

LOCAL TOPICS.

JAMES HAYDEN is making some repairs in his block on the east side of Main street.

JOHN LENNIHAN has some early oats. He thrashed out one hundred bushels last week.

BAND PICNIC.—The Woodstock Cornet Band held a picnic on Bull's Island today.

The communication from A. E. W. on the state of affairs in Norway will appear in the next issue of the DISPATCH.

A HOUSE occupied by David Linnet at Queensbury, was burned to the ground on Tuesday of last week. Most of the furniture was saved.

NEW HOUSE.—Jacob Vanwart is building a new house on Broadway. The cellar has been dug, and masons are at work on the foundation.

BURGLARY.—The C. P. R. ticket office at Benton was broken open on Saturday night. The burglars tore off the money drawer but found no money.

THE SWEDISH QUARTETTE which plays in Graham's Opera House tomorrow evening, under the auspices of the Cornet Band, is spoken of in high terms.

EIGHT HANDS.—Seeing the necessity of getting a move on, the Canadian Bridge and Iron Co. took on eight new hands on Monday morning. The eight men are Woodstockers.

EXCURSION.—Kockabema Lodge, I.O.O.F., will run an excursion to St. Andrews tomorrow, leaving at 7.22 a. m. This is a grand opportunity to visit the Saratoga of New Brunswick.

A CITIZEN of Woodstock has received a letter from a resident in Fargo, North Dakota, in which it is said that hay is selling there for \$3.50 a ton, and wheat only brings 45 cents a bushel. However, with the tariff settlement it is hoped times will improve.

ON THE STREETS.—Queen street is all prepared for placing the asphalt sidewalk, but it has not yet been laid. Connell street is also torn up, preparatory to the reception of its new dress. Yesterday the old tank opposite Loane's factory was filled up with earth and stones.

EXPRESS DELAYED.—The express from Edmundston on Monday morning was three hours late in getting into Woodstock. One of the eccentrics of the locomotive, broke, between Kilburn and Bath stations. The driver ran her into Woodstock where he got a new locomotive.

THE BRIDGE.—The rapidity with which work has been rushed on the bridge during the past week gives promise of the completion of the structure at an early date. The second span is now in place, and it is not unlikely that the crew will be able to make progress at the rate of about one span each week.

THIRTY DAYS.—While Officer Burns was conveying to pound a cow he had arrested on Connell street, in the month of June, Henry Norton interfered, and in his attempt to rescue the cow he struck Burns with a stone. Henry was arraigned before the police magistrate, confessed his guilt, and was sent up for thirty days.

GARDEN PARTY.—Some of the ladies have put their heads together and are making big preparations for a garden party on the grounds about the Record office, on the 29th of August, the financial returns from which will be devoted to the band stand. It is to be hoped that everybody will go and take his or her largest sized appetite.

TO REPAIR MAIN STREET.—At the last meeting of the town council, the road committee was instructed to report to the council as the best method and probable cost of putting in a state of efficient and permanent repair, Main street, from St. Luke's church to the bridge, and Broadway from the bridge to the top of the Institute Hill.

A NIGHT WATCH.—Some of the merchants in town, feeling the need of extra night protection about their places of business, have enlisted the services of John S. Gray, who will hereafter keep an eagle eye on the stores of those merchants who contribute to the fund from which he is paid, Monday night was Mr. Gray's first night on his beat.

MEDICAL SOCIETIES.—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Medical Society was held in St. John yesterday afternoon. Today the Canadian Medical Association holds its meeting. This is the first time the Canadian Association has met in this Province. A number of Carleton County Doctors have gone down to attend the meetings.

ST. GERTRUDE'S PICNIC.—The grounds of St. Gertrude's church on Wednesday last were a pleasant place to find one's self. Berry's orchestra occupied the band stand. The men about the grounds were displaying their skill (sometimes lack of it) with the air gun, bow, and at the bowling alley. Dinner and tea were served in the hall. \$275.00 was netted.

