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PRICE TWO CENTS

Boys Turn Down
Linen Collars, **10 Cents.**

Boys Stand Up
Linen Collars, **10 Cents.**

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Linen Collars, **10 Cents.**
With points turn over,

In Boys' Suits, Blouses, Shirt Waists, Separate
Pants, Hats, Caps, Ties, Etc., our efforts to procure
for you Choice Stylish Goods at reasonable prices **have been
very successful.** We do not ask you to buy, but merely to
see what we have to offer and learn the prices. Do this and we are
confident what the result will be.

John McLauchlan.

SOUVENIR.

This week we want to show you our line of new and nobby
Souvenir Goods. We are not over-estimating them when we
say that they are positively the finest in the Souvenir line ever
shown in the town. However, we don't want to do all the
talking, but would much rather you would have a look at
them, and we feel confident they will speak for themselves.

Souvenir Spoons, : Souvenir Paper Knives, : Souvenir Glove Buttons,

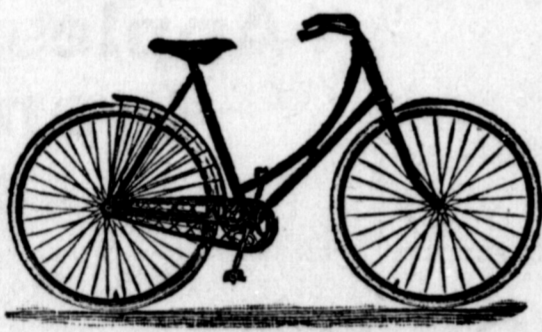
IN ENAMEL with designs:

"CANADA'S MAPLE LEAF," CANADA'S COAT OF ARMS," "BRITISH COAT OF ARMS,"

CARR & GIBSON, 31 MAIN STREET,
..... Woodstock.....

Better is it to ride behind oxen than
to have an accident happen unto thy
wheel when thou art weary and miles
from thy home.

The
Dainty



Ladies'
Stearns.

But if you would avoid the liability of
such a calamity, buy a Stearns—a re-
liable wheel—the slickest of the slick.

You can look this wheel over any
day at

Balmain Bros.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., APRIL 15, 1896.

PEOPLE.

What's the difference between cheap wall paper, and paper
CHEAP? Just the difference between wall paper that
covers up and wall paper that decorates. Beautiful GILT
PAPER at 10c a roll, never the like before in the town.
ROLLER BLINDS, Beautiful Designs, at fabulously low
prices. Cost you nothing to see them.

EVERETT'S BOOKSTORE.

A BOTTLE OF RYE FIGURED

IN SEVERAL SCOTT ACT CASES RE-
CENTLY.

But the Evidence was not Sufficient to
Secure a Conviction and the Magistrate
Dismisses Them all.—Some of the Testi-
mony, and Other Incidents.

The Scott Act has not lost its interest for
the public, as was plainly manifested on
Friday last by the crowd of persons who filled
the police court, when the cases against
Mrs. Martha J. Gould and John McDougall,
for selling intoxicating liquors, were opened.
There were all sorts and conditions of men
present, dry throats and moist throats, those
who see pictures of the old fellow in a bottle
of unopened gin, and those who see him after
the bottle is emptied; those who have never
taken a drink in their lives, and mean, as far
as they can to prevent anyone else from
doing so; those who drink whenever they can
get the 'crature' and whose only trouble in
life is that it is at times so hard to get. There
were sympathisers with the prosecution
standing cheek by jowl alongside of those
who look on the Scott Act as a species of
coercion. The evidence was closely follow-
ed and after the court adjourned, knots
gathered at the corners and talked of this one
or that as the "biggest liar in the country,"
and altogether the good people of Woodstock
were exercised.

The young man on whose devoted head
much wrath was poured bears the name of
Enos Nickson. The first name would suggest
biblical scenes, and the surname, might imply
that as far as the accused were concerned,
the informer was a veritable son of old Nick.
A. B. Connell, Q. C. looked after the law
and order end of the show, while J. R.
Murphy handled the cudgels for the per-
secuted unfortunates.

