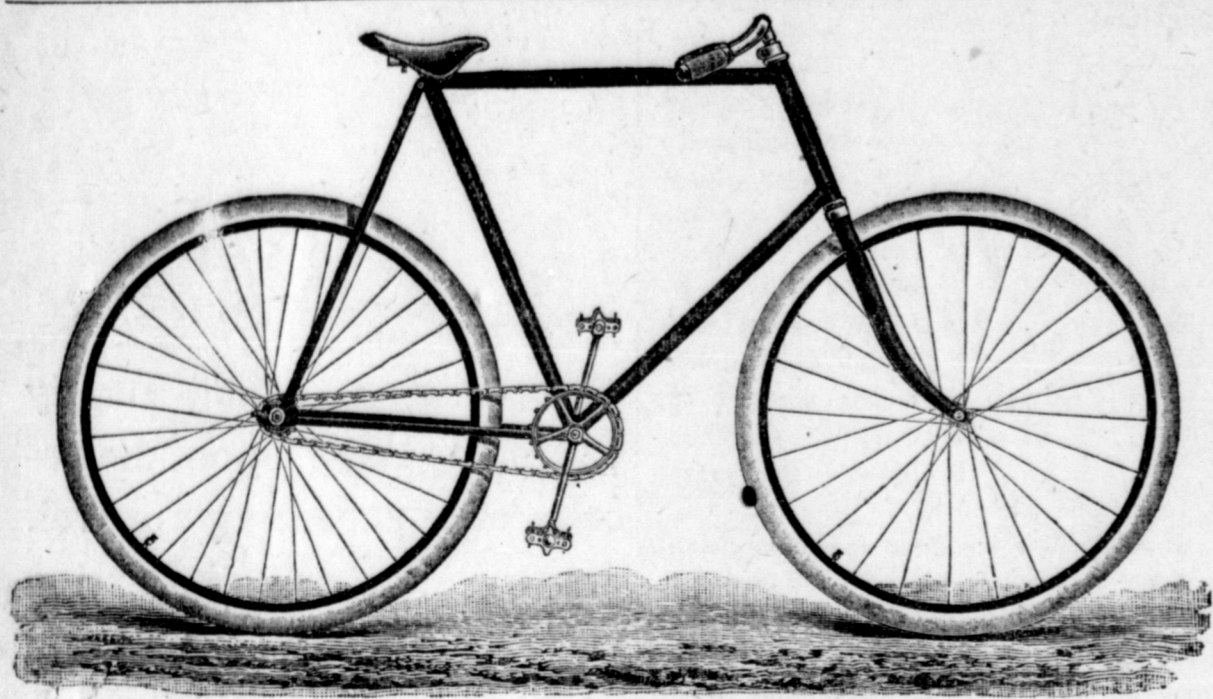


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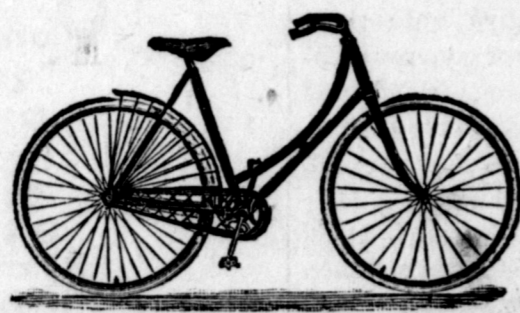
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WOODSTOCK, N. B., APRIL 15, 1896.

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EVERETT'S BOOKSTORE.

### LUMBER OUTLOOK IS VERY BRIGHT.

BETTER THAN FOR MANY YEARS SAYS A BIG OPERATOR.

How the Drives are Coming on.—Salvation Army and Town Council are at Logger heads.—Death of Mr. Geo. Hovey an Esteemed Resident of This County.

This is the time of year when everyone is on the anxious lookout for moderate weather enough sun to warm the ground, and enough rain to keep it moist, and also to facilitate the work of the river drives in getting the logs out of the smaller streams into the wide expanse of the noble St. John. To be sure all danger is not past when the St. John is reached, as we had good reason to know last season.

THE DISPATCH had an interesting conversation with one of the leading lumbermen of the county on Monday.

"What is the prospect for lumber this season?" he was asked.

"Lumber looks well, better than it has looked for years" was the comforting response. THE DISPATCH informant is a man of few words, not too much given to sanguine expressions of opinion, and such a remark from him was worth a good deal.

At the time of writing (Monday) there is much need of rain. The snow has about all disappeared from the woods. The St. John and the main Tobique are at a fair pitch although the Tobique is falling, and rain is much needed. Hale & Murchie's drive expects to be in the main Tobique this week. J. E. McCollom's drive will be out probably today. J. J. Hale will be out tomorrow or Friday. Donald Fraser will probably see the main river the first of the week. Jas. McNair has his drive out of the Odellie. R. A. Estey has left his drive on the Gulquo and is getting out a portion of his Two Brooks drive. Geo. Upham will be out with a portion of his drive in a day or two. Burr & Keswick are working respectively on the Quisabis and Grand River. On Monday Sawyer's drive on the Guimic was within a few miles of the main stream, and a very little rise in the water would get it out.

