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## HE DID HIS DUTY WELL,

## AND DIED LAMENTED BY EVERY ONE IN THE COUNTY.

After a Long Illness Deputy Sheriff Foster Passes Away.—Some Interesting Incidents in His Life.—A Difficult Office Ably Conducted.

In the death of Geo. F. Foster late deputy sheriff of this county, there has passed away, probably the most popular man in the county. He held an office, which had he been so minded, he might have used with severity, and instead of securing the goodwill of everyone, he might have amassed considerable money, and died with the curses of the unfortunate and criminal as his requiem. But his going forth was in peace, and he has left an example for all officials, be they sheriffs or constables which they may well attempt to emulate. THE DISPATCH has made many enquires, of different persons, from various sections of the county, and but one opinion of the late deputy has been expressed, and that is, that he was a good, honest, square man, with whom it was a pleasure to do business. He appears to have had no enemies.

There are people born with tact. It is a gift that the gods give none too freely. Lack of tact has ruined many a promising career. No one needs more tact than one holding the important office of sheriff, deputy, or constable. He must know when to be firm and when to be yielding. He must distinguish between the unfortunate and the criminal. He must separate those who, from circumstances are dishonest and those who from choice are dishonest. George Foster knew just how to do all this. 1000 persons, sincere mourners, recognizing a good citizen—not soon to be replaced—paid the last tribute of respect at his funeral on Friday last.

In conversation with THE DISPATCH one with whom Mr. Foster had much to do said: "A great thing in Foster's career was that he always got the criminal classes to come to him, instead of being obliged to drag them after him. They knew where he was to be found, and that he would treat them fairly and they put themselves into his hands. If he found anyone who was in bad straits, had something pressing that he could not pay, Foster would set his face against forcing payment, and, if all other means failed, he would pay it himself. It was thus that he became so popular with the poor all over the county. He would take a firm stand in support of the poor, and his influence was such that he was enabled to maintain a stand, which less respected men might have been obliged to yield."

A characteristic incident is told of him. On one occasion, he had to arrest a poor man, who had a large family. The man claimed that the debt was unjust. There was a sick mother, and the children cried when they saw the deputy. "Are you going to arrest father," they exclaimed. "Yes," said the deputy, "I am going to arrest him. But I will bring him back to you this evening." He brought the man down to town, in the end had to pay the money which he owed, out of his own pocket, and drive him home himself. He did all this rather than disappoint these little children, with their sick mother.

That was real christianity, which we hear preached, much more frequently than we see it practised.

It was no wonder he was popular with the poor. On another occasion a man owed some money. He told the deputy he could pay so much and no more. "You give me that money and I will settle with it," said the deputy. He came down to town. The man to whom the debt was owed said "I will take this on account." "No! you won't said Mr. Foster, you will take it in full, or not at all." The man took the money and gave a receipt in full.

The county has a loss in Geo. F. Foster that it can hardly appreciate. He knew everyone and their circumstances. With him honor was spelt with a big H. It is a pity there are not more like him, who fill public positions and places of trust.

The funeral took place from Mr. Foster's late residence Middle Simonds, on Friday afternoon. About one thousand men and women gathered at the house to pay their last respects to the man whose sympathetic temperament had endeared him to their hearts. The Woodstock Lodge of Masons conducted the funeral. The Masons were about sixty strong and Foresters to the number of 50 or 60 were present. On the verandah before the house were the clergymen and the choir. On the green in front

rested the casket and out beyond was the mass of men and women for some of whom seating facilities had been prepared. The pall bearers were J. T. Allan Dibblee and J. T. Garden, Woodstock, John Jameson, East Florenceville, and Richard Pearson, Peel. Rev. J. E. Flewelling read a passage from the word of God, Rev. J. A. Cahill prayed, Rev. Geo. Sellar preached, after which Rev. C. T. Phillips paid a touching tribute to the memory of the departed. The ceremony at the grave was conducted by the Masonic Lodge. It was a funeral where not only the immediate relatives were mourners, for almost all the throng that gathered round the grave mourned the loss of a man whose life had been marked by little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

Mr. Foster was 53 years of age. His father, Geo. Foster, a native of Manguerville, lived on the same homestead where he died. His son Albion now takes the office of Deputy-Sheriff and will run the farms which his father conducted. It was in December last that Mrs. Foster died. Two sons survive, Frederick, now of Washington Territory, who was home for the funeral, and Albion R. already mentioned. There are five girls, the eldest married to Mr. Webster Ross of Middle Simonds. The late deputy had \$5000 insurance on his life.

### Canada's Victory.

The Kolapore cup has been won at Bisley by the Canadian team. The shooting contest took place at Bisley. The event was participated in by the British, Canadian, Guernsey and Jersey teams of eight men each, each firing seven shots at distances of 200, 500 and 600 yards. The total score of the Canadians was 656, and that of the British team 648.

The individual scores of the Canadian team were as follows:

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total
Spearings	31	27	30	87
Ross	29	29	28	86
Crowe	28	29	21	78
Lient. Mitchell	27	26	23	76
Campbell	27	26	21	74
Weller	25	31	25	81
Hayhurst	28	29	22	79
Ogg	30	31	27	88

The other scores were as follows:

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.
Great Britain	232	219	193
Guernsey	225	226	167
Jersey	199	212	184

A strong wind blew across the range and greatly interfered with the accuracy of the shooting. The victory of the Canadians was loudly cheered by the large number of spectators present.

