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FOR THIRTY DAYS,
Commencing on the 8th February.

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HOUSE FURNISHING HARDWARE,
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Now is the time to furnish your house with lots of Useful Articles at a very low price. This sale only continues THIRTY days. Come early before the best articles are picked out.

W. F. DIBBLEE & SON.

PREPARING FOR THE W. & C. RAILWAY.

KILLEEN AND MAHON ABOUT TO OPEN
AN OFFICE IN TOWN.

Getting Ready to Advertise for Necessary Supplies.—Sudden Death of a Prosperous Farmer.—Interesting Article on Leap Year.

If there is anything in ordinary indications, the Woodstock & Centreville Railway stands a good chance of being built after these many years' waiting.

F. B. Killeen, of the contracting firm for the work, Killeen & Mahon, accompanied by Frank Lawlor, C. E., engineer for the work, arrived in Woodstock on Monday and are now at the Wilbur house. They expect to stay here some days, and to be in the vicinity perhaps a month. They are looking about for an office to make their headquarters, and are preparing to advertise for sleepers and other material for the road. It is expected Mr. Mahon and others of the company will be here tomorrow. They will consult with the business men of the town as to facilities for the erection of workshops, etc.

Sudden Death.

Surely, seldom has the proverb "In the midst of life we are in death," been more strikingly illustrated than in the awful sudden death of Joseph Yorke, of Rosedale. Mr. Yorke was one of the first rate farmers of the county, and although 68 years of age, was considered a remarkably healthful and vigorous man. Apparently he was good for a score of years, but, death delights in surprises.

On the evening of Tuesday the 4th inst., Mr. York went to bed quite early. He was coming to Woodstock on the following morning, with his nephew Samuel Yorke, and they wished to make an early start. His wife was by his side in bed, and in the house were three of his daughters, and a young woman who has lived with the family for some time past. About midnight Mr. Yorke got up to see what the time was. He found the clock had stopped at midnight, but he knew it was past that, and by guesswork set the clock at three. He then again retired, informing his wife, who asked for the time, before he dropped into his long sleep. In the morning the girl knocked at Mr. Yorke's door, thinking he must have overslept himself. Mrs. Yorke replied, and then tried to arouse her husband, but in vain. She then put her hand on his face and the awful truth dawned on her. Mr. Yorke was quite dead. His eyes were closed tight, he was lying in a perfectly natural condition, there being no appearance of struggle, but he was beyond the sound of any earthly voice. A medical man who was consulted in the case says that there is a form of heart disease, under which if a certain artery leading to the heart bursts, death is instantaneous, and the eyes, if the person is asleep will not open, nor will there be the faintest struggle.

Mr. Yorke was highly respected. He leaves a widow, who has been an invalid for the past 25 years, five daughters, two of whom are married and one son, the latter a blacksmith at Victoria corner. Mrs. Marcus Palmer of Palmer Settlement is a sister of the deceased.

The funeral held on Friday at Victoria Corner was largely attended, showing the respect in which Mr. Yorke was held. Rev. Messrs. Downey, Dewar, and Thos. Connor, officiated.

A Leap Year Study.

It is well known to every one that every fourth year is leap year, and contains 366 days one day more than the ordinary years, and that the rule for finding leap year is to divide the number of the year by four, and if there be no remainder, as in this year 1896, it is a leap year. But this is a rule which has its exceptions, for though every hundredth year being divisible by four would thus be a leap year, yet every fourth hundredth year is not a leap year. And the rule in this case is to divide the hundredth year by 400, and if there be no remainder, as in 2000, the year is not a leap year. We see therefore that by the rules given above every fourth year has an extra day (Feb. 29th) in its calendar but that in every four hundredth year that extra day is omitted. But the statement of a fact and the furnishing of a rule for discovering the fact afford no explanation of the existence of the fact nor of the principles upon which the rule is founded. The explanation may be briefly given. It may be well known that the civil year being made up of necessity of a certain number of complete days of 24 hours each can not correspond with the solar year, the length of

which is in reality 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes and 46.0544 seconds. The plan above is resorted to in order to arrive at as complete adjustment as possible of the one year to the other. If the solar year were exactly 365 days in length then the adjustment would have been effected by the intercalation of one day every fourth year, but this would add too much to the civil year, and in course of time cause a considerable difference between the two, and great inconvenience in reckoning time, to prevent which and accommodate the civil to the solar year the extra day is dropped out of each four hundredth year, bringing the two more closely together.

