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LOCAL POLITICS.

Dr. Stockton, M. P. P., the leader of the opposition in the local legislature is to address a meeting in the Opera House on Friday evening. He is said to be a forcible and cultured speaker and will no doubt meet a good and appreciative audience.

Provincial affairs are in rather a peculiar mix-up. There is no division, at present, on dominion party lines. The leader of the government is a Conservative, while his cabinet is something like half and half. The leader of the opposition is also a Conservative. However, newspapers supporting the present dominion government generally endorse the local government, while those opposed to Mr. Laurier, oppose Mr. Mitchell.

Dr. Stockton has not a difficult task in pointing out defects in the present administration of local affairs. It costs a big lot of money to run our little province. The electors are quite aware of this, but they are in doubt where to look for a remedy.

It is remarked, often, that preachers have not the easy task of years ago, inasmuch as with the general diffusion of education, congregations are becoming more critical. The same thing holds with politicians. It is no longer of any use to tell the electors some old story of one's opponents expecting them to believe it. The electors read, now-a-days and form their own conclusions. They have learned one thing that promises of retrenchment and reform, made by oppositions, are very likely to be forgotten at the turn of the tables. If we had some system by which economists should give bonds for the performance of their promises, when they become government leaders, it might work well. As it is, the enthusiastic reformer is apt to learn that his hearers have mixed a plentiful supply of salt with his ardent promises of retrenchment.

Some people say that we would be better off if the legislature were divided on party lines. Anyway, the coalition has not been particularly conducive to good government, and it has assuredly left the province with a desperately weak opposition—a very bad feature.

The best thing for the province is a thorough discussion of its affairs. If Dr. Stockton helps this, his tour in the county will not have been in vain.

Whether the railway company will fall in with the idea or not, the endeavor of the Board of Trade to secure cheaper passenger rates to Montreal is a move in the right direction. Our merchants deal largely with Montreal, and when the distance is about the same as to Boston, it would seem that the railway fare should not be so disproportionate.

Shake Dice for a Bible.

When children annually shake dice in a church, under the auspices of the church, to win a Bible presented by the church to the winner, the situation calls for a gasp of astonishment. The gasp probably be so deep that another could not be mustered at the additional information that girls trot right along with the boys in the game. Yet that is what is done in the Established Church, at St. Ives, Huntingdon, England.

The custom is a survival of old times. More than 350 years ago a bequest of £50, invested in lands, was made by a queer old doctor, Robert Wild. This money was to be used to pay the expenses of distributing annually six Bibles among twelve children. It was stipulated that six boys and six girls should shake dice for the Bibles during the services every Whitson Tuesday morning.

When the first game was played, in 1533, the bones were shaken on the altar. This was kept until half a century ago, when the rector of that day rebelled, and ever since the dice have rolled out on a table placed in the middle aisle.

The way the game is run is like this. Three boys compete against the other three. The church wardens keep the counts, and each competitor is allowed three throws. Then a chance is given the girls. The six highest out of the twelve gets the Bibles. In the evening the successful ones attend the services, and no doubt are warned against the evils of gambling.

The unsuccessful six can keep on trying year after year. Of course in the ordinary run of the bones, some of the children might get married before they get the Bibles, but, somehow, no one has been known to wait longer than five years before luck turns.

It is an interesting old church, this Church of All Saints. Its legends run back to the Norman days. A river washes the churchyard walls, and in the middle of the bridge, across the stream, is the chapel of the church. St. Ives used to be a great cattle market, and the steers, being somewhat unruly, often went into the parlors of the houses, when they had a mind. The rush of modern life doesn't press hard upon the town, and much of its quaintness.

MRS. SAMUEL BARTER, Avondale, is not expected to live a week. She has been ill a long time.

BOARD OF TRADE.

Election of New Members, and Business Transacted.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade, President Williamson Fisher in the chair, held on Friday evening last, these new members were elected: McManus Bros. Noble and Trafton, Samuel T. Parsons, C. F. Carpenter. The attention of the meeting having been called to the fact that of the original list of members many have neither attended meetings, nor paid dues for the past two years, the president, H. Paxton Baird and the secretary were appointed a committee to examine the list, reporting at the next meeting the names of those who should be erased, having desired to sever their connection with the board.

In connection with this resolution, the secretary will be obliged if any of those whose names appear as members, but who do not wish to continue their membership, will at once let him know.

