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GREAT AND PUBLIC ROADS.

The Provincial Premier Discusses the Grafton Deadlock.

He Does Not Think He Has Jurisdiction as Chief Commissioner of Roads to Deal with It—It is Not a Great Road—Settlement Not in View.

The question of the public highway running through the village of Grafton, opposite Woodstock, jumped in a moment from parish fame into provincial celebrity.

On Friday last Mr. H. R. Emmerson, premier and commissioner of public works arrived in town, and it was very soon found that the special object of his visit was in connection with the Grafton road question.

Mr. Emmerson while here was taken pretty well in charge by Messrs. Dibblee and Smith M. P.'s. He paid a visit to the Canning factory, in company with these two gentlemen, and drove down to Bull's creek to inspect the new bridge nearing completion there.

Then he drove over to Grafton and closely examined the field of battle. The intervening property between the school trustees on the one hand and the mill owners on the other is considerably contracted, and it does not appear, from present conditions that a change for the better is likely to result very soon.

It is said to have been at the suggestion of Mr. R. K. Jones secretary-treasurer of the county that Mr. Emmerson came to Woodstock, to act the somewhat difficult role of peacemaker. He gave good advice and made some very applicable remarks as to the situation, but whether, since his visit, the question is any nearer settlement than before, remains a secret in the breasts of the parties most deeply concerned.

A meeting, with the commissioner, of all parties interested was held in Mr. Jones' office. Among those present were the two members Smith and Dibblee, Messrs. J. N. W. W. slow, Robt. McElroy, J. W. Dalling, L. E. Young, Frank Rankin and Jerry Bragdon.

Mr. Emmerson expressed the opinion that the question was one over which he as commissioner did not have any control. It seemed to him doubtful if the road in question was a great road. The great road was farther away from the river and had never been closed, legally. The statute required that a great road should be not less than four rods in width. When this present road was laid out it was only 22 feet wide. If it were to replace a great road, he could not conceive of any government not insisting on the full four rods in width. While it was a question whether it was a great road, there was no question to its being a public road, and no question but that the commissioners have the right to widen that road, and to free it from obstruction. There seems to be a question of evidence as to where that road was located. There seem to have been some changes in the road since it was located.

Mr. Jones suggested that it would be a good thing to put this road on the great road list next session.

Mr. Emmerson—I hardly see how the government would ratify such a change, a road of 22 feet as against one of four rods. It would be better for the whole community to have the road made four rods wide. He had no doubt that the commissioners had the right to widen the road under the law. If any regard was had to the requirements of the locality the road should be more than thirty-seven feet wide. The legislature of 1896, in passing a new act made no reservation with reference to great roads. The government can change a great road through the supervisor, and road commissioners appointed by the municipality can also change and widen and alter great roads. When Mr. Blair was attorney-general he gave an opinion that the jurisdiction of the supervisors and of the commissioners was concurrent jurisdiction. The public roads certainly include great roads.

Continuing Mr. Emmerson said that if there could be some plan revised, as to what would be necessary to meet the requirements of the public, and he could assist in any way even to a public grant he would feel that he was only doing his duty in attending to it. He would like to have placed before him some idea of what it was proposed to do. If it was desirable to make it a great road, it should be widened as a great road, as far as the circumstances would permit, at all events. It seemed to him that a road so close to Woodstock, a public road, in which all the county, even all the province was concerned, to be in the state that road is, is far

from creditable to the community. It was the duty of the county to have preserved to the public every undisturbed use, and if they have to contest a case, they can make the county pay for it.

The commissioner also pointed out that there must be give and take on the part of both sides to the present dispute. It did not seem to him that it should be difficult of settlement, if each party desired to settle it. The premier gave good advice but will the parties settle?

THE DISPATCH is authorized to state that the commissioners will probably open the road next week, to the width of four rods.

Since the fence was erected opposite the school grounds, boys have been tearing it down bit by bit, and it is likely that the commissioners will be after the boys with a big stick.

A prominent legal gentleman of town, in conversation with THE DISPATCH questions the position taken by Mr. Emmerson regarding the concurrent rights of supervisors and commissioners. He does not think the act of 1896 applies to the great roads, concerning which there is a special act in the Consolidated Statutes. This gentleman says that if such an "anomaly" as this exists, it does not reflect much wisdom on the local legislature.

In order to make the matter clear to the public it is well to state that supervisors are appointed by the local government over a certain district and they are to make returns to the government for money expended. They only have to do with great roads, which are specified in the Statute. Commissioners are appointed for the county council, so many for each parish. They attend to statute labor, etc. According to Mr. Emmerson's contention either supervisors or commissioners may widen or remove obstructions or alter, a great road.

Mining Prospect.

Last week it was announced that there was every indication that the silver mine discovered near the woodworking factory would turn out to be a success. Those who have the matter in hand are proceeding cautiously.

Mining in the neighborhood of Woodstock in the past has not turned out very profitably, and when the words 'silver' or 'gold' are mentioned to the ordinary citizen, he is apt to assume our exceedingly skeptical expression. However the parties concerned with this latest discovery are sanguine. Something over two hundred pounds, more, was taken out of the vein on Green street, and water was struck in the vein, about seven feet below the surface, which is supposed to be a very hopeful sign. It will be make sure that the ore can be secured in quantities worth working before acting operations will be begun.