PURCHASED THE FARM.—Mr. George S. Briggs has sold his farm between town and Upper Woodstock to Mr. Cyrus Vanwart. The purchaser gets with the farm all the crop excepting the plum output. There is a good milk run in connection with the farm. It is said that the price paid was \$3,700. Mr. Briggs has an intention of purchasing a farm in Arrostook County, Me.

SHED BROKEN INTO.—One night last week some one broke into the shed of Charles Baker, a farmer on Connell Road, and stole about a dozen chickens, and a large quantity of cabbages, carrots, onions, beets and such things as a market gardener would have about him. The thief effected an entrance through a window, by breaking the glass, and taking out the frame.

IT LOOKS WELL.—The Woodstock Woolen Mill presents a highly artistic appearance with its new coat of paint, and adds quite a brisk and cheery appearance to the somberness, characteristic of King street in general. The company show that they have some re-

gard for appearances, and have set a good example which business men in Woodstock might generally follow to advantage.

CRICKET MATCH.—The excursion to St. Andrews will probably be well patronized by Woodstockers. A cricket team has been improvised, and will leave town on the excursion to play the St. Andrews eleven, from whom a challenge was received a couple of weeks ago. The Woodstock team has not put in much practise, but hopes to make a fair show in spite of that serious draw-back.

BARN BURNED.—One day last week, while Amos Rideout of Upper Brighton, was away in Fredericton his barns were totally destroyed by fire, together with all their contents. Beside some fodder he lost two mowing machines, a threshing machine, a horse rake, an ensilage cutter. The fire is supposed to have originated by spontaneous combustion in the silo.

SAVINGS BANK.—During the month of July the deposits at the Woodstock (Government) Savings Bank were \$13,868.00; withdrawals, \$12,664.91. The balance in the bank is \$496,690.87. Woodstock stands third in the province for the amount in the Savings Bank, and also third in the amounts deposited and withdrawn during July. St. John and Fredericton have first and second places.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICS.—The Presbyterian Sunday School held their annual picnic on Hayden's Island yesterday. There was a good attendance of children and members of the congregation. The Sunday scholars of St. Luke's and Christ's church also engaged in their annual picnic, going on the train to Deep Creek, a spot between Newburg Junction and Hartland, where they put in an enjoyable time.

AT WORK AGAIN.—Ned Lyness, one of the men who fell seventy feet from the top of the traveller on the bridge to the beach beneath, some weeks ago, and had his jaw smashed and his ankle broken, is at work again. His companion in the fall, Prosper Corrier, whose leg was broken has not made such good progress. The doctors are somewhat puzzled over his case as the broken limb does not seem to have knit as it should.

CHURCH NEWS.—The Jacksonville and Jacksonville Baptist churches have unanimously resolved to extend to John B. Morgan, an invitation to become their pastor. Mr. Morgan has not yet received official notice of the resolution, but when he does, it is quite within the range of probability that he will accept. If he makes as convincing a preacher as he does a life insurance agent he will do good work in the field.

THE COW INDUSTRY.—The pound keepers are making noble efforts to persuade the festive cow to take her evening walks in other places than the public streets, and lie down in green pastures more remote from civilization than the county grounds and the private gardens of our citizens. In the fall, when the cow season is over, the citizens should give a pound keepers dinner, in recognition of the valuable services these men have rendered the town.

OATS.—In conversation with The Dispatch a Jacksonville farmer said that the evil that had generally affected the oat crop had not touched his at all. In any case where it had put in an appearance it had touched merely the outer blade, and had not injured the straw, and on this account he thought it must be caused by a louse, for had it been rust it would have attacked the straw as well as the blade. He said his oats are a fine crop, fully up to last year. He planted early and the heads were well filled before the hot spell struck them.

THE FIREMEN.—Woodstock's contingent to the firemen's celebration in St. John last week acquitted themselves creditably. They took part in the parade and in the sports which followed. Foreman Bolger was in charge of the company, which numbered eleven men rank and file. In the hose race the boys won third place, and a prize of \$25. They would have done much better had they not lost at least five seconds in the start. The other competing teams were St. John, Amherst, and Fairville. In the drivers' running race of 100 yards, R. Kennedy took second place. A member of the St. John Salvage Corps came in first.

