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### A BOOM IN LATHS.

Fifteen Mills to Operate in Carleton County.

Encouraged by the present high price in the American markets the local lath industry is on the eve of an unprecedented boom. The next few months will see no less than fifteen lath machines in operation in this county, giving employment to more than 200 men and half a hundred teams. As good lath sawyers are scarce wages will be high.

The manufacture of laths from live lumber is a new industry here, as hitherto lath machines have been operated only as an adjunct to long-lumber mills, using up the slabs. The present prices, however, warrant making laths from almost any kind of lumber available, although small growths of spruce and fir is the kind usually sought after. There is a lot of this wood throughout the county, largely of second growth. As wood as small as four inches is taken it would on first thought appear wasteful to cut what would eventually become much more valuable lumber; but the operators consider that in ten or twelve years a similar growth will have sprung up, when the ground may be gone over again. The great forest fires of recent years have left a great deal of wood in such condition that if it is not used up in some manner a dead loss will result.

At the present time laths are \$5.00 per 1000 in New York. Inspired by this fancy price Carleton County lumbermen are plunging head-long into the business. A list of mills either in operation or about to begin follows:—

Marshall Smith, mill at Summerfield, been in operation a year.

At Gordonsville, Stickney & Brooks have been operating a mill since last season. They haul their product to Bristol where it is loaded on the cars.

B. F. Smith has a lath mill at Florenceville which is a new industry.

H. H. McCain is to put one in at Stickney Brook, and B. R. Clark is installing a machine at Coldstream. He will ship from Hartland.

A firm comprised of George R. Burt, D. H. Keswick and B. F. Smith is busily engaged in the erection of a lath mill at Cross Creek, about a mile and a half back from Hartland. They will also put in a small rotary.

Sayre's lath machine in the Hartland mill will be started up soon as snow comes. This mill never ran in the winter before. They will employ about twenty men and three teams. J. K. Flemming has bought Baird & McFarlane's old mill adjoining his lumber mill below Hartland and will begin operations in a few weeks. He is now putting in a new Leonard engine that is calculated to give him 125 horse-power.

Then Baird & McFarlane are more than busy getting ready their mill on the Little Presque Isle. They hope to begin sawing about the first of the year. Allen McElroy, of Waterville, is putting in an engine and lath machine.

Albert Hayden, of Woodstock, is erecting a mill back of Newburg, and Smith Bros. & Perley, of Upper Woodstock, are sawing laths.

McElroy at Grafton and McElheny at Richmond are in the business. And J. K. Flemming runs a machine in connection with his mill at Debec.

All of these mills are to be run by steam and the product of six of them will be shipped from Hartland.

It is interesting to note that not all the laths produced in this country are used in building, as a big proportion of those sent to Boston and New York is sawn up into shorter lengths and sold for kindling.

### A First Class Concert.

The members of the band are unsparring in their efforts to make their concert to be held on Monday evening next a decided success. They feel highly encouraged at the generous response met with from those on whom they have called to assist them in the program and the indications are that this will eclipse any previous undertaking of a like nature. The concert will consist of readings, piano and vocal solos, duets, quartets, choruses by the new Glee Club and new selections by the band.

As there will not be any rink in town this winter and consequently no revenue from this source the band is facing quite a serious problem in providing for the heavy expense necessary in order to keep together. They hope however that they have a sufficient number of friends who will assist them in meeting their obligations and thus keep up and organization of which the town may well be proud.

### Hospital Fund.

D. McLeod Vince,.....\$10.00

### The "New Brunswick" Apple.

To Editor of The Dispatch:—

Sir,—THE DISPATCH has quoted the St. John Telegraph in a statement so untrue, regarding the discovery of the "New Brunswick" apple, that I am sure you will hasten to correct it and thus be just to one who, during his lifetime was a devoted admirer of and an occasional contributor to the Telegraph, and who is no longer able to defend himself with his own able pen. It is stated, as if on the authority of a Mr. Johnson, formerly of Woodstock, that he, when a boy at the latter place, "planted an apple seed and this in time grew into a tree, and when Mr. Johnson left Woodstock he presented this tree to the late L. P. Fisher, who in his turn handed it over to Mr. Sharp, the horticulturist, of Woodstock, and it was the beginning of the New Brunswick apple."

