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FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Four Men Killed in a Head-on Collision at Stickney.

On Saturday forenoon one of the saddest fatalities in the history of this division of the C. P. R. occurred at Stickney, a way station between Hartland and Florenceville. Down extra No. 91, in charge of Conductor Chas. Dow, was standing on main line with orders to meet Up Extra, No. 517, in charge of Conductor Chas. Taylor. The latter was to have stopped and pulled into the siding, as that train was travelling in the inferior direction. The morning was unusually smoky and foggy and Chas. Humphrey, of No. 517, who was driving his engine at a high rate of speed, did not see the other until within a few rods of it. Although he applied the emergency brake the crash was inevitable, and he and his fireman, Robert Johnston, were pinned at their posts. The death that Johnston died is too horrible to detail. Death ended his sufferings soon after his release. This young man had been on this division only a few trips. He came from Fairville to assist in the heavy freight movement. "His last words were: 'Goodbye mother; I'm all done railroading.'" He was scarcely more than a boy. Humphrey came from Fredericton likewise to assist in the rush of freight. He had been promoted to the engineer's side of the cab only a week or two ago. It was his and his fireman's unfamiliarity with the road that was directly the cause of the collision. He was unaware of the fact that he had approached so near Stickney, and was paralyzed with the horror of meeting the other train so unexpectedly.

News of the disaster was telephoned to the superintendent, and the engine of the way freight, which was then at Newburgh, was ordered to the scene and to take on Drs. Curtis and MacIntosh at Hartland. Dr. Ross was also called from Florenceville. He arrived by auto, and was first to give relief. The three physicians dressed Humphrey's terrible wounds and he and the remains of Johnson, were speedily hurried to Woodstock. Humphrey died at the hospital on Saturday evening. Both his legs were crushed and the lower portion of his body was fearfully scalded and burned. He leaves a wife.

The track was not torn up and traffic was not impeded in the least as trains had only to go through the siding instead of the main line. Both engines were badly smashed. No. 91 was the engine sent here most recently, but it was not damaged beyond repair. No. 517, an original N. B. R. engine, has until recently been running on the Fredericton branch. She may not run again.

Sad as the occurrence is it does not seem that there is anyone to blame, although it seems that to know where he is going should be the first qualification of the engine-men, and in this pitiful case both paid the penalty.

Mr. Richard Crane.

One of the oldest residents of Clearview, passed away October 3rd in the person of Mr. Richard Crane who had been ill only a short time. Mr. Crane had reached the advanced age of seventy eight years and five months. He was a man of much uprightness of character and quietness of manner, he will be much missed by his family and friends. Four sons and four daughters also one sister and two brothers deplore his departure.

The funeral was held on Tuesday 6th inst. from the residence of deceased. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery at Clearview where a requiem mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Bradley.

Better Than Ever.

Our readers when deciding on their reading matter for 1909, should not overlook "The Family Herald and Weekly Star" of Montreal. Of course, you want your local paper for local news, but any home in Canada would be the better of receiving "The Family Herald and Weekly Star." It costs but one dollar a year, and is without doubt the greatest value in the newspaper line. It is a weekly newspaper, family magazine and an agricultural journal, all three in one. It should be in every Canadian home.

Thomas Robinson, of Waterville, died last Wednesday. He had been ill for several weeks. He was 69 years of age and unmarried. For the past few years he lived with an unmarried sister at Waterville, but previous to that he spent many years in Montana.

Frank McCollom, of the Bank of Montreal staff, has been ordered to Amherst for a while.

REPEAT it:—"Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

Letter from Geo. W. White.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:—

As the school managers have made no reply to my letter published in the DISPATCH of the 7th inst, it must be taken as a correct report of the meeting held on the 19th ult. In connection with school matters in which this district is interested, it is necessary to review proceedings taken in what the Board of Trustees are supposed to believe is for the benefit of those who are taxpayers and more directly interested in school work. Consolidation being a dead issue, the house that cost \$1700 and from time to time that had been repaired and improved and served its purpose for fifteen years, was condemned by authority of the Board of Education. \$5,500 was then voted to build a house and furnish it on the present location. An acre of land was purchased for a play ground, and not being used was sold at a loss of 50 dollars to the district. The trustees employed a St. John architect who furnished plan and specification of a house to cost \$7,000; these educational fathers discovered \$5,500 would not build and furnish a house according to the plan submitted. At a subsequent meeting \$1,500 more was voted to supplement the first amount.

As time went on no further action was taken in the direction indicated. Business remained in statu quo until the annual meeting in June 1908 when it was resolved to move the old to make room for the new house. This was accomplished at a cost to the district of \$35. This seemed to satisfy the trustees as no further action was taken, until early in September notices were posted by order of the Chief Superintendent that all former arrangements were abandoned, and suggested that the district purchase land in the north end of the district on which to locate the new house. At the meeting referred to this was carried by a small majority which if carried out will make trouble and dissatisfaction, the result of which is not clear to foresee. Here the trustees are slumbering on their laurels as no further action has been in evidence up to date. What the next move will be is a problem not easily solved. So far as efforts have been made the only thing visible is that the trustees have illegally managed to place a debt on the district of \$110, which if properly looked after should have been avoided and which has left the district in a worse state than formerly existed.

