

# THE DISPATCH.

VOL. I. NO. 37.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., FEBRUARY 13, 1895.

PRICE TWO CENTS

## THE MUSINGS OF THE IMP.

THINKS GENERAL ELECTIONS HAVE A BAD EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC.

A Gentleman Afflicted with a "Boyle" on His Neck.—The Woman who Wanted to Know.—Speeches from the Throne.—Quotation from an Ancient Philosopher.



And, now, as if there is not enough trouble in the world, comes along a general election. I am not in favor of general elections, or elections of any kind. I am a great believer in the Russian mode of government. It

may be oppressive at times, but the people of Russia are, at all events, spared the ignominious spectacle of general elections. Taking it altogether I don't know which is the most unsavory animal, the man intoxicated with liquor, or the man intoxicated with politics, but I am disposed to give the benefit of the doubt to the man in liquor. In a few weeks the people of this county will be at odds and ends. It will be brother against brother, friend against friend, husband against wife, employer against employee. We will walk down town and assassinate our best neighbors with a look; we will kill our life-long friends with a glance. And, then, to crown our conduct, we will go regularly to church and tell the Almighty that we are overflowing with love and charity to our neighbors. And, even with this lie on our lips and in our hearts, we pretend to believe that "God is not mocked."

I was sweeping up the editorial parlors, when the door opened and a woman entered. She had a wild look on her face, and a four story voice in her mouth. "Is this the place I'm looking for—I don't know; am I in the right place yet, or am I wrong again?" The religious editor looked up from a volume of ecclesiastical history, and in a very bland manner informed the lady that inasmuch as he did not know what place she was looking for, he was not in a position to tell her whether she had found it or not. "Well," she shrieked, "Is this the place where they card wool?" "My dear madam," responded the religious editor, "though THE DISPATCH has carded about everything in Woodstock, from the fountain to the town hall, but we have no facilities for carding wool. The Woollen Mills are on the next block." The woman slammed the door and the editor pulled his whiskers and read history.

The following, from an old Arabian manuscript, might be read with interest by people who are kicking against the way the prizes went at the carnival. The sayings of Moulich, the son of Jayhawk, which he ejaculated in Arabia in the reign of King Kham-boughi. "My son, strive not for high positions among men, neither seek to worm your way into office, for the fruits thereof are bitter as gall, and the end is one not to be desired. Do not strive to adjudge the prize at a carnival, for if thou dost, thou shalt please only about two people, and in the end thou shalt repent in feathers and in tar."

I notice that Her Majesty is pretty busy just now delivering speeches from the throne. On one day shortly ago she delivered speeches from the thrones at Fredericton and Halifax. Then she had to cross the Atlantic and deliver a speech from the throne at London. It will not be a great while before she will have again to cross the briny deep and make a speech from the throne at Ottawa. It must be tiresome work.

Some witty Frenchman made the remark that there were three sexes, men, women, and the clergy. Probably a misapprehension as to the proper list in which the clergy who are noted as attending a public meeting should appear, led a Toronto paper recently to report Rev. Mr. So and So as among the ladies present on the occasion of Mr. Laurier's big speech.

William Boyle, from Nortondale, in the County of York, has entered the arena as an authority in matters of ecclesiastical history. He crossed swords recently with Rev. Father Davenport of St. John. I suppose it would be in order to say that Father Davenport has a boil on his neck. He bears it with the patience of Job.

