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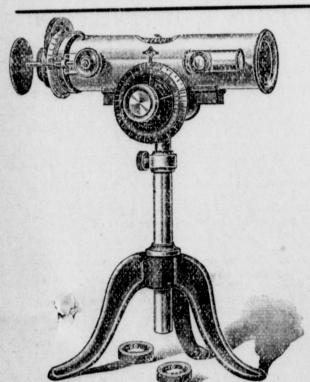
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THE "MAINE'S" CHAPLAIN

Writes a Letter About The Late C. J. Laird.

Brother of Geo. Laird of Woodstock, Went Down With the Ill-Fated Warship.-Easter Day Services Observed in All Town Churches.

When the U.S. battleship Maine was destroyed in Havana harbour on the 15th of February last, a list of the sailors killed was published, and on this list appeared the name of Chas J. Laird of St. John. It was then thought that he was a brother of George Laird of Woodstock, but no definite confirmation of this belief was received until the 9th of March last when Mrs Laird of St. John received a letter from Rev. John P. Chadwick, chaplain on the Maine stating that her worst fears were realized.

The letter is now in posession of George Laird. It is dated Hotel Inglataire, Havana and among other things says:-"Your son was an examplary man, faithful in the discharge of his duty, and respectful to his superiors. We must trust that an all merciful God will find mercy for one who tried to do his duty. I have been unable to identify the body, but it most probably has been received and now lies in the cemetery at Havana where it was interred with christian rites." Mr. Laird was a master-at-arms on the

Easter Service.

Easter was a model day, the weather being all that could be desired. The festival was duly observed in almost all the churches in

mass. Since Mr. T. L. McRae's departure, Miss Daisy Hughes has most creditably filled the position of organist. On Easter she surprised the congregation by the able manner in which she carried out her difficult part. She gives every promise of more than usual ability as an organist. The following music

was rendered:-Kyrie and Gloria, Leonard.

Credo, Sanctus and Agnus Dei, Stearns. At the offertory the Haec Dies was sung.

During the service soprano solos were sung by Misses Chapman and Troy, and bass solos by Messrs. Owen Kelly and Thos. McCaffery. At Benediction, after Vespers a solo "O Salutaris" was given by Miss Chapman, and "Tantum Ergo" was given by the full choir. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion, the altar being particularly beautiful in its decorations of natural flowers, and its many lights. At Mass Rev. Father Chapman preached a suitable Easter discourse.

In Christ Church the Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock in the morning. The church was decorated with flowers. A celebration was held in St. Peter's, Jacksonville at 9. The special service of the day in St. Luke's church was at 11 o'clock. The hymn "Jesus Christ is Rısen Today" was sung as a processional. The usual Easter anthem was sung instead of Venite. Proper Psalms were 2, 57, 111. The music was as follows:-

Te Deum, tune 60.61. Jubilate, tune 199. Gloria Tibi tune 418. Hymn 322. Nunc Dim tune 272. The evening music was as follows:-Hymn 134, 1st tune. Psalm 113.

Psalm 114, 320. Psalm 118, 327. Cantata 26.

music was given.

Deus 142. Anthem, Alleluia Christ is Risen. Hymn 499.

Hymn 27. Hymn 123, 2nd tune. At the Methodist church the following

Hymns 179, 174, 178. Anthem Chant, "The Love of Christ," L. O. Emerson.

Anthem, "He is Risen," C. Simper.

Hymns 172, 177, 170. Anthem, "I am He that Liveth," C.

Anthem, "The True Easter," E. O. Excell. In the Baptist church a special Easter concert was rendered at the evening service under the auspices of the Home Mission Band. A treat was experienced in listening to Mr. McLean of S.. John who came to Woodstock for the express purpose of taking part in this concert. The church was prettily decorated with flowers.

Special Easter services were held in the F. C. B. church, which was beautifully decorated with flowers. Special pains were taken were taken with the music which was prost officiently.

Among the out of town people who attended the Easter Ball were Miss Gillen and Miss Kimball, John Gillin, Ed. Gillen and S. D. Durkee, Hartland, Walter V. Moore, St. Stephen and Mr.

MARY ELLEN HICKS, MARY ELLEN HICKS, South Bay Ontone St. Leben and Mr. with the music, which was most efficiently Peterson St. John.

rendered. Rev. Mr. Phillips preached a sermon on the "Resurrection."

Provincial President.

The sixth biennial convention of the Pro vincial A. O. H. was held in St John, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The delegates from Woodstock were John J. Troy, provincial secretary; T. L. McCaffery, acting county president; I. E. Sheasgrees president The election of officers resulted as follows: I.



I. E. SHEASGREEN.

E. Sheaspreen, Woodstock, provincial president; J. D. Hanlon, Fredericton, secretary; M. Purcell, Milltown, treasurer .-- Says the St. John Sun;

The provincial president, I. E. Sheasgreen will, as his position empowers him, attend the finance committee, passed. the national council of the A. O. H. and Board of Erin, at Trenton, on June 27th, as the representative of the province.

The president, addressed the convention at some length, speaking of the aims of the society and his intentions for the coming year. His clever address covered every point of the work and showed the delegates that when they selected him as president, In St. Gertrude's church special preparation | they made the choice of a man that has had had been made for the music at the 11 o'clock | the best interests of the society at heart, and one who has the ability to carry them to a successful end.

Millinery Opening.

The Misses Gallagher held their magnificient Easter Opening, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, of last week, each day their store was literally thronged with ladies all anxious to procure their pattern hats as they were dreams of beauty. Some of the Chiffon hats were dainty as breezes of summer showing all the latest shapes and newest colourings. The store was tastefully decorated, their window was a veritable bower of beauty, a look in, would convince the most severe critic that their stock was bright, new and up-to-date, flowers-hundreds of them rivalling in beauty the work of nature.

