

CORRESPONDENCE.

Hartland.

SEPT. 22.—At the last village meeting the rate payers declared themselves in favor of constructing a system of water works for the village. (This same vote was taken a year and a half ago, but that doesn't count.) It was also voted that the commissioners be authorized to loan \$4000 at 6 per cent. interest, and proceed with the construction at once by letting the job out by day's work. The loan was arranged for, a number of our monied men promising to supply the cash, and Chas. McCormack was employed to build the reservoir, and John Thomas to do the trenching and excavating. The work was to commence last Tuesday morning, and accordingly a crew of men appeared on the scene ready for action. But they didn't act, though one of the commissioners did act ridiculously, by refusing to sign the papers to bind the agreement between the corporation and the employees. Not feeling warranted in starting work under these circumstances, Mr. Thomas ordered his men to shoulder their shovels and picks, and go home, and he now threatens to sue the town.

The government of Hartland is a kind of absolute monarchy, so the public need not be surprised at the peculiar nature of the village's municipal proceedings. (A word to you fire brand: Don't be in a hurry—you can have any day in this, the next or any other century to fondle Hartland in your warm embrace.) A good sized audience attended the concert in Bartt's hall, last evening, and was well pleased with the programme, which was something after this order: Instrumental solo, Mrs. Carr; tableau, "The Flower (flour) of the family;" chorus, "Hallelujah for the Cross;" tableau, "Out on the world;" solo, Miss Watson; reading, Miss Robin Hay; chorus; tableau, "Little Miss Muffet;" solo, Mrs. Kerr; reading, Miss Etta Thistle; tableau, "Faith, Hope and Love;" duet, Miss Watson and Mr. Estabrooks; reading, "Mary Queen of Scots;" Mr. Young; chorus; tableau, in three parts, from Mary Queen of Scots. The stage was beautifully decorated, and each number on the programme was a success. The entertainment was gotten up chiefly under the management of Miss Sharp, to whose untiring energy much credit is due. The amount of cash realized was \$23.

W. S. Henderson is desirous of selling the house he occupies, and in which is C. Humphrey Taylor's store and C. C. Proctor's tailor shop. It is centrally located and possesses a fine outlook. Mrs. Young returned home to Oak Bay this morning, much pleased with her visit. Miss Keswick returned from Fredericton yesterday. Jas. Lord and family arrived from Lowell yesterday to spend a short vacation. Mrs. David Munro is visiting at W. E. Thistle's. Miss Eva Campbell is ill of typhoid fever, but it is luckily a light attack.

Grand Falls.

SEPT. 24.—F. B. Meagher Inspector of schools is once more in town. Miss Rose Hartt spent Sunday in town with Mrs. Henderson. Mrs. H. Kirkpatrick of Ft. Fairfield is visiting her sister Mrs. Geo. West. Miss Fannie Barnes of Boston is in town the guest of her sister Mrs. Chas. Henderson. Mr. J. R. Graham took a trip to St. John last week. Miss Maria Wilson leaves today for Cambridge Mass where she intends spending the winter. She will be greatly missed by her many friends. Chas. Burgess is quite ill of typhoid fever. Miss Susie Smith entertained very pleasantly a party of young people at her home last Wednesday evening. Mr. Harold Grant registered at the Commercial Friday.

Knowlville.

SEPT. 22.—Last Saturday evening Grand Chief Templar Farley, and Mr. G. S. Wiggins, Bristol succeeded in re-organizing the Pride of Aberdeen Lodge No. 297 I. O. G. F. in this place. The following officers were elected and installed. James M. Hobbs, Lodge Deputy; C. H. Gayton, C. T.; Miss Etta Hobbs, V. T.; Edward Jewett, Secy.; Miss Addie Thorne, A. S.; Miss Kate Lee, F. S.; Henry Doucett, Treas.; Basil Doucett, Mar.; Grace Hemphill, D. M.; Wilmot Recker, G.; Willie Andrew, Sentinel; Miss Ida Hemphill, P. C. T. The lodge meets every Friday night. Eight new members were initiated the first night after organization, and the prospects are that this will soon become a large and flourishing lodge.

Summerfield.

SEPT. 25.—The District Lodge of the I. O. G. T. met in the Methodist church last Tuesday at 2 p. m. under the auspices of Baskin Lodge No. 330. Mr. John Farley Grand Chief Templar presided and Mrs. J. E. Smith filled the office of secretary. The attendance was good considering the busy season, and thirty-four representatives were initiated into the district degree. Interesting reports from lodges were made by M. A. Smith, and Hanford Lunn of Summerfield, Eber Kearney, of Beechwood, John Kinney, Holmsville, John Carmichael, Bloomfield, Percy Cass, Bath, John Farley, Bristol, and others. The G. C. T. reported having organized Prince Albert, Bristol, and Pride of Aberdeen lodges. Several other lodges were in written reports, and the whole number reported was 15 in working order. A committee was appointed to propagate the work in certain districts where no lodges now exist. The delegates to Grand Lodge at Hillsborough gave an interesting report of the proceedings of that body. The time and place of next session was left in the hands of the executive committee. In the evening a public temperance meeting was held in the church, which was completely filled with a most attentive and interested audience. Mr. M. A. Smith D. G. C. T. presided, Rev. D. Fiske and G. C. T. Farley were also seated on the platform, and gave addresses. Mr. P. Cass also made a very forcible speech. A good programme was very successfully carried out, and excellent music was provided for the occasion. The meeting closed with benediction by Rev. Mr. Fiske.

