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## A MILLIONAIRE IN TOWN.

ISAAC STEVENSON, AN OLD CARLETON BOY, PASSES THROUGH.

He went from This County a Poor Boy, and Now is Rolling in Wealth.—More Lumber Under His Control than Goes Annually Down the St. John.

A millionaire struck this town on Friday last. It is not often we see millionaires here. Thousandaires are even not too plentiful.

Indeed this particular millionaire, although he did not tell it to THE DISPATCH, is in the opinion of the financial editor a trillionaire. There seems to be no limit to his wealth, but he does not boast of it, and it was only that he might be the means of furnishing this journal with interesting matter, that he gave the information from which to draw this conclusion.

Mr. Isaac Stevenson is the man who deals with the ten thousands as most of us do with the dollars. It was only by chance that he was not born in this county. As it is, he first saw the light of day in the neighboring county of York, and in his early boyhood he lived near Greenfield and at the mouth of the Guimic. He is now 68 years old. In 1843 he went to Maine, and two years later started west to Wisconsin. Since then success has closely followed his footsteps, and he is now one of the foremost among the great wealth owners of the west.

Mr. Stevenson has had his share of public life. He was first in the legislature of the State of Wisconsin, and from 1883 to 1889, he represented, as a Republican, the 9th district of Wisconsin in Congress. He served on these important committees: Agriculture, Rivers and Harbors, Public Lands. He is now out of the run, of his own free will, and tells THE DISPATCH that Alex. Stewart, a native of Oromocto, N. B., born in the same year as he, and a friend, will probably be the next Republican nominee.

Mr. Stevenson does not talk of his wealth in a boastful spirit. Millionaires don't, generally. It is your thousandaire who poses as the plutocrat. But he handles more lumber annually than goes down the St. John in a year. In the first place, he is president and manager of the J. Stevenson Co. of Escamba, Michigan, which in its big yard in Chicago, retailed last year 60,000,000 feet of lumber. He owns the majority of the stock of the N. Luddington Co., a 40,000,000 concern. He owns five-eighths of the stock of the Stevenson Manufacturing Co., which has an output of 15,000,000 feet of lumber. At Peshtigo, seven miles from Mr. Stevenson's home, which is Marinette, Wis., a city of some 15,000 souls, there is a large water mill. He is president of these two companies, which manufactured 45,000,000 feet of lumber last year, and expect to do the same this season. He is also president of the Stevenson transportation company, and the boom company of which he is president employs 700 men. The river on which they work has the largest output of any river in the world. Three years ago they put through the boom 676,000,000 feet of logs.

He is interested in three very large paper mills, and he owns a good deal of stock in, and is a director of a pulp, and sulphide pulp mill which puts out forty tons of paper a day. He is president of the Stevenson National Bank in Marinette, a concern that stood solid during the severe panic last year. He is also interested in the National Bank of America, Chicago, owning about a twentieth part of the capital stock. He has one of the best farms in Wisconsin, comprising 900 acres of as good land as there is on the planet. He keeps 125 cows, 125 horses and mules, 1200 or more sheep. This farm is thirty miles from Milwaukee, on the railroad to Chicago. In connection with others he is running a creamery where they manufacture over 300 pounds of butter a day. The price of butter at this factory is fixed by what is called the Elgin quotation. At one time this year it was 30 cts., but has fallen to 15 cts. When it takes a fall like that it is put in cold storage at Chicago awaiting a rise.

Mr. Stevenson is a strong Republican. I asked him how business was in his part of the country. "Better than last year but still dull," was the answer. "Men in our mines get good wages. If wages are cut down the miners strike all over the country. Our banks are loaning money at 4 per cent., and can't get rid of it at that. "What is the feeling regarding the coinage question?" "The South and Western States are going for free coinage. My State, Wisconsin, is very strong for good money—that is, to keep gold and silver equal. As a rule, excepting in small sums, our bank pays gold. "Are the Democrats losing popularity?"

"They are undoubtedly. I think the next house, which will come in next December, will be Republican. There is only one thing which may prevent it. The Populists may have the balance of power, between the two parties. As it is now the solid south and Tammany run our country. The solid south only need the co-operation of fifty members from the north to give them a majority."

