

DIAMOND PRICES TO RISE

ANTWERP, March 28.—Diamond merchants here declare that the De Beers Company intends to raise the price of diamonds 30 per cent on April 1 or May 1. One of the most experienced diamond merchants said to a correspondent to-day that if this step is taken it would cause the most serious crisis in the history of the trade.

THE LAME LEAP

Evidently the Day of Miracles is Not Yet Over.

STRONG TOWNSHIP SENSATION.

The Restoration to Health of Wm. Doeg Who Had Not Left His Room in Years. Rheumatism of the Worst Kind Completely Cured.

(Sundridge Echo.)

The Echo has taken the trouble to investigate the circumstances and can vouch for the truth of the following interesting story in its every particular. Almost everyone in this neighborhood knows Mr. Wm. Doeg. In 1878 Mr. Doeg moved from the township of Osprey, in Grey County, to Lot 18 in the thirteenth concession of Strong Township. He has since made many friends, and all who know him speak of him in the highest terms.

Some time after he came to this part he was stricken with rheumatism. It gradually grew worse and worse till for the last four years he has been a confirmed invalid, and as a consequence has not been seen in town at all. He has sat night and day in his chair, unable to move or walk a step for months. The pain never left him. It commenced in his back, and the torture he had to bear was terrible. From his back it would sometimes move to other parts of his body. His knees were fearfully painful at times. The truth is, that for four long years the poor man did not have a single moment's respite from the racking of this dreadful disease.

Mr. Doeg says: "It makes me shudder to look back upon that awful four years, even the thought of it is dreadful. How I ever lived through it I do not know, but I thank God that he has at last restored me to health and strength with nothing of the rheumatism left but the memory of it."

Mr. Doeg is a changed man. Hale and hearty he now enjoys every moment of his new life to the full.

How did the change come about? This is the question which Mr. Doeg is most delighted to answer. He had tried the treatment of several physicians and had used almost every medicine known as a cure for rheumatism, but he got no relief.

"I gave them all a fair chance, too," said Mr. Doeg to the Echo, "but nothing seemed able to give me over temporary relief. I grew despondent and despaired of ever leaving that dreadful pain behind me."

"One day I read in a newspaper the testimonials of some who said they had been cured of rheumatism by Dodd's Kidney Pills. I hadn't much faith in anything by this time, but I sent for one box of the pills and commenced. I noticed an improvement and kept on, and look at me now."

Mr. Doeg certainly doesn't look like an invalid now, and it is hard for one who has not seen him in his sick room to believe that six months ago he couldn't walk.

"Have you any objections to making and signing a written statement of the whole thing for publication in the Echo?" was asked of Mr. Doeg.

"None whatever, I will be glad to do so, for I want every person suffering as I was with rheumatism to know that Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure them, and I do hope that my statement will be read by all such unfortunate."

This is Mr. Doeg's written statement:—

For four years I suffered excruciating torture, during which time I was scarcely an hour free from pain. The trouble commenced in my back, where it often remained stationary for months, and so intense was the pain that I could not lie down or take rest, but had to sit night and day in a chair. The pain would then remove to other parts of my body, and when in my knees I was unable to walk, and confined constantly to my room. I was treated for rheumatism by several doctors and also tried many medicines, without receiving any benefit. Almost in despair I feared I would never again experience the pleasure of being free from pain.

Early this spring my attention was directed to some remarkable cures of rheumatism effected by Dodd's Kidney Pills recorded in the public prints. I procured a box and soon found that they were doing me good so I kept on till now I can say I am a new man entirely free from pain, and have continued so for six months being able to attend to my duties on the farm and feel strong and able for work.

I verily believe this great change has been effected by the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills and I think it is my duty to make this statement public for the benefit of any one afflicted as I was Wm. Doeg Sundridge.

This is the plain unvarnished statement of fact as we found it and every reader of the Echo especially those who know how bad Mr. Doeg was will agree that it is a case without parallel in the history of the community.

SUM'SIDE VESSELS

Are Being Made Ready For Spring.

CHANGES TO R.R. WHARF

Important Repairs to the Dredge Prince Edward and Other S'Side News.

There is considerable stir along the water front in the way of getting ready for the opening of navigation which is now apparently near, and the owners of crafts in Summerside harbor are hustling in order to have their vessels ready when the ice disappears.

The schooner Howard L., owned by Captain Farrow, which is lying near Holman's wharf, is undergoing extensive repairs, being almost completely rebuilt from above water. The schooner is having new planks outside nearly to the water line, new top sides, new clamps, part new deck, some new beams, new rails, new cabin, new fastenings, new keelson, and a general overhauling of the hull. All defective timber has been removed, and it might be noted here that her floors and footboards were found to be perfectly sound. The deck will be 2 feet 4 inches higher, and about one half more will be added to her carrying capacity. Mr. Robert Acorn of North St. Eleanor's, foreman, with nine men are pushing the work along rapidly and expect to have it completed in time for the beginning of the season's work. The Howard L. is well known among our coasters as one of the fastest and when finished will be one of the best all round schooners in these waters. Captain Farrow is very popular with his employees and they all appreciate his kindness in allowing them to knock off on Saturday evenings at 5 o'clock.

