

LOCAL TOPICS.

Twenty telephone lines were knocked out by the lightning on Saturday last.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Odd Fellows is called for this evening at 8 o'clock.

SANDY Vanwart received a severe blow on the left eye last week while at work at Hayden's mill.

HORACE DALLING went fishing up the Meduxnakeag on Thursday last and bagged fifteen trout.

LET ratepayers remember that this is the last day to pay taxes and save the five per cent. discount.

MRS. NADEAU, wife of Hector Nadeau, of the Canadian Postal Service, died very suddenly at Van Buren on Wednesday morning last.

THE young ladies, who are collecting subscriptions for the erection of a band stand, have \$26.00 on hand and they still want \$24.00.

ELDER A. F. BAKER will preach at the Advent chapel next Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. In the evening Elder T. Connors will preach.

DEGAN, whose foot was badly jammed while carrying iron for the new bridge, is getting around well, and will be at work before a great while.

THERE is a movement among the grocers to make Wednesday an early closing day, and they expect to bring the one or two non-concens into line shortly.

ED. LYNES, one of the men who was so badly hurt in the accident on the bridge, speaking of the laborers tax says the town "won't handle no \$4 of mine."

JOHN STEWART, superintendent of this division, C. P. R., is in St. John assisting the other officials in preparing the new time table to go in force about the first of July.

THE infant child of Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Upper Woodstock, who was badly injured by a bottle of eau-de-cologne being poured over her face, something over a week ago, is now recovering.

THERE will be a Reformed Baptist Alliance and Camp Meeting at Brown's Flat, Kings Co., a week from today. Distinguished clergymen from Maine and New Brunswick will be present.

ROB. WELCH, while making noble efforts to pull down a "fly" on the base ball grounds last week, was struck in the eye with the ball and knocked senseless. He was not seriously injured.

THERE will be a congregational meeting in the Presbyterian church, Woodstock, this evening for the purpose of considering the calling of a minister. The meeting is called by the moderator of the session.

FRANK JOHNSON, engineer of the Woodstock Woodworking factory, met with an accident on Sunday morning last. He slipped and fell, causing such a severe injury to his knee, as to confine him to his bed.

A HOUSE and store at River de Chute, belonging to Joseph Porter and valued at \$4,000, were burned last Wednesday evening. There was no insurance. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

JOHN YEATS, vice-president of the Bank of New Brunswick and for many years a director of the bank, died at his residence in St. John, on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Yeats was a brother-in-law of C. D. Jordan of Woodstock.

THERE is a good deal of doubt as to whether the proposed firemen's carnival will be held this year. The boys are somewhat timid about taking the whole responsibility of the affair. Nothing final has been decided upon.

THE ABERDEEN is on the lookout for pleasure-seeking parties, in the neighborhood of Fredrickton. She must get in the time some way, and the chances are against her putting in an appearance in Woodstock until autumn.

MRS. Barnaby of Digby, N. S., died at the residence of her daughter Mrs. R. B. Jones in Woodstock, on Friday morning. The funeral took place Sunday. Mrs. Barnaby was the mother of Mrs. George Connell, of this town.

A. B. CONNELL, of the firm of Fisher & Connell, has been made a Q. C. This recalls an old story of the judge who in proposing the health of some newly honored barrister, said he hoped the new Q. C.'s would make no ex-Q. C's.

AFTER the accident on Saturday the bridge men were immediately set to work clearing up the debris. They are now working between the piers. Connell Bros. are punching a lot of the iron, so as to have it for use when needed.

D. L. PITT, who is a large exporter of farm produce, told THE DISPATCH that business is pretty dull at present in his line. He thinks the agricultural schedule of the Wilson bill, if passed as approved by the senate, will be of much benefit to this county.

MR. WM. GIBSON, of Benton, tells THE DISPATCH that work in the black granite quarry at Bocabec, Charlotte Co., is going on finely. A wharf has been built at Bocabec, and lumber is now at St. Andrews with which to build the factory near the works.

