

WOODSTOCK, N. B., MARCH 23, 1904.

Monopoly Sustained.

The Union Telephone Co. and all its subscribers are desirous of having the instruments of that company installed in C. P. R. stations, but the Railway company will not permit them to be so installed, offering as a reason that they have by contract given the New Brunswick Telephone Co. a monopoly of their premises.

The towns of Port William and Port Arthur in Ontario have a municipal telephone system, and having been denied the privilege of setting up their instruments in the C. P. R. stations, they applied to the new Railway Commission for an order granting them such permission.

The commission agreed that the municipal telephone had a right to install its instruments in the railway stations, but Mr. Blair held that the municipal telephone company should compensate the Bell Telephone Co. and the C. P. R. for any loss they might sustain by interference with the monopolistic contract now existing between the C. P. R. and the Bell Telephone Co.

The other two members of the commission, Mr. Bernier and Dr. Mills held that the old monopolistic contract between the C. P. R. and the Bell Telephone Co. should not be regarded by the commission, and the only compensation the Municipal Telephone Co. should pay was a reasonable one for the use of the C. P. R. Co's premises. Dr. Mills declared that the exclusive privilege in the agreement between the C. P. R. and the Bell Telephone Company aimed at creating a monopoly, was intended to prevent competition in the telephone business, interfered with the public interest, was against public policy, and in consequence debarred the contracting parties from all claims for compensation. Reasonable compensation ought to be granted to the C. P. R. for the use of their premises at Port Arthur, and the expense of operating the telephones at their stations.

Unfortunately the weight of opinion did not govern the decision. Section 10 of the railway act states that in a case which, in the opinion of the commissioners, involves a question of law, the decision of the chairman shall be final. This section Chairman Blair invoked, with the result that the minority ruled. Mr. Blair's deliverance was pro corporation from start to finish.

The Toronto World says that the opponents of the Bell Telephone monopoly are determined to make clear the dubious position occupied by Mr. Blair, the only member of the railway commission who has authority to decide this vital question. Mr. Blair is known to have been heavily interested in and a directing spirit of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, a branch of the Bell. He has officially denied that his company is connected with the Bell, though admitting that President Sise of the Bell is interested in the New Brunswick Company. This end of the case is to be carefully investigated. The delegates assert that the New Brunswick Company is just another name for the Bell, and that the fact can be established. Therefore, Chairman Blair is in the position of a man rendering a decision for his own company when he favors the Bell.

George Clavert, Mayor of Port Arthur said the fight had been carried too far to be dropped now. "But what chance had we for any other decision?" he observed. "Our only hope is for an appeal to the courts or a change in the law. Blair is supreme where he stands, and being a holder of stock in the very telephone monopoly we are seeking to break he might be expected to favor his own interests. We accept it as a deplorable situation, but we will make the best of it."

SEED FAIR AND FARMERS' CONVENTION

Woodstock, N. B., March 25 and 26, 1904. (Under the management of the Woodstock, Wakefield and Northampton Farmers' Institute)

The Seed Fair and Farmers' Convention which opens at Graham's Opera House in Woodstock on Friday of this week promises to be a most interesting and largely attended affair. The official programme is given here-with:

FRIDAY, 25TH.

10 a. m.—Placing and judging seed exhibits.
2 p. m.—Seed Fair, with addresses on Seed Selection and Judging by Geo. H. Clark, Chief of Seed Division, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.
8 p. m.—Address on Heavy and Light Horses, illustrated with lantern slides, W. S. Spark, Canterbury, England. Soil Cultivation and Implements, illustrated, F. W. Hodson, Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa. Farm Buildings, Ventilation, etc., A. P. Ketchen, Deputy Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa.

SATURDAY, 26TH.

9 a. m.—Judging Horses, Beef Cattle and Dairy Cattle. Messrs. W. S. Spark, F. W. Hodson and R. Robertson in charge of the ring.
2 p. m.—Fruit Growing in the St. John Valley. Address, W. A. Mackinnon, Chief of Fruit Division, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Address, W. S. Blair, Horticulturist Experimental Farm, Nappan, N. S. Address, Geo. H. Vroom, Dominion Fruit Inspector, Middleton, N. S.

