

LOCAL TOPICS.

THE licenses collected for the month of March amounted to \$109.00.

NEXT Sunday afternoon a children's service will be held in St. Luke's church at 3 o'clock.

ELDER BREWSTER preached before a large congregation in the African Methodist church on Sunday afternoon last.

MRS. BURNS GIBSON, who has been running the Brunswick House will take the Vendome Restaurant about the middle of this month.

UPHOLSTERING.—George Laird will do any thing in the line of upholstering at his residence, corner Richmond and Regent streets. See his advertisement on another page.

A BIG EGG.—Jas. Gow discovered a regular Easter egg on Easter Monday which was contributed by one of his hens. It measured 6 7-8 inches, circumference, one way and 8 inches the other.

THE church at Lansdowne parish of Peel which was finished outside last summer, is now being completed. The inside finish and pews are being made at the Woodstock Woodworking Factory.

THE Presque Isle Star Herald reports the death of Mr. Leonard J. Thomas, one of the pioneer settlers in that section. The deceased was a native of Wicklow, in this county. His death resulted from apoplexy.

THE members of Hose Co. No. 1 are each wearing a very fine gold badge in the form of a shield, on which is engraved "Woodstock Hose No. 1." The badges were purchased through Carr & Gibson, Jewellers, Woodstock.

THE new organ for the poor house, received through the exertions of Coun. R. B. Jones, is now in place. It cost \$25.00 and is now in good shape. The inmates of the poor house were treated to a fine Easter dinner on Sunday.

Look out for the famous world beater—The John Bull 5c cigar. The Best Smoker in the Land. Invented at the Time of the War Scare. Compare it with the best ten centers and see which is best. For sale by TAYLOR, DOCKRILL & CO., ST. JOHN.

TO ADMIRE THE BUILDINGS.—F. H. Hale, Major Vince, J. R. Tompkins and A. B. Connell, recently visited Ottawa. Being of artistic temperaments, their entire object was to feast their eyes upon the architectural beauties of the Parliament buildings.

IN HIS SERMON last Sunday evening, Rev. Dr. Chapman made a suitable reference to the sudden decease of Mr. Sperry L. Shea, a member of the congregation. He pointed out that three young men, adherents of the church had been taken away in the course of a year.

H. W. BEVERIDGE of Andover, spent Easter in town, the guest of Alex. Henderson. Mr. Beveridge was a great friend of the late Sperry Shea, and he told THE DISPATCH that before leaving Andover, on his way up river, Mr. Shea had made an engagement to dine with him on Easter Day.

BOARD OF TRADE.—The annual meeting of the Woodstock board of trade will be held on Friday evening next the 10th inst., in the hall in Graham's building. A full attendance of members is requested as this is the meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other important business.

WORD has been received of the death in Newton, Mass., of Frank L. Gross, traveller for the firm of Moore, Smith & Co., the well known Boston hatters. Mr. Gross was well known throughout the Maritime Provinces, having been coming down this way for the past 20 years. He was about 50 years old.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY.—Mr. Charles Clark, of Upper Windsor, Carleton Co., was married last night to Miss Ella Charlton, of St. Marys. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. D. Manzer at his residence in St. Marys. The newly married couple left Saturday morning for Upper Windsor, where they will make their future home.—F'ton Gleaner.

GETTING ALONG.—Mr. A. B. Connell who was in Montreal last week saw Col. F. H. J. Dibblee, who went there recently for treatment of his eyes, so badly burnt by an explosion. Mr. Connell says that the colonel is getting on well, but has had a great deal of suffering, and until within a few days could get no sleep. The sight of one eye is completely restored, and the other will be pretty nearly as good as ever. Col. Dibblee will be home probably within a fortnight.

WHO WILL WIN?

Oak Hall Voting Contest.

