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Letter From Rev. F. A. Currier.

(Continued from last week.)

In reference to the third indictment he has again substituted what he thinks I said for what I really did say. I did not tell him that there was a road leading up past farm 4 as good as the road leading through Woodstock. I said there was a good road up to the Whatshan Valley as good as the roads out here, meaning Woodstock, which statement is perfectly correct. The road up to the Valley is, I am told, fifteen years old; has been in constant use, and is a good and well kept highway. I presume Wm. Everett could not run an automobile up Broadway, N. Y., or anywhere else and is therefore a very poor judge as to whether an automobile could be run up that road or not. He says it is not fit for an automobile. I say it is, and if Wm. Everett will provide the automobile, I'll guarantee to drive it up over that road and to exceed the speed limit on every rod of the road.

So much for the indictments. Now I am going to say something that will come as a surprise to many who have been led to believe that I sold land to Wm. Everett that was worthless. The question as to the worth or the worthlessness of the land in the Whatshan Valley will be taken up later when I publish a letter sent to Wm. Everett from Needles, which letter was written by Ward Burpee and signed by all the others who were with him. What I am going to prove now is that Wm. Everett was very much pleased with the Valley. When he and his brother visited the Whatshan Valley this summer, so far from considering it worthless stuff he was immensely pleased with it, at least so he expressed himself. He said that the Burpees had grossly misrepresented the Valley and that he was going to tell them so when he saw them. He said they were foolish to leave the Whatshan Valley at all. Oh, yes, Wm. Everett was greatly pleased with the Valley.

After he had gone Mr. McAllister immediately wrote me that the Everett Brothers had been there and that they were very much pleased with the Valley. Mr. McAllister wrote me while the words of Wm. Everett were fresh in his memory and he quoted many of the statements made by Mr. Everett. I came out to Needles at this time to get facts and I have certainly succeeded. Mr. Geo. Payne and Mr. McAllister were both with the Everetts and heard what they said about the Valley.

Here is the statement of Mr. Payne of Needles:—

Needles, B. C.

Lower Arrow Lake, Sept. 28th., 1909.

To Whom it may Concern,—I, George Payne, declare that during the month of August, I personally conducted Wm. and Fraser Everett over their lands in the Whatshan Valley, and that Wm. Everett stated that he came here prepared to fight good and hard, but after seeing the land and the valley the fight was taken out of him, and that the land and valley were just as Mr. Currier had represented them to be in every respect, and that he thought that Ward and Hurd Burpee were very foolish in ever leaving the Whatshan Valley when there was such a good show for putting in a crop of potatoes. He further stated that he was sorry that old Mr. Dow did not come down and see the land with them as he was sure that it would have tickled him very much. I was very much surprised at him after making these statements going back to Woodstock and having Mr. Currier arrested on the charge of misrepresenting the land. I am prepared as a disinterested party to swear that the above statements were made by Wm. Everett.

(Signed) L. GEO. PAYNE,

P. M., Needles.

And this Wm. Everett is the man who has had me arrested for getting money from him under false pretenses.

Here is the statement of Mr. McAllister.

To Whom it may Concern:—

Gentlemen,—I was living at Needles, B. C., this summer, when Wm. Everett of Woodstock, and his brother, came to visit the Whatshan Valley. I was up in the Valley with Messrs. John and William Keys, when we met the Everett Brothers with Mr. Geo. Payne who was showing them over the valley. Mr. Wm. Everett accompanied me down the valley to Needles from lot 19, and on the way we discussed its possibilities and its probable future, and Mr. Everett expressed himself as being favourably impressed with it. He said more than once, "this is all right I wish I had a hundred acres of it."

After he got down to Needles he discussed Mr. Currier and his representation of the valley, and he stated that the road up to the valley from the shores of Arrow Lake was not what Mr. Currier had led them to believe

It was but that the valley itself was all right. He further told me in the presence of Mr. Payne, the post-master, that the Burpees were a pack of darn fools for not staying there and putting in their potatoes instead of moving away and trying to give the place a bad name, and that he would tell them so when he saw them. He further stated that after what he had heard from them he had come prepared to fight but that the fight was all out of him, that he was most agreeably surprised. When he left he gave me the impression that he intended to carry out his agreement with the Columbia Valley Land Co.

Yours truly,

(Signed) C. B. McALLISTER.

I think that will do for this time: In my next letter I purpose publishing a letter written by Ward Burpee from Needles to Mr. Wm. Everett to which reference is made in the present letter. In connection with this letter I will give an account of the Burpee-Dow migration, dealing particularly with the B. C. end of it.

Most Sincerely Yours,

F. ALLISON CURRIER.

Town Council

A special meeting of the town council was held on Monday evening.

The proceedings of the last meeting were ratified by the council.

His Worship said that this meeting had been called to conclude a settlement with Mr. Murdock for making a survey of the streets of the town. He asked the clerk to explain the contract.