"Will the Wilson bill carry, do you think, as it is now?"

"Yes! about as it is."

"And the Republicans will win next election?"

"I think so."

"Will they repeal the Wilson bill and enforce the McKinley bill?"

"They will repeal the Wilson bill, making charges, but perhaps not raise the tariff to the McKinley standard. Free trade means low wages, for we must compete with the old country. Speaking of the feeling in the south I might say that they are strong for State rights and against power being delegated to the central government."

"Who will the Republicans put up next time for president?"

"One of two men stand highest. It will either be Thos. H. Reid of Portland, Me., or McKinley of Ohio. McKinley is a very able man and very popular, but Reid is, in my judgment, like a school teacher among a lot of scholars, so superior to them all is he in ability."

So much for politics.

Mr. Stevenson has four of his children with him. He has been married three times. He is closely connected by marriage with Mr. Boyer, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, with whom he was staying while here. His first wife was a sister of Mrs. Boyer's mother, and Mr. Boyer's first wife was his first cousin. On Saturday he went up the river twenty miles to see old land marks. He came east to take home a daughter who is attending La Salle Seminary in Boston, and they returned yesterday by way of Montreal.

"You might say," said Mr. Stevenson, "that on Thursday I was in Fredericton. Mr. Alex. Gibson and his family drove us around, invited us to dinner and treated us royally. In my judgment Alexander Gibson is one of the ablest men, and is possessed of one of the greatest business minds of any man I have ever met."

A brother of the millionaire, S. M. Stevenson, living across the river, in Michigan, is now in Congress representing the eleventh district.

## Killed by Lightning.

The thunder storm yesterday week in Hodgdon was, according to the Aroostook Times, very severe. Lightning struck the house of J. W. Taylor, near Westford hill, damaging the building and killing one person. The family were gathered in one room on the first floor, when the bolt struck, shivering the gable end of the house, and shattering the furniture in the upper rooms. The bolt in its course to the ground, struck and instantly killed Mr. Taylor's young daughter aged 12 years, who was standing by his side where he was sitting, holding on to her father's arm. Mr. Taylor's side was paralyzed by the shock, from the effect of which he has not yet recovered. Several other persons in the room were severely shocked and temporarily rendered helpless. The house caught fire and would have burned down and with it all the inmates in that room, had not Rev. Mr. Hall, who was in another room had the presence of mind to dash some pans of milk upon the fire and extinguished it.

## Who Won the Prizes.

The closing exercises in connection with the Carleton County grammar school took place yesterday morning. The medal given by Mr. W. M. Connell for the best essay on "British Possessions," was won by Mark Gillen, son of Mr. Patrick Gillen. Miss Mabel Jewett, daughter of Mr. W. B. Jewett, carried off the medal presented by Mr. John Lindsay for "English and History." Fred Hay, son of Mr. W. W. Hay, took the medal for proficiency in Mathematics, given by Mr. W. W. Hay. In Miss Neales' department, No. 9, the prizes for proficiency in English and Latin, both went to Charles Jenner.

## Prohibition Convention.

The Dominion Prohibition Convention will be held in Montreal on Tuesday and Wednesday, 4th and 5th inst. While the convention is Canadian in its character and aims, it has been thought well to have a few leaders of the movement in other lands. Hon. Neal Dow, the father of prohibition, Lady Henry Somerset, leader of English W. C. T. U. workers, and Miss Francis E. Willard, president of the U. S. National W. C. T. U., have kindly promised their presence and counsel.

Mr. Gibson has offered D. W. Hoegg & Co, free of rent a suitable building just below the old tannery at Gibson in which to re-establish their canning factory, and it is understood the firm have decided to take it.

## THE SQUARE AND COMPASS.

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS MARCH TO CHURCH.

Chaplain Phillips Preaches an Able Sermon and Commends the Brethren.—History of the Lodge in Woodstock and Names of the Past Masters.