Hotel Arrivals.

At the Wilbur:—A C Van Meter, Moncton, John R Dunn, John D Kidney, G Crawford, St John; Lionel T Clough, Houlton; E J Todd, St John; H H Fairweather, St John.

At the Exchange:—Geo W Tinker, Wm Curry, Andover; Geo A Campbell, Monticello; Jas A Watson, Houlton; C C Gatchell.

At the Victoria:—T C Bohan, Presque Isle; Jas Cunningham, Fredericton; A Bowman, Jno Folster, Hawshaw; S Thompson, St John; Byron D McLellan, Caribou, Me.

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GARTLEY.—At Watson Settlement, on the 15th inst., of dropsy of the lungs, Mrs. Samuel Gartley, aged 28 years.

PERSONALS.

R Chalmers, Ottawa, is at the Wilbur.

Mrs. W. N. Hand has returned from Linneus.

Mrs. J. S. Marcy returned from a visit to Glassville.

Mrs. T. C. Burpee, is the guest of Mrs. Charles Burpee.

Ald. McLaughlin, St. John, is registered at the Wilbur House.

Chas. Kearney, Florenceville, was at the Wilbur house Monday.

Miss Ketchum of St. Andrews, is visiting relatives in Woodstock.

Miss Johnson, of Florenceville was in Woodstock last week.

Miss Nellie Flewelling, of Centerville, is visiting Miss Bessie Neales.

Miss Rice of New Haven Conn. is the guest of Mrs. Willard L. Carr.

Mrs. Moses Burpee and her two children were in Woodstock last Thursday.

B. F. McKay of Halifax, is spending a portion of his holidays in Woodstock.

Fred Hutchinson, representing Ganong Bros., St. Stephen, was in town this week.

Hon. H. A. Connell and J. N. W. Winslow spent Saturday and Sunday in Edmundston.

Mrs. Duncan and her daughter of Boston, are visiting Miss Kate Estabrooks in Woodstock.

Geo. A. Taylor, wife and family have gone to River de Chute, on a visit to Mr. Donald Fraser.

Jerry Lennihan, farmer, of Woodstock is very ill with typhoid fever. His sister has arrived from Bangor.

Fred Coy, who has been at Bristol for some months, is at his home here. He intends going to Boston.

Fred H. Hill, Waterbury Conn. who has been visiting Mr. H. V. Dalling, returned to his home last Thursday.

W. P. Jones has gone to Edmundston on business connected with the Woodstock Wood Working Factory.

Dr. Charles M. Hay of Philadelphia is spending a short holiday with his father Hugh Hay in Woodstock.

Rev. Canon deVeber is visiting his son W. H. deVeber. He officiated in the Parish church on Sunday morning.

E. D. Watts, conductor on the I. C. R., is registered at the Wilbur House. Mr. Watts is an old Woodstocker.

LeB. Dibblee left Woodstock yesterday to work on the survey of the B. & A. railway, between Houlton and Presque Isle.

Harry McManus returned to Boston on Tuesday morning. Miss McManus accompanied him to spend a few weeks at the Hub.

T. C. Burpee, and C. V. Wetmore of Houlton, drove over to Woodstock on Saturday evening, and returned on Monday morning.

H. Paxton Baird, W. B. Nicholson and J. C. Hartley went to Amherst, N. S., to attend the annual session of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Frank B. Carvell and wife went to St. John on Saturday. Mr. Carvell went to attend the argument of the Slipp case before the Judge in Equity.

J. F. Bladon of Halifax, is attending to the duty of Mr. G. A. Taylor, agent of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, during the latter gentleman's vacation.

Dr. McManus of Fort Fairfield passed through Woodstock on Saturday on his way to Fredericton in response to a telegram saying that his mother was very ill.

Dr. Malcomb McDonald and Rev. A. B. McDonald, of Cambridge, Queens Co., and Dr. W. S. McDonald, of Boston, Mass., three brothers are registered at the Wilbur House.

H. W. Peppers, of Fredericton, and Louis Morse, of Bridgetown, N. S., students at the McGill Medical School, are in Woodstock getting rested for the arduous work of the fall term.

