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AN EXCELSIOR FACTORY.

A Woodstock Man is Asked as to the Prospect Here.

It is pointed out that it would be a paying business.—Death of Mr. John Fisher. An Enjoyable Concert in which Madame Harrison was the Star.

A Woodstock man has received a letter from a man in Michigan who wants to come here and start an excelsior factory. He says in the town where he is there are several factories with capital of about \$5000 each, running 10 hours a day at profit of \$20 to \$25 a day each. The woods used are Poplar, Bass, White Spruce and Cedar for which they pay from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per cord. There is a good market for excelsior both in Canada and the United States. He suggests a six machine factory. He sets out cost of making six tons of excelsior.

6 cords wood at \$3.00.....	\$18.00
3 men on machines.....	3.75
2 men on saws.....	2.50
2 boys.....	1.00
1 foreman.....	2.50
Wire for bailing.....	15
Power.....	3.00
Total.....	\$30.90

This is one day's work. Six machines will make six tons of 1st grade excelsior per day selling at \$8.00 per ton or six tons of 2nd grade selling at \$14.00 per ton or they will make 4 tons of 3rd grade selling at \$22.00 per ton.

So 6 tons at 8.00: \$48, which costs \$30.90
" 6 " " 14.00: 84, " " 30.90
" 4 " " 22.88: 88, " " 24.90

One can see what sort of profit there is in the business. It requires good shipping opportunities by water and rail and good water power. The Michigan man wants to know if some one here won't put some money into such an enterprise.

Mr. John Fisher's Death.

In the death of Mr. John Fisher, which occurred on Sunday morning last, Woodstock loses one of its best citizens and most enterprising men. Mr. Fisher was the eldest child of the late John Fisher, who moved to Woodstock from England with his family in 1859. He was born in Cockermonth, Cumberland Co., England, in 1840, thus being, at the time of his death in his 58th year. Before he came to Woodstock, deceased went to Newcastle-on-Tyne, where for two years he served an apprenticeship as a student of mechanical engineering. Somewhere about 1860, Mr. Fisher, who had then come to Woodstock, went into the foundry conducted by Mr. Hay. In 1865 the firm of Small & Fisher was started with Mr. Fisher as partner. They soon worked up an extensive business. On the decease of Mr. Small, Mr. Fisher became the head of the business. A few years ago the Small & Fisher Co. was organized with Mr. Fisher as president and manager.

On several occasions Mr. Fisher served in a public capacity, being at different times, town councillor, and a member of the county council. His widow who survives him was a Miss Brown of Addison, Me., a sister of Mrs. Small, Mr. Fisher's partner's wife. There is only one child, Miss Annie Fisher. Two sisters, Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Porter, and one brother, Williamson, also survives.

Mr. Fisher was possessed of musical ability of no mean order, and at the time of his death was organist of the Free Baptist church.

The funeral was yesterday afternoon, the remains being taken to the Free Baptist church where service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. T. Phillips. The pall bearers were Messrs. James Watts, W. S. Saunders, D. McLeod Vince and E. J. Clark. Among those who came from a distance to attend the funeral, was Dr. Colter, post office inspector.

Friday Evening's Concert.

The concert given in the Opera House under the auspices of the Methodist church at which Madame Marie Harrison was the chief attraction, assisted by local talent, was a success in every particular.

The lapse of a few years has not effaced the good impression made by Madame Marie Harrison on her last appearance before a Woodstock audience. This was made manifest by the bumper house which greeted her here in the opera house, last Friday evening. Madame Harrison was in good voice, and her rendering of Gounod's Ariette from Mireille and Bishop's "Lo, hear the Gentle Lark" was well nigh perfect. The marvelously difficult passages in these two selections were executed with a finish and precision that clearly showed the masterful teaching of the great Marchesi, upon a gifted and painstaking student. In "The Star of Bethlehem" and the Grand Aria from "Les Noces de

Jeanette" the pathetic quality of Madame Harrison's voice was demonstrated. It is however in the upper register, in the production of runs and trills, almost bird-like in their brilliancy, that she can hold a musical audience spell bound. Madame Harrison was as usual, more than gracious in the matter of encores, which being more simple of composition, were perhaps better appreciated.

Local talent provided a variety of entertainment to fill up the programme. A duett "Two merry Girls" was prettily and tunefully sung by the Misses Hay. Miss Kelly who is a guest of Mrs. Geo. A. White read with pleasing effect "The Ruggles' Christmas Dinner. Messrs. Moores, Lockwood, Mitchell and Tracey in the Male Quartette "The Four Lifeboat Men" gave evidence of careful practice and due appreciation of the balance of their parts. A Concerto, by Beethoven, played on two pianos by Miss Johnson, and Miss Maud Wright (teacher and pupil) was executed in a manner that left no doubt that both were perfectly at home in the classics of music. Miss Robin Hay, in her recitation of "Tobe's Monument," although evidently not in voice owing to a cold, was successful in holding the audience in wrapt attention bringing out the pathos of the story in a marked degree. The last item on the programme "Old Kentucky Home" went with a good swing, as a female quartette, with a banjo quartette for accompaniment. The ladies in the quartette were Miss Alton, Miss Collins, Miss Stoddard and Mrs. Brewer, the latter appearing in a new role by taking the second contralto with good effect an unusual thing for one gifted with a high soprano voice.

The proceeds of the concert will be devoted to the Methodist church repair fund.

Just the Place for Pulp Mill.

