

LOCAL TOPICS.

REV. MR. RAINNIE, St. John, preached in the Presbyterian church on Sunday. Rev. W. T. D. Moss, B. A., of St. Andrew's Kirk, Pictou, will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

BALMAIN BROS. have a fine lot of bicycles in stock, among them a Perfect chainless. They request purchasers to leave their orders early before the summer rush at the factory gets on.

TURNER & FIELDS are ready as usual to do first-class work in papering, calsoning and alabastine work. Orders left at W. F. Dibble & Sons or at the town hall will be attended to promptly.

"THE Temperance and General Life Assurance Co." has just closed the most successful year in its history—and this is saying a great deal when it is remembered that its success for years past, has been phenomenal.

Acting under the direction of the town council, Acting Marshal MacFarlane and Officer McCarron have been keeping the law moving on in good shape. Sunday last was a model day at the street corners, and the improvement was generally commented on.

CRICKET.—At a meeting of the Cricket Club on Monday afternoon, it was decided to make arrangements to hold an amateur entertainment for the purpose of raising funds. Another meeting of the club will be held at 7 o'clock, (sharp), this Wednesday evening, in THE DISPATCH office.

A CARLOAD of wheat embracing White Russian, White Fife and Red Fife brands will soon be on hand, and will be disposed of by J. M. Frapp, of the Woodstock Roller Mills. The price will be cost probably about \$1.40 a bushel including bag. The shipping bill of the wheat has arrived and the wheat itself is expected any day.

ENGINEER MILES was in town Wednesday completing arrangements previous to commencing the survey of the new branch which the B. & A. intended to construct between Caribou and Van Buren. Mr. Miles expects to begin the survey at Van Buren immediately. Assistant Chief Engineer McKerson with twelve engineers began the survey on the Caribou end April 1st. It appears as though in this survey the x-ray will be a necessity.—Fort Fairfield Leader.

THE ANNUAL meeting of St. John River Log Driving Company, was held at Fredericton, last week. The chief business was the election of a board of directors, which resulted in the following being chosen: W. H. Murray, St. John; A. J. Beveridge, Andover; F. H. Hale, M. P., Woodstock; R. A. Estey, Fredericton, and Henry Hilyard, St. John. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, W. H. Murray was elected president and J. Fraser Gregory was re-appointed secretary treasurer.

MR. SMILY, who will be in the Opera house on Friday evening, entertained an audience here in July, 1895. THE DISPATCH has pleasure in quoting what it said about him at that time: "Mr. Smily may always be assured a generous welcome at the hands of Woodstock after the entertainment of last night. He is a wit and a humorist without the slightest touch of buffoonery. He held his audience in the hollow of his hand and shook them with laughter at his pleasure. This was certainly the very best entertainment of the kind that was ever placed within the reach of a Woodstock audience, and all who failed to get tickets have the sincere sympathy of THE DISPATCH critic."

IRVINE DIBBLEE who has for some years been employed in the drug store of H. W. Holmes, has accepted a position with Curtiss and Tupper, druggists of Bangor. Mr. Dibblee started for his home in Woodstock on Tuesday to visit his people for a few days before going to Bangor. Mr. Dibblee has become quite a favourite with Fort Fairfield people and they are sorry to part with him. He will be missed in the musical circles, especially in the orchestra. The good wishes of a host of friends in this town are his.—Fort Fairfield Leader.—Mr. Dibblee's Woodstock friends, also congratulate him on his deserved promotion.

S. A. NOTES.—Adjutant Magee and Lieut. Kirk have received orders to farewell and proceed to a new field of labor. The Lieutenant goes to Annapolis, N. S. Adjutant Magee proceeds to Ottawa to see his mother, who is ill. The adjutant will leave Woodstock on Friday, the 14th, and will address meetings at Fredericton, Newcastle, Quebec, Montreal, and Ottawa on his way home. A grand temperance rally will be held in the Opera House, Thursday evening, April 13th, at 8 p. m. Many ministers, editors, councillors and other temperance advocates have consented to be present. The Mayor will preside. Tickets can be had at Mr. R. E. Holyoke's store, 72 Main St., or at Noble & Trafford's, 63 Main St.

