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**MARRIED**

GRANT--WAKEM,--In St. Barnabas church, Greenfield, on Wednesday July 24th by the Rev. J. E. Flewelling, rector of Canterbury, Levi Osborne Grant, of Aroostock Junction, to Ethel Mary, eldest daughter of Thomas and Carrie Wakem, of Limestone, formerly of Greenfield.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. U. R. Hanson announce the engagement of their daughter Alice Ethel to Mr. Clifford K. Rogers of Rathwell Manitoba. The marriage to take place in August.

**FARM LABORERS**

No better time to see the Great West at its best than during the harvesting. The rate at which farm laborers' excursion tickets are issued is about the next thing to free transportation. There is plenty of work and wages are good. The exact date of the farm laborers' excursion this year has not been decided upon, but definite announcement will be made any day now.

Colonel D. McLeod Vince presided over a meeting of the Public Utilities Commission in St. John on Wednesday.

**Mrs Katherine Plummer**

Another one of Houlton's older residents has been called to the Great Beyond in the death of Mrs. S. T. Plummer which occurred late Sunday evening.

During her entire married life which commenced Nov. 11, 1850 she has seen Houlton grow from the border village which it was, to one of the most hustling towns in the State, and in her early life experienced all the hardships which those early inhabitants were obliged to contend with in their struggles for a living in a town so far away from the large centres.

Born in Richmond, N. B., Oct. 8, 1825, she was married to the late S. T. Plummer, soon after which they moved to Houlton where she has since resided.

For a number of years with advancing age she has not been able to leave her home very much, and at times was confined to her room, and some of the time to her bed, yet there was always an air of cheerfulness about her and she was a great comfort to those of her immediate family. For the past two months she has been failing gradually, and while her many friends were saddened to learn of her death, it was in a way not unexpected.

Mrs. Plummer was a remarkable woman in many ways. Devoted to her entire family she made home the sweetest place on earth and yet with it all found time to aid and assist the unfortunate and those in want.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon from her late residence on Main St., Rev. F. A. Arbuckle of the Presbyterian church officiating.

She leaves to mourn her loss one son, James K. and his wife, also a granddaughter, Katherine Bruce who has made her home with her since the death of her mother some 20 years ago.---Aroostook Times.

**Rev. W. P. Begg.**

The Argosy, published at Ansley Nebraska, on July 11, contains the following, "Rev. W. P. Begg D. D. late of Yorktown, Iowa, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. L. Housel, on the evening of July 3rd. He had been suffering for some time from the disease that caused his death, but did not relinquish his charge at Yorktown until the first of June, when he made preparations to come to Ansley, to spend his last days. Dr. Begg was born at Lanarkshire, Scotland in 1843 and took his master's degree at Glasgow university before coming to Canada. His degree of doctor of divinity was conferred in 1894 by Queens university at Queenston, Ontario, where he was special lecturer for some time. Since coming to Canada his life has been spent in the active ministry of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Canada and the United States, with the exception of three years 1901 to 1904, when he occupied the chair of philosophy at Taber college, Iowa. In 1872 he married Miss Fannie Smith of St. John N. B., who survives him together with three children, Mrs. C. L. Housel, of this city; Wm A. Begg of Medicine Hat Alberta and H. Todd Begg, of Sussex, N. B. Interment was made in the Ansley cemetery.

Rev. Mr. Begg came from Woodstock to St. Stephen about thirty-seven years ago and was the beloved pastor of the Presbyterian church for about five years, and is affectionately remembered by many of the older members of that congregation. At the close of his pastorage here, he returned to Scotland, but remained only a few years when he again returned to America.

**Funeral of Sergt-Major Dunston**

The funeral of Sergt-Major Dunstan, who was drowned at Petewawa, was held on Tuesday on the arrival of the body by the noon train. The first field company of Canadian engineers, of which deceased was a member, had charge of the funeral arrangements. The 10th field battery, officers and men of the 67th regiment band took part in the burial which was with full military honors. Rev. Fr. McMurray read the prayers at the grave.

Sergt. Dunston had been in the imperial service for twenty-two years and was the possessor of several medals for distinguished services. He also was presented with a handsome pipe by Queen Alexandra for meritorious work in the Boer war. Much sympathy is felt for the family in his untimely death.

**Presentation to Clarence M. Sprague.**

Clarence M. Sprague, of the Merchant Bank staff, was the guest of honor at a farewell dinner given Monday evening at the Golf Club. Mr. Sprague is to leave for Sherbrooke Wednesday night, having been transferred to that city, and his fellow-golfers met to wish him bon voyage. For two years he has been the local golf champion and a tower of strength to the club in its foreign matches, and since he came here from Woodstock three years ago he has made a host of warm friends.

Vice-President J. U. Thomas presided at last night's pleasant function and Secretary J. T. Hartt occupied the vice chair. After a jolly dinner Mr. Thomas, on behalf of the company, presented to Mr. Sprague a golf bag of the latest kind, and gracefully expressed the players' appreciation of their champion as a golfer and as a friend. Mr. Sprague spoke warmly and modestly in reply. There were toasts, and songs, and speeches, all the speakers referring in the warmest terms to the guest.