Holiday Edition.

About the first of December THE DISPATCH will issue, besides its regular sheet, an eight page holiday edition, containing cuts of Woodstock, such as the post office, college building, and views of principle streets, together with about forty cuts of individuals occupying public positions in town and county. No pains have been spared to make this special edition a success. Each subscriber will get a copy of the holiday edition, and there will be several hundred for sale besides. Agents throughout the county should send in their orders at once. The edition will be interesting to every parish as the cuts of the county councillors will appear in it.

Snow Drifts 15 Feet High.

A correspondent writing from Beauce Co., P. Q., says that the snow storm of last week was one of the worst ever known in this section of the country. About 22 inches fell, and as it was accompanied by heavy winds, the roads are completely blocked. In many places the drifts are from ten to fifteen feet deep. In the woods the wind and weight of snow combined broke down many of the trees, and the portages are consequently in a very bad state. However, the snow will be of great benefit to the lumbermen if we do not have another fall for some time. Should much more come, however, the effect would be disastrous.

For Windsor.

The total amount of money subscribed in the mayor's office for the Windsor sufferers is \$151.80. Out of this sum a carload of lumber must be paid for. One car load was sent free, and on the request of the Windsor people another carload was sent. It is thought that not less than eight or ten cases of clothing have been forwarded, the ladies committee being most successful in their canvass.

DON'T FORGET the members of the L. T. B. L. intend having a grand concert in the Orange Hall on the evening of the 20th. Proceeds in aid of the orphanage fund. Admission 15 cents. Fuller particulars later.

FELL FROM ACKER BRIDGE

Knocked Off by a Falling Piece of Timber.

A Newburg Man Cuts His Finger Off—Unlucky Structure—Another Story About the Tobique Assault Case which Says Peddlers are to Blame.

Frederic Black, of Upper Woodstock, met with a very serious accident on Acker Creek bridge yesterday morning. He was working about fifteen feet above the ground, when a piece of timber fell on him and knocked him with great force to the ground below. Dr. Hand, of Woodstock, was at once sent for. He found the man very badly used up. His head was split open and he was badly bruised in other parts of the body. He was removed to Newburg, and now lies there in a critical condition. It is hard to say, at present, how severe his injuries may be.

A few days ago Harvey Shaw of Newburg met with an accident while working on the same structure, cutting the top off the third finger of his hand.

ANOTHER VERSION OF IT.

Peddlers are Said to Be To Blame for the Fracas.

A couple of weeks ago THE DISPATCH contained an account of the assaulting and robbery of two peddlars on the road going up the Tobique, by a couple of men bound for the woods. The peddlars' names are Elias Abood and William Hadad. They claimed that they were badly beaten, and robbed of nearly one hundred dollars.

It was at first thought that the story must have been overdrawn but it is now generally credited that the assault took place.

Deputy-Sheriff Foster of this county arrested Asa Hartsgrove on Thursday last, charged with being one of the assailants. The arrest was made in Canaan.

Sheriff Foster handed the prisoner over to Deputy-Sheriff Kupkey of Andover.

The prisoner admits that he committed the assault but denies that he stole any money. His fellow-assailant, a brother-in-law, from Fredericton, named Snider was also arrested by Deputy-Sheriff Kupkey at Andover.

The prisoners are now both in gaol at Andover, and will be tried at the next court.

Touching this affair a Perth correspondent writes:—The two men charged with highway robbery are now safely lodged in the gaol at Andover. One of the men (Snider) started for this place on the Riley Brook stage, but Mr. Turner hearing of his whereabouts, telephoned from Leonard & Knapp's store to the sheriff. As soon as the stage stopped in Perth, Snider gave his name as Grey, but he was soon identified and placed under arrest. The other man Hartsgrove was arrested in Carleton County, by Sheriff Foster and handed over to the Victoria County officers. There seems to be a rumor afloat here that the peddlars did not lose the money as was first reported. The men own up to striking the peddlars but not to robbing them. One story is that the men going to the woods commenced shouting at the peddlars, and the peddlars jumped down from the wagon and were going to thrash the lumbermen but the lumbermen thrashed them. The two men here mentioned were the only ones that had anything to do with the quarrel.

Enterprising Dentist.

If Dr. Manzer's dental rooms in the Manzer block were fine before the fire they are very much finer now. This block is now one of the most attractive in town. The front is painted a rich ochre and the windows are large plates of heavy glass. Up stairs in the doctors office one is struck with the richness and comfort of everything. His instruments and furniture are all new. His mechanical appliances for use in the practise of his profession are the newest and best to be had. To Dr. Manzer's mind nothing is too good for his patients and he gives them the best in the field. With his now famous anesthetic, Itdonhurt, he minimizes the unpleasantness of a dental operation and makes it almost entirely painless. He performs with great skill any operation known to the profession.

Centreville Burglary.

Jas. McGuire appeared before the police magistrate on Monday charged with breaking into the store of Wilmot Bulloch of Centreville and stealing, therefrom, goods to the value of something like one hundred dollars, besides, some change that was in the drawer. He was sent up for trial at the court which meets on Tuesday next.

Boat Woods