The members of Woodstock Lodge, F. & A. M., had their annual church parade Sunday morning, it being the festival of St. John the Baptist, one of the two special days in the history of Free Masonry, the other being festival of St. John the Evangelist, which occurs in December. Fifty-two of the brethren formed in procession at their hall, and marched in regalia, to the F. C. Baptist church, where they attended service, and heard a sermon from their chaplain, Rev. C. T. Phillips.

Mr. Phillips chose for his text the words from the 3rd verse of the 1st chapter of Genesis, "God said let their be light and their was light." He dwelt upon the need of physical light in the animal and vegetable creation.

"Darkness the antithesis of light is death. It is death physical, death mental, death spiritual. Light is life and the antithesis of death. Light is life spiritual, life mental, life physical." "All the light in the world emanates from God who is Light, just as it is written, God is Love. Not that it is one of his attributes, not one of his traits and characteristics, but it is his essence. God is love. So God is light, speaking through Jesus Christ, for he was God and God was Jesus Christ." "Light is life. You cannot live without light." Put a man in a dark dungeon, give him food, give him pure air as far as you can, but deprive him of light, and after a while he sickens and dies."

The preacher then proceeded to show that mental and spiritual light were even more necessary to mankind than physical light.

Addressing the Masons he said, "I am glad of the privilege of speaking to you this morning. You are not all saints. I am going to be frank with you. I do not see one saint this morning, even though he wears a mystic tie. Yet in the name of humanity, I thank you for your efforts in helping the sick and the fallen and friendless. Light came to you and you have given light to others. There are homes that would be in dense darkness but for the light which came to you enabling you to render assistance, and to do good as though by stealth."

"I would trust a Mason infinitely further than I would many a professing church member. Into your hands would I commit my reputation without a feeling of doubt and distrust, rather than into the hands of a large percentage of the respectable Christians of today. I know you both. Are you Masons found whispering evil things against each other? Not if you have been taught in the lodge as you should have been."

Mr. Phillips concluded by urging the brethren, even as light has been shed on them, that they impart that light to all with whom they come in contact.

The musical portion of the service was excellent, under the direction of Mr. John Fisher, organist. During the offertory an anthem, "Sing to the Lord," (Marie Hindman) was sung. Among the suitable hymns was "Blest be the tie that binds." After the service, the voluntary was "Gloria," from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, played by Miss Fisher. The organ which last winter was placed in position, has proved to be a fine instrument.

After the service the Masons re-formed and marched down Main street to their hall.

In connection with this parade, some history of Free Masonry in Woodstock will be interesting.

Woodstock Lodge, free and accepted masons was constituted by warrant under the hand of the Right Honorable and most Worshipful Thos. Dundas, Earl of Zetland, Baron Aske, etc., etc., Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, 4th of October, 1847, the Honorable and Right Worshipful Alexander Keith, of Halifax, M. L. C. of Nova Scotia being at the time Provincial Grand Master of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

On the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in 1867, Woodstock Lodge surrendered the English charter and received a warrant from the Grand Lodge of N. B. B. Lester Peters, Esq., being the M. W. Grand Master. The original roll of members has the signatures of three hundred and forty-four members.

The lodge at present has on its roll one hundred and twenty-seven members, owns the building where their meetings are held, and is in a healthy condition financially and otherwise.

The officers of the lodge at the present time are:

Emmerson L. Hagerman, W. M.  
Harry E. Currie, S. W.  
Geo. McCluskey, J. W.  
Rev. C. T. Phillips, Chaplain.  
Williamson Fisher, Treasurer.  
Donald Munro, Secretary.  
Thos. W. Allen, S. D.  
Mered Brewer, J. D.

Albert Jones, S. S.  
Davis N. Phillips, J. S.  
Alex. Henderson, D. of C.  
John H. Lee, Organist.  
Josiah R. Murphy, I. G.  
R. Donaldson, Tylor.

The following members are Past Masters:

William F. Dibblee,  
Stephen B. Appleby,  
James E. Drysdale,  
Chas. N. Scott,  
A. McFarlane,

David F. Merritt,  
Donald Munro,  
Allison B. Connell,  
John McLaughlan,  
William S. Saunders,  
C. W. Jenner,  
J. T. Allan Dibblee.