As soon as the legal machinery was all
oiled, Enos took the stand, and having duly
sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and
nothing but the truth, proceeded to relate the
circumstances connected with his imbibing a
glass of rye whiskey. As far as Mrs. Gould's
case was concerned he said, that he met a
man, just fairly dressed, on Main street on
April 4th. He (Enos) had come from Presque
Isle looking for work. He asked the stranger
something about stream driving, and then
touched the delicate question of wetting the
whistle. Mr. Stranger seemed to think that
there were more ways of killing a cat than by
choking it with butter, or in other words, that
by means of devious paths and sundry winks
it would be possible to relieve the agonies of
a parched throat. Then Enos told how they
went into Mrs. Gould's house, and entered a
room in which there was a bar, that on the
bar was a bottle marked "Rye Whiskey," that
Mrs. Gould served his drink at his compan-
ion's request, that the drink he had was in-
toxicating, and that in exchange for the drinks
twenty cents, current coin of the realm was
given.

Mr. Murphy cross examined the witness at
considerable length, in which it transpired
that Enos is a native of Monticello, whence 4
years ago he went to Presque Isle. He had
been a married man, his wife having died
about a month before. She died of consump-
tion.

"It was not starvation she died of, was it?"
inquired the counsel for the defence.

"No! Sir," responded the witness.
The witness said he was staying with Wm.
Bragdon, and the latter told him that he could
get \$5.00 a case by informing on violators of
the Scott Act. So he went into it, as he
wanted to make some money. He had re-
ceived in money on account of this business
altogether \$11.50. Nothing very material
was brought out excepting these facts, and the
case was adjourned until Saturday.

In the case against John McDougall the
charge was that on April 1st, this same
individual and a stranger, went into John's
restaurant on King street. They asked for
beer, got it and then asked for a "stick" in
it. According to the witness, John said he
would put something in it that would make
it taste better, and then went into an inner
room, carrying the glasses with him. He
brought them back, and they contained in-
toxicating liquor.

McDougall went on the stand himself. He
flatly contradicted the testimony of the wit-
ness, and characterized his entire statement
as false. He had never in his life sold in-
toxicating liquor.

On Saturday afternoon the first case taken
up was that against Jas. Doherty. The same
witness appeared for the prosecution, and
narrated a set of circumstances somewhat
similar to those which have been already set
forth with regard to the Gould case. He
said that on the first day of April in com-
pany with a stranger whose name he did not
know he went into Doherty's and his com-
panion asked for something to drink. A
bottle with Rye Whiskey marked on it, was
produced by Mr. Doherty and out of that he
(Nickson) and the stranger imbibed.

"What did you pay him?"

"Money" said the witness.

The witness told Mr. Connell that on the
3rd of April he met Mr. Doherty who asked
him if he knew Mr. Colpitts. He said he
didn't whereupon Doherty remarked he
would sooner give \$25 than have any trouble
over selling the drink on the 1st.

Jas. Doherty gave evidence on his own be-
half. He denied the whole transaction. He
well remembered the first of April and on
that day Wm. Wilbur was in at his place all
the afternoon. He never saw the man
Nickson, until about three days ago.

Wilbur said he went into Mr. Doherty's be-
tween two and three o'clock on the first day
of April. They were playing cards all the
afternoon, and no customers came in. He
left about half past five. He particularly
remembered the day because it was April
Fools Day.

In the course of the trial against Mrs.
Gould Dr. Rankin testified that he was at-
tending her, and that it would be impos-
sible for her to walk without resting one leg
on a chair. The court adjourned to her house
on Monday to take her evidence, which was
a straight denial of the statements made by
Nickson.

The case against McDougall was with-
drawn by the prosecution. The others were
concluded before noon on Monday, the
magistrate dismissing them all. In the
Gould case he lay special stress on Dr.
Rankin's evidence, which directly contradicted
that of Nickson. In Doherty's case he said
he was of the opinion that Doherty did sell
contrary to the law, but from his knowledge
of him he thought he was too shrewd to be
taken by a complete stranger. Taking all
the circumstances of the cases into considera-
tion he did not think the evidence sufficient
to convict, and thereupon he concluded to
dismiss them.