Four Men Drowned.

The tug Maggie M. left Indian town Saturday night to bring down the barque Alert from up the bay. On board were Justus, John, Herbert, Wellington and Arnold Mowry, Capt. Samuel Pitman, Dr. Ross and Wm. Lahey. At about half past eight o'clock Sunday morning the tug struck on Mountain's Head ledge. The eight men launched a boat, but it was capsized in the swell and four men were drowned. They were Capt. Justus Mowry, of the tug, who leaves a wife and four children; Herbert Mowry, engineer, leaves a wife and three children; John Mowry, deck hand, who leaves a wife and five or six children; and Capt. S. Pitman of the Alert, who leaves a widow and two children. They were all of St. John but the last named who came from Yarmouth.

A St. John Globe reporter saw Wellington Mowry, one of the survivors, and obtained the following story of the sad affair from him: "It was about half past eight o'clock on Sunday morning that the tug went on the reef. It was very foggy and we could not see the shore. We struck before we knew it, and as it was very rough the tug listed heavily to one side and the waves began to break over her. We immediately got out the large boat and pushed off from the tug, but the sea was too heavy and before we got more than forty feet away from her the boat upset and left us all struggling in the water. Capt. Pitman, my father and two uncles held on to the boat, while the doctor and my brother Arnold got to a dory that had floated from the tug. It was bottom up, but they managed to get on the bottom of it. Lahey swam to a barrel and held on to it. I started at once to swim back to the tug, and, although the distance was not long, it was a hard swim. The waves dashed over me and kept forcing me back, but I kept on until I at last caught hold of the rudder and, after getting a breathing spell, climbed on board. Seeing my father with the others having all they could do to hold on to the boat, I threw him a life buoy, but it did not land near enough to him and he did not dare let go of the boat to try and get it. I do not know who was the first to drown. It was either one of my two



