

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

A BIG BUSINESS CARRIED ON AT CENTREVILLE.

Encouraging Reports as to the Hay Crop.—Bloomfield and Good Corner Send Interesting Items.—All About the Doings Throughout the Several Parishes.

CENTREVILLE.

A large number of the farmers in this vicinity have begun haying the yield will be much larger than was expected. About fifty of the members of Court Carleton attended the funeral of the late Geo. Foster. The news of Mr. Foster's death, though not unexpectedly, was a shock to the community.

Mason R. Benn, a former teacher of this place, but now of Newcastle passed through the village one day last week.

A party of the young people intend driving to Gt Falls next week.

Dr. D. W. Perkins our popular veterinary reports business good. The Dr. has successfully treated many difficult cases in this vicinity.

Capt. G. D. Perkins has his new residence well under way, he expects to have it finished before the millinery season opens this fall.

Judging by the number of commercial travellers who visit this place monthly we should say that Centreville must be doing a good thriving business as no less than twenty-seven registered at the Exchange last week.

Rising Star Council is in a flourishing condition the average attendance is about sixty-five, which is exceedingly good for the summer months.

Mrs. Wilcox Harold and Miss Mary Johnston spent a few days in Woodstock last week.

Miss Helen West has sold her valuable chestnut horse to G. W. Simons of this village, price not known.

Mr. James Crone has gone to Woodstock to take charge of D. A. Grant & Co's blacksmith shop.

Guy Balloch spent Sunday evening in Hartland the guest of Mr. Sheppard Boyer.

Rev. Gormier is learning the blacksmith trade with Chas. Wilkinson.

Miss Nellie Flewelling has returned from Edmundston where she has been spending a few weeks.

Salmon are very plentiful in this stream this season, six were seen jumping through the sluice of Mrs. Getchel's mill dam last week.

GORDONVILLE.

Very exciting times here last week. The Orangemen made a fine show at their picnic on Monday at "Mount Pleasant."

Miss C. Bridges has returned home from the U. S. Hub, and intends spending the summer with her parents.

James Bridges, Esq., J. P., has been indisposed for some time past, but I am glad to say he is improving.

Rev. J. J. Barnes has gone on a vacation, I trust that after a much needed rest, he will return full of vigor, and be able to carry on the good work of the Master in this part of His Vineyard.

Bev. D. Brooks preached in the F. C. B. church on Sabbath afternoon, to a large congregation.

B. Jones Esq., has gone on a short trip up the river, on business.

The recent rain has made a great improvement in the crops, everything is looking fine, but the general impression is that the hay crop will be light.

On Tuesday we had a short visit from Geo. White Esq., Agent Peoples' Bank of Halifax at Woodstock.

The trustees of our school have secured the services of a teacher. So the school will re-open on the beginning of next term.

Mr. S. London, Deacon of F. C. B. church is confined to his bed, Brother L. is not likely to recover, he is growing weaker and weaker every day.

AVONDALE.

Some of our farmers are busily engaged in gathering their hay, which promises to be a very light crop.

A number of young people from this place attended the Orange Picnic at Mount Pleasant, some of them finding such attractions over that way, did not return until the following day.

An I. O. F. Court was organized here by Mr. LeBaron Coleman, assisted by W. D. Kyle, Dr. Bearisto was chosen Court Physician.

Messes Middleton and Bonnel, representatives of the Wrought Iron Range Co. Toronto passed through here last week.

Revs. A. F. Baker and J. B. Morgan have been holding a series of meetings here during the past month and much good has been done. We hope that a new church may be erected before the coming winter thus supplying a long felt want.

Miss Kate Sutton, Woodstock has been visiting friends in this place.

Mrs. John Seely and her daughter Mrs De Grass, Houlton, Me. were the guests of Mr. and Mrs Wm. Drake one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Blain Chilton, Woodstock, and Miss Sadie Jones, Knoxford, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs S. C. Shaw one day last week.

BRISTOL.

The farmers have commenced haying this week, but owing to the continued dry weather, the crop is very light. Grain and other crops are however looking well.

The funeral of Frank Boyer, who was killed at Houlton on Saturday, takes place this (Monday) afternoon from the residence of his father Mr. Charles T. Boyer. It will be conducted by the Odd Fellows, he being a member of that society. The Orangemen will also take part in the services. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hayward.

Rev. W. A. Morang of Lowell, formerly of this county, is visiting friends in Bristol. He is accompanied by Mrs. Morang and child.

Mrs. John Farley is spending a few days with friends in Jacksonville and Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Holmes of Perth made a pleasant call on their friends on Friday.

Miss Jennie Somerville, Sackville, is spending her vacation with her brother, Dr. Somerville of this place.

Mr. Robert Atkinson went to St. Stephen last week, to spend his vacation at his old home.

UPPER WOODSTOCK.