MR. TIMMERMAN passed through Woodstock last Thursday morning in company with the railroad commissioner of the State of Maine, who are on their annual tour of inspection of those portions of the C. P. R. which lie in the State of Maine. They find the road in a very good condition.

THERE appears to be a hitch about trains running on the Tobique Vally railway. It is said that the C. P. R. charge excessive rates for the carriage of gypsum from the Tobique mill. The railway company does not seem disposed to reduce their rates, and the mill people don't want to pay. Hence the trouble.

Complaints have been laid with the C. P. R. authorities against Bliss Morton station agent at Florenceville and he has been suspended pending an examination. The charge is said to be that he appropriated car demurrage to his own use. Morton is very popular among his conferees on the line, and it is expected by them that he will be fully exonerated.

AT ten o'clock on Tuesday morning next, the midsummer examination and presentation of medals will take place in the Grammar school. Three silver medals are offered this year. Mr. W. M. Connell gives a medal for the best essay on "British possessions;" Mr. W. W. Hay, one for "Mathematics," and Mr. John Lindsay one for "English and History."

ALL the papers have given THE DISPATCH a hearty welcome. This from the Sussex Record: "We welcome to our exchange list Woodstock's new eight-page weekly, The Dispatch. The new venture is a healthy and vigorous youngster and will, we are inclined to think, make its neighbors hustle. It has a good advertising patronage and a splendid county to back it."

HUGH WILSON, of Salmon River, Queens Co., met with a serious accident on Friday last while working in the woods for Mr. Appleby, of Northampton. He and another man were felling a tree, when the axe of his fellow workman slipped and buried in Wilson's leg just below the knee, making a very ugly cut. Dr. Sprague was called from town and dressed the wound.

THE telephonic connection between Woodstock and Houlton was perfected on Monday. The men have been stringing wire from both ends and at twelve o'clock on Monday they met at the boundary line and joined forces. There was so much electricity in the air that the line did not produce very good results but in a few days it is expected that it will be in first class working order.

DR. HAND lives on Chapel St., next to the Methodist church. On Wednesday last the Methodist quarterly meeting was in session in Woodstock and a large number of Methodist clergymen and laymen were in town. On Wednesday evening Dr. Hand's clothes line was rifled. The unjust inference that has been drawn from these coincidental facts by some evil minded people is worthy of every condemnation.

MRS. SNOWBALL, wife of Wm. B. Snowball of Chatham, and daughter of Rev. F. W. Harrison of Sackville, at one time stationed here, died on Thursday last, after a brief illness. Mr. Fred Harrison who works in Small & Fisher's foundry in this place, received word of the sad event on Friday, and Mr. Williamson Fisher drove him to Fredrickton to catch the Canada Eastern train to Chatham.

IT is an enviable thing to catch a beautiful luscious salmon, and so thought an employee of W. P. Craig one day last week, as, full of anticipation, he cast his well baited hook into the rushing waters of the historic Meduxnakeag. Very soon he felt a bite. It was a big fish—no doubt of that—and he already imagined what a fine meal he had in store. With the true instinct of the trained fisherman, he proceeded to land his victim. It was a fine, goodly shaped eel, and both fish and fisher squirmed.

MICHAEL GALLAGHER, of Newburg, is a well and hearty man today, and it is a wonder. On the 6th of last September, he tells THE DISPATCH, he met with a slight accident. It was this: He was driving on a wagon along the river road and fell off the seat. The wagon was well loaded. On it were eight pieces of scantling, 40 bushels of buckwheat, 6 men, 2 barrels of flour and 20 gallons of molasses. This load passed over Michael's prostrate form and to make use of his own realistic description, "it tore all the ribs off my back bone, shoved one rib through my bowels, and one rib ain't knit yet." It is wonderful what some men can pass through and live.

