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We have decided to close our books after Oct. 1st, 1897. Goods will then be sold for cash only. No goods will be allowed out on approbation unless paid for, and the money will be refunded on return of the goods. We have looked the credit system carefully over, and are fully convinced that by adhering strictly to the cash system we can sell very much lower. We will have no bad debts, no book-keeper to pay, no books to buy, no safe wanted, no time lost in collecting accounts, and by doing business for cash, we will have ready money to buy goods for spot cash and thus save large amounts on discounts, which will enable us to sell at the very closest possible prices, and give customers the benefit of all the savings. Those who are in need of Fall and Winter Dress Goods will do well to examine our close prices and see that we mean what we say.

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WOODSTOCK TAKES THE BUN.

A Good Day's Sport at the Trotting Park.

Earl Dufferin Covers Himself with Glory.
Bicycle Races Won by Woodstockers.
Houlton Base Ball Team Suffers Defeat.
Board of Trade Meeting.

Labor day was observed by a good programme of sports in the park. The trotting races, of course, were the prime affair. There was rather too much wind and the track was not in the best condition. Nevertheless there was good time made. The judges were Ed. Burnham (Houlton) starter, W. B. Belyea, Daniel Hemore, Smyrna, Me., Dr. G. C. Nickerson, Houlton, timer. The results were as follows:—

2.50 CLASS.	
Ben P., Guy F. Saunders, Woodstock.....	3 1 2
Mary Lumps, J. A. Gentle, Woodstock.....	2 2 3
Montrose, Harvey McCoy, Fredericton.....	1 1 1
Comet, Fred Pullen, Houlton.....	4 4 4
Time 2.38, 2.36, 2.34.	
2.30 CLASS.	
Mollie W., John Conlogue, Houlton.....	3 3 0
Earl Dufferin, J. R. Murphy, Woodstock.....	1 1 1
Tom O'Haley, Horace McLean, ".....	4 4 0
Dandy Lumps, J. A. Gentle, ".....	2 2 3
Time 2.33, 2.33, 2.35.	

In the race the last heat was a dead heat between Mollie W. and Tom O'Haley for second place.

The following horses entered for the running race, Sandy B, H. Everett, Jacksonville; Nellie B, G. Palmer; Rauber Mac, Ben McLellan; Mollie W., Geo. Wilson; Robbie Lee, John McLellan; Broncho, G. Godsoe; Edward, Frank Atherton.

There were two heats, half mile, Sandy B. ridden by Frank Gilman, winning both, best time 57, Rauber Mac, second money, Nellie B. third.

The half mile bicycle race was won in two heats by Charlie Clare, Sullivan 2nd. Gunn, Fredericton, third, Time 3.05, 117. The mile bicycle race was won by Sullivan first, Clair 2nd Langille, Fredericton 3rd, time 248. It was very close between Sullivan and Clare, the former only leading by a few inches.

The baseball match between the Victorias of Woodstock and Ramblers of Houlton, was won by the home team. The result was, Victorias 17, in eight innings; Ramblers 14 in nine innings.

SHOULD THEY PAY, OR NOT?

The Runner Runs the Gauntlet at a Board of Trade Meeting.

It is a live question. Shall the commercial traveller pay a license or shall he not? There is quite a revenue in it for the town, but are we, like the ostrich hiding our head in the sand and saying that nobody can see our folly? The members of the board are quite divided, and will again discuss the question at the October meeting. H. Paxton Baird and James Carr are the strongest opponents of the tax. W. T. Drysdale, W. S. Saunders and Mayor Hay favor it, every time.

At a meeting of the board on Friday evening last, J. Fred Dickason was elected a member. The committee appointed to revise the list of membership said that they had about finished their work, but would ask to be allowed to report progress. The following were elected delegates to the meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade in Charlotte-town, P. E. I. on the 21st inst: H. Paxton Baird, Jas. Watts, Williamson Fisher. On motion of H. P. Baird the secretary was instructed to write to the commissioner of customs asking that a telephone be put in the custom house. It was decided to hold monthly meetings of the board during the fall and winter months, and the second Monday in each month was selected as the night of meeting, the secretary to send notices of such meeting to each member.

