

OUR THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREETING.

This is the third time we have had the pleasure of extending to our many patrons a "Merry Christmas," and thanking them for their very liberal patronage.

Only ten days until Christmas. What a world of getting ready there is to do. This store will be a great help to those who want presents for Father, Brother, or young man. Let us suggest a few presents that are acceptable to any man at any time:

One of our Men's or Boys' Ready-to-wear Suits.
One of our Men's or Boys' Ulsters or Overcoats,
A Nice Cap—Here you'll find a great assortment at many different prices.

Men's Neckwear—All the Newest Shapes and Colors, richer and better than ever before.

Puffs, Flowing Ends, Bows, Four-in-hand and String Ties, popular prices, 23, 34, 48, 60, 75.

Be sure and see our Christmas Ties in Bows and Four-in-Hands. "A Merry Christmas" stamped on Ties—these you cannot get elsewhere in town.

Gloves—all colors, qualities and prices.

Handkerchiefs—in Linen Hemstitched, Silk and Initialed. Price from 25c. to \$2.

Silk Mufflers in Plain and Fancy Silk, quiet and elegant patterns. Prices from 50c. to \$1.50.

These with a number of other goods make useful Christmas Presents, and we know you can buy them as cheap here as in the province.

Come in and see the Xmas Gifts for Men at this store.

Oak Hall, One Price, Woodstock.

Four Fine Flours. Five Roses.

Best Bread Flour Made.

Cream of Wheat.

Good for All Purposes.

Thames and Rosedale.

Choice Pastry Flours.

For Sale by All Grocers.

THE A. I. TEED CO. (L'td.)

Men Who Study To Dress Correctly

Probably know that fashion has decreed a number of changes in Men's Garments for the winter of 1897-98. As Shakespeare said; "The apparel out proclaims the man," and it is indeed true that a man is often judged by the clothes he wears. Men who wear my clothes are not only well dressed, but are always dressed in good form. My stock of

Fall and Winter Cloths

is large, varied and excellent. Come in and look it over. Look at the fashion plates and see what you want. I can satisfy you. That is my business.

W. B. NICHOLSON.

NOTICE.

This is to certify that I give my son Guy N. Jones the remainder of his time, that I will not hereafter pay any debts contracted by him or collect any of his wages.

DAVID B. JONES,
West Glassville C. County Nov. 18th 1897.

NOTICE

is hereby given to the public that I have given my Son James H. Brown his time during his minority. From this date I shall claim none of his earnings nor pay any debts of his contracting.

JOSHUA C. BROWN,
Sisson Ridge Nov. 1st, 1897.

A MARKET FOR PRODUCE.

Suggestion That a Company be Formed to Buy and Sell.

Something Much Needed in Woodstock.—Farmers Will not Come Here Unless They Can Sell Their Produce.—It would Aid the Cash System.

An interesting meeting of the Board of Trade was held on Monday evening. There was a fair attendance among those present being Messrs. W. Fisher, president, George Balmain, Hugh Hay, Jas. Carr, A. Henderson, W. Snow, F. B. Carvell, W. P. Jones, Jas. Watts, Wm. Dibblee.

Mr. Henderson set the ball a rolling by dwelling upon the absolute necessity of the business men of Woodstock working in their own interests. At Florenceville, Hartland and all along the line of railway there are men buying all kinds of farm produce and paying cash for it. Country stores are being built up, and unless Woodstock makes a move it stands to lose much of the trade. It was his opinion that it would pay Woodstock people to organize a company with \$5000 or \$6000 of capital, which would buy produce of all kinds. The bane of Woodstock is the credit system. If we had a strong company paying cash for farm produce, the farmers would come here and sell, and being paid cash, would buy where they got their cash, and pay cash, themselves. Something of this kind was imperatively needed if Woodstock was to keep abreast of the times, and it was for the Board of Trade to start in the matter.

Mr. Carvell said that in the case of the sale of produce now to the few small shippers in Woodstock, the farmers had to wait for their money till it came from Boston. He heartily favored Mr. Henderson's idea.

Mr. Balmain had the impression that cash was paid here for produce. At the same time Mr. Henderson's idea was a good one.

Mr. Carr was strongly impressed with Mr. Henderson's suggestion. Such a company would be a great benefit to the town. It was such a scheme as this board should start. He believed a strong company, buying, beef, pork and all kinds of produce and paying cash would be profitable to the investors, and to the people generally. Our grain trade had largely fallen away, and it is a matter of fact that our oats do not compare with Ontario oats in anyway. Hartland is now stripping the trade away from Woodstock, as Centreville did twenty years ago. Some merchants here, had little idea of the extent of business done in the small villages above Woodstock. He would suggest the organization of a company with capital that could give better prices and run a larger business than the private individuals who are now doing the trade. He pointed out how Woodstock was handicapped with respect to its lack of good roads. Take the case of Cloverdale, for instance. That large section would do its business here, if there were a direct road.