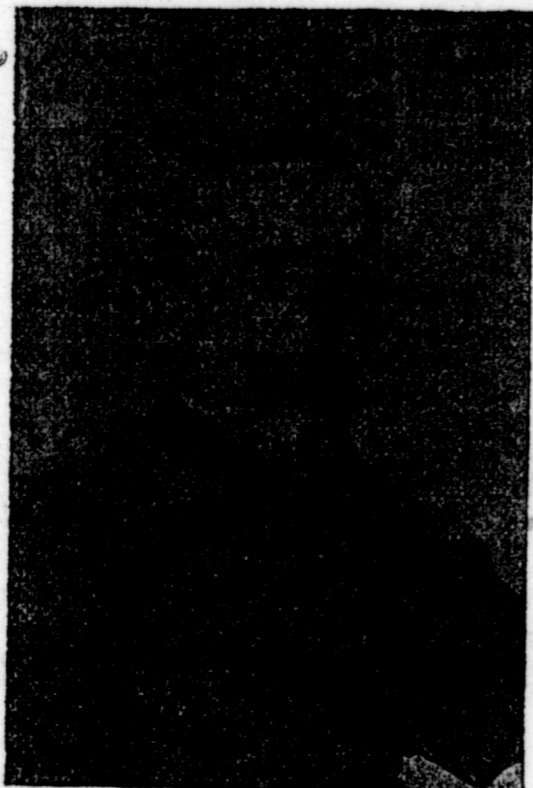
### Egg Exports.

We seem to be getting back our egg market across the border. Last week ten car loads were shipped from Montreal to New

York and realized a net profit to the shipper 3c above what he could get at home. The demand there is still far from exhausted, and further supplies from Canadian points will probably find a rising market. This reminds us of old times. Before the passage of the McKinley act our egg exports across the border ran into quite large figures, amounting in 1889 to 14,011,017 dozen, to the value of \$1,156,725. The 5c duty of that tariff cut down these exports to the value of \$324,355 in the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1893. The present duty is 3c a dozen.—Toronto Mail.

### J. T. A. Dibblee, M. P. P.

Below is a cut of Mr. J. T. A. Dibblee, M. P. P., who along with Dr. Atkinson represents this county in the local legislature. Mr. Dibblee is yet a young man, though to use his own words, his hair somewhat thinned when he had the whole responsibility of representing this county in the interim between the resignation of Hon. H. A. Connell and election of Dr. Atkinson. But he did not



lose flesh, perceptibly. Before entering provincial politics Mr. Dibblee had quite an experience at the town council board, and was a popular and efficient mayor during the years 1890 and 1891. In 1892 he ran for the local legislature in partnership with Hon. H. A. Connell. Dr. Atkinson and he differed as to whom the seat belonged, but the official declaration gave it to Mr. Dibblee, and now they are both satisfied for they each have a seat among the Solons at the capital. Mr. Dibblee is a supporter of the Blair government. Since his election he has shown himself interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the county, and it is not likely that Carleton county will be overlooked, while he has a voice in the affairs of the legislature. As an energetic, progressive business man and public citizen Mr. Dibblee takes a foremost place. He and Dr. Atkinson have had their little differences on the platform in the past, but from the reports of the local legislature this session they have been working in "pairs."

### He Won the Bet.

"I'll bet you a new straw hat," said Mr. Wallace Hay to Hon. H. A. Connell, "that you can't skate six laps around the rink without falling."

"You are taken," replied the Hon. H. A. Mr. Grenville James, always on deck in an emergency, was elected starter and referee, and Messrs. Connell, Hay and a few backers of each made for the rink about two o'clock last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Connell got the skates securely fastened, chairs were placed at both ends of the rink, and as the bosom friend of Andrew G. Blair, started on the ice, there was hearty applause from those present.

He made the first lap cautiously, and slowly, but successfully, wiggling a little—not much—and came to the railing for a breathing spell.

"Against the bet," quoth Wallace.

"No, sir," replied the honorable.

Question was called and the referee decided that the words "without stopping" were not in the contract.

The remaining five laps were skated out without a fall. Once or twice there was a little wavering and unsteadiness, but the balance of power was held midst a storm of applause. Mr. Connell came to the end of the last lap triumphantly, and the referee decided that he had won the bet.

### Declined the Nomination.

It is said that Mr. Andrew G. Blair, Premier of this province, has been tendered the Liberal nomination for the united constituency of Queens and Sunbury, and has positively declined saying that it is not his intention to stand for any constituency in the Dominion election.

