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THE MUSINGS OF THE IMP.

A CARD TO THE NOBLE ELECTORS OF NAKAKAKIAK.

Discusses a Variety of Subjects.—Is Puzzled With the Various Tales that Come to His ears and Vastly Bothered over the Number of Liars in the World.



I just want to give a tip to the public in general. I'm editing the great enlightener this month, on account of the editor in chief doing his fall ploughing and getting in his winter wood, and I desire to say to all people who hope to gain everlasting fame and fortune by contributing to these pages, that the first individual who hands in a burlesque on putting up stoves, will receive a smash on his visage that will incapacitate him for months and to use an entirely original expression cause him to languish on beds of sickness for a considerable length of time.

It is a notorious fact that a newspaper office is always a sort of storm centre for all the liars of the country round. My head is weary and my heart sick with the copious streams of scandalous untruths that are poured into my ears. I am now keeping a "Local Liar Record." I have the profession classified under such heads as bicycle, cricket, tennis, fishing, shooting, and such like. Every three months I make a report to the Woodstock Division of the Ancient Order of Precognitors, and on the strength of this report the order confers its degrees and medals. It looks to me as if this order is the strongest in town.

The following was found in the waste basket where it had been thrown by the political editor as unworthy of notice:

TO THE ELECTORS OF NAKAKAKIAK.

OCTOBER the 59th, 19611.

Dear Madam,—At the earnest request of a large number of gaping idiots I will run, that is to say, get a gait on, or in other words, scud, for the House of Misrepresentatives. Having decided to scud, as aforesaid, it is necessary for me to say what I will do should I be chosen to represent my own interests and misrepresent yours in the House for the ensuing term. Having had a long experience collecting shekels, and now being worthy of public regard by reason of numerous cart wheels, I will purchase the "intrepid democracy" of this glorious county at \$2.50 per caput, and should you sell out in sufficient numbers to elect me, I will go to the House, wear good clothes, and swipe much boodle in the customary manner. Having copious respect for any constituency that refuses to sell at less than my figure, I will make blood-curdling efforts to give you what you deserve in the way of representation. Being of the first families, and knowing how to hold a cigar gracefully, tie a four-in-hand nicely and tip my elbow effectually, I will doubtless have much influence with the government. I am in favor of giving every man a living whether he earns it or not; the new woman will have my pressing consideration, and our agricultural interests will be plentifully hyperphosphated. My photograph will appear in a patent medicine advt. next week.

Yours in an agony of despair,
JOHN GYLES.

I am sure the people of Woodstock should feel well pleased with the convention of Free Christian Baptists now in session. It brings to our midst a lot of first class men and women. Some of us may differ upon these particular modes of advancing the cause of Christianity—which we take it is synonymous of righteousness—but few of us will be found to deny that the aim, object and result of a meeting such as that with which we are dealing, is righteousness. All people aspiring, however fully, to better living will wish the Free Baptist conference, God Speed.

THE IMP.

Train Service.

On Monday, Oct. 7, and until further notice mails will close at the Woodstock P. O. as follows:

Mail for St. John and all points east of McAdam Junction..... 6.30 a. m.
Mail for Fredericton and Millville..... 12.15 p. m.
Mail for North, South, East, West and Upper Provinces..... 12.40 p. m.
ARRIVALS..... 4.20 p. m.

From South, East and West..... 9.30 a. m.
From Fredericton and Millville..... 10.35 a. m.
North, South, East, West and Upper Provinces..... 12.50 p. m.
From North..... 4.30 p. m.

Matter intended for transmission by first mail should be posted at least 15 minutes previous to time of closing.
Letters for the early morning train should be posted either at the post office or at the letter box at Queen Street Station.
Collections will be made from the street letter boxes daily at 11.30 a. m. and 3.30 p. m.

Patrons of Industry.

Earl Carroll, the organizer of the Patrons of Industry for the counties of York, Carle-

ton and Victoria, was in Woodstock on Monday when he told THE DISPATCH that since May he had organized 30 associations in Carleton, namely, Clear View, Summerfield, Wicklow, Knoxford, Greenfield, Middle Simonds, Florenceville, Upper Bloomfield, Brookville, Charleston, Upper Waterville, Waterville, Farmerston, Wakefield, Northampton, Pembroke, Lower Brighton, Hartland, Upper Brighton, Rockland, Mount Pleasant, Knowlesville, Argyle, Windsor, Carlisle, Mineral, Bath, Upper Kent, Johnville and Killfoil.