LAST Wednesday a very pretty wedding took place at Benton, when Miss Mary Gibson, daughter of Mr. Wm. Gibson, was married to Mr. Samuel Arscott, of London, Ont. of the firm of Arscott & Co. The bride was attired in a cream satin gown trimmed with lace, a bridal veil and orange blossoms. She was attended by her sister, Miss Janet Gibson, who wore a pale blue dress of crepe de chene, and Miss Nellie McElroy, dressed in pale pink of the same material. Both costumes were exceedingly becoming. Little Lizzie Anderson acted as maid of honor and Master Harry Manaton as page. Willie Jarvis of London, Ont., and Wallace Gibson, brother of the bride, supported the groom. Rev. Mr. Manaton, with the assistance of Rev. Mr. McKay, tied the knot. The church was beautifully decorated. Mrs. C. H. Manaton presided at the organ. After the ceremony the wedding party, with relations and some immediate friends, repaired to Mr. Gibson's residence, where a reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Arscott left on the night train for Montreal, where they spend a few days and then proceed to their future home in London, Ont.

LIGHTNING played some serious jokes around town on Saturday last during the heavy thunder storm. It tore up the steeple in the Albert street Baptist church, passed through the interior of the edifice, and escaped through the window after making considerable havoc. A large hole in the rear of the steeple, and clapboards scattered around indicate the ravages of the silent destroyer. It got in some fine work on the fire alarm boxes, and when an alarm of fire was given on Sunday it could not be ascertained from where the alarm came. The telephone wires suffered, one at the C. P. R. lower office being burned out. A. J. Marsten and his clerk, Harry Noble, were calmly taking in the situation when something like a ball of fire shot in between and sent them hustling in lively shape. A prominent druggist of town felt a shock rush through him, and jumped so high that when he came down he set all the bottles in his shop rattling. Telephones which hadn't any lightning plugs in them rang when nobody wanted anything, and there was general disorder for the few hours that the storm endured.

PERSONALS.

Dr. Estey, of Hartland, is at the Wilbur. John Farley and wife of Bristol are visiting friends in Woodstock.

Mrs. Wendall Jones arrived home from St. John, on Saturday last.

J. N. W. Winslow left town for New Glasgow, N. S., on Monday.

L. A. Miles, representing T. B. Barker & Sons, St. John, is in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshman Brayley, of Montreal, are in town, the guests of Mrs. D. F. Merritt.

Edward Pitt, son of D. L. Pitt, has returned from the Baptist Seminary, St. Martins.

George F. Foster, deputy sheriff, is very ill with pneumonia at his residence in Middle Simonds.

Miss Annie Clare returned from Fredericton on Friday, where she has been attending Normal school.

Miss Emma Porter of Fredericton, is in Woodstock, staying with her sister, Miss Grace Porter, who is teaching in the college building.

Geo. R. Parkin, formerly of Fredericton, is to represent the London Times at the intercolonial conference which opens this week at Ottawa.

Rev. J. E. Flewelling, of Centreville, was in town Monday on his way back from Temperancevale and Milville where he conducted services on Sunday.

Miss Edith Grant has returned from St. Martins Academy, where she has been studying. Mrs. D. A. Grant, her mother, who was present at the commencement exercises returned with her.

Le Baron Coleman, Provincial G. C. R. of the Forrester's passed through Woodstock on Monday on his way to Clearview, where he will organize a Court of Forrester's, J. A. Lindsay accompanied him from Woodstock.

Frank Good, principal of the Broadway school, has returned from Fredericton where he did the examination papers for grammar school license. The result has not yet been made known. There can be but one result.

Miss Helen Hutchinson of Wicklow, and Miss Alvaretta Estabrooks of Florenceville, passed through Woodstock last Thursday morning on their trip home from Acadia Seminary, Wolfville, where they have been studying for the past year.

J. Morris Robinson, and George Winter, of St. John, Frank Maunsell, Fredericton, and Percy Fairweather, of Rothesay, passed through Woodstock on Monday on their way to Edmundston, from whence they will make the trip of the Temiscouata lake region.

Hotel Arrivals.