It is hoped Mr. Sprague may return for the maritime championship meeting here in September, and it was predicted last evening that he would soon be heard from in golfing circles in Upper Canada. The St. John club will miss him greatly.

Telegraph

On Thursday evening the 25th., Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Rankin gave a handsome dance at the Hayden-Gibson for their eldest son, Franklin Sharp Rankin, who is now home on a vacation from Kingston Military College. The invitations, apparently, included all those of the younger set who never throw a prospect for a good dance over their shoulder, and upwards of fifty couples lined up for the Grand March, making a gay spectacle with the light ball costumes of the young ladies interspersed with the bright uniforms of the younger Woodstock military contingent who, notwithstanding high collars and close buttoned jackets, proved their valor by dancing every number of the long dance card through to the end. Mrs. Rankin deserves credit for the smooth and pleasing way in which all arrangements were carried out. The front of the stage was set off with a row of vases filled with golden rod and along in the evening when the curtain was raised there was revealed a woodland scene set with small tables at which refreshments were served and continued during the intermissions of the dances. The music was of exceptionally fine character by members of the Woodstock Band, Mr. Herick playing violin, and Miss Henderson really surpassing her usual excellence on the piano. We of the older "married" set, on lookers from the gallery on the scene of youthful animation below, noted the absence of the old "square dances" which seem now out of fashion, but the Grand March served to recall memories of the older figures, while the German (which is only au fait at large dances of select character, owing to the bewildering change of partners) varied the waltz with figures of the old "quadrille" and proved so diverting that three of the numbers were called for the "German Waltz." Master Rankin returns in Autumn to complete his course at Kingston, where he has already made a creditable record for himself.

**Death of Mrs James Grey**

The death of Mrs. James Grey occurred at her home in Linville, Carleton county, N. B., Sunday, June 23, after an illness of about 4 months of diabetes. Her age was 65 years. Besides her husband she leaves to mourn 3 sons, Frank and Clifford Sharp of Bridgewater, Maine, and Eli Sharp of Vancouver, and two daughters, Mrs Annie Harmon of Kamloops, B. C., and Mrs. Inez Tompkins of Muniac, N. B. She also leaves three brothers and one sister. The deceased had resided in

Bridgewater, Maine, till about two and one-half years ago. She then moved with her husband onto what is known as the Stewart farm, where she lived until her death. The funeral was held at her late home Tuesday, June 25, Rev. Mr. Giberson officiating. The remains were taken to Bridgewater for burial. The pall-bearers were William Miles, A. A. Grant, J. W. Tompkins and William Morehouse. Mrs. Grey was a kind mother, a good neighbor and a true Christian, and leaves many friends who will regret to learn of her death.

**\$150,000 Fire At Augusta Maine**

Augusta, Me., July 28---A spectacular fire on the east bank of the Kennebec river, opposite the city of Augusta tonight destroyed the saw mill and lumber yards of the Augusta Lumber Company and sails and rigging of the three-masted schooner Leora M. Thurlow which was tied up at a dock. The loss is estimated at \$150,000 the cause of the fire is unknown.

**Frederick Rudge**

The death occurred July 22nd at the residence of Mr. Gilford Dunphy, Mouth of Keswick, of Frederick Rudge aged 23 years. The deceased was a native of England and came to this country thirteen years ago. He is survived by two brothers, William of Woodstock, Charles of Montreal, and three sisters, Nellie of Brewer, Me., Kitty of Fredericton, and one in England. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and interment was made at Mouth of Keswick.

**McDade-Bowles**

On Wednesday morning, July 3rd, at 7.30 o'clock, in St. Joseph's church, Vancouver, by Rev. Fr. McKinnon, Miss Margaret Bowles, daughter of Wm. Bowles, formerly of Woodstock, N. B., but now of Vancouver, was united in marriage to Mr. John McDade of the same place. The bride was dressed in a travelling suit of gray cloth with white hat. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Wm. Lee, while Charles McDade, brother of the groom was best man. After lunch the couple took the boat for Seattle and Tacoma, where they will remain for a few days, on their return they will reside in East Collingwood.

**Valley Railway Route In Sunbury And Queens Co's**

A decision will probably be arrived at in a few days as to the final location of the St. John Valley Railway through Sunbury and Queens counties.

There has been much speculation as to which route will be finally adopted and according to the best information available the railway will cross the Oromocto river about half a mile above the village of Oromocto, then run down towards the village, where the operating railway will no doubt have a station, and then follow the river as close as practicable to Gagetown.

This will mean the adaptation of what is known as the Maxwell survey and not the survey afterwards made by the St. John & Quebec Railway Company and which made some long detours from the river.---Gleaner.

At the Education office, Fredericton, Saturday morning, the list of winners of the medals offered by Lieutenant Governor Wood in the High School entrance examinations throughout the province was announced. The leader in the province is Miss Eleanor Boyce, a student attending one of the convent schools in St. John, who was the only one writing the examinations to make marks over 900. The winner in Carleton county is Miss Mary Balmain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Balmain, Woodstock Grammar school; in York, Miss Margaret Baird of Fredericton; in Victoria and Madawaska, Miss Annie Kelley of Andover.

**BORN**

BAKER--At Calgary, July 12th to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Baker, a son.

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