### Mr. Foster Coming East.

An Ottawa despatch of February 12, says: Hon. Mr. Foster goes east tomorrow to attend the Kings county convention at Hampton, N. B.

## BEFORE THE END OF 1896.

BOARD OF TRADE SAYS WOODSTOCK & CENTREVILLE R.R. MUST BE BUILT.

J. T. A. Dibblee, M. P. P., Talks About Railway Projects and Schemes.—John Graham's Resolution—Miles Moore is Elected a New Member of the Board.

An interesting meeting of the Board of Trade was held on Monday evening. There were present the president, H. P. Baird, Messrs W. Fisher, John Graham, J. T. Garden, J. T. A. Dibblee M. P. P., W. B. Jewett, A. Henderson, Donald Munro, W. P. Jones, C. L. Tilley and the secretary.

The main question of the discussion was relative to the proposed bill to be presented to the local legislature, extending the time for the construction of the Woodstock and Centreville Railway.

Mr. J. T. A. Dibblee M. P. P., said that all the members were probably aware that notice had been given in the paper of an application for an amendment to the charter, extending the time for starting the road four years, and the time for its completion nine years. The company also asked to have the charter amended so that they could connect with the Bangor & Aroostook somewhere near Houlton. He thought the board would be against the amendment as far as the nine years extension of time went. The company's attorney had told him that the nine years limit was to date from the time when the charter was first given. Of course, if that were the case the road would have to be completed by 1896. That being so he had no objection to the bill, but it must be plain that such was the case before he would introduce the bill, as he had been asked to do. Quite recently he had seen Messrs Malcolm & Boswell, who had been at Fredericton interviewing the government with reference to a bonus for the extension of their road from Edmundston to St. Leonards. These gentlemen said that if this bonus was given the road would certainly be built. They were now at Ottawa seeing what they could do. It was their intention to bridge the river at St. Leonards and connect with the B. & A. They were also anxious, or expressed themselves so, to build the road from Woodstock to Houlton. Woodstock people were anxious to have this latter connection made. However, it appeared to him that there must be something behind all these schemes, and that we had better keep sharp on the lookout. The directors of the St. John valley road were also making a strike to have their road built. He thought the board of trade should consider the question and give him advice as how to act. The W. and C. bill would probably come before the house this coming week. With respect to the amendment regarding the extension of the road to Houlton, a company now held the charter for that, and while they were willing, he thought, to give up the charter if there was a bona fide intention to build, they were not willing to surrender it in order that the W. & C. people could kill it.

Mr. Graham thought the quicker the Woodstock & Centreville road was built, the better. The people of the county had been humbugged long enough about it. He moved that the government be memorialized not to allow the time for the completion of the Woodstock & Centreville railway to be extended beyond the end of the year 1896. Mr. W. Fisher seconded this resolution.

Mr. J. T. Garden asked if there were any proposed changes in the location of the road. Wm. Dibblee replied that there was a change proposed whereby the road would leave Woodstock instead of Upper Woodstock.

Mr. Graham's motion was carried unanimously. A letter was read by the secretary, which was received from Mr. Ira Cornwall, respecting the formation of a maritime board of trade. Mr. Cornwall said that Mr. Creed, secretary of the Halifax board, thought a maritime board could be formed, and wished an expression of opinion from this board. As this board had at the previous meeting passed a resolution favoring the formation of a provincial or maritime board, the secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Creed, telling him this, and to suggest St. John as the place of meeting and between the 15th and the last of April the time for meeting.

Mr. Miles Moore was elected a member of the board.