## Base Ball.

The game of base ball played last Saturday in the park between the two Woodstock clubs popularly known as "York Point" and "Connell Street" was in some respects a good game. The two clubs were nearly matched in size, but the Yorkers proved far more skillful both in the field and at the bat, in fact the "Connell boys couldn't seem to hit the ball at all. Some of them explain this by the trite remark "out of practice" but it occurred to the reporter that the swift, straight over-hand balls sent across the plate by pitcher Bourne had considerable to do with the frequent "batter out" from the lips of the umpire. The Yorkers were more successful in batting Jones who indeed did not by means of his curves, cover himself with glory. Some spectators remarked that had Frank Brewer who pitched the last inning for Connell St. gone into the box sooner the score wouldn't have been so large. So skillful and so steady were the Yorkers in their field work that up to the 7th inning Connell St. had failed to gain a single score. After that Frupp made a home run, and after the ball was over it was found upon careful examination that the redoubtable Connell St. boys had managed to get all of four score while the York Point boys rejoiced in 17. One might venture to express the general opinion that with a few changes the York Point club would put up a good game with the Ricker Institute club, even if the renowned child of the forest pitched for them. The ball grounds in the Trotting Park have been hired for the season by several clubs. No club can use the grounds unless they "ante up."

## WILBUR VS. WOLVERTON.

A rank mob of fair women and brave men convened at the Park on Monday to witness the great base ball scandal of the season, in which those individuals who chew the staff of life at the Wolverton house yanked the palm of victory from the Wilbur house borders.

The game commenced at four o'clock. Hugh Harrison, Capt., pitched for the Wilbur house; Jim Wilbur, catch; A. D. Holyoke, 1st base; Creighton, 2nd base; G. Balm, 3rd base; H. Donville, rt. field; Graham, left field; G. James, cent. field; McLaren, short stop. In the Wolverton house team, A. E. Mellich, Capt., pitcher; A. E. Jones, catch; G. Mitchell, 1st base; W. Moore, 2nd base; Dr. Kirkpatrick, 3rd base; J. Wolverton, rt. field; C. Comben, left field; C. Appleby, cent. field; A. Hay, short stop.

The game throughout was exciting and many were the "three baggers" seen soaring over the centre fielder's head, and it is safe to assert that had the wind not been blowing against the batter, five and even six baggers would have been of common occurrence.

The interest in the game was so intense, that almost throughout, a death like silence prevailed, so much so that one could hear a house fall. Book makers were on the ground and it is estimated that fifteen or sixteen cents must have changed hands during the day.

Early in the game James Gallagher's, horses seeing that the Wilbur house was doomed to defeat left the field in disgust.

The score at the end of the sixth inning was:  
Wolverton house.....16  
Wilbur house.....15

## Anglican Synod and D. C. S.

The Diocesan Church Society and Synod will meet in Woodstock, next week, beginning on Tuesday, July 3rd. The following is the programme for the week:

TUESDAY, JULY 3RD.—At 2 p. m.: Meeting of General Committee of D.C.S., with adjournments, at the Parish hall. At 8 p. m.: Public Missionary meeting in the town hall, the Lord Bishop in the chair. Speakers: The Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke, Rev. G. E. Lloyd and Hon. Judge Hanington. Collection for Domestic and Foreign Missions.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH.—At 10 a. m., Meeting of the Synod in the Parish hall, with adjournments.

THURSDAY, JULY 5TH.—At 8 p. m.: Anniversary Meeting of Diocesan Church Society, in the Parish hall, the Lord Bishop in the chair. Speakers: Rev. J. M. Davenport, Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, Hon. Judge Peters, Auditor General Beek, W. M. Jarvis, Esq., G. A. Schofield, Esq. The public are invited. Collection for Home Missions.

FRIDAY, JULY 6TH.—At 8 p. m.: Meeting of the General Committee on the Medley Memorial, in the Parish hall.

SERVICES: 7.30 a. m.—Holy Communion on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 5.30 p. m.—Evening prayer, daily.

