

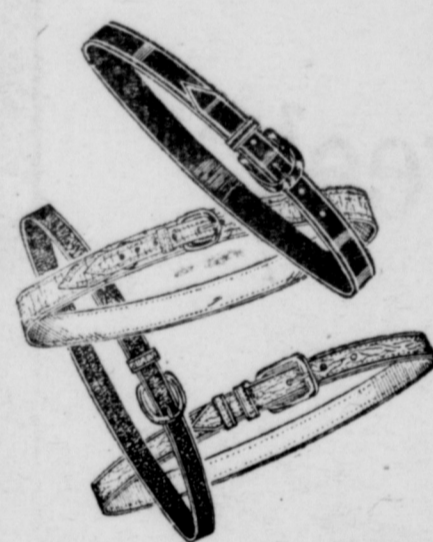
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**June 3 Will Be A Legal
Holiday**

Ottawa, May 26—Canada on June 3 will celebrate the King's birthday as a legal and bank holiday, although the observation of the day as a general holiday will, as last year, be optional with the public throughout the dominion.

The statute states that the King's birthday shall be a holiday but that its observance may be fixed by the government for some other day. King Edward was born on November 9, but as this is a poor month for holidays he asked that it be celebrated on May 24. This was done throughout his life.

King George was born on June 3 and he has communicated his pleasure to the government here that this day shall be observed as a holiday. Accordingly, a proclamation will issue declaring June 3 to be a legal holiday.

E. L. West, Centreville, attended the convention here on Wednesday.

Methodist Notes

The Annual Meeting of the Woodstock District will be held at East Florenceville on Thursday and Friday May 30 and 31 beginning at 2.30 P. M. on Thursday.

The Woodstock District comprises the territory from Tobique to Canterbury and is under the Chairmanship of Rev. R. W. Weddall.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet in Annual Session in the Methodist Church in the Town, on June 4-6th. This branch is connected with the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference and includes the two provinces named.

Some one hundred and twenty delegates are expected and the occasion will be one of deep interest to all who are concerned in the extension of Our Redeemer's Kingdom.

Mrs. W. W. Hay is visiting her mother Mrs. Jones at Oak Point.

Concert of the New Choral Society

Once more Mrs. Adney has added to her laurels as a successful teacher and producer of music of a high class. The first concert of the new chorus, organized by her took place Tuesday evening the 21st in the Hayden-Gibson Theatre to a large, select and appreciative audience. Much curiosity had been aroused for it was a venture into a new field for Woodstock, but as Mrs. Adney had been connected with this kind of work in Victoria, B. C., she must have felt entire confidence when announcing in advance some time ago that this concert would be the musical event of the season. And certainly it was. The program was not only well arranged but the whole concert passed off smoothly and in professional manner. If any had gone to criticise, their voices were stopped or joined in the unanimous expression of both surprise and appreciation. As members of the chorus are aware, the full instructional course was not carried out prior to the concert, and therefore all the more credit to those who took part. Due credit must also be given to the conductor, Mr. Tappan Adney, who has not posed as a "practical" musician in any sense, but certainly his management of the chorus goes far to prove that persons of his wide and scholarly education are equipped for efficiency in almost anything they undertake. His work in drilling the chorus has surprised us all who know him chiefly as an artist and writer of recognized reputation, while his quiet and workmanlike direction inspired the chorus with the confidence so essential to a successful performance. He has received and deserves his share of congratulations for a performance which many have said would have been a credit in any large city. The program was as follows:

1. Gloria in Excelsis, from Mozart's 12th Mass, in the Latin, Mrs. W. D. Rankin, Miss Irma Jones, Mr. Fred Mooers and Mr. Percy Betts singing the "Laudamus."
2. Silver Threads Among the Gold, soprano solo, Mrs Adney with quartette Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Lockwood, and Mr. Betts.
3. Moonlight Boat Ride, chorus, with soprano and alto solo, adapted from "Miserere" and duet from Verdi's Il Trovatore.
4. Chorus, Anchored.
5. Priests' March, from Athalie, by Mendelssohn, twelve hands, three pianos in unison, by Mrs. Sandford Pugsley, Miss Henderson, Mrs. True, Miss Marion Lindsay, Mrs. Adney, and Master Francis Glenn Adney.
6. Soldiers' Chorus, from Gounod's opera of Faust.
7. Chorus, Rest, the Rubinstein Melody in F, to words by Miss Adelaide Proctor.
8. Inflammatus, from "Stabat Mater" of Rossini, cornet solo, by Mr. Ralph Herrick, with Miss Henderson on piano.
9. Far Away The Camp Fires Burn, chorus, from opera of Il Giuramento.
10. Come Unto Me, quartette, Mrs. W. D. Rankin, Miss Irma Jones, Mr. Betts and Mr. Fred Mooers.
11. Pasquinade, by Gottschalk, three pianos in unison, Mrs. Adney, Miss Henderson and Mrs. True.
12. Selections from the Creation oratorio by Haydn. This was the great piece of the evening. The Recitative by Uriel, "And God Said," followed by the measured recitative, "In Splendor Bright," was handsomely sung by Mr. Fred Mooers, and introduced the full chorus "The Heavens Are Telling," including the Trio by Mrs. Lockwood (Gabriel), Mr. Mooers (Uriel), and Mr. Arnold Burnham (Raphael), and working up to a splendid climax by the full chorus. Two pianos in unison (Mrs. True and Miss Henderson) accompanied while Mr. Ralph Herrick on cornet and his father, Mr. Frank B. Herrick on violin, played an obligato that added much to the effect of this grand choral number. Both the latter are trained professional musicians of high ability, the elder Mr. Herrick being our new bandmaster. They also played orchestral parts to several of the other numbers. The evening closed with two familiar songs, Far Away, and Auld Lang Syne. Altogether it was a musical event long to be remembered, the like of which has never been heard before in Woodstock. Dr. and Mrs. Rankin gave an informal supper to the soloists and accompanists afterwards at the Royal Cafe.

**Sod Turning of the St. John
Valley Railroad**

Wednesday, May, 22nd. was a Red-Letter Day for Woodstock. The street were thronged with visitors, the schools and business places were closed, and the whole town took on an aspect of happiness and glee. The occasion was the turning of the first sod of the St. John Valley Railway. For a number of years this project has been a political foot-ball, and when it was finally announced that construction work would actually begin, people came for miles around and brought their children, that in future years they might say they had been present at this important function.

About 2.30 P.M. an immense concourse of people, headed by the 67th Regiment Band wended its way to the Chas. Bull Estate which is south of the Houlton Road and west of the Trotting Park, for it was in this field that the ceremony of sod-turning was to be held. Here booths had been erected where R. E. Holyoke and D. W. C. Stevens with their assistants labored in vain to quench the perennial thirst of the small boy for gratuitous ice-cream and soda-water.

Near these booths a platform had been erected. This was taken possession of by His Worship Mayor Ketchum, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, Hon. J. K. Flemming, Premier of New Brunswick, Hon. H. F. McLeod, Donald Munro M. P. P., Mr. Hibbard, of the Quebec Construction Company, J. T. A. Dibblee H. B. Scott, Pres. Margison, Dr. Rankin and others.

After a short introductory address by the Mayor, Mr. Hibbard on behalf of the Construction Company presented Hon. Mr. Flemming with a Silver Shovel and asked him to turn the first sod of the road. Accompanied by those on the platform and inspired by the sweet strains from the Military Band, Premier Flemming acceded to the request and turned the sod.

Will Fight The Brown Tail Moth

Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion entomologist, arrived in St. John Wednesday after a tour through Nova Scotia in the crusade against the brown tail moth and other insect pests. He is making arrangements for the establishment of field stations with an expert in charge from which the work will be carried on. This morning Dr. Hewitt went to Fredrickton to choose a site for a field station. The work will be directed for the province by J. D. Tothill, B. S. A. Part of his work will be the introduction and breeding of parasites which feed upon and destroy the brown tail moth without being in themselves a menace. The plan of establishing field stations is part of the general scheme of combating the brown tail moth. The expert will be ready to give information and advice to farmers all over the province, to examine suspected cases of insect pests, ect.

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Graham-Merrithew

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Saunders on May 22nd, when Miss Emma A. Merrithew was united in holy matrimony to John E. Graham of Woodstock.

The bride was becomingly attired in her travelling suit of navy blue serge with hat to match.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts, including silver, glass furniture and a sum of money. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold bracelet.

Miss Merrithew who has for the past year been keeping store, has gained many friends, and all join in wishing her a long and happy wedded life. The happy couple left on the morning train for St. John and other points. On their return they will reside at Woodstock.