In Victoria he has organized the following sixteen associations: Andover, Bairdsville, Perth, Red Rapids, Arthurette, St. Elmo, Sisson Ridge, Birch Ridge, Foster Cove, Four Falls, Tilley, Salmon River, Priceburg, Dow Flat, Riley Brook and Rapids de Femme.

Death of Mrs. Chas. Connell.

Mrs. Chas. Connell died on Saturday evening last, after a long and painful illness, extending throughout the greater part of the past summer. If she had lived a week or so longer she would have reached her eighty-fifth year. Mrs. Connell survived her husband the late Hon. Chas. Connell, for almost a quarter of a century, his death occurring in the month of June 1872. Two brothers and one sister survive the deceased. They are Mr. L. P. Fisher of Woodstock, Mr. Wm. Fisher of St. John, and Mrs. Wm. J. Smith of Woodstock. Her children now living are Mr. Wm. M. Connell, Mrs. George R. Anderson of Halifax, and Misses Ella and Alice Connell. Mrs. Connell was a lady greatly respected throughout the county, hospitable and kind, and while death at her advanced age can hardly be said to be unlooked for, there are many people in the town of Woodstock, who will join with the family in manifestations of sincere grief. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended. The remains were interred in the family burial lot, in the Methodist cemetery.

Candidates Withdrawn.

At the meeting of the Liberal party on last Friday evening three candidates were nominated for the representation of St. John city in the local legislature, and a committee was appointed to secure the one candidate required to complete the ticket and to deal with nominations generally. As was announced on Saturday, one of the three candidates named withdrew his consent to enter the field. There was reasonable expectation on Saturday, however, that other gentlemen would become candidates, an expectation which was not realized. Today, therefore, the committee, in view of these facts, and of the short time now before election, decided to withdraw the two candidates who were in the field. Messrs. McKeown and O'Brien consequently are not seeking the suffrages of electors.—Globe.

New Paper.

The first number of The Ashland Headlight, of the thriving little town of Ashland Me., has found its way to THE DISPATCH office, and it is a pleasure to congratulate our contemporary on its appearance and matter and the town on having such a good paper. Woodstock is well represented in Ashland. Finson & Loane, Hardware merchants carry a large advertisement in the Headlight columns, and J. W. Loane watchmaker and jeweller has the wisdom to use a good space.

Eastern Standard Time.

An important change is made today at the post office by the adoption of eastern standard time. The postal guide for October is made up in it and the street letter boxes and all post office work are now on eastern standard. As all the railway and steamship mail routes are run on this time much confusion was experienced at the post office by the use of local time, and a change decided on which goes into effect this morning.—St. John Sun.

Want Duty on Wool.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Oct. 7.—The sheep men of Montana are arranging for representations at Washington during the next session of congress to obtain a protective tariff on wool. Senator Power presided and a state convention is to be held at Helena November 11.

To Admit Women.

RACINE, Wis., Oct. 5.—By a vote of 109 to 26, the Wisconsin conference of the Methodist church has voted to favor the addition of women as delegates to the General Conference.

The expenditure of England for drinks is estimated at \$900,000,000 a year. The consumption is undoubtedly enormous, but not really so enormous as this, for a good deal of the liquor which appears in official statistics is afterwards exported.

If the man who lost his noble steed last week had had him in a boarding stable instead of tied to a telephone pole on Main street, he would have been better off.

TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE.

FREE BAPTISTS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL SESSION IN WOODSTOCK.

Large Attendance From all Parts of the Province.—Interesting Reports Showing the Growth of the Denomination.—Mission Work Interesting.

The 63rd annual meeting of the F. C. B. conference was convened on Saturday afternoon last at 2 o'clock.

On Friday the Elders' conference was held. Rev. Thos. Vanwart presided and Rev. J. T. Parsons was secretary. In the evening a service was held at which the sermon was preached by Rev. Joseph T. Parsons.

