

LOCAL TOPICS.

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REV. MR. SPARGO occupied the Methodist pulpit Sunday morning last.

GARDEN BROS. have an attractive display of pipes in their Main St. window.

REV. DR. BARKER of Linneus, Me., preached in the Advent church Sunday afternoon and evening.

TANGLEFOOT Sticky and Poison Fly Paper, Hellebore and Pure Insect Powder at The Baird Company's.

RECEIVED this week by J. T. G. Carr, Hartland for feeding, one Car Cracked Corn of corn meal on sale low.

ITEM WORTH READING.—R. W. Balloch is now selling the remainder of his wrappers and blouse waists at a very low figure to clear.

CHARLES PARKER, of Richmond St is ready for any kind of papering, inside or outside. He will do the Papering and Kalsomining. His work is always well done.

THE saw mill known as the Fraser Richardson mill at Nackawick was destroyed by fire on the night of the 9th inst. A crew had been at work sawing shingles during the day.

WE WILL SELL from this out our hats at greatly reduced prices. We have quite a stock of sailors which must be disposed of. Trimmings in all varieties at cheapest prices.

MISSIS TOMPKINS & WOLVERTON.

A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday evening last at the residence of Mrs James Waugh, Gordonsville, when her daughter Miss Amanda Waugh was married to Mr. W. Harris of Sunbury. Only a few of the relatives, of the bride were present. Rev. D. E. Brooks performed the ceremony.

REV. W. B. WIGGINS pastor of the Reformed Baptist church received word on the 9th of the death of his mother, which happened at Central Norton, Kings Co. Deceased was 83 years old. Of a family of nine six sons and two daughters are now alive. Mr. Wiggins attended the funeral remaining away over Sunday.

AT A MEETING of Conservatives of Lower Woodstock held in Benton on Saturday evening, the following officers and delegates were elected:—Chas. A. Lewin, chairman; A. W. Hay, secretary. Executive committee, Wm. Fleming, Elijah Oits, William Speer and Thomas Forest. Delegates to county convention—A W Hay, Gilbert Brown, John Moxon, George Murray and Ansel Franklin.

A HAPPY WEDDING, took place at the residence of Mr. Chas. Plummer, Jacksonville on the 9th inst when his daughter, Edith L. was united in marriage to Rev. John Distant Methodist Minister of Kingsclear. Mr. Lewis Distant was groomsmen and Misses Blanche Plummer, and Lala Walton, bridesmaids. Rev. Mr. Spargo assisted by Rev. Messrs. Marr and W. B. Wiggins performed the ceremony. The young couple went on a bridal trip to Prince Edward Island.

THE FLAG, given by F. H. Hale M. P. to the school at Peel was formally raised Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hale was unable through sickness to be present. An attractive part of the ceremony was a fancy drill by sixteen young ladies. Addresses were made by J. K. Flemming, C. L. Smith M. P. P., H. H. McCain M. P. P., Rev. Messrs H. A. Hayward and J. J. Barnes, S. Watts, G. W. White, D. Hamilton, A. Rideout, J. R. Tompkins. The Hartland Band furnished music. Refreshments were enjoyed by those present.

THE following complimentary official report of the inspecting officer regarding the 67th Batt, Lt. Col. J. D. Baird commanding, on their annual drill this year at Sussex is encouraging:—"Drill—This is a splendid country battalion; numerically strong; composed of men physically fit and having a larger proportion of qualified officers and N. C. officers than any of the 36 Batts inspected by me this year. "Interior economy—Arms accoutrements and clothing, clean—want of a uniformity of dress on the part of a few officers. Discipline very good.

PERTH CENTRE PICNIC.—The Foresters of Perth Centre Court L. O. F., will hold a picnic on Mrs. V. Armstrong's flat, a quarter of a mile from Perth Station, on Wednesday, August 24th. There will be a grand parade of Foresters including not less than four Courts. Races, sports and amusements will be provided. A good floor and good music will be provided for dancing during the day and in the evening dancing will be carried on in Beveridge's Hall, Perth Centre. Supper and refreshments will be furnished. A big affair. Everyone invited.

THE U.D.C. put on "Time and the Hour" on Wednesday evening last, and the large audience was very much pleased with the performance. Every member of the company is improving. They contemplate getting up a new play. Beside Sandy MacRae and John Quigley in the specialty. Will Walsh from Fredericton, did a black face specialty. Mr. Walsh was here with the U. N. B. Glee Club, and the people had a very pleasant recollection of him. Now, by the courtesy of the U. D. C. there is on hand about \$50 for paying the bills of the jubilee committee.