Mr. Hartley said he had not looked into the matter, but it was his opinion that Mr. Murdock was to have a certain price per day for actual work. He did not know whether this included the making of the plans.

The matter was laid over until further information can be obtained.

Supt. Fields was heard in regard to the matter of plumbers tapping the water and sewer service of the town without first obtaining a permit. Last week the sewer and water service on the Houlton Road had been tapped without a permit by a plumber and he had not reported the matter. A hole had been dug on Elm street by the same plumber without a permit, and on account of proper precautions being taken as to lights at night, a horse had fallen into the hole and was badly injured. He thought there were many cases where the pipes were tapped unlawfully and unless the council took steps to remedy the matter, it hampered him in his work.

Coun. McManus thought there was a by-law governing the matter and the Supt. should have the power to enforce it, as there was a penalty for the offence.

Coun. Dugan said he did not think the council should pass a motion every time a law was broken. The law on this matter was clear and if one of these violators was punished it would remedy this state of things in future. He believed there were between \$5,000 and \$6,000 worth of water used, caused by the violation of this by-law, that the town received nothing for.

His Worship thought it would be better to notify the plumbers with regard to unlawfully tapping the town services, and then if they did not go according to the law make an example of them.

Coun. Hagerman said he was glad to see the council taking up the matter. He had been chairman of the water committee for the past three years, and it was his hobby to get this matter straightened out. He had tried to have a census taken of the water takers of the town, but this had been taken out of his hands. He believed the town was not getting paid for much more than half the water that was being used for domestic and other purposes. If this state of this state of things goes on the town will lose its water system. He moved a resolution that the Supt. be instructed to notify the plumbers that they are not to break ground, or make any connection with the water or sewer service without first getting a permit from the town.

Coun. Dugan said he was surprised at what the previous speaker has said. At last year's council board I got up and informed him where water was being stolen and nothing was done about it. Last year the C. P. R. used more water in one day than they did in three days the previous year and yet there was only \$45 difference in the charge against them.

Coun. Hagerman thought Coun. Dugan made a hobby of the C. P. R. water rates. He had made a complaint to the yard foreman in reference to taking water from the hydrants to supply the engines, while the meter in their standpipe was being repaired, and he had told him he could give an account

of every engine that had taken water in that way. The only way to get at the matter was to make an average as near as possible to a comparison.

Coun. Dugan said it did not matter what the foreman said. The C. P. R. had taken water from the hydrant near my potato house for three months and that was not the only hydrant they used. They did not want to beat the town, but it was the town's place to see that they were properly billed and the bills would be paid.

Coun. Hagerman's motion was carried. A census of the water taken will shortly be taken by the Supt. of Water Works.

Coun. Ketchum moved that debentures be issued to the amount of \$1700.00 with interest not to exceed 4 per cent., to retire a debenture for a like amount which comes due on the 31st day of December next. Carried.

A committee who is shortly going to Fredericton will make application to the Provincial Government to have permanent approaches laid down at the entrance to the river bridge.

The matter of making Main street a permanent highway will come up for discussion later.

A Protest.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Sir,—I wish to enter my protest against a certain class of pictures being shown in our town.

Surely it cannot benefit our children to see the apparently unmerited sufferings of a convict which do not seem to stop at torture and his final judicial murder and in whom their sympathies are enlisted, nor does it enlist their sympathies on the side of law and order, or again to portray the dreadful murder of a child by its own mother with all the sickening details of its gradual death. For my part I have forbidden my children to attend the moving picture exhibition in future. I have ascertained that the show contains nothing of this morbid and disgusting attraction.

I do not for a moment deny that the majority of the pictures shown are calculated to afford both healthy amusement and valuable information,—therefore the more is it to be deprecated that these deplorable exceptions should be allowed to taint what otherwise would be an institution to be patronized and supported.

Yours,
A CITIZEN.

Mrs Woodman M'Closkey.

Mrs. Woodman McCloskey, Upper Woodstock, died at 6 o'clock on Friday afternoon at her residence. She was 48 years of age on March 25th last. She was a sufferer for seven years with heart trouble, but her health had been in a precarious condition for but six weeks. She is survived by her husband and two brothers, Gabriel, of Calgary, and Richard Brewer, of Upper Woodstock. Deceased was Miss Isabella Brewer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brewer.

The funeral left the house at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon and the burial was made in the Upper Woodstock cemetery, the pall bearers being Archie Plummer, George Chapman, Mathias Watson and Frank Burpee. Rev. H. G. Alder conducted the services at the house, where the hymns were rendered by the choir of St. Luke's church with H. W. Bourne as organist.

Mary E. Glidden.

Mary E. relict of the late Charles Glidden, died at the residence of her son, W. F. Glidden, on Friday evening, Nov. 5th in the 86th year of her age, after a short illness of paralysis. Mrs. Glidden was a native of Houlton, but had been living with her son here for several years. The funeral took place on Sunday. After a short service at the house by the Rev. H. G. Alder, the remains were taken to Houlton for interment. Rev. Mr. Coon officiated at the cemetery.

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