HOULTON ITEMS.—H. C. Sharp has purchased of Fred Moore his Meduxnekeag cut of logs amounting to about 900,000 feet. The price paid was \$6000. Miss Jennie Hay of Woodstock will render a Japanese Love song in costume, at the concert of the Crescent Glee club, Wednesday evening.

At the annual meeting of the parish of the Good Shepherd on Easter Monday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Wardens, John C. McIntyre, E. E. Churchill; Vestry, W. Ketchum, H. Eddlad, A. T. Smith, E. B. Cornelson, F. H. Pearson, J. E. Rhoda and R. T. Wetmore. Sec'y and Treas., John C. McIntyre.—Times.

PHOTOGRAPH NOTICE.

G. A. KEITH, WOODSTOCK'S PHOTOGRAPHER, will be at HARTLAND from the 17th to the 21st inst., when he will be prepared to make sittings, etc. See display of Photos in Keith & Plummer's window, Hartland.

R. W. BALLOCH has just received his spring stock of Timothy, Clover and Garden Seeds which he is selling at the lowest cash prices.

\$400.00 in cash to be distributed as prizes to purchasers of Union Blend Tea; a key and a card of explanation in every pound package.

CHESTNUT & HIPWELL have a fine display of carriages and wagons at their ware room on upper Main street, which purchasers would do well to look over.

A. E. JONES has in stock a great variety of shades in ready mixed Floor Paints and House Paints, also Alabastine, Lead and Brushes, &c. Come in and look them over.

AT THE Woodstock Business College the following students passed successfully into the Advanced Class:—Miss Inez E. Burt, Miss Annie Parker, Miss Elva Maxted, Mr. Wm. Cunliffe, Mr. H. L. Phillips.

CONSULT A TAILOR, who is willing and capable, and who will interest himself to the extent of making your Spring Suit and Overcoat best suited to your particular needs. See latest New York reports. W. B. Nicholson.

WITHOUT ceremony or formality we invite you to our Spring opening. The variety and elegance of our assortment will surprise. The prices we ask for our choicest hats will reveal to you the advantage to be derived by purchasing from the Misses Gallagher.—Adv.

THE Conservative Association have rented for one year the ground floor in the W. M. Connell building on Queen St., recently occupied by Mr. H. H. Lockwood as a music store. The young Conservatives will have their regular meeting tomorrow evening in the new room.

C. M. SHERWOOD'S large stock of seed will soon be complete. Timothy and Clovers in great variety. Russian wheat, Fodder corn, Corn, Vegetable and Flower seeds in great variety. Prices low. He would call special attention to those large, rich, sugar Beets so easily grown, which are invaluable to the dairy farmer during the winter, as well as for stock growers in general. These beets grow to fabulous sizes.

A. HENDERSON, on behalf of the committee of the town council appointed to correspond with Mr. A. Wilmot Hay regarding his proposal to move his pork packing establishment to Woodstock, has written to Mr. Hay, and the matter, will no doubt, come again before the council. The business men of Woodstock will heartily welcome such an industry as that carried on by the energetic proprietor of the Meductic Meat Market.

LIBERAL CLUB.—The Liberal club room, Brown's Hall, is now open to club members, and those who wish to join, every evening, Sunday excepted. The room has been thoroughly repaired, and is now cosy and home-like. All the leading Liberal dailies are on file. Games will furnish amusement for those who wish to pass a pleasant evening in that way. Liberals from the county are invited to drop in and spend an evening with their friends while in town.

