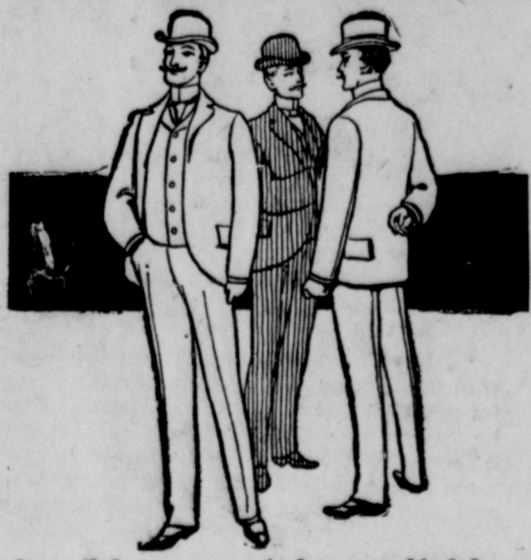


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THE HARTLAND FIRE.

Impression That it was Work of Fire Bugs.

Had the Plan Been Successful Nothing Would have Saved the Village.—An Investigation Going on Before Thane Jones J.P.—To be Continued this Afternoon.

Our Hartland Correspondent writes; A dastardly attempt was made to burn this village early Saturday morning. The old school house was set on fire and was partly consumed when the alarm was rung in about midnight. The fireman answered the call very promptly. In a few minutes they had laid six hundred feet of hose and had the fire fairly under control when a second alarm was rung that a fire had been started in the basement of Burt's building at the upper end of the village, nearly half a mile from the other fire. As the school house is outside the corporation the firemen had to leave and hurry up town. The villain had well planned to burn the whole village. The first fire was to draw the firemen out of the place while the second would get such headway as to consume the entire village. The last fire was noticed and a few pails of water was all that was necessary to extinguish it. The hose company then returned to the school house and soon succeeded in getting it again under control. The new house which is being erected at a cost of over three thousand dollars was saved although it was but twenty five feet from the burning building. The school house was entirely destroyed together with the furniture and several hundred dollars worth of books belonging to the pupils. The library and the globe were however saved. The lower part of the new building was badly charred; but this damage is covered by insurance while on the old house there was none. The new building is being hurried towards completion and the schools will be open in about three weeks. An investigation will be held and it is to be hoped that the guilty parties will be brought to justice and severely punished.

[SPECIAL TO THE DISPATCH.]

On Monday afternoon at Hartland an inquiry was held as to the origin of the recent fires in that town. Early Saturday morning of last week the old school house was burned and while the fire was raging another fire was discovered in the store owned by Geo. Burt, jr. The second fire was discovered and extinguished by Arnold McFarlane a young boy assisted by Alfred Thornton. The inquiry was instituted by the Fire Commissioners of Hartland and was held before Thane M. Jones. Stephen B. Appleby Q. C. appeared for the Commissioners. The witnesses examined were Henry M. Hunter, J. T. G. Carr, Mrs. Darcy McFarlane, Florence Bradley, Arnold McFarlane, Geo. R. Burt, Alfred Thornton, Rev. John B. Daggett, Spurgeon Brown, Geo. H. Allen, Chas. Carr, Darius Burt.

Mr. Burt swore that the fire in his store must have been deliberately made, that there was no insurance on the building. All the witnesses who were at the scene of the fire swore that it must have been set. Mr. Thornton said that when he arrived at the store he saw a man running away from the fire. It appeared from all the evidence that the store had been kept locked, but the fire had been kindled in the basement inside a barrel. The investigation was adjourned to this afternoon at two o'clock.

Kaffirs are Quicker Than Wireless Telegraphy.

The battle of Majuba hill was fought on February 27, 1881. Pietermaritzburg is as nearly as possible 150 miles from Majuba. Yet the native servants of officers quartered in that garrison town heard the news of the battle and told their masters of the result within ten hours, and long before any official telegraphic information came through.

