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NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

HARTLAND.

The annual school meeting of this district was held on Saturday and important business was transacted. A. S. Campbell the retiring trustee was elected unanimously. The subject of a new school house was brought up and a motion was passed to build one. Another meeting will be called to discuss plans about the first of next month. An additional two weeks to be added to the summer vacation was voted, and five hundred dollars for the expenses of the current year.

The death occurred on Monday last of Miss Edith daughter of Albert Tracy of this village. She had been in delicate health for some time. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. F. B. Trafton on Wednesday, and was largely attended.

Among the buildings being erected at present might be mentioned a new blacksmith shop for Percy Case who will move here from Bath and a house for A. McMillan.

The Teachers Institute meets in this village on Oct. 27 and 28. Dr. Inch and Insp. Meagher will be present. The public meeting in the evening will be addressed by the Dr. and others.

UNION CORNER.

Thomas Furse, a citizen of East Hodgdon, died Sept. 25th, aged 65 years, leaving two sons, a daughter and one sister to mourn their loss. He was buried at this place on Tuesday, the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. C. Currie, who preached a very appropriate sermon from Eccl. ix:10.

James Finnigan who has been troubled this last year or two with cataracts growing over his eyes, is now in St. John Hospital getting them removed.

Miss Elbette and her cousin Fred A. Carpenter spent Sunday with Miss Pearl Hanson, Richmond Corner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheppard of Woodstock are visiting at their daughter's Mrs. B. F. Chase.

MEDUCTIC.

On Saturday the annual school meeting was held in this district. B. M. Colpitts was elected chairman. Trustee Grosvenor, who is also secretary, gave his report, followed by the report of auditor Colpitts. Both reports were very satisfactory. The financial and educational standing of the district was reported to be in a healthy condition.

T. Edwards was unanimously chosen trustee in the place of retiring trustee, E. Higgings. Dr. Turner was appointed auditor for the following year. The necessary amount for school purposes was then ordered to be levied for the next year.

Dr. Jewett and Mrs. Jewett were in the village on Saturday.

A. J. Marsten and Miss Ethel Marsten visited Meductic on the same day.

Miss Beatrice Marsten is quite sick at present.

H. F. Grosvenor left on Saturday to join his wife at Boston. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Voiet, who has been visiting her mother.

There were quite a number from here who attended the parish of Southampton S. S. Convention, which was held on Tuesday in the Green Bush church.

There was to have been an entertainment in the Town Hall on Friday evening, but the audience forgot to come. Meductic wants a good entertainment assured them or they would sooner remain quietly at home.

BRISTOL.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Kyle, Woodstock spent Sunday in Bristol.

Rev. J. W. S. Young preached in the Hall on Sunday evening, taking Rev. A. H. Hayward's regular appointment.

T. B. Rogers is comfortably settled in his new house. G. H. Boyer is building a large addition to his residence.

Alfred Gilmore had a narrow escape from death on Tuesday last. He was coming down a hill near the village and was seated on a wagon behind which another heavy wagon was attached. The horses starting suddenly he was thrown from his seat and fell just in front of the wagon the wheel of which passed over his head, cutting and bruising it very badly. Dr. Atkinson was called and through his treatment the patient is recovering.

The annual school meeting was held on Saturday and was unusually well attended. John Farley was chosen chairman and J. J. Hayward as secretary. The trustees report showed the educational condition of the district to be satisfactory and the finances in good condition there being a surplus on hand. Dr. J. G. Atkinson was elected trustee in place of J. W. Curtis who retired. Dr. Somerville was elected Auditor for the year and \$350 was voted for school purposes including repairs.

On Saturday afternoon the Bath base ball team came down to play a game with the Bristol team and after an exciting game returned as victors. The score standing 4 to 2.

LAKEVILLE.

We are having some splendid weather lately, people are about all done digging potatoes and are now going ahead with their ploughing preparing for next year.

A number of people attended the chicken supper at Mrs. Wm. Anderson's. All seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Music was furnished on the organ by several ladies.

Fred. Annett is building a new addition to his house also repairing the old part.

A sad and painful accident, and what might have proved fatal, happened here the other day. As Mr. Ernest Doherty was driving home with his mother and Mrs. Ray, the horse ran away throwing them from the wagon. Mrs. Ray was thrown into the ditch but Mrs. Doherty was dragged along until the horse was thrown. The women were badly shaken up but are recovering. Death again visited our community the victim being Vince, the oldest son of Mr. John McCawley, a highly esteemed and very promising young man.

The True Blue Lodge of Lakeville intend holding an Oyster supper at the Orange hall of this place on the 15th.

Game seems very plenty for you can hear the bang of the gun from early morn till late at night ducks, partridge and deers are reported plentiful.

Letter From The West.