Among the interesting events at the Seed Fair and Farmers' Convention will be illustrated lectures upon horses and cattle at Carr's warehouse on Saturday morning. Here a number of beef and dairy cattle will be discussed under the guidance of expert judges.

Among the horses to be shown will be the twenty-two months old Clydesdale stallion, Cairnton's Pride, recently brought to Woodstock by C. F. Rogers. This promising young horse won first place in his class at both the Toronto and Ottawa Horse Shows this month and was pronounced by the English expert who was one of the judges as the best Canadian bred Clydesdale he had ever seen.

Cairnton's Pride comes of prize winning stock of the very best Scotch blood. His sire Royal Cairnton was imported by an Ontario syndicate at a cost of \$3000 and took first prize and sweepstakes for the best Clydesdale stallion in Canada at the Ottawa and Toronto exhibitions of 1902 and at the great International Horse Show at Chicago in December of the same year took first in his class and was placed "reserve to the champion," i. e. the judges considered him the second best Clydesdale stallion on the continent of America.

The horsemen of Carleton County are to be congratulated upon having at their disposal the services of so excellent individuality and such a pedigree as Cairnton's Pride possesses. If the weather is fine the judging of Stock may be held in the square on Main St.

TWO BAD FIRES.

WAREHOUSES AT EAST FLORENCEVILLE.

On Tuesday morning the warehouses of B. Frank Smith, M. P. P., at the C. P. R. station at East Florenceville caught fire and were totally destroyed. Included in the contents was about 500 tons of hay. The fire made its way across the track to the warehouses of Bohan & Co., of Bath, and destroyed them.

MILL BURNED AT GORDONSVILLE.

A steam saw mill at Gordonsville was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning about 3 o'clock. The mill was quite new. It had only been in operation about three weeks. It was owned by Randolph Stickney, Hugh Brooks and John Drake. The loss is between \$3,000 and \$4,000, with no insurance.

There was no sawn lumber on the ground to be destroyed. A large quantity of logs that had been hauled to the mill to be sawn will now have to be hauled away. The fire caught accidentally.

HOCKEY.

Trojans 3; Woodstock 1.

Quite the largest crowd of the season assembled in the ice rink Tuesday evening of last week to witness the game of hockey between the home team and the Trojans of Fredericton. The game was the best seen in Woodstock this season, and but for the little misunderstanding in regard to the Trojan's first goal, passed off without a hitch. The home team in the first half showed their superiority by keeping the puck in the Trojan's territory, and had it not been for the phenomenal playing of their goal keeper, the score would surely have been in favor of the town boys. The first half was finished with one point for each side.

In the second half the play started at a rapid gait, and the excitement ran high, but it was seen that the fast pace was telling on the home team. The Trojans here scored another goal, and shortly before the bell rang the third goal was shot, thus making the score 3 to 1 in favor of the Trojans.

The Woodstock players are to be congratulated on the fine showing they made against a team of hardened and experienced hockey players and heavier men.

Entertainment.

The entertainment held on Thursday evening, March 17th, in St. Gertrude's church hall was well attended. The following interesting programme was carried out:—

A farce entitled "Dr. Baxter's Invention for Restoring Youth to Old Age," was put on by the following young ladies and gentlemen of the church:—

LOUIS MILMORE, Old Widower
M. MILMORE, Mary Anne, Servant Maid
MR. WADDETON, Dr. Baxter
MISS HUGHES, Frolicsome Old Maid
MISS BROWN, Her Older Sister
Recitations and readings by Helen Kelly, Lillie Currie, Sadie Thibideau, Josie Ryan, Mary and Gertrude McManus.
Solo, Mrs. John Troy.
Address—"The Irish People of the Day," Mr. James McManus.

A SPRING MESSAGE.

To All Who Are Weak, Easily Tired and Out of Sorts.

Spring should be the most joyous season of the year. It is the harbinger of sunshine, and birds and flowers; it breathes of freedom and out of door life. But unfortunately there are thousands who cannot enter into the spirit of the season. Close confinement during the long winter months has left them weak, dispirited and oppressed; the appetite is fickle; the blood is sluggish with impurities; the eyes lack the lustre of health; weariness and lassitude have taken the place of vigorous energy. What is needed at this season of the year by such people is a health-renewing, blood-making tonic—something that will send new, rich red blood coursing through the veins, bring brightness to the eye, a healthy appetite, and a clear skin free from pimples and eruptions.

