

LOCAL TOPICS.

REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH.—A man and his wife and two other women were received into membership in the Reformed Baptist church on Sunday evening.

The Sunday school concert will be held in the Union Hall, Upper Woodstock, on Friday evening next. Collection will be taken for the benefit of the school.

JOSEPH FEWER was in Montreal last week, having an operation performed on his left eye, for a hemorrhage of the artery. The operation was a success. Mr. Fewer is at home again.

A KIPLING LECTURE.—The people of Woodstock are promised a lecture on "The Religion of Kipling," by Rev. Mr. Fraser of St. John, on Friday evening the 24th inst in Graham's Opera House.

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.

WICKLOW.—The friends and supporters of the Local Government in the Parish of Wicklow are requested to meet at Charles Estey's, on Friday evening, the 10th inst., at 7 o'clock, to discuss ways and means. E. R. SQUIRES, Chairman.

THE FOLLOWING PRICES paid at McCains war house, Woodstock. Hay \$4.00, oats 31 cts, Beef 4 to 4 1/2 cts, Hides 7 cts, Buckwheat Meal \$1.00, Yellow 3 1/2 to 4c, Pork 5c, Butter 14c to 15c, Turkey 11 1/2c. There is a strong local demand for fresh eggs at 25 cts per doz.

TOM FLEMING in jumping aboard the Hobo express at Hartland yesterday afternoon, was not quite quick enough and for some moments hung between the smoker and the first class car. A couple of men came to his assistance or he would have probably been badly injured.

None of his customers doubt that C. M. Sherwood, Centreville, has struck the golden key in the Tea business. His "A 1" brand in lead packets, for 25 cts., surprises every body, while his "Regal" for 30 cts. is one of the modern wonders. Compare his 20 ct. tea with any 40 ct tea in the county and be convinced.

REV. J. W. WILSON, Methodist Evangelist of Providence, R. I., will conduct special evangelistic meetings in Hartland, commencing Feb. 9th and continuing until the 16th and possibly the 20th. Two services will be held each day at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. The evening services will be held in the Rink. The hymn book used in the services will be "Good News in Song."

MISS EDITH L. GRANT has completed a three months course (six College weeks) in shorthand and typewriting with Mabelle Jones. In this short time she is able to make an average of 82 words per minute on the typewriter (writing as high as 112 words per minute) and an average of 120 words per minute, in shorthand. Anyone who has a knowledge of Stenography, will know that this is excellent work, and reflects great credit on Miss Grant's ability as a student.

A UNION MEETING of the Christian Endeavour societies of this town was held in the Methodist church vestry on Friday evening last. The president, Mr. T. A. Lindsay was chairman. There were about two hundred young people in attendance. The first part of the meeting was a song service for half an hour, after which addresses were made by the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Lulu Johnston, Miss Sandra Comben, Andrew Myles, and Rev. H. D. Marr. A post card was read from Rev. Mr. Fiske who was unable to be present.

E. R. MACHUM, Maritime Manager of The Temperance and General Life Assurance Co., asks the DISPATCH to contradict the report that the Temperance and General is to be amalgamated with certain other companies. Mr. Machum goes on to say, "I understand that such a report is being circulated and I am in a position to assert positively that no amalgamation of The Temperance and General with any other company will take place. The company has had a most successful year in every way; is in a splendid condition financially and will continue to do business at the old stand and on the old lines."

The Methodist church at Watson Settlement had a narrow escape from going up in smoke on Sunday. The Sunday school was to have been at 2 o'clock. A fire was made in the stove about 11 o'clock and after dinner Alexander Bell went to the church and found it chock full of smoke. He fired snow in around the stove and put out the fire. When the smoke had cleared out he found that two seats near the stove had been burned and a large hole was burned in the floor. The fire had caught, of course, from the stove. The whole interior of the building is badly disfigured with the smoke. Temporary repairs will be commenced at once and permanent repairs will be made in the spring.

