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TOWN ELECTIONS.

The town elections will be held on the third Monday in January next, which will fall in 1897, on the 18th, under the new rules. According to the previous arrangements, the present council gave an account of their past, and the would be councillors made great promises of what they were to do, upon the same occasion, on a date between Nomination and Election Days. A public meeting of citizens will be held before Nomination Day, so that if the ratepayers are dissatisfied with the past record of any councillor, who proposes to run, they may call for a statement from the unsatisfactory councillor, and nominate someone to oppose him, if they will. As previously pointed out in THE DISPATCH, no one is qualified to run for mayor or councillor who does not own and is not assessed on \$1000 worth of property real or personal. Something like one-third of the ratepayers will therefore be represented in the coming council. No vulgar workingman should dare to aspire to such an exalted position as town representative. He will be allowed, however, to vote, and should be thankful for such a privilege, considering he has "no stake" at issue. He may be expected to be duly visited by aspirants to the mayoralty and council, and his hardened hand will be shaken heartily by the man of property. The candidate will also be willing to point out to him why he is unfit to sit at the council board, and why people of his stamp should be unrepresented.

Mr. Sydney Fisher, the Minister of Education, is a practical farmer, and as such, is the fit person for the portfolio in his keeping. A meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers Association was held last week, on which occasion Mr. Fisher was present and spoke. He announced that he is seeking all possible information on the question of cold storage, and submitted these questions to the fruit growers assembled:—Would it be advisable to build cold storage ware-houses in fruit-growing centres in which to store fruit until it is ready to send it to the shipping points? What would be the demands of Ontario fruit-growers in this direction? Cold storage in the interest of dairy and butter making will be provided next year. Can fruit-growers use this accommodation in winter when dairymen and butter-makers do not require it? Next season freight rates will be lower than this year. Will a refrigerator car service be needed in winter? Upon all those points the minister asked for the opinions of his hearers.

The present town council is like its predecessors. It wants to go out of office with flying colors. When will we have a council which will be quite honest with the people and call a spade, a spade? The great question is to know how we stand financially. The ratepayers are not concerned in the appearance an outgoing council may make, but they are concerned in knowing what they owe, no matter who is responsible. Candidates for next year will do well to cultivate frankness in town affairs.

Sir Wm. Vanhorne, president of the C. P. R. accorded an interview to a New York reporter the other day. In the course of his remarks he said that freight rates and passenger rates are in many instances too low. If all merchants paid the same freight that Woodstock business men do the company would have no reason for complaint.

According to the Tatamagouche correspondent of a Nova Scotia journal, piety is predominant in one of the political parties. The writer says:—"Thanksgiving was observed more generally here than in former years, particularly among the Liberals, who, as a rule, closed their shops, and went to church with their families."

It is rather strange that a town council with strong temperance principles should threaten to stop the supply of cold water to the citizens. Whiskey is prohibited, and if cold water is also stopped, what will the people drink?

Gem Raisin Seeder, for sale at Dibbee's Hardware store for 90 cts.

SERVICES are being held every evening in the African Methodist church, on Monday the preacher was Rev. C. T. Phillips, on Tuesday Rev. Thos. Todd; this evening it will be Rev. Mr. Nales, on Thursday Rev. Mr. Wiggins and on Saturday Rev. Mr. Gross, the pastor. Everybody is invited.

Wm. Dibbee & Son have just received 3 casks Pure Porpoise Oil and 2 casks Fish Oil.

Have you Xmas photos taken at B. R. Watson's studio?

MUST HAVE A DRIVE

In a New Pung on Xmas Day.

People will deny themselves almost anything, but a margin must be allowed for a little extravagance at Xmas times.

In this county a man if he wants to cut any ice at all must drive a good turnout. He wants a good horse and a good sleigh, whether school keeps or not. Now is the time to secure a bargain at Grant, Birmingham & Co's big wagon and sleigh factory. The large show room is a sight now, with a number of Dexter pungs fitted up in gold plush, morquette and other fancy colors. The firm is determined to make sales, for one good pung on the streets sells others quickly. For cash something fine can be secured at a small price. All kinds of sleds are in stock, and the biggest lumber outfit in the country can find his wants satisfactorily attended to.

About all the wagons have been sold, but there are a few bargains in this line that a wise man will freeze on to.

Drop into the big ware room and see what is to be seen.

Lots of time to have your photos finished for Xmas if you have them taken at Watson's Studio.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

A Woodstock Boy Has Care of The Wounded.