This last change in the calendar was made by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 and called the Gregorian or new style, to distinguish it from the Julian or old style established by Julius Caesar for the Roman Empire in 46 B. C. This new style was adopted at once in most European nations where the Roman Catholic church possessed greatest influence. It was adopted in Germany in 1700 A. D. in Great Britain and Ireland by Act of Parliament in 1751, and in France by order of Napoleon in 1806. The adjustment between the civil and solar is however, still imperfect, but the difference under the present system of the calendar will not amount to one day in 5000 years so that the world may be content to follow for the present this mode of reckoning years, without troubling itself about adjustment which will be in order when these fifty centuries have passed away.

Presentation to H. B. Smith.

Mr. H. B. Smith, who has been lay reader here for the past year and over, left on Tuesday for his home in Mt. Forest, Ont. Thence he leaves for Pueblo, Col., to pursue his studies, under the direction of his brother-in-law Rev. Canon Radcliffe.

A representative gathering of the congregation of the English church in this place, met at the rectory last Saturday evening, and presented Mr. Smith with a purse of \$64.00. The following address was read by Mr. B. H. Smith, church warden:

DEAR MR. SMITH.—We are gathered here this evening, that we may give expression to our regret at your departure from our midst. During your fifteen months' work among us as lay reader, you have performed your duties in such a manner as to win the respect and confidence of us all. As a substantial proof, that we mean just what we say and write not idle words, I have much pleasure in handing you the accompanying purse to assist you in making a good start in your new field of labor for which you leave with our united and hearty good wishes.

ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATIONS.

Mr. Smith was completely taken by surprise. He thanked the people for their kind gift, and said that he had found the people of Woodstock so friendly since he came amongst them, that it was almost like leaving home to go away. Dr. Griffith, G. A. Taylor and Archdeacon Neales made brief addresses. An enjoyable musical entertainment brought the happy affair to a close.

They All Agree.

The following resolution was moved in the House of Commons on Wednesday last, by Mr. Neil, supported by Mr. Davies, Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. Foster and Mr. Laurier and carried unanimously, amid enthusiastic cheers.

That, in view of the threatening aspect of foreign affairs, this House desires to assure Her Majesty's government and the people of the United Kingdom of its unalterable loyalty and devotion to the British throne and constitution, and of its conviction that, should occasion unhappily arise, in no other part of the empire than the Dominion of Canada would more substantial sacrifices attest the determination of Her Majesty's subjects to maintain unimpaired the integrity and inviolate the honor of Her Majesty's empire, and the House reiterates the oft-expressed desire of the people of Canada to maintain the most friendly relations with her kinsmen of the United States.

An Awful Murder.

Peter Wheeler has been committed for trial in the supreme court of Nova Scotia on the charge of having murdered Annie Kempton at Bear River. The murder was one of the most shocking in its nature, the poor girl having been literally beaten and hacked to death. One shudders to think that such scoundrels as the murderer are on top of earth. It would be unfair to judge Wheeler before his time, but circumstances strongly point to him as the guilty person.

Concert.

W. S. WRIGHT and his chorus gave a concert in the Opera House on Monday night. The chorus was good and strong and the whole performance gave evidence that Mr. Wright is a good teacher. Some parts of the concert were better than others, Mrs. Poole sang her obligato with great sweetness and strength and Mrs. R. E. Holyoke sang a difficult song well. Mr. Wright sang an occasional bass solo.

WOODSTOCK IS GROWING ALL THE TIME.

