

LOCAL TOPICS.

THERE will be a big time in the roller rink tomorrow night. Exciting races. Band in attendance. The last of the season.

WHITE LACE CURTAINS .35, .87, 1.20 and 1.45 per pair. New blouse waists, gloves, veiling and narrow ribbons in plaids and plain colours, to be had at R. W. Balloch's.

THE "Temperance and General Life Assurance Co." can boast of having the lowest average death rate, the largest assets to liabilities, and the best class of investments, of any company of its age in Canada.

A. E. SMITH & Co. sent six carloads of potatoes to Toronto last week, loading the cars at Florenceville, Woodstock and Andover. They have sent fifteen carloads in all. The best demand is for Hebrons which bring on the car from 75 to 80 cts. a barrel.

A CHARMING VOCALIST.—A feature of the services in the Baptist church last evening was a vocal solo by Mrs. A. A. Brewer of Woodstock. She sang that fine old hymn, Rock of Ages, very sweetly, and added not a little to her reputation as a soloist.—F'ton Herald.

IN THE county court which set last week the criminal case of the Queen vs. Marvin Shaw, indecent assault, ended by the acquittal of the accused. In the perjury case of the Queen vs. Allan Tibbetts, the jury failed to agree. The other cases were settled out of court.

REPORT has it that J. P. Lowell, of Bangor, former manager of the big mill here is trying to buy the Ketchum mill at Ashland and timber lands. Should Mr. Lowell succeed in doing so it would, without doubt, be a good thing for Ashland. It is a wonder that some energetic business man has not bought them before this.—Star Herald.

THE FREDERICTON City Council will ask for authority to make a new valuation of city property for assessment purposes, and also for some amendments in the present assessment law. It is proposed to reduce the poll tax to \$5, and also to reduce the income exemption from \$300 to \$200. The proposed amendment, while slightly relieving the poll tax payer, will at the same time increase the income tax about \$5 per head.

A PHOTOGRAPH

Of yourself, your wife, your mother or your baby. Can I make any of these for you? First-class work guaranteed.

G. A. KEITH.

Over Noble & Trafton's,
61 Main Street,
Woodstock.

R. W. BALLOCH has just received a new lot of men's felt and fur hats. Men's black coats and vests. Boys' cloth suits, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 inch bust measure, at reduced prices.

MISS WOODWORTH finished her winter term of school in the Dinsmore district Friday and hat gone to Woodstock to spend her vacation with her parents.—Ft. Fairfield Leader.

REV. R. W. WEDDALL of Queen Square Methodist Church, St. John, preached two eloquent sermons in the Methodist Church on Sunday. The collection taken up was in aid of the educational fund.

A VERY heavy snow storm set in on Tuesday night and continued most of Wednesday. About a foot of snow fell, and it drifted a good deal on the country roads. The trains made very good time, considering the drifts. It was found necessary, however, to cancel the suburban on Friday. A cold snap followed the storm, the thermometer on Thursday being 15° below at daylight, and on Friday and Saturday mornings early, it was considerably below zero.

DESPATCHES from Ottawa announce that the Dominion government intend establishing two chicken fattening stations in each of the Maritime Provinces. This move is in accord with what was undertaken in this line in Ontario last year, where the scheme was a pronounced success. Chickens are bought from the farmers and are fattened for the English markets by experts in the pay of the government, and besides affording an excellent market, is an invaluable object lesson. Efforts are now being made to have one of these stations in Sussex, and it is to be hoped that the efforts will be successful. Sussex can claim the distinction of providing one of the nurses who is attending Rudyard Kipling in New York. Miss Bertie Sinnott, of Apohaqui, is the young lady. Sussex Record.

A LARGE audience attended the lecture in the Opera House on Friday evening last, given by the Rev. G. O. Gates. His subject was "Jerusalem as it was and as it is." The lecture was interesting from start to finish, and was listened to with rapt attention. Prof. L. W. Titus, who accompanied the lecturer to Woodstock, sang two tenor solos appropriate to the subject, which were very nicely rendered. His worship, Mayor Murphy, presided in his usual pleasing way. Votes of thanks were tendered to the lecturer and singer and to Mayor Murphy.

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE DECLARING A PLACE FREE FROM DISEASE.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
OTTAWA, 13th February, 1899.
Notice is hereby given that Mr. J. H. Frink, V. S., of St. John, N. B., Veterinary Inspector, having reported that Contagious Disease no longer exists in animals in the farm and premises of Mr. C. Peabody, of the Township of Woodstock, County of Carlton, N. B., under the provisions of Chap. 69 (R. S. C.) cited as the "Animal Contagious Diseases Act," I do hereby declare that the said farm and premises are now free from infectious or contagious disease in animals.
By order, W. H. SCARTH,
Deputy of the Minister of Agriculture.

LOCAL Legislature will meet in Fredericton tomorrow.

LAND PLASTER, & Bowker Fertilizer at Howard E. Burt's.