Benton.

SEPT. 24.—The members of the Church of England held a very successful supper and sale on Thursday evening last, in Sawyer's hall. Though the evening was rainy and unpropitious, the sum of \$42.00 was realized towards the painting of St. Mary's church, which will be proceeded with at once. It is also expected that a bell for the church will be in place in the course of a month, the whole amount necessary to purchase this having been collected by the faithful and loving labor of Mr. John Appleby from the people of Benton and the neighboring parishes of Canterbury, Richmond, and Woodstock, who generally contributed to the object. Services are held regularly on Sundays and week days in St. Mary's church by the Rev. C. A. S. Warnford, rector of Canterbury.

Tracey's Mills.

SEPT. 24.—A gospel temperance meeting under the direction of Rising Star Council of Royal Templars will be held in the F. C. B. church here next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Among the speakers will be Grand Councillor Flemming of Woodstock.

Didn't Want Any Thumbs In It.

William Gray, the comedian of the Aunt Sadly Company, was trying to dine at a small hotel in Western New York, and ordered some soup. The waiter brought it with so firm a grasp on the plate as to cause his thumb to be gently washed by the tiny wavelets of soup at every step. "Take it away," roared the actor, "and bring me some roast beef." The beef was brought and served with the usual "thumb sauces." "Here," said the actor; "you go and bring me some hard boiled eggs, you can't get your thumbs in them." And he made a dinner of boiled eggs and bread and butter.

The War in the Orient.

During the course of the next few months an interesting and highly important chapter will be added to the history of the two great nations of the Orient, and the developments are bound to have results that are both far-reaching and beneficial to one if not both of the belligerents. The reports that are received from day to day are so conflicting that the situation is never easy to analyse, but since the disappearance of the smoke of two great battles information has been more easily obtained, and a view of the condition and surroundings of the contending forces can be easily taken. It has already been noted that a close analogy is found to exist between the general conditions of the China-Japanese war and the Peninsular operations ninety years ago. Corea is separated from China, as is Spain from France, by a difficult natural frontier, most easily traversible at its flanks. The main route from Peking to Seoul, like that from Paris to Madrid, passes within a short distance of the sea, and the land contest is being fought out on the territory of a decayed monarchy that is now in a state of poverty and general stagnation. As a consequence of the achievements of the past week the analogy may be carried further.

Count Yamagata, like Wellington in Spain, has adopted aggressive tactics which will be difficult to continue if the command of the sea is not maintained. The historians tell us that if disaster had befallen the British fleet Wellington's position during the early part of the Peninsular war would have been hopeless, and so it seems may Yamagata's become if communication with Japanese warships is cut off. The poverty of Corea is so great that provisions for the army during a prolonged military operation could not be found. The naval engagement off Yalu was indecisive, and it is hardly probable that another will be attempted until the scattered Chinese squadrons that are said to hold the Gulf of Pechili have been united. Regarding the reinforcements that Li Hung Chang is sending to check the advance of the Japanese, it is difficult to learn much. A fourth of the army is said to have escaped from Ping Yang, numbering probably about 5,000 men. Port Arthur, which is situated at the opposite side of the entrance to the Gulf of Pechili from Ping Yang, is, however, a strategic outpost from which troops have been despatched in large numbers ever since the outbreak of the war, and it is probable that the Japanese force of 75,000 men in Corea is now about equalled by the Chinese.

But in the matter of arms, drill, discipline, organization, and leadership there is not a doubt that the Japanese forces are far superior, and it does not seem probable that the Chinese will be able for some time to come to offer any effectual resistance to the occupation of the peninsula. Another naval engagement may be expected, but what will then follow is impossible to foretell. Japan through her achievements thus far, has won the applause of Europe and the civilized world, and has joined the sisterhood of nations. She has a united national spirit, a richly-endowed territory, 40,000,000 of loyal people, possessing intellectual resources of the highest order, while China is disintegrated by warring tribes and factions, and weakened by the prevalence of a spirit of opposition, to the reigning dynasty. It seems evident that the war spirit of the Mongols has not been really kindled throughout the length and breadth of the land, but the aphorism, "the thicker the grass the easier it is mowed," is as true now as when uttered by Attila before the panic-stricken Roman Senators.—Toronto Mail.

Bold Brigands.

ATHENS, Sept. 24.—A most daring outrage on the part of Greek brigands is reported from Lamia, near the Turkish frontier and at the head of the Gulf of Volo. The Procureur du Roi, a judge, and two secretaries, were returning in a carriage, accompanied by two gendarmes, from the villages where they had been collecting information in regard to brigandage. When the party arrived within half an hour's drive of Lamia, they were surrounded by Papakyritsopulo's band of brigands, who carried off the procureur and the judge, taking them to their stronghold on Mount Othrys. Later, the prisoners were allowed to send word to their friends that the brigands demanded that no pursuit be made until a ransom was paid. A detachment of 100 soldiers was sent to attack the brigands, and in the fight which followed the brigands were exterminated; but the Procureur du Roi was killed and the judge was mortally wounded. The judge died soon after the fight, and was buried this afternoon at the same time as the remains of the Procureur du Roi were interred. Thousands of people attended the funerals.

