

**HARTLAND and VICINITY.**

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**The Arson Case Dismissed.**

The hearing of W. F. Thornton, charged with setting the Hartland fire, was begun on Tuesday, and after a score of witnesses for each side were heard Justice Barnett decided there was not sufficient evidence to send the man up for trial and the case was dismissed. It was proved, however, that the fire started in Mr. Thornton's basement, and the only reasonable conclusion that can be drawn is that it was set by some person. Who that individual was there was not a particle of evidence to show.

The information alleged that goods had been removed from the store previous to the fire. This was not proved. Several firemen swore that the show cases that they had previously noticed in the store were not in sight when they were fighting the flames. But the defense exhibited certain peculiar parts of the cases and their contents which disinterested parties had taken from the ruins, which went to show that the cases were destroyed in the fire.

Several women testified to having seen Mr. Thornton on the night before the fire at a much later hour than he says he was abroad; and witnesses also said they saw him walking slowly toward the fire half an hour after the alarm was given. Mr. Thornton positively denied all this evidence—said that he retired at 9.50; that he was awakened after the alarm of fire by voices in the street, that he dressed hastily, did not stop to put on a collar and tie, and ran with all speed to the fire. Mrs. Thornton, wife of the accused, said her husband retired at 9.50 and swore positively that he did not leave the room from that time until the alarm was given, although she admits having slept soundly from 11 until 1.15.

There was no evidence that goods had been taken from the store and placed in another building. It was shown that Mr. Thornton had completed arrangements for removal into a store across the street.

Marvin L. Hayward and D. McLeod Vince conducted the prosecution; F. B. Carvell, K. C., defending. Miss Edna Hagerman, court stenographer.

**The Weather for September.**

Rev. Irl R. Hicks, the St. Louis weather prophet is at it again and predicts phenomenal weather for September. He sets down severe storms from the 4th to the 7th, the 9th to the 11th, followed by severe frosts, and from the 14th to the 19th, when great storms of rain, hail, and wind will sweep the country. A storm period central on the 20th to the 22nd will work havoc and be accompanied by earthquakes, winding up with wintry weather. As though this were not enough Mr. Hicks predicts still another disastrous storm for the last of the month.

On the whole the prophet says "the meteorological record for September, taking the whole world over, will approach the phenomenal."

**Political Meeting at Florenceville.**

At a meeting of the local opposition at Florenceville on Saturday evening the hall was packed to the doors. John V. Kearney was chairman and introduced B. F. Smith, M. P. P., as the first speaker. After discussing the road act Mr. Smith was followed by J. K. Fleming, M. P. P., who was strong in his advocacy of a more progressive agricultural policy, and better and cheaper school books. He also touched upon the Central Railway. Mayor Munro spoke briefly and pledged himself to a firm stand on the temperance question. Mayor McLeod of Fredericton was the principal speaker and dwelt at length on the whole policy of the opposition and scored the government's increase of debt and taxation. F. C. Squires spoke briefly and resented the government newspapers presuming to call him down for giving public expression of his views. He claimed to be a free citizen and declared that in the districts where he was principal of the Consolidated School there was not a ratepayer who objected to his taking the stand when called upon.

**A Real Cloudburst.**

The storm that swept the country on Friday evening was in some sections the worst ever known. It was not unlike a western tornado. The clouds were torn and tossed as though quavering among themselves, while the storm traversed the county in such a zig-zag way that it is really difficult to tell from which direction it came or whether it went. The lightning was vivid and constant, the wind uprooted many large trees, but the rain and hail was the most amazing. The hail struck only the southern farms in Simonds where it damaged standing grain to a great extent, some fields being completely ruined. So much hail fell that it lay on the ground until noon the next day.

But the real phenomenon was the rain. On the rear portion of the farms directly across the river from Hartland the clouds seem to have let loose and drop their entire contents, although there was enough left for a liberal dousing for the rest of the county. From the section mentioned the water flowed to the river in torrents. After it subsided, which was in only a few minutes, the path of one stream was found to have been ten rods wide and in one place debris was found six feet higher than the bed of the stream, which normally is only a tiny brook.

