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- Tumblers, 40c per doz Goblets, 60c per doz.
- Glass Sets at 35, 50 and 70c each.
- Glass Pickle Dishes, 8c each.
- Glass Preserve Dishes 30c per doz.
- Glass Water Pitchers 46c each.

We are selling the sets very low as we wish to dispose of our entire stock of dishes before we move.

NOBLE & TRAFTON,

Telephone 42-2. 63 Main Street.

NEARLY 110 YEARS OLD.

Ancient Documents Dealing with Local Affairs.

Assessment Bills as Prepared in the Beginning of the Century.—Payment in Cash or in Wheat or Corn at Good Prices—Names of Those Assessed.

Mr. A. J. Marsten of Woodstock and Meductic, while looking over the papers of his deceased uncle came across some pretty old documents for this country. Among these is the following receipt:—Rec'd Woodstock 28 Decem. 1789 of Jeremiah Marsten and Abraham Marsten, six shillings, being their proportion of the poor tax till January last.

JOHN BEDELL.

There are two other extremely interesting documents from the point of view of the antiquarian. One is an assessment levied for 1807. On the back of this paper is a note:—"Sir, you will immediately on the receipts of this collect the assess from Eel River to the lower end of the parish and pay into the hands of Mr. Abr'm. Marsten three pounds, the remainder keep in your hands till I come down.

JOS. CUNLIFFE,

Asses'r. and overseer of poor."

This is addressed to Mr. Jer. Marsten, Constable and Collector, Woodstock, April, 1st 1808.

At one side is this memo. Wheat at 63 Indian corn 5 per bushel.

On the back of another assess bill made for 1809 is this memo. "Sir, you are to take for the within payment cash or wheat at six shillings and sixpence per bushel or corn at five shillings per bushel."

The names of the parties assessed are:—Sam Gray, Wm. Brown, Ab Ingerham, Geo. Hakes, Chas. Fox, Titus Way, Trist Hillman Hen. J. Cronkhite, Lawrence Grant. And F. Woodland, Benj. Brookes, Am Brooks, John Dow, Sol Tidd, Silo Tidd, George Hartley, Enoch Dow, Jesse Dow, Enoch Dow Jr. John Moore, Mark Freeman, Robt. Fraser, Jas. Fraser James Marsten, Abram Marsten, Tartt Dickinson.

Mr. Marsten also handed to THE DISPATCH the original will made by Jeremiah Marsten, great grand-uncle of the gentleman to whom this paper is indebted, for the information. There is quite a preamble to the will as was the custom in those days. It begins:—

"In the name of God, Amen. I, Jeremiah Marsten of the County of York, inhabitant, being in perfect health of body and of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worthy estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise etc." The rest of the will is very brief, and is signed by the testator, the witnesses being John Mackay, and Henry Cronkhite.

All the documents are in a good state of preservation, the writing is as clear, almost as the day on which it was put to the paper.

To The Farmers.

Owing to the fact that a proper amount of cans must be made far in advance of the canning season, we ask that all who intend raising produce for the factory would come in and sign the acreages they intend raising at once, that we may make a fair estimate on the number of cans needed.

Our prices for produce are, \$6.00 per ton for Corn which is one-fifth more than Ontario prices. 40 cts. per bus. for Peas, this is also more than Ontario prices. Stringless Beans \$20.00 per ton. Cucumbers under 4 inches in length \$20.00 per ton. From 4 to 6 inches in length \$15.00 per ton. Onions,—we will make a special contract for a limited amount, if applied for early. Pumpkins \$3.00 per ton. Squash \$8.00 per ton. Lima Beans, shelled, \$1.50 per bus. The above prices are better than paid in other sections of Canada or the States and we see no reason that the industry should not have the hearty support of the farmers.

Hartland's New Store.