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THE DISPATCH.

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THE HAY CROP is not quite housed yet. Grain is suffering to be cut in many districts.

SCOTT ACT.—Dr. Wyman was fined on three more cases for violating the Scott Act last week.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that the movement in favor of the establishment of a Kindergarten is progressing favorably.

IS YOUR LIFE INSURED?—If not it should be. Remember the Temperance and General Life Assurance Co. It is the best company for the best risks. Adv.

CRICKET.—The first steps are being taken to re-organize the cricket club. The ground is being prepared, at the park, and a practice game will be held this afternoon.

WOODFORD KETCHUM, has succeeded in getting a reduction of seventy cents a ton on the freight of hay from this country. This will make the freight rate \$3.30 instead of \$4 the former price.—Houlton paper.

GEORGE NADEAU, of St Francis who shot a Deputy United States Marshall six years ago and has succeeded ever since in eluding the officers was captured Monday by Marshal Norton and taken to Portland.—Houlton paper.

U. S. CONSUL DENNISON, is in receipt from a friend of an interesting souvenir of the naval engagement at Santiago de Cuba. It is a brass button from the coat of an officer of the Cristobol Colon one of the Spanish vessels sunk in the engagement.

THE A. M. E. CONFERENCE will meet in the A. M. E. church, Woodstock, on Aug. 18 at 9 a. m. Right Rev. W. B. Derrick will be present. A reception will be held in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock in the evening. All clergymen will be invited to the platform. A silver collection will be taken.

Wotaver gud' repotashun i have ganed in bzniz, iz du tu haven studyd mi custumurz intrustz (fur tha ar myn) an supplen onist survisabel gudz, at moderet prizez. Gud gudz ar mi continues advertizmentz—more potent in thar influence than startlyng announcements. See Em. Sharewoud.

THERE will be an auction sale at the residence of Mrs. Frank Miles, Jacksonville, on Monday, August 22nd, at 2 o'clock, p. m., consisting of household furniture and farming machinery, 1 reaper, 1 mowing machine, 1 hay rake, Randall harrow, pitching fork, top carriage, pung, single harness, etc. A good chance for a bargain.

A MEETING of the English church deacony and S. S. Association will be held at Birch Ridge, Victoria Co., next Wednesday. Rev. G. F. Scovil, of Prince William, will give an address on the Sunday School in its relation to confirmation. Archdeacon Neales will give a devotional reading on St. Matt. 20. A model lesson will be given by Rev. K. Coleman of Temperancevale.

THE semi-annual meeting of the Woodstock parish Sunday School Convention was held at Benton Ridge on Thursday last. J. H. Forrest presided. No school was reported at Springfield, and Rev. Mr. Sherwood, Messrs. Avin Porter and Flemming were appointed a committee to visit Springfield and assist in organizing a school. A talk on Normal work was given by Geo. L. Holyoke. L. E. Young, George Fleming, Rev. R.W.J. Clements, M. E. Oulton, and Rev. Mr. Sherwood. The people of Benton were thanked for their kindness in providing a hall, and the Benton choir for leading in the music.

RECENTLY MRS. GEO SWETT of Springvale attempted to light a coal fire, which had not been burning since morning, with kerosene oil. The can, from which she was pouring the oil, exploded, her clothing took fire, and her body was badly burned and one finger dropped off. In his attempt to rescue his wife, Mr. Swet's hands were severely scorched. The interior of the house took fire and it was necessary to call out the fire department, to put out the fire. The contents of the kitchen were destroyed but the money damage was slight, because the occupants of the house had been temporarily living in the barn, while the house was undergoing repairs. Mrs. Swett's burns were so serious that she died.—Aroostook Times.