An Exciting Journey.

The past week has been somewhat exciting
to travellers on the railway north of this
town due to various impediments to traffic
caused by the action of the ice on bridges and
road bed. Passengers on the train which
left for Edmundston Thursday afternoon
found themselves delayed by a landslide
about five miles north of Aroostook Junction.
This kept them from five in the afternoon
until 3.30 the next morning. But the ex-
perience of the travellers from the north on
Friday was much more exciting. All the way
along the ice was noticed to be jammed in the
river, cakes as high as thirty feet being
seen. There was no serious impediment
until after Hartland was passed. Just two
miles below that point, it was found that the
ice had jammed and caused the overflow from
the river to submerge the track. When the
jam broke the water returned to the river,
but left a great mass of ice and logs on the
track. After much hard work the obstruction
was removed, and the train passed along,
only, however, to meet with another delay at
the bridge which crosses the deep gulch
about half a mile further down. Here it was
found that a cake of ice had got under the
bridge and had put it so much out of plum
that it canted over. All hands were set to
work righting the structure so that it could
be passed over, and after a good deal of hard
bore and crow bar labor it was straightened
out—although still a little jaggy—and the
train and passengers passed over. It was a
nervous half minute, for if the bridge had
happened to collapse it would have been
'good day to you, my boys.' At Newburg
Junction the passengers were somewhat re-
warded for the delays and anxiety by a first
class meal, which the railway officials Messrs.
Timmerman and Stewart who were aboard,
put up. Now, all went on swimmingly, until
the electric lights of the town of Woodstock
came in view, and just as the train reached
the Upper Woodstock bridge it was found
that some of the piers had been fittsimoned
by the ice, and the passengers were
obliged to walk over on foot, it not being
considered safe to take the train across. On this
side they were met by a special from town,
and arrived at Queen street station shortly
before eleven o'clock.

And The Floods Came.

Great damage was done by freshet floods in
the Eastern townships, P. Q., last week. The
late report says the Quebec Central's great
railway bridge near Sherbrooke was swept
out with a rush by the huge masses of lake
ice that came down the St. Francis river.
The centre pier was torn away like match-
wood, while the drop of each end tore the
track up for hundreds of feet. This is the
road's second bridge lost in the week, the
other destroyed being that at St. Anselme,
Richmond, further up the river. St. Francis,
a town of three thousand people, is all under
water, only three stores escaping inundation
wholly or in part; much distress prevails there.
Another big iron bridge on the south-west
branch of the Icelet river was torn down at
Beaucourt. From all the surrounding coun-
try come reports revealing a deplorable con-
dition of affairs caused by the hot sun swell-
ing the rivers and usually harmless streams
into raging lakes and torrents. Reports from
Sorel and Three Rivers state that the water
is very high there, doing considerable dam-
age. In some sections of both towns canoes
are in use. Houses and bridges in Beauce
Co. are being washed away. Cattle were
drowned in the vicinity of Lake St. Peter.

T. W. Anglin Dying.

TORONTO, Ont., April 19.—Timothy W.
Anglin, ex-member of parliament, at one
time speaker of the dominion house of com-
mons and a well known editorial writer, is
lying at the point of death. He was a strong
liberal and was formerly a resident of St.
John, N. B.

WOODSTOCK IS HANDICAPPED.

FREIGHT RATES STILL A SOURCE OF
GRIEVANCE.

St. Stephen and St. John Merchants can-
Send Freight to Edmundston at a
Lower Rate Than is Charged From
Woodstock.

The meeting of the Board of Trade on
Friday evening last, though not a large one
was a representative one. The first move
was the election of A. Bowman, Balmain
Bros. and Ham & Smith members of the
Board. Then President Jones appointed the
following committees:—

COMMITTEES.

Transportation and Freight.—Jas Carr,
John Graham, H P Baird, D L Pitt, C
L Tilley.