MR. EDITOR,—Now as the war is over and I am idle, I will try and write a letter from this state, Washington. The harvest is all done and nearly all threshed unless it is up North in the Big Bend County, bordering on to B. C. How differently they farm here than in N. B. They plow the wheat ground this spring and next summer take off a crop of wheat. The land will not raise anything but wheat or weeds, one crop in two years. The threshing here is done by steam—a 16 horse power engine with a 32 inch cylinder separator. We threshed for 36½ days and our average was 1087 sacks, a sack weighs 135 lbs. One day we put in 1600 sacks. A full crew is 20 men, 8 pairs horses. We generally moved 3 times a day, could stop, tare down, move 20 rods, set up again and be threshing in 12 minutes. Winter wheat turned out, so the ranchers say, about 22 bushel to the acre, while the spring wheat about 16. There are no rocks to bother the rancher, but, oh, my! the weeds, they have to keep harrowing their summer fallow all summer to keep down the tares and sunflowers. The ranchers raise some barley but nothing else. Some nice fruit ranches are in this state where one can see all kinds of fruit. One rancher told me he sold his apples last year for \$5.00 a ton. The county is full of idle men. A good many are from California. As California is on the burn this year no crops to dry. Lots of hobos and tramps in this State would not work if offered work. They are a good many N. B. boys in this State and a good many would go back if they had the "dough." I would like to know how it is that here we have such nice flour when the wheat is far behind the wheat in N. B.

I see in THE DISPATCH of July 26th some one writing from White Mountains who served in the Reil rebellion. Shake old comrade! why not let us get together and organize a western league or something of that kind. Let's hear from the boys who composed Captain Baker's company. Why don't the government give us a medal. We have not a scratch of a pen to show that we ever wore a red coat. I also noticed several letters from over the west, that is right, let us hear from the boys who have left N. B., their letters, to me and I think to all the readers of your valuable paper are very interesting. Stay at home, boys, if you know when you are well off. Here you pack your own bed if you are rich enough to have one. I think if the C. P. R. will lower its rates there will be a stampede back to our old home. LEO.

Examinations In Music.

At the request of a number of Canadian musicians and others who desire to establish a standard of musical education in this country, the Associated Board will hold examinations in leading centres, in November.

The board of which the Prince of Wales is president, is composed of representatives of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London, Eng. These are the only two institutions of the kind which are aided by government grants. The chairman for Canada is His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, and the honorary general representative, Lieut. Col. J. B. MacLean, Montreal.

Centres have been established at, and His Royal Highness has approved the appointment of the following honorary local representatives: Halifax, Lieut.-Gov. Daly; St. John, N. B., H. H. Maclean, Q. C.; Quebec, Hon. R. R. Dobell, M. P.; Montreal, Hon. F. J. Forget; Ottawa, Sheriff Sweetland; Kingston, J. Shaw Skinner, Esq.; Toronto, Lieut. Col. Davidson; Hamilton, Adam Brown, Esq.; London, Sir John Carling, K. C. M. G.; Winnipeg, Rev. C. W.

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Gordon. As the work of the board becomes better known, centres will be established in the principal towns as well, until then candidates may apply for information to the nearest representative or to the secretary, Mr. P. A. Grinstead, Montreal. The examiner, who is always a well-known musician, will be sent from England, and it is not improbable that either Sir Alexander MacKenzie, the president of the Royal Academy, or Sir Arthur Sullivan, both of whom are members of the board, may be asked to come out to formally inaugurate the work in Canada.

The board does not teach music, but is a purely examining body. In Britain many so-called colleges held examinations to make fees, for they passed every candidate—just as in some of the States any person can get the degree of M. D. on payment of \$25. The board was organized to conduct thorough and searching examinations. No one connected with it receives a cent. In Canada, the surplus, after paying the necessary expenses, will go to found scholarships in this country.

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Life Sentence Likely.

In another column will be found the evidence in the Murphy murder case, tried in Houlton and the first part of which was printed last week. The jury found Leo Murphy innocent of any complicity in the murder. With regard to Daniel Murphy they found a verdict of murder in the second degree. Under the circumstances this is considered as meaning a life sentence by the Judge. The Judge was called away suddenly, and will return to give sentence, shortly. Leo and Mrs. Murphy have been set free. It is said that Mr. Powers, attorney for the prisoner, Daniel, will move for a new trial.

Wheat Bonuses.

The owners of nine wheat mills in the province of New Brunswick have applied for the approval of the provincial government and have secured it. There are also applications from others. Those sites approved, and eligible for the government bonus are at Beresford, Gloucester County; New Castle; Drummond parish (two) Victoria County; Campbellton, Belledune and Charlo in Restigouche; Buctouche and Shediac. Some of the mills are not yet erected and some are grinding wheat this fall.—Ex. Carleton County seems to be out in the cold.

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