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BUSINESS IS GOOD IN WOODSTOCK

and the Prosperity for 1905 is the Best for Very Many Years.

In talking about business prospects with a few Woodstock manufacturers and merchants one is encouraged to believe that the year 1905 will be one of the best business years in the memory of men now living. The interviewer asked questions until the answers grew monotonous. The story invariably was, last year was our best yet and next year will be better still. The story must be true, it is the story of business at THE DISPATCH office, and at other newspaper offices as well.

A representative of Alex. Dunbar & Sons said that notwithstanding they had suffered from a fire in which they lost over ten thousand dollars worth of patterns and other valuable property, with an insurance of only \$2,000, yet their business in 1904 was the largest they had ever done. They already have in sight enough heavy work to keep them hustling till June and they expect the year 1905 to beat last year by a large amount.

Mr. Phillips, general manager of Connell Bros. foundry and machine shops said that since the new company took charge of the plant business had been very brisk. The sales in all departments are increasing and the directors anticipate a largely increased business in the present year. They are now employing more men than at this time last year and the number must be further increased. They find it necessary to enlarge the capacity of their foundry, which will be done as soon as the frost is out of the ground and the capacity of other departments will have to be enlarged to correspond. Beside the big increase in their old lines this company is taking on some new lines. They regard the prospect for the year 1905 as most bright and promising.

Mr. Seely and Mr. Sutton of the Woodstock Woodworking Company say that their business for 1904 far exceeded any previous year in the Company's history and already the orders on the books and inquiries from intending builders indicate that business during the current year will be better yet. The outlook for local building is a little better than last year. The company is at present engaged in improving its dry house and in other ways preparing for an enlarged business. Their stock is now larger than ever and they will run all winter instead of closing down in January as in other years.

Addresses and Presentations.

Dr. E. S. Kirkpatrick, who has been the capable secretary for three years of the 67th Regt Band, met with a surprise on Saturday evening, 24th ult, when the members of the band waited upon him at his residence to make a Christmas presentation of an expensive watch charm accompanied by the following address, which was read by Bandmaster Percy N. Hall. The doctor although taken by surprise made an appropriate reply. To Dr. E. S. Kirkpatrick:

Dear Friend — At this happy Christmas season devoted to the celebration of home gatherings and the expression of friendship between man and man, it seems appropriate that we the members of the 67th Regt Band should address a few words to you and your estimable wife.

We feel that we are merely doing our duty which is also a pleasure, to congratulate you upon your recovery from a recent illness, and trust that the future will have in store for you a freedom from any serious sickness.

We wish to remind you that your services as secretary of the 67th Regt Band, for three years have been invaluable. It is generally known that the success which the Band has achieved as a musical organization has been in a large measure due to your earnest advocacy of its claims upon the support of the public. To the individual members you have proven a friend, tried and true, on each and every occasion.

The members of the Band cannot let this opportunity pass without showing in a measure their appreciation of your whole-souled interest in the Band as a body and in the members individually. They wish you to accept this Charm and Fob as a slight token though it may be of their high estimation of your services, and as showing the kind feeling entertained for you by all the members.

Wishing you and Mrs. Kirkpatrick every blessing and that you may enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

We remain,

MEMBERS 67TH REGT BAND

Mrs. Sarah Lee.

Mrs. Sarah Lee, widow of Robert Lee of St. John died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. William Scott, in Salem (Mass) last week. She was eighty-seven years of age. Mrs. Lee was formerly of St. John moving from there about seven years ago. She leaves four daughters: Mrs. Matilda Sleep, of Coles Island, Queens county, Mrs. Catherine Foley, of Somerville (Mass); Mrs. Fred Gordon, of River Beach (Mass), and three sons; William and Joseph, of Beaufort, Carleton County, and Robert, of 31 Portland street, St. John, from whose residence the funeral took place.

Sudden Death.

The many friends of Mrs. Aaron Clark were startled by the sad news of her sudden death of pleuro-pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Mooers, Richmond St., on Monday morning last at 9.30. Mrs. Clark had not been well for some time past having been operated upon for tumors on the neck, in Boston last July. But was so much improved in health that her near friends hoped for her complete recovery, when they learned that she was quite ill and had been brought to Woodstock. Pleuro-pneumonia had set in, and yet there were hopes of her recovery when death suddenly came to her relief. Her end was peace, as she was fully saved and kept by the power of God.

Mrs. Clark was a daughter of Deacon Andrew Dunphy, of Keswick, York County, N. B., and married Mr. Aaron Clark, of Scotch Settlement, York County, N. B., in 1838, by whom she had six sons and three daughters all of whom survive her to mourn their loss, namely—Harvey, of Maxwell, York County, N. B., Ernest and Frank, of Hyde Park, Mass., Harry, of Presque Isle, Maine, Cuthbert, of Fort Fairfield, Maine, Adoniram, of Attleboro, Mass., Mrs. Sidney Bancroft, of Grand Manan, N. B., Mrs. Allison P. Allingham, of Georgetown, British Guiana, South American, and Mrs. F. L. Mooers, of Woodstock.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, Wednesday, at 2 o'clock from the residence of Mr. F. L. Mooers, Richmond St. Rev. W. B. Wiggins will officiate.—Com.

A Youthful and Popular Pastor.