The Presbyterian Tennyson Club met in the vestry on Thursday evening last. Miss Annie Rankin read a valuable and interesting paper on the sources of the material used by Tennyson for his Idylls of the King. She compared the Arthurian legends with the Carolingian legends and gave the sources from which Malory got the material of his Morte Darthur. Rev. G. D. Ireland took up the second Idyll, Gareth and Lynette. He made a synoptic statement of the story on the blackboard and then interpreted the story explaining the allegories and reading extracts here and there. The attendance at the club is getting larger and the interest is increasing. On Thursday evening next, papers will be read by Miss Henderson, Miss Walker and Miss Bessie Sanderson.

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The clothing and Furnishing Business of Ham and Smith known as Oak Hall will be sold at a bargain either the whole stock or in quantities to suit the purchaser. Also the store To Let, possession is given May 1st or sooner if required. HAM & SMITH.

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R. LONGSTAFF, Upper Knoxford, was in town on Monday, with a grist of wheat for Fripp's Roller Mill.

THE CONSERVATIVE headquarters during the election campaign will be in the Baird Store, opposite the Carlisle Hotel.

DR. P. T. KIERSTAD who has been ill with pneumonia is now able to do his office work and expects to be able to make calls this week.

MR. WHITE'S CARD.—The attention of electors is called to the card of Geo. W. White in this issue and to Mr. White's letter on the Conservative convention.

MR. STEPHEN JONES an old resident of Upper Woodstock died quite suddenly of pneumonia at his residence Saturday morning. The burial took place Monday afternoon.

MRS. ANNIE KETCH who lived on the corner of Queen and Carleton Sts., died of consumption on Tuesday morning Feb. 7th aged 36 years. She will be buried at Nackawick today.

GOVERNMENT MEETING.—There will be a public meeting in the interest of the Local Government in the Opera House, Woodstock on Monday evening. The three Government candidates and other gentlemen will speak.

A FEW LADIES black cloth jackets, not heavy and suitable for early spring wear, from \$1.90 to \$3.00, to be had at R. W. Balloch's. Also inexpensive capes in black, fawn and blue; plain and figured black dress goods and black crape.

C. M. SHERWOOD, Centreville, wants hams, eggs, stove wood, and buckwheat. Come quick, for he has the grip. He will take the eggs raw, the hams smoked, the wood green, in slabs; and has the courage to try the buckwheat either whole or ground.

NEWTON BUNNELL who was a conductor on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Rv., was killed while on duty at Fitchburg on Wednesday last. His remains came to Woodstock on Friday night and were taken to the residence of his father-in-law Edward Lindow. He was thirty-five years old. He leaves a wife and one daughter nine years old. An exact account of the circumstances of his death has not yet been received. He was buried on Sunday at 12:30, Rev. G. D. Ireland conducted the service.

A LETTER TO THE DISPATCH from Perth Centre, complains in slanderous terms that some one in that village is selling liquor, contrary to the provisions of the statute in such case made and provided. The writer, who wishes his name kept out of print, wants to know how much longer the people of Victoria County are going to endure the thing. We can't publish the text of the letter, as we are not hankering for a libel suit. It is greatly to be regretted that so many people want to get behind an anonymous letter to issue libelous statements, and leave the poor editors to pay the reckoning.

The following is taken from the Edmonton, Alb. Bulletin. The railway survey party in charge of C. F. K. Dibblee, C. E., who are making an exploratory survey from the junction of the Peace and Finlay rivers to Glenora on the Stikene river, where when last heard from camping on the Omineca river waiting for the rivers to freeze up so they might travel on ice. Another party in charge of D. V. H. Dupont has lately returned to Edmonton having completed the survey from the Finlay river through the Peace river pass of the Rocky Mountains to Edmonton. They report a favorable route on that section. Both parties left Edmonton on July 8th last.

MARRIED.

BAGLEY-MCCORQUINDALE.—At Woodstock, Feb 1st 1899 by Ven. Archdeacon Neales Reesor, William James Bagley, of South Newbridge and Jennie McCorquindale of Lowell Mass.