Rev. W. Burton Morgan has returned from Halifax where he has been enjoying several weeks at McNab's Island. In a short time he will go to Kingston to resume his studies at Queen's College.

C. Humphrey Taylor deserves a vote of thanks for rebuilding the sidewalk along his premises. The sidewalks in other parts of the village have had much needed repairs put on them. But there is still room for improvement.

Rev. H. H. Marr, Canterbury, was visiting friends here this week.

Miss Lella White returned to Lowell on Saturday.

Rev. J. D. Wetmore, formerly pastor of the Baptist church here, now at Prince William, was visiting his old friends here last week.

Mrs. J. Sterling King who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Morgan, returned to her home at Brownsville, Kings County, on Friday.

If today proves fine a large number of Hartland young people will attend the picnic at Florenceville.

John Farley, Esq., stipendiary magistrate at Bristol was a spectator at W. F. Thornton's examination on Friday.

Abraham Fine, of Perth, was a witness for Mr. Thornton at his hearing on a charge of arson. Mr. Fine formerly ran a clothing business in the Tracy building. "Abe" insisted on taking the oath with his hat on, which is the Jewish custom, but said he would not consider binding an oath made upon the new Testament. Therefore there was a halt in the proceedings until a copy of the old scriptures could be secured, and the witness kissed the five books of Moses with due solemnity.

George Aiton, whose fingers were blown off by the explosion of a dynamite cap is making a satisfactory recovery.

George C. Gray, of Presque Isle, has been visiting his old home here.

Marshall A. Smith, of Woodstock, was in Hartland on Friday.

The Farmers' Telegraph Company, composed chiefly of men at Windsor, have extended their line to Hartland.

THE DISPATCH is for sale in Hartland at Everett's agency and at Estey & Curtis'. Two cents a copy every Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. James Montgomery left on Monday for a visit with friends at Vanceboro and St. John.

Reed Chase has gone for a visit with his sister at Portland, Me.

Miss Edna Hagerman, a graduate of the Fredericton Business College, officiated as stenographer at the preliminary hearing last week. Although this was her first work in the line, she received very flattering encomiums from the lawyers conducting the case.

Misses May and Susie Gray left yesterday for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will spend the winter. Miss May has been in poor health for some time and it is hoped the change will benefit her. Miss Susie Gray is a trained nurse and is very successful.

The potato business has begun in good earnest. Saunders DeWitt, of DeWitt Bros., says that on their own farm the spuds turn out one hundred barrels to the acre, and he thinks that generally the crop will prove quite up to the average. Very little damage has resulted from the rust but the chances are that late potatoes will suffer from rot.

Already there is a scarcity of cars.

Prices have a downward tendency. On Monday Irish Cobblers were quoted at \$1 and Green Mountains at 80 cents per barrel.

Engineers are at work locating the C. P. R.'s new track between Upper Woodstock and Hartland. It is understood that a Toronto firm has the work and that it is to be completed by early winter. There will be about five miles of entirely new road, and the Hartland grades, the Newburg grades, and Acker Creek bridge will be entirely done away with. The junction with the Gibson branch will be made at a point nearer to Woodstock than at present.

Mrs. A. H. Hayward and Miss Alvaretta Estabrooks, who have been visiting the latter's brother, Arthur S. Estabrooks, of Rockland, returned to Florenceville on Monday.

Miss Hoskins, of Boston, is visiting her relatives, D. H. and H. R. Nixon.

Stanley MacKenzie, of Boston, has been spending some weeks with his sisters, Mrs. T. S. VanWart, Hartland, and Mrs. Hugh Hunter at Riverbank.

A runaway occurred on Depot street on Sunday evening wherein three teams got badly mixed up but no one was hurt.

Mrs. W. D. Keith went to Boston for a visit with friends last week.

