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### WOODSTOCK BUSINESS COLLEGE

Students Entertained Their Friends in the College Rooms.

The first social evening of the Woodstock Business College was held on Friday, Feb. 21st, and was one of the most enjoyable events of the season. Upwards of 150 young people were present, large delegations being on hand from Houlton and Caribou schools.

The following program was rendered:—piano solo, F. Gordon Loane; reading, H. W. Martin; solo, H. Dunbar; address of welcome, Prin. A. W. Young; solo F. Gordon Loane; address, Mr. G. H. Harrison; reading, H. W. Martin; solo, H. Dunbar; address, Mr. N. F. Thorne; accompanist Miss K. Hull.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with flags and bunting and presented a very attractive appearance. A novel feature of the decoration was the ornamental and business writing which adorned the large blackboards of the college. Principal Young is a specialist in this line, and his work was much admired.

Mr. G. H. Harrison and Mr. Thorne in their addresses complimented the management on the success which was attending their efforts to establish a school in Woodstock and that they were much pleased to note the progress which some of those who had formerly been their students were making. They also stated that since the advent of the College there had been a marked incentive to the work of their students in penmanship. They wished the college every success.

After the programme games were participated in by all present, and during the course of the evening a tasty lunch was served.

The gathering broke up about eleven o'clock, all having enjoyed themselves thoroughly and trusting that this is but the first of many pleasant evenings to be spent with the students of the Woodstock Business College.

### Report for January 1902 College Building.

Teacher.	Grades.	Pupils enrolled.	Per cent.
Miss Smith	I. and II.	55	85.45
Miss Milmore	I. and II.	49	91.63
Mrs. Cupples	III. and IV.	44	95.34
Miss Baker	III. and IV.	33	84.8
Miss Appleby	V. and VI.	43	91.39
Miss Conben	V. and VI.	39	86.92
Miss Clark	VII. and VIII.	40	87.5
Mr. Thorne	VII. and VIII.	40	92.625
Miss Neales	IX.	31	85.16
G. H. Harrison	X. and XI.	22	96.36

As will be seen by the statement above the attendance in the various departments in the college has been above the average as five schools show a per centage over ninety and two above ninety-five. The attendance in the Broadway schools has also been good and this fact is especially satisfactory when the irregular attendance of last term is considered. The work being done is in advance of that of last term and it is to be hoped that with the attendance keeping up the loss of last term may be fairly made up. In the three advanced departments the number of pupils in grade VIII. is somewhat over sixty and allowing for those who may drop out before the end of the term the class entering the Grammar school should be the largest in its history. It is satisfactory to know that the teachers of those departments report classes better as well as larger than usual. Everything considered the term gives promise of being one of the best we have ever had.

### STEAMER ABERDEEN.

Purchased for \$4,000 by the Fredericton and Woodstock Steamship Company.

The agreement has been closed for the purchase by the Fredericton and Woodstock Steamboat Co., of the steamer Aberdeen from the Star Line Steamship Co., the purchase price being in the vicinity of \$4,000. The steamer is at St. John and the new owners are to take delivery of her there on March 5. She will be put in best possible condition for the season's work and will be put on the route between Fredericton and Woodstock as soon as navigation opens. Robert Scott of Dunfries will manage her during the coming season.

### Death at Hyde Park.

Word was received by Mr. T. E. Babbitt, of Gibson, conveying the sudden death of heart disease at Hyde Park on Thursday of his sister, Mrs. Samuel Green, residing at that place. Deceased was 60 years old and leaves a husband, two sons and four daughters. The sons are George and Harry, of Hyde Park, Mass., and the daughters being Mrs. H. Webber, of Danvers, Mass., Hallie Green, of Danvers, and Inez, of Hyde Park. The funeral takes place from her late residence at Hyde Park tomorrow. Mr. B. Babbitt, of Gibson, is a nephew of the deceased.—Fredericton Gleaner.

Mr. and Mrs. Green are well known in Woodstock, having resided here for many years.

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### "One Thing Thou Lackest."

The town of Woodstock is highly favored in having good educational institutions, in which the youth of our town may acquire a practical training for life; yet it would seem that one particular class was being neglected, and not afforded an opportunity for proper intellectual development. The future of our country rests in the hands of our young men, and it is essential that they should be capable of following in the footsteps of the illustrious men of the present who, in the halls of parliament, add lustre and prestige to the name of Canada. The lack to which we refer is the opportunity for developing the art of public speaking, which is so necessary for the proper conduct of public affairs. The matter of forming a local debating society has been discussed by those interested, and we understand the management of the Woodstock Business College have intimated their willingness to set apart their rooms for the use of such an organization during one evening of each week, without cost. It would seem that this is an excellent opportunity for the institution of such a society, and it is therefore requested that all interested in the formation of a young men's debating club, be present at the college rooms, at 7.30, Thursday evening next.

This is a matter that should appeal to the older as well as the younger element, and the presence of both is urgently requested.

### Death of Coun. Wm. Speer.

Mr. Wm. Speer, one of the Councillors for the Parish of Woodstock, and a prominent business man of Benton, died at his home, last week, of pneumonia.

Mr. Speer had been in business in Benton for several years. In company with his son John he carried on a large and profitable store. Last autumn he entered the field as a candidate for the county council and was successful. He took part in the proceedings of the council at the January session. At one time he was engaged in business at Edmundston. Mr. Speer leaves a widow, who was a Miss Mackay, and six children, three sons and three daughters. One son, Leslie, was for some time station agent at Benton, afterwards moving to Boston where he has now lucrative employment. On his leaving the agency at Benton, his sister was appointed to the position. Another daughter was an invalid from consumption. Last fall Mrs. Speer and the two daughters, went to California with the invalid, and they are there now. Mrs. Speer's brother lives in that state. Word was sent to them of the sad event and arrangements for the funeral were postponed until they should be heard from. Mr. Speer was a Methodist in his religious belief, and politically he was a consistent supporter of the Conservative party.

