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#### SUPREME COURT.

##### Maritime Wrapper Company's Affairs.

The matter of the winding up of the Maritime Wrapper Company, of Woodstock, came before Chief Justice Tuck last Thursday, the petitioners being the Dominion Cotton Mills Company. Mr. A. B. Connell, solicitor for the Maritime Wrapper Company, took the following objections to the petition, which objections were ordered to be put upon the motion paper and argued at Trinity term of the Supreme Court on the first Tuesday in June next: (1) That the notice of the hearing of the petition was insufficient, inasmuch as the hearing was a day too soon, the words of the act "after four days" meaning four clear days; also that the court could not be adjourned, as the notice being insufficient, the petition must be dismissed. (2) The petition was not sworn to, no affidavit being served with the petition. (3) No proper service of notice of presentation of petition for winding up. (4) That the petition served does not show any acts of insolvency within the meaning of section five. (5) That the winding up act is ultra vires, that is, a local company cannot be wound up under the act, taken in connection with the amendment act.

Mr. Hartley, on behalf of the Colonial Bleaching and Printing Company, appeared in pursuance of an application made by the Dominion Cotton Mills Company to set aside a judgment obtained by Mr. Hartley's clients against the Maritime Wrapper Company. His Honor dismissed the application, his judgment involving a very important point which has frequently occurred during the last few years. He stated that if judgment was obtained by confession or agreement between the colluding parties, that the judgment thus honestly obtained under the wording of the Preference Act cannot be set aside. Leave was granted the Maritime Wrapper Company to appeal from this decision. Mr. Hartley appeared for the Colonial Bleaching and Printing Company; Mr. A. B. Connell, K. C., for the Maritime Wrapper Company; Mr. C. N. Skinner, K. C., for a creditor who had not obtained judgment, and A. O. Earle, K. C., and H. F. Puddington for the petitioners, the Dominion Cotton Mills Company.

#### Shipping Horses.

Alderman J. B. Hamm, of St. John, was in town last Wednesday when he bought from W. F. Glidden four fine driving horses. One, a black mare raised by Faulkner Bros., of Woodstock, was one of the finest horses that ever left Carleton County. She weighed about 1200 pounds, a beautiful driver with perfect action. It is understood that she was bought for James Manchester of Manchester, Robertson & Allison. One was a black mare bought from Andrew Caldwell, of Lausdown, and two others were bought from Mr. Shaw who owns the mill below Hartland. These horses were shipped on Thursday morning and in the same car Mr. Glidden sent three driving horses to C. B. Churchill, of Digby, N. S. One of the horses for Mr. Churchill was a bright bay gelding by Aurora, bought from A. F. Hale. This horse can trot in 2.30. The week before last Mr. Glidden sold to John R. McConnell, of Marysville, a draft horse weighing 1550 pounds. It was a bay Clyde by one of W. A. Hay's horses and was raised by John Argent, of River de Chute. Recently Mr. Glidden sold to John Sweeney an undertaker at Yarmouth, N. S., a beautiful black horse for his hearse. The horse stood 16 hands high and weighed 1100 pounds. On the same day he sold a bay and a grey to George Dickinson, of Bridgeton, N. S., and a bay gelding to Rainsford Lovatt, of Yarmouth, N. S. All told in the last three weeks Mr. Glidden has shipped from Carleton County 24 first class horses.

#### Mr. LaForest and Mr. Flemming, M. P. P.'s

A few weeks ago it was stated in the Moniteur Acadian that Mrs. LaForest, wife of Mr. Fred. LaForest, M. P. P., had come into possession of \$80,000 through the will of a relative in the Western States, whose death was recorded some months ago. Mr. and Mrs. LaForest went West to look after their interests, and a report comes from Edmundston that Mr. LaForest is so well pleased with the financial situation there and the prospects that he is more than likely to remain in the West and establish his home there, and in addition to his financial luck he finds the climate well calculated to upbuild his health. If these reports be true, Mr. LaForest will not be a candidate at the next provincial elections.