Keith & Plummer, General Merchants and Produce buyers, Hartland, have just recently moved into their new store which is the finest wooden building in Hartland, and indeed one of the finest stores in this part of the country. Last fall they bought from John Barnett the piece of land on which the Post Office stood, they moved that building down on the lower side of the land and com-

menced to rush up their big building 34x62ft and three stories high. Underneath they have a 12 ft basement, about half of which is frost proof. The first floor they use for their store, a part of which is closed off for holding their heavy groceries. The office in the rear is lighted with a big bay-window. On the second floor they are fitting up a residence which they have already rented and they will also have here on the front a couple of good sized rooms, lighted with bay windows which will make attractive offices. On another part of this floor they have a couple of rooms that are to be used as a tailor shop. The residence is a most comfortable one and will contain a modern bath room. On the third floor there are some offices, one of which will be used as a music room by Miss Kelly.

The whole building from top to bottom will be heated by a furnace in the basement. Messrs Keith and Plummer are enlarging their business and this new large store was an absolute necessity to them. Hartland can't help but appreciate their advantage in having such a hustling partnership of young men as Messrs Keith and Plummer make. It is men like these who have faith in their town, men who are not afraid to bank their capital on a town that make a place growing and prospering.

Is This Genuine?

The Fredericton correspondent of the St. John Sun writes:—

There seems to be no doubt in the minds of a great many people that there is gold, and lots of it, at Cross Creek. Already a large number of claims have been staked off and it is understood that many more areas will be taken. C. S. Barker and W. Harrison of the board of works office were up to Cross Creek staking out the areas for the applicants. The former, though he made no definite statement, intimated that there was certainly lots of the yellow metal in that section of the country.

Exciting Races.

Some of the most exciting races of the season will be skated in the roller rink tomorrow night. The first will be a two mile race for the championship and will be contested by Harry Hascall, Arthur Glew and Wm. McDonald. The second will be a one mile race between Geo. Greer of this town and Ed. Crossin of Houlton. An attempt is also being made to bring on a match race between the midgets, Johnny Brown and Wilmot Lister. These will positively be the last races of the season. The band will be in attendance. The rink will close for the season on Saturday of this week.

Will It Carry?

During the lifetime of the old town council a measure was introduced favoring a vote of the property holders, on a proposition for the town to take stock to the extent of \$50,000 in a pulp mill. It was soon found out that legislation would be necessary before such a question were submitted to the voters. This present council will deal with the matter, further.

The Grand Falls Boom.

The Grand Falls Power Company has paid Mr. West of Grand Falls \$600 for a strip of land for the construction of the canal. It is expected that the difficulty with Hayes will soon be settled, and everyone is looking for work to go forward in the spring.—Advertiser.

Gazetted.

The Ottawa Correspondent of the Toronto Globe announces among the appointments gazetted last Saturday was that of Wm. T. Drysdale to be collector of Her Majesty's Customs.

Advent Conference.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Advent Conference opened at Peel yesterday, and will continue over Sunday.

CHAS. L. SMITH, M.P.P., goes to Fredericton to attend the legislature today.

C. M. SHERWOOD offers fresh bananas, apples, oranges and lemons, evaporated apples, peaches, apricots and prunes, canned apples, peaches, pears, strawberries, tomatoes, pumpkin, peas, corn, string beans, baked beans, blue berries, corned beef, roast beef, finnan haddies, oysters, salmon, etc. In addition to a full line of staple groceries, you will find some of the more delicate, including cocoanut, cocoa, chocolate, bromo, tapioca in three forms, catsup, gelatine, macaroni, &c. 1 car Greenhead Lime due to arrive.

He that makes his son worthy of esteem by giving him a liberal education has a far better title to his obedience and duty than he that gives a large estate without it.—Socrates.

Young love is a flame; very pretty, often very hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. The love of the older and disciplined heart is as coals; deep-burning, unquenchable.

WILL CARVELL BE SPEAKER?

His Chances Considered More Than Very Good.

The Matter Will Be Decided on the Meeting of the Legislature Tomorrow—Annual Dinner of the 67th Batt. at Hartland.