### Mrs. R. M. Bailey.

At an early hour, Thursday morning, Mrs. R. M. Bailey, widow of the late Robert M. Bailey, suddenly and unexpectedly, passed away, after a comparatively short illness, of heart trouble. Deceased had an extensive circle of friends in this town and country, who will be pained to learn of her demise. She leaves three sons, Arthur G., of the firm of Bailey Bros.; Fred. M., St. John, and Harry A. Halifax.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Berrie officiated, and the choir of the Methodist church furnished music. The following were the pall-bearers: J. M. Frupp, G. L. Holyoke, W. B. Nicholson and W. H. Everett.

### The Chapman Concert.

The local chorus is putting its steady work practicing for the grand concert to be given in the opera house March 18th, under the management of W. R. Chapman, musical directors of the Maine State Festival Chorus. Mr. Chapman will bring with him Madame Bouton, of the Grand Opera Company, a mezzo soprano with a voice of rare beauty and compass; Mr. Francis Archambault, a renowned basso, whose fame is known in all the large cities, and last but not least Mlle Marie Josefa, the charming violinist, lately returned from abroad. The local chorus will hereafter practice in the large hall of the opera house where they will have the use of the piano.

The programme prepared for the grand popular concert, with the help, and for the benefit of our local chorus, is most attractive.

The choral numbers by the Festival Chorus are the brightest and most popular of the new music for the coming Fall Festival, the selections by the soloists are brilliant and varied.

Madame Bouton will sing one operatic aria, and a group of English songs.

Mr. Archambault will sing some of his greatest French songs, and Mlle Josefa will play her most pleasing solos on the violin. The local conductor Dr. Baker will assist Mr. Chapman in conducting the programme.

### THE PROPOSED HOSPITAL.

The Town Council Makes an Annual Grant of \$300.—A Public Meeting will be held March 11th.

The promoters of the hospital met in the Town Hall, Council room, on last Tuesday, to hear reports of various committees, appoint a provisional board of directors, and arrange for a public meeting. A committee, consisting of the Rev. Father Chapman, His Worship Mayor Belyea, and Dr. W. D. Rankin, will wait on the legislature at Fredericton shortly after it opens on March 6th, to ask for an annual grant of \$600. A committee consisting of the Ven. Archdeacon Neales, Drs. Sprague and Saunders will wait on the County Council at its first session, to ask for \$300. The committee appointed to interview the Town Council had to report that that body most cordially approved of a hospital being established in town; and promised an annual grant of \$300.

A provisional board of directors were then appointed to arrange for a permanent board. It was suggested that anyone who contributed \$100 or over should become a life member and a director;—the directors having power to appoint the annual board of management.

A public meeting is to be held on Tuesday, March 11th. Through the courtesy of Mr. John Graham, the meeting will be held in the Opera House. It is understood that at this meeting the speakers will be the Rev. Fr. Chapman, the Ven. Archdeacon Neales; Drs. W. N. Hand, and W. D. Rankin; and Mr. F. B. Carvell. A musical programme is also being provided. It is rumored that some important announcements are to be made upon this occasion. The churches intend holding a Hospital Sunday, at which each clergyman will preach an appropriate sermon, and the day's collection will be given to the Hospital Fund. It has been suggested that it would be in the best interests of the scheme to hold these services on Sunday, March 9th, just before the public meeting.

### HOCKEY.

The Woodstock Hockey Team went to St. Stephen last Wednesday, and ran up against the Thistles Hockey team of that town and the referee, and got severely stung. Our boys put up a good clean game throughout. In the first half they realized that if they won at all it would be over the dead body of the referee, as that official apparently knew nothing whatever about the game, or had previously made up his mind that Woodstock should not win. At the end of the first half the score stood 2 to 1 in favor of St. Stephen. In the second half this score was increased, and at the conclusion of the game stood 7 to 3. The Woodstock boys say that with a referee who knows his business they can give the St. Stephen boys a very interesting hour on the ice.

A very interesting game was played in the Century Rink here last Thursday night between the Ramblers, of Woodstock, and the Micmacs, of St. John. The game was a good exhibition of hockey playing throughout, and while the Micmacs met with defeat at the hands of the Ramblers, they proved that they knew the game and could play it in a clean gentlemanly manner. The visitors were lighter in weight than the home team and were placed at a disadvantage on that account. At the conclusion of the game the score stood 7 to 3 in favor of the Ramblers.

The players lined up as follows:—

WOODSTOCK	Goal	ST. JOHN
Wallace	Point	Magee
Dalling	C. Point	Thompson
Corkery	Forwards	Clansby
Drysdale		Schofield
Connell		Peters
Stevens		Wright
Mercer		Matthews

A RETURN hockey match between the married men will be played in the ice rink on Friday night.

### A Merry Party.

Mr. Robert Phillips, of Grafton, showed his appreciation of the Free Baptist church choir of this town by inviting all its members with the pastor, to a sleigh ride to Hartland, on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 22. The party started from Main street in two four-seated sleighs from Gallagher Bros' livery stable, which afforded comfortable accommodations to the twenty members of the choir, and drove to Hartland, by way of Jacksonville and Waterville, arriving at the Commercial hotel at 4 o'clock. Mr. Phillips had invited fourteen of his friends in Hartland to dinner. After a most enjoyable repast the thirty guests assembled in the parlors for games and music. Mrs. Jeunie Brewer, formerly of this town, sang several selections which were much appreciated. After moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Phillips, the party started for Woodstock. The night was most delightful and the drive was heartily enjoyed by all the party.

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