Mr. Dibblee heartily favored the proposal. The fact was that in other places the very best men were engaged in this business. With all due deference to these gentlemen now buying produce in Woodstock, a relative amount of capital and energy was not put into this important business by Woodstock compared with the points above. The town of Woodstock had been cursed by a lack of energy, and of interest in the country trade. Years ago he remembered farmers used to drive to Houlton, to do business, and when asked the reason they said they were always treated fair. For too long it had been the policy of Woodstock traders to give the farmer as little as possible for his goods. The result was now apparent.

Mr. Carr said that within a day or two he knew of a farmer coming to Woodstock with a load of beef. He could not sell it satisfactorily, and took it home with him again.

Mr. Henderson mentioned the case of a farmer who sold his pork to a party, on credit, and had not been paid for the pork he sold the same party a year ago. The farmer knew he would get his pay in time, but would rather have taken less price and have been paid in cash.

On motion of James Carr, the chair named the following committee to suggest means of improving the business of the town, at the January meeting:—Messrs. Carr, Henderson, Carvell, Dibblee and Watts.

The question of a public meeting to nominate candidates for the town council was introduced by Mr. Jones. He hoped the people would understand that the Board of Trade in suggesting such a step, did not mean to nominate candidates. It simply invited the mayor to call the meeting. Then, the citizens took over the meeting.

Mr. Carvell thought the action of the board last year in asking the Mayor to call a meeting had been fully justified. The present council was a credit to the town, and in marked contrast to some of its predecessors. Messrs. Jones, Dibblee and Watts were appointed a committee to wait on the Mayor.

The next meeting of the board will be on the second Tuesday in January, the second Monday being election day.

OLD SEA CAPTAIN.

Capt. True who Commanded the "Sunbury" is Dead.

Capt. George True, a well known citizen of Woodstock for many years, died at Lowell last week and his remains were brought to Upper Woodstock for burial on Thursday last. Deceased was born in Maugerville in 1823, and was therefore 74 years old when he died. He was Captain of the "Sunbury" until she was blown up. He married a Miss Black fifty years ago, the 28th inst. He leaves seven children four boys and three girls. His two elder sons are in Woodstock, his third son is in Lowell, where his father died and the fourth son is in Amesbury. The eldest daughter is Mrs. Chas. Allen of Amesbury. The other daughters are Mrs. Gordon Grant of Shogomoc and Mrs. Wesley Chute of Lowell Mass. At one time Captain True lived on third tier and of late years has been bridge builder on the C. P. railway. He was always highly respected for his moral integrity and high sense of honor, loved and respected by all who knew him. He was in Woodstock part of last summer. Not feeling well he returned to his home in Lowell and gradually got worse until he was called hence Dec. 8th. From the beginning of his sickness he did not expect to get better. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. T. Phillips.

A MOUNTAIN OF QUARTZ.

Where White Men Are Scarce.

Last week THE DISPATCH had an item regarding a prospecting tour made by Humboldt Sharp away up the Tobique. THE DISPATCH was a little astray in stating that this work was done on the Tobique. As a matter of fact, the most satisfactory results were found on the head waters of the Nepisquit, a river which empties into the Bay Chaleur. With Mr. Sharp, were Coles Dugan and Ellis Smith. They left Upper Woodstock on the 13th of October, having provisions for two months. They took a horse with them, and packed their stuff on the horse's back, for fifty miles. They went up the Serpentine, on the Tobique, four miles, and there crossed over twenty miles to the Nepisquit. By this time they were 210 miles from Woodstock, and they claim to have been in a land which has seldom or ever been visited by white men. It was here that, tradition says, an old Indian, Ambrose Bear, lived for twenty years, and brought up a family without once coming out into civilization. They claim to have found a mountain about 600 feet high covered with solid quartz, containing minerals in paying quantities is a matter of opinion, and the prospectors in question express their firm belief that it does. At all events they have brought out a considerable quantity of ore, and expect soon to know what experienced assayists have to say about it. Mr. Dugan told THE DISPATCH that game was plentiful in the district they visited. They killed an elk, and saw a number of moose and caribou. On an occasion they saw three or four caribou within a period of a quarter of an hour.

SEND IN YOUR BILLS.

Town Council Wants to Square up Before the Election.