A lawn party was given by Mrs. G. W. Chapman on the afternoon of the 16th inst., in honor of her niece Miss Beatrice Atherton of Houlton, who has been here a few days visiting friends and relatives. Among others present were the Misses Beatrice Atherton, Ida Gillis, Edna Gillis, (Lakeville) Fay Plummer, Gertrude Wolhaupter, Annie Hipwell, Mina Ketchum, Rowena Ketchum, Mary Cochran and the Messrs. Ernest Clark (Lowell) Bernard Perley, Geo. Cochran and Miles Moore Jackson. The tables were spread on the green at the rear of the family residence and a most delicious repast was served. Everybody who was fortunate enough to have an invitation felt that it was good to be there.

PERTH CENTRE.

The crops are looking much better after the recent rains. The hay crop will be better than anticipated.

Mr. C. C. Gibbs who has been very sick with stomach trouble had been gaining up to lately, but is now sinking, his recovery is doubtful.

Mr. Charles Simmons of Fredericton, was in town several days last week on business.

A large number of people have gone up the Tobique river of late, to enjoy a good fish.

Senator Baird is making repairs on a building just above his store and intends to open up a wholesale business. He is building a fine residence at Andover, which will add much to the appearance of that town.

Mrs. Schofield of New York is visiting relatives here.

Mr. B. Armstrong is shipping cultivated strawberries to Montreal by express, which bring a good price.

The Tobique Valley R'y business is increasing. Mr. J. E. Stewart, "Manager," reports the road is paying, and expects a large amount of traffic this fall for the lumber woods.

BLOOMFIELD.

The farmers of this place have commenced haying. The hay crop in this section of the county is very light.

Border Council R. 1. of T. is in a flourishing condition.

The pound keeper of this place is kept very busy herding geese.

Mr. Wilmot Jewett our blacksmith who has been sick for some time has recovered but is yet unable to work, he has procured the services of Mr. Howard Nelson of Monticello, who is a very clever and efficient workman.

The young people of this place will hold a basket picnic on the Graham property near the school house on Wednesday August 30th, should the weather prove unfavorable it will be held the next fine day. Sports of all kinds will be held. Refreshments of all kinds will be on the grounds. All come with your baskets and have a good time.

PRESQUE ISLE SENSATION.

Suicide Said to Result from Other Crimes. A terrible tragedy occurred at Presque Isle last week. It is the suicide of a prominent citizen. His death exposes what is supposed to have been a terrible tragedy, which has been a mystery. The suicide was Frank C. Thomas, who had a large farm and was in prosperous circumstances. The facts which led up to this tragic death had their origin several years ago and are substantially as follows:

Ten years ago Thomas married a Miss Class, a fine, intelligent, respectable young lady, then 19 years of age. Soon after their married life began, domestic troubles commenced to multiply. Thomas became ugly and abusive, and his treatment was so inhuman that her mind gave way under the terrible strain, and she became insane. This was five years ago. She was taken to the Augusta Hospital, where she remained until last April.

When she was brought home last Friday there was a party for the young girl, 9 years old, and Mrs. Thomas was feeling as well as usual. That night, however, she was taken with convulsions and soon expired. She was buried Sunday.

Certain circumstances connected with her death led her father and her brothers to enter a complaint of their suspicions, claiming she had been poisoned. County Attorney Lumbert was notified, and directed Drs. Boone, Upham and Sawyer to make an investigation. The remains were taken up Tuesday, the contents of the stomach removed and forwarded, under charge of Deputy Sheriff King, to Augusta, to State Chemist Robinson, for analysis.

These proceedings has gone on so quietly that Thomas did not hear of them until the next night. He retired as usual, arose early, as was his custom, in the morning and started for the barn, carrying his gun with him. Two young men saw him and followed him, but he sent them to the field on some pretext. He then deliberately sat down on a "jigger," placed the muzzle to his head and pulled the trigger. The top of his head was blown off and he died instantly.

Word was at once sent to the coroner at Fort Fairfield. It is supposed he poisoned his wife and from fear of detection took his own life. Six years ago Thomas was accused of incendiarism, but the charge could not be sustained. It was dropped. His father died last March under very similar conditions to those surrounding the death of his wife, and it is now claimed that he killed him. The family here is now wiped out, except a little girl, 9 years old. Thomas was 45 years old and has several brothers in Pennsylvania.

A Presque Isle doctor was in town on Monday. He stated that he did not think Thomas was guilty. Desperation had driven him to suicide. He did not think Thomas' wife died from poison, as she did not act like one under its influence. The unfortunate woman's stomach has been sent to Portland, Me., for analysis.

Judge King Appointed.

A further step was taken by Great Britain and the United States several days ago in the matter of the consideration of British claims against this country for seizures in previous years in Behring Sea. The treaty providing for a joint commission of two to adjust these claims provides, in addition to one representative on the part of each government, for a third commissioner in the event that the two original commissioners fail to agree. The British government selected Hon. George E. King, one of the justices of the Supreme Court of Canada. The United States commissioner is Judge William L. Putnam. The commissioners will meet at Victoria, B. C., probably not until next autumn.