At the Wilbur—J. A. Macdonald, Montreal; E. C. Monahan, Houlton; H. B. McLaughlin, Montreal; W. G. Simpson, Montreal; Alfred Hicks, Calais; L. A. Mills, St. John; Norman Earle, St. John; C. M. Spencer, St. John; J. H. Porter, Fredericton; C. Colquhoun, Montreal; R. M. Belyea, St. John; S. T. Hudson, Riverhead, New York.

At the Victoria—F. H. Lindon, Presque Isle; G. L. Cronkrite, Royalton; Andrew Caldwell, Wicklow; T. G. Hoyt, Tobique, Red Rapids; R. K. Beveridge, Tobique River; Jno. Campbell, Brighton; F. H. Boyer, Hartland; W. D. Balloch, Centreville; Wm. Wilson, Lakeville; Andrew Jamieson, Canterbury.

At the Exchange—J. D. Pearson, St. John; F. M. Boyd, Hartland; Alex. Bell, Waterville; A. D. Hartley, East Florenceville; Colin King, Lakeville; C. A. Simonds, Royalton; J. F. Grant, Middle Southampton; J. W. Cheney, Bloomfield.

DIED.

TOMPKINS—At Upper Peel, on Wednesday, of consumption, Elias Tompkins, aged 25 years.

WANTED Board and Lodging for 3 or 4 days from July 3. Applications stating the number that can be taken and charges, to be sent to this office immediately.

THE COMMENCEMENT CONCERT, Rieker Classical Institute, Houlton,

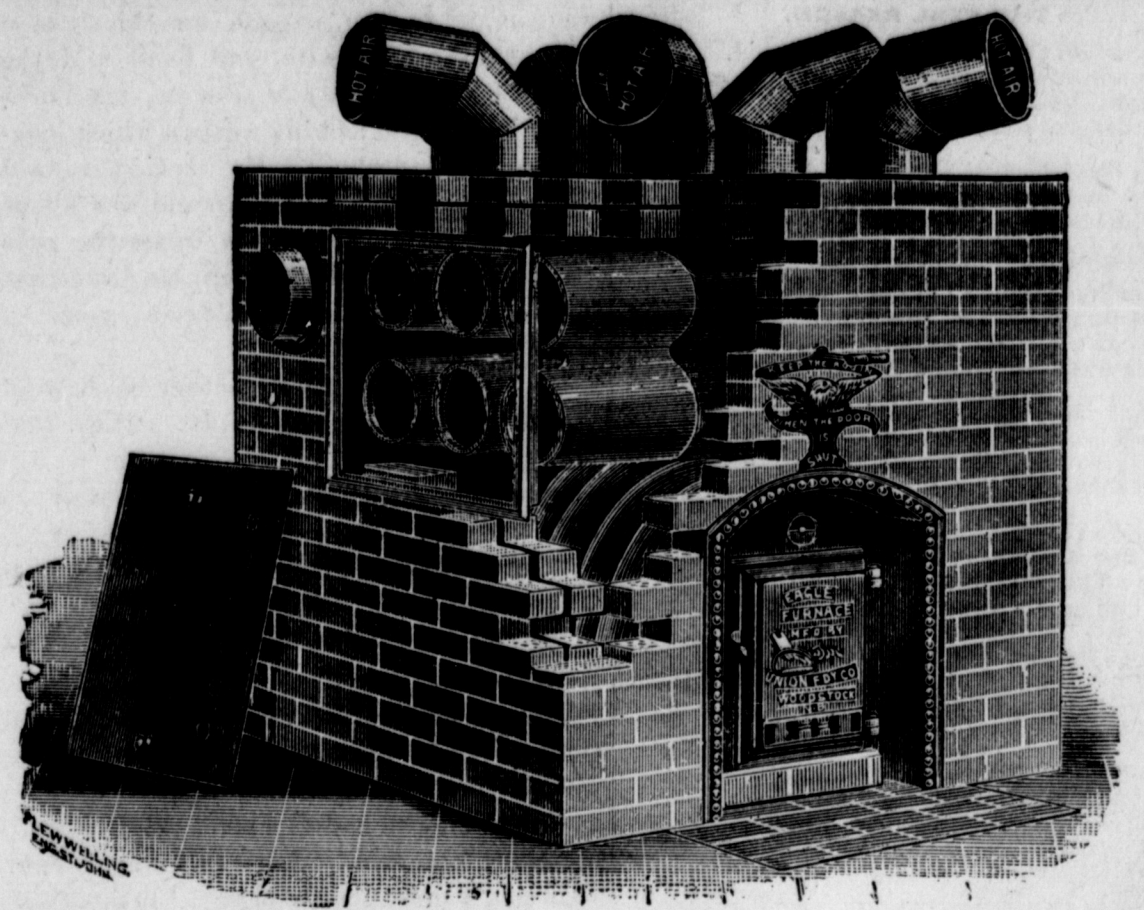
Will be given JUNE 21 by the "LADIES' - CECILIAN - QUARTETTE," of Portland, Me., under management of Graduating class of '94. See posters. Admission 25, 35 & 50c.