Misses Helen and Dorothy Alexander are on a visit with their aunt, Mrs. G. A. Ross, at Hampton.

D. E. Morgan is finishing up a building next to his meat shop for rent as an office or store. So scarce are rents in Hartland that he already has several applications for it.

Mrs. D. W. Matheson is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. A. Ross, at Hampton, and before her return will make a visit with friends at Moncton.

Mrs. T. S. VanWart spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Hugh Hunter, at Riverbank.



Post Office Inspector Colter was in the village on Monday. Questioned as to the prospect of there being a government post office building here he said that he could not make any statement. The Inspector has been on an official tour of the rural offices.

George S. MacLauchlan and family spent last week in Woodstock.

Mrs. Carrie (Meredith) Benham was visiting friends in Hartland on Saturday.

The water in the river is again rising at a rapid rate.

Miss Sallie Tinker, of Houlton, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank Hagerman.

A. G. Baker is on a holiday trip to Presque Isle and other Aroostook towns.

On Wednesday, September 4th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Sewall, Rockland, their adopted daughter, Miss Minnie Estabrooks, was married to Leighton Noble, also of Rockland. Rev. A. F. Baker, assisted by Rev. Mr. Copeland, performed the ceremony in the presence of about a hundred guests.

Arthur S. Estabrooks, the Rockland merchant was a visitor in town on Monday.

If you have an item of news that you think should appear in THE DISPATCH call for 13-11 on your phone and the correspondent will attend to the matter without further trouble on your part.

Although two months have elapsed since the Hartland fire, smoke is still ascending from the ruins. It certainly was a most determined fire.

Produce prices have an upward tendency. On Monday fresh eggs were quoted at 18c.; butter 20c.; buckwheat meal, \$1.75; oats, which are very scarce, no new ones coming in, 50c.; apples, 75c. to \$1, according to quality; washed wool, 28 cents.

The local opposition candidates addressed meetings at Windsor and Carleton Place on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Dan Coughlin went to St. Stephen on Wednesday to attend the wedding of his sister.

"Forget your conflagration; come to the meeting and enjoy yourself," is the invitation spread out on the handbills of the Salvation Army, a detachment of which will come from Woodstock this evening and hold a meeting in the United Baptist church. Two bands are promised.

**WEAK, SICKLY PEOPLE**

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A great many young men and women are suddenly seized with weakness. Their appetite fails them; they tire on the least exertion, and become pale and thin. They do not feel any specific pain—just weakness. But that weakness is dangerous. It is a sign that the blood is thin and watery; that it needs building up. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will restore lost strength because they actually make new, rich blood—they will help you. Concerning them Mr. Alfred Lepage, of St. Jerome, Que., says: "For several years I have been employed in a grocery and up to the age of seventeen I had always enjoyed the best of health. But suddenly my strength began to leave me; I grew pale, thin and extremely weak. Our family doctor ordered a complete rest and advised me to remain out of doors as much as possible, so I went to spend several weeks with an uncle who lived in the Laurentides. I was in the hope that the bracing mountain air would help me, but it didn't, and I returned home in a deplorable state. I was subject to dizziness, indigestion and general weakness. One day I read of a case very similar to my own cured through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I decided to give them a trial. After taking four boxes of the pills I felt greatly improved, so continued their use for some time longer and they fully cured me. I am now able to go about my work as well as ever I did and have nothing but the greatest praise for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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**Basket Ball Team Organized.**

At the meeting in the Forester's hall last Tuesday evening about thirty young people attended and were successful in organizing a basket ball team. The officers elected were Jo Barnett president; Ethel Armstrong, vice president; Frank Aiton, recording secretary. Dr. MacIntosh, Roy Cameron, Inez Bradley and Marion Tompkins are additional members of the executive. It is hoped that the Forester's hall may be secured for a meeting place but the rather high price charged forbids immediate acceptance. In the meantime they have all outdoors to play in and will avail themselves of the opportunity until the weather grows too cold.

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