Quite a discussion arose over the question of the stopping of the trains in Woodstock, to enable passengers to get dinner instead of carrying them up to Newburg. It was generally agreed that if the train stopped here it would mean a good deal of business to the town and, on motion of Mr. Baird, the secretary was instructed to write to the C. P. R. people asking them to make a change as soon as convenient in their time table so that Woodstock will be the dining place for passengers.

Among matters of importance dealt with, was the passenger rate between Woodstock and Montreal compared with Woodstock and Boston. It appears that a return ticket to Boston can be purchased for about \$18.00. To Montreal and return the charge is \$26.00. The distance is about thirty miles less to Boston. In view of the large amount of business done in Montreal, it was decided that the interests of business men required that cheap fares to Montreal would be more appropriate than cheap fares to Boston, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with the C. P. R. office in Montreal, and with the boards of trade in Montreal and Toronto, asking that efforts be made towards a reduction of passenger fare between Woodstock and Montreal. Mr. J. N. Sutherland district freight agent having written the secretary that he would shortly be in Woodstock to confer with the board on the arbitrary freight rate charged between McAdam and Woodstock, the following were appointed a committee to meet him when he comes:—The president, W. P. Jones, H. P. Baird and James Carr.

Canning Factory Picnic.

It was a happy idea that struck the shareholders of the Maritime Pure Food Co. to hold a basket picnic on their grounds and to invite their friends to participate giving them also an opportunity to look over the factory. Quite a large gathering from town and the parishes round about were present at this affair on Monday afternoon. Tables were spread in one of the large buildings on Carleton street. The lady friends of the company had provided a most agreeable repast, which was heartily enjoyed by the many present. There were good things in every sort and variety. Before the guests left the table addresses were made by a few gentleman present. Mr. H. Paxton Baird, president of the company occupied the chair, and addressed those present on the aims and prospects of the new industry, pointing out, the circumstances which encouraged the formation of the company, and now indicated a prosperous career for it. Messrs J. T. Allen Dibblee, and J. L. Smith M. P. P. were the next speakers, both saying most encouraging words for the industry. Other speakers were His Worship, Mayor Hay, James Watts, T. C. L. Ketchum Alex Henderson, C. L. S. Raymond Ven. Archdeacon Neales, and F. B. Green, the manager. After singing the national anthem, the meeting broke up. It was a very auspicious affair altogether, and those at whose suggestion it was brought about, are deserving of congratulations.

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MANCHESTER HOUSE.

Personal

W. H. Berry, Pokiok, spent Sunday in town.
G. H. Harrison B. A. left for home on Monday.
S. D. Hamilton, Houlton, spent Monday in town.

Wm. Boyer Jr. East Florenceville, is at the Aberdeen.

Arthur Evans is up river in the interests of Garden Bros.

Gilbert Fletcher, Boston, is visiting his brother L. N. Fletcher.

Miss Kate Stephenson, Florenceville, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Minnie White, Centreville, was in Woodstock last week.

Woody Raymond and wife have returned from their bridal tour.

Miss Macaulay, St. John, is the guest of Miss Annie Van Wait.

J. F. Snow, Bangor, is the guest of Wm. R. Snow, Woodstock.

Miss Arscott, London, Ont., is the guest of Mrs. W. H. S. Cox, Woodstock.

Miss Page, Centreville, has been the guest of Miss Annie Good, Jacksonville.

Mrs. McKinley, Halifax, with her little girl, is visiting her mother Mrs. Creighton.

Ernest R. Estey, Passiac, N. J., is spending a vacation at his home in Jacksonville.

Mrs. George Balmain returned home last week from Fredericton where she has been visiting.

Mr. Christie, arrived here Friday from Halifax, to take Mr. Neil's place in the Merchants' Bank.

Rev. Thomas Miller, Richmond, returned on Thursday last from a two weeks visit to Nova Scotia.

John Buck, of Woodstock, N. B., is here in company with Mr. Emerson—Crouseville cor. Star Herald.

Miss Macdonell, Toronto, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Grenville James left for home on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Smith Adams Jr., with her family, Calais, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hand, Plymouth.

Miss Annie Hazen, of Upper Woodstock, has gone to St. Andrews on a visit to her aunt Mrs. Geo. S. Grimmer.

Miss Millie Larlee, of Perth Centre, is spending a part of her vacation in Woodstock, the guest of Miss Elva Clark.