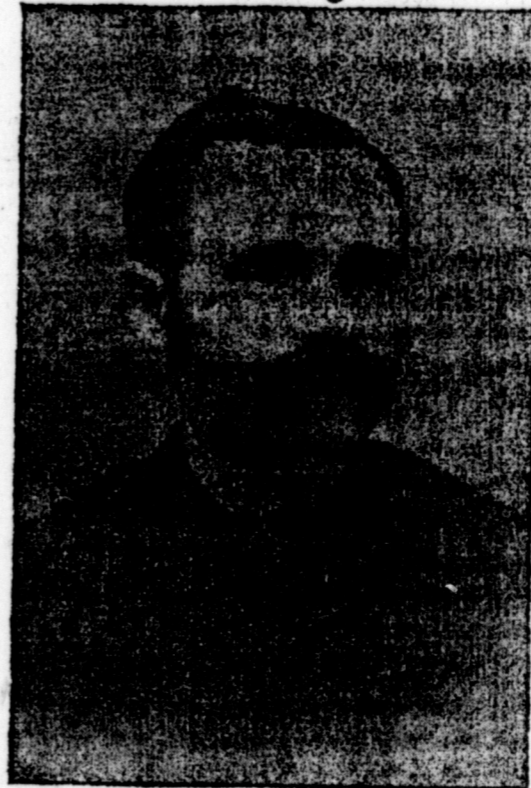
The question of the board having a room of its own was brought up, and Mr. Graham said he would, for the present, allow the board to use one of the large rooms in his building, which is all finished excepting putting in the steam.

As there had been some discussion regard-

ing the giving of special water rates to manufacturers who used large quantities, Mr. Munro made a statement respecting the water rates. He said there were only two parties, Messrs Jones and Dickinson who used over 200,000 gallons of water. The same rates applied to the manufacturers as were accorded to the C. P. R. The water rates in Woodstock compared favorably with the rates in any town in Canada or the United States.

### Marcus C. Atkinson M. P. P.

Dr. Atkinson M. P. P. whose cut appears on this page is a gentleman who has achieved a good deal of notoriety the past few years. He has been particularly in evidence since the vacancy occurred in this county by the resignation of Hon. H. A. Connell, and his unopposed return the other day was a matter on which he received congratulations on all hands. Whatever the doctor's failings



may be, and no doubt, like all sinful mortals, he has failings, lack of pluck is not in the list. From the fighting qualities which the doctor has displayed in the field of political action it is not unreasonable to suppose that if it had been his lot to be a contestant in the prize ring he would not have been found deficient in punching qualities. In another column is a cut of Mr. J. T. A. Dibblee M. P. P. These two photos are put in separate columns to keep them from fighting and defacing the whole front page of THE DISPATCH. Dr. Atkinson was born at Bay Verte, Westmoreland Co., Jan. 7th 1854, and was educated in the common schools at that place. He attended the Normal School in 1875, obtaining a first class certificate. For several years after this he taught school. Then he decided to enter the medical profession, and attended the Halifax Medical School, and Dalhousie college from 1878 to 1881. In April of the latter year he graduated M. D. winning the clinical clerkship of the Victoria Hospital, Halifax, at the competitive examination of April 1880. He was appointed House Surgeon in April 1881 holding the position for the customary period of one year. On June 17th 1882 he came to Bristol of this county, and began the practice of medicine. On Oct. 14th 1884, he was elected to the county council, and in Oct. 1885, was again returned, by acclamation. On April 26th 1886, he entered the contest for the local as a supporter of Mr. Blair and was elected. In 1888 he went into opposition voting against the government on the railway resolutions of that year, on the ground that they made no provision for a railway projected for this county. He assailed the government especially on their management of the finances. He was a candidate in the general elections of 1890, in opposition to the government, leading the poll about 400 votes. He was again a candidate in the general elections of 1892, and although obtaining a small majority of votes was not given the seat owing to the decision of the late Sheriff Dibblee on a technicality. He was elected by acclamation Jan. 17th 1895, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. H. A. Connell. On the second of May 1882, Dr. Atkinson left the independent order of free and untrammelled bachelors, and entered into a life partnership with Miss Mary J. Stewart, of Antigonish, N. S. It is needless to say that Dr. Atkinson is a vigorous supporter of the opposition.

### The Thompson Fund.

The popular subscription for Sir John Thompson's widow is not quite \$20,000. To this is to be added \$5,000 from Sir Donald A. Smith, and \$2,500 from Mr. Ogilvie, of Montreal. It is pretty certain that Lady Thompson will reside in Toronto permanently.

