

LOCAL TOPICS.

TOMORROW will be Ascension Day.

A slightly wire fence next the road, adds much to the appearance of W. H. deVeber's farm.

CORRESPONDENTS will please sign their names to each communication they send in, not for publication, unless so desired.

A new sidewalk is being made from Dow's hotel up on the north side of Main street South. It will be a good accommodation.

REV. H. GOWERY travelling agent for the S. P. C. K. will address a public meeting in the parish hall at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

ARTHUR SEELY of the C. P. R. is about erecting a house below the new residence of Samuel Watson. The cellar is already done.

MESSRS. F. B. CARVELL and J. C. Hartley have put out a row of trees along the sidewalk on Elm street. Let others follow the good example.

The river took a sudden rise on Friday night and by Saturday had come up over three feet. It began to fall again on Sunday. It is still very high for the time of year.

WHY PAY long tall prices for prescription medicines. The Baird Company always the leader in quality are also the lowest in price. They will thank you for your patronage.

THE TOWN STREETS are kept cleaner this year than for some years past and the watering cart is doing its duty. If failed to bring rain the other day. A drought must be at hand.

S. G. BARTER, Avondale, is rebuilding his cheese factory which was destroyed by fire last summer. He is building, directly in front of his store, a two story building, which is rapidly nearing completion.

R. H. SEABORN, who has been for some time at the old soldier's home, Tegus, Me., writes THE DISPATCH that he is contemplating a move to Fitzgerald, Georgia, a place of some 6000 people in a delightful climate, the population being largely of old soldiers.

WHY NOT HAVE a Arbor Day for the adults as well as children of Woodstock. What a pretty thing would be a row of trees on the north end of Main street from the junction of Grover up as far as Mr. Fisher's. Other streets in town might be adorned the same way.

Now is the time for wall papers, you will find a large variety and low prices at R. W. Balloch's. Next week he will have a fine lot of fancy silks in lengths for blouses and waists, no two alike; also a new variety of dress goods in dress lengths, each one different.

MISS ANNIE SPRAGUE, daughter of Rev. Dr. Sprague, has been notified that she is to be the valedictorian of the class '98 at Mt. Allison. This honor is given to that member of a class who makes the highest average throughout the entire course, and carries with it a life membership of the Alumni Society. Miss Sprague is a niece of Dr. Sprague of Woodstock.

C. M. SHERWOOD is receiving choice new stylish goods for ladies, every three of four days, including beautiful assorted organdies, spot and other choice muslins, grenadines, blouses and wrappers in great variety, bridal outfit, art muslins, new styles window curtains, children's duck and other summer suits etc. In a word, he keeps everything the people want.

E. W. MCCREADY, has been appointed war correspondent for the New York Herald. Thomas Dreuer of the New York Evening Sun is on the battleship Massachusetts as war correspondent. He joined the vessel at Hampton Roads. Theodore Roberts has accepted a position as war correspondent for two New York papers, the Independent and Aineley's Weekly. These three men are graduates of the University of New Brunswick.

M. E. THORNTON's house, store and out-buildings at Rockland, five miles from Hartland, were destroyed last Thursday night by fire, caused by the bursting of a burning flue. All the household goods, including wearing apparel, are a total loss. People succeeded in saving a small portion of the store goods in a bad condition. Mr. Thornton and wife were away from home. Mr. Thornton was doing a snug and profitable business. He had moved into his new store last fall. He was proprietor of the Riverside Hotel for a number of years, and has many friends who will be sorry to hear of his loss, which is estimated at over \$3,000. Insurance \$1,000.

THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT has contracted with Mr. Beatty & Sons of Welland, Ont., to construct a dredge for use on the St. John River between Fredericton and Woodstock. It will be seventy feet long by thirty wide, and will be so constructed that it can be used in places where the water is quite shallow. Mr. Beatty of the above named firm was in Fredericton making arrangements for carrying out the contract. He has decided to have the dredge built at Gibson, and has secured the use of the wharf at that place for the purpose. He will return to Fredericton in about three weeks, prepared to commence work. He expects to have the dredge completed and ready to operate about the middle of August.—F'ton Herald.