### THE SALVATION ARMY

Called to Task for Failing to Keep the Town Hall Clean.

All the members of the town council were present at the meeting on Monday evening. Among the first business taken up was the consideration of a letter from Wm. M. Connell, complaining that there was no means of draining the water off Chapel street, and as a consequence the cellar in the residence of C. W. Watson was filled with water. If the town did not do something at once he would hold them responsible for all damages. The sewer committee was instructed to look into the matter.

A complaint was laid against the Salvation Army. Coun. Leighton said that the army abused the use of the town hall, and he moved that the town hall committee bring the lease of the hall to the next meeting, when he would move that the army be warned out of the hall. Coun. A. E. Jones seconded the motion, which was carried.

The mayor brought the attention of the board to the fact that some ladies were likely to be appointed on the school board. The board wished that their meetings in future should be held in the council chamber, and the council decided to accede to their request. With regard to the Queen investigation, which will be held on the 21st of May, it was decided to allow the same to be held in the town hall.

There was quite a discussion as to on whom rested the duty of keeping the engine room clean, and on motion of Coun. Leighton the driver was entrusted with this duty, and the firemen are instructed to keep the apparatus clean.

Coun. Gallagher was given authority to purchase six new street lamps, at \$18.00 a piece.

### Death of Geo. W. Hovey.

Mr. George W. Hovey, a well known and highly respected citizen of Grafton, died on Sunday afternoon last, after a long and painful illness, the result of an accident he received some three years ago. He hurt his foot, and it has continued sore ever since. About eight weeks ago there became unmistakable signs of gangrene, and the attending physicians held out no hope of his recovery. From day to day the stricken man lived on, death coming as a welcome relief at last. Mr. Hovey was 69 years of age. He came to this country many years ago from Miramichi, and occupied himself in farming and in tow boating. He was prominent as a farmer, having

a very nice place about one mile above the village of Grafton. It was here he died. Besides being an esteemed and honorable private citizen, Mr. Hovey took considerable interest in public matters. For several years, he sat at the county council board, and he was a magistrate for the parish of Northampton. In the Orange Order he occupied a prominent position, and was an active worker in the Temperance movement. Mr. Hovey was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Lavinia Brown died some years ago. Quite recently he married a second time, a widow Mrs. McKee, who survives him. He leaves six children, three daughters, Mrs. Jas. Woolverton of Woodstock, Mrs. W. T. Kerr of Boston, and Miss Grace Hovey of Los Angeles, Cal., three sons, Maitland, of Grafton, Frank, now of Los Angeles, and Ingles, in the Western States. Mrs. Hovey, his son, Maitland, his daughter, Mrs. Woolverton, and his sister, Mrs. Geo. Hale, were with the deceased at the time of his death. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Orange Order. Mr. Hovey was president of the Sunday school association of the county.

### SOUTH AFRICAN CRISIS.

The Transvaal Wishes to be Entirely Independent.

Latest news from South Africa is to the effect that trouble may at any time arise between England and the Transvaal, which will lead to actual war. The British South Africa Company is in a delicate position, and Mr. Chamberlain promised the other day that he would appoint a joint committee of the House of Commons and House of Lords to thoroughly investigate the connection of that body, with the Jameson raid.

It is said that Mr. Chamberlain is greatly put out, because President Kruger of the Transvaal has decided not to visit England. It will be recollected by those who have given this question any study that by a convention made in 1884, the Transvaal undertook to allow British Suzerainty, as far as its dealings with foreign nations was concerned. According to the latest despatches the Boers now demand the entire independence of the Transvaal. In view of all the complications Sir Hercules Robinson governor of South Africa telegraphed from Cape Town "Our best policy is to sit still." And a majority of the cabinet agree to this opinion excepting section of the ministers, including Chamberlain, whose amour proper has been hurt because the Boer president has outwitted him in diplomacy. They desire that active measures should be taken to assert Great Britain's alleged rights in the Transvaal, but in the meantime they coincide in the opinion that it will be best for the government to lie low and wait for some aggression on the part of the Boers that will justify the sending of an ultimatum involving war. The ministry has not closed its eyes to the fact that war is the possible outcome of the negotiations. The question that has been debated in ministerial circles is whether the retention of South Africa is worth a war that would involve an immense expenditure of money and men.

