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WORK FOR THE LAWYERS.

The Gaol Injunction Suit Is Going Merrily On.

Judge Vanwart Decides Against the Council.—Matter Now Goes to Equity Court. Hints as to the Better Heating and Care of the Court House.

The gaol question has been advanced a step in a direction adverse to the town. Whether this means that the gaol will advance farther from the town than it now is, may be a matter for conjecture. The injunction to prevent the erection of a new building in the town of Woodstock has been granted. It is held by the judge that the town of Woodstock is not the shire town and that the government has selected a place for the gaol, at that place the gaol must be. Moreover, the county cannot borrow money from the bank without special legislation. In a nutshell, Upper Woodstock retains the gaol. But further steps have been taken. The matter is to be carried before the Equity court where argument will likely be heard early in the winter. If the decision is against the action of the council in starting a new gaol in town, an appeal will be made to the full bench of judges.

So there will be lots of fun for the lawyers, and a trifle by way of fees, anyway.

Whatever may be the ultimate outcome of all this, there is one thing the county is bound to do, unless all these presentations of grand juries and medical men are to be utterly ignored. A better gaol than the present one must be built, or extensive repairs must be made on the old building. The matter of location rests with the county council. Something of a war may be expected at the session in January. Whatever be the result of the vote then, all good citizens will agree to abide by that decision, but all good citizens will demand, also, that the court house and gaol be put in good shape. Of the need of repairs for the gaol there can be no difference of opinion. The Court House is a large, roomy building, and with very little expense can be made satisfactory for some time to come. But there needs to be better arrangement as to heating. With the exception of the June session of the council, the court house is used during trying seasons of the year. The winter session of the council is in January, the courts meet in spring and fall. Anyone who spends much time in attendance at the council or the courts, knows that there is no place so beautifully adapted to getting one's death of cold, as the court house during these sessions. The court room may be kept comfortable with its stoves, but the halls are always cold and draughty. The barrister's room is practically the only place for consultation between clients and counsel during the progress of a case, and the barristers' room is as big as a good sized closet. The jury room is for the jury. There are two rooms upstairs but they are not heated or used. In a recent trial, one party to a case was consulting in the barristers' room. The other party went out into the court yard and had their consultation. Fortunately, it was not cold weather. It is certainly an economical arrangement, but why should not the vacant rooms in the court house, be properly fitted up and used? They were not built for ornament. To make the court house comfortable, would not be an expense of any account to the county—if it were, it would scarcely be wise to advise it—but, it would only mean the purchase of perhaps a couple of stoves and a little pipe, and there would be no need of issuing debentures to raise the money for that purpose. The extra wood used would not mean the bankruptcy of the county.

Aside from the location question, aside from the question of a new gaol, THE DISPATCH respectfully urges that the county authorities see that the heating apparatus of the court house be improved, and that all the rooms be available, during sessions of the council and of the courts.

The county is perfectly within its rights to build or not to build, anew. The deliberations of the council would be more respected however, if there were some way of understanding when a majority vote means something, and when it means nothing. Had it been known that the action of the special session of the council was to come to naught, an unpleasant complication with a contractor might have been avoided.

Just one thing more to the ratepayers. You cannot escape your responsibility. The time must come when a new gaol must be erected—somewhere, and it cannot be built without money, and you must raise the money. It is strange that so little pride is felt in our public institutions. Every man

in Aroostook County is proud of the public buildings at Houlton and Caribou. We seem utterly lacking in any such spirit. Any old thing does us. The nations of twenty centuries ago were proud of their public buildings. Their own private dwellings might be poor, but nothing was too good for the public institutions. We have rather retrograded.

Opened For Service.

The Methodist church which has been thoroughly repaired and renovated inside and out, was opened on Sunday last. It was expected that Dr. Chapman would have been present, but a telegram was received by Mr. Marr saying that it would be impossible for him to be here, owing to serious illness. Referring to a Bible which Dr. Chapman presented to the church Mr. Marr said: Rev. Dr. Chapman presented this handsome Bible to the Woodstock Methodist church and intended to read the first lesson out of it, but owing to his serious illness was not able to be present. The Bible was printed by the Oxford University Press and is nicely bound. Rev. Mr. Teasdale, Fredericton, occupied the pulpit and preached an able sermon from the 10th chapter of John 41st verse. The choir sang two anthems.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock a mass meeting was held, Rev. Messrs. Teasdale, Marr, Wiggins, Rutledge, Phillips, Ross, Lepage and Jas. Watts occupied seats on the platform. Mr. Wiggins opened the meeting with prayer after which addresses were made by Messrs. Rutledge, Phillips and Teasdale. Mr. Jas. Watts as chairman of the repairs committee gave a short history of the Methodist church in this town and also said that the sum of \$1400.00 was expended in repairing the church of which \$1250.00 have been already subscribed leaving a balance of \$150.00 to be raised.

In the evening service Rev. Mr. Teasdale occupied the pulpit and preached from the 8th chapter of Epistle to the Hebrews. A large choir rendered excellent music during the services. Mrs. A. A. Brewer, Mrs. H. Payson and Miss Jennie Hay were the soloists. Miss Johnson presided at the organ. Large congregations were present at the three services. The altar was tastefully decorated with a number of beautiful plants kindly contributed by friends for the occasion.

Rules of the Club.

Following are given the rules of a young Boys' Club that was born and died in one week in Woodstock recently. The boys appear to have been wise legislators, and it would be difficult to find a more direct and forceful style of English Composition than they use here.

RULES.