A leading business man of Woodstock talking with THE DISPATCH expressed his surprise that Coun. Ketchum should have made the remarks he did, against a pulp mill in Woodstock. He said he would like to have the contract to supply a mill here with wood for the next twenty years. Twenty million of spruce goes by here every year, and that amount will continue to go for time to come. It was his opinion that Woodstock offered peculiarly good facilities for the location of a pulp mill, and there was a grand opportunity to hold the lumber. Those who favor the pulp mill say that as soon as the town gets the necessary legislation, the people will be asked to vote on the question.

It Takes Well.

The suggestion made by this journal some months ago that the limits of the Town of Woodstock be extended, so as to embrace Upper Woodstock has met with a surprising amount of approval from sources where perhaps opposition was most to be looked for. Several leading residents of Upper Woodstock have expressed themselves fully in accord with the scheme. It is worth while bearing in mind that the town limit now is pretty well up, so that it would only mean the extension of the town northwards a mile at the furthest beyond its present limit. This matter is well worth the consideration of the town authorities.

The Folly of Politeness.

[From the Cleveland Leader.]

"Madame," he said, arising and offering the elderly woman with the basket, his seat, "won't you sit down?"

Just then the cable car went around a curve; the woman fell into his arms, spattered about three quarts of apple butter all over his new \$35 overcoat, and broke a dozen eggs in the lap of a man sitting near the door.

After they had got straightened out she exclaimed:

"If some people wasn't always trying to look after everybody else's business there would be a heap less trouble in the world."

He would have said something in reply, but the man who had stopped the eggs wanted to fight so he walked out to the rear platform and said to the conductor:

"I wouldn't care a cuss, only I'll have to explain to my wife where that apple butter came from and I know blamed well she won't believe a word of it. I tell you the man who goes through the world trying to do good unto others is a fool of greater displacement than a first-class warship."

Wife—What would you do if you had no wife to look after your mending, I'd like to know? Husband—Do? Why, in that case I could afford to buy new clothes.

Gladys—What's become of Mabel? Belle—She's joined the great majority. Gladys—You don't mean to say she's dead? Belle—Oh, no! Married a man named Smith.

Now there be many that pretend to be the King's laborers, and that say they are for mending the King's highway, and that bring dirt instead of stones, and so mar instead of mending.

WANTS ALL INFORMATION

Regarding the Suitability of Woodstock as a Pulp Mill Site.

A Big Ontario Concern Writes to the Mayor.—Board of Trade Instructs Pulp Committee to Reply Giving all Possible Information.

His Worship the Mayor has received a communication from a large business concern in Ontario, who are purposing erecting an immense pulp mill in Eastern Quebec or New Brunswick. The writer says: "We understand your board of trade had a report dealing with this matter, and showing that your town is a suitable site for such a mill. May we ask you to furnish us with a copy of any such report, and if necessary to supplement it by such information as you can furnish as to the spruce lands which can be obtained in your vicinity, whether the same are held by government or by private parties, with the probable cost to procure the same and the cost of laying pulpwood at Woodstock from all of these limits."

This is most encouraging, and we feel confident that such the report, and the information to supplement, it will prove to these parties the advantages that Woodstock possesses for the erection of just such a mill as they propose to erect. Of wood of all kinds there is no end in this vicinity, and very appropriate is the name Woodstock.

This communication was read at the board of trade meeting on Monday evening, and aroused a good deal of faith in the project by the members present.

On behalf of the committee appointed to secure subscriptions towards the formation of a Produce Buying Company. H. Paxton Baird reported that some stock had been subscribed. Still, it was a question whether the company would be in operation this year, owing to the lateness in starting it, and of the need of suitable buildings' appliances, etc, to carry on the work. The committee was given leave to continue operations.

With respect to the above communication in pulp mill affairs from the committee on the pulp mill, Messrs. H. P. Baird and Hugh Hay, were instructed to write giving these parties full information regarding Woodstock's advantages for a pulp mill.

On motion of Wm. Dibblee, the mayor was asked to call a public meeting of the ratepayers a week prior to nomination day.

The Town is Sued.

At a meeting of the town council on Friday evening the mayor said that he had been served with a writ by Frank B. Carvell on behalf of A. McFarlane, who claims, the \$100 offered as a reward, sometime ago, for information leading to the arrest of the parties guilty of robbing the Presbyterian Manse. The mayor was authorized to employ counsel and defend the action.

Quite a debate arose over the report of the special committee on securing a property book for Woodstock. They reported that the books filled out would cost \$300, and recommended that two valuers be appointed, at a cost of \$200. Coun. Ketchum of the committee did not agree with the majority report.

Coun. Carr objected to the report as committing the council to an unnecessary expense. The matter was then postponed till the next meeting.

It was decided to rescind the motion of a previous meeting authorizing a property vote on the town taking \$50,000 stock in a pulp mill on the ground of it being illegal before proper legislation was secured.

Curfew Doesn't Work.

Some time ago the town council of Woodstock passed a by law ordering all children off the streets after nine o'clock, under a certain age. This is commonly known as the curfew system. As far as we can find out, the by-law has been a dead letter. It may indirectly, however, have had a good effect. The Free Press, Ottawa, reports an interview with J. J. Kelso, superintendent of Children's Aid Societies for Ontario. Mr. Kelso speaking of the curfew system says the theory is all right, but in practice the law has been a failure in the 40 towns in Ontario where it has been tried.

Old men that are gracious are best able to give advice to them that are young, because they have seen most of the emptiness of things.

The sight of good men to them that are going on pilgrimage is like to the appearing of the moon and the stars to them that sail upon the seas.

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