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U. S. MONEY AT THE FACE.

Banks in Line With Board of Trade's Suggestion.

Agents Here Favored the Change.—Baptist Quarterly Meeting.—River St. John.—Off for the Pacific Coast.—Flew The Coop.—Married in St. John.

On Wednesday morning last the bank in Woodstock announced through their agents that they would take United States money at the face. It will be remembered that on the Monday evening before the Board of Trade had passed a resolution calling on the bank to adopt this method.

It is fair to the bank agents to say that they have all been in favor of taking American money, but their wishes were overruled at head quarters. Mr. G. W. White of the People's Bank had been in correspondence with his head of office for some weeks, prior to the board of trade taken action and he received word that he could make the change just about the time that the Board came to the conclusion to approach the banks in the matter. There is generally rejoicing among the business community that the unmitigated nuisance of having to "swap" U. S. money before going to the banks is done away with.

From Woodstock to Victoria.

Mr. George A. Taylor who has been agent of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax in this town for the past seven years, leaves this week for Victoria, B. C., where he will become the manager of a branch of the bank to be opened in April in that city. There is very general regret throughout the town and vicinity over Mr. Taylor's departure. He has always been courteous in his business dealings, and won the respect and friendship of the patrons of the bank. In social life Mr. Taylor was a favorite. He came to Woodstock in May 1891 from Halifax, his native place. This was his first agency, and the transfer to the important position at Victoria, is an emphatic recognition on the part of the bank of his energy and ability. Mrs. Taylor and family will remain in Woodstock until the month of May, when they go to Halifax, and in the summer will remove to Victoria. Mr. Taylor is succeeded in Woodstock by Mr. A. S. Burchell, who lately was in charge of an agency in Newfoundland.

A number of Mr. Taylor's friends met him at the Carlisle Hotel yesterday evening and presented him with a very handsome Gladstone travelling bag, as a small mark of their appreciation.

Flew The Coop.

Our Northampton correspondent writes:—Quite a wild sensation was created here last week by the report that Ernest Crawford alias "the merchant" had "flew the coop" wanted by nearly everywhere from the river bridge to the county line for sums ranging from 2 to 15 dollars. Crawford who is said to be from Kingston Kings Co., made his appearance among us about 18 months ago. Last spring he commenced peddling farm produce in town buying his stock from the farmers paying at first as he went, but for the last few months he always intended to "pay next week." How he carried out his promises will be seen at the beginning of this piece. His whereabouts at present is unknown.

Baptist Quarterly Meeting.

Both the weather and the roads were against a large attendance of delegates at the Baptist Quarterly Conference which convened with the church at Jacksontown on Friday of last week, its meetings continuing over Sunday. A fair congregation, however, gathered from the immediate vicinity for the opening service Friday evening when Mr. O. K. Merritt, a most promising young man from Bristol, preached an exceedingly appropriate, thoughtful and helpful sermon from the text "There shall be showers of blessing." Brief addresses followed from the several pastors present.

On Saturday morning, after a half hour of devotional exercises led by Pastor Blakeney, the regular business session of the Conference was called to order at 10.30 by Moderator Hayward. The Secretary, Rev. T. Todd, being absent, Mr. Merritt was chosen to the office pro tem. During the proceedings a communication was read from Pastor Todd as chairman of a committee appointed at the previous meeting of the Conference to visit the church at Lower Woodstock with a view to aiding that church in some little difficulties it has on hand; but the contents of said communication not being satisfactory to the Conference, it was decided to extend the term of the committee's services with the request that it attend to duty at the earliest possible date. An interesting discussion was provoked in connection with the question of the Conference undertaking the publication of a monthly paper for circulation within its jurisdiction. The judgment of those taking part in the discussion was pretty warmly divided, with indications however, that the project is likely to gain in sympathy and popularity. The com-

mittee to which the matter had been committed for consideration at the Rockland is retained in office and is asked to get, as generally as possible, the sentiment of the churches touching the affair and to report at the next meeting.

