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Some time ago there was a discussion on among certain metropolitan newspapers as to whether it was better policy to retract a statement that had been erroneously published, or to stolidly endeavour to prove the matter. The question was decided in the affirmative. Acting upon this precedent, the ADVERTISER must, and does, contradict the item of last week regarding the Government and the projected Hartland Bridge. The information was false, and furnished by unreliable correspondents. A recent letter from the Premier to the ADVERTISER among other things touches upon the items regarding the Bridge that have gone the rounds of the press. Although the letter is private some of the contents bear considerable interest to our readers. Therefore we take the liberty to quote: I have too much respect for the good people of Hartland, and for their delegates who conferred with us on the subject of the bridge, to permit them to first receive the information of the decision reached by the public press. Let me assure you that when the matter is finally concluded it will take the form of an order in Council, of which a copy will be first sent to your delegates \* \* \* No final decision has yet been agreed upon. \* \* \* Your delegates are not justified in having any other impressions than those gathered as a result of the interview at the time they appeared before the Government here." The ADVERTISER has good reason to believe that the bridge project is not a dead issue, but it has no grounds for venturing an opinion as to when the final decision will be reached. Our readers at any rate can rest assured that the news will appear in the ADVERTISER immediately on its being given out.

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During the coming week or two the attention of the people of Carleton County will be about equally divided between the affairs at home and abroad. The Circuit Court opens on Tuesday and the notorious Canovan-Tucker case will come up. A woman may be sentenced to death or life-long imprisonment. In the Hispano-American war thousands will go to death, and mothers, wives, and sweethearts will spend their days in grief.

**War Is Declared.**

Hostilities May Commence Today

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate have passed the measures making inevitable war between the United States and Spain, unless the latter backs down, or, rather, peacefully relinquishes her right in Cuba and withdraws her forces therefrom. In the ultimatum issued by President McKinley, Spain is given until today to

make her decision. There is hardly a possibility that Cuba will be given up without a struggle. Therefore by the time this issue is in the subscribers hands American cannon may belch forth death and destruction upon the Spaniards. The assault will be returned, and more freely than ever before human blood will flow in the cause of the Independence of Cuba. That the war will be long and terrible is beyond doubt.

The final result of the conflict has been much conjectured, but now it seems that the consensus of opinion is that the States will eventually become victors. With navies quite evenly matched the Spaniard's are bred fighters, are fearless and treacherous.

The Americans are probably more skilful tacticians, but in actual warfare the present generation is inexperienced. But they have studied the methods of other nations, and are well posted theoretically. If they come off victorious it will be because their resources are the greater. Spain's coffers are well drained because of a many years struggle to suppress an insurrection in Cuba.

NOTES OF THE WAR.

The Spanish minister at Washington was given his passport on Wednesday and at once left the Capital. He proceeded to Niagara, thence to Toronto. He will finally sail from Halifax.

It is said the Cunard line of steamships will land at Halifax during the time hostilities are in force.

There is some hope for Papa's intervention. The scheme is that Spain will cede Cuba to the Pope who will transfer the Island to the States. This would enable Spain to escape the humiliation of surrendering to the United States. But this rumor is unauthorized.

Spain will endeavour to make the field of battle near Puerto Rico, near the eastern extremity of Cuba. This action will be to draw American vessels as far as possible away from their source of supplies and nearer those of Spain.

American land forces actually enlisted number 113,000; but volunteers can be drawn by tens of thousands. Scores of regiments of regulars are being transported to Florida.

PERSONAL NEWS.

L. E. Young of Woodstock was in the village on Monday.

R. M. Belyea of St. John was in the village this week.

Dr. Beirsto of Lakeville was in Hartland on Thursday.

"Billy To-saw" the veteran tramp struck town on Wednesday.

W. R. Gillin and R. W. Raymond spent part of this week in Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carter of Andover spent Sunday at Geo. R. Burtt's.

Miss Maud Keswick went to St. Leonard's on Monday in company with father.

Mrs. J. B. Daggett left on Saturday last for a two weeks at her parents home at Keswick.

Miss Robin Hay went to Woodstock on Monday to attend the U. D. C. entertainment given in Graham's Opera House.

Mr. Wright of the firm of Haslem & Wright, dealers in beef cattle is in this vicinity looking after business in his line.

G. E. Raven representing C. Flood & Sons, and J. S. Scribner, collector for Frost & Wood, were at the Commercial on Wednesday.

Walter Scott, of Montreal was in town this week with a fine line of furs, representing the stock of one of the largest furriers in Canada.

Eugene B. Clark of Centreville who has been spending the Easter holidays home passed through this village on Monday on his way to the U. N. B.

**PEOPLE OF HARTLAND . .**

and vicinity! Attention! I have put in a stock of Gents Furnishings including **HATS, CAPS, SHIRTS, TIES, COLLARS, CUFFS, UNDERWEAR AND CHILDREN'S WEAR ETC.,** and have paid cash for the goods, therefore I have got the benefit of a good discount. I pay no high rent pay no clerks or bookkeepers. If you have the Cash and want anything in my line, call and get it. I am content with a smaller profit than is usually made on these goods. My prices will tickle you. You get a glad feeling free with every purchase

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The Crawford Wheel.

Gordon McAdam of this village bought a second-hand Crawford wheel that had been ridden two seasons. It had been very roughly used and must have been exceedingly strong to stand the strain. Mr. McAdam says: "This wheel was run all last season and was given some pretty hard usage. I believe, from what I know of this, and other Crawford wheels, that it is the strongest and most satisfactory medium priced wheel in the market." GORDON MCADAM.

FOUND.

A lady's pocket book containing some change and a few small pieces of jewellery, was found in the waiting room at the depot. Owner can have the same by proving property and paying for this advertisement.

HARDWARE.

For Cash we sell:—

Wire nails, per keg, base	\$ 2.09
Purdy & Green's Lime, per cask	1.55
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