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A CARLETON COUNTY MERCHANT.

The Late Charles Kearney, Florenceville.

One of the best known merchants in Carleton county, Mr. Charles Kearney, died in Florenceville on Tuesday afternoon, the 25th inst., aged 75 years. A native of Churchtown, County Donegal, Ireland, he emigrated to Woodstock in 1850. In the year 1853 he began business on his own account, and later on in the fifties he moved to Florenceville, where he has since resided.

Mr. Kearney carried on an extensive general store business up to the year 1901, when he retired in favor of his two sons, John and Leo, who still continue to carry it on. In the sixties the business in that section was all done by barter. Money was scarce and the people exchanged farm products, ship and warf timbers and shingles for merchandise. Mr. Kearney, in those years, was one of the largest traders, and to carry the extensive business he was obliged to employ large numbers of men, some of whom looked after the rafting of the product of the forest and the bringing of it safe to market. Many millions of cedar and pine shingles were safely floated down the noble St. John river to Fredericton, where they were exported to the United States for his account.

Mr. Kearney was known as a great business man, of sterling honesty and uprightness of character, a good friend to the poor. In politics he was a strong believer in the conservative party.

Mrs. Kearney, formerly Miss Lizzie Doherty, daughter of Mr. John Doherty, of St. John, and three children survive. They are Ex-Councillor John Kearney, of Florenceville; Ella, wife of Mr. John Bohan, of Bath, and Leo, of Florenceville. There is also one sister, Mrs. Ellen Doherty, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The funeral took place on Thursday morning, 27th inst. The long procession walked to the Catholic church, where a Mass of Requiem was sung by Rev. J. P. Manning, of Fort Kent, Me. Representative men from all parts of the county attended the funeral.

Mr. Kearney left in his town substantial monuments of the industrious man. Kearney Hall, in which was his large store, and the large and pretty house opposite on the hill are testimonials of his life's work.

In 1864 he bought the land that surrounds the Catholic church and later on deeded the same to the late Bishop Sweeney for church purposes.

A large circle of friends throughout the county will regret to hear of Mr. Kearney's death, for my many kind acts during a useful life he had endeared himself to all who who esteemed integrity, industry and gentleness.

Golf.

On Saturday a battle royal will take place on the golf links, when two teams captained by Dr. Sprague and Mr. H. Paxton Baird respectively will meet in an eighteen hole match. Tea will be served at the club house and a most enjoyable afternoon is anticipated.

The opposing teams are made up as follows:

Dr. Sprague, Capt.,	H. Paxton Baird, Capt.
J. S. Creighton,	Clarence Sprague,
B. M. McLeod,	W. E. Jones,
Rev. G. D. Ireland,	How. W. P. Jones,
George Mitchell,	R. N. Loane,
D. W. Newcomb,	A. C. Calder,
Dr. Smith,	Geo. E. Phillips,
Walter Sprague,	Geo. E. Balmain,
Dr. Kirkpatrick,	N. Foster Thorne,
A. B. Connell,	G. H. Harrison,
William Dalling,	J. S. Eagles,
Wm. Dickinson,	Arthur Garden,
C. L. Merritt,	Wm. Dibblee,
F. W. McLean,	Geo. W. W. Gibson.

There's Many a Slip.

One Benjamin Hagerman, who hangs up his hat in an abode in the upper part of this county, was recently arrested by Deputy Sheriff Foster and Constable Woolverton on a warrant charging him with indulging in the recreation that passes under the harsh name of adultery. He was taken to Bristol for preliminary examination before Justice Farley. The officers took their prisoner to the hotel but omitted to chain him to the floor. Mr. Hagerman did not appreciate decent treatment, and, seeing an opportunity for escape, he bolted for the tall timbers. He got to the river bank and climbed into a canoe. Before he had performed anything very heavy in the way of a paddling stunt Constable Woolverton very carefully placed a good sized pebble against one of his floating ribs. In spite of the fact that things were coming his way the bold Benjamin turned the bow of the canoe shoreward again, and, upon arriving at the beach that he had just left in high spirits, he was warmly embraced. Justice Farley gave him a heart to heart talk on the seriousness of his offence in endeavouring to escape from the custody of the King's officers. He will probably remember it.

In the meantime negotiations had been carried on between the prosecutor and his fickle spouse with the result that all was forgiven. The peace plenipotentiaries hit upon terms that met the approval of the belligerents and the injured husband sought his domicile accompanied by the re-installed member of the domestic firm. Benjamin was requested to travel.