There was a large attendance of delegates and visitors at the business meeting on Saturday. Rev. G. F. Currie presided and Major Vince was secretary. The moderator opened the conference with reading of scripture, and prayer was said by Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Fredericton.

The delegates present were Rev. Jos. Noble, John Perry, G. A. Hartley, Thos. Connor, John G. McKenzie, J. T. Parsons, J. N. Barnes, T. S. Vanwart, T. O. Dewitt, Jos. McLeod, E. Gray, C. T. Phillips, J. S. Jones, T. W. Carpenter, Jno Henderson, W. Deware, J. W. Clark, Henry Hartt, J. A. Robertson, J. J. Barnes, C. F. Rideout, John H. Erb, O. N. Mott, G. W. Foster, W. H. Perry, Gideon Swim, C. B. Lewis, F. C. Hartley, H. Allyn Bonnell, L. A. Cosman, A. G. Downey, David Long, Abram Perry, J. B. Daggett, and Messrs. F. C. Bloodsworth, S. Barker, W. J. Jones, Emerson Crouse, W. Sheppard, J. C. Cronkite, John T. Jewett, Jas. S. Kinney, D. S. Duplessis, J. W. Curran, S. W. Mersereau, Bradford Palmer, G. W. Sharp, Jas. E. Good, Judson Steeves, N. Fenwick, Wm. Peters, H. S. Clark, William Mott. The annual report was read by Rev. G. F. Currie. In the first district nine churches reported. Of these two report baptisms, and eight prayer or conference meetings, and seven have pastors. The total resident membership in this district is 236, and the total contribution \$289, making an average of \$1.19 per resident member. In the second district the total resident membership is 1338, and the total contributions to pastoral support and local expenses was \$3887.00, an average of \$2.90 per resident member. In the third district 14 churches reported, seven additions by baptism and eleven prayer or conference meetings, and eight have pastors. Total resident membership 877, and total contribution to support of ministry and local expenses \$3540.45, or an average of \$4.55 per member. In the fourth district 13 churches reported, six of these reported baptisms, 12 regular prayer meetings and nine had pastors. Resident membership 793, and total contributions \$1770.88, an average of \$2.23 per resident member. Fifth district 18 reported 14 have pastors, 15 regular prayer meetings, eight additions by baptism. These churches representing 584 members, contribute \$1182.95, or an average of \$2.18 per member. In the sixth district 26 churches reported, 10 reported baptisms, 24 prayer meetings, and 21 have pastors, total contributions to pastor's support and local expenses \$4126.00, resident membership 997, making an average contribution of \$4.18 per member. Seventh district, 13 churches reported, six report baptisms, 12 prayer or conference meetings. Total resident membership 1460, and contributions \$6706.95, an average of \$4.59 per resident member. The total number of baptisms was 581; total contributions to local expenses including pastors salary, \$21,495.21, or an average of \$3.43 for each one of 6295 resident members. Two new churches were organized during the year and 94 of the 118 churches reported had pastoral cares. The baptisms this year were 35 less than last year, and the contributions for support of ministers were \$1877.52 less than last year. During the year Revs. E. Sippell and S. H. Shaw died. They gave of their goods and ability, and have now entered into their rest. Of laymen, Bros. A. Palmer, L. S. Vanwart and G. A. Atherton have been called away.

The following were appointed the nominating committee: D. Long, J. N. Barnes, G. W. Foster, W. J. Owens, E. W. Slipp, T. O. Dewitt, J. T. Jewett. Committee for preaching arrangements: Rev. C. T. Phillips, J. Noble, T. Connors.

Rev. J. K. West, representing the Nova Scotia conference, made an excellent impression on the meeting. His father is Rev. S. West, the oldest minister in the Nova Scotia conference. He said the total membership was 3796, churches 40, added by membership 108, by letter 10, dismissed 176.