THE many friends of Mr. John E. M. Shea, who left Woodstock some months ago for the West, will be glad to learn of his success. A recent issue of the Skagit County Times, Wash., has this item:—"John E. M. Shea, assistant postmaster at Clearlake, has been appointed depot agent of the Seattle & International at that point. The Times is informed on good authority that the railway people will leave the station where it is at Clearlake. Mr. Shea will certainly make an efficient and painstaking agent."

THE annual meeting of the Canada Pacific Fishing Club was held in the office of W. T. Drysdale on Thursday evening. There were present, Jerry Holt, Dr. Kilburn, John Stewart, W. T. Drysdale, H. A. Seeley, J. T. Allen Dibblee. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year, Jerry Holt, W. T. Drysdale, John Stewart, J. T. Allen Dibblee and Dr. Kilburn. At the meeting of the directors held later in the evening, Jerry Holt was re-elected Pres., W. T. Drysdale, Vice Pres., and Hubert A. Seeley, Sec. Treas. H. Paxton Baird, Williamson Fisher and J. C. Hartley were elected members of the Club.

EASTER MEETINGS.—The annual meeting of the parishioners of Richmond was held on Monday, 3rd inst., in the S S building, St. John's church, Rev A. W. Teed chairman. The following were elected:—Churchwardens—Andrew McIntyre, Wm. Currie. Vestrymen—Robert Currie, Ellis Cunliffe, Albert Ray, H. N. Jameson, Osburn Thoms, Alf Bell, John Martin, D. Gidney, John Gartley, John Bull, Chester Carpenter, Ephraim Gartley. Vestry Clerk—Charles W. Stokes. Delegates to Synod—William Currie, H. N. Jameson. Substitutes—Andrew McIntyre, Andrew Ray.—Wicklow, Wardens—George Antworth, Wm. Ritchie. Representative to Synod—Thos. H. Wakem.—Wilmot, Warden—Thomas Orchard, R. Wilmot Balloch. Vestrymen—John F. Williams, Roy T. Lee, Charles Wilkinson, Alfred J. Lee, G. Leveritt White, Issac P. Williams, Dr. F. M. Brown. Representative to Synod—Thos Orchard. Substitute—F. M. Brown.

ALLEGED financial transactions by B. B. Blizard, of this city, are receiving attention in the provincial papers. The Campbellton Telephone tells that a man in that city was induced to cash a draft on Messrs. J. & J. Taylor, Toronto, for \$100, and that it was returned with the announcement that Blizard was not in the firm's employ. Report comes that W. D. Wilber, of Dorchester, and merchants in Morcton and other places also cashed drafts on the Messrs. Taylor that have been returned. Local friends of Blizard do not believe the stories about him. They say he has been in a very bad financial condition, that recently his salary was garnished and as a result he lost his position, but made a new arrangement with the Messrs. Taylor, and before he left St. John, a week or ten days ago, showed his new contract. He had planned a trip to the North Shore, then across to Fredericton, Woodstock, Presque Isle, etc. The Globe was unable to find out where Blizard is now believed to be, but friends think he is still in the province. Mr. J. King Kelley, solicitor for Messrs. J. & J. Taylor, told the Globe that while Blizard was not now in the firm's employ, he was selling on commission.—St. John Globe.

THE St. Paul Church Literary Society has secured the Rev. W. T. D. Moss, B. A., of St. Andrew's Kirk, Pictou to lecture on "Wordsworth" in the Opera House on Thursday evening, 20th inst., at 8 o'clock. Mr. Moss is recognized as one of our most critical students and appreciative interpreters of English poetry. And those who will hear him on Wordsworth's attitude to nature will enjoy a rare intellectual treat. A musical programme will be given in connection with the lecture.