Mrs. Cupples,	1047
F. A. Good,	928
Miss Mulherrin,	721
Miss Neales,	568
Miss Ena L. Gill, (E. Flor.)	568
Miss Ella Smith,	460
H. W. Peppers, (Centreville)	396
Miss A. P. Comben,	317
Miss Almada Gill,	269
E. C. Crawford,	262
Miss Louise Upton, (Hartland)	196
Miss Good,	183
Miss Ina H. Semple (Glass)	170
Miss Fisher,	146
Miss McCormack,	124
Miss M. E. Coen,	116
Miss McLeod,	96
Miss Becca Guy,	86
C. T. Hendry (Florenceville)	72
A. W. Clark, (Coldstream)	61
Mrs. Henry Hay,	57
Miss Spear,	35
Isaac Draper (Benton)	31
Edna Brooks, (Newburg Junction)	25
Miss Georgie Baldwin,	18
Miss Alexander,	11
Miss Cahill,	10
Miss Bessie Fraser (Bristol)	8
Jennie M. Squire, (Up. Kent)	7
Allen Rideout,	1
Jerome Porter, (Four Falls, Vic.)	1
Mabel Barker,	1

ST. GERTRUDE'S Temperance Society elected the following officers for the ensuing term on Monday night:—T. L. Fewer, Pres.; Miss A. A. Gallagher, V. P.; Miss M. E. Coen, R. S.; Miss H. L. Mulherrin, F. S.; Daniel McCartin, Treas.; Thos. Riley, Sergt-at-arms.

THE work of repairing the railway bridge at Upper Woodstock is going on well. The crew will be through with the job in about a fortnight. Fred Poitras, who had his leg broken by falling off the bridge on to the ice beneath is getting on well, at the Trecartin House.

AROOSTOOK is talking of making her own flour another year. Already there is a roller mill in successful operation at Caribou and possibly others will be built this year. The low price of potatoes has set the farmers of Aroostook to thinking that the country's "staple crop" is not as safe as it might be and they will sow more grain this year.—Fort Fairfield Leader.

GRAND OPENING OF EASTER MILLINERY.—The Misses Thornton of Hartland N. B. have just opened a large assortment of English American and French Millinery. Orders for trimming hats and bonnets will have their prompt and careful attention. Ladies who are wanting any thing in this line should call early while their assortment is complete. We have also a large assortment of children's Hats and Bonnets.

BICYCLE CLUB.—There will be a meeting of the Bicycle Club at Balmains Bros' office this evening, 8th inst., at 7.30 p. m. Several important matters will be before the meeting. Among others the question of affiliating with the C. W. A., the settling up of last year's business and the electing of officers for the ensuing year. All members having an interest in the welfare of their club should be present without fail.

PAST APRILS.—A gentleman who has resided in this county for many years tells THE DISPATCH that on the 3rd of April 1843 a heavy snow storm began and lasted continuously for about two full days. Three feet of snow fell on the level, and it was necessary to shovel out the roads. About 38 years ago on the 9th of April there was summer weather. The roads were dusty, and the weather warm as July. This sort of weather continued.

WEDNESDAY morning a team loaded with wood got hung up on the B. & A. R. R. crossing just south of H. H. Cook's on the South Presque Isle road. While the driver was endeavoring to get his load started, the mixed train from Houlton came around the curve to his assistance. The engineer and brakeman made every effort to stop the train, but were unable to control the heavy loaded cars in seasons and the result was that the engine struck the sled, wrecking the vehicle in a jiffy, and scattering the load of fuel over all the adjoining country. The driver and horses escaped uninjured.—Star Herald, Presque Isle.

THE decrease of the death rate in London and other large towns in Great Britain has been greatly commented upon lately, many claiming that the sanitary arrangements of the towns are better enforced than what it used to be, and consequently, the towns are healthier. It seems strange, however, that where ever Holloway's Red Blood Syrup or its component parts were sold largely, the death rate at once decreased, and those whose opinion is considered an authority on the subject, are of the opinion that Holloway's Red Blood Syrup is the immediate cause of this great decrease of deaths, one fact is sure, that wherever sold in Canada, the health of the community is much better, but we are not in a position to say if it is solely caused by the taking of Holloway's Syrup. At any rate any person ailing should try that remedy. It can be obtained through all druggists.