As is noticed elsewhere, the Provincial Legislature will open tomorrow. There is a rumor around that Mr. Frank B. Carvell is likely to be elected to the office of Speaker, and in conversation with one of Mr. Carvell's colleagues, THE DISPATCH was led to believe that his chances are extremely good. From a government standpoint Carleton county certainly did well, and deserves some recognition. The report is that a possible competitor for the speaker's chair is Mr. H. A. McKeown of St. John, but it is rather thought that Mr. Carvell is likely to prove the more popular candidate.

67th. Batt. Annual Dinner.

The annual dinner of the officers of the 67th Batt. Carleton Light Infantry was held at the Commercial Hotel at Hartland on Friday evening, the 17th. There were present Col. Boyer, Surgeon Major Curtis, Captains F. B. Carvell, Geo. Anderson, L. R. Harding, J. Renfrew Kirkpatrick and J. J. Kupkey; Lieutenants Webster W. Ross, Herbert L. Ross, L. Burton Bedell, J. J. Bull, C. H. Taylor, John E. Sutton, all of the Battalion, and Col. Vince, Lieut. Vince, Lieut. Appleby of the Brighton Engineers, P. Graham, agent of the Hartland branch of the People's Bank, Fred Stevens, editor of the Hartland Advertiser, Dr. Estey and Charles R. Carman.

Following is the menu:

- Mock Turtle Soups. Corn.
- Fish.
- Fresh Cod, with egg sauce.
- Roast Chicken.
- Dressed Turkey, with cranberry sauce.
- Cold Meats.
- Boiled Ham Roast Beef.
- Vegetables.
- Boiled Potatoes Mashed Potatoes
- Turnips Beets Carrots Peas String Beans
- Pastry.
- Apple Pie Lemon Pie Cocoanut Pie
- Orange Pudding Fruit Pudding Snow Pudding
- Hot Lemon and Foam Sauce.
- Desert.
- Tea Apples Oranges
- Coffee Chocolate.

After the gentlemen had waded heroically through the menu, and when the atmosphere had become dim with the fume of the cigar, the Colonel charged the table to charge their glasses and drink to "The Queen," and they did the same, and sang God Save the Queen, with much gusto. The toast to "The Press" was responded to by Fred H. Stevens and Charles Appleby. The toast to "The Colonel" was drunk heartily and the boys sang "He's a jolly good fellow." The Colonel made a ripping good speech, speaking about the early days of the New Brunswick Militia, of which he has that thorough knowledge of a man who has been through it all. The toast to "The Captains" brought speeches from Captains Harding, Kupkey and Kirkpatrick. On the toast to "The Surgeon Major." Dr. Curtis gave the table an interesting talk on military matters in general and medical inspection in particular. "The Lieutenants" was responded to by Lieutenants W. W. Ross, H. L. Ross and J. E. Sutton. "Our Guests" was responded to by Charles R. Carman, Dr. Estey and P. Graham. "Our Host" brought an appreciative speech from Allen A. Rideout and "Rudyard Kipling, the poet of the British Empire" was responded to by Chas. Appleby. During the early part of the affair the Band of the Battalion supplied some good music. The attendance at the dinner was much smaller than it would have been had not the Tobique train been cancelled. A large number of officers who were to have gone up on that train from Woodstock were left forlornly walking about the station. All credit is due to Captain Kupkey and Lieut. Sutton, who thinking that there would be no trains through from the North, snowshoed from Anlover to Bath where they were overtaken by the Grand Falls train and hauled in. The greatest satisfaction was expressed with the manner in which Mr. Rideout, the manager of the Commercial Hotel, had performed his part of the business.

A Great Fire.

There was an awful fire in New York on St. Patrick's Day, the 17th inst. The Windsor Hotel caught fire through a curtain igniting, and the whole building was in flames in a few moments. It is estimated that between thirty and forty persons were killed or are missing and about as many were injured, many fatally. The hotel was situated on 5th ave., and was one of the fashionable houses of the city.

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