ABOUT a quarter of a century ago, in the days of the old hand engines, there were built around the town water reservoirs. As time has passed the covering of these holes has become insecure. This was the case with one just above St. Luke's church. Last week the street commissioner, undertook to tear up the old planks and make it safe. The reservoir when exposed to public view was shown to be quite imposing. It is an immense round structure, about twenty-five feet in diameter, walled up with brick and containing about five feet of water. While Robt. Kennedy and John Ritchie were working on one of the old stringers it gave way, and threw them both into the water. They got quite a shaking and narrowly escaped being hurt. It was necessary to get a ladder to take them out from their involuntary bath.

TOILET SOAPS of nearly every description. If you want the lowest price on toilet soaps go to the Baird Company.

"MOUNTAIN COTTAGE" built and owned by E. M. Boyer, which from its elevated site can be seen from any part of the town, is occupied by Mr. Miles Foster who moved in about a month ago.

H. E. GALLAGHER, lessee of the Woodstock Driving Park, intends giving a large purse for races on July 1st. There will be three classes: 2.26, 2.30, 2.50 and the purses in each case will be \$200.

COLIN CAMPBELL has only been installed at the Railway Restaurant at McAdam a short time. Since he has been there, however, he has given universal satisfaction to the travelling public. Mr. Campbell's reputation when at Newburg Junction was of the highest as a caterer to the public.—Railway News.

CANADIAN Pacific Steamers to the Klondike. The Canadian Pacific Railway intend to dispatch their new steel steamers, "Athenian" from Vancouver and Victoria on May 19th, and June 2nd., and the "Tartar" on May 20th, for Wrangell and Skagway. Accommodations secured through A. G. P. A., C. P. R., St. John, N. B.

THE principal Woodstock, N. B., hotels have given up selling liquor, and they will be run on strictly temperance principles. Commercial men and travellers will now carry their own flasks with them, if they want a drink. Farmers and temperance persons with cramps, or expected cramps, will get their supplies from St. John or outlying districts.—Railway News.

THE SENTINEL calls attention to the bank of the river below the Queen St. station which has been turned into a dumping ground, and appropriately terms the sight simply disgraceful. Let the Board of Health take up this thing. There are other dumping places also, one at the junction of Main and Grover streets. This sort of thing should be stopped at once.

THE International Exhibition, St. John, has now come to be looked forward to with pleasure by people within and without the province. The Committee are already at work on preparations for the Exhibition of 1898, which will open on September 13th and run till the 23rd. This promises to be the best one yet. Look for the official announcements of special features.

FRED MOORE did a good thing for the town last week, when he got permission to use the road machine, and put his six horses, and his own crew on it, and started to do up Broadway, which, as a result, will be in better condition, this summer and next spring, than probably ever before. While Mr. Moore and his crew were running the machine, Supervisor Baker and some men were assisting, and altogether Broadway will be in excellent shape.

MR. and MRS. C. V. WETMORE arrived in town on the 5th inst. and for the present have rooms at Mr. A. D. Wetmore's Price street. Mr. Wetmore is Provincial Manager for the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company and will likely make his headquarters in Truro. We heartily welcome to town, Mr. Wetmore and his "bonnie" bright bride, a daughter of James Watts, Esq., editor of the Carleton Sentinel, Woodstock, N. B.—Truro News.

ON WEDNESDAY evening June 1st Mrs. Brigadier Read of Toronto, secretary for the dominion, of the Salvation Army Women's Social and Rescue Work, (D. V.) deliver an address in the Methodist church on "The Women's Social Work" of the army in general. Mrs. Read is a talented woman and a gifted speaker and all who possibly can should attend the meeting. Mayor Hay has kindly consented to preside at the meeting. Silver collection in aid of the work.