Again, the total defeat of the Zulus of Ulundi, in 1879, was heard by the natives at a distance of 270 miles within twelve hours. How is it done?

Many explanations have been offered, but none of them are entirely satisfactory. Perhaps the most plausible explanation for the rapid transmission of news is the following:—The various Kaffir languages, particularly that spoken by the Zulus, have very many broad, open vowels. The "a" is pronounced as in father. Such words as "amba gashle"—go carefully; "ikona mali"—no money; "hamba kaya"—no home, and all words that carry far. The natives are said to shout to one another from hill-top, and these long drawn out vowels can be heard for immense distances. The extremely rarified air of the high-veldt also helps the sound to travel;

and a chain of natives being arranged, one on each hill-top, four or five miles apart, the message flies from one to another with amazing rapidity.

Another explanation which seems less likely, although many old residents among natives declare that it is true, is the tapping of an outcrop of ironstone or other magnetic material with a succession of light blows after the manner of a Morse alphabet. These, it is said, can be heard along the whole length of the outcrop, even if the reef dives underground for miles and then reappears on the surface. The recipient places his ear on the stone and receives the impression of the taps over a distance of many miles. Where there is a stream or running water it is known to be possible to convey sounds along the surface over a considerable length thereof. But this would hardly be applicable to the South African natives' methods, as the streams through the veldt flow only for a few months in the summer, and then only intermittently, after thunderstorms; for the rest of the year they are practically dry beds of sand and rock.

Whatever their method may be, it has been proved over and over again that natives get news of any great event, reported accurately and succinctly, long before it is flashed across the telegraphic wires.

THE WAR.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The Allan line steamer Sardinian, from Montreal and Quebec, with the Canadian contingent for South Africa, has arrived at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands.

Monday's dailies did not contain any other matter of special interest. It seemed plain that the Boers, under General Joubert were busily engaged bombarding Ladysmith, but according to all reliable reports no great damage had been done, and the general impression was that Gen. White would hold out. From Ladysmith to Durban where reinforcements are now arriving is 189 miles. It would seem that the railroad is clear at least to Pietermaritzburg 70 miles, and possibly to Colenso which is within about 15 miles of Ladysmith. Stirring news may be expected at any time. On the other side of the republic, it seems that the Boers are making special efforts to capture Kimberley, where Cecil Rhodes is, and also Mafeking. These figures as to distances may be of interest:—

Pretoria is 1040 miles from Cape Town by rail—about as far as Halifax is from Peterborough, Ont., Colesberg is 325 miles from Port Elizabeth, nearly as far as from Montreal to Toronto.

De Var Junction, about seventy-five miles west on the Cape Town railway, now becomes Buller's important depot.

From Cape Town to Durban is 872 miles by sea—about as far as from Halifax to Ottawa. From Colesberg to Pretoria is 415 miles—something of a march for a fighting column that must keep a railroad in repair in a hostile territory in the face of guerilla fighting. The distance is about the same as from Montreal to Woodstock, Ont.

The Boers now surrounding Ladysmith are 322 miles from their base at Pretoria—as far as Mattawa, Ont., from Montreal. The railroad distance between the extreme points on the map—Cape Town and Bulwayo—is 1361 miles—further than from Ottawa to Winnipeg, which is 1304 miles.

For Cleaning the Hall.

The was nothing particularly exciting at the meeting of the town council on Friday evening last. Everything seem to go as smoothly as if there had been no such thing as a county election.

When it came to paying a bill of 50 cts presented by Capt. Knight of the Salvation Army for cleaning the town hall after the election, Coun. Henderson was disposed to demur at the bill being paid. "Let those who hired the room pay for it" said he. Nevertheless the matter did not come to a vote. Coun. Jones moved seconded by Coun. Watts that the bill be paid, and in the words of the French authorities after the Dreyfus pardon, "The incident is closed."

Mr. Blair at Woodstock.

It is expected that the Minister of Railways, Hon. A. G. Blair, will address a meeting in the Opera House, Woodstock, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 28th.—F'lon Herald.