THE annual meetings of the church corporation and parishioners were held in the parish hall on Monday afternoon commencing at 1.30. Ven. Archdeacon Neales presided. The election of churchwardens resulted in Messrs. B. H. Smith and F. Byron Bull being unanimously re-elected. C. L. S. Raymond and J. N. W. Winslow were elected delegates, and Dr. Jas. Griffith and Julius T. Garden substitutes to the annual meetings of the synod and D. C. S. The following were elected the corporation for the present year:—Messrs. C. L. S. Raymond, Geo. Smith, J. N. W. Winslow, J. T. Garden, Richard Cluff, G. A. Taylor, J. T. A. Dibblee, C. H. L. Perkins, Hugh S. Wright, T. C. L. Ketchum and W. H. De Veber. At the parish meeting it was decided to appoint a committee to canvas the parish and outlying missions, with a view of securing sufficient extra contributions to support a curate to assist the archdeacon.

J. N. W. Winslow and J. T. Garden were elected, respectively, vestry clerk and auditor.

WOODSTOCK HONORED.—In a visit from Brigadier Brewer chief Executive in the Salvation Army work in New England, with his Staff and the "famous jubilee brass band" the Brigadier in himself ought to be sufficient attraction to fill the largest hall in the town, as he has an established reputation both as a writer and a platform speaker, from the very fact that the Salvation Army has grown and developed under his oversight during the last six years, from a few struggling corps to the strong well disciplined force it now is with a well organized and aggressive work in all the leading cities of New England speaks in itself of the ability and character of the man on the lead, don't fail to hear him and his aides. The jubilee band is composed of twenty men who are first class musicians, well trained and thoroughly disciplined, they have been organized for nearly two years and have visited nearly all the cities in New England, their playing has been very highly spoken of by the press in every city visited, you ought to see them march, hear them play and attend their meeting in the opera house when they visit Woodstock on April 14th. For particulars see handbills.

MARRIED.

BELL-MERRITT.—At the Baptist parsonage, Florenceville, N. B., April 1st, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Mr. James A. Bell to Mrs. Francis A. Merritt, all of Bristol.

UNDER THE ICE.

Premature End of a Young Man's Busy Life.

It is now just a week since the town was startled by the news that Sperry L. Shea was drowned. On the evening of the 31st ult., H. Paxton Baird got a telegram from P. P. Brennan, station master at Clare station, Madawaska, to this effect: "Did Mr. Shea drive an iron grey horse, and wear a black cloth cap? If so, have reason to think he is drowned." Mr. Baird got this message about 9.30 p. m. He replied that the description given, suited Mr. Shea, and if it were he, that every effort be made to recover the body. An answer came that it would be impossible to secure the body as the water was running very swiftly, where the accident occurred. The following morning Mr. Baird telegraphed to Mr. Brennan to find out positively if it was Mr. Shea who was drowned. He received this reply, "A Mr. Bouchard saw Shea and a little girl go under. Cap and a package of pills were thrown up on the ice. Body cannot be recovered."

This settled the question. Word was immediately sent to the father, Mr. G. E. Shea, who lives in Boston with his wife and two sons, Allie and Frank. On Wednesday Mr. Baird and Mr. Jud. Shea went up river to ascertain the fullest particulars possible concerning the sad affair. The 4.20 train from up river on the same day, brought down Mr. J. Eagles of St. John, who had with him Mr. Shea's cap and the package mentioned in the telegram.

On Friday last Mr. Baird got home, after having visited the scene of the accident.