### To Re-enter Public Life.

Quebec, Feb. 11.—Hon. H. G. Joly de Lotbiniere writes a long letter on the political situation, in which he declares he will enter public life if the people desire it.

## BETTER PAY FOR FIREMEN.

THE TOWN COUNCIL RAISES THE CHIEF \$40 AND THE MEN \$20.

A Lawyer will be Engaged to Defend the Glidden Suit—New Conditions for Voting. Board of Health asks for an Appropriation for a Pest House.

The firemen will henceforth be paid \$50 instead of \$30 and the chief \$100 instead of \$60 a year. It is none too much. A fireman risks his life at every fire, and the clothes he spoils are worth \$30 anyway. Then, again, a fireman is fined \$1.00 if he is absent from a fire, in case the hose is taken out and 50 cents if it is a false alarm. Undue economy in fire protection is the poorest form of economy. This was decided at Friday's meeting.

The council decided to fight the action which Mrs. Mary Glidden is about to bring against the town for an accident she sustained in falling over a hydrant on Maple street.

John Gibson, town marshal, was allowed ten days leave of absence on account of sickness. He was to provide a substitute acceptable to the police committee.

A very important question arose over the proposed changes in the town act. It was generally agreed that the mode of carrying on the town elections is not at all satisfactory; that in fact as it is now run the ballot does not protect the voter.

The mayor and town clerk were deputed to go to Fredericton, and have inserted in the act a clause amending the voting provision, so that only one person shall be admitted at a time, in the room with the returning officers, during the hours of election.

### Fort Fairfield Leads Us.

Last week reference was made to the fact that Fort Fairfield is in a fair way to have a public library. The Beacon of the 6th inst. says that eight citizens attended the special town meeting to vote upon the question. Continuing, that paper says:

There was no opposition to the adoption of the various articles which were, briefly and in substance, as follows: To vote to establish a free public library; to elect a board of five trustees to manage its affairs; to authorize the selectmen to accept on behalf of the town the \$200 presented by the Chautauquan Circle and by individual citizens, and to expend same towards a library; to vote and raise \$200 to be expended by the library trustees toward the library. It devolves upon the trustee to select and purchase the books, provide a room for them, appoint a librarian, and make minor rules and regulations concerning the library, such as fixing the days of the week upon which it shall be open, the length of time a book may be kept by the borrower, the fine for keeping over time, and other rules of a similar character. And the Beacon closes with this: No ink need be used here to portray the benefits of a free library. To a great extent all realize its benefits, and all are glad to know that a real library will in a few weeks be in successful operation in our midst.

What is the Woodstock council going to do about the Institute money?

### The Board of Health.

The annual meeting of the board of health was held on Monday. There were present Dr. Colter; B. H. Smith; A. Henderson; H. Paxton Baird; the health inspector, D. Munro, and the secretary, J. C. Hartley. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Chairman, Dr. Colter, inspector and secretary re-elected. It was reported that there are several cases of typhoid fever in town, and the inspector was instructed to report as to their location. The board decided to petition the town council for \$570.00 for the establishment of a pest house, and also to memorialize the council on the matter of the sewerage of the town.

### They Resigned.

The medical staff of Victoria hospital Fredericton, sent to the trustees their resignations to take effect on the 15th inst. Two years ago the medical staff asked the trustees that one of their number be appointed on the directorate. At that time there were no vacancies on the board, but recently two vacancies occurred, which were filled by appointing Governor Fraser and F. P. Thompson. The doctors regarded this as an indignity upon them and a good deal correspondence between them and the trustees has resulted in consequence. The trustees believe that for the best interests of the hospital no member of the medical staff should be a member of the directorate. The doctors have a different opinion. They give their services gratuitously and demand a voice in the management of the hospital, and when refused this concession they refuse to have anything further to do with the hospital.

### Heavy Damages.

The Toronto World has lost a libel case and is out \$1.00 and costs.