The afternoon session opened at 2.30 when reports from the churches were received. These reports were nearly all of an encouraging kind. Especially interesting were those of pastors Hayward and Worden. The former had visited the Tobique field at the request of acting pastor Millen whose services are meeting with great acceptance and success, and had received into the church sixteen new members of a very promising type. The churches represented having been heard from, the meeting was turned into one of praise and testimony when a large number told of their faith and hope in the gospel.

In the evening a missionary sermon was preached by pastor Rutledge of Woodstock to a rather small audience owing, it is most comfortable to believe, to the disagreeableness of the weather. Short addresses were also given by Mr. Merritt and pastors Hayward and Atkinson.

On Sunday fair weather prevailed and the preachers, Bros. Hayward and Merritt, were greeted by good congregations at the three services all of which were marked by deep spiritual interest. The evening service was one of sweetness and power. Thus closed a very profitable conference. The next meeting will be held with the church at Union Corner on the second Friday in June when a very spicy programme will be presented.

W. J. RUTLEDGE.

Why Not Agitate This?

While they are busy in Parliament and elsewhere discussing the Yukon the Stickeen and the Klondike rivers, we would respectfully beg to put in a word or two about our own noble St. John. It's a good kind of a river and considerably long, but for some 60 odd miles, between Woodstock and Fredericton, it cuts small ice as an alternative freight route.

Of late years, boats have run spasmodically, generally being hung up about the time that we most needed them.

Can it be made navigable for the better part of the season. Some years ago, during the whole season from the going out of the ice in April to the freezing in November, there was only six weeks that the boat did not run. We are lucky now-a-days if the boat runs six weeks out of the entire season. The river St. John is settled on both sides between here and Fredericton. It has been settled long and settled well, and the residents seem to be settled in their minds that they are to remain isolated from the rest of the province and world, by reason of the absence of the railway system.

We used to hear, once upon a time of a St. John Valley railway. Certain peppery land owners living near here, didn't want the railway to be built because it was to go through their property. Others who were to be accommodated wanted it for all they were worth. But the railway is not there yet. True, the subsidy by the local government has been renewed, but subsidies die and come to life again with such ease, that no one regards the resurrection of the St. John Valley subsidy, as valuable evidence of further life and vitality. It is likely a scheme. In the meanwhile we have the river, and why should not united effort be made by Fredericton, Woodstock and the intervening country to bring pressure on our parliamentary lords and commons to give us a lift. In these days of enterprise deepening a river in a couple of places should not be regarded as an impossible task. The river is the only means of competition we have, at all available to Woodstock.

THE DISPATCH will have more to say about this subject.

Jumps The Traces.

The provincial legislature got through with its business last week. From a county point of view the most important feature in the session was the break from the government ranks of Mr. J. T. A. Dibblee, who sharply criticized the accounts of T. McAvity & Sons for hardware furnished to the government. Mr. Dibblee's political opponents say he did not show good taste in taking up the items of what might be a competitive firm, for criticism, while his political friends say he was fully justified in so doing, since he could not be expected to be an expert in any other line.

Married at St. John.

A St. John paper has the following:—A quiet wedding took place on Tuesday the 8th inst. at the house of Mrs. J. P. C. Burpee, Mount Pleasant, when Miss Lottie R. Upton, a relative of Mrs. Burpee's was joined in hymen's bonds to Mr. Joseph McCready of Jacksonville, Carleton, Co., Rev. Dr. Bruce of St. David's Presbyterian church performed the ceremony which was attended by only the nearest relatives and most intimate friends of the bride. The newly married couple left on the Pacific Express enroute to their new home in Carleton County.

Advent Conference.

The 2nd Advent Christian Quarterly Conference will convene with the church in Woodstock tomorrow evening at 7.30 o'clock. Elder H. H. Tucker, of Mass., is expected to be present. The meetings will continue during the week and over Sunday. All are invited.

IN SECRET CONCLAVE.

Discuss Scott Act Matters Within Closed Doors.

Rumors as to What Took Place.—Nothing Definite Given Out.—Annual Dinner of the 67th Batt. at Hartland.—List of Those Present.