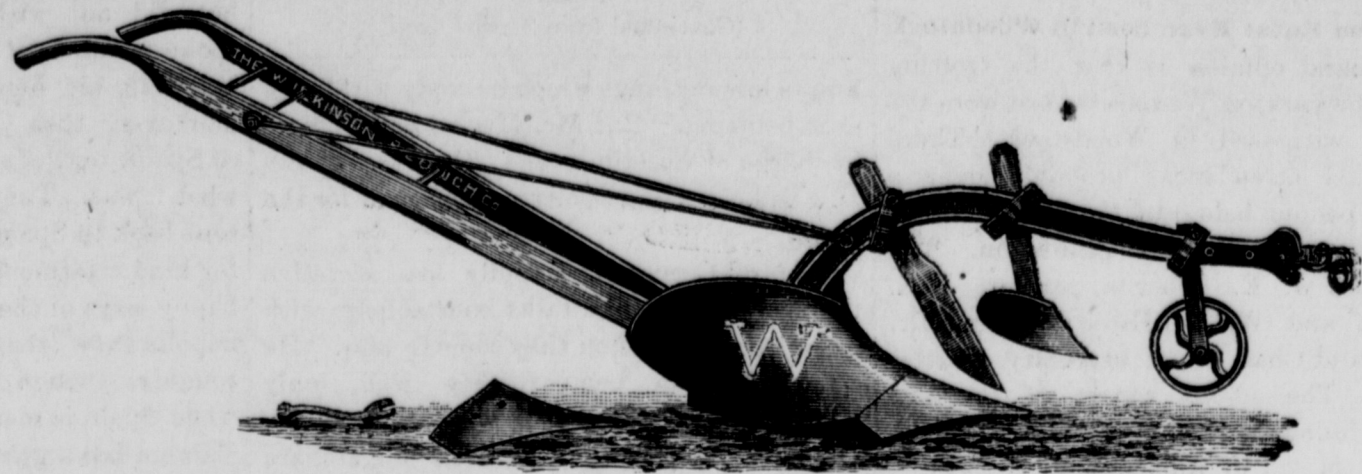
THE ANNUAL meeting of the Carleton Co. Sunday School Convention was opened at Debec on Monday evening. Rev. Mr. Miller gave an address of welcome, and remarks were made by Revs. A. H. Hayward and D. Fiske. Field Sec. Lucas delivered an address on the subject "Why are we here." Yesterday the programme to be carried out was as follows:—Morning session, a conference on Parish Association Work led by Field Secretary; report of Executive and Sec. Treas. Normal hour, report of Normal Superintendent; normal lesson by L. E. Young; address, "The importance of teacher training," Rev. A. Lucas. Afternoon, report of Supt. Home Dept.; conference on Sunday School Management, led by S. J. Parsons; primary hour under direction of Miss Lucas; address primary superintendent; lesson to primary class by Miss Lucas; reports of committee and election of officers. Evening, temperance, speakers from W. C. T. U., Royal Templars and others.

Returned traveler—I have often thought of that young Mr Tease, and how he used to tease Miss Auburn about her red hair. Did she ever get even with him? Old friend—Long ago—She married him.

At the summer resort—She—I would so like to have a glass of ice water, but they won't serve any ice water in this place. He—Leave it to me and yod shall have some. Here, waiter bring one glass of milk.

De Style—Ah, Miss Flit, and have you given up your Sunday School class? Miss Flit—Yes, indeed; I had to. The boys got to be such big fellows, and asked such embarrassing questions. One of them asked me to marry him.

Jimmy—Is your aunt on your mother's or your father's side? Tommy—Sometimes on one and sometimes the other. It depends on who is getting the best of it.



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A Land Without Sunday.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

SIR,—On my way to Woodstock on Sunday, seeing the busy people and teams caring for the abundant crop of apples, was reminded of an article I saw in the Scottish American of June 1st, "A Land Without a Sunday," and by your permission transcribe it for your paper:

"If any place ever merited the name of strange, it is China, the meeting point of contradictions, the country where everything is the opposite of what we expect to find it, where the left hand is the place of honor, and white is the color of mourning, and the compass points to the south. Strange enough it is, to be sure! And then how to write of Sunday where Sunday is unrecognized. The week is a division of time so firmly impressed upon us by the habit of a lifetime, and Sunday is so much a part of the week, that we are a little surprised when we realize that the Chinese who have not been brought into contact with foreigners the week and Sunday are alike unknown. We wonder how they get on without it; yet we ought not to be surprised that the Chinese empire get on without Sunday, since it gets on without science, or rational medicine, or good government, or a great many other things that are indispensable to us. The law of habit is so strong, and the association of early life so enduring, that many of us who have never visited foreign countries, picture to ourselves the people of a heathen land, if not as keeping Sunday, at least as having something which answers to it. We think of them as observing a regular day of worship, and attending the service in their own temples much in the same manner as people in Christian lands go to church. This strength of association is so great that even when we have lived in the country a long time, and know well enough that there is no Sabbath among the heathen, yet, when the well-remembered day comes round with each week, we almost imagine, as we go to worship, that the Empire is keeping Sunday. The home church bells seem to be ringing for us as the bells of his native English village seemed to Kinglake to be ringing in the Arabian desert. In these cities there are no streets without noisy carriages, and no hum of machinery, or roar of passing trains, but every day alike is still with an almost Sabbath stillness. When the noise and bustle of life in our large cities are stilled once a week the contrast is so great that we instinctively feel when we notice the same stillness in China, that it must be due to the same cause. I remember taking a walk on the city wall on Sunday afternoon with a little boy who though born in China had but lately returned from England. As we looked over the parapet on to the fields outside we saw the country people busy in their market gardens hoeing and weeding, planting, and watering, and he expressed a good deal of surprise that they should be so engaged on Sunday; and when I reminded him that they were heathen "Oh!" said he, "so they are not all Churchmen!" Quaint as was the expression of his surprise there are many people who seem to think with him that they are "all churchmen," in that they have their own day of worship. The fact is the Chinese have not even a week. They divide the year into lunar months into three tens for convenience of reference. Bless the Lord for the day of rest."

Yours Sincerely
James T. Smith.
Upper Woodstock

Aug. 15th 1898.

LAKEVILLE.

We are having some very bad hay weather now, quite a lot of hay is out yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carvell, Fredericton, are visiting his brother, Bishop Carvell.

Miss Annie Hipwell, of Woodstock, is visiting Miss Bessie Carvell.

Mrs. Wm. Clark of Monticello, spent Sunday at Mr. Lifford's.

A Benevolent Citizen.

Mrs. Cyrus Ross recently donated to the town of Dexter, Me., a public library building at a cost of \$30,000. She has more recently given a handsome portrait of Lincoln, which cost \$1000.

Have You Taken Advantage OF OUR CLEARANCE SALE. If Not, Why Haven't You?

You are missing the chance of a lifetime to procure Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishings, at prices never before heard of in the town. A great many have taken advantage of this sale, but we have quite a large stock left which must be disposed of at some price, and surely the prices below should be tempting enough to induce you to come in and look our stock over and get prices:

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 - Men's Underwear, 40, 50, 70 and \$1.00 a suit. Men's Hats 15c. to \$2.
 - Mackintosh Coats, Rainproof, from \$3.75 to \$8.00.
- In fact everything at COST.

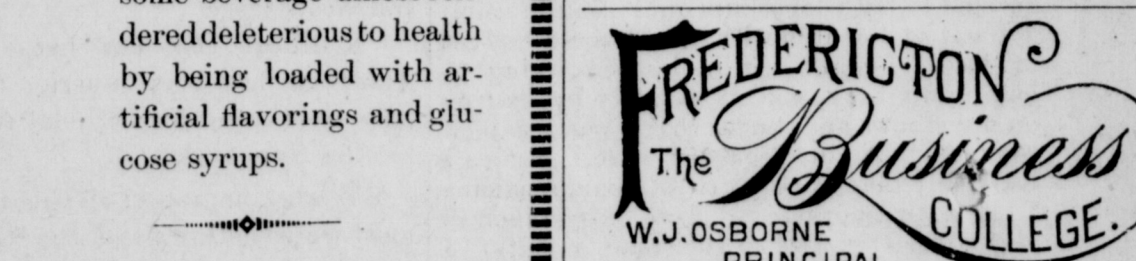
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BORN.
SMITH.—On the 12th inst., to the wife of Dr. R. E. Guy Smith, a daughter.

DIED.
BROWN.—At Lower Brighton, Aug. 9th. Norris R. Brown of consumption, aged 35 years.

The meteor of genius may for a while dazzle the eye and illuminate the intellectual sky, but the star of application will remain on, to guide the wandering and enlighten the obscure.

We all, perhaps, say some wretched thing which dwell on other people's minds long after we have forgotten them ourselves. I is one of the arts we shall waken up to a sins whenever we become qualified to review our lives dispassionately.

LOST.

On Wednesday evening August the 3rd, at Bristol, or on the road leading from Bristol to Florenceville a Gentleman's, Hunting case, stem wind, Gold Watch with piece of Gold Chain attached. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving same with M. Caldwell "Caldwell House" Bristol, or with the owner
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