- No smoking corn.
- No Dancing.
- No Swearing.
- No Fighting between members in the club Room.
- No Firing anything across the Room.
- No putting feet outside the window.
- No talking out the window.
- Members will be allowed to bring in outsiders on Saturday nights only.
- The one that breaks these rules will be kicked out.

Chapter Second.

THE DISPATCH told its readers last week a very funny story about a young fellow in Hartland who played it on a Scott Act constable in good shape. The second chapter of the story came off last Wednesday night. The young gentleman was in a shop in Hartland expatiating to an assembled throng on the great dexterity with which she had fooled the detective. He wound up with, "well, I expect old Colpitts will land on me some day like a thousand of bricks," when Mr. Colpitts opened the door and served him with a warrant. He very sensibly went over to the magistrate's office and entered into a recognizance to appear.

Price of Pork.

Owing to depreciation in pork markets, the following prices will rule for the present:

DRESSED WEIGHT.	
Light	4 1/2 c.
Medium	4 1/4 c.
Heavy	4 1/2 c.
Stags and Brood Sows	4 c.

LIVE WEIGHT.	
Light	3 1/2 c.
Medium	3 1/4 c.
Heavy	3 1/2 c.
Stags and Brood Sows	3 c.

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Sir John Allen's Will.

The will of the late Sir John C. Allen was probated by W. K. Allen and T. Carleton Allen, who are named as executors; The estate is valued at \$1,000 personal and \$6,000 real property, which is divided among the surviving children of the testator.—Ex.

A MIDNIGHT SENSATION.

Constables Summoned to Ferret Out a Robbery.

Railway Magnate Puts Up Here Over Night and Discovers Many Valuables Lost.—The Car was Searched but Nothing Found.

Quite a sensational affair occurred in the railway yard on Thursday last, about midnight. A gentleman, named Todd, evidently a railway magnate, came in to Woodstock on his private car. While here, or shortly before arriving here, he discovered that he had lost some valuables, namely five \$20 gold pieces and a pearl breast pin, which he valued at \$600. He notified Mr. Newcombe the superintendent, of the loss, and Mr. Newcombe went to Constable McFarlane's house, and informed him of the robbery, asking him to go down to the car and search for the missing money and pin. Constable McFarlane, accompanied by Night Watchman McCarron, went to the car. The occupants, besides Mr. Todd, were his wife, his sister-in-law, a maid, a porter and a cook. The policeman searched the servants and all through the car, staying till nearly six o'clock. They found nothing.

The full name of the party robbed is Kennedy Todd. He and his party have been to Grand Falls. Mr. Todd is one of the Company for developing the Falls. He is said to be president of the New Brunswick Railway Land Co, and is president of the Boston and Maine Railway Company. Besides the articles above mentioned there was also missing some other valued jewellery.

Death of Mrs. Geo. H. Connell.

The death of Mrs. Geo. H. Connell, relict of the late Geo. H. Connell, M. P. for this county, occurred on Saturday morning between ten and eleven o'clock. Mrs. Connell had been a great sufferer, from an incurable complaint, for several years, and even her immediate relatives had given up hope of her recovery. The end came peacefully, without being attended by that most distressing struggle which adds tenfold to death's terrors.

Mrs. Connell was a daughter of the late Mr. John Barnaby, of Digby, N. S. During her long residence in Woodstock she had won the affection and esteem of all with whom she came in contact. After the death of her husband in 1881, she nobly took up the care of her household, and proved herself in every respect a model mother. She was possessed with business ability to an extent not frequently met with in either men or women. Six children, survive. Heber, Charles and Archie are the boys. Ida, Kate, now Mrs. Geo. Fisher of Chatham, and Mary are the girls. There are two brothers living, John N. and W. O. Barnaby, both of Digby, and three sisters, Mrs. W. W. Hammond, Mrs. R. B. Jones, and Mrs. Capt. Dakin, of St. John. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon.

The service at the house was held by Rev. Mr. Marr. There was a large attendance of people. The relatives and connections of deceased followed the remains in coaches to the cemetery in the following order:—1st coach, Heber, Chas, and Arch. Connell and Geo. E. Fisher; 2nd L. P. Fisher F. H. J. Dibblee, Wm. Connell, J. C. Hartley; 3rd A. B. Connell, Aubrey Connell, Wm. Smith, C. W. Connell; 4th Harry B. Smith, Gordon Connell, John Stewart, Delancy Smith. There was many beautiful floral tributes contributed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fisher, St. John, R. B. Bennett, Calgary, Mrs. Creighton, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. W. Winslow, Mrs. W. W. Hay, Mrs. Williamson Fisher and others.

Railroading in Alaska.

The work of constructing the White Pass & Yukon Railway, is now progressing beyond the summit of White Pass and it is expected that the work will be pushed to Log Cabin before operations will have to be discontinued on account of the weather. On Oct. 5 trains were running to White Pass City, four miles this side of the summit. Fifty tons of freight are being carried from the wharf at Skagway every day, which is as fast as the packers are able to handle it. The work has been interrupted by bad weather lately, the rains being unprecedented. A considerable diminution of the working forces has occurred by laborers leaving for the diggings on Lake Atlin, where, as readers of the daily papers are aware, there is great excitement, owing to recent gold discoveries. More laborers are being hired, however, and the work is being rapidly pushed between White Pass City and the summit. On this part of the road it has been found necessary to construct three short tunnels, and for a considerable distance the road is located along the face of a very steep slope on the side of Tunnel mountain. In the work of drilling for blasting the rock the workmen have to be suspended from the side of the mountain by swinging platforms. Four passenger coaches, 30 box and 20 flat cars were shipped from Seattle, Wash., last week for use on the road.—Railway News.