

About Van Buren Me.

This thriving little border town is having quite a boom since the work on the Van Buren extension has begun and the indications point strongly to the fact that we are to have more than an average share of the general wave of prosperity that is being felt all over the country. The work on the extension is being pushed rapidly forward by the contractors, Messrs Russell and Carter; J. B. Carter, Jas. Oaks and Jas. Stewart have each large crews at work and are in need of more men. A large crew of Italians from New York are expected here shortly to work on the construction.

A visit to the mill of A. E. Hammond and the Van Buren Shingle Co., shows the visitor that they are being pushed to their fullest capacity. Dr. Pelkey is having a new store front put into his building on Main street which will add to the general appearance of the property.

The Van Buren House is being thoroughly renovated and refitted and under the general management of T. T. Hammond with "Jack" Porter a former well known C. P. R. conductor as clerk must receive a good share of the public patronage. "Tommy" is a hale fellow well met and a model hotel man and cannot fail to become a general favourite with the travelling public. F. A. Loverin of Edmundston and L. N. Bean of Calais were in town yesterday looking for a stand to open a livey stable. V. P. Jackson clerk for J. M. McNulty of Bangor was in town this week en route for the headwaters of the Penobscot via River-de Loupe and Quebec where his firm carries on extensive lumber operations. He will take a crew from Edmundston with him. "Verne" reports that the lumber business is looking up better than it has for a number of years and that without doubt the cut on the Penobscot will far exceed that of any recent years. On the West Branch alone the cut will be at least thirty millions more than last year, twenty or twenty-five million of which will go to the Great Northern Pulp and Paper Co., and from eight to ten millions to Mullin's new mill at North Twin Lake. Wages will be about the same as in former years, possibly a little better, but it is not likely they will be much higher as men are flocking into the state from all over New Brunswick Nova Scotia and P. E. I. while on the Upper Penobscot cheap labour will pour in from Quebec. Maine woodsmen cannot expect to get twenty six or thirty dollars a month when French Canadians will do the same amount of work for eighteen or nineteen dollars. What the dago is to railroading the French Canadian is to lumbering, the bugaboo of the labouring man, the joy of the contractor.

Harvesting is progressing well and potato digging has already begun and the indications so far point strongly to a large crop both of serials and the toothsome staple of Aroostook County farming. Among those registered at the Van Buren House the past week were U. H. Giligan Bangor News, Frank S. Thehor, Walter McDonald, V. P. Jackson, Bangor; W. B. Foster, C. A. Davis, L. N. Bean, Calais; Fannina Buggs, Vetal Sheuault, Caribou; W. F. Jenks, Houlton, Mrs. W. W. Stetson, Waterville Me.; N. A. Gillette, Boston; F. A. Lovering Edmundston; Ira Willard, Guy Willard, Grand Falls; F. A. Thorlough, Fort Fairfield; and G. W. Edwards, Presque Isle. V. P. J.

Aroostook Tragedy.

HOULTON, Me., Aug 31.—A message received by County Attorney Shaw from Sheridan Plantation, a small hamlet in North Ashland, sixty miles from here, this afternoon, stating that Oliver Oakes had been shot and killed by his father as the result of a family quarrel of long standing. The Sheridan Plantation was settled years ago by two families, one named Oakes, and the other York. These families intermarried with scarcely an exception, and within the last few years family quarrels led up to a feud, in which the two families were about evenly divided. This feud has arrayed sister against brother, son-in-law against father-in-law, and the children of the several families also were divided in sympathies. At this time it is not known just what precipitated the bloodshed. Oliver Oakes, the reported victim, lived in a house opposite that of his brother Eli, who cared for the old father and mother of the Oakes family. Oliver had not visited his father and mother for years, and is known to have been their bitter enemy.

On receipt of the message County Attorney Shaw and Sheriff Garry took the matter in hand and will go to Ashland without delay.