IN ADDITION to the daily line of unrivalled tourist the sleeping cars running via the C. P. R. from Montreal to Vancouver, a line to St. Paul and Minneapolis has been inaugurated to leave Montreal on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. Berths in these cars will accommodate two passengers and the additional charge over second class fare is \$3.00 per berth to Minneapolis, \$7.00 to Calgary or Revelstoke and \$8.00 through to the coast. Further particulars of A. G. P. A. C. P. R. St. John, N. B.

A GOOD SALE.—W. F. Glidden and H. W. Stevenson returned from Boston on Friday last, where they had been with four horses for sale. They were quite successful. A span of bays, six and seven years old, raised by Frank Slipp of Jacksonville, were sold for \$700. Harlo, a chestnut mare, raised by the same person, five years old brought \$250, and Hackney, a brown mare raised by Wm. Bell, Wakefield, brought \$175. Messrs. Glidden and Stevenson say that for good horses there is a good sale at the Hub.

GRAFTON looks pretty just now. The mill is running full blast, employing from a dozen to fifteen hands. The are shipping lumber to Murchie, Calais, and for use on the C. P. R. New houses built last year are now occupied. John Stairs has a neat little place, and among immigrants from Woodstock is Chas. Hutchins, who lives in a new house put up by Mr. McElroy. David Stewart is building an ell to his house. The school is admirably conducted by Wm. Tracey. About 60 scholars attend. In the village proper of Grafton there are some fifty families, a dozen or so having been added within the past four or five years.

FROM OVER THE BORDER:—Those who have been holding back their potatoes had the delightful satisfaction of receiving \$2.50 per barrel for them last week. At that price the potatoes were rushed into market at a rapid rate. The price held for two days when they then took a drop to \$1.90. They are bringing now \$2 per barrel. Reports from Aroostook county indicate an increased acreage this year, not only potatoes, but of oats and barley. Aroostook found a steady market for its 1897 crop of oats and it is exceedingly doubtful if some of the farmers have retained enough seed for the 1898 crop. Notwithstanding the barley question has been pretty well ventilated by the press and the raising of barley strongly denounced by some of the granges, there will be quite a good deal planted it is stated.

Look at Lockhart's ad. for carding wool.

THIS is one of the finest Mays turned out for several years past.

THE C. P. R. station at Newburg Junction has just been re-shingled.

THE new shoe factory is still the talk. Let talk convert itself into action.

A NEW three and a half pipe culvert 152 feet long is being built at Tedlie's bluff.

IT IS SAID the proposed new railway station for McAdam will not be started this year.

A GREAT SEASON for river driving, but not much of a price when the driving is done.

THE summer session of the Carleton County Council will be on the 21st of June.

WORK on the Upper Woodstock railway bridge has been postponed until the water falls.

THERE is a large acreage being put in wheat this year. The farmer doesn't purpose paying war prices for his flour.

THE annual meeting of the Woodstock & Centreville railway Co. was called for yesterday afternoon. It was adjourned.

DEPPA SMITH has moved into the Richard Bull place. Alex. Dunbar has moved into the place Mr. Smith has just vacated.

WHY send to an outsider for a Refrigerator when S. T. Baker is making them better and cheaper than you can get them elsewhere.

THE weather has been admirable for the drives, the recent rise in the water greatly helping matters. The drives are now about all out.

G. H. STEEVES a graduate of the Sussex Cheese Factory and Creamery, who is now with George H. Phillips at the Northampton Creamery, leaves on June 1st for Tracy's Mills where he will take charge of H. H. McCain's factory.

J. S. BAILEY, the well known bicyclist, was attacked with serious hemorrhage of the lungs Friday night and was taken to his home at Kilburn, Victoria county, Saturday. He had intended to go to Boston this week. F'ton cor. to Sun. Mr. Bailey is well known here, and regret at his illness, is general.