Saturday evening's meeting was a grand gathering, the church was filled to the doors and the exercises were such as to elicit the closest attention. The subject was of the most interesting and important one of Sabbath schools. Rev. David Long on the part of the

executive in that branch of the churches work presented the well arranged report. After dealing briefly with the field as a whole it took up each of the seven districts in detail showing gains and losses, on the whole progress had been made. An especially cheering part of this report was that dealing with additions to the church membership from the schools, no less than 356 were added by conversion. The motion to adopt the report was spoken to in most forcible addresses by Revs. G. W. Foster, J. H. Erb, Dr. McLeod and G. A. Hartley who strongly enforced the claims of the schools on the care of the church membership on the pastors and no less on the parents of children.

The conference resumed its work at half past nine o'clock on Monday morning, Rev. G. W. Foster presiding. The first report was on deceased ministers and was submitted by Rev. G. A. Hartley. Particular reference was made to the death of Rev. J. L. Phillips, D. D., missionary in India, Rev. S. W. Shaw of Hartland, and Rev. Ezekiel Sippell.

Revs. Clark, House and Hartley were appointed a committee to submit to this conference blank forms for the churches to report to district meetings.

Revs. A. W. Currie and Abner McNinch requested that they be transferred to the Nova Scotia conference.

Rev. G. F. Currie was opposed to any brothers being dismissed from the conference without the formality of letter.

The request of Revs. Currie and McNinch was granted.

Rev. Dr. McLeod moved that it be resolved that the general conference Sunday, in each year be ministers' relief Sunday, and that churches be requested to take up one collection on that day for the ministers' relief fund. Rev. Mr. Hartley seconded the motion.

Rev. E. B. Grey moved that the collection be taken on the Sunday prior to general conference Sunday.

Mr. Peters and other favored the amendment. It was finally decided that the matter be with the discretion of the local ministers.

Rev. G. A. Hartley moved that a motion to prevail must be determined by a majority vote instead of by a two thirds vote. Rev. J. T. Parsons seconded the motion.

Mr. Peters thought that there were certain cases in which a majority vote would be better than a two thirds vote, but not in all cases.

Major Vince was decidedly opposed to the change. No hardship was felt by this two thirds vote, except on one occasion last year when Bro. Hartley had a motion which did not carry.

Rev. Mr. Hartley knew of no other religious body which conducted its business on a two thirds vote. For two years he had submitted a motion to the conference giving the right to women to vote. Except in the cities the women were the backbone of the church. If a majority vote had prevailed his motion would have been carried, but the two thirds vote was against his resolution.

Major Vince suggested that the motion be withdrawn and that some arrangement be made by which each individual church might if it wished give its sisters the right to vote.

Rev. Mr. Hartley withdrew his resolution with the understanding implied in Major Vince's remarks.

Revs. Swim, Hartley and Maj. Vince were appointed a committee on licentiates. On behalf of the committee on union of the Free Baptist churches in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine, Rev. Joseph McLeod submitted a report that closer union is desirable.

At the session of the conference in the afternoon, Rev. Gideon Swim presiding, Rev. J. J. Barnes presented the report on Religious literature. Rev. Dr. McLeod favored the founding of a book room where samples of different publications could be found.

Rev. G. A. Hartley moved that instead of the conference meeting on the Saturday or preceding the full moon nearest the first of October in each year the annual session be opened on the first Saturday of October in each year. Rev. T. S. Vanwart seconded the motion.

Rev. J. T. Parsons opposed the motion. The meetings were so arranged that the people who had to attend on the evening session would have the benefit of the moonlight nights. This was particularly the case where the conference was held in country districts. The motion was lost by 16 to 12.

The conference then adjourned in order to allow the ladies meeting to be held. In a very few moments the church was filled with women, and a sprinkling of the male delegates was visible here and there. The first meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was then opened. Mrs. Dr. McLeod presiding. Miss Annie Fisher presided at the organ. Mrs. McLeod read an extract from the scriptures. Mrs. John Shea led in prayer. Mrs. C. T. Phillips gave an address of welcome on behalf of the president Mrs. A. C. Smith, whose ill health prevented her from attending. The secretary Mrs. W. Weyman gave her report, which was full of encouragement for future work. The audience then rose and joined with the choir in singing the hymn "Bringing in the Sheaves" Mrs. Merritt from Maine State Missionary Society and Mrs. Dr. Sprague for the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society and Mrs. McDonald of the Baptist Missionary Society addressed the meeting. Mrs. W. S. Saunders on behalf of the W. C. T. U. also addressed the meeting. Mrs. Stephen Barker submitted the report for home mission work. As a general thing the report was highly satisfactory. Mrs. Vince submitted the treasurer's report which showed a balance on hand of \$1230.31. Mrs. M. Shaw gave a solo, during the collection, "The Better Land" which was greatly appreciated. Rev. J. B. Daggett of Campbell, addressed the meeting on support of missionary work in India.

