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### THE DOG HOUSE RAIDED.

The Scene of a Drunken Row Every Day—  
The Resort of the Shady Element  
of Woodstock.

There is a house down behind the Woodstock carriage factory, standing just opposite the electric light station, that has attained a somewhat unlovely notoriety. The house contains nine rooms and is frequented, according to reliable men who often pass there, by some twenty-five persons. One man says there are eight or ten men, six or eight women and the rest are children. These people are known generally, among the boys about town, as the "dog people," perhaps on account of the laxity of their morals. They are said to be neither cleanly, virtuous, nor industrious, except in vice. People who know say there is a fight of some sort there every day. One officer says the place has been a perfect hell for some time.

Things were more than unusually breezy at the "dog house" on Monday. James Woolverton, inspector for the Board of Health, called in the afternoon and told the people that there was a quantity of filth on their message, that was not conducive to the longevity of the inhabitants of the tenement nor to that of the citizens generally. A gentleman who was either the proprietor of the "dog house" or the star boarder (one can't say which, for the proprietor is as uncertain as the identity of the man who struck Mr. William Patterson), this gentleman, with Olympian politeness, told Mr. Woolverton to go to h—l. Mr. Woolverton came only as far as this side of the bridge. Later in the evening, to wit, at nine o'clock, he and Mr. McCarron, the vigilant night watch, made a call at the place and looked things over. The boarders had apparently all been taking something stronger than tea, and this is not queer, for Mr. McCarron says there are at least three places within forty rods of there where rum is sold. There were two or three men there who invited the officers to leave and when the officers were not inclined to depart in peace, one big fellow named Ruben Shaw struck Mr. Woolverton a vicious blow and got promptly collared for his trouble. Then the whole party pitched onto the officers who with some difficulty got their man away, though he fought desperately. They had to haul him in a wagon to the lock up. Jim Welch, another of the festive party, got away from the house without being landed. The police are after him.

### TERRIBLY SUDDEN DEATH

Of Miss Edith L. Grant, Daughter of D. A. Grant.

Miss Edith L. Grant, only daughter of D. A. Grant, manager of the Woodstock Carriage Co., died at San Antonio, Texas, on January 24th, of lung trouble. Miss Grant had been not very well for a long time. Last winter she spent at a Sanatorium at Sarance, N. Y., where her health improved somewhat. On December 8th last she went with her mother to San Antonio, Texas, where it was hoped she would entirely recover. The news of her death, which occurred on Thursday the 24th of this month, came as a terrible shock to her father and friends. The day after the receipt of the telegram her father received a letter from her, written two days before the sad event, saying that she was improving in health and that two specialists had pronounced her on the road to recovery. Miss Grant was a beautiful and charming young woman, she was 24 years old. She was educated at the Woodstock Grammar School and at the Baptist Seminary, St. Martins. She had many relatives and friends in Carleton County who will be very much shocked at her sudden death. Her father D. A. Grant and her brother Harold L. Grant are living in Woodstock. Mrs. Grant is expected to arrive in Woodstock with her daughter's remains today. The funeral will take place from the residence of Harold L. Grant tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. If by any chance the remains do not arrive until tomorrow the funeral will be held on Friday.

### Death of T. C. Bohan.

Thomas C. Bohan, son of Thomas Bohan, Bath, died at Bath on Tuesday January 22nd of Consumption. He had been in failing health for some years and had gone to California for his health, but receiving no benefit from the climate nor from medical attendance came home a short time ago. Mr. Bohan was well known and very popular in Woodstock, where at one time he was an employee of the New Brunswick Railway Co. in their offices. He was later a station agent of the C. P. R., and afterwards of the B. & A., in whose employ he held some of their most important stations on their line. Mr. Bohan was a genial and companionable gentleman whose very many friends will deeply regret his death.

### THE BOARD OF TRADE.

A Resolution of Sympathy—Town Affairs Discussed—The Assessment Criticised.

At a meeting of the Board on Monday evening the following resolution, moved by H. Paxton Baird and seconded by William Dibblee was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

The Board of Trade of the town of Woodstock, N. B., on this, its first meeting of the new year, begs to express the deep sorrow of its members over the decease of Her late Majesty the Queen, whose noble character and benevolent acts will forever remain a precious memory in the hearts of all her loyal subjects, who now mourn her death.

The members of the Board of Trade desire also, upon this occasion, to express their sympathy with His Majesty the King and the Royal Family in the sad personal bereavement they have sustained. They dutifully wish to assure His Majesty of their profound loyalty to His Crown and Person and beg leave to express the fervent wish that he may live for many years to reign over a prosperous, contented and loyal people.

Williamson Fisher thought the board should take up the question of the town assessment which had for years been made very unwisely. He thought some improvement should be made and invited suggestions.

James Carr said that if the board could make any suggestions that would pave the way for an improvement in the assessment he would be glad to advocate these improvements at the council. At present assessors were not paid enough to get good work done. He thought perhaps one assessor would do the work better than three.

H. Paxton Baird said that there seemed to be no uniformity of the method in the Dominion for making an assessment and no town seemed to have any ideal method to work up to. The thing seemed to be conducted in all Canadian towns at hap hazard. Our assessment was too high. Our property values have not increased with our tax rate. The new council should take the assessment list and clean all the names of the dead men off it and find out what they had to depend upon. The members of the Council did their work without remuneration and the various departments of the town required a good deal of their attention. He advised that a good man be employed at a good salary, to handle the water, fire, Streets, Sewers, Poor and other departments and also to act as chief and only assessor. If necessary such a man should have a clerk. The employment of such a man would save the town thousands of dollars. He would know every man in town and all the property in town and an assessment made by him would be valuable. He would be able to help the council to handle the town business better than it is handled to day. If he was the right kind of a man, having the time to devote to these things, he should do his work well.