### New Local Ministry.

Mr. A. G. Blair having accepted the portfolio of Minister of Railways in Mr. Laurier's Cabinet, Mr. James Mitchell has been called upon, and has formed the following provincial cabinet:—

- Hon. James Mitchell, Premier and Attorney-General.
- Hon. Lemuel J. Tweedie, Provincial Secretary.
- Hon. Henry R. Emmerson, Chief Commissioner of Public Works.
- Hon. A. T. Dunn, Surveyor-General.
- Hon. A. S. White, Solicitor-General.
- Hon. C. H. Labillois, member without portfolio.

It is somewhat significant that the St. John Valley district embracing Sunbury, Queens, York, Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska are not represented in the cabinet, and there appears no likelihood of a change at present.

### Killed While Coupling Cars.

A distressing accident is reported from Houlton by which a young Carleton County man lost his life. A dispatch from Houlton dated the 18th says: Frank B. Boyer, son of Charles T. Boyer of East Florenceville, was caught between the cars while making up a train at the B. & A. depot this morning. He died at 11 o'clock. The company sent a special to Easton for his wife. She arrived here at 1 o'clock, the body was taken to Robinson's mills by special at 4.30 thence home by teams. The funeral was held on Monday. Deceased had \$1500 insurance. His widow and one child survive him.

### Mr. Blair Sworn In.

QUEBEC, July 20.—Hon. Mr. Laurier was engaged all morning with local politicians, and leaves this afternoon for Arthabaska and Iberville. He came down to Quebec to be present at the ceremony of administering the oath to Hon. Messrs. Blair and Fielding, who were sworn in office at 1 o'clock this afternoon before his excellency at the vice-regal quarters at the citadel.

### Appointment.

Albion R. Foster, eldest son of the late George F. Foster has received the appointment to the office of Deputy Sheriff, long so well filled by his father. He will be sworn in this week. The appointment is approved on all sides. The new deputy resembles his father in personal appearance and is a general favorite.

## DEATH IN THE BLAZE.

## TWO CHILDREN'S SAD FATE AWAY UP TOBIQUE.

Another will Not Recover.—Meeting of the Board of Trade.—Railway Freight Rates and Passenger Service.—Discussion on Stoves and Ranges.

Our correspondent at Perth Centre sends us an account of a most tragical affair that occurred at Sisson Ridge on Saturday night. The dwelling house of Mr. Steeves caught on fire while the family were asleep. Two children were burned to death. Another managed to get out of the house but, it is thought, cannot live. Mr. and Mrs. Steeves got out of a window just before the roof fell. Mr. Steeves is from Albert County. He moved to Sisson Ridge about two years ago, and located on a farm. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

LATER.—The stairs leading to where the children slept were all ablaze in a second and Mr. Steeves dare not ascend them. He hauled a table to the middle of the room, jumped upon it and attempted to pull the boards from the ceiling. They were too securely fastened and he had to give up the attempt. The eldest boy, aged 17, jumped down through the flames which enveloped the stairs, and was so badly burned that he died on Sunday. A five-year-old boy fell down the stairs into his father's arms and was terribly burned. A seven-year-old boy was unable to get beyond the room in which he had slept and his charred remains were found next day.

Mrs. Steeves grasped her baby when she realized her position and threw it out of the window. She quickly followed and took the child to a place of safety. Then she thought of her four-year-old girl who had been in bed with her but before the mother could enter the building the upper floor gave away. The little girl was probably dead before the floor fell. The five-year-old boy, the doctor thinks, will recover. The parents escaped with their clothes only.

### A DESIRED CHANGE

Likely to be Made as to Passenger Train Service.

At a well attended meeting of the Board of Trade on Monday evening, several important matters were dealt with. A communication from Mr. Sutherland, general freight agent, at St. John, to the Secretary, with regard to the arbitrary freight rate between McAdam Junction and Woodstock was read. Mr. Sutherland does not hold out much hope of a change being effected, but states that Mr. Bosworth, general freight manager, of Montreal, will be in New Brunswick shortly and will be pleased to be in Woodstock and meet the Woodstock Board, when the question will be thoroughly ventilated.

Mr. H. P. Baird on behalf of the freight and transportation committee, said they had interviewed Mr. John Stewart, district superintendent, who said that he would endeavor to meet the wishes of the board in re-arranging the passenger traffic service so that passengers from up river would have a stay here of an hour and a half, rather than half an hour as at present. It was also hoped that an arrangement could be arrived at, giving a better stage service between Woodstock and points below Eel river than formerly.

Mr. Williamson Fisher introduced the question of protecting home dealers from the invasion of what he termed travelling fakirs. He said that since the last meeting of the Board he had been informed that two years ago fakirs went through the county selling clocks at \$16 each, payable \$1 a month. The same clock could be sold with a profit by Woodstock dealers for \$6.50. There are a class of people, he continued, selling ranges, who, it seems, are taking notes. It was advisable that the people should be on their guard about signing these notes. Many people did not know that these notes held good, even though obtained by gross fraud. A man named Samuel Harper had recently been in his office. In order to make a sale to him the range men bought a ton of hay, offering him \$14. He was to have the stove on trial. If it was all right, in December when the note came due, he was to have time to pay in. Mr. Harper came to town to consult a lawyer who advised him to look pleasant and pay up, as there was no way out of it.

Mr. A. Henderson agreed with all Mr. Fisher had said. Our farmers ought to be intelligent enough by this time. They had had lots of experience.

Mr. H. P. Baird said that their was a county license which these people had paid. He thought the people of the county should be protected. If the license was not sufficiently high, it was worth while to consider if some means might not be taken to further protect the people and manufacturers.

Mr. A. Myles thought that if Mr. Fisher were sufficiently sure of his dato this Board should employ the press to publish this thing

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