He gave the following, as the true facts of the case to THE DISPATCH: Mr. Shea arrived at Edmundston at noon on Tuesday, and put up at Hebert's hotel. He intended to stay over night, but finally changed his mind and started for St. Francis. He called at a store, three miles above Edmundston, kept by Gilbert Guerette. This was the last call he made. Several parties saw him driving up and recognized the horse as that driven by the Baird Co. When he took to the ice no one appears to know. It is a curious fact that for some ten or twelve years, there has been no driving on the river as the ice was very rough. This year it was good, and was driven on constantly, although the road was very good. Mr. Shea was driving up near the American side—the river being quite narrow. When opposite the Lacombe's house, the ice gave way. The horse went in first, the pung upturned and in almost an instant everything was out of sight. Mrs. Lacombe witnessed the catastrophe and gave the alarm to her husband, but it was too late to render any assistance, and all that was visible was the cap on the ice. The girl who was with Mr. Shea bore the name of Soucy, her parents living quite near where the accident happened. The affair occurred about five o'clock in the afternoon, some eighteen miles above Edmundston.

A liberal offer has been made for the recovery of the bodies, and every effort is put forth with that object in view. Tom Claire a well known man on the Upper St. John has charge of the operations. The river is open about a mile in the vicinity of the accident, and as there is a large eddy, near by it is thought the sleigh and bodies may be found there. There is also a bar, but for a considerable distance above the bar, the ice is solid, and this will make it harder to secure the bodies if they have landed on the bar.

Mr. Shea's father and mother, and his brother Allie arrived from Boston on Thursday. The brothers Judson and Allie went up to the scene of the accident on Monday. The deceased was a young man held in high esteem by all who knew him—and they were many throughout the province. He had excellent business ability, and was possessed of a manner which made him very popular. The news of his untimely end gave a shock to everyone. He was insured, in all, \$7,000 divided as follows \$3000 in the I. O. F.; \$1000 in the New York Life; \$3000 in the Canada accident company. He had made a will leaving everything to his mother, and appointing her sole executrix. He was 28 years of age at the time of his death. Only a short time ago, he became a member of the Baird Co. (Ltd.).

Later—On Saturday evening, Mr. Baird received a telegram saying that the horse and pung, and a valise belonging to Mr. Shea had been found.

A flywheel 28 feet in diameter and weighing 180,000 pounds was recently shipped from Philadelphia to Joliet, Ill. This is said to be the largest single piece of machinery ever sent across the country.

Upholstering!

GEORGE LAIRD,

who has done all of Alex. Henderson's Upholstering for over seven years, will take orders for any work in this line at his residence, Cor. Richmond and Regent street, next to Col. Dibblee's Silver Plating shop. Entire satisfaction guaranteed. He will supply any material necessary to a good job.

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2 for 25.

23 and 48 cents.

Conditions of Prize Contest.

Cut coupon outside of lines, fill in name of teacher, post office and county and sign your name or initials. Teacher must reside or teach in either Carleton or Victoria Co., and some one vote for them before March 20th. No coupons for new teachers after that date will count for prize; but voting may continue for those entered until 6 p. m., May 23, 1896. Voters may vote as often as they wish, but blanks must be filled; no bundles with name on one and others blank—such blank ones will not count. Mail the coupons and mail them so we will have them to use Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The coupons will be kept on record—the leaders names and coupons will appear in the three papers of the town weekly. The prize will be \$10 in Gold to the teacher who has the greatest number sent in at the close of the contest.

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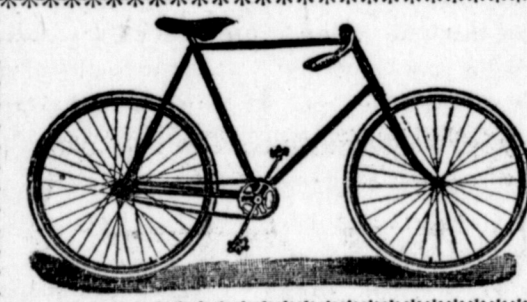
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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Woodstock Board of Trade for the election of officers and the transaction of other business will be held in the hall in Graham's building on FRIDAY EVENING the 10th Inst., at 8 o'clock.

T. C. L. KETCHUM, Secretary.