In all the world there is nothing can do this so effectively and so thoroughly as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose creates new blood, strengthens the nerves, and up builds the whole body. Here is a bit of strong proof, given by Mr. John Burke, of Elmstead, P. E. I., who says:—"I was left an almost hopeless wreck by an attack of pneumonia, my nerves were almost paralyzed and though under the care of an excellent doctor I found I was not regaining my health. My wife urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I have reason to be thankful I took her advice, for under this treatment my system has been built up and I am again well and strong."

If you are at all unwell give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial, and see how speedily they will restore you to health and strength; but you must get the genuine, with the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on the wrapper around each box. Sold by medicine dealers or sent by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brookville, Ont.

Local Legislature.

In the Legislature on Monday W. P. Jones introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating Bath village.

The Hon. Mr. Labllois stated that the revenue of the Hartland bridge for twelve months amounted to \$322, and the balance on hand when the year began was \$108. The repairs to the bridge cost \$147, other expenditures \$658 and \$625 was remitted to the government.

The time for introduction of private bills was extended until Monday. The highway bill was discussed in committee and progress reported. None of the sections have yet been passed.

Many a man while looking at the stars has stumbled over a stone and broken his neck.—Everett McNeil.

NOTICE.

THE TENTH annual meeting of the Tobique River Log Driving Company will be held in the City of Fredericton, at the Queen Hotel, in said City, WEDNESDAY, the SIXTH day of APRIL, proximo at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and for the transaction of such business as may legally come before the meeting.

Dated twenty first day of March A. D. 1904.
HENRY HILYARD, President.
J. C. HARTLEY, Secretary-Treasurer.

N. B.—Every owner of logs or other timber intended to be driven by said Company during the Driving season of 1904 must file with the Secretary a statement of same on or before the day of the annual meeting, and no lumberman can become a member of said Company nor entitled to vote at its meetings until said statement has been filed.

SAINT JOHN RIVER LOG DRIVING COMPANY.**Contract for Driving.**

TENDERS for a Contract for three years for driving the logs, timber and lumber put into the Tobique River from the several points below mentioned out into the River Saint John, at the rates below stated, will be received by the Tobique River Log Driving Company at Woodstock until noon of the FIFTH day of APRIL and at the Queen Hotel in Fredericton until noon of the SIXTH day of APRIL next.

The tender to state the amount that will be paid by the tenderer annually for the contract. The contract to contain such clauses and conditions as the Directors may prescribe to secure the faithful and satisfactory performance of the work. The rates to be paid per thousand superficial feet of timber, logs and lumber driven out into the River Saint John will be as follows:—

1st—From the Forks of the Tobique River...40cts
2nd—From Two Brooks...30cts
3rd—From Gulaque and Burnt Land Brook...25cts
4th—From Wapkehegan...20cts
5th—From Points below...10cts

The directors are not obliged to accept the highest or any tender unless the same shall be satisfactory to them, as to the ability of the party tendering to carry out the contract, the price offered, and all terms and conditions of the tender.

The tenderer must name two bondsmen who are ready to enter into a Bond with him for the sum of four thousand dollars for the due performance of the contract, and the written consent of such persons to enter into that bond, must accompany the tender.

In case the driving of the logs, timber and lumber be not contracted for upon tender, the same will be sold at Public Auction in front of the York County Court House on WEDNESDAY, the SIXTH day of APRIL next, at 4 o'clock, p. m., pursuant to the provisions of Act of Assembly.

Tenders may be addressed to the Secretary at Woodstock, or at Queen Hotel, Fredericton.

Dated 21st March A. D. 1904

J. C. HARTLEY, HENRY HILYARD, President.

Secretary-Treasurer.

Latest Novelties

JUST OPENED AT

B. B. MANZER'S.**50 Cases New Spring Goods**

are now ready for inspection, comprising Ladies' Shower Proof Coats, Cloth Suits with Norfolk and Close Fitting Coats, all up to-date styles. Also an immense assortment of Dress Goods, Muslins, Lawns, Gingham, Gingeams, and a variety of other styles too numerous to mention, Laces, Hamburgs, Ribbons, Fancy Collars, Belts, Gloves, Straw Hats, White Wear, Undervests, Corsets, etc., at prices to please all.