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Caught.

First Fly—They have wireless telegraph now. Second Fly—Pooh. Why can't they have more wireless doors?—Chicago News.

COUNTY COURT IN SESSION.

Dispute Over the Ownership of Forty Tons of Hay.

Both Parties Come from Wicklow—Assault Case—Winter Comes Early—A Correct Statement Regarding the Snow Falls of November, a Year Ago.

County Court opened yesterday. His Honour Judge Stevens presiding. There was only one criminal case on the docket—Queen vs. Alex Brown assault. The complaint is Fred J. Colwell.

The grand jury are: Howard Everett, John H. Harper, Hamilton Estey, Lewis Brewer, Geo. L. Holyoke, David Gibson, Arthur Gibson, Joseph Woolverton, J. J. Rogers, Jerry Bragdon, H. S. Wright, H. J. Pugsley, Johnson McAlpine, Henry Haines, Theodore Cain, H. N. Payson, H. V. Mooers, Gus. Gilman, I. E. Sheasgreen, Helon Stephenson, T. J. Boyer, Wm. Wright.

Theodore Cain sues Salome Lord for trover. Both parties belong to Wicklow. The property claimed is 40 tons of hay, and damages sued for is \$200. The hay is in defendant's possession but plaintiff claims that it is his by contract with a previous tenant of the farm. J. R. Murphy with Stephen B. Appleby for plaintiff, W. P. Jones and T. M. Jones for defendant.

The grand jury found "no bill" in the assault case.

Weather This Year and Last.

When Woodstock people awoke Sunday morning, they saw the ground covered with snow, and a snow storm raging fiercely. It kept on all day and by night about six inches had fallen. Then it began to blow fast and drifted. Monday morning it was wintry, and the store keepers were busily engaged in the early morning cleaning off the sidewalks in front of their stores. The sleighs and sleds were out in full force although the wind had blown so bad that the roads were bare in spots.

The Houlton road is terribly drifted, says traveller who came over on Monday. At places it is hardly passable at all. In other places the road is bare.

Last year the first snow fall was Thursday evening, November 10th. It continued Friday the 11th. About five inches fell. This snow did not last. On Thanksgiving night, the 24th there was a heavy rain taking about all the snow off. On Friday night the 25th a sudden change came, and it froze up and on Sunday the 27th it began to snow about ten o'clock and snowed all day, about six inches falling. This made sleighing, and the snow remained until spring. These facts are taken from a private diary.

Commissioner Eva Booth.

Miss Eva Booth, daughter of General Booth, addressed the people of Woodstock in the opera house on Sunday last at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 7.30 in the evening. Although the day was stormy the attendance was very large at both services. Her worship Mayor Murphy in a very fitting address, welcomed Miss Booth to Woodstock.

In reply, Miss Booth said she could not find words to express her thanks for the very kindly welcome just received from the Mayor. She had visited a great many cities and towns throughout the world, but in no place was she made to feel more at home than in the town of Woodstock.

Miss Booth's addresses were very interesting, and were listened to with rapt attention. She told of her travels in distant lands, and of the good work being done by the Salvation Army in all corners of the globe. In the present conflict in South Africa, the Salvation Army had nurses at work binding up the wounded and caring for the spiritual needs of the dying. In the slums of all large cities Salvation Army soldiers were to be found engaged in self denial work. Miss Booth is a forcible yet pleasing speaker, and evidently a hard worker, as her voice is showing signs of breaking down under the heavy strain of continued labor.

S. D. Beveridge Dead.

CALGARY, N. W. T., Nov. 13.—S. D. Beveridge, son of late Hon. Benj. Beveridge, son of late Hon. Benj. Beveridge, Andover, died suddenly at his residence here this morning. Deceased was one of the most popularly and widely known of the old residents of the district, having come here some twelve years ago. He has been extensively interested in sheep ranching. Leaves a widow, formerly Miss Glover of Woodstock, and three children.

Marriage Licenses legally issued at Jewett's cor. Main and Queen Sts.