Mrs. C. F. K. Dibbee has just received a letter from her son, LeBaron Dibbee, who is engaged on the Portland & Rumford railroad construction, giving an account of a terrible dynamite accident which happened on his section. A Lewiston paper dealing with the same affair says:—The explosion was caused by the carelessness of two Italian boys who were thawing out dynamite. Ordinarily it is safe to do this, but in this case, it is supposed some highly-explosive caps were secreted in the cartridges. At all events they exploded. One boy named La Rocca was literally blown to pieces. He had a cartridge in his hand, at the time it exploded. Three others were awfully injured. Damore, Habey and Lynch. Mr. Dibbee in his letter says the explosion is a mystery and always will be so. He had two trips to Lewiston with the victims, and, at the time of writing, had again gone there to arrange for the burial of one of the victims, who died after being taken to the hospital.

Mr. Tarte's Speech.

In view of the prominent part Mr. J. Israel Tarte now takes in affairs, everyone interested in politics must watch his career with interest. Some people wish to see him fall, and some would like to see him mount the ladder. He seems now to be bearing the brunt of the attack on the school settlement. At Cornwall on Saturday Mr. Tarte made a speech from which are here given some of his "spicy" sayings: Speaking of the personell of the government he said, he was one of the inferior ones. Once upon a time, though, when a member of the Conservative party, he had been a kind of an angel of the first rank. Now he was a bad man. (This with delicious Gallic emphasis.) "Upon my soul," continued the honorable gentleman, "I see no change. I am the same fellow, only a little better. I could be by far the worst of the Premier's colleagues I might say, and still be a very good fellow."

Mr. Tarte next followed up the startling statement that he was still a Conservative, by saying that though he had changed his party he found himself supporting the same principles for which he fought in connection with the New Brunswick school question under Sir. George E. Cartier. He had been accused of being a traitor because he had said that all Canadians belonged to the same great Christian family and that their children should be brought up to live together. He was addressing a meeting of Protestants and Roman Catholics mixed. If they were honest men did they offend God by being together? At Victoria, B. C., he had gone into a public school at half past nine, while the teacher, followed by the children, was repeating the Lord's Prayer.

There were in the class room white children, Chinese, negroes, French Canadians, Anglo-Saxons, Roman Catholics, and Protestants. He could not help asking himself if those children devoutly repeating the Lord's Prayer together were offending God. This was the question before the country, and the Government would be prepared to submit it to the whole country to-morrow. Mr. Tarte then indulged in some spicy personalities. Sir. A. P. Caron he described as a very nice gentleman to lead a set of lancers, but a shocking failure as a politician. As to Mr. Foster, he was as narrow as his face. To split hairs no axe was stranger than his.

A Lovely Christmas Work.

A beautiful Christmas work is out. It is a Christmas Edition of the Wild Flowers of Canada, issued by the Montreal Star. It is creating a furore. Premier Laurier wrote the publishers a most enthusiastic letter on the Wild Flowers publication, and it was followed by eulogies from Lady Aberdeen, Sir Oliver Mowat, Sir Charles Tupper and all the principal artists of Canada and the States.

Island Falls, Me.

The Mattawamkeag Lumber Company has been organized in this town for the purpose of buying, selling, cutting and manufacturing logs and lumber of all kinds, with \$50,000 capital stock, of which \$8000 is paid in. The officers are: President, C. L. Pettengill of Island Falls; Treasurer, Geo. W. Kelley of Island Falls.

Perhaps you'd like an Album for some friend about Xmas time, we've got a lot that we will sell at very close to cost. You might look at them and if you don't buy it's not because the price is high. The 85 cent one is large and pretty. Garden Bros., Druggists.

DARING CUBAN REBELS.

Attack a Town Close to Havana City.

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: The situation across the bay is very grave. The insurgents' forces, who have within the last week several times attacked Guanabacoa, which is directly under the guns of Morro Castle, yesterday made a bold dash and entered the town. The resistance of the garrison was overcome and the Spanish troops were defeated and compelled to flee. The insurgents then began their work of destruction, and placed the torch in every direction, burning a large part of the city. The citizens as far as possible fled to Havana, or to the suburbs. The feeling here is one of great concern. Large bodies of troops have been dispatched by the government to dislodge the rebels.

The firing of the combatants was heard here, and the sight of the red sky, showing the devastation that was in progress, struck terror into many hearts in the capital. The strength of the column that entered Guanabacoa is not known. If the government authorities are aware of the name of the leader they have not disclosed it. Guanabacoa is, next to Havana, the most important town in the province. It is located on a hill two miles across the bay from Havana and six miles east of it by the high road, which connects both places.

Photos make a very nice Xmas card B. R. Watson has just the thing you want.

Government Bonds Sold.

