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The Battle of Bridgewater.

(From our special correspondent on the field.)

Mr. Holman McMullen, who has been in the habit of quenching the thirst of the weary traveller for a small consideration at the little hamlet of Bridgewater near the American boundary line, was at home to the officers of the law on Thursday last. As the result of a somewhat protracted interview Holman was separated from some of his small change and likewise relieved of a goodly portion of the mocker. It all came about this-wise.

In the gathering dusk of Wednesday evening Inspector Colpitts, who doeth all things well, left the city bent upon ascertaining for himself the truth of the report that Mr. McMullen had so forgotten himself as to dispense intoxicating liquors in contravention of that most popular statute, the Canada Temperance Act. As the road to Holman's abode is a somewhat long one, the inspector paused long enough on the way to persuade Constables Estey and Burpee to accompany him to the surprise party. Before arriving at the scene of operations the party were joined by Deputy Sheriff Foster and Constable Woolverton,—and we have it on the very best authority that this occurrence was more than a coincidence. When at last Bridgewater was reached they were not surprised to learn that both the Canadian and United States revenue departments were represented in the persons of officers Carpenter and Peters. After a brief preliminary discussion it was decided that, in order that the function might be a complete success, the deputy sheriff and the inspector would stroll over to the premises where a certain violator of the law known as George Kennedy was believed to reside, while the rest of the party would drop in on Holman. As this decision was reached the clock of the Bridgewater cathedral chimed seven.

Mr. Kennedy hardly appreciated the honour that was being paid him and so far abused the rules of hospitality as to treat his distinguished visitors with a rudeness bordering on hostility. His clerk, who by the way is an American citizen, in a fit of absent mindedness grasped a shovel from the piano and approached the visitors flourishing that instrument about his head. Before he could inflict any injury upon himself, however, Inspector Colpitts produced a unique card of the Smith and Weston variety. The display of steel was too much for the flourisher and remarking that he would return by way of the G. T. P., he sought the tall timbers of his native state. After his departure Mr. Kennedy was convinced of his breach of etiquette and reminded of a small debt due from him on account of a conviction for violating the law by selling bad liquor. As he was in a hurry to go fishing the host produced his wallet and settled the account. Then with a hurried handshake all round the little gathering broke up.

In the meantime Constables Woolverton, Estey and Burpee had been doing a little prospecting on the premises of Mr. McMullen. Mr. Woolverton though an austere man, is an ardent worshipper at nature's shrine. While wandering lost in admiration of the view, he came violently in contact with what upon microscopic examination proved to be a whiskey case. A careful search revealed the presence of four other members of the same species. All belonged to that rare variety which bear the ear marks of having been imported from the land of the free. The thoughtless Holman was obliged to admit that he had omitted to go through the formality of calling at the customs house upon the occasion of the importation of these boxes with their contents. He was gently touched for \$250.00 by Mr. Carpenter by way of a memory refresher. Leaving Mr. Woolverton to further pursue his scientific investigations Constables Estey and Burpee presented their cards and were shown into the drawing room. A preliminary chat paved the way for the exhibition of a search warrant, and then confusion reigned supreme. The proprietor jumped from Canada into the United States, via the counter, and connected himself with a club, while the ladies of the domicile raised their voices in tuneful harmony. However, the officers found the ardent, and in a jiffy "there were sudden partings and choking sighs which ne'er might be repeated." Upon returning to the open air it was found that the United States soil had been explored and that ten more empty cases of an unmistakably Canadian pattern had in some mysterious way crawled over to visit their Yankee cousins. Officer Peters jotted down a few notes at this juncture, while Holman gracefully vaulted over the counter back into Canada. Cases seemed to be a good crop at Bridgewater for in a few moments ten more of a well-known Yankee brand were found blooming on the New

Brunswick heath. As Holman's presence was now urgently needed in both countries and there was no other nation handy, he decided to go over and sit down in the pine tree state and take the consequences. However he neglected to take his house and lot with him. The courts will be asked to request Mr. McMullen to make another slight contribution to our revenues for violating the customs laws, and no doubt when the heat of his wrath has cooled he will make up his mind to accede to this reasonable demand.