The town council met on Friday evening last, and were just fifteen minutes in passing the accounts and transacting other business. Coun. Jones said that the time had come for arrangements for storing some of the town apparatus used in the summer. Gus Gilman had offered a shelter for the hose cart for \$2.00. It was agreed to accept the offer.

On motion of Coun. Henderson seconded by Coun. Lindsay, it was decided to advertise in the papers for all persons having claims against the town, to make out their accounts at once and send them in. The council wishes to square up its debts and leave no legacies of that nature to the incoming council of next year.

Town Elections.

The election of Mayor and Councillors for Woodstock is held on the third Monday in January, which this coming January will fall on the 17th. Under the act of 1896 nominations shall be made on the Thursday immediately preceding the day of election. This year's nominations will be on the 13th. It is also required by the act that a public meeting of the rate payers shall be held on or before the Monday preceding the day of election, at which a statement of the town affairs shall be given.

BURGLARS AT WORK.

A Store and Warehouse Entered and Small Thefts.

Assault Case in the Police Court—Complainant and Defendant Tell their Stories—A "Split" Figured in the Affair—Definition of a "Split."

Burglars are at work, but from the style of their operations, it would appear that they are novices. Sometime between Saturday night and Monday morning, W. F. Dibblee & Son's hardware store was entered from a rear window on the ground flat. It would seem that a shutter was left unfastened, and the visitors had really little difficulty in getting inside. They invaded the till and took what money was there, not more than three or four dollars, and made away with a revolver.

On Monday morning it was discovered that Teed's warehouse, near the old station, had been entered, the burglars evidently having mounted a car, that was on the track, and then let themselves into the building. They carried away a caddy of tobacco with them.

A BROKEN NOSE

And as a Result a Young Man In Gaol.

An interesting assault case was tried in the police court on Monday afternoon. Information for grievously assaulting, and breaking his nose, was laid by Oliver L. Davenport, of Northampton, farmer, against Frank Brewer of Woodstock. The defendant pleaded "not guilty" and elected to be tried summarily. Frank B. Carvell appeared on his behalf. The complainant stated that on the evening of the 15th of November he had loaded some pipe on a team, at Dibblee's warehouse, on Water street. After he started from the warehouse he met Mr. Tower in an intoxicated condition and thought it his duty to try and assist him. Mr. Tower met a woman, and must have been in her way, who told him that she would get some one to take care of him. As Tower and I came near the street we met defendant and another young man. Defendant came up to Tower and drew off to strike him. I said not to strike him that he was intoxicated. I did not say this in any authoritative or offensive way. In a moment I got a blow in the face from defendant. It knocked me down and after I got up again, some five or ten minutes after, defendant again struck me, knocking me down again. When I got up the second time and looked around, defendant was gone. I bled terribly and had to consult Dr. Rankin who told me that my nose was broken. I never had any dealings with the defendant before.

Frank Brewer, the defendant, did not have any counsel. He was sworn and gave his version of the affair as follows:—I was standing on the corner of Main and Water streets. My mother came down and wanted me to go home with her. She said there were drunken men on the street and she did not care about going home, alone. My brother was with me. We started up and near the rear of Regan's store, met Mr. Tower, who was on the opposite side of the street. Tower shouted out, "Hold on there, old woman." I stopped and told him to go about his business. Then this man, (plaintiff) came along and told me to leave the old man alone. I told him to get him away out of that, or make him close his mouth. I didn't want anyone insulting my mother. I asked him if he wanted to take Tower's place. He said he could if it was needed. He was crowding me against the platform, I lost my balance and as I was falling, I hit him. I fell back, and when I got to my feet, he said you will have to pay for this, and I hit him again. My brother took hold of me, interfering, and I hit him again. Then I left him and started for home with my mother.

The magistrate.—Had you been drinking. I had been drinking a little beer.

Nothing stronger?

I had a couple of drinks of "split."

Witness was asked to define "split," which he said was alcohol and water mixed. To Mr. Carvell, he said that his mother came down town looking for him.

Israel Graham said that he was around and heard defendant say that somebody had been insulting his mother.

Mr. Carvell.—Did you have some "split," Israel?

I had my share of it. The police magistrate sentenced the defendant to two months in gaol with hard labor and \$1 and costs. Speaking to the prisoner, the only extenuating instance was in his standing up for his mother. If he had been perfectly sober and had hit Tower, he (the magistrate) would certainly not have made a conviction. But Davenport was entirely innocent, and had given no cause for such assault. After his term in gaol the prisoner would perhaps come to see that the conduct he was pursuing, did not pay.