H. Paxton Baird opened up an animated discussion by moving that the board express disapproval of the tax imposed upon commercial travellers representing wholesale houses, and request the town council to take into consideration the advisability of doing away with it. Mr. Baird said that Woodstock was the only town in Canada and he believed in the U. S. where travellers were asked to pay a license. It was done away with in P. E. I. and in the province and city of Quebec, and Woodstock now remained alone. Every traveller who came into the town made the consumer pay, ten times over, the amount of the tax. The tax was against the spirit of the age, and in a class behind the rest of the country.

M. McManus said he had always been opposed to this tax. It was true the town gained \$800 or \$900 a year from the tax, but the consumer paid just the same.

Jas. Carr seconded Mr. Baird's motion.

He considered that it was one of the foulest things in the town of Woodstock, this chasing commercial travellers round with a tax bill. He had brought the matter up in the town council when he sat there but could not get the tax abolished.

W. T. Drysdale said that it was a suspicious thing that the persons who complained against the tax were the travellers themselves. It was his opinion that the commercial traveller was not a benefit to a town. It would be far better if merchants went to the wholesale centres, themselves and made their purchases. He would not feel like supporting this proposed recommendation to the town council.

Wm. Dibblee said it struck him that the town council represented the rate payers of Woodstock and it was their function to impose taxes. This board simply represented themselves and could only tax themselves.

Jas. Carr—We have a right to suggest an idea to the council, asking them if it would not be well to have the tax removed. Woodstock is the only town that keeps this tax up. The wisdom of the country cannot be all centered in Woodstock.

W. S. Saunders said he could not support the resolution. He did not believe the town would be in favor of doing away with the tax. Commercial travellers had become a regular pest. Three or four of them were in your store every day and it was actually difficult to attend to one's own business, so persistent were they in getting your attention. Many of them were gentlemen, but some were quite the reverse.

Mayor Hay said that it struck him that the board was rather too small a portion of the town of Woodstock to pass this resolution. It was a resolution which affects the whole town, the revenue belongs to the whole town, it affects every man, woman and child in this town. The time is coming when the heaviest merchants are going to buy in the markets, themselves. That was the way his firm conducted their business, at present. They bought as little as they could from the commercial traveller.

Jas. Carr said that the resolution was simply a suggestion of the board. He had no recollection of this question ever having been placed before the ratepayers of the town. It was started in Fred Bridges' time. St. John and Fredericton were both doing the same thing. Since then both these places had abolished the tax.

H. P. Baird contended that the question was a perfectly proper one for the Board of trade to discuss, representing as they did the commercial interests of the town. We propose to approach the council in the most respectful way. All the wisdom of the town did not centre in the six councillors.

Mayor Hay did not wish that anyone should infer that he held that the whole brains of the town centered in the town council. However, the councillors were elected by the people, and until the people find some serious fault with this tax, four or five gentlemen belonging to this board should not think that they could abolish the tax.

H. P. Baird—The commercial travellers are honest, good, genial men.

Mr. McManus—Yes! you're right, and he carries good cigars in his pocket. (Laughter.)

Mr. Baird—Yes! and he has come to stay, and in my opinion, this town is making a big mistake in standing out alone in enforcing this tax.

As the hour was now late, upon motion it was resolved to adjourn the discussion until next meeting.

For the Library.

A public meeting will be held tomorrow evening to consider the public library question.

The committee appointed at the last meeting reported in favor of another public meeting. It is said that they have received several offers of assistance from Woodstockers outside of the town.

Will the townspeople show any disposition to take advantage of Mr. L. P. Fisher's offer, which it will be remembered, is \$5000 if the townspeople within eighteen months will raise an equal amount?

In several of the churches on Sunday notice was given of the meeting tomorrow evening; and it is hoped that the citizens generally will turn out and show their interest in the proposed scheme.

Oats.

A gentleman who buys a very large amount of farm produce in this county for shipment asks THE DISPATCH to request the farmers to clean their oats thoroughly. The oats that have come to him this year are better than he has ever seen them, and he wishes they would keep at this high standard. The county of Carleton has, unfortunately, had a bad reputation among oat dealers in the big markets, and she might and ought to redeem her name.