Our Ready-to-Wear Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Department is now complete with the largest Assortment of Up-to-Date goods ever shown in this market.

A very large assortment of Fit Reform samples of the latest design in Tweeds, Worsteds, etc., are now ready for inspection. Special orders are taken for Suits. Guaranteed Satisfactory and delivered in a week from date of measure taken.

Oak Hall. B. B. Manzer.**MARRIED.**

GEE-SMITH.—At Upper Wicklow, on March 16th, Mary Craig Smith to John S. Gee.

DIED.

STREET.—At Vancouver, B. C., March 2nd, 1904, at the residence of Charles Street, Julia, aged 28 years, wife of George E. Street and eldest daughter of Stanley and the late Susan Street of this town, leaving a husband and two children to mourn their loss.

DAVIS.—At Lowell, Mass., on March 16th, of paralysis followed by pneumonia, Robert E. Davis, aged 75 years. Deceased was a native of New Brunswick and was at one time a resident of Woodstock.

Intercolonial Railway.**TENDER FOR STATION.**

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside "Tender for Kempf Station," will be received up to and including

TUESDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 1904,

for the construction of a Station, with Dwelling at Kempf, about 14 miles east from Ste. Flavie, P. Q. Plans and specification may be seen at the Station Master's Office at Kempf, and at the office of the Chief Engineer Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the Specification must be complied with.

D. POTTINGER, General Manager.
Railway Office,
Moncton, N. B.,
18th March, 1904.

STRAW MATTING.

Nice New Patterns, from 15c. to 35c. per yard. Straw Matting is becoming more popular every year. It is better made and made of better and stronger material.

NEW BLINDS.

Large Stock and Latest Shades, at very reasonable prices. Also a fine new assortment of

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It is time to be thinking about your purchases of above, as Spring is coming on apace.

UNDERTAKING

given careful personal attention.

THE A. HENDERSON FURNITURE CO. Limited,
Queen Street, Woodstock.

TEACHER WANTED.

A second or third class female teacher, just from Normal school, for district No. 18, Parishes of Kent and Aberdeen. Apply to R. J. LEE, Sec'y. to Trustees, Beaufort, Carleton County. February 24th.

INSURANCE MANAGER WANTED.

Wanted—a district Manager for counties of Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska. A liberal contract will be offered to a suitable man willing to devote his entire time to the work. Apply WRIGHT & EVERETT, Manager North American Life, St. John, N. B.

March 16th, 1 mo.

WANTED—AGENTS.

Reliable men to sell for "Canada's Greatest Nurseries" largest and best assortment of stock; liberal terms to workers; pay weekly; outfit free; exclusive territory.
STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

FARM FOR SALE.

The undersigned offers for sale his valuable farm containing 250 acres more or less, 175 acres cleared, well watered, the balance well wooded, five barns, two houses, wood-shed, carriage-house and other out-buildings, also a good orchard; situated five miles from Woodstock, seventy rods from school house and Post office. Sold with or without stock and farming implements, and at a bargain. HENRY BLACKMORE, Plymouth, N. B.
Feb'y, 10-3mos.

FLAT TO LET.

A flat of six rooms, nicely situated on Connell street. Apply on the premises to S. C. TRUE, Connell street.
Feb'y 1, tf.

HOUSE TO LET.

A two story house to let on Charles Street, Woodstock. Apply to R. McELROY, Grafton.
Jan. 7, 3i, tf. Telephone 45-2.

WANTED.

A second class teacher for School District No. 7, Aberdeen. Apply to CHARLES WILSON, Sec'y to Trustees.

MARCH 7TH

Is the first day of Platinum week at **Wilson's Photo Studio.** To more generally introduce our Platinum work we will, FOR ONE WEEK ONLY, beginning with March 7th, make Platinum Portraits for exactly half the usual prices, i. e.,

Regular \$8.00 work for \$4.00.
Regular \$6.00 work for \$3.00.
Etc.

Think of it, and what is better, take advantage of it promptly, as this offer will never be repeated. High Grade Work Only. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Wilson's.

Cor. Main and Connell Streets.

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GROCERY SALE

I desire to close out all my stock of Groceries before the 1st of April. Goods must be sold regardless of cost. A few chests English Breakfast Tea at 15cts. per lb., half price. All goods Warranted.

W. B. BELYEA.