general saving of wear and tear of derricks. On the west side great progress is being made, and the new berths will be finished in jig-time.

Jamesey says that he is convinced the city has been losing thousands of dollars every year by having a director of public works. There never was any real need of one. The public works of St. John are so insignificant that business men can attend to them between whiles in addition to the successful conduct of their own business.

"What," demands Jamesey, "is a little matter of contracts involving few hundreds of thousands? Would any business man worry about it? Wouldn't he just hand it over to the contractors and workmen about dog fishing? Why worry about little things? Life is short and the sun

mer passes quickly. I'll venture to say that if the meddlers will just attend to their own affairs the present system of conducting the public works department will reduce the civic debt half a million in six months. What do these critics know about engineering problems? Have they ever been members of the city council? Have they ever taken a course at City Hall? Have they got a lot of this world's goods? Do they boast about what they have done and can do? No, sir! They're no good."

It is quite clear from what Jamesey says that he knows what he is talking about, and persons who think that there should be an application of business principles to civic work, with a director in charge, are likely to get into trouble if they talk while he is around.