DIED.

RAYMOND.—At Middle Simonds, on the 4th Jan., of pneumonia, H. Ralph Raymond, aged 15 months, only son of Augusta and W.N. Raymond.

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Town Council.

When the Town Council met on Monday evening the Mayor and all the councillors were in their places except only Coun. Watts, who is sick. After some bills had been passed the most entertaining part of the evening's work came up.

Coun. Graham moved, seconded by Coun. Henderson, that Donald Munro be retained for the year as Superintendent of Water Works, superintendent of sewers and caretaker of the steam fire engine at the regular salary \$480, for the year.

Coun. Carr demurred. He thought a saving in this salary should be made; \$50 seemed a little strong to pay for keeping the engine in shape.

Coun. Gallagher wanted the superintendent's duties defined. There was a great deal of dissatisfaction among the rate payers concerning this office and many people complained that the council employed Mr. Munro to do certain work and paid him for it and that Mr. Munro sub let his work and seduced the council into paying the sub-contractor as well; the council thus paying for the work twice. Mr. Gallagher also thought \$50 was too much to pay for taking care of the fire engine.

Coun. Henderson knew that this thing had been thoroughly canvassed at the municipal election and he was glad it was now brought up. He wanted Mr. Munro to be heard as to what his duties were toward the town.

Mayor Murphy thought that the town was to say what Mr. Munro's duties were and asked the clerk to read those duties from the by laws.

Mr. Munro was heard; and most emphatically denied the charges. Any part of his work had never been done by any one but himself except the reading of a few water meters during his recent illness, which had been done by Bobbie White and for which he had paid Bobbie out of his own pocket. Mr. Munro did not think it his duty as Superintendent to do any digging and he wouldn't dig. He had conducted the sewer extensions last year and had given the workmen the levels for them. This work had previously cost the town \$4.00 per day but he had done it as one of his duties at a salary of \$30 a year. He had in this single instance saved the town a large item. Coun. Jones asked Mr. Munro some questions about delegated duties.

Each member of the board expressed himself as satisfied with Mr. Munro's explanation and Coun. Gallagher who had called the matter to the attention of the board, thought that he did not get a large enough salary. On motion of Coun. Carr the re-appointment of Mr. Munro was laid over till next meeting. Following is a correct statement of the Committees:

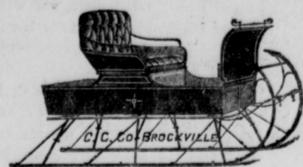
- Finance and Licences—Watts, Graham, Henderson.
- Fire—Carr, Henderson, Watts.
- Electric Light—Gallagher, Carr, Jones.
- Poor—Henderson, Jones, Gallagher.
- Sewers—Jones, Carr, Gallagher.
- Streets—Graham, Carr, Watts.
- Scales—Watts.
- Hall and Police—Jones, Gallagher, Watts.
- Water—Carr, Henderson, Graham.
- Audit and Printing—Henderson, Graham, Jones.

Death Of Fred E. S. Harris.

W. W. Hay received a telegram last week announcing the death in Boston of his brother-in-law, Fred E. S. Harris. Mr. Harris had been troubled for several months with cancer in the stomach and had recently been to New York for treatment. He was born at Cornwallis N. S. For four or five years he was a clerk in Hugh Hay & Son's dry goods store in Woodstock, where he had a great many friends. He left here about seven years ago for Boston where he held a responsible position in Hovey's dry goods store. His wife was Miss Allingham, sister of Richard Allingham of Woodstock.

The Medical Profession Recommend Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment.

Dr. C. M. Harlan, writing in the American Journal of Health, February 10th, says:—"Among the proprietary medicines deserving recognition is Dr. Chase's Ointment, a remedy for Piles, Eczematous skin eruptions of all kinds, for which it has been used with marked success and has effected remarkable cures in many obstinate cases which seem to baffle the skilled medical attendant."



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