Tenders for the purchase of forty thousand dollars worth of provincial four per cent. bonds with forty years to run, were opened at the provincial secretary's office on Monday the 7th inst. Eleven offers in all were received, six of which were from upper province concerns. The tender of a Montreal firm was accepted, and the whole lot was disposed of to them at the handsome premium of \$105.-96½.—F'ton Herald.

We Don't Talk Much,

About our reputation or the reputation of our studio. We don't have to; both are established; but we do feel like saying just once that our line of

PHOTOGRAPHS

is the most varied in town. We can give you anything from a Tintype to a Life Size.

E. M. CAMPBELL, PHOTOGRAPHER,

Next door to Dr. Manzer's office, Main Street, WOODSTOCK.

The Idea
In a
Nutshell.

We want to do your Tailoring. We are asking you for your patronage. You may think you are suited now. Please come and see if we can't suit you better.

You can't see the back of your coat as others see it. We can make one to fit you like the bark on a tree. If you need a Winter Suit, an Overcoat, a Dress Suit, anything in Clothes, we can make it. Good style. Good Fit. Good Cloth.

Porter & Gibson,

MERCHANT TAILORS,

Queen Street, Woodstock.

For Christmas.

All New Stock. We don't sell refuse nor shop-worn stuff.

In Books

We have a wild variety to suit the taste of young or old.

Toys, Games, Lamps, Tables.

Beautiful Novelties

In Brass and Silver. It is a pleasure to show our goods.

MRS. J. LOANE & CO.

Opposite Carlisle Hotel, Woodstock.

Straight Talk.

If you are a buyer of Clothing let us reason together. We have a store in which to do business—we advertise to get business—and we give honest value to keep business. This store has been here nearly two years, and we expect to be here for years to come. How are we going to do it? We've got to depend on you—we've got to please you. We plan by day and dream by night to do this. When we've thoroughly satisfied you, then we have made a friend, and you know friends count. Our customers leave the store only to return again. Last fall's customers are with us this fall, and we are going to serve them, and serve you so that you'll all be with us next fall and each succeeding fall. The mild and wet weather has been bad for our trade, but we are selling more Clothing than we ever did, and expect this month to wind up a very successful year. Will you help us to do this and by so doing help yourself.

Our prices on Men's Ulsters are: \$4.25, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11.

Men's Suits \$2.99, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.50.

Your money back if you want it.

Oak Hall, One Price, Woodstock.

Home and - Art.

True art is shown as fully in FURNITURE as in paintings and sculpture. Much depends on where you buy the Furniture whether your home reflects the artistic touch or not. The constant development of good taste and appreciation among the best housekeepers for the up-to-date and artistic in Furniture has popularized this house to an unprecedented degree. But type won't tell the story—come today and be convinced. Furniture for everywhere, kitchen and parlor.

MARCY, - - CONNELL ST.

WE SURPRISE

Even the natives in our very low prices as well as our stock of Handsome Vase Lamps, China and Glass Sets, 6 and 7 pieces, Five O'clock Tea Sets, China Comb and Brush Trays, Rose Bowls, China Fruit Dishes, Fancy Cups and Saucers, Plates, Etc.

C. M. SHERWOOD, & BRO.,

2 AND 4 MAIN STREET, WOODSTOCK.

Shoe News

New Shoes

Not old shoes, but new ones, fresh from the makers' hands.

LADIES' NEED.....

House Shoes, Skating Shoes, Overshoes and Dress Slippers. We have them.

GENTLEMEN NEED....

Slippers, Moccasins, Larigans, Heavy Boots, Light Boots, and Overshoes. We keep them.

Yours Shoely,

BAILEY BROS.

Ulsters, Overcoats, Reefers, Jumpers, Overalls.	Felt Socks, Gum Rubbers, Overshoes, Fur Coats.	Good Warm Under-Wear and New Style Gents' Ties
Just a few Ladies' Cloth and Fur Jackets.	Choice Coffee, Molasses, Spices, Citron Peel	Patent Medicines Of all Kinds.
For Xmas Presents, Silver Plated Spoons, Forks, Castors, Napkin Rings and Fancy Articles.	Balloch's Cash Store, Centreville	Wanted in Exchange for Goods, Meal, Oats, Butter and Poultry.
	Dec. 1, '96.	

A COAL STOVE.

For sale a large coal stove, a splendid heater, lined with fire brick. Cost \$40.00 will sell for \$16.00. W. B. JEWETT,

\$25 REWARD.

I will give a reward of \$25 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the parties whom on the night of Dec. 4th tore my Sign Board from the electric light pole near Payson's corner. R. WOTTRICH.

Notice to Watertakers.

At the meeting of Town Council held on the 7th Dec., the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED, That water takers who are in arrears for water rates, be notified in the papers that if their rates are not paid immediately the supply will be stopped.

By order of the Council.