MORE THAN A FIGHTING CHANCE.

Delegation to Ottawa Receives Encouragement.

On the evening of the 22nd instant the delegates from Carleton County who had been selected to place before the Federal Government the claims of the St. John River Valley route for the new transcontinental railroad left Woodstock on their way to Ottawa. The following were the members of the party:—His Worship Mayor Jones, Councillor Nicholson and Councillor McManus representing the Council of the Town of Woodstock; Warden Gallagher and Councillors Shaw and Carvell representing the Municipality of Carleton; President I. Edward Sheasgreen, N. Foster Thorne and A. C. Calder of the Woodstock Board of Trade; F. B. Carvell, M. P., and Solicitor General Jones. Mrs. Jones also accompanied the party.

At McAdam the Carleton County contingent was joined by the following gentlemen from York County:—Senator Thompson and W. T. Whitehead, M. P., from the Fredericton Board of Trade; Warden Scott and Councillor Robinson from the Municipality of York and His Worship Mayor McNally and Councillors Chestnut and Hanlon from the Council of the City of Fredericton, Councillor Grosvenor, a delegate from the Municipality of York, had joined the party at Ben-ton.

After an enjoyable ride Montreal was reached early on Sunday morning, where the day was pleasantly spent in various ways. In the evening the party left Montreal for Ottawa, arriving at the Capital after a good three hours' journey. On Monday morning it was learned that an interview with the government could not be had until Tuesday morning and the delegates spent Monday in sight-seeing. The parliament buildings and Rideau Hall were visited, as well as Rockcliffe Park and the Rifle Range. In the evening many of the delegates enjoyed a twelve mile ride on the electric cars to the popular resort, Britannia-on-the-bay.

On Tuesday morning at ten o'clock the delegates were granted an interview with a committee of the government consisting of Premier, Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Minister of Railways, Hon. Mr. Emmerson, and the Minister of Finance, Hon. Mr. Fielding, which committee had been specially appointed for the purpose of receiving the St. John River Valley delegation. After the members of the delegation had been introduced the Premier called upon Mr. Carvell to open the case for the Valley Route.

Mr. Carvell spoke at some length and made a forcible and convincing address. He dwelt with the engineering and economical aspect of the question and with the aid of maps and diagrams, with which he had well fortified himself, he clearly showed the advantages of the valley route and the great difficulties in the way of formidable grades that lay in the adoption of the alternative route. He also set forth the importance of building the great transcontinental road through the well populated and fertile valley of the St. John River rather than through the barren and unsettled district through which the advocates of the central route claimed the road should be built. He made a strong plea for the cause of the valley.

Senator Thompson followed dealing with the economic side of the case as well. He gave a comparative description of the country along the respective proposed routes that put the valley route in a most favourable light indeed. He clearly showed how advantageously transportation could be carried on over a line of railroad passing down the valley and set forth the comparative saving in the cost of construction.

Solicitor General Jones succinctly stated the value to this province of the section bordering the central route as timber land and the decrease in value of that country that would inevitably follow the construction of a railroad through it.

Mayor McNally of Fredericton emphasized the great importance of the question to his constituency and impressed the committee with the fact that it was a case of life or death with the commerce of the valley section.

Mr. Whitehead called attention to the fact that the central or back region was largely owned by the New Brunswick Land Company of which he was the agent and that colonization, even if it were possible, is not desired by that corporation.

Mr. A. C. Calder, representing the Woodstock Board of Trade, set forth the disadvantages under which the merchants and manufacturers of Woodstock labour owing to the excessive freight rates that they are compelled to pay under the existing conditions. He gave a clear word picture of the commercial and industrial life of the town and surrounding villages and of the great possibilities of their development that a transcontinental highway would afford. He also impressed upon the government the fact that this well populated region would supply the new road with considerable local traffic.

present that if he were a novice his utterances certainly would never betray the fact. He spoke of the early settlement of his section of the province, of the hardships that the pioneers had to undergo and of the disadvantages under which they had laboured and the present settlers were labouring from lack of transportation facilities. His speech interested the premier immensely.

Warden Gallagher of Carleton County and Ex-warden Grosvenor of York County both made excellent speeches impressing upon the government, the tremendous importance of this question to the valley counties.

The premier and his colleagues gave the delegates a most attentive hearing. Sir Wilfred manifested the greatest interest and frequently questioned the speakers. He was plainly desirous of obtaining all possible information.