DEPUTY SHERIFF FOSTER arrested Jas. Crane and Leo. Crane of Clearview, on Saturday, charged with assaulting Geo. W. Green of the same place. It appears that a dispute arose over a line fence, and that Leo. Crane struck the complainant with an axe. The parties came down to Woodstock on Monday, and the matter was satisfactorily settled, without getting into court.

S. S. CONVENTION.—S. S. workers please note that the Wicklow and Simonds S. S. Convention will meet D. V. in quarterly session at Tracey Mills on Thursday afternoon and evening the 26th inst. The prospective bill of fare is varied and rich. Come with your needs and your assistance, with your difficulties, your successful experiences, your note books, pencils and your prayers. D. Fiske, secretary.

H. LEROY Shaw of the Bank of Nova Scotia of this city received instructions from the home office to prepare to leave for Woodstock to take the place of Mr. Hay, teller of that branch, who at present is quite ill. The change is a promotion for Mr. Shaw, who is one of the most popular as well as one of the most clever of the bank officials in this city. Mr. Shaw went to Woodstock by Friday's train.—F'ton Gleaner.

MRS. JOHN WHITNEY died suddenly at her home Avondale on the 8th inst. Although in delicate health she had only been seriously ill for three days. She leaves one daughter and two sons, the former married to Mr. Beveridge, manager of a laundry in Amherst, N. S. Mr. Whitney, deceased's husband went west, with Mr. John Walton enroute for Klondike early in April. Word was received from them that they had left Vancouver on the 28th ult., and expected to push on with their machinery and supplies, via the White Pass. It is impossible to reach them by letter or telegram, and Mr. Whitney will hardly hear of his wife's death, unless by chance, until the fall.

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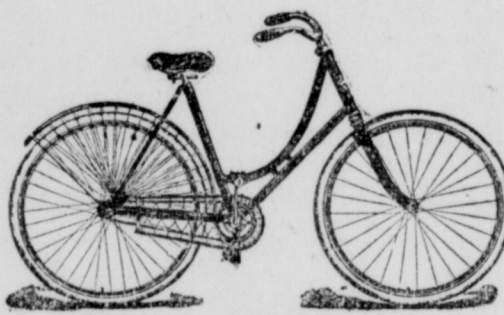
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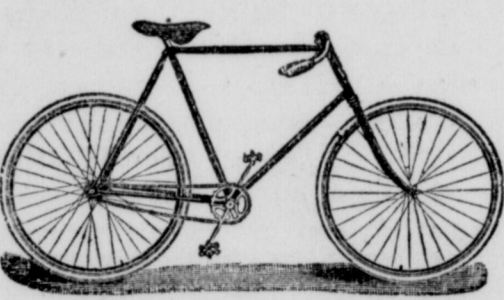


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Woodstock, March 30, 1898.

ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

The Board of Assessors of Taxes for the Town of Woodstock in the present year hereby require all persons liable to be rated to forthwith furnish to the Assessors true statements of all their real estate, personal estate and income, and hereby give notice that blank forms on which statements may be furnished can be obtained at the office of J. R. Murphy, Principal Assessor, and that such statements must be perfected under oath and filed in said Principal Assessor's office, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, and that no person shall have an abatement unless he has filed such statement under oath within the time herein before required, nor shall the Town Council in any such case sustain an appeal from the judgment of the said Assessors, unless they be satisfied that there is good cause why the statement was not filed in due form as herein provided.

Dated this 18th day of April A. D. 1898 J. R. MURPHY, Principal Assessor. EMMERSON L. HAGERMAN, Assessors of JAMES W. GALLAGHER, Taxes.

LOST.

Between the Post Office and Mr. Slipp's store on Saturday night a pocketbook containing \$13 and a check for \$75 payable to Charles E. Griffith. The finder will be rewarded if he will leave at this office.

TO RENT.

The store on Connell street in the rear of the Merchants' Bank formerly occupied by Al Brown. Also a room over the Merchants' Bank possession given any time.

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