THE Wolverton House boys have challenged the Wilbur House boys to meet them on the base ball field on Dominion Day.

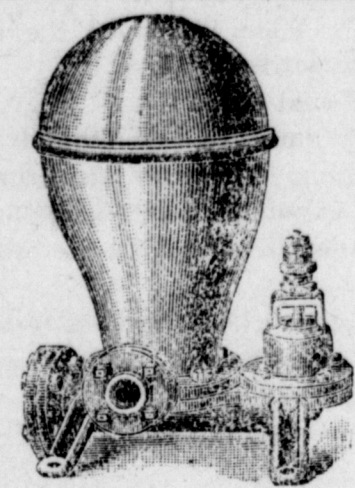
THE council was in session at Upper Woodstock, yesterday, with a full attendance of members. The greater part of the day was spent in committees of the whole on accounts: The Ex-Sheriff Irvine's bill was not sworn to, and was therefore left over until it be properly attested.

HARVEY COOPER, Jacksonville, received serious injuries last week. He was driving through Edward Loomer's field when his horse ran away, throwing him to the ground. His face was horribly scraped, and there is some fear that he received more serious internal injuries. No bones were broken. Dr. Keirstead was called.

THERE is a good deal of excitement some seven or eight miles down the river over what is considered a high handed piece of business. A number of the residents down that way have been in the habit of laying nets for shad, and now and then, of course, an occasional salmon wanders in. A few days ago a couple of men came along in a bark canoe, and, according to reports which have reached THE DISPATCH, these two worthies commenced an onslaught on the bold fishermen. They drew up their nets and cut them in pieces. In more than one case, it is alleged, resistance was made. One party says that the visitors would not tell who they were or what right they had to break up the fishermen's property. They attempted to get at one man in his boat, but he resisted and drove his hook through the top of the invading canoe, whereat they took for the shore. It would seem that if these gentlemen are officers of Her Gracious Majesty, they might let simple everyday folk know of it.



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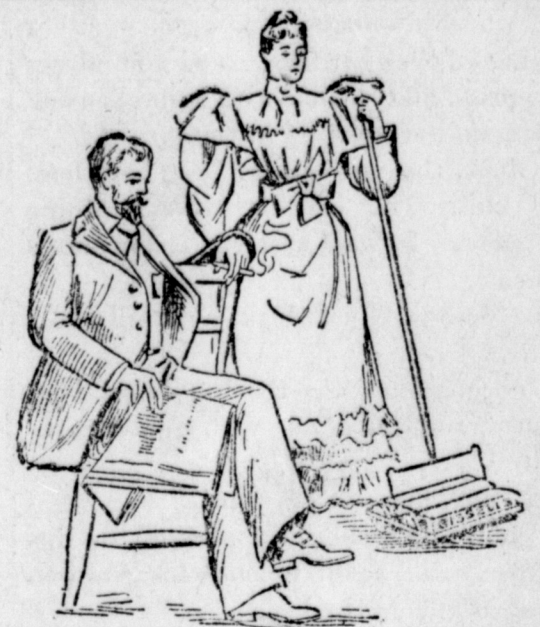


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