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OLD HOME WEEK.

A Plea for an Annual Reunion of Former Residents of Carleton County.—A Letter from Dr. Robert H. Upham of Boston.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

DEAR SIR,—While on a visit to Woodstock during the past summer, and while enjoying the hospitality of many old friends, I was often reminded in meandering about town, that very few of the people who twenty or thirty years ago made up a great part of the population, now remain as citizens. Old houses have new tenants, and great changes have been wrought in the business community.

To be sure, death can account for the absence of many who at that time were advanced in years, but the spirit of unrest, and the desire to embrace the wider opportunities offered to the younger generation in the cities and manufacturing centers of the States have beyond question been the chief factors in the changes that have taken place. Many, too, have gone to northwestern Canada, whose superior agricultural advantages are now attracting immigrants not only from the old world, but from this country as well.

Probably very few of those who went from the town or county had any idea that their stay would be permanent; they expected some day to go back to their childhood homes to mingle again with their relatives and friends, and to fill the places of those who had passed to the great beyond. But new associations were formed, new friends gradually replaced the old, and in the course of time these young people—following in the footsteps of man and woman since the world began—have married and settled down to make new homes for themselves. Consequently very few of them return, except occasionally for a short time during the summer vacation.

Now, my object in writing this letter is to endeavor to create an interest among the people of the county in a movement which may eventuate in annual reunions of the natives and sometime residents during the summer season; in other words, to see if the people of the town and county can be induced to join together in instituting an "Old Home Week." I feel confident that such a movement, if inaugurated, will be crowned with success, for in talking with many natives of Carleton County whom I have met during the past few months, they have one and all expressed the hope that the people of the town and county would earnestly move in the matter.

This, as you are no doubt aware, is not a new and untried scheme. It has been in successful operation in New Hampshire, where "Old Home Week" had its birth about six years ago, and also in Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts; and hundreds of thousands of natives of those states now eagerly look forward to the annual visit to their childhood homes. They come from the north, the west and the south, bringing their families with them. And they are in no sense a burden upon their relatives and friends. It is their vacation time; they have money to spend, and they are prepared and expect to pay their way.

It is not necessary that this should be made a provincial affair. An "Old Home Week" can be made a success by a town or county if the people of the various sections will co-operate and work harmoniously to that end.

Of course, many, perhaps the great majority of those whom this movement would attract, would prolong their stay beyond a week. Some, no doubt, would remain the entire summer. But the festivities incident to the reunion could be confined to a stated week. In New England they are generally held in the second week in August. That, however, is a matter of detail, and can be easily arranged by the committee in charge.

A program for each day of the week could be provided for the entertainment of the visitors at very little cost; energetic action on the part of the citizens of the town and county is the principal requisite for the success of the undertaking.

Races and other sports at the park would do for one day; a regatta on the river for another; a picnic at some central spot might also fill in a day; a farmers' parade, giving prizes for the best decorated wagons, would no doubt prove popular; a mass meeting in a large tent, with speeches of an historic and patriotic nature, would also be interesting; and an excursion to the river towns on the line of the railway might round out the week. And then on some evening fireworks could be provided, and bonfires lighted on every prominent hill in the county.

These, of course, are merely suggestions that come to mind as I write. The committee having the matter in charge could no doubt greatly improve on them.

I would also suggest that village improvement societies be organized, the chief aim of which would be to endeavor to make the buildings, streets and public grounds attractive. This is a work in which the ladies should be interested, and one which, if undertaken, will be of incalculable benefit to the towns and villages.

Now, Mr. Editor, I trust that the public-spirited citizens of Woodstock and of Carleton County generally will take this matter in hand, and that the coming summer will witness a grand reunion of former residents. I am confident of the success of the movement, and that, if it should be made an annual event, each succeeding year will see more and more of the boys and girls of Carleton County returning as visitors,—and perhaps eventually as permanent residents,—to their old home.

I have received letters from St. John, stating that they are going to hold "Old Home Week" the latter part of June and the first part of July. I do not think those dates will be satisfactory to the Canadians living throughout the United States, as the latter part of June and into the middle of July are very busy times; therefore I would suggest August, and if the Carleton county people living in New England who intend to return will keep in touch with me by letter, we might make an arrangement whereby we could all make the trip by special train.

Very respectfully yours,

ROBERT H. UPHAM.

218 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.

Annual Golf Club Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Golf Club was held on Monday evening last in the office of W. P. Jones, M. P. P. There was a good attendance.

The Secy. B. M. Macleod read the minutes of last meeting, which were adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President—A. B. Connell. Vice-Pres.—N. F. Thorne. Secy.—J. S. Creighton. Asst. Secy.—J. N. Jones.

The following committees were elected:— General Committee—H. P. Baird, Miss Blanche Dibblee, A. F. Garden, W. P. Jones, Mrs. R. V. Dimock, Miss May Clarke, George Mitchell.

Greens Committee—B. M. Macleod, W. P. Jones, H. P. Baird.

House Committee—Clarence Sprague, Miss Blanche Dibblee, Clarence Johnson.

The initiation and dues will remain the same as last year.

The financial standing of the club is satisfactory, and everything looks favorable for good golf the coming season.

Trespassing on the Railway Land.

During the winter a number of men have been cutting tamarack wood on the New Brunswick Railway land about seven miles up the creek behind Grafton, without taking the precaution of getting permission.

