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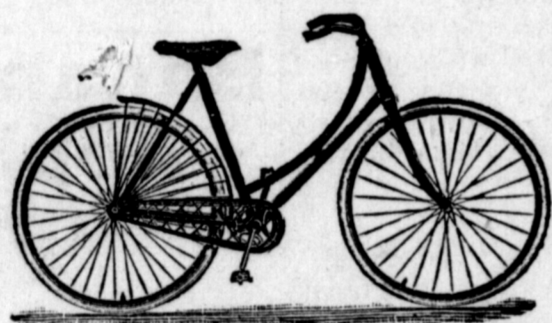
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PEOPLE.

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.

COMPLIMENTS ARE EXCHANGED

BETWEEN LAWYERS ENGAGED IN SCOTT ACT TRIAL.

And the Audience is Shocked.—Druggists Figure Prominently.—A Large Percentage of Convictions Made.—All About Refilling Prescriptions.

They say that lightning never strikes twice in the same place, and the Scott Act prosecutors seem to have some of the properties of the terrible electric force. Nickson, whose experiences THE DISPATCH gave somewhat in detail last week, had not got out of the thoughts of the people, when along came one Syphers from Houlton, as a means for the punishment of those who violate the Canada Temperance Act. This latter gentleman fell foul of the druggists. C. A. McKeen was served with a paper charging him with a first offence, J. T. Garden was similarly used, H. Paxton Baird was charged with three offences and his clerk Mr. Mair with four. And these complaints were all worked on the prescription plan. Mr. Syphers went to several of the doctors in town and said he was sick. He got prescriptions for whiskey to make him better. It was all right for the druggists as long as the prescription only was filled, but this astute young man came back on the strength of the prescriptions and got his little vial refilled. Now, the point needs to be settled as to a druggist being allowed to refill after the amount specified in the prescription has been taken up.

The information affecting the druggists was, one offence against J. T. Garden, one offence against C. A. McKeen, four offences against Edgar Mair, and three offences against H. Paxton Baird. There was the usual amount of conflicting and somewhat tiresome testimony, and the lawyers talked around the point a good deal. Mr. A. B. Connell prosecuted; Mr. F. B. Carvell appeared for H. P. Baird, Mair and C. A. McKeen; J. R. Murphy for J. T. Garden. Personalities unfortunately were allowed to have some play in the proceedings, and the lawyers did not seem in their little nest to agree. When Mr. Carvell addressed the magistrate he accused Mr. Connell of putting certain questions to Mr. Baird, Mr. Mair and Mr. McKeen which he did not put to Mr. Garden, and, thus, favoring Mr. Garden.

"That is as false as false can be," said Mr. Connell.

"It is true, and you know it is true" put in Mr. Carvell.

Then, the magistrate quietly intimated that the affair had gone about as far as the interests of justice required.

Mr. Murphy in addressing the court on behalf of Mr. Garden contending that his case stood in a better light than the others inasmuch as the man Syphers did not get from the defendant, even the full amount which the prescription demanded.

When Mr. Connell took up the cudgels for the prosecution, he denied most positively the truth of Mr. Carvell's charges, and said that had he not been in the court room he would have given the accusation a much more emphatic denial.

This little scene between the opposing counsel greatly shocked the audience, who under their breath exclaimed, Oh! fie, Mr. Carvell! Oh! tut, Mr. Connell!

In delivering his judgment the police magistrate said that he did not think any of the prescriptions were quite regular, but that by Dr. Hand was the best. He was not going to find against the prescriptions however. He contended that there was no authority to refill a prescription, but pointed out that the act did not limit the doctor's right as to the quantity he should prescribe. There was nothing left for him but to convict in the McKeen case, as the defendant had admitted that he had sold without prescription. He dismissed one case against Mair, and convicted in three cases and in two against H. P. Baird. In Garden's case the amount which the prescription called for had not been given, and he dismissed the case, contending that the prescription had not been filled.

The eleven cases against Oscar Dugan come up on Friday next.

The Ice and the Railway.

On Wednesday night last at about 9.15 p. m. a section of the dam at Caribou was carried away by an ice jam which had been jammed up at Crowe's Point a few miles above. This dam was built a few years ago with the intention of using power for mills or factories which would be built in time. The town was supplied with water from it for family and fire purposes. Also the electric light got its power from it. The town is now without light or water, people have to resort to the old way of carrying pails. The dam

was built at a cost of about \$60,000. It is the intention of the water company to put in a small stationary engine to keep the stand pipe full for fire purposes.