The almost unanimous feeling inside and outside the cabinet is for war should the Boers declare the convention of 1884 abrogated, and unite with the Orange Free State and the Cape Afrikaners in defence of Great Britain. In high military quarters, where plans of a British campaign have been considered, the difficulty of holding the vast territory of South Africa against a general Afrikaner rising is fully recognized. It is seen that the want of a good port as a basis of operations for a large expedition is the initial trouble. The whole coast of South Africa has no such port. Hence the War office has been urging the government to acquire Delagoa Bay from the Portuguese, or Portugal's assent for the landing of British troops there. The British ministers meanwhile repudiate the idea of a war, but the Transvaal government continues its preparations for such a contingency. The whole situation points to a tremendous humiliation of Great Britain if she does not accept the Transvaal's challenge and submit to the alteration of the Anglo-Boer convention which President Kruger demands. The Liberal press advocates the adoption of immediate measures to satisfy Afrikaner sentiment by abolishing the British South Africa Company and the placing of Rhodesia under the control of the government of Cape Colony. "Ultimately," says the Speaker, "the Afrikaners must govern Rhodesia." It is necessary therefore that representative South African Dutchmen be consulted before anything is done. It will be a good consequence of Dr. Jameson's raid if out of it there arise a South African dominion.

### The Osler Family.

Mr. E. B. Osler, who is talked of as an independent candidate to Ottawa for Toronto East, is not to be confused with his brother, B. B. Osler, the great criminal lawyer. E. B. Osler, is however as conspicuous and eminent in financial affairs as his brother is in legal circles. He belongs to quite a famous family. Another brother is a professor in the celebrated Johns Hopkins University.

### OTTAWA HAS NO CHARMS FOR HIM.

J. T. A. DIBBLEE M. P. P. SAYS HE WILL NOT RUN.

If he got the Nomination it Would Make no Difference—His Duty is as Member of the Local House.—Discusses the Hartland Bridge Question.

In view of the coming election for the Dominion Parliament, considerable interest is being displayed in the probable candidates for this county. Of course, Dr. Colter is a candidate for the liberal party, but the conservatives have not, as yet, shown their hand. Among the names freely mentioned as probabilities are F. H. Hale, J. T. A. Dibblee, M. P. P., J. R. Tompkins and some others.

In a conversation with THE DISPATCH Mr. Dibblee settled the question, in the negative as far as he is concerned. He said that he had heard the rumor that he was likely to be a candidate in the conservative interest. "You can say," he continued "that I have no such intention, for several reasons. In the first place I have my business to look after and cannot find time to attend to the duties required of a member at Ottawa even if I were elected. Another strong reason is that I was elected by quite a large majority to represent the county in the local legislature, and I consider that I was not so elected, in order to resign my seat and run another election for another legislative body. When my term expires I will then be free to act as I may think proper."

"Then you will state positively that you will not be a candidate?"

"If the nomination as a candidate for either party was offered me I would not accept. but, on the contrary, would positively decline."

Turning to the subject of provincial politics THE DISPATCH asked Mr. Dibblee:

"What about the Hartland bridge? It has been rumored that you said if you could not get a grant for a bridge across the river at Hartland you would resign."

"I didn't. I said if we could not get a grant for the Hartland bridge I would go into opposition. The government has now authority from the legislature to issue bonds to the extent of \$400,000 for the purpose of new bridges. No doubt a share of that \$400,000 will come to the County of Carleton, and a portion be devoted to the Hartland bridge. You will notice that a clause was put in the act, whereby the money may be devoted, by an order in council, to the purpose of a new bridge, in a new location, instead of to the replacing of wooden by iron bridges. Some people have found fault because nothing was said by the Carleton members during last session in reference to the Hartland bridge. It would have been impossible to carry a bill granting a bridge to Hartland, and my colleagues and I thought that the clause above referred to was favorable to the Hartland bridge."

Referring to work on bridges in the county, Mr. Dibblee said that there was now in course of construction a bridge across the Becaguinic near Hartland, plans are being made for one at Rockland, a stone bridge called the Crandlemire bridge will be built in the parish of Peel, and one across Bull creek at Tapley's Mill. Another bridge under contract will be across the Gushguit in Wicklow parish.

It is the intention of the Carleton Co. members to visit the different sections of the county and see its needs in the matter of bridges and roads. It will be interesting to farmers to learn that the importation of pigs is about to be made, and that some of this imported stock will be sold in this town about the middle of the month. It is also hoped that some of the imported horned cattle will be for sale here during the exhibition in October. Of course the bulk of the horned cattle will be sold at the St. John exhibition.

### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Athletic Association Completes Organization.

At a meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association held in the Press office on Monday evening the following officers were elected:—Pres. G. A. Taylor. Vice-Pres. A. B. Connell, Sec. A. D. Holyoke, Treas. Dr. W. D. Rankin. The following, with the officers above mentioned form the managing committee, G. M. Fripp, Dr. Sprague, and G. Hugh Harrison. The contract for fixing up the grounds in the park was given to Jerry Bragdon. The meeting was attended by a large number of citizens and everything promises well for the future of the association.

### Judge Furnier Dead.

Hon. Judge Furnier, retired, of the Supreme Court of Canada, is dead.