Between thirty and forty men have been thus trespassing, and it is estimated that they have cut and hauled away between 300 and 400 cords of wood, most of it coming into Woodstock.

The wood was not very valuable. It was all tamarack, and dead tamarack at that, but the company did not like such a wholesale onslaught on their property.

Mr. Frank Whitehead was up last week looking into the matter and it is to be hoped that the trespassers may not be too severely dealt with.

Woodstock Wins from the U. N. B.

The Woodstock Hockey Team went to Fredericton and played a return game on Friday evening with the U. N. B.

The Woodstock team was as follows:— Neil McEnderick, goal. Don Connell, point. Jack Dibblee, cover point. Fred Drysdale, left wing. Arthur Smith, right wing. Wilnot Lister, centre. Gordon Connell, rover.

The game was a lively one from start to finish. In the first half Don Connell lifted a goal from point and the large audience expressed proper appreciation. Shortly after Bob Winslow shot a goal for the University and Smith followed with one for Woodstock. Malloy landed one for the U. N. B. and Drysdale followed up with one for Woodstock. At the end of the first half the game stood three to two for Woodstock. In the second half the only goal made was one for Woodstock shot by Gordon Connell.

J. Douglas Black was referee. After the game the U. N. B. team entertained the Woodstock team at luncheon.

Contributions to the Carleton County Hospital.

F. R. Shaw, Victoria,	\$2 00
Geo. McLeod, Farmington,	1 00
W. H. Carvell, Lakeville,	1 00
C. H. Corbett, Williamstown,	1 00
J. G. Campbell, Hartland,	1 00

A DISTURBANCE AT BATH.

Two Men Fined for Creating a Disturbance at the Station.—The Community Pleased to Get Rid of Them.

On Saturday morning four men from the parish of Kent were arraigned before the Police Magistrate for creating a disturbance in the C. P. R. Station at Bath on February 25th. The names of the young men are Israel and Harding DeMerchant and Leonard and George Gee.

The gentlemen of the name of Gee came to their trial quite willingly, but it took Sheriff Foster two days to land the DeMerchants. Twice he was within 50 feet of them when they clapped on snowshoes and got away from him. On Thursday night he learned where they intended to go Friday morning, and taking time by the forelock he got there before them and when they arrived he had them under arrest before they knew where they were.

At the examination the witnesses were the station agent at Bath, Robert Clark, and C. J. Green and Robert Crane. There was no evidence that the two Gees had been acting badly. It appeared from the evidence that Israel DeMerchant had been acting like a drunken man and using bad language toward the agent, and that Harding DeMerchant had been conducting himself in an unseemly manner.

Before imposing sentence Mr. Dibblee said that since the arrest of these men he had received a good many letters from Bath requesting him, for the good of the community, to keep all four of the fellows in jail for six months, as they had been apparently importing liquor by the case from St. John, getting drunk, and creating a great deal of trouble about Bath. Mr. Dibblee said that of course he could not use this as evidence though had he received so many letters in favour of the prisoners he would have been disposed to leniency toward them. Superintendent Newcombe of the C. P. R., was determined that passengers and other persons doing business with the company should be allowed to go to and fro on their trains and in and about the premises of the company without being molested and annoyed by drunken men, and he, the police magistrate, would do what he could to assist the superintendent in this laudable determination.

The extreme penalty for the offense charged was a fine of from \$100.00 to \$200.00 or imprisonment for from one month to one year. In the case of Israel DeMerchant he imposed a fine of \$25.00 and costs or two months in jail, and in the case of Harding DeMerchant \$10.00 and costs or one month in jail. The two Gees were dismissed.

Both men paid their fines and before they left town Inspector Colpitts arrested Harding DeMerchant on an old Canada Temperance Act offense and in order to get out of town he paid up \$50.00 more and costs.

Town Council.

A special meeting of the town council held on Tuesday evening of last week the fire committee was empowered to purchase a new horse for the hose cart, as the present horse is suffering from the result of an accident. The committee is allowed to dispose of the present horse or to keep him for the street work or send him up to work on the poor farm, as they think best.

At the regular monthly meeting on Monday evening Coun. Gallagher announced that the town horse had been sold to the poor department for \$125.00. The fire committee was instructed to buy two horses for town purposes, the team not to cost more than \$400.00 the amount to be apportioned among the various departments as follows:—Streets \$150.00, Poor \$125.00, Fire \$75.00, Water Works \$50.00.

Inspector Colpitts was heard by the council. He will hereafter report every three months; his salary will be paid every month; and he will receive \$60.00 at once for necessary expenses.

Coun. Stevens said the assessment was now being made out. He called attention to some glaring injustices in the old assessment, for example, a piece of unoccupied land assessed at \$200.00 for which the owner asked a price of \$800.00. He also said that there was a great deal of money deposited in banks on which no tax was paid. He also urged that some step be taken to properly adjust the assessment on incomes.

Coun. Dibblee suggested that when the assessment was made up a notice be sent to each rate payer of the amount of his assessment and unless a ratepayer would make a statement under oath such assessment should stand in every case.

The council will meet on Friday evening.

JOHN McLAUCHLAN is having the interior of his store on the corner of Main and Queen Streets thoroughly renovated. The work is being done by T. H. Jules and War. Dale.

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