A special to the Houlton Times has this:—"The neighbors saw Oliver Oakes cross the road from his house to the home of his father, Abner Oakes. He went into a grain field and was looking at the grain, when his father and mother appeared at the door of their home and commenced to set the dog on their son. Oliver came back to the house and a heated conversation took place between parents and son. In the course of the talk threats of shooting were made. The father entered the house and came out with a loaded shot gun. He aimed it at his son, pulled the trigger but missed his mark. The mother then came running out with a rifle which she handed to her other half, who again took aim and fired at his son. This time the man dropped, shot through the neck. This happened at 7 o'clock. After accomplishing their work, the parents went into the house and left the body of their son lying beside the road with blood spurring from a wound in his neck. In this condition the boy lay until noon when some passers by picked him up and cared for him until 4 o'clock p. m., when he died.

County Attorney Shaw, when informed of the affair, ordered Corner Boone of Presque Isle to go to Ashland and look after the matter. Deputy Sheriff McNally of Ashland arrested the father and mother Thursday night and will hold them for hearing which will be conducted by Attorney Shaw, at Ashland.

**Mr. Wm. Ferry Blenheim, Ont.** says: "I can recommend Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup as the very best medicine for coughs, colds, sore throat and weak lungs.

The dress question again.—Soosan Iggs—Garn! your sister's only got one petticoat on, 'cos yer muvver can't afford more! Mary Ann Huppins—My muvver ain't sich a fool; besides, you ain't got none!

IMMEDIATE RELIEF.

Mr. H. M. Kemp 209 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, writes: "I have used Milburn's Rheumatic Pills for Rheumatism. I was so bad that I had to be assisted in getting out of bed. The pills gave immediate relief, as after using one box the pain left and has not returned since."

St. John Exhibition.

Wednesday 15th September will be Maine and New Brunswick day at the St. John Exhibition when there will be very cheap excursion rates from all Aroostook County points.

No expense has been spared to make the amusement features at the St. John Exhibition the best ever seen in the east. There will be performances twice daily before the Grand Stand and in Amusement Hall by the best artists in their line. Prof. Sutherland with his wonderful trained horses and other animals, has been engaged, his programme occupies nearly an hour of almost incredible animal feats. Fireworks exceeding all former displays will be given on four nights.

The Railway wharf at the St. John Exhibition Grounds will be extended to enable the unloading of stock and agricultural products from three cars simultaneously. This will very much expedite loading and unloading over previous years.

The judges so far selected for the St. John Exhibition are as follows, Beef Breeds of Cattle, Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont.; Dairy Cattle, Sheep and Swine, J. C. Snell, London, Ont.; Poultry, H. B. Hay, Natick, Mass; Fruit, D. H. Knowlton, Farmington, Me.; Honey, Wm. Hawker, St. John, N. B.; Agricultural Products, Col. Wm. Blair, Amherst, N. S., Thos. A. Peters, Fredericton, N. B.

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Scribendus—I've got a beautiful dramatic idea for a story. Editor—Then why don't you write it up! Scribendus—Well, the only trouble is that it has been done before by Shakespeare.

Coachman (driving stout old lady on a lonely road in a very high wind)—Please, mum, will you 'old the 'orses while I run after my 'at, or will you run after my 'at while I 'old the 'ores?

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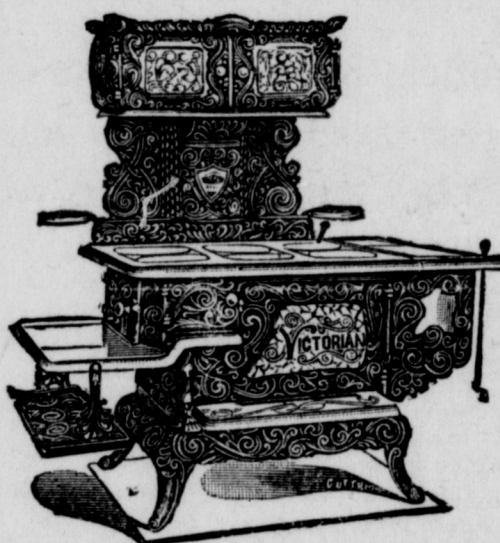
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**Entries Close September 20.**

**Admission 25 cents. Children under 12 years 10 cents.**

C. L. SMITH, Chairman to Committee.

JAMES WATTS, Secretary.