The liquor found on the property was brought to town. It represents an expenditure of two hundred and fifty dollars of the currency of the realm. An order of the court for its destruction will soon be obtained and for one more season the grasses will reel in Whiskey Hollow.

Death of Mr. Charles Hamilton.

Miss Rebecca Hamilton received a letter last week announcing the death of her brother Charles, at Ford River, Michigan, which took place on the 17th of April, of typhoid pneumonia. He was employed as foreman with the Ford River Lumber Co.. The company took charge of the remains and the funeral was held on the 20th of April. Deceased was 38 years of age and left here twenty years ago. He was a son of the late Henry Hamilton, and was born on the Connell Road. He is survived by four brothers William, of West Virginia, Henry, of Pennsylvania, Robert, of Lacoma, Wash., and Stanley, who lives on the homestead, and four sisters, Mrs. J. T. Nuttall, of St. John Mrs. I. F. Kinney, of Jacksonville, Mrs. A. L. McBride, of Hartford, and Miss Rebecca, at home. It is only a little over a year since another brother died in New Hampshire of pneumonia.

Mrs. John McCain.

Mrs. McCain, who for many years lived at Florenceville, N. B., died in the hospital at Portland, Me., on May 4th, 1905, in the 67th year of her age. Mrs. McCain has been residing with her children at Portland during the past few months. On April she went to the hospital to undergo a serious surgical operation, from the effects of which she did not recover. Deceased is mourned by a family of six children, Mrs. W. J. Burr of Haverhill, Mass.; Dr. Edward W. Boyer of Waterville, Me.; Mrs. H. V. Jonah, of Eastport, Me.; Mrs. E. E. Cheney and J. Fraser. McCain of Portland, Me., all of whom were with her during her illness.

Mary E. Hagerman.

Mary E. Hagerman died at her home in Greenfield on 7th inst. She was the beloved wife of Joseph E. Hagerman and the daughter of the late Captain Stephen Currie. Besides her aged husband, six children survive her, Rev. Harvey, Lorenzo, Benjamin, William E. and Mrs. William Krismeyer, of Long Branch, New Jersey, and Mrs. Frank Morris, of Limestone, Me. The deceased was a gentle christian woman, highly esteemed by all who knew her, and there are many who will learn with sorrow of her death. The burial took place at Knoxford on Tuesday, 9th, Rev. E. W. Simonson officiating.

Fire at Tracey's Mills.

Mr. Austin Adams who formerly lived in Woodstock, but who has been residing at Tracey's Mills for the past fourteen years, came down to Woodstock on Thursday to look after the repairing of a piece of machinery for his mill. On Friday morning he received a telephone message informing him that the mill had been entirely destroyed by fire during the previous night. The property was insured for \$500. Mr. Adams places his loss at \$2000.

Card of Thanks.

To The Editor of The Dispatch:
SIR,—We wish to tender our heartfelt thanks to our neighbours and friends who worked so hard and succeeded in saving our home and store from being burned on the night of the 11th instant when our mill was burned to the ground.

Respectfully yours,
J. W. ADAMS & SON.

BABY'S BATTLES.