I prefer to believe that Geo. Johnson, who appears to be a man who would not knowingly make a mis-statement, seeing that he is a dominant "statistician" has been misquoted. Not being acquainted with Mr. Johnson, nor knowing his address, I am not able to ask him directly for an explanation. That any paper in Woodstock should have copied the latter part of your item without comment is surprising in view of the fact that both Mr. Sharp and Mr. Fisher are now dead, and that it is common notoriety at Woodstock and elsewhere that Mr. Sharp's fame has reached, that he called himself and allowed himself to be called the discoverer of the New Brunswick apple. Anyone wishing to throw doubt upon such claim surely has had plenty of opportunity to do so without waiting for fifty years and until a time when the principal witness, Mr. Sharp, cannot answer for himself.

Mr. Sharp never regarded his New Brunswick as a perfect apple. But it was the best by far, in certain all important respects, that the severe climate of New Brunswick had produced. There was, indeed, at the time of the discovery of the "New Brunswick," no hardy and prolific producer, and the best that the province can show to day in its class has as one of its parents that remarkable tree. It has been confounded with the Duchess of Oldenburgh, an Ontario apple of inferior quality, wherever tried in New Brunswick, and erroneously, although the books sanction the error, and New Brunswick shippers to Montreal have actually sold their fruit there as a high grade "Dutchess." Accepting your word famous as a just description of the "New Brunswick," however, and that fame whether great or little being generally attached to the name of Francis P. Sharp, surely no one would seek to deprive him of it.

The issue, if it shall prove one of veracity, is readily joined, and I do so now. Some time before Mr. Sharp's death, I devoted considerable time to gaining all possible information in respect to Mr. Sharp's life work. The substance of this will be found in a short biographical memoir of Mr. Sharp printed in the Woodstock Press in December, 1903. I took down Mr. Sharp's own statement. Also his son, Humboldt Sharp's, information as it had been related by his father. But the inquiry did not rest here. There was still living a man whose testimony might corroborate Mr. Sharp's—a man who indeed might within the truth himself be called the "discoverer"—Darius A. Shaw, of Upper Wakefield, who was in the employ of Mr. Sharp, and who was the person drew Mr. Sharp's attention to the seedling which bore the handsome apples which came to be called "New Brunswick." I took down his statement also, in 1902. Mr. Sharp's statement to me is as follows, verbatim:—

"There are a great number of persons who think I am mistaken in claiming to have discovered the New Brunswick apple—they believe it is the same as the Dutchess of Oldenburgh. It is not. A person who knows all about it is Darius Shaw. I ought to get his sworn statement about it. Darius Shaw found it in my nursery. He was working for me. I got a lot of seed from a nurseryman of Bangor named Dunning, at the instance of Colonel Henry Little, of Boston, a gentleman who had been largely instrumental in the introduction of Russian and other hardy fruits into this country. I planted these seeds in a nursery at Upper Woodstock. Some of these seedlings stood in the nursery until their third year. We used to propagate by budding them altogether, and some would be two and some three years old when we budded them. One day Darius was out in the nursery and he found among these seedlings a tree which had three or four or more apples on it. They were a sight to look at—great big fellows—and he came and told me of the wonderful seedling in the nursery. I saw, of course, the value of the tree, and went at once to propagating it. \* \* \*

Mr. Shaw's statement was in substance as follows:—

"Mr. Sharp had planted a large number of 'scions.' One day I was out in the nursery at work when I came upon a young apple tree in its first bearing. There were ten apples—seven on the tree and three on the ground below. I placed an old horse bone, lying near by, against the tree to mark it, and I picked the apples and carried them to the house, where I gave them to Mrs. Sharp. I took 'scions' of the tree and Mr. Sharp named it the "New Brunswick" apple. I don't remember what year it was, but I was married and had two children; I was married in 1853."

