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The Market.

It is getting that time of the year when there is mighty little doing in the produce business. About all the leading lines have been marketed.

On Monday a shipper at Hartland said he believed that before oats grow again there will be a famine for them and they will have to be imported into the county. The high price of the last week or two has cleaned out the market in a great way.

Potatoes are pretty well cleaned out but there seems to be a lot of hay in the county yet.

Quotations this week are approximately as follows:

Hay, pressed.....	\$8.00 to \$9.00
Oats.....	.45 to .48
Potatoes.....	1.20 to 1.30
Butter.....	.22 to .25
Eggs.....	.14 and upward.

Alfondley, 3, 2, 12.

Local horsemen will be interested in the following from the Fort Fairfield, (Maine) Review, although it is not exact in some particulars:—

Harry E. Kinney, one of Fort Fairfield's enterprising young horsemen, has bought the whirlwind pacing stallion *Alfondley*, (2) 2.12 on half-mile track, from Fred D. Tweedie, of Centreville, N. B., who has owned him for the past five years. *Alfondley* is well known in Fort Fairfield where he was owned a year by G. L. Foss, L. G. Kimball and W. W. Savage. He is the sire of some colts remarkably speedy for their opportunities. The fastest is *Prince Alfondley*, 2 22½ lately owned a year by Gallagher Brothers of Woodstock, and sold by them to Mr. Bryson, of Milton, Mass., last September for \$1,000. An *Alfondley* filly, three years old, owned by Thomas Boyer of the Victoria Hotel, Woodstock, took a race record of 2.23 1-2 at Halifax last fall, and \$800 for her was refused. John Bubar, by *Alfondley*, sold by Henry Shaw to Henry H. Clark, and by Mr. Clark to Waterville parties last fall, went a quarter on the ice at Waterville, March 7, in 34 seconds, in a race. In another class at the same ice meet *Prince*, a green *Alfondley* five-years-old, owned by Frank L. Clark of Fort Fairfield, won his race in three straight making a quarter in 33 seconds. The *Alfondleys* are coming, and no mistake. This remarkable horse blood of Fort Fairfield. As is well known, *Alfondley* is by *Potoskey*, by *George Wilkes*; dam, *Red Light*, by *Head Light*, by famous old *Blue Bull*, 75.

(The Boyer owned *Alfondley* colt is a gelding not a filly as his name *Thomas J.* would indicate. He is owned by Mr. George Boyer proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, Woodstock, a son of Mr. Thomas Boyer, after whom the colt was named. He is a very promising colt.

The *Alfondley* colts are certainly a likely lot and Fort Fairfield horsemen will profit by Carleton County's loss.

Easter Millinery.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7th and 8th. These are reception days for millinery. The new styles are of interest to ladies and all are cordially invited to the Misses Gallagher's opening. Detailed description would fail to convey any adequate idea of the new hats and bonnets in all their glory. The stock has all the touches of careful preparation, representing the very latest novelties of the leading fashion centres.

DRUGGING CHILDREN

A SOURCE OF DANGER.

When you give your child a so-called "soothing" medicine you are not curing its sickness. You are merely drugging it into temporary insensibility. Soothing medicines contain opiates and an overdose may kill the child. When you give your little one *Baby's Own Tablets* you have the guarantee of a government analyst that this medicine is safe. And you have the word of thousands of grateful mothers that this medicine will promptly cure all the minor ailments of childhood. Mrs. L. W. Smith, St. Giles, Que., says:—"I have used *Baby's Own Tablets* for my little girl for constipation and other troubles and have found them the best medicine I have ever used." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Hartland Basket Ball.

On Friday evening the school and town basket ball teams played against each other with the result that the latter was defeated by a score of 18-55. The line was up.

SCHOOL		TOWN	
H. Reid	centre	Arthur Kyle	
V. Noddin	forward	B. G. Rideout	
F. Thornton	forward	E. Noddin	
Ray Miller	defence	R. Hagerman	
Jo Barnett	defence	H. Gillin	

Dr. MacIntosh, referee.

The Woodstock and Florenceville teams were to have played in Hartland on Friday but illness among the players prevented.

Butter Paper for sale at this office.

THE MAIL-ORDER SYSTEM.

A Modern Tendency in Trade, and Its Damaging Influence on Local Interests.

The question that is now uppermost in the minds of business men in the smaller communities is, how will they confront the mail-order invasion on their own territory? It is well known that each year finds an increasing circulation of catalogues of the departmental stores, not only from the manufacturers of the Dominion, but from those of American and British houses. It is almost safe to say there are hundreds of tons of this illustrated and alluring literature finding its way into the homes of the country districts. The cost of producing and mailing this printed matter requires an enormous patronage in order to make it a paying investment. Time and again *THE DISPATCH* has appealed to its readers, especially to the women, who are said to be the chief offenders in this respect, in the hope of arousing a sense of loyalty to the interests of our own merchants. But in this attempt to prevent trade being diverted from its natural channels we have not succeeded even in creating a public feeling against it. Our people frankly say in their own defence, there is not a sufficient variety from which to make their selections, and moreover, it is generally thought that goods may be bought at lower prices abroad than at home. We confidently believe that many purchasers who have been experimenting with the fancy catalogues have learned at some cost that a better article could be actually bought for less money from their own merchants. Many of the articles from the mail-order houses look well enough in a colored picture but are woefully disappointing when their make and material are carefully examined.

The other side to the question is the self interest of the community.