Matthew Hutchinson, Upper Wicklow, spent Sunday at the Victoria Hotel. He left for Fredericton on Monday.

A. P. Connolly, who represents The Bair Co., Ltd., returned on Friday evening last from a successful trip through the centre of the province.

Dr. E. S. Kirkpatrick, wife and child are spending the summer in St. Andrews. Dr. Clarence Kirkpatrick is most efficiently handling the practice during his brother's absence.

Miss P. A. Dunphy of St. Marys and Miss Lottie Vandine of Fredericton came to Woodstock on their wheels recently and are now visiting friends at the upper section of the county.

At the Victoria:—R. Wiley, J. E. Cameron, S. D. Hamilton, C. H. Parsons, C. H. Berry and wife, W. N. Dyer, H. F. Ingraham, W. Emerson, F. D. Fuller, Houlton; A. J. Markham, Mrs. Barton, Miss Barton, A. Cooper, A. J. Cooper, L. H. Cohoon, H. Chubburn, C. D. Jones, St. John; S. R. Gillmore, Geo. Sinclair, F. H. Bartier, G. A. Murchie, Frank Smith, J. E. McAllister, Frank McDonald, C. H. Seheson, St. Stephen; L. T. Jondry, Moncton, C. C. Phelan, Gilbert Wilkins, Westbrook, Me; John Ronalds, John McIntosh, Glassville; J. A. Pearson, F. A. Boyd, Peel; John Young, Toronto; Wm. Owens, T. Cane, Centreville; H. C. Jewett, W. A. Burden, Geo. Upham, Fredericton; C. B. Herritt, Sussex; M. Hutchinson, W. Hutchinson, Wicklow; W. H. Murchie, Benton; A. J. Drysdale, W. S. Tompkins, Southampton; J. R. Brown, R. A. Brown, Northampton; G. R. Burt, W. A. Durkee, Hartland.

At the Aberdeen: Mrs. W. H. Russell, Miss M. Russell, Boston; A. Cauter, Vanceboro; E. H. Barter, Frank McDonald, J. W. Smith, Wm. McLean, Walton Brown, F. Ham, Judge Stevens, St. Stephen; C. A. Risteen and wife, Martin Lawlis, C. S. Osgood, C. A. Gerry, A. T. Perkins, Houlton; R. J. Adams, J. H. Scribner, Wm. M. Lathro, Thos. Ellis, D. K. Mollison, J. S. Eagles, J. Wetmore, J. S. McLean, St. John; Robt. Elliot, St. Andrews; Geo. H. Hunt, Portland, Me; Robt. Bliss, Island Falls; Fred M. Smith, Clinton D. Estabrook, Presque Isle; R. F. Pugsley, Quebec; C. H. Green, M. B. Rice, B. E. Hill, Montreal; R. R. Goulding, London, Ont. LeBaron Moores and wife, Connell; Geo. F. Burden and wife, Bear Island; H. H. Brunt, Hodgton, Me; D. H. Savage and wife, Linneus, Me; Wm. E. Thistle, Jas. Elise, Hartland; D. McCatherine, Fredericton.

Carlisle Hotel arrivals: W. A. Gibson, F. C. J. O. Charlton, St. John; G. B. Cane, Stratford; Wm. Hoy, Bangor; R. P. Templeton, Toronto; W. H. White, St. John; D. H. McDiarmid, London, Ont.; J. Morrison, Toronto; H. Summers, St. Stephen; F. S. Hutchinson, St. Stephen; J. H. Weir, Quebec; J. Reid, H. W. Machum, St. John; G. R. Teed, E. B. Snow, St. John; W. C. Powers, Toronto; Robt. Reid, J. Pender, D. D. Jones, H. P. Kerr, St. F. I. Gibson, J. Chayer, Geo. G. Mawley, G. W.

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MISS M. B. SHARP, (Principal of the Victoria Conservatory of Music, Victoria, British Columbia), is at home and will teach during the summer. Pupils in Piano, Voice Culture and Singing. Application for lessons, terms, etc., to MISS SHARP, or Miss Maude Henderson.

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Woodstock, April 12th 1897.

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Justus Ebbett is very ill with pneumonia, at the Carlisle Hotel.

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Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers. An accepted bank cheque payable to the order of the Minister of public works, for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, E. F. E. ROY, Secretary.

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