A LARGE AUDIENCE greeted the Rev. Mr. Ireland, of Woodstock, Thursday night at the St. Stephen's Church Guild, where he delivered a lecture on The Ethical Teaching of the Idylls of the King. The lecturer traced first the Arthurian story from its earliest sources, referring briefly to the Celtic writers of the seventh and twelfth centuries. He found the source of Tennyson's cycle in Sir Thomas Malory's Morte d'Arthur and Lady Charlotte Guests' Mabinogion. In Caxton's preface there is the indication of a moral purpose in Malory's book Tennyson found in this preface the suggestion to embody his own religious feelings in an Arthurian story, and in Malory's book the material for the same. There seems to be a development in the mind of the poet of his work. First he regards it simply as a romance, then as an allegory, and finally as a parable through which runs allegory. The lecturer quoted from the recent memoirs of Tennyson by his son in confirmation of this view. The first four idylls were then separately dealt with, and their significance interpreted. He quoted freely from them to illustrate the ideas which he attributed to the poet; and he closed his address long before the audience would have wished. The Rev. Principal Macrae, in moving a vote of thanks, referred to the great pleasure with which he had listened to the able presentation of one of the greatest poems of one of the greatest poets of our century, and congratulated the guild on the admirable work it is evidently doing in bringing great themes weekly before its members. This was seconded by Rev. Mr. Rainnie in a brief, witty and appreciative speech, and was cordially tendered Mr. Ireland by the president.—St. John Telegraph.

A Pleasant Gathering.

A large number of leading citizens were present at the Carlisle Hotel last evening, on the occasion of a farewell banquet to Dr. Rankin, Messrs. George Anderson and M. Everett Smith. Dr. Rankin leaves for England in a few days to take a special course of lectures in his profession. Mr. Anderson takes up new work in St. John, and Mr. Smith goes to St. Stephen. A most enjoyable time was spent. Each of the guests was presented with a handsome brier pipe in a case.

The following was the toast list:—"The Queen," Chorus, "God Save the Queen." "The President," Chorus, "My Country 'tis of thee." Address by the Chairman and presentation, "Our Guests," Anderson, Rankin, Smith, Chorus, "For they are jolly good fellows." Quartette, "Larboard Watch," Williams, Mitchell, Lockwood, Wright. "The Militia," Capt. Tompkins, Col. Vimes, Col. Baird. "Civil Service," W. T. Drysdale, Wm. Dibblee. Song, Norman Loane. "The Medical Profession," Dr. Sprague, Dr. Hand. "The Town Council," A. Henderson, H. E. Gallagher, A. E. Jones. Song, Capt. Anderson. "The Legal Profession," W. M. Connell, J. N. W. Winslow, J. C. Hartley. Quartette, "The Warrior Bold," Williams, Mitchell, Lockwood, Wright. "Our Mercantile Interests," H. P. Baird, J. T. A. Dibblee, W. W. Hay, B. Frank Smith. "The Press," Messrs. Watts, Holyoke. Song, Norman Loane. "The Ladies," F. B. Meagher. "Our Host," Mr. Taber. Chorus, "Auld Lang Syne."

Lecture and Concert.

The Rev. W. J. D. Moss, B. A., of St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, will deliver a lecture on

Wordsworth's Attitude Toward Nature

IN GRAHAM'S OPERA HOUSE, Thursday Evening, April 20th, at Eight o'clock.

A suitable musical programme will be rendered. Seats in any part of the house 25c.

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For Sale or to Rent.

Store and Dwelling on Connell street now occupied by J. S. MARCY. Possession given at once if desired. W. FISHER.

NOTICE.

The General Annual Meeting of the Woodstock Woollen Mills Co. Ltd., will be held at the company's office Town of Woodstock on the 4th day of May next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. ANDREW MYLES, Sec. Treas.

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One month	120	Seven years	85
One year	120 to 108	Adult age	75 to 70
Two years	108 to 90	Old age	65 to 60

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REMOVED.

We have moved the balance of our stock to the store opposite the Carlisle hotel, lately occupied by the Misses Tompkins & Wolverton, and will continue our Great Clearance Sale of Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishings, until MAY 1ST. Our stock must go at some price. Come in and look it over.

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