In consulting some of our local merchants, they affirm that they carry as full a line of goods as their trade will justify, and that in replenishing their stock in different seasons of the year they studiously consider the tastes and needs of their customers and what they do not happen to have on hand they can procure by express within a few days. They say that the goods which they offer for sale, with the exception of a very few lines, are not only of better value, but are being sold in Woodstock today more cheaply than can be purchased by mail order. On behalf of the local dealer we confidently believe that this is a simple statement of fact, but if the community will not be persuaded to accept it as such, it would seem necessary in order to save the small dealer, and indeed the small town itself, that a vigorous propaganda with a view to solving this problem should be undertaken in a united way by those citizens who clearly see what is involved in diverting the wages of the artisans, the incomes of the professional men and the profits from the sales of farm produce, to build up the large corporation and the large centres of industry. Nothing is more certain than the death of the small town if its earnings and profits are not reinvested within its own circle to sustain its commercial life.

We have nothing but contempt for the insincere whinings of those citizens who, while they are pessimistic over the passing of the small town, at the same time are the chief factors in ignoring the interests at home, and go bargain hunting abroad. To show that this question is a sword with two edges to cut both ways, we are reminded of a customer who with catalogue in hand made a weekly visit on one of our dry goods merchants, to confirm her own suspicions that nowhere could she buy dry goods as cheaply as at Eaton's. On one occasion, however, she came on a different errand. Being extremely desirous of making a sale of a quantity of butter and procuring the highest possible price, she happened in on the long-suffering merchant. She confided to him she had been all over town looking for a purchaser, and could find none. With a ready wit he replied, "Why don't you send it up to Eaton's?"

Outing Hat Opening.

Mrs. Wm. Loane will have an Outing Hat opening on Thursday, April 9th. Mrs. Burpee chose this stock which is up-to-date and fashionable—no two hats alike. All the Newest Veilings for spring, the very latest from Toronto. The Easter opening will take place April 15th and 16th.

At the opening of the New Opera House an interesting musical event will take place particulars of which will be given later.

Don't fail to hear one of the best Scotch humorists before the public today, when he appears with Miss Nannie Strachan and Miss Enid Newcombe in the Opera House on next Friday, 3rd inst seats going fast. Prices 50, 35 and 25 cents.

ISAIAH SHARP, a well known and respected citizen of Pembroke, is reported as very ill at his home.

Letter From a Prominent Conservative.

BATH, Carleton Co., March 28th, 1908.

To the Editor of *The Dispatch*:—

Dear Sir.—Now that a change has occurred in the local government, it is but natural to expect that changes will be made in the filling of certain offices throughout the country. While this takes place we hope that good judgment will not be subverted by party feelings in the displacement of those who are faithful and valuable in the varied positions they occupy, in the duties experience and ability have well qualified them for. Coming to the point, it is admitted on all sides that no county in the province can boast of a more efficient Deputy Sheriff than our present incumbent, Albion R. Foster. During many years he has constantly grown in popular opinion. In criminal cases he has always found his man. No matter when called upon, either by day or night, he is always ready and leaves no stone unturned in the performance of his duty. Kind and considerate, always ready to assist the poor debtor, and in many instances has advanced the amount and prevented the parties from going to jail. Always prompt in his returns; where money is collected it is immediately paid over. Being personally responsible it is safe to entrust matters of any amount in his hands. Affable and genial, gentlemanly in his ordinary deportment still firm and decided in the discharge of his duties. What more can be desired to fit him for his position? And if he can be persuaded to remain in office, would it not be a great mistake to remove him simply on party lines. It is one of those cases where the office seeks the man and not the man seeking the office. It is to be hoped that he will not only be recommended by the incoming sheriff but that he will receive the appointment. To lose him will be a sad disappointment to commercial men whose interests he has so faithfully attended to. He is well acquainted with every home in the county, and well received wherever he goes. We cannot well find his equal.

CONSERVATIVE.

New Brunswick Poachers Jailed for Killing Moose.

Warden Austin, whose territory is away up on the northern border of Maine, at Fort Kent, arrested Fabian Rossignol, of St. Agatha, for illegal fishing and had to keep him over night at a hotel. While at the hotel he overheard a conversation between two men, who were speaking the French language, and concluded that some parties from New Brunswick were in Maine after moose along the St. Francis river. He notified Warden Major Lowe, of St. Francis, who captured two New Brunswickers red-handed and with the goods in their possession. The men were Joseph Canada and Alexis Oaks, of St. Francis, and they had killed one moose and two deer. The prisoners were taken to Houlton, where they were tried before Trial Justice S. S. Thornton. Both were convicted and were committed to Houlton jail for five months each.

Handsome Wall Papers.

Persons having papering to be done at this season of the year, should drop in and look over the Alfred Peat Prize Wall Paper, kept by the R. B. Jones Co., Ltd. Mr. Jones has been the sole agent for the past eight years and says that the sale is increasing each succeeding year. A look at the sample books will convince you that the papers are in a class by themselves.

THE REV. T. O. DEWITT, an aged Baptist minister, who died a Beaver Harbor, Grand Manan, on Friday, was very well known throughout the county. Only a few years ago he had charge of the Free Baptist Church at Rockland. Brothers of his are Luke Dewitt of Waterville, George Dawitt of Somerville and the late Harry Dawitt, of Victoria. He had beside these many relatives and friends throughout the county.

THE Strachan-Spence Concert Co. which will appear in the Opera House next Friday 30th inst, is unquestionably as good as the best company that ever came here. Don't make any mistake about it, get your seats early. Prices 50, 35 and 25 cents.

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