At Christ Church.

At 3.15 this afternoon the marriage of Mr. Lewis H. Bliss, of Lincoln, son of the late George J. Bliss, of Fredericton, and Miss Bessie Dibblee, eldest daughter of the late Livingston Dibblee, will be solemnized in Christ Church. The officiating clergy will be Ven. Archdeacon Neales and Rev. H. E. Dioblee, the bride's brother. Dr. Stewart Skinner, of St. John, will be groomsman, and Miss Dora Dibblee, bridesmaid.

For Driving The St. John.

The stockholders in the St. John River Log driving Company held their annual meeting at Fredericton last Wednesday President W. H. Murray, of St. John, in the chair. Among those in attendance were for the payment of the Scott Act inspector, Fred H. Hale, Fred Moore, R. A. Estey, but Couns. Graham and Lindsay seemed to

Donald Fraser, jr, G. A. Murchie. The following were elected directors W. H. Murray, G. A. Murchie, R. A. Estey, W. B. Mallett, Harry Hilyard and J. Fraser Gregory. At a subsequent meeting of the directors W. H. Murray, was re-elected president; G. A. Murchie, vice-president, and J. Fraser Gregory, secretary treasurer. company that the driving of the logs should should be done by the corporation and the expense borne by the lumber as is done by the Southwest Miramichi Driving Company, but which was defeated. The contract for Richibucto, and Robert Aiken, of this city, for a term of three years. Their tender was a bonus of 22 per cent. of the advertised rates which amounted to 425 cents per thous and for driving to the upper points, namely, Grand Falls and Aroostook. They are required to enter into a bond with two sureties for the performance of the contract. Messrs Moore have had the contract for some years past. An estimate for the season's cut on the St. John and tributaries were submitted, the total being 96,550,000 as against 176,862-863 being last year's total cut. The rates to be paid for the work are as follows: 1st, from the head of Grand Falls, 20 cents; 2nd, from the mouth of Salmon river, 18 cents; 3rd, from the boundary line on Aroostook river, 2 cents; 4th, from the mouth of Tobique river, 16 cents; 5th, from the mouth of Big Presque Isle river, 13 cents; 6th, from the mouth of Becaguimac river, 13 cents; 7th, from the mouth of the Meduxnekeag river, 11 cents.

New Fire Alarm System to be Inaugurated.

Some Complaints About Officials Aired. Coun. Graham Criticizes Poor Expendi ture .- No Damages for W. D. Steeves .-Statistics Compared With 1897.

The estimates were submitted at the meeting of the town council on Friday evening

Coun. Graham, the town finance minister, in submitting his budget stated that there were some extraordinary and unavoidable items of expenditure this year. A school bond for \$1000 had to be redeemed. \$800 was voted for extension of the sewer system. The school board asked for \$300 more than last year. \$400 was devoted to a building absolutely necessary for the preservation of the town's property. In the estimates as at first presented the item of \$450 for an electric fire alarm, by which the location of a fire will at once be know did not appear. Coun. Lindsay objected to the omission of such a necessary provision, and it was finally agreed to place a sum in for that purpose.

Coun. Jones thought the appropriation for poor was not sufficient, and moved in amendment that it be \$1300. He could not get a seconder and so the item as recommended by

Below are the estimated expenses and re-

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.	
Fund for Retiring School Bond\$1000.00	+
Interest	•
Deficit due Bank 1000.06	1
Interest for Current Account 200.06	þ
Waterworks 2600.00	,
Electric Light 1200 00	*
Streets 1500.00	£
Schools	1
Poor	}
Fire 2300.00	×
County Purposes 1924.00	*
Police 850.00	1
Town Team 540.00	h
Salaries 300.00	Je
Printing 150.00	,
Town Hall 75 00	*
Public Health	4-
Assessors 140.00	F
Miscellaneous 500.00	0
Deduction on Taxes	40
New Hose 250.0	()
Sewers 800.0	4)
New Building 400.00	()
New Electric Fire Alarm 450.00	0

Total\$27,726.5	2
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.	
Water Rates	6
Sewer Rates	0
Licenses and Fines	***
No. 2 Engine House (Rent). 48.0	
Doubles	
Poor Farm 200.0	C.B.

Total.....\$7823.00 Total amount to be assessed deducting receipts

There were some rather amusing incidents during the meeting. When Coun. Graham was making an onslaught on the management of the poor farm, he read two items of two coffins furnished, and remarked that he had only heard of one death. "I don't see the need" he added, "of having these things in

Coun. Lindsay was disposed to resent a reterence in THE DISPATCH, to a private session of the council, calling Zola Dreyfus meeting.

Coun. Henderson and Jones remarked that they seen nothing in the estimates to provide think that it would be all right at the end of

Officials of the town came in for a mild over-hauling. Coun. Lindsay said he heard that one official had likened the council ors to jackasses, in a course they had pursued. If A proposition was made at the meeting of the they were jackasses it was by reason of having appointed that man to an office in the town. Coun. Henderson also referred to the fresh-

ness of officials. If a councillor did anything which these officials did not exactly approve, driving was awarded to Messrs McIntosh, of they were threatened that they would not get elected next time.

Coun. Lindsay asked that the Police Magstrate be ordered to render his accounts monthly, and on his motion seconded by Coun. Ketchum, a resolution to that effect

It was reported by the committee intrusted with the matter of Mr. Steeves who asked damages from the town, that after examination they decided that he had suffered no damage. The report was adapted.

Last year the gross estimates were, expenses \$26,682.03, receipts \$7,730,00, amount assessed \$18908.03.

Sick Headache Subsides.

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