Food for the Brain.

Fish is a great thing to build up the brain, and most of us can stand a little increase in brain power.

Jackson's Fish Market, near the bridge, is the place to go for fresh fish. Today they receive importations from the islands of fresh mackerel, cod and haddock. Salmon they have always on hand. The fish are kept in ice compartments, and cleaned by expert hands, and made ready for the cooking in a moment's time. Telephone your order and the fish will be with you in a second, more or less time. Country produce taken in exchange for fish, or groceries, which are kept in stock. For good, fresh fish, patronize the Fish Market.

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J. FRED. DICKINSON.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Wrought Iron Range Company of Toronto. The name Home Comfort by which these ranges are known is a happy one, suggestive of all that is pleasing in that department of the household. The history of the Wrought Iron Range is a remarkable one while the reputation of their output is the most enviable and deserving of any other similar firm in the world. The Home Comfort are guaranteed absolutely unbreakable and will not crack or warp. The severest test may be applied by hammer or jumped upon by a two hundred pound man, but without the slightest effect. The object of the Wrought Iron Range Company is to supply the demand for a perfect Wrought Steel and Malleable Iron Unbreakable Range, hence the Home Comfort which meets all the requirements necessary in a perfect Range to a degree that is astonishing in its practical demonstration. The best possible quality of iron is bought by the Home Comfort people. It is then treated in an annealing furnace and rendered literally indestructible when transformed into a Home Comfort Range. Internally the Home Comfort is perfect and unique. It is lined with asbestos, thus adding heat thrown upon the articles being cooked and preventing the radiation of heat from the Range. All the linings are in adjustable sections which can be easily and rapidly fitted. The other adjuncts of the Home Comfort are in complete accord with perfection. Such as hot-air closets, simplicity in cleaning and dumping the ashes and many other noticeable improvements over other ranges. An important feature in the business of the Wrought Iron Range Company is that they do not sell to the trade at all, but deliver the home Comfort from their own wagons and by their own authorized salesmen direct to the household, thus having no dealings with outsiders. The superiority of the Home Comfort Range over all others must not be forgotten in the fact that in the World's Columbian exposition they received six highest rewards; at New Orleans, four gold medals, and at the Mid-winter Fair, San Francisco, six gold medals. These facts are standing irrefutable proof of the unsurpassed qualities of the Wrought Iron Range Company's Home Comfort Ranges and we ask for them a careful inspection when and wherever shown.—Review.

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CHOICE GROCERIES.

SUDDEN DEATH. An Ex-Governor of Massachusetts Dies While Sleeping.

A sad occurrence in the course of the past week was the death of Mr. Russell ex-governor of the State of Massachusetts. A dispatch from Quebec dated the 16th inst reads: William Eustis Russell, former Governor of Massachusetts, was found dead in his bed this morning at the fishing camp of B. F. Dutton, a Boston merchant, near St. Adelaide, Pabos, Province of Quebec. Worn out with the fatigues and excitement of the Chicago Convention, he, with Col. H. E. Russell, his brother, and Gen. Francis Peabody, jr., went to the far northern wilderness to recuperate. But the strain had been too severe, even for a rugged physique like that of Mr. Russell. Although unsuspected before, there was an organic weakness of the heart, and that overtaxed organ refused to perform its functions. Mr. Dutton's camp was five miles up the Grand Pabos River, on a tributary stream. There the tents were pitched in as remote and primitive a region as is to be found on the American continent. The party broke camp and before sundown, with the body, they started for Boston. They came via the Intercolonial to St. John, where they were met by the mayor and other influential citizens. The body laid that evening in the Unitarian church, and was taken the following morning to Boston. The dead man was under 40 years of age, and regarded as the most promising democratic statesman in New England. His death is generally lamented.

Serious Affray on Grand Manan.

Family difficulties led to a quarrel between James Gordon and his brother-in-law, a young man named Guptill, at Grand Harbor, Grand Manan on Sunday. Guptill split Gordon's ear with a stone, chewed one of his fingers off and threatened to murder him, so the story goes. Gordon, who was whittling when attacked, plunged his knife into Guptill's body. He then fell to the ground, bleeding profusely. Two doctors are attending him. His case is said to be hopeless.

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Look for them: Ask for them: E. B. EDDY'S MATCHES.

Mothers' Protest. MADRID, July 18.—The mothers of a number of soldiers, who were about to start from Saragossa for Cuba, have made a protest to the Government against their sons being sent away. The Government authorities ascribe the protests to the influence agents of Cuban filibusters, and are determined to prosecute any such persons as they may find.

Payable in Gold. PORTLAND ME., July 18.—The Union Mutual Life Assurance Company announces that in view of the question of the gold and silver standards possibly affecting public confidence in life insurance, the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company will endorse upon its policies, when so requested, "This policy payable in gold."