FELL ON THE SIDEWALK

And Wants the Town to Pay Him Damages.

Thomas Courtney Has a Complaint.—Council will Back Up Dog Tax Collector at all Costs.—Financial Statement.—Police Offenders.

All the councillors were present at the meeting on Monday evening excepting Coun. Ketchum. It was rumored that there might be a breeze about the Broadway question, but the celebrated rock land mark was not mentioned.

The treasurer stated that there had been collected on taxes to the end of August \$14,754.83, of which \$11,368.00 was this year's taxes. The debit balance was \$1883.69 as against \$1395.36 in 1896, and \$622.70 in 1895, but the treasurer had \$562.13 in hand which he was not able to deposit owing to the bank being closed.

When the police magistrate's report came up, Coun. Graham moved, and it was carried that all fines due the court be collected at once, and that hereafter convicted parties pay on the spot or go to jail.

It was decided to purchase a horse owned by Simon Adams on the poor farm for \$60, Adams having had an outside offer for that amount.

Thomas Courtney wrote a letter telling the council that on the 1st of August he fell on the King street sidewalk, owing to its defective condition, and sustained serious injury. He will settle for \$104.00. Couns. Graham, Henderson and Jones will look into the affair.

Samuel Parsons complained that he was taxed too high on his personal property. This led to a discussion on exemptions, and Coun. Lindsay said the town should consider its contract with factories void, when these factories went into other business than that represented when they secured the exemption. His remarks referred to the Woollen Mill and the Canning Factory.

Coun. Graham reported that the C. P. R. was likely to come to an agreement to pay taxes on their property.

Robbie White informed the council that four parties had refused to pay the tax, until the law compelled them. White was authorized to see J. C. Hartley, the town solicitor and act on his advice, the council, to back him up. White has paid the treasurer \$100 on dog taxes and has killed ten canines. He was paid \$55 by the treasurer.

A MISSIONARY LECTURE with lantern views of Trinidad, will be delivered in the Presbyterian church on Saturday evg., 11th inst. at eight o'clock by the Revs. A. S. Morton, H. H. Morton and Jas. W. Falconer. The Messrs. Morton are sons of Rev. John Morton, missionary at Trinidad. The lecture will be a very interesting one and should be attended by all who are in sympathy with missionary work. Admission 10 cts.

DR. L. W. BAILEY of the University of New Brunswick was in Woodstock on Monday to meet Prof. Williams of Yale University who is conducting a geological survey of Maine on behalf of the U. S. government. Dr. Bailey has a commission from our government to report on the economical uses that are being made of such minerals as are found in New Brunswick.

CASE DISMISSED.—Geo. V. Kearney and six other young men were brought before stipendiary magistrate Farley at Bristol on Saturday last charged with having gathered together in an unlawful assembly at the house of Mrs. Oakman Boyer. After a patient hearing the Magistrate dismissed the case.

MR. AND MRS. FRED. E. HARRISON are returned from their wedding tour. The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jewett, gave them a reception on Thursday evening last, to which were invited only the relatives of the families. The evening was very pleasantly spent.

HARNESS.—Atherton Bros. have just finished a fine set of double harness for Fewer Bros. It is all hand made, of the very finest leather and trimmed with brass. It is for heavy work and is rather a coach harness. Any one who wants a good harness ought to see this set. It is a beauty.

THE members of the Methodist choir, with a few of their friends, indulged in a drive around town on Monday evening. After the drive the party went to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Holyoke where refreshments were served.

IF YOU want the real fly killer get one of Baird's fly poison mats. Beware of the bogus poison mats. Another imitation is one of their celebrated Quinine and Iron tonics. Don't buy any but the Baird Co's which is sure to effect a cure.

THE people from this vicinity who have occasion to stop at the Aberdeen, all unite in saying it is a model house. Call and see Jim and "Chick" the next time you go there. —Northern Leader.

ALTHOUGH Balmain Bros. suffered a good deal by the late fire, they are still doing business at the old stand.