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WHY NOT READ?

It is plain that if we wait until the money that was set aside many years ago, for the purpose of a public library is unearthed, the good people of Woodstock will enjoy a library and the millennium at about the same time. The fact of the matter is that the money has been spent for another purpose, and we can't get our hands on it. It is no use to cry over spilt milk, or over public library money devoted to other purposes.

But, can we not get up a library by other means? As the long winter evenings are coming on it is a good time to discuss ways and means. Perhaps the town council might be compassionate enough to give a corner in the town hall for the purpose of a library. Then, let a committee take up the question of collecting books. Scarcely a household of moderately well-to-do people, but will give one book anyway, and if we once get a start the rest will be easy. The Board of Trade would not be lowering its dignity, if it should, at least, bestow its blessing on the project.

A HINT FOR OUR COUNCIL.

The Fredericton Herald of Friday last said:—"The city council at its meeting to be held this evening will deal with the proposition to purchase a road plant, including a stone crusher and road machine, and the Herald trusts that the aldermen will conclude that the time has arrived when such machinery is absolutely necessary if our streets are to be kept in a condition satisfactory to the ratepayers. The estimated cost of the machinery is in the vicinity of \$2,500, and we believe the great majority of the citizens will back the council up in making this expenditure. Every town of any importance in the Maritime provinces has its stone crusher and other appliances for building good substantial streets. Yarmouth, Pictou, St. Stephen, Dartmouth and others which can be named, have invested in a fully equipped road plant with most satisfactory results, and why should Fredericton lag behind?"

Woodstock is as far behind as Fredericton in this regard, anyway?

BOOM OURSELVES.

Now that the "New Brunswick Summer Tourist Association" is an assured fact, the beauties of Woodstock and surrounding country ought not to be overlooked. We are not exactly on the line of travel,—not being the railway centre that McAdam Junction is, for instance. People do not come to Woodstock on their way anywhere else, unless it be to Grand Falls. However, a tour in New Brunswick without including the Grand Falls, would be like a tour through Ontario, without taking in Niagara. Tourists to go to the falls—that is the most of them, will pass through Woodstock. They cannot fail to notice the lovely scenery and fertile fields of the upper country. We have never boomed this town or country as they should be boomed. The Board of Trade has another subject to tackle.

The following extract from the Hamilton Ont. Times is worthy of perusal and consideration by apple growers in this county:—"Apples are now being shipped from this part of Canada to the Old Country in square bushel boxes. This innovation will improve the apple business for the Canadian grower. It has always been the fault of Canadian producers that the packages are too large. Complaint comes from nearly every country to which Canadian fruit, cheese, butter and eggs are shipped that the packages are too large, and that the produce would sell much better if it were put up in smaller packages. Bushel packages of apples sell much more freely in Great Britain than barrels. In addition to the preference for bushel packages in the British market it has other advantages. The quantity of fruit being much smaller and lighter there is no danger from crushing; the square packages fit tightly in together in cars and steamers, and no space is lost as in the case of barrels; it is so much easier to examine the fruit in bushel boxes than in barrels, and the price per barrel must be about the same for either package. We expect that these enterprising shippers who have adopted the new package will find good reason to feel encouraged by the result of the experiment."

Latin is spoken of sometimes as an effete language, and one which it is not worth the while to learn these practical days. If the following extract from an exchange is true, a knowledge of Latin will become very necessary.—"Mr. Armour, Q. C., in a recent number of The Law Times, refers to the numerous changes in the Ontario statute law and the apparent conflict of opinion regarding the meaning of many of the statutes or parts

of them at least. It has been suggested by some of the judges, and many eminent counsel cordially agree with the suggestion, that in order to avoid any doubt in future as to the meaning of the words used that a dead language, say Latin, should be employed. The matter is to be at once brought to the attention of the Attorney-General, and if the proposition meets with his approval all future statutes will be printed in that language, and thus infallibility very nearly attained."

The City Council has decided to purchase for feed for civic horses Ontario oats costing several cents a bushel more than either New Brunswick or P. E. Island oats. Some farmers say New Brunswick can and does beat the world growing oats. Others say provincial farmers are careless and do not keep the oats free from other grain. The conditions are worth serious consideration by the Local government and the agricultural societies.—St. John Globe.

Col. Marsh the police magistrate of Fredericton has issued a large number of summonses calling upon citizens to show why they have not paid their dog tax. Is it not time our council found out whether dogs are taxable objects, or not?

Don't go blind when you can have your eyes properly fitted with glasses by W. B. Jewett, Woodstock.

FOR THE INSURANCE.

A Woman Charged With Husband Murder

A woman from Haldimand Co., Ont., is under arrest in Buffalo, N. Y., on a charge of having poisoned her husband, the apparent object being the securing of the insurance on his life. A Toronto paper says:—Several years ago George H. Sternaman went from the Township of Rainham, Haldimand County, Ont., to Buffalo to work. He secured board at the home of Ezra Chipman, a carpenter, and fellow-workman, whose wife, nee Sevenpiper, who came originally from Rainham. Chipman died somewhat suddenly, and after a time Sternaman married the widow, Mrs. Chipman having secured the amount of a life insurance policy on her husband. Last July the second husband was taken ill, showing symptoms similar to those of Chipman, and now it is suspected that both were poisoned. Sternaman's mother sent for the sick man to come to his old home and he did so, his wife accompanying him, and insisting on attending him. Sternaman died in August and the Canadian doctors, finding the man carried substantial life insurance, suspected that there was something wrong. An inquest was ordered, the body exhumed, and the viscera sent to Dr. Ellis of Toronto for analysis. The result was the finding of arsenic and the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of arsenical poisoning. The widow has been arrested and is now in custody at Buffalo.