The ball was started rolling and as the discussion went along it broadened out. Excellent speeches were also made by William Dibblee, Councillor Carr, Alexander Hender son and Williamson Fisher.

It was generally agreed that an assessor did not more than half get acquainted with his work in one year. Either such a man as Mr. Baird suggested should be employed or else assessors should be appointed for three years, one man going out each year. A man was wanted who could make a fair assessment and he would be a good investment for the town if some of the rich and disgruntled rate payers did not have him kicked out after the first year. It was thought the councillors were not sufficiently independent in the matter of the assessment. A ratepayer had been known to approach a councillor and demand that his assessment be reduced and the councillor had voted to reduce it against his conscience. The councillor probably feared the influence of the ratepayer against him at the next election. The glory and emoluments of the council must be greater than appeared on the surface, to induce a member to violate his duty to this extent in order to hold his position. When a man applies to have his taxes reduced he should be compelled to make an affidavit of the amount of his property before his case is considered. Woodstock is the only place on the map where a man can get his assessment changed without making a clean display of his wealth on oath. Councillors are too easily pulled about and the Finance Committee, to whom matters of this kind are referred are too easy. The employment of a good man who would take the assessment in hand and be in a position to vindicate his work when contested, would be a great step toward solving this question.

Another feature of the assessment was called attention to. It is often the case that a lot of land in town, belonging to some well-to-do

citizen, goes practically untaxed for years, until a poor man buys it or leases it and builds a house on it, and then it is taxed well up and the poor man pays. This sort of thing has been going on for years and should be stopped. Also it was said that enough difference was not made between wood and brick buildings. While the insurance and repairs on brick buildings were much less than on wooden structures they were rated but very little higher.

It was thought a good man might be secured, possibly, to do the work of assessor and act as head of the various departments. A present Mr. Munro gets \$400., the assessors get \$150., Poor Commissioner \$60., Street Commissioner \$60., and town treasurer \$150., in all \$820.00. Let such a man do the work of all these and the extra expense would be very slight and the saving to the town would be great.

The opinion was expressed, and apparently agreed upon by all present that it would be a good thing for the town to do away with the present method of having their hauling done. A man gets \$465 a year for hauling the hose cart to fires and doing other town work, he supplying his own team. The town should own two good horses and slovens and hire a man to do the work. This man could also be town electrician, for which service about \$400.00 is now paid. If we own our own horses and our teamster gets proud and haughty and wont do his work we can fire him, whereas now it is a question of when and where we could quickly and easily get another horse.

Throughout the meeting there was no desire to speak slightly of any council or councillors. It was assumed that they did much more work than they were paid for, but we could not expect a large amount of efficient public service at a salary that consists only of glory and criticism. A general superintendent of all things, who would also be assessor, would greatly lighten the labours of the councillors and conduce to a more efficient management of town affairs.

### Obituary.

The death, by pneumonia, of Israel Churchill referred to in our last issue, removes a well-known citizen from our midst. He was born in this town in 1838. He was the eldest son of the late Deacon Israel Churchill. The surviving members of the family are: Chas. Churchill, of Grand Falls, Dr. Esben Churchill, of Bristol, Mrs. P. R. Knight, of Kingsclear, Mrs. Joseph Churchill, of Washburn, Me., Mrs. C. N. Scott, of this town, and Mrs. E. B. Jewett, of St. John.

The deceased was married in Kingston, Ontario, to a Miss Eleanor Williams, and removed to Temperance Vale, York County, where he united with the Baptist church of which he was chosen deacon. About five years ago he removed to Woodstock where he resided till his death. He leaves a widow, also the following family, viz., Mrs. Hammond, Miss Mary Churchill and Israel Churchill, who reside in Woodstock, Mrs. Clark, of Jacksonville, Mrs. Coburn, of Worcester, Mass., Mrs. Payson, of Dorchester, Mass., and Edward Churchill, of New York.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, the 24th inst. Rev. W. B. Wiggins conducted the services, delivering an appropriate address in the Reformed Baptist church. Rev. W. S. Martin assisted. The pall bearers were made up of his fellow Orangemen.

### A Guides Association.

A society called the New Brunswick guides' association was formed in Fredericton last week. Adam Moore, of Scotch Lake, York County, who guides on the Tobique and Nepisiquit rivers was elected President, A. R. Slipp, Barrister, Fredericton was elected Secretary Treasurer. The meeting to organize was held in the Barker House, George E. Baxter, Andover, was chairman.

The membership fee is \$5.00 a year. The object of the association is to protect sportsmen from unqualified guides, to protect New Brunswick guides from the competition of foreign guides and to bring sportsmen into communication with any of the guides who are not engaged. The association will send a fine exhibit to the sportsmen's show at Chicago in February. The exhibit will be accompanied by Will Chestnut, Fredericton, George E. Armstrong, Perth Centre, Adam Moore, Scotch Lake, Arthur Pringle, Stanley, Billie Griffin, Boiestown, Harry Allen, Peniac. The C. P. R. furnishes the men passes and carries the exhibit free of charge. The Local Government will probably give a grant of \$500.00 toward this enterprise for advertising the hunting fields of the Province.

Red Rose Tea seems to be a favourite among our grocers if we judge by the number of cases that are being carted to their stores.

## HOCKEY at the ICE RINK THURSDAY NIGHT.