A FIRE ALARM.

WHO SHOULD HAVE THE LOWER CORNER FIRE STATION.

After a Long Period of Quietness The Council Strikes a Snag.—Coun. Leighton's Explanation.—Important Discussion over the Matter.

After quite a long time of monotonous legislation, there arose quite an active battle in the council on Monday evening. It was over the question of the letting of the lower corner station house.

Coun. Leighton, who is chairman of the fire committee, with the consent of his colleagues let the building to Edward True, for \$48.00 a year, he to take care of the house, to be always ready to give the fire alarm, and to be on hand in case of a conflagration.

When Coun. Leighton submitted this report, Coun. Carr arose and said that he understood that a much better rental could have been obtained for this building. He had understood that \$6.00 or \$7.00 could have been obtained for it. This, certainly was the understanding when it was proposed to erect the building.

Coun. Bailey made a speech agreeing with the sentiments expressed by Coun. Carr.

Coun. Leighton said that the building had been let to Edward True, who was a member of the fire department. It was a fact that his offer of rental was below that of others, but it was considered that he would be a specially good tenant.

The mayor said that he had understood that the building, at the time it was proposed to build it, would rent for at least \$6 or \$7 a month. He had nothing to say against Mr. True, but did think that the business of the town should be conducted with as much care as the private business of any member of the council.

Coun. Nicholson said he had an interview with Mr. Stephenson and he had offered to him at different times to pay \$40, \$50, \$55, \$60 and as high as \$65 for the building.

Mr. Stephenson, himself, was then heard on a resolution of the board. He said that when he heard that the building was to let, he went to Coun. Nicholson and asked him, if he would rent it for \$45. He asked him (Nicholson) if he would not for \$50.00. He heard afterwards that Mr. True had obtained a five year's lease of the building.

There seemed to be quite a difference of opinion between Mr. Stephenson and Coun. Nicholson as to the amount offered by him for the rent of the rooms over the Lower Corner fire house.

Coun. Arnold said that he was aware that Mr. Stephenson had tendered for the rental of the building.

Coun. Jones said that he had a positive objection to renting the building for a term of five years. It meant a loss to the town of something like \$90.00.

Coun. Nicholson—There are matters in connection with this affair that it would not do to bring before the council.

Mr. Leighton said that the firemen were opposed to Mr. Stephen having the building.

Mr. Stephenson here interrupted and said "how many of them."

"Well" said Coun. Leighton "I know four of them anyway."

Coun. Bailey said he would vote for the motion if it were made one year instead of five.

Coun. Nicholson thought while the committee made the recommendation the matter should be left for discussion in the hands of the council.

His Worship—While I have not had anything directly to do with the matter I may say that two parties have come to us and offered \$6.00 a month for the building.

Coun. Carr moved that the building be let to Mr. True for twelve months at the rent mentioned. Coun. Jones seconded the motion which was carried by a division those voting for it being Couns. Carr, Jones, Payson, Bailey and Gallagher.

The Queen's Liberty.

The Queen's gift of a handsome cope to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Nova Scotia affords one more proof of her freedom from narrow sectarian bigotry, and of her wise disregard of the absurd rumors and surmises from certain quarters. The gift was intended as a recognition of the respect paid by the bishop and his clergy in connection with the funeral of Sir John Thompson, the Canadian Premier, whose sudden death at Windsor last year caused Her Majesty such acute distress. The bigots who grumbled at a gracious act like this seem to forget that the Queen is equally Queen of all her subjects, whether they be Romanists, Anglicans, Protestants, Mohammedans, Buddhists or Agnostics, and that it is perfectly possible for her to show respect for all conscientious beliefs without in any sense compromising her own.

A Tooth Powder of the Finest Quality is being prepared by Dr. Kirkpatrick.