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#### Entertainment in The Orange Hall.

On Tuesday evening the 4th instant the members of L. O. L. No. 38 commemorated the marvelous manner in which God delivered the British Nation from the terrible consequences of The Gunpowder Plot.

They chose the 4th instant, because the 5th came on Wednesday evening, which was the prayer meeting evening in all the churches. There were present a large number of invited guests, besides the members of the True Blue and Apprentice Boys' lodges and the members of No. 38 and adjacent lodges.

The Rev. J. C. Bleakney filled the chair. The meeting opened with the doxology after which the following interesting programme was well sustained:—The Lord's Prayer sung by Dr. Baker, H. Lockwood and F. L. Mooser; The Reason Why We Meet, by the chairman; reading, by Miss Annie Rolston; Rock of Ages, by Dr. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood and F. L. Mooser; solo by F. D. Moore, Mrs. Dr. Baker played the accompaniment; address, by J. A. Lindsay Esq.; trio, Dr. Baker, Messrs Lockwood and Mooser; recitation, by Jack Hipwell; address by A. F. Lockhart, P. C. M.; dialogue by Miss Annie Rolston, Mrs. Hagerman and Theo McKenny; address, by G. S. Wiggins, P. C. M.; trio, by Dr. Baker, Messrs, Lockwood and Mooser; address by D. Hipwell, P. G. M. Then all present were abundantly served with delicious ice cream and cake.

The thanks of the entire company were tendered to the lady members of the True Blue Lodge, (all of whom were most delightful both in looks and action) for the refreshments furnished. Then the sacred song Let the Lower Lights be burning, was beautifully and scientifically rendered by Dr. Baker, Messrs Lockwood and Mooser. Many compliments, as well as a vote of thanks, by the entire company were tendered to all who assisted in furnishing the music of the evening. Some said it is the best musical treat we ever heard in this hall. The audience led by the invited singers then sang "God Save our King" and thus closed one of the best entertainments ever held in Woodstock.

#### ONE PRESENT.

#### Death of Hattie Banks.

On November 3rd Hattie Banks, of East Florenceville, passed away at the early age of 19 years. Failing health was evident only within the last year. Since then consumption has been gradually wasting her away. She gave up active life in June and in September took her dying bed. She never made any profession of christianity but was always a faithful attendant at Sunday school and church services. She was a helpful member of the East Florenceville Baptist church choir where she will be much missed. Until within a month Hattie hoped to get well. When convinced she could not recover health she did not murmur. Just before dying she was heard to say, "Why don't Jesus come and take me with him?" The funeral took place at 2 p. m. November 5th the religious services being conducted by Pastor Smith who spoke briefly from the words, "The Master is come and calleth for thee." Com.

#### Mystery Solved.

After three days of unsuccessful search for the body of the late John Peppers the mystery was solved yesterday by the discovery of the body floating in the Nashwaak river opposite John R. McConnell's residence.

Early yesterday morning large crowds of people, including a number from this city, started out with the determination to find the unfortunate man if possible. The woods were scoured in every direction, but to no use. About ten o'clock the knife which the old man had been using to cut the bark off the trees was found on the bank of the Nashwaak and this strengthened the belief that the old man had met death by drowning. Shortly afterwards as John Rickers of St. Mary's was walking along the bank he discovered the body of the unfortunate man under the shadow of some trees in about seven feet of water.

Coroner Seery was sent for and in a short time arrived on the scene. He made a post mortem examination of the body and decided that the deceased had met an accidental death and that an inquest was unnecessary. The Coroner gave permission to have the remains removed to his late home in Lower St. Mary's.

The deceased was well known and highly respected throughout the county and the peculiar circumstances surrounding his death caused a feeling of sympathy among his many friends for the bereaved family. He was 75 years of age and leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters. Two sons, Wesley and Samuel, reside at home and Dr. Hugh S. Peppers has a lucrative practice at Centreville.—Fredericton Gleaner, Nov. 10th.

#### TOWN COUNCIL.

The Point of Land at the Junction of Grover and Main Streets to be Given to the Town.—Pumping Station and Light Plant may be run by Electricity from Mr. Connell's Power House.

At the meeting of the council on Friday evening the chief matter of discussion was the amicable settlement of the vexed question of the ownership of the point of land at the junction of Main and Grover streets.

Albert J. Hayden had claimed to own a comparatively large piece of land at this point and had used it to pile lumber on. The town council claimed that Mr. Hayden was making encroachments on the streets. At a previous meeting the Streets Committee had been requested to locate the street lines and determine just how much land Mr. Hayden owned here.

Coun. Balmain reported that the street committee had discovered the iron post marking the junction of the streets and had followed the street lines out, discovering that Mr. Hayden owned much less land than he claimed. He said that a number of gentlemen had purchased from Mr. Hayden the point of land he really owned and were ready to make a deed of it to the town on the condition that the town grade the lot, and allow no buildings to be built on it nor any rubbish to be dumped on it. On his motion, seconded by Coun. Lindsay it was resolved that the town accept the deed on these terms.

The Mayor congratulated Coun. Balmain on the success which had attended his efforts to secure this point of land for the town.

Coun. Dibblee thought that as the bank debit balance was large and the Chief of Police ill some steps should be taken to collect the delinquent tax list. He feared there would be a large deficit to present at the annual public meeting.

Coun. R. B. Jones, who is a finance minister, said that he had been doing all in his power to collect the taxes. The collections in the last two months had beaten all previous records. There was a sum of \$3,600.00 of water rates to come in and \$400.00 of sewer rates and these amounts, with what could be gathered in from the delinquent tax list should materially reduce the bank debit balance of \$6000.00.