Humboldt Sharp, the nurseryman, and his father's successor, repeating the version he had constantly heard from his father, said to me this:—

"About fifty years ago father bought a number of apple seeds from outside. The only apples in the province then were Fameuse, Alexander, St. Lawrence, etc. The seeds were planted, and when they came to a year's growth, it was seen that there was one more hardy than the rest; it looked

'natural,' not 'crabby' like the rest, and scions from this strong branch were grafted upon a larger trunk at Upper Woodstock, and when the apples came they were found to be good, and the grafting continued, and it was given the name 'New Brunswick.' This apple was simply a chance seedling from an unknown parent."

This is about the sum of the direct evidence that it is possible to obtain. If anyone ever considered Mr. Sharp as not the discoverer, and his well known claim a false one, no one certainly until now made any statement to the contrary. Mr. Sharp or Darius Shaw, then, is the discoverer of the "famous New Brunswick" apple. I trust you will do a justice to the memory of one who, as when he named the "Mooer's Arctic Plum" in honor of the man in Aroostook County (Me.), on whose farm he found the seedling (raised from a plum bought from Mr. Sharp), was ever ready to give honor and credit. Had such an incident occurred as you have attributed to this Mr. Johnson, I feel sure that in recognition of such a "discovery" the name of "Johnson" would have become as widely famous in connection with apples as that of "Mooer" in connection with plums.

TAPPAN ADNEY.

New York, Nov. 16, 1905.

### The Grand Master and Party Visit Woodstock Masonic Lodge.

Last Thursday evening W. Edwin J. Everett, grand master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., New Brunswick, and his staff on their return to St. John from Andover and Grand Falls, visited Woodstock, No. 11. The grand master was joined by the veteran ritualist, Dr. Thomas Walker, P. G. M., and when Dr. Walker says that a lodge is in good working order they may be sure it is all right, for he is a severe, although a friendly critic, and he said that Woodstock lodge was to be congratulated on the manner in which the work on the F. C. degree was done.

After the exemplification of the work, Dr. Walker gave the members a very interesting talk on the ritual. At the closing the brethren, accompanied by the grand master and his officers, adjourned to Mr. Monahan's restaurant when, after discussing the bill of fare, the evening, which went all too quickly, was spent in toasts and speeches.

The King and the Craft—National At-

them. President of United States—Singing America, and response by U. S. Consul Denison.

Grand Lodge of N. B.—Response by M. W. grand master and grand chaplain.

The Ritual Committee—Response by Dr. Thomas Walker.

Sister Lodges—Response by B. F. Smith, M. P. P.

Woodstock Lodge—Response by the W. M.

During the evening Dr. Walker gave a very interesting sketch of the history of Edinburg (Seot.) Lodge, No. 1, of which he had the honor to be a member.

### Don't Do It.

It won't be long now before the silly girl will be sending to the Toronto cat house for her Christmas presents.

I looking over one of these catalogues the other evening my eye was caught with the description and price of something I knew a little about. It was a pair of military brushes, stag backs, \$3.75. Now the so-called "stag" is very fine stuff. It is made of genuine sawdust, mixed with glue and plaster of paris, pressed into shape, allowed to cool and is then given a coat of brown paint. It must be worth at least \$5.00 a ton.

I called at one of the drug stores in Woodstock and asked the price of military brushes and was shown a really excellent pair that would commend them to any man of good taste. The backs were of ebony and the bristles were first quality. The price was \$2.50.

This is a fair sample of the difference in values offered by Woodstock merchants to the Toronto cat houses. A really excellent pair of brushes in Woodstock for \$2.50 or a cheap pair in Toronto for \$3.75.

Sensible people don't get caught by these cat houses, but only the foolish people who are bound to buy goods out of the cheap picture books.

### Britton-Wiggins.

At Lowell, Oct. 31st. 1905 Mr. Stanley Temple Britton a former Woodstock young man was united in marriage to Miss Lella Eldora Wiggins. The bride was the daughter of the late Stephen S. Wiggins of Lakeville N. B. and the young young people have friends in Car. Co., who wish them many years of wedded bliss.

Mr and Mrs Britton will be at home No 598 school street Lowell Mass.

### Promised a Second Impress.

Father: "Sarah, I don't like the fellow who comes here to see you."

Sarah: "I don't see why not, pa. I'm sure he bears the impress of a gentleman."

Father (wiggling his foot): "If he comes again he'll bear the impress of another gentleman."