On Tuesday last Mr. D. B. Hopkins of Aroostook Junction went to open the barn doors and in swinging it back he stepped on a broken plank and fell dislocating his wrist and broke his arm a few inches above the wrist.

Temporary repairs have been made to the track above Caribou. The first train ran through on Thursday. The track was torn up and washed out in places. Two spans were carried from Grand Falls bridge caused by the ice cutting away the piers. It went down at 3.30 p. m. on Wednesday. It will be a great inconvenience to people above the Falls as there is a great deal of sawn lumber coming from mills at Van Buren and Edmundston. It will be some time before repairs can be made as the water is very high. The pier at Upper Woodstock bridge that was damaged with the ice freshet was being repaired, and on Wednesday night the ice coming from Grand Falls, damaged it again. At Green River on Edmundston section of the C. P. R. the water has risen with a rush and covered the flats and it was into a barn near by and drowned 6 or 8 sheep, a yoke of oxen besides some smaller stock. Trains were delayed there for a short time but the water falling, temporary repairs were made and they soon got over.

FOR BODILY EXERCISE.

The W. A. A. Gets Into Working Condition.

The Amateur Athletic Association met in the Press office on Friday evening last, Mr. A. B. Connell, acting president in the chair.

Among others present were, Dr. Rankin, G. A. Taylor, C. F. K. Dibblee, A. E. Mellish, J. C. Hartley, Wm. and Geo. Balmain, A. D. Holyoke, (acting secretary,) Wendall P. and Thane Jones. Mr. Mellish on behalf of the Kirmess committee reported that \$69.00 was in the Merchant's Bank to the credit of the association. Mr. Taylor for the grounds committee reported that he had looked over the sites at the park, near the stand pipe, and on the island. The stand pipe site was declared unavailable and unsuitable. The park could be secured for a term of five years at a yearly rental of \$25.00. The island could be secured for a term of five years at \$30 a year. To put the park in condition, for cricket, etc., would cost \$125, and to fence the grounds would cost between \$135 and \$150. Dr. Rankin, C. F. K. Dibblee and T. C. Ketchum were appointed a committee to examine these grounds and report on the same. T. C. L. Ketchum was appointed to interview Smiler Blake about sub-letting the grounds near the county building for the purpose of cricket practice. The meeting adjourned until last evening.

WELCOMED HOME.

The Boys Give Colonel Dibblee A Hearty Reception.

Col. F. H. J. Dibblee got home from Montreal on Saturday. He had been there since the accident whereby his eyes were terribly injured in an explosion, which occurred while he was working in his shop. The sight of one eye is as good as ever and the other will give some vision. However, he still needs to be careful. A deputation of the firemen consisting of Albert and Tim Fields, John Tattersall, Geo. Laird, M. Gillespie, M. Ryan went down to Debec to meet the chief. The rest of the firemen were at the lower station to congratulate him on his recovery. At Queen street there was an unusually large attendance of citizens, and when the Colonel accompanied by Dr. Saunders stepped on the platform the Woodstock Brass Band set up a lively march in honor of the occasion. Three hearty cheers were also given for the Colonel, and the band preceded the barouche to the Wilbur House.

Here more music from the band and cheers from the people followed. Col. Dibblee was much moved by the indication of sincere pleasure at his return, with his eyesight restored. He was warmly congratulated by everyone.

Athletic Exhibition.

An interesting entertainment will be given in Graham's Opera House tomorrow evening. Recently a new Y. M. C. A. has been started in Fredericton, under promising conditions. Fifty of the young men connected with the institution gave an athletic exhibition in the City Hall. Thirty of these young men will entertain a Woodstock audience tomorrow evening, and a large house is expected. Speaking of the affair the Fredericton Gleaner said:—The entertainment was an agreeable surprise to everybody, as with the amount of practice the young men have had, not much was expected of them. But they performed each difficult feat with all the ease, grace and nimbleness of athletes of long training. This spoke well, not only for the young men, but for the general secretary, Mr. Payson, who, since coming here, has interested young men in each department of Y. M. C. A. work, and made them proficient in the same. Last night's entertainment is a sample of what the Y. M. C. A. under a trained and efficient secretary, can do for the physical welfare of the community, and a glance at their literary and spiritual work will convince the most skeptical that the work along these lines is being pushed forward with the same vigor, and in such a way that the young men take just as much interest there as they do in the gymnasium.