## Death of Bishop Sillitoe.

Advices from New Westminster, B. C., announce the death there on June 9 of Bishop Sillitoe (Anglican) at the age of 54. He was head of the mainland diocese of New Westminster and was a native of Australia. He graduated with honors at Cambridge and at one time was chaplain at the British Legation at Hesse Darmstadt, where he was the honored friend of Princess Alice, now deceased.

## BOYS OF THE OLD BRIGADE.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE WOODSTOCK FIELD BATTERY.

It was Organized in 1866 with Jas. Edgar as Captain.—Steady Progress Ever Since.—Now Equipped with Rifle Bore Guns and Equal to any Corps in the Dominion.

Among the several military organizations of this county the Woodstock Field Battery is an object of especial attention at present from the fact that it alone will go into camp within the county this year.

This corps came into existence in 1866 as Number 5 of the New Brunswick Garrison Artillery. James Edgar, a lawyer and at that time associated with John C. Winslow as an editor and proprietor of The Woodstock Journal, was the first commanding officer, and the late Dr. Stephen Smith was the first surgeon.

After confederation a change was made.

In 1874 No. 5 battery of the garrison artillery was changed to a field battery. Colonel F. H. J. Dibblee, now in command, entered the artillery before this time in the capacity of a private and has gradually fitted himself to occupy his present position. Previous to 1885 their work was done with nine pound bronze, smooth-bore guns; now they luxuriate in nine pound, muzzle loading guns of which they have four. These have a wonderful advantage over the old ones in the distance they will carry and in accuracy, as well as being supplied with fine peep-sights, wind gauges and pendulums. With these modern improvements of the field battery gun, the corps is able to do very efficient work. For a good many years they have competed with the other members of the Dominion Artillery Association and have always maintained a good average in the contest. There are eighteen batteries in the association and Woodstock's fighting contingent has hovered about 7th and 8th places. Their horses have led the van for eight years, having had none to equal them in the field. In gun drill and sword drill they have taken a good place among their fellows. In 1892 at Orleans Island, Que. they captured the Oswald cup and fifty dollars; in the firing competition last year they ranked third in the driving competition the first prize in which was the Gzowski cup. Colonel Dibblee, in the officer's competition at Orleans Island, in 1893, received third place in the firing competition and third in the observing competition.

The battery will go into camp on the second of July, in Doherty's field, and will remain at their work thirteen days. Colonel Dibblee will be in command; Captain, Charles H. Emery; lieutenant, James F. Doherty; second lieutenant, William C. Good; surgeon Wm. N. Hand; veterinary surgeon, Henry Donville. Hazen Scott is sergeant-major; quarter master sergeant, Alfred W. Fields; sergeants, B. Taylor, A. Vanwart, G. Brown, O. Tomis; Trumpeter, Harry Baird; corporals, H. Dysart, W. Brewer, J. E. Porter and I. Young. Bombardiers, C. Peabody, F. Wallace, W. Scott, R. Smith. Farrier sergeant, John Arnold; collar maker, G. Britton. Of the rank and file there are seventy-nine men all total, with four guns and twenty-nine horses. One of the strong features of the Woodstock Field Battery lies in the fact that almost all the officers and non-commissioned officers have been through the Kingston or the Quebec school of gunnery, and they are thus enabled to do their own instructing, while most of the other corps with whom they have competed in previous years have been compelled to hire instructors to put them in training for the fray. The earnestness with which the rank and file work toward perfecting themselves in their movements, could only be equalled by the keen zest with which everyone knows they will wade into the enemy in active service when it shall please their country to need them.

The commandant of the school of gunnery, Kingston, will be present during this camp to give instruction in fire discipline, field manoeuvres and range finding. This instruction will perfect the battery in new field manoeuvres and new system of ranging used this year for the first time.

On Sunday the 8th there will be a church parade for which occasion the Woodstock Band have generously volunteered their services. One evening during the camp will be devoted to military sports, such as took place here two years ago, when the band will be present.

The corps will be inspected on the 13th and 14th of July. Those enrolled in the battery are generally young men, the average age being about twenty two years. They are of excellent physique and Col. Dibblee is able to say that as to discipline there is nothing more to be desired.