In his reply the prime minister was most happy and his words were certainly encouraging. He gave the delegation to understand that in coming to a decision the government would be guided largely by the report of the engineers. He said, however, that in fixing upon the route of the great transcontinental road they would give all the facts bearing upon the matter the most thorough consideration. He stated that the delegates had given him a great deal of information about their section of the province. He said that for his part he felt convinced that it would be in the interests of all that the road should be built through the splendid country that they had so well described rather than through a barren, unsettled section of the province; and he added that a difference of seventeen miles in the two routes that were under consideration was of very little importance indeed when the road whose construction was contemplated would be nearly three thousand miles in length. Though his address was one of those pleasing and diplomatic ones that the Premier well knows how to make, it is not going too far to say that the delegates went away with the impression that it will require the most potent arguments strenuously set forth to convince Sir Wilfred Laurier that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway should not pass through the valley of the St. John River.

The representative of this paper conversed with a number of prominent public men at the capital and they all were of the opinion that the delegates had not performed their mission in vain, that they had made a strong impression upon the government.

Among those present at the interview were Hon. John Costigan, Mr. Turgeon, M. P., Mr. A. B. Copp, M. P., of Westmorland, and Mr. Woods, Chief Engineer for the Grand Trunk Pacific. The latter gentleman was very favourably impressed by the facts set before the committee.

The delegates were well pleased with their reception. They left Ottawa on Tuesday evening and the return trip to McAdam was made without incident. Here the party dispersed satisfied that they had done their part in presenting to the government the claims of the people of the St. John River Valley.

Social Events.

Mrs. J. S. Creighton and Mrs. A. F. Garden gave a pleasant buckboard drive to Houlton on Thursday.

Mrs. Arch Connell received on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. She was assisted by the Misses McLean, Neales, Gables and Dibblee.

The Misses Bailey gave a charming buckboard drive and picnic to Nickerson's Lake on Thursday. About a dozen ladies enjoyed the outing.

Miss Hume gave a very enjoyable "At Home" on Wednesday afternoon from four till six. She was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. L. P. Fisher and Mrs. Duncau. Those present were:—Mrs. L. P. Fisher and Mrs. John Fisher, Mrs. W. Fisher, Mrs. Nicholls, London, Mrs. Taggart, Miss Taggart, Ont, Mrs. Moore, Ont, Mrs. Day, Fredericton, Mrs. C. V. Wetmore, Sydney, Mrs. P. J. Shaw, Mont, Mrs. F. B. Carvell, Mrs. S. Pugsley, Mrs. J. C. Hartley, Mrs. R. Brown, Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. A. Dunbar, Mrs. A. Fraser, Mrs. Murphy, Boston, Mrs. H. Dibblee, Mrs. C. Garden, Mrs. J. T. Garden, Mrs. G. B. Manzer, Mrs. Wightman, R. I., Mrs. B. B. Manzer, Mrs. C. D. Jordan, Mrs. C. L. Merritt, Mrs. W. B. Belyea, Mrs. W. N. Hand, Mrs. A. Bailey, Mrs. H. Seeley, Mrs. E. R. Teed, Mrs. G. A. White, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Cupples, Mrs. R. E. Holyoke, Mrs. G. Holyoke, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. J. McLaughlan, Mrs. H. V. Dalling, Mrs. D. Munro, Mrs. Woolverton, Mrs. F. W. McLean, Mrs. W. S. Skellen, Miss E. Smith, Mrs. Kierstead, Mrs. J. Loan, Mrs. H. P. Baird, Mrs. Sunder, Mrs. E. W. Mair, Mrs. W. W. Hay, Mrs. T. F. Sprague, Miss Stewart, Mrs. T. C. La. Ketchum, Mrs. A. B. Connell, Mrs. C. Tabara, Mrs. Bender, St. John, Mrs. H. Grant, Mrs. T. Moore, Mrs. R. B. Jones, Mrs. Geo. E. Phillips, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. W. C. Good, Mrs. Hazen, Miss Hazen, Mrs. Sheasgreen.

On Wednesday last Miss Mary M. Clarke, B. A., entertained a number of her many friends to a most enjoyable Lawn Tea, in honor of Miss Eleanor Colter, St. John. Those present were:—Mr. E. J. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Sheasgreen, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sylvester, Boston, Miss Ferguson, Miss Colter, Miss Jessie Porter, Miss Louise McCormac, Miss Isabel Watts, Mr. C. R. Watson and N. F. Thorne.

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