C. Frank Rideout (licentiate) who assumed the pastorate of the Aberdeen and Windsor Baptist churches a year and a half ago has closed his work on that field and will go to Wolfville, N. S., to pursue his studies at Acadia University. Since announcing his intention about a month ago Mr. Rideout has received many tangible proofs of the good will of the people of his pastorate and of general regret at his departure. At the close of his farewell service at the Baptist church in Aberdeen on Sunday, December 25th, the departing pastor was the recipient of a very pleasant surprise when Mr. Ira Corey on behalf of the church and congregation came forward and read the following address:—

DEAR BROTHER RIDEOUT,—

In submitting to you these few remarks as a token of our respect on the eve of your departure from amongst us, the loss we are about to sustain in your sphere of usefulness seems hard to realize. During your short sojourn amongst us you have endeared your self to us all and won our admiration by your steadfast example of Christian piety and exemplary devotion of Christian character; your work bears evidence that the Master has directed you in your labours and carried you through successfully. Not only has the church been blessed spiritually and temporally here, but we believe through your efforts precious souls have been won for the Master's kingdom. Deeply do we regret your separation from amongst us. Still it is a pleasure to know that you are only leaving us to pursue your education and training which may lead you into a wider sphere of usefulness and influence, which we believe you are destined to fill in the Master's vineyard.

This small purse which we herewith present is only a token of esteem which we have for you, we ask you not to consider its intrinsic value but simply accept it as a token of our heartfelt wishes for your future success and prosperity.

Signed on behalf of the Aberdeen Baptist church at Highlands.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

ALFRED COREY, Clerk.

Accompanying this address was a purse containing thirty-three dollars and fifty cents. Mr. Rideout replied to the address in feeling terms which found a response from the people young and old.

Accident at Queen Street Station.

A stranger who refused to give his name came near being killed by the Gibson train at Queen Street Station on Monday. As the train was pulling out of the station headed for the yard, the man, carrying a valise in one hand attempted to get on the rear of the passenger car. A number of people including the conductor called to the man not to make the attempt. He did however, and lost his footing on the step and his grip on the railing and went down on the rail just in front of the flanger car. Fortunately the man in charge of this car had the flange down on the rail and this scooped the unfortunate man along some twenty or thirty feet before the train could be stopped. The man made his appearance from beneath the trucks, his face and head badly cut and bleeding profusely but with no bones broken. He was sent to the hospital.

The man who hasn't been selling something that he hasn't got, or buying something that he never expects to have actual possession of, is not particularly worried at a report of a panic in Wall street.

Draper-Hale.

This afternoon at 4.30, at the residence of the Misses Hale, Grafton, Miss Cora Leo Hale, youngest daughter of the late George Hale, will be united in marriage to Mr. Isaac N. Draper, principal of the Broadway school. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. I. A. Corbett of the Albert Street Baptist church. The parlors of the residence are beautifully decorated with evergreens and holly, and the bridal party will stand beneath a holly bell during the ceremony.

The bride's dress is of white Eolienne and she will wear a veil and carry a bouquet of pink and white roses and maiden hair fern. Only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom will be present.

After the ceremony dinner will be served. The dining room is decorated in evergreens and the table which will be lighted by candles is decorated with pink and white carnations.

The presents are beautiful including a case of table silver from F. H. Hale M. P. the uncle of the bride and Lieut. Col. Vincoe. Mr. and Mrs. Draper will reside at Grafton where Mrs. Draper will be at home on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Hamilton-Dayton.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce W. Dayton, at St. Mary's Ferry, was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday evening December 28th at 6 o'clock when their daughter, Miss Bertie A., was united in wedlock to Mr. David W. Hamilton, M. A., Principal of the Consolidated School, at Kingston, Kings County. The ceremony which took place in the drawing room, which was tastily decorated with English holly, cut flowers and potted plants, was performed by the Rev. J. J. Teasdale in the presence of a number of invited guests, chiefly relatives and immediate friends of the happy couple.

The bride was charmingly attired in a beautiful dress of ivory silk with veil and carried a bouquet of white carnations.

There was no bridesmaid or groomsmen, but Mrs. John Garraty, of Cambridge, Mass., an aunt of the bride, was the matron of honor.

After the ceremony a dainty wedding supper was served in the spacious dining room which was prettily trimmed with evergreen.

The bridal presents were very handsome and numerous. They included a substantial cheque from the bride's parents, a beautiful gold watch and a costly fur lined coat from the groom, a beautifully bound set of Tennyson's and Shakespeare's works accompanied by a congratulatory letter from Prof. J. W. Robertson, of Ottawa, a silver service from Dr. J. R. Inch, Chief Superintendent of Education, and numerous others from every part of Maritime Province.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton left on the evening's train for St. John, accompanied by the best wishes of their many friends. They go from St. John to Boston and Cambridge, Mass., for a day or two and will return via Rivere du Loup and Temiscouate Railway. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton will reside at Kingston.—Fredericton Gleaner.

Presentation to Mr. John Harper.

On Monday a delegation of liberals from Woodstock drove to Jacksonville to the residence of Mr. John Harper President of the Carleton County Liberal Association and presented him with a complimentary address and a very handsome easy chair. Among these present were H. E. Gallagher, F. B. Carvell, M. P., W. P. Jones, M. P. P., W. W. Hay, John McCormac, Stephen Peabody, William Dibblee, W. R. Snow, C. L. Smith, William Fisher, A. Henderson, N. Foster Thorne and Colonel Dibblee.

Mr. Harper has been president of the Liberal Association for over 20 years and in 1896 was urgently pressed to be the candidate for the House of Commons but declined. The presentation also brought to mind the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Harper were married 50 years ago last week.

Mr. Harper was still suffering from the sever cut inflicted on his foot some weeks ago and though he endeavoured to sit up he was unable to do so and had to receive the address and return his thanks for it and for the chair from his position on his couch. Notwithstanding this the event was very pleasant.

Real Pain.

"And doesn't it pain you to see men going out between the acts for a drink?" asked the tall matinee girl.

"Indeed it does," responded her chum. "They always mash my toes getting out in the aisle."

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