A special meeting of the town council was held Monday evening. No business of importance was transacted, in the open, but a conclave was held after the meeting proper, in Mr. Munro's office, where, it is understood that Scott Act matters were discussed. In view of the harvest which is expected to be reaped this week, in fines, it is reported, that the council decided to immediately appoint an inspector for the town, and make a fight for the booty. The newspapers were not invited to this Zola-Dreyfus meeting, so THE DISPATCH is dependant for its information on outside services. It has good reason to believe that it is accurate.

Our Gallant Defenders.

The officers of the 67th Battalion of Carleton Light Infantry held their annual meeting at the Riverside Hotel, Hartland, on Thursday evening of last week. There were present:—Col. Baird, Major Boyer, Major Hartley, Surgeon Major Curtis, Capt. Carvell, Capt. Kupkey, Capt. Kirkpatrick, Capt. Anderson, Lieuts. Bull, Kirkpatrick, H. L. Ross, W. W. Ross, C. H. Taylor, and Chas. R. Carman, G. L. Holyoke, Fred H. Stevens and Charles Appleby.

Here is the menu:—

Macaroni	Soup	Tomato	
	Fish		
	Boiled Salmon, Egg Sauce		
	Roast		
	Roast Beef, Dressed Turkey with cranberry sauce.		
	Cold Meats.		
	Cold Boiled Ham.		
	Vegetables.		
	Boiled Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Turnips, Carrots, Green Peas.		
	Pastry.		
	Apple Pie	Mince Pie	Cocanut Pie
	Pudding.		
	Tapioca Pudding	Fruit Pudding	Rice Pudding
	Hot Lemon and Cherry Sauce.		
	Desert.		
	Apples	Oranges	Grapes.
	Tea	Coffee	Cocoa.

After this part of the program had received proper attention and the fumes of the fragrant Havana filled the air, Captain Carvell, at the request of the Colonel, read the regrets that had been sent by the following gentlemen,—Colonel Raymond, Colonel Upton, Col. Virce, Capt. Baker, Capt. Williams, Capt. Raymond, Capt. Bourne, Capt. Perkins and Samuel Watts.

The Colonel proposed that the Queen's health be drunk and it was so and the gentlemen sang God Save the Queen.

The toast Our Guests, was responded to by Charles R. Carman and Chas. Appleby.

The Press—Geo. L. Holyoke and Fred H. Stevens.

No. 6 Co.—Capt. Kupkey.
Medical Profession—Dr. Curtis.
Staff Officers—Col. Baird, Major Boyer and Major Hartley.

No. 3 Co.—Capt. Kirkpatrick.
Our Absent Fellows—Col. Baird, Capt. Carvell.

Legal Fraternity—Capt. Carvell, Mr. Appleby.

Boy's Brigade—Lieut. Bull.

The Ladies—C. Humphrey Taylor, Lt. Kirkpatrick, D. D. S.

Mine Host—Mr. Thornton.

The whole affair was a very pleasant one. Mr. Thornton did himself credit in the matter of a dinner. The menu card was a tasty piece of work from the press of The Advertiser. The Hartland Band discoursed pleasant music during the affair and were afterwards the guests of the officers at dinner.

TIMELY WARNING.—While many young men are leaving for the West, every week, one at least has returned, with a better opinion of the East, than he had formerly. He is G. M. Hilman of Canterbury Station. He went to British Columbia about five months ago, and found work in the lumber woods, out of Whatcomb, a town in the U. S. just south of the boundary line. Mr. Hilman found Vancouver over crowded, and says that there are one hundred men for every vacant job. The hotels and restaurants are raising the prices for board. Wages for the fortunate working man, in the woods, who may be fortunate enough to strike a job are \$1.75 a day, while the cheapest board is \$4.50 a week. The western people do not talk Klondike. It is the men from a distance who see easily won riches in a trip to the arctic circle. No one can get on the trail for the Klondike without 1000 pounds of grub. Mr. Hilman thinks the east is good enough for him.

A CANDY PARTY.—True Blue Lodge intend to hold a candy party on Tuesday Mar. 29th. Music will be furnished after the candy. Admission 20cts.; children under twelve, 10cts.

Mr. Fred Wilbur, who was a clerk in the Nova Scotia Bank in this town some time ago, was recently registered at the high commissioner's office in London, Eng.