Mr. Payson brings the boys to Woodstock.

INTERESTING LIBEL SUIT IN COURT.

LAFOREST SUES THE MONITEUR ACADIEEN FOR \$10,000.

Some of the incidents leading up to the action.—It begins about the carriage of the mails.—Quotations from the Alleged Libellous Articles.

Circuit Court opened yesterday, Mr. Justice Hannington presiding.

A case which has aroused much interest especially in Victoria and Madawaska counties is being tried. It is Laforest vs. Moniteur Acadien. The plaintiff is Fred Laforest, the well-known lawyer of Edmundston; the defendant, the proprietor of Moniteur Acadien, a paper published by M. Ferdinand Robideau in Shediac.

The alleged libel arose over correspondence in the Acadien and other papers with respect to the mail service between Grand Falls and Edmundston. The mail, it appears is carried by stage, the contractor being a man by the name of Hartt. Among the parties which took up the question was the Quebec Board of Trade. An article also appeared in L'Electeur, a paper published in the city of Quebec, pointing out the inconvenience of the present system. This was answered in an article in Moniteur Acadien, in which it was said there were only two post offices on the railway between Grand Falls and Edmundston, and if the mail was carried that way several offices would remain unserved. To this Mr. Laforest replied pointing out that there were some eight offices on the railway, and he signed his article "Pas-foi," in English "Not crazy." The correspondence on the subject drifted into L'Evangeline, a French paper published in Weymouth, N. S., but finally got back to the Acadien, parties writing over the nonmde-plume of "Quivis" and "Madawaska."

In communications over their signatures the alleged libels are contained.

Some of the extracts being interpreted are as follows:—"It would be beyond him to tell the truth, for with him gratitude is something unknown. He was not accustomed to that, from his tender years, and in growing old, he has learned nothing but ingratitude or deception."

"Since ten years ago he has not been able to attain any other official situation, he has not been able to decorate his breast with any other star than that which is seen shining on the breast of the village hog reeve." Another article says that "there are two men in the village who would tell the plaintiff that he was a——— and "you have never dared to take up the word" the article continues "why because you feel that they said the truth about you." These are portions of the articles which Mr. Laforest sues his action.

The defence is justifiable, viz that the statements were made in the public interest and were true.

Mr. Laforest appears as his own attorney, with Mr. G. F. Gregory, Q. C., as his counsel, for the defence are Stevens & Lawson, Edmundston, Currie & Vincent, St. John, Hartley & Carvell, Woodstock.

This will be quite an interesting case. There will be many French witnesses, and an interpreter is on hand.

The damages claimed are \$10,000.

In empanelling the jury, the plaintiff objected to Julian E. Long, John Barnett and Shephard Boyer; the defendant to Howard Clark and Sylvester Rideout.

As finally sworn the jury is D. Semple Shephard Caldwell, Wm. McQuaid, Hiram J. Clark, John E. Alexander, James Good and Samuel T. Gallagher.

Stephen B. Appleby is assisting Mr. Gregory in the case.

Railway Statistics.

From the last blue book of railways, we learn that in the year ending Jan. 30th 1895. The number of railways in actual operation, including the two government roads, the Intercolonial and the Prince Edward Island railways, was 138, two short and unimportant roads having temporarily ceased operation; some of these, however, are amalgamated or leased; making the total number of controlling companies 74, not including the government railways. The number of miles of completed railway was 16,091, an increase of 323 miles, besides 2,054 miles of sidings. The number of miles laid with steel rails was 15,745. The number of miles in operation was 15,977. The paid-up capital amounted to \$894,640,559. The gross earnings amounted to \$46,785,487, a decrease of \$2,777,041, and the working expenses aggregated \$32,949,669, a reduction of \$2,468,764, compared with the previous year, leaving the net earnings of the year \$14,035,818, a decrease of \$298,277. The number of passengers carried was 13,987,580, a reduction of 474,918, and the freight traffic amounted to 21,524,421 tons, an increase of 803,305 tons. The total number of miles run by trains was 40,661,890, a reduction of 3,108,139 miles. The accident return shows that 9 passengers were killed.

The New Premier.

Sir MacKenzie Bowell tendered his resignation as premier on Tuesday afternoon, and Sir Chas. Tupper has been called to form a government.