In this connection it may also be mentioned as a rumor from Carleton that Mr. Flemming, M. P. P., is not likely to be a candidate at the next elections. He is said to see more profit in his business than in the political life of the future.—Gleaner.

#### DISASTROUS FIRE IN HOULTON.

##### The Prettiest Town in Maine Suffers Severely.—Half a Million Dollars Loss.—Two Hundred Buildings Burned to the Ground.

The most destructive fire that ever visited Houlton broke out in the rear of Fogg & Co's. store on Main street on Saturday at noon. There was a high wind blowing from the north west and in an incredibly short time the fire had spread to alarming proportions. The Houlton firemen worked magnificently but they were handicapped by a short supply of water. In the face of determined opposition the fire spread to the south and swept everything before it except in one or two cases where the firemen by unusual skill and endurance were able to save a house and so protect the whole line of buildings beyond.

Houlton firemen asked for assistance and in a short time, by the aid of special trains, firemen arrived with appliances from Woodstock, Fort Fairfield, Presque Isle and Caribou.

The heat from the burning buildings was intense and in many cases while firemen were playing a stream on a building their comrades had to throw water on them to keep them from being roasted alive. In one such case ten men were throwing water on six, when one of the men on the branch pipe, Mr. Ives, of Houlton, was overcome by the heat and did not recover consciousness for some time.

At seven o'clock the fire was under control. There were destroyed about 150 residences, 37 places of business and three churches, the Unitarian, Free Baptist and Methodist. The total loss will foot up to half a million dollars, with an insurance of about half that amount.

When Mayor Belyea of Woodstock received the request for assistance he had the fire alarm sounded and asked for volunteers. Every man offered to go but only a part of the brigade could be taken away. In a very few minutes a special train was chartered, the steamer, 1000 feet of hose and two reels were loaded on a flat car, and the train pulled out. The firemen who went were Chief Tattersall, Foreman Eldon Fisher, J. H. Wilbur, John Lindow, A. W. Fields, Joe Fewer, James Hamilton, Ed. Manzer, Terry Monahan and Maurice Ryan. The subs who went were Ollie Townsend, Dr. Manzer, I. E. Sheasgreen, Chas. McKinney, Prof. Martin and Frank Foster. Donald Munro went to take charge of the steamer and took as assistants Harry Baird and Ran McLean. Mayor Belyea, G. E. Balmain, chairman of the fire committee, F. C. Denison U. S. Consul, Councillor A. E. Jones, J. N. W. Winslow, A. D. Holyoke and other gentlemen went along to give their moral support and assistance. The special made the trip in thirty-five minutes. On the trip Mr. Munro, who had taken the precaution to take his own coal, got the steamer fired up and the moment she struck the ground she was ready to throw a stream.

On Sunday a high wind was blowing in practically all directions and the embers from the smouldering ruins caused a number of fires. At the boundary line on the Houlton road the fences caught three times, but owing to efforts of John Thompson the fire was promptly put out. In the White Settlement three houses were destroyed, and a good deal of fencing.

Some thoughtful ladies and gentlemen served the firemen with coffee and sandwiches at six o'clock and later a supper was prepared for them at the Exchange Hotel. The Woodstock firemen were unable to stay for this, but on their arrival in Woodstock at 12 o'clock at night John J. Troy entertained them at his restaurant, a delicate attention which they very much appreciated.

#### Hart's River Battle.

Lieut. Ralph Markham, of St. John, who was wounded in the Hart's River Battle, writes from the hospital at Elandsfontein to St. John Sun, concerning the fight. In speaking of the wounded he says:—Some of the wounds were awful. One chap was shot through the chest, stomach and intestines and is still alive. One man had a bullet go in at his cheek through his tongue and throat out at the side of his neck and in again on his shoulder, coming out at his back. He could not speak nor swallow, but is still alive. There was the usual number of close shaves. Lieut. Carruthers of E Squadron, who made such a good stand with some men of the rear guard who had not reached camp when the Boers attacked us, had 15 bullet holes in his clothing, but was never scratched. His haversack was simply riddled with holes. He had 23 men with him and 17 of them were either killed or wounded. When he saw it was no good fighting any longer he buried his revolver in the ground. One man found a bullet in the lining of his underclothes but does not know how it got there.