WHAT YOU PAY for a thing is important, but what you get in return for your money is ten times more important. Ordinarily the best clothing cost a great deal more than poor clothing; but at our present prices you can get an overcoat, suit or a pair of trousers at practically the same cost as the poor kind. See our stock and you will be convinced it is the largest and best selected. W. B. Nicholson, Merchant Tailor.

SPEAKING with a fairly old resident of the county, THE DISPATCH learns that it is fully 25 years since there was such a wintry March as the present. This gentleman says on that occasion he began hauling from the woods on the 1st of March and the weather kept wintry till the 28th, when the roads broke up in a rush. It is safe to say that today, the snow is fully four feet deep in the woods around town, while away up river it must be between five and six feet deep.

AT A MEETING of the young Conservative Asso. recently it was decided to reduce the age limit from 50 to 35. Consequently a number of the officers were supplanted and the following elected in their stead. 3rd v. p. Geo. W. Gibson, sec. tress. Neville Vince, Executive, committee John Cogger, Jas. A. Gibson, Wm. Bolger, Thos Hoyt, Jack Dibble. The senior association are invited to attend all meetings of the juniors, whose regular night of meeting is the second Tuesday of the month.

CRICKET.—The Fredericton papers state that a club is likely to be formed in that city this year. This will be good news. Fredericton used to be a center of good cricket. It is about time the Woodstock club was preparing for this summer's play. If possible it would be well to arrange a match for the 24th of May. It is understood that a Truro N. S. team will play this year in New Brunswick and it is a possibility they may visit Woodstock. Andover and St. Andrews may be depended on to put teams in the field this year.

HOULTON ITEMS.—It is practically an assured thing that Houlton will have a monster 4th of July celebration this year. A committee has already been organized for this purpose. They are planning on having the greatest celebration ever given in this country. In addition to the regular happenings of such a day the committee plan on having a celebration appropriate to the anniversary of the victory of American arms over the Spanish. John Walker returned home, Saturday, from New York where he has completed a course of study in the Mitchell school for instruction in the cutting and fitting of gentlemen's garments. John was considered an exceptionally fine tailor before leaving and with his recent experience in the Mitchell school he will make a 'dandy. He expects to open a shop in this town next week, in the rooms formerly occupied by Hanson & Grady.—Times.

WANT A SYRINGE ?

Of course, every well-regulated household wants one. But there are syringes and syringes—those that don't work and those that do. If you want the first we haven't them; if you want the last, the kind that work, and work well, and always work, we have them.

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Everything a well-stocked drug store ought to have we have.

GARDEN BROS.

Druggists.

Woodstock.

SHAW & DIBBLEE, Hartland, invite you to visit their well arranged Hardware store, and look over their long and well assorted stock stoves and Tinware, they delight in showing and selling goods. They always endeavor to sell the best goods and this year will again sell the celebrated Shewen-Nilleous Paint, Church's Alabastine, Purdy and Green Lime Ryan's Bush, Massey-Harris Farm Implements, Cleveland Bicycles, these are all ladies in their respective lines, and are good goods to tie to. With their large stock and reasonable prices Shaw and Dibblee should and deservedly do command a good trade.

PROF. J. W. ROBERTSON, Dominion Commissioner for Agriculture and Dairying will address the Annual Meeting of the Farmers and Dairymen's Association and make some important announcements as to the Policy of his Department in the Maritime Provinces. The question of pork raising which is now exciting so much interest will be one of the subjects for discussion at the approaching meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association at Fredericton on the 28th, 29th and 30th inst. Agricultural Education will also be discussed and an extended program of more than ordinary interest is being prepared. The Railways will all grant reduced rates to persons attending the meeting of the Farmers and Dairymen's Association at Fredericton. It is expected that there will be enough members in attendance to secure a free return ticket. When buying the going ticket the purchaser should not forget to ask for a standard certificate. This must be filled out by the Secretary at the meeting and exchanged for return ticket at the Fredericton Station.

RICHARDSON, PORTER & Co., Hartland, have taken the old Keith & Plummer stand which is next to their present store, and are filling it with potatoes. They will probably have to use it for their general store purposes in the spring, as they are greatly increasing their business.

JAS. KELLY, of Bristol, had a peculiar experience on Friday morning early. He was in Woodstock, staying at the Aberdeen. He retired at quite an early hour to his room on the third floor. Between three and four o'clock he was taken with a nightmare, and while in this state, opened his window and jumped to the ground beneath. Very fortunately the snowstorm of the day previous had made a big snow drift in the alleyway between the Aberdeen and the Vendome. Mr. Kelly fell on his side and for a few moments was quite stunned. He was able to recover himself and made for the front door. His knocking aroused Mr. Wilbur, one of the proprietors, who let him in. Mr. Kelly says he remembers nothing of his movements until he found himself in the snow drift below. It was a most fortunate snow storm for him, as otherwise he would probably have been fatally injured. As it was his injuries were trivial.

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