Had the trustees looked through the School Act they would as business men have discovered that in school as in other matters of business, regard must be had to the legal side of the question; that accounts must be audited, that resolutions must be repealed before a similar one can be made effective for the same purpose, not having done this, although they were shown their duty and refused to act as directed. The business of this district is in such a state that not one dollar if resisted, can be collected from the ratepayers for the support of the school, purchase of land or building of a new house.

Yours,
GEO. W. WHITE,

Centreville, Oct. 1908.

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Electoral Purity.

At the evening service in St. Paul's church on Sunday last, the Rev. George D. Ireland preached a forcible sermon on electoral impurity. In the course of his remarks he stated that the reason the Reform League had not organized for action in this campaign was that several of the chief workers in the association had left town and without the co-operation of the laymen he felt that it would be useless to go into the work.

Several of the ministers of the association had met and decided the only thing to be done was to preach a sermon touching this most vital matter. The speaker said that politics had got into our school boards, our town and county councils, and it was now threatening the churches. It was time that a united effort should be made to put an end to bribery and corruption in elections.

Trains are not yet running regularly over any part of the new road between Hartland and Woodstock, newspaper and other reports notwithstanding. It has been said that the diversion may be ready for traffic before the southern portion.

Leigh Brown, a native of Lower Beighton, now a resident of Lowell, is visiting friends at Lower Brighton and Hartland. Mr. Brown is one of the country's men who have done exceptionally well in the States.

Shipping Potatoes To Cuba.

It is quite likely that very soon the farmers of the maritime provinces will have an entirely new market for potatoes—in Cuba. The St. John Globe interviewed James S. Porter, of Andover, and the article is worth giving to our readers:

Mr. James E. Porter, of Andover, is in the city in connection with a shipment of potatoes to Cuba. Mr. Porter says that should this market prove a good one, the farmers of the up-river counties will be greatly benefited, as their market at the present time is somewhat limited. The majority of the outside shipments at present are to Montreal. Owing to the duty the New Brunswick farmers are unable to enter the lucrative Boston market, which is almost monopolized by the farmers of Aroostook county, Maine, who receive much larger prices for their goods than the New Brunswick shippers can secure in Upper Canada. The direct line from St. John to New Haven, instituted some time ago, promises a large market for the New Brunswick producers, and the S. S. Talisman which will sail for Havana shortly, will carry a large quantity of potatoes from different New Brunswick shippers. On account of the high freight charges, the price of the goods will be high, and so the success of the venture is still somewhat a matter of conjecture. Mr. Porter is sending one carload of potatoes—300 barrels—on this trip of the vessel. He feels that reduced freight charges should be secured by the government—through subsidies—for the provincial shipper. The cultivation of potatoes is not nearly so extensive as it would be if a market could be secured. Referring to the season's crop, Mr. Porter said it was very successful. The price remains firm, and the farmers of Carleton and Victoria counties are happy. Although last year's supply was small, the price today is no lower. This owing to the fact the Quebec crop, which was large last season, is not so good this year. The quality of the New Brunswick crop is also better this year than for some time past.

On his farm in Victoria county Mr. Porter this year, by the use of phosphate, secured one hundred barrels of potatoes an acre. It is quite possible that Mr. Porter will go to Cuba himself to size up the situation there.

A number of local firms are also making shipments to Cuba by the direct line.

Jacksonville.

The week just past has been one of special activity in religious and political circles. In the latter great interest has been shown by young and old, evincing a desire to learn both sides of the question in the coming contest.

On Sunday afternoon in the Baptist church Miss Blackadar gave a stirring address upon the work of the Baptist church in India. Rev. Mr. Phillips made a few remarks and three young girls sang a trio, Mrs. John Emery presiding at the organ.

In the Methodist church in the evening, Rev. S. A. Bartlet preached an eloquent sermon and urged greater interest on the part of the parents in training their children for Christian service.

Monday evening witnessed a good audience of men and several ladies meeting to hear the addresses of several prominent workers of the Liberal party. Harry Havens presided. The closest attention was given to the speakers, who presented splendid arguments for their side.

Thursday afternoon the ladies of the W. M. S. of the Methodist church held a quilting in Tilley's Hall and served a bountiful supper, also holding their regular monthly meeting. A good collection was taken.

The Conservative party gave forth their views on political questions on Friday evening to a large audience, a number of ladies being present as on Monday evening. Ex councillor Major Leonard Harding, presided. Great interest was shown in the questions discussed and "convincing arguments were presented for the side of the speakers." At both meetings a good representation was shown from both Liberal and Conservative parties.

Thursday evening a large gathering of friends of Rev. C. T. and Mrs. Phillips met at the Baptist parsonage and after a sumptuous supper presented the Rev. Doctor with a purse of \$45.00 as a small token of their esteem. Mr. Frank Lockhart made the presentation after which Dr. Phillips made a suitable reply.

Mrs. Samuel Harper left on Friday for Boston where she will spend a few weeks with friends. She was accompanied by her brother Leonard Alton, who has spent the past summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Burt were guests of friends in Wakefield Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansley Alton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alton, Bloomfield.

Miss Bertha Sherwood, of Nashua, New Hampshire formerly of this place is visiting her old friends here.

Mrs. Walton, who has been spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Everett. Mr. and Mrs. Will Page of Williamstown were guests of Major and Mrs. Good last week.

J. F. Harper, superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School, has been appointed delegate to the Provincial Convention for Sabbath School workers meeting in St. Stephen this week. Mr. Harper left on Tuesday.