In reply to Coun. Lindsay Coun. R. B. Jones said that many of the Fire Insurance Companies had paid their taxes and that others had promised to attend to the matter at once. There was no reason in the world why the Fire Insurance Companies should not pay their taxes promptly as they made their patrons in Woodstock foot the bills by levying an extra rate. With regard to the Life Insurance Companies, he saw no way of making them pay their taxes, and he did not want to send good money after bad in a law suit.

Coun. Dibblee thought that if the town could not make the Life Insurance Companies pay their taxes the towns of the province should combine to procure legislation that would give them the machinery for collecting such taxes.

It was suggested that the non resident agent of the Life Companies be made to pay for licenses. The Life Companies will be dropped from the assessment list next year and their special agents will be made to take out licenses at a good figure.

The petition of the residents of Cedar Street for an electric light was referred to the Light committee with a recommendation to help the residents out with a fair share of the very uncertain and expensive glow.

On motion of Coun. Lindsay seconded by Coun. Burt it was moved that the water and light committees be requested to ask H. A. Connell for a tender for running the pumping station and electric light plant with power from his electric power house. It seemed to be the opinion of the council that, although the pumps would have to be reconstructed for this purpose yet a great saving could be effected and perhaps better service secured. The motion was carried.

#### A Death at The Poor Farm.

Patrick Hamilton died at the Town Farm on Thursday morning. Mr. Hamilton had been a resident at the farm for 38 years. He was employed on the construction of the Woodstock Branch Railroad in 1864 when he lost his eye sight. He was carrying a keg of blasting powder and smoking at same time. The powder caught fire from his pipe and in the explosion he was thrown a distance of about 40 feet and was picked up for dead. He recovered however, but both eyes were blown out. Until a few years ago he was one of the best known figures on the streets of Woodstock. He was a regular attendant at the Catholic church as long as he was able to come to town. He was a man of good character and but for his accident would have been a citizen of some value to the community. The funeral was held on Friday.

#### Knerr-Ross.

Miss Margaret Ross, a popular young lady of Woodstock, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fulton Ross, was quietly married on Wednesday of last week to Dr. Bayard Knerr of 1137 Spruce Street, Philadelphia. The wedding took place at the summer residence of Dr. Knerr's parents, at Primos, Pa. Miss Ross studied music in Philadelphia last year, where she became acquainted with her husband. She spent the summer at her home in Woodstock, and returned to Philadelphia on Monday of last week. It is understood that Mrs. Knerr will continue her studies in music. She has a voice of marvelous richness and power as all who have had the pleasure of hearing her know. Her many friends in Woodstock and Fredericton wish her much happiness.

#### Ervin-Fields.

At Andover Baptist church, Wednesday, November 5th, Wesley J. Ervin, of Hillandale, and Rena R. Fields, of Carlingford, were united in marriage by the Rev. R. W. Demmings. Miss Mabel Burns acted as bridesmaid and Daniel Fields supported the groom. At the close of the ceremony about forty guests drove to Mr. Ervin's home where a bountiful table was spread at which all did justice and a pleasant evening was spent. The large number of valuable presents show the esteem in which the young couple are held.

#### A Fredericton Sermon.

The Orangemen of Fredericton commemorated Guy Fawkes day by attending service in a body at the Baptist church on Sunday. The pastor Rev. J. H. Macdonald, preached an appropriate sermon from the text: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Towards the close of his remarks, he referred in rather sensational terms to a Scott act case for third offense now pending in the police court there and appeared to draw the inference that it was because of his action as informer in the case that a citizen had since had his shop windows smashed.

He denounced this act in strong terms, and declared that a man who would smash the windows of another for giving evidence in a criminal case was tunnelling the constitution and would not stop until he has reached the throne of the empire. It was not, in his opinion, an act of vandalism, but an effort to terrorize, and if such things were allowed to pass unnoticed by the authorities no man's property would be safe.

Said he: "A man who will don his regalia and shoulder his gun to fight Guy Fawkes and uphold the principles of 1605 and ignore what is going on around him in 1902, is just 297 years behind the age."

#### An Unlucky Citizen.

"Yes, sir," said the town story teller, "he wuz the unluckiest feller that ever drewed the breath o' life an' a week's wages."

"You don't say!"

"Fact. Clumb a pine tree once when he seen the Sheriff comin' to levy on him; harricane came along, blowed the tree down, an' landed him in the only vacant seat in the Sheriff's buggy; Sheriff started to jail with him; met by lynchin' party, who mistook him fer 'nuther man, an' strung him up; an' he'd almost quit kickin' when some un cut him down an' hauled him home just as his mother-in-law had finished writin' his obituary an' wuz standin' before the glass to see how well she looked in mouruin'."

#### A Miramichi Morgan.

A Miramichi man writes from Halifax to The World, of Mr. Aitken's remarkable success as the J. Pierpont Morgan of Nova Scotia finance:

Our old friend, W. Max Aitken, of Newcastle, is associated here with John F. Stairs, President of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, and has not only been an assistant to Mr. Stairs in his companies, but he has, off his own handle, organized the Robb Engineering Company, Ltd, The Munro Wire Works Co., and The Robb Mumford Boiler Co., and has brought about the amalgamation of the Union Bank of Halifax and the Commercial Bank of Windsor, besides doing a good part of the work in organizing the Trinidad Electric Street Railway Co'y. Add to this he has been placed on several important directorates. He has not, however, forgotten the Miramichi, and in the Robb Engineering Works he has placed five or six Miramichi boys. Any one from Northumberland finds Max at his service.—Chatham World.

Mr. Aitken is a younger brother of J. Mauns Aitken, of the Royal Bank of Halifax, Woodstock.

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