The tug Frank C. Batt, will this year be put in better condition, have improved accommodations and present a more attractive appearance than for some years. Besides the installing of a new furnace, new tubes are being put in the boiler and all the machinery is being thoroughly overhauled. And later in the spring the old propeller will be replaced by a new one. In order to make more room in the gens' cabin the two adjoining staterooms have been torn out which will add about five feet in its length. The wheel-house which a few years ago was built on top of the old one has been removed and the captain's room will be as formerly. The house from end to end will be covered with new canvass and the whole boat will receive a general cleaning up and repainting. As intimated before the "Batt" will be commanded by Captain John L. Read.

The schooner Merry May, owned by Captain George McKay, which one year ago was almost rebuilt from the water line, is again undergoing some few changes among which are a new fore topmast, new windlass and a new winch, and bits.

The schooner Restive, owned by Mr. D. Montgomery, is also receiving some improvements including a new bowsprit and a new floor in the hold.

The schooner Jennie Armstrong, owned by Captain James Grady, besides a few minor repairs is having a new wire rigging.

The tug T. A. Stewart is being put in better shape for next season's work and is receiving considerable repairs to the boiler.

The schooner Nereid and Joseph McGill owned by Mr. Benj. D. Sharp, are also among the vessels in the harbor being made ready for Spring.

The schooner Rose Mary, owned by Mr. John R. Larkins, is lying off the end of Railway wharf where she was frozen in last fall.

The schooner Carlane, owned by parties in LaHave, N. S., which was loaded last fall with potatoes for Boston and which was frozen in a short distance inside the lighthouse remains in the same position.

The schooner Ida M., owned by Captain Alexander McFadyen, is lying near Holman's wharf.

Extensive repairs are being made to the government dredge Prince Edward which is lying blocked up in a field of Mr. J. D. Enman at the east side of the harbor.

Among the improvements being made are new keelsons, new spur housings, new timbers in the crane end, new pitch pine planks which are 5 1/2 inches thick and which are being covered with new copper, besides several less important changes. The scows also are receiving general repairs including new bottoms etc. Some of the large lumber will probably need to be imported as it is not expected that enough suitable can be obtained on the Island. Capt. Larkin is having the work pushed ahead rapidly so as to be ready if possible at the opening of navigation.

The big storm last fall having badly wrecked Railway Wharf a great deal of repairs have been found necessary to the wharf and freight sheds. The outer portion of the freight building has been raised four feet, the flooring has all been taken out and will be replaced by new, and a new office will be built for the

Steam Navigation Co. in place of the old one which has also been torn out. This portion of the building has been removed a few feet nearer the railway track which will make it more convenient for loading and unloading cars than formerly and the northern section of the building will also be placed in line with it. Hereafter therefore teams will load and unload freight on the western side of the freight house. This will be a great improvement over the former custom as there has always been a danger of collision with the trains and much delay caused at times in the handling of freight. The outer portion of the wharf will be practically rebuilt and raised from one to four feet, but this will require a good deal of time and will not likely be completed before summer is well advanced. The repairs on the whole are being made thorough and when finished the wharf will doubtless be in better condition than ever before. Mr. Bethune has charge of the work and is believed to be right man at the work.

BIG HEARTED BEN.

A. C. P. R. Engineer who never loses an Opportunity to help a Fellowman in hard luck.

HAYWOOD, Man., April 1.—A pathetic hard-luck story, but with a very happy ending, is being told in this neighborhood. The subject of the story is Peter Lavieque, a wood chopper, and the hero is Ben Rafferty, the well known C. P. R. engineer. As told by Mr. Lavieque himself, it is something like this:—

"I have a family of five. It takes me all my time to keep the wolf from the door. When I am well and able to work hard every day, we can get along, but for the last few years my back has been failing me."

"At last it gave out altogether, and I had to quit work. I tried day after day to do a little chopping but had to stop and come home again. I was in such despair for my poor family, that I went and shot myself, had I not met Mr. Ben Rafferty."

"He bought me two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I commenced on three pills a day. In two weeks I was working as hard as ever, and have not had any trouble since."

CROWN PRINCE WILL NOT WED.

BERLIN, March 28.—The Cologne Gazette says regarding the rumors that the Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm intends to marry an Austrian princess that the Gazette is reliably informed that the crown prince will in no circumstances marry a catholic but either a German or an English princess.

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All That Glitters Is Not Gold



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To the customers making the nearest guess or estimate of the population of P. E. Island as shown by the official census of 1901, which will be taken April 1st, we will GIVE FREE a handsome China Tea Set of 4 pieces. Some other handsome prizes to the next nearest guessers.

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"Sureka Blend" is our own special brand and is only sold by us. It is one of the BEST TEAS sold in this Province at 25 cents per pound.

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High Class Lumber. quality is there—don't be surprised if they are some Clears you have used—they're 2nd Clears to in rice only—almost Clears in quality.

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