"Baby's Battles" is the title of a valuable little book on the care of infants and young children, published by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., which will be sent free to any mother who asks for it. It tells you also something about Baby's Own Tablets, a medicine that cures all the minor ailments of infants and young children—a medicine praised by every mother who has used it. Mrs. Richard Smiley, Leonard, Ont., says:—"We had a very sick baby in our house until we got Baby's Own Tablets. They were the first thing that did her any good, and I think were the means of saving our little one's life. I praise them to all mothers." All medicine dealers sell these Tablets, or you can get them at 25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Meeting of The Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade, which was postponed from last month, was held on Thursday evening in the Town Council room. President R. E. Holyoke was in the chair. J. T. A. Dibblee, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances, which had been appointed to look into the matter of excessive freight charges, gave the report of that committee. It had been found that, when persons who had grievances had brought them to the attention of the board, good results had been obtained with regard to shipments from the west; no satisfactory arrangement had, however, been made relating to the freight charges on merchandise coming from St. John. Mr. Dibblee stated that he had a tariff schedule of freight rates at his store where these rates could be ascertained by any person interested.

President Holyoke then addressed the Board as follows:—"A year has passed since our last annual meeting and we stand where we can review the work of the past and ascertain what this Board has accomplished. The primary question that presents itself to us is this: Has this Board accomplished sufficient to warrant its existence? In other words, has it accomplished any material things that could not have been accomplished by its members as individual citizens? For my part I say that we can give an affirmative answer to this question. Steps have been taken toward obtaining a satisfactory adjustment of the freight rates. Mr. Hay has obtained a satisfactory settlement of his grievances and so has Mr. Dibblee. We have strong reasons for hoping that a rate tariff can be obtained that will be perfectly satisfactory to all. There are still charges, however, that certainly are excessive. The freight upon sugar from Halifax to Woodstock direct is greater than that which would be charged if the sugar were shipped from Halifax to Fredericton and re-shipped from the latter place to Woodstock. I give this as an example of the excess charges." The President then referred to an article in the Carleton Sentinel urging that the Board of Trade take prompt action toward pressing the claims of the valley route for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway upon the government. He said that Mr. Carvell was doing his best for the valley route and he thought that the Board of Trade should assist him in his efforts, that Mr. Carvell's arm should be strengthened and that communications should be held with other points along the river with this end in view. At the close of his address, the President thanked the Board for their hearty co-operation and urged them to persist in working for the interest of the town and county.

Secretary Ketchum reported a balance of seventeen dollars on hand. The Board then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year with the following result:—I. E. Sheasgreen, President; J. T. A. Dibblee, Vice-President; T. C. L. Ketchum, Secretary; members of council, A. E. Burden, William Balmain, William Dibblee, A. W. Hay, H. Paxton Baird and T. V. Monahan.

The secretary was instructed to draw up a resolution expressing the strong desire of the Board of Trade that the valley route should be chosen as the course of the new trans-continental railroad, this resolution to be forwarded to F. B. Carvell, M. P.

Complaint having been made that the Union Telephone Company were unable to install instruments in the C. P. R. freightshed the following were appointed as a committee to look into the matter and report to the investigating committee at Ottawa:—E. R. Holyoke, J. T. Garden, William Dibblee. The Board then adjourned to convene at the call of the chair.

Gentlemen's Driving Club.

A number of gentlemen met in the office of Supt. Joseph Fewer on Thursday evening last and organized a driving club with the following officers:—

Andrew Williams, president.
Coun. W. B. Nicholson, treasurer.
John P. Malaney, secretary.

B. M. McLeod, the chairman, said the object in organizing such a club was to secure the driving park from Gallagher Bros for the use of members on all days but exhibition and race days. The park could be put in good shape so that members of the club and no others could go into the grounds and enjoy a drive at all times. The roads were hard and it was necessary to have the use of the park. A man would be placed at the gates to forbid the entrance of any but ticket holders. The club expected to have a membership of 40.

Mr. Gallagher made a proposition for the use of the park which was accepted.

The Tennis Club.

A meeting of the Tennis Club was held on Monday evening at the office of E. K. Connell, Attorney. A tournament committee was appointed and the following new members elected:—Miss Julia Neales, Mrs. E. W. Mair, Miss Faye Camber, Miss Pearl McKibbin, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Marguerite Lamb, Mr. Allen, Mr. Raymond Gable, Mr. Archie McLean.

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