Woodstock Markets.

Hay, \$6; oats, 28 to 30c.; potatoes, 75 to 90c. per bbl.; beans, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bush.; cabbage, 4 to 5c. each; butter, 16 to 18c. per lb.; eggs, 11 to 12c. per doz.; turkeys, 50c. per bbl.; tomatoes, 50c. per bush.; beets, \$1 per bbl.; carrots, 65c. per bbl.; squash, 1 1/2 to 1c. per lb.; pumpkins, 7 and 8c. each; buckwheat \$1.10 to \$1.20 per cwt.; onions, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bush.

An Aged Tricyclist.

The bicycle seems to have devotes in all classes and of all ages. The Fredericton correspondent to the St. John Globe writes: Mr. George E. Fenety, our respected Queen's printer, aged over eighty, is the latest addition to the ranks of Fredericton wheelmen. He has purchased a handsome pneumatic-tired tricycle, and may be seen daily speeding along the sidewalks near his residence on the machine.

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We also do a large business in custom work, that is, we make your wool up for you into yarn, or cloth, and you pay us the cash for doing the work. For instance, you bring your wool, and we make it into yarn. We card and spin it into single yarn, fine or coarse, hard twisted or slack, for 15 CENTS A POUND. Or, we double and twist it, two or three ply, hard or soft twist, coarse or fine, white or sheeps grey, for 18c. a pound. This is much less than you can get it done for at home.

If you hire a spinner at 25 cents a day, and the spin 2 pounds, it means 12 1/2 cents a pound. If you board them at 25c. a day, it costs 12 1/2 more a pound, or 25 cents. Then you have the carding to pay, 6c., making 31c. a pound for what the factory charges 15c.

We charge 3c. a pound more where we double and twist it, and no person can do it for that by hand unless they work for about 10c. a day. So you see it is for your interest to let us do your work. Besides being cheaper the yarn is better, stronger, more even, and nicer looking. We need not speak of hard, slavish work it relieves the wives and daughters of. In these days of mowing machines and pitching forks, our farmers are only too glad to have spinning and weaving done by steam power, and saves the strength and health of the women for other work.

Again, if you wish us to work up your wool into cloth, we do so at from 20c. to 35c. per yard, or if you insist on spinning it into yarn at home we card your wool into rolls. Remember, too, that we run by steam and can run every working day in the year.

Although we put in a lot of additional machinery last winter, more than doubling our capacity, we have no accumulation of stock on hand, in fact have difficulty to keep up with our orders.

We have found that a few people have been industriously circulating misrepresentations about the quality of yarn, cloth and custom work. But such things have but little effect on an intelligent public, who prefer to see for themselves, and who believe in patronizing our own industries.

Lord Dufferin's Fast Time.

Mr. J. R. Murphy is much elated over the record made on Saturday afternoon by his horse "Lord Dufferin." He was timed and trotted the half mile in 1 min 11 sec. Some watches made the record 1.10 1/2. The park was in doubtful condition. Mr. Murphy, will give an exhibition of Lord Dufferin trotting on Thursday afternoon.

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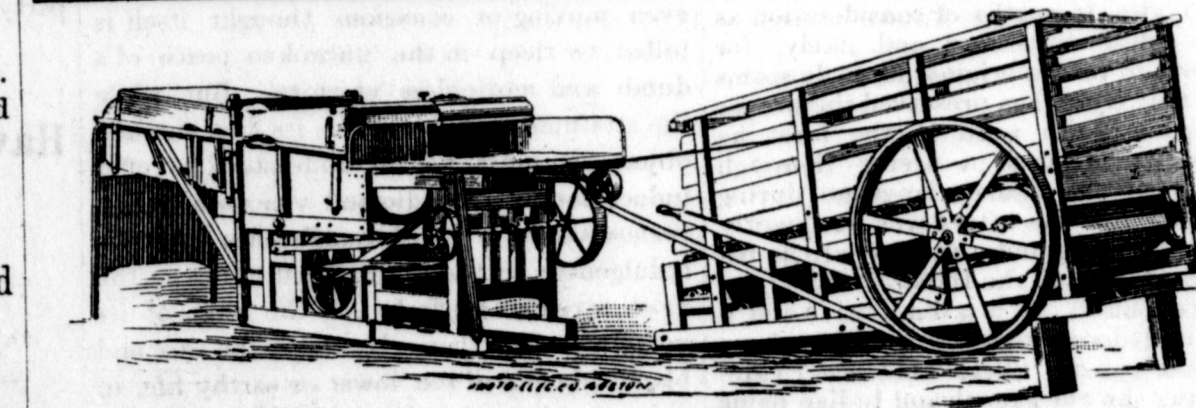
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