Legislation.—R K Jones, Wm Dibblee, F
B Carvell.

Finance.—W Duppa Smith, A E Jones,
Hugh S Wright.

Room.—W R Snow, J R Murphy, Charles
Churchill.

Information and Statistics.—Samuel Watts,
W B Nicholson, Charles Appleby.

Reception and Merchants Week.—W S
Saunders, Geo A Taylor, Geo F Smith, W B
Belyea, James Watts.

Manufacturers.—W Fisher, C D Dickin-
son, Andrew Myles.

Subsidy.—J T A Dibblee, J N W Winslow,
J T Garden.

Tariff and Customs.—W W Hay, A Hen-
derson, Geo L Holyoke, W B Jewett.

Insurance.—Wm Dibblee, J N W Winslow.

The motion of J. T. Garden that the Wood-
stock board affiliate with the maritime board,
started a long discussion involving some
strictures on the C. P. R.

J. T. A. Dibblee said the subsidy to the
Beaver line during the winter had in no way
benefitted Carleton County, for the C. P. R.
had gobbled up whatever advantage might
have accrued to us and left us just where we
had been before. The road he said charged
more for a load of freight from Woodstock to
any point north than from St. Stephen and
so made it impossible for our merchants to
compete with those of St. Stephen. He said
the C. P. R. by their arbitrary conduct made
it possible for a St. Stephen dealer to under-
sell him 45cts a ton on coal shipped to any
point north of Woodstock. Rates from
Woodstock to Hartland were higher than
from St. John to Hartland, and he thought
these evils should be remedied and he was
not sure that the Maritime Board would help
us remedy them.

Williamson Fisher also roasted the C. P. R.
He tried at one time to sell stoves to
Edmundston and he learned that while he
could quote as good a price as the St. John
merchant, the St. John merchant had a rate
of 16cts. to Edmundston while he, Mr. Fisher,
had to pay 48cts. Since then he had secured
a rate of 32cts. but even this was not as low
as in fairness it should be.

Mr Dibblee referring to the winter port
said it was folly to expect to move the
government, as they would be moved in their
settlement of that question entirely by
political motives and as to the C. P. R. he
said they knew just how much our incoming
and outgoing freight could stand in the way
of rates, and they put them up to the top
notch. The motion was carried.

The motion to place on record the opinion
of the Board that they would consider favor-
ably the exemption from taxation of new
industries coming to town under certain cir-
cumstances was referred to the council of the
Board of Trade.

The Board adjourned to meet on Friday
evening the first of May.

A Libel Suit.

The Circuit Court commences its spring
session Tuesday morning, His Honor Judge
Hannington presiding. There are two very
important cases to be adjudicated upon. One
is Queen vs. Town of Woodstock, of which
particulars have already been given in THE
DISPATCH. It will suffice to say now that
Queen sues for \$5000 for the destroying of
his lawn in opening St. Gertrude's street,
between Broadway and the old Catholic
cemetery.

The other case is one of libel. It is an
action brought by Fred Laforest, barrister of
Edmundston, against the *Moniteur Acadien*,
a weekly paper published in Shediac. The
alleged libel is supposed to have been written
in correspondence, to the *Acadien*, from Ed-
mundston. The defendants do not deny the
publication, but set up the defence of justifi-
cation, that is, that the statements were facts,
and their publication justifiable in the public
interest. Geo. F. Gregory, Q. C., appears
for the plaintiff; John M. Stevens defendant's
attorney, with L. A. Curry and Hartley &
Carvell, counsel.

Browning's Son.

Mr. Barrett Browning, son of the great
poet, has just been thanked by the munic-
ipality of Venice for the liberality and splen-
dor of his hospitality. Recently Mr. Brow-
ning lent his magnificent palace, Rezzonico, for
charitable purposes to a society composed of
the noblest Italian women in Venice. The
fete held in it was of unusual magnificence,
and the sum realized was \$3,400.

A meeting of the Amateur Athletic Associa-
tion will be held in the Press office Friday
evening, April 24th. A full attendance is
requested. A. B. Connell, president.