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DEATH OF A WELL KNOWN CITIZEN.

Frederick Moore Passes Away on Sunday Afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon Frederick Moore died at his residence on Broadway, after an illness of some months, of brights disease. Mr. Moore was born at Meductic February 11th 1840 and was thus in his sixty-third year. He was a son of William Moore and was the second in a family of eleven children. At an early age Mr. Moore began working in the woods for his father and at the age of twenty-two went into business on his own account at Meductic as a farmer and lumberman. By dint of energetic and persevering industry he developed one of the best farms in York County which is today operated by one of his sons. In 1882, he built near the mouth of Eel River what was then the finest grist mill in the upper St. John Counties and



in 1884 he went into the lumber sawing business at Woodstock where he equipped a magnificent saw mill. The lumber for this mill he cut on his own land in Aroostook County and drove down the Meduxnakeag. During the time he was engaged in lumbering most extensively he held the contract for the corporation drive, Grand Falls to Fredericton, for a period of eight years.

Mr. Moore has been one of the most prominent business men in Woodstock since he came here, as well as one of the most important figures in the counsels of the liberal party in the county.

For years he has been a member of Woodstock Lodge of Masons.

He leaves a wife who was Miss Lucy Ann Akerly of Southampton, and two sons, C. Miles Moore and George B. Moore and two daughters, Mrs. Harold Grant and Miss Mary Moore. Mr. Moore was a model father and husband and his family have the sincere sympathy of the community in his taking off.

The funeral which took place yesterday afternoon was conducted by the Masonic Lodge, and was largely attended.

Florenceville Dramatic Company.

BEFORE THE LAUGH.

Place, Florenceville time Saturday evening August 23rd, two strangers meeting.

1st Stranger—This is a very wet disagreeable evening.

2nd Stranger—Yes, remarkably so, seems a bit tedious.

1st Stranger—I hear there is something going on in "Kearney's Hall" tonight.

2nd Stranger—Oh! of what purport? As I understand, an amateur, dramatic and variety entertainment.

1st Stranger—Yes likely some childish catch penny village freak. However suppose we go in, I see the hall is well lighted and many people wending their way in that direction, old and young, male and female. There is something doing most assuredly. Suppose we drop in, it will, at least do to wile an hour or so of a disagreeable night away. Agreed.

AFTER THE LAUGH.

The strangers were heard to remark something after this strain: well one never knows where he is going to run against a good bit of amusement and fun. The hall was fine, stage and scenery for the plays all that could be desired. Acting far beyond ones expectation in a country village. In fact rarely equalled by professional travelling companies. Attendance large, every available seat filled and many standing, respectful intelligent and orderly. It was composed of all ages and conditions. Inhabitants of the village and surrounding districts, gathered for an hours amusement, and judging from the laughter and encores they were more than pleased. To specialize any performer would be highly superficial as all did their parts in a manner which set the pace of acting in Amateur work at a two twenty gait. We may pardon the special mention of little Miss Genevieve Bohan, daughter of John Bohan, Bath, in her unique and pleasing song and waltz. Her encore was charmingly rendered. The company consists of much local talent enriched by the aid experience and organizing talent and active skill of a tourist whose birth place is not Canada (unfortunately). The performance was a complete success socially, financially etc. It is quietly hinted this celebrated company intend giving their highly pleasing and funny play at Clear View, Thursday 28th inst., Philips Hall; and Centreville on the 30th inst.

Butter Paper for sale at this office.

Professor Robertson and Professor Brittain Visit Florenceville and Interview D. W. Hamilton, B. A.

On Friday last, Prof. Robertson, of Ottawa, and Prof. Brittain, of the Provincial Normal School, at Fredericton, visited Florenceville to look over that place and the surrounding country with a view to learning if Florenceville were a suitable place for the establishment of a Central School, under the provisions of the McDonald grant, for a more practical system of education.

D. W. Hamilton, B. A., principal of the superior school, drove them about Florenceville and the surrounding districts. They were very much pleased with the situation of the school house and the appearance of the rooms. They drove a mile or two below the village that they might get the magnificent view up the river, and then they went through Greenfield and Cogswell Settlement, and back to the depot. Professors Robertson and Brittain were more than delighted with the charming country through which they drove, with the rich crops, the neat buildings and the general air of prosperity.

During the afternoon Prof. Robertson explained to Mr. Hamilton the scheme of education in which he is so interested, and the object of his visit to several places in this Province. In short the plan is (1st) to establish at the best rural centre in the province a Central Graded School, to which the children of surrounding districts within a radius of two or three miles, will be conveyed by vans. At this centre a fine building with all modern equipments will be built, and land for school gardens secured. In this school besides the ordinary branches as taught at present in the schools, there will be in addition a special department of nature study, one of manual training (Sloyd work), and one of domestic science for the girls, each department in charge of a specialist. In all, there will be five or six of the best teachers available. No money or trouble will be spared in making this school an ideal one in every respect, to be visited and examined by educationalists of every country, to be photographed, and written up for the magazines. Nothing on so complete a scale has ever been attempted in any country. Kingston, Kings Co., will probably be chosen as the site for the new Central School. Mr. McDonald, Montreal, will bear all expenses for three years. This new scheme of education involves the following ideas:—

1. Centralization, and as a result, better teachers, better salaries, better teaching, better education for children.

2. Introduction of following branches, practical Nature Study, Manual Training, Domestic Science.

(2). In addition to the establishment of a Central School at Kingston, as a model, Prof. Robertson's scheme includes the introduction of manual training and nature study into the school work at, say five central schools, with a view to each one of those schools becoming a Central School in the future. A travelling instructor will spend half a day each week at each one of those schools. That section of Carleton Co., between Hartland and Andover will probably be chosen, in which five centres will be selected, Florenceville will be one. Prof. John Brittain of the Normal School will perhaps accept the position of travelling instructor in nature work. Of course Mr. Brittain's success as a science teacher is well known.