So far as I can learn the only New Brunswicker wounded is Pte. Derrah of Hartland, Carleton Co. He had a flesh wound in the thigh, but will be right in a week or two.

#### Closing Exercises of the Grammar School.

While the people of New Brunswick are justly proud of their school system it is unfortunate that so few men and women take an active interest in its working.

Each year our town schools have a closing ceremony, in which diplomas are granted to the members of the graduating class of the grammar school.

These exercises are not as largely attended as could be wished and some means should be taken to interest the general public in them. An exhibition of young horse flesh in the park will draw a large crowd of representative men, eagerly interested, who speculate on the possibilities of each individual as he is speeded down the track. But at the annual exercises in our grammar school, when a dozen or more young men and women make ready to step into the race course of life, the public interest is small. Very few people seem to care whether or not these individuals have been properly trained or "hung out right" as one gentleman would say.

We would suggest that the graduating exercises this year be held in the opera house in the evening. That an attractive program be prepared and the public invited to attend. Instead of a large number of short, aimless speeches, from people who have nothing in particular to say, let us have one pointed address by a man who has a message to impart. A practical talk on, perhaps, the avenues of usefulness and success open to graduates of our grammar school, would be of vital interest to the graduating class and could not fail to interest all earnest men and women.

Mr. Harrison, Principal of the Grammar School, Mr. Baird, Chairman of the Board of School Trustees and Inspector Meagher are interested in this matter and will no doubt bring it to a successful issue.

#### SHORT BUT VICTORIOUS.

Such is the Career of Young Curtis with the Fourth Contingent.

The Hartland Advertiser says:—Arthur B. Curtis who left here on April 27th to join the Fourth Contingent, has returned home a disabled hero. The facts governing this case are interesting and are something according to the following story:—

Arthur is well known among his friends as a dare devil sort of chap who is afraid of nothing. This trait of character makes the good warrior and it is quite a pity Arthur's present career was nipped in the bud. Last week at Halifax a young lieutenant was among a number watching the training to the saddle of some wild western broncos. A certain lieutenant of His Majesty's army was on the back of a particularly fractious little beast. Our bold Arthur offered some comment whereupon the dignified lieutenant, more or less hot with the excitement and the embarrassment following the critical gaze of a score of raw recruits, wanted to know who he was anyway. It wasn't altogether polite in our boy but he replied in breezy words to the effect that it was none of his business. The outcome of this little exchange of hostilities was that Arthur was asked to ride the bucking bronco. He mounted it, bareback, was thrown as promptly, and without hesitation mounted again, this time to stay on; and he finally subdued the horse.

Soon after this young Curtis and the lieutenant made friends and Arthur was taken as orderly.

Since this he was suffered to break five broncos and all with success such as made him a favorite at camp; but the sixth one was different from all the rest, and thus is ended for a time a promising young soldier's career.

This sixth bronco was a wild chap and only a week previous had caused the death of a man. Arthur, knowing no fear, mounted him, and rode him hard up to a concrete wall and the end was sudden—and awful to the bronco, whose neck was broken. In the animal's fall Curtis was caught beneath and so severely injured that his discharge was immediately granted, and hence his return home on Wednesday.

The injuries are not permanent by any means and a week or two will render him fit for breaking bucking broncos again, but by that time his ship will have sailed. But the boy's spirit is undaunted and when the bugle call sounds again you can bet Arthur will be there.

#### A Brick Limit.

Our recent fire on Main Street, and the devastating conflagration that swept Houlton on Saturday, should be enough to direct our attention to the necessity for a brick limit.

In the business district of town, where the buildings are packed closely together, one wooden trap is a menace to a whole block. It endangers the property of other men, raises the insurance rate, and certainly does not add to the beauty of our streets.

The town council has the power to establish a brick limit and it should do so now, not waiting until another fire again demonstrates its need.

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