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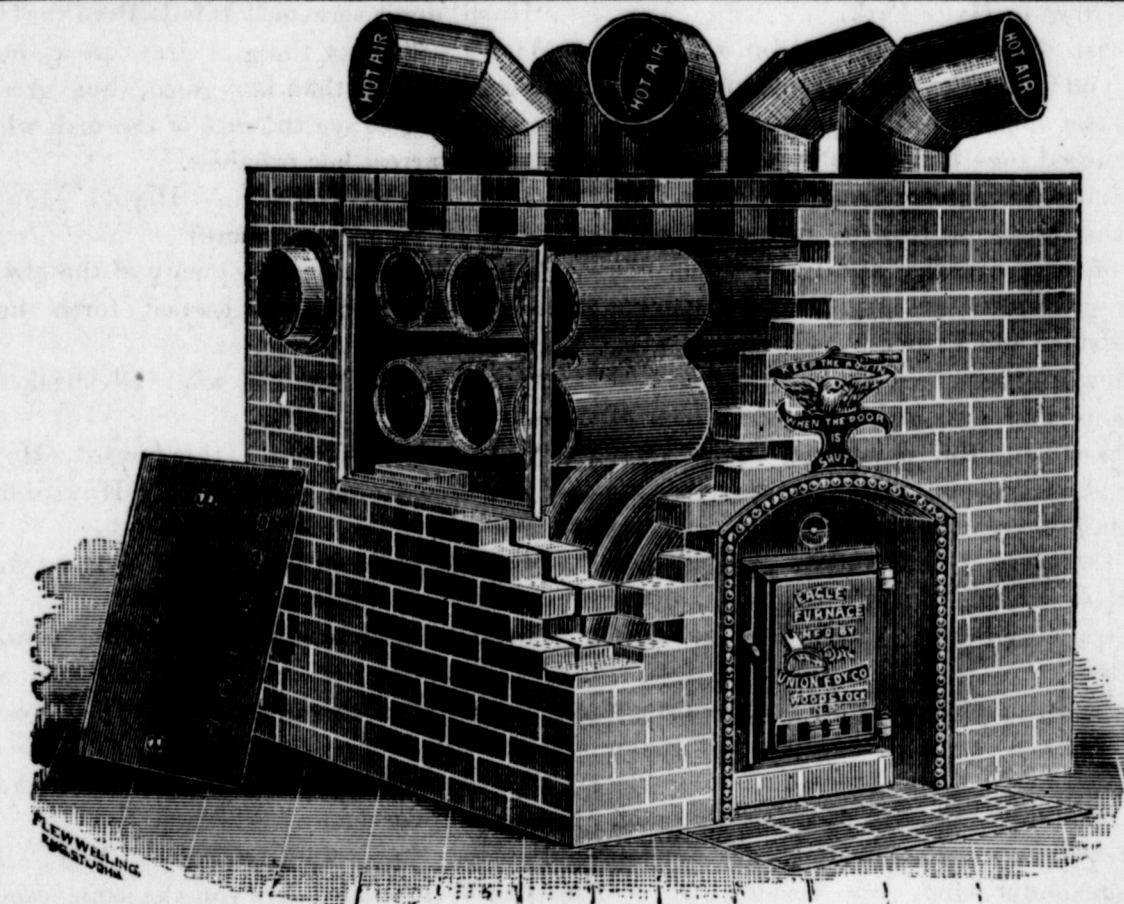
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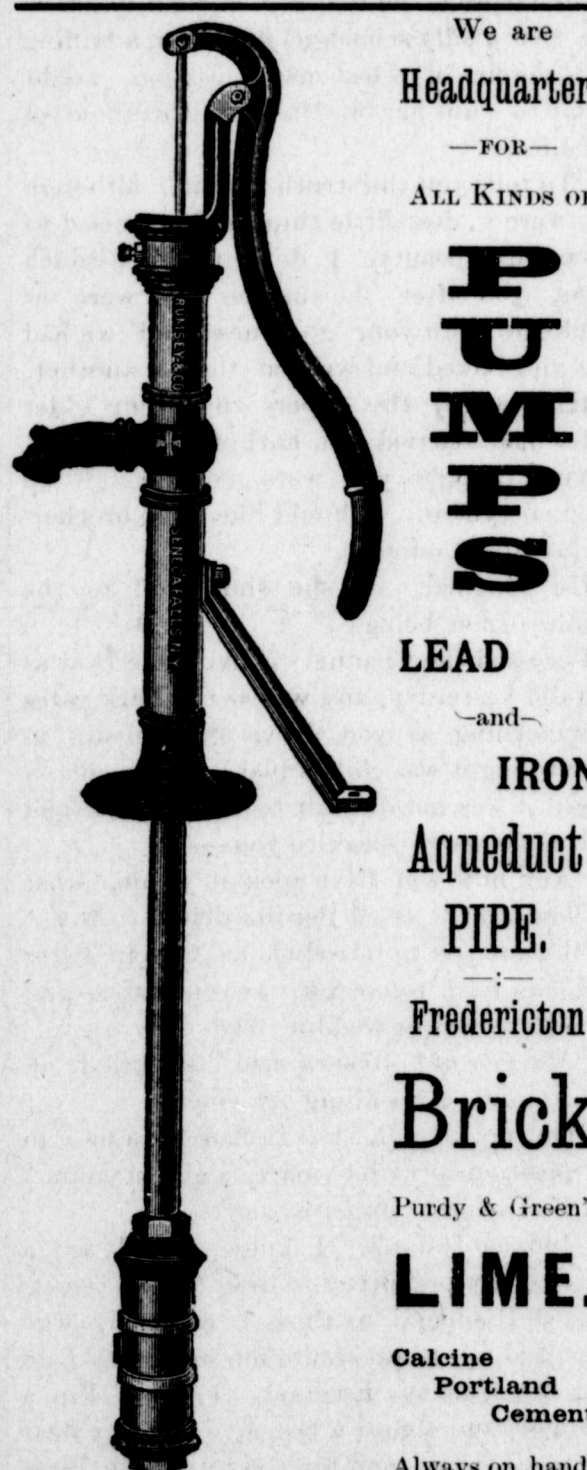


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