One of the first moves in advancing this scheme will be the appointment of instructors for the Central School at Kingston, whose services will be retained for five years at ample salaries. Their first year's work, while the building is being erected, will be done at Harvard, Cornell and other universities, in fitting themselves for the work. The salaries will be paid of course during this first year.

Mr. Hamilton's friends will be pleased to know that the Principalship of the new Central School has been offered to him and he has been asked to take charge of the work in nature study there.

The responsibility of the position is great as the Principal will have to work out the details of the whole system for himself, there being no precedents to follow.

We must all look forward to the development of this new system of education with the greatest interest.

MISS HELEN M. GOOD has taken a room in the Dr. Smith residence on Main street where she will open a Kindergarten class on October first. She will receive children from four to seven years of age. Terms:—Five dollars for ten weeks instruction. Miss Good will be glad if parents will communicate with her.

B. M. Macleod, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, while in St. Andrews on his vacation, played in a tournament against the best in the club and won out under a heavy handicap. The prize he carried off was a sterling silver cup.

An Appreciative Article on Woodstock by the Editor of the Chatham World.

J. L. Stewart, the editor of the Chatham World, visited Woodstock a few weeks ago and on his return home made the following appreciative remarks about the town and its surrounding country:

Woodstock, one of the brightest and best looking towns in the province, is to celebrate the Coronation on the 13th and 14th, with horse races, water sports, bands of music, parades, and general decoration and illumination. 'A dream of Oriental splendour' is what the Dispatch forecasts. Woodstock is a very modern town, having been burned down and rebuilt several times within a score of years, and looks young and smart. It has good reasons to be proud of its many fine residences. Few of them are costly or ambitious, but a great many show that they are the homes of well to do persons who take pride in the outward appearance and surroundings of their residences.

A new hospital, a private residence having been utilized for the purpose, is about to be opened in the town, and the donations or bequests of public-spirited citizens will probably lead to the erection and endowment of larger and better buildings before many years.

Woodstock has always been fortunate in its mayors. One man held the office for more than twenty years, and good men have succeeded him. Mayor Belyea, the present civic chief, is sleeplessly alert and untiringly active in the town's interests, and is as ready to order a fakir out of town as to welcome a visitor to it.

Woodstock has three weekly newspapers. The Sentinel, the ancient and honorable, is edited and managed by its oldtime publisher, Mr. James Watts, who wields a vigorous pen in the Liberal interest. THE DISPATCH, under the editorship of Mr. Charles Appleby, a clever young lawyer with a taste for newspaper work, is wideawake, newsy and entertaining, and evidently a paying property. The Press has changed publishers and editors several times, and has now been leased by Mr. Correll of Victory County. Its old friends hope to see it become a power in the county under his management.

One of the first men a Miramichi visitor will meet, or ought to meet, is Mr. I. E. Sheasgreen, who made mad pies, tied tin cans to dogs' tails, and many times got spanked for falling into the water, on the North West Miramichi, before he became a drug clerk in Newcastle. Mr. Sheasgreen owns the Connell drug store, opposite the Carlisle Hotel, and is a very popular and prosperous citizen of Woodstock. Another Newcastle man, Mr. Aitken of the Royal Bank, is earning his hash and cigars in the town, and can readily identify almost any Miramichi man who may wander around there with a cheque to be cashed. And Mr. G. H. Harrison the Principal of the Grammar School, is considerable of a Miramichi man also, and always glad to meet anyone from this region.

Woodstock is not only a fine town, with an enterprising and sociable people, and several important industries, but it has the advantage of being in the heart of a great agricultural country. It must grow into a considerable city.

The railway facilities provided by the Canadian Pacific are good, lines entering the town from three directions, and trains coming and going by day and night.

A drive through the county, with one who knows it well, is very interesting. Your companion will point to broad fields of hay and grain and root crops, and tell you that the rich owner of those productive acres began to farm a few years ago with very little capital besides his hands and head. You come to a tumble-down house and barn, surrounded by fields in which the bushes have begun to grow, and learn that the owner has gone to the States, or started a store somewhere, or is keeping a boarding house in town, or has abandoned his land to the mortgagee, and may learn that he inherited the place and had a good start in life. Almost every farm has a personal history, and a verbatim report of the comments of the passer-by who knows the country would make a good story. The one fact that stands out clear and distinct is that any sober and industrious man may not only make a living, on a farm, but acquire a comfortable competence for his old age. If the sons and daughters of the soil could be kept at home, if a larger percentage of them would be content with the quiet life and moderate gains of the farm and the dairy, our waste places would soon be settled by native New Brunswickers. Some of the exiles do well, most of them do no better than those who remain at home, and many become wrecks, stranded on the shoals, or derelicts on the ocean of life.

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