A dispatch from Buffalo, dated 28th Oct. says further. Last night a telegram was received from Cayuga, Ont., asking the police to arrest Mrs. Olive Sternaman on the charge of murder. She was accordingly arrested. Mrs. Sternaman admitted that she was expecting arrest. Ferdinand Duckwitz is her lawyer. He said he believed no indictment had been found. There would be an application made for a commitment, and he would do everything he could to defend his client. "We are willing to abide by the event." Mrs. Sternaman has been living at Black Rock for a long time and is with the mother of her first husband, Mrs. Chipman. There has been no attempt to get away. Mrs. Sternaman was arranged before Judge King this morning and was committed to jail. She will be held to await the arrival of requisition papers from Canada. When she appeared in the police court she did not appear at all nervous.

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A Horrible Discovery.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1st.—Advices from Jeneau, Alaska, state that Carleton F. Wells, who left Southern Oregon two years ago for the Arctic gold fields, where it is said he accumulated \$20,000, was stricken with heart disease in Juneau last May. When he became ill Wells forwarded the bulk of his little fortune to his wife, now living in Trenton, N. J. He apparently died and was buried. A month ago the undertaker who buried Wells received a letter from his widow asking that the remains be exhumed and shipped East for permanent interment. When the coffin containing Wells' almost decomposed body was opened, inspection showed beyond doubt that Wells had awakened from a death-like trance after burial. In the skeleton of the right hand was clutched a gutta percha plate bearing three false teeth, which in his agony Wells must have torn from his mouth. Near the place where his right jaw lay in the coffin, was also found a plain gold ring, which the dead man had worn. In view of this terrible discovery, the undertaker and doctor who had attended Wells, decided not to send the remains East.

You will want to read these long evenings, prepare for it by getting the last artificial aid from W. B. Jewett, Optician, Woodstock.

An Awful Death.

OTTAWA, Oct. 28.—Joseph Girouard, a married man about 29 years of age, and living in Mechanicsville, met with an untimely death at Booth's Mill about 1 o'clock this morning. Girouard belonged to the night gang and worked at one of the band saws. He was pushing the carriage to the saw, and it is supposed that he shoved it too fast, for as the stick touched the saw the carriage flew back, striking Girouard with terrific force, throwing him back several feet and causing him to tumble head first through a hole in the floor used to carry off the accumulation of sawdust and rubbish. Search was made for him, but the poor fellow could not be found, and it is supposed he was carried into the boiling Chaudiere.

SETTLEMENT IN VIEW.

Announcements soon to be Made.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The progress of the negotiations for the holding of a conference on the Turkish question, proposed to the powers by Prime Minister Salisbury, is favorable. The official expectation in London is that Lord Salisbury will be able to announce at the Lord Mayor's banquet at the Guildhall on Nov. 9th that the conference has fixed on terms that are likely to result in the preserving of peace. The fact that holding of such a conference is virtually a crushing defeat of British diplomacy does not alter the minds of the average Briton.

Another intended announcement at the banquet, towards the enabling of which the Foreign office is making strenuous efforts, is a statement that the Venezuelan difficulty has been settled. Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador to the United States, has been instructed by the Foreign office to accelerate the negotiations.

The cabinet will meet on November 4 and again on November 7 when the Ministerialists hope that Lord Salisbury will be able to tell his colleagues of the success of his diplomacy regarding European American question. With the resumption of the cabinet councils there begins the reign of speculation as to the government programme for the coming session. The list of bills to be promoted is known by the haphazard measures last session. Chief among these is the education bill, the failure of which is said to have hastened the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The bill under process of amendment has become so transfigured from its original sectarian character that it may, if carried, give a dangerous shock to other prelates. Education, it is believed, will be the chief measure of the session. Mr. Chamberlain's old age pension scheme may be mentioned in the Queen's speech, but there is little chance of any bill on this subject being introduced. The Irish education bill has re-drafted.

Mr. Chamberlain, since his return, has been inquiring into the claims of witnesses to be heard in the Chartered South African Company's case. He has decided that several Matebele chiefs shall be brought from Rhodesia to be examined regarding their grievances against the Chartered Company.

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Dropped a Maxim.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 30.—The day before the departure of the cruiser Talbot for Bermuda last week, one of her fine Maxim guns was lost overboard in a strange manner, and now lies at the bottom of the harbor.

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A steam launch had taken one of the Maxims to sea for practice. On her return, while the gun was being hoisted aboard the Talbot, it slipped the brace and dropped into the harbor. Divers have been looking for it at short intervals ever since, but it is said there is so much mud on the harbor bottom where it fell that they have failed to find the gun.

If you have headache frequently any intelligent Physician will tell you to have your eyes scientifically examined by W. B. Jewett, 37 Main St., Woodstock.

Lumber on The Ottawa.

A dispatch from the lumber districts of the Ottawa river says:—There is considerable activity in lumber circles just now, English buyers rushing shipments before navigation closes. One hundred million feet of lumber of the season's cut of deals at the Chaudiere, Ottawa & Hawkesbury Mills have been sold during the past few days. This quantity of lumber represents the whole cut of this class of lumber in the mills of J. R. Booth, Buell, Hurdman & Co., W. C. Edwards and the Hawkesbury Lumber Company of Hawkesbury. Gilmour, Hughes & Co. are the only firm that still hold any deals unsold. It is the biggest sale that has been negotiated in lumber for some years, although there is no material change in prices from last year, amounting to about \$2,000,000. The largest buyers are J. Cox & Sons of Liverpool, Eng., but other English and American firms have bought.

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W. D. BALLOCH,  
Woodstock, N. B.,  
Oct. 20th, 1896.  
Assignee.

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