A PARTIAL LIST OF BUILDINGS, AND
IMPROVEMENTS OF PAST YEAR.

New Houses and Other Buildings Going up on all Sides.—Some Have Improved Their Property.—Both Sides of Creek in The Boom.—New Plate Glass.

There has been a great deal of new building going on in Woodstock during the past year—much more than the public generally thinks. Only those who were in need of the services of a carpenter last autumn have any idea of how much the services of that craft were in demand. Woodstock is growing all the time and new buildings are going up on all sides, while extensive repairs are being constantly made to buildings erected some time ago, and yet too good to be torn down and replaced.

Among some of the buildings which have been brought to completion or are nearing completion may be mentioned, large addition to tannery by John McCormac; large addition to furniture warehouse, Alex. Henderson; new blacksmith shop, John Arnold; three large buildings rebuilt after fire. F. H. Hale; laundry house, W. R. Snow; improvements and additions to rink, Garden Bros. and Winslow; large new block on Queen street, W. M. Connell; new house, Queen street, Colton Bros.; new house, Col. F. H. J. Dibblee; new factory, Jas. Harden; new house, Albert Fields; new house, Mr. Finnimore; large warehouse, P. Gillin; new barn adjoining house on Connell street, Dibblee and Winslow; two new houses on Chapel street, C. G. Connell; new house on corner of Chapel and Green streets, A. E. Jones; barn and warehouse, U. R. Hanson; warehouse and hotel, Wm. Queen, Connell St.; new house, Jas. Wolverson; extensive repairs to his house, Chas. Snow; large addition to his house, Chas. Manuel; repairs to the old Robinson house, M. Blackmer; new house, M. Brewer; new house, Jas. Brewer; barn, Hedley Mooers; improvements on houses, D. B. Gallagher, Jas. McManus, J. R. Murphy, Partland Watson; improvement on stores, H. N. Payson, B. B. Manzer; conservatory (since burned,) Thos. Troy.

On the south side of the bridge the old Kerrigan house has been renewed and enlarged by J. D. Dickinson; a wrapper factory employing between 30 and 40 hands has been built near the tannery, by J. D. Dickinson & Son; Fred Moore during the season built a new foundation under the Brunswick House; Mrs. Gibby made improvements on her house; a new house was built by Daniel Sullivan; two new houses by Asa Dow; a new house, Mr. Steeves; a new house, Mr. McElroy, new house, John McFarlan. Col. R. B. Ketchum has rebuilt and improved the old Frank Bull house; a new house was erected by Mr. Kinnear; two houses have been built by J. N. W. Winslow; Mr. Fawcett has put up a new house; and E. M. Boyer has added two new houses to the list. There are, no doubt many other new buildings and improvements which are not here noted, and THE DISPATCH will be glad of any information which may be handed in concerning the subject.

New plate glass fronts have, since this time last year, been put in the stores occupied by the following merchants; Bailey Bros., H. V. Dalling, McManus Bros., J. Regan, W. H. Everett, Sherwood Bros., B. Lynch, G. W. Vanwart, Burt, Lee & Hale, and in Hale's new block on King street.

Probably no town in the province can make such a showing as this. Woodstock's progress is sure and steady, and the only thing now needed is a little more public spiritedness among its business men. Recently THE DISPATCH in conversation with a Montreal traveller was pleased to hear him say that Woodstock was the best town he visited.

There's nothing the matter with Woodstock.

The Green Bag.

The Green Bag of February puts in an appearance filled with good matter, presented in appetizing form. The opening article on Thomas Bartlett is an interesting bit of biography, interspersed with good stories. The series on "The Supreme Court of Maine" is continued to its fifth number. "Legal Reminiscences" by L. E. Chittenden keep up their tone and flavor. The article on the German Police is readable, and that on Peculiarities of Manx Laws is sure of a reading from every lawyer who has been so fortunate as to be interested in Hall Caine's stories.

Dandruff is an exudation from the pores of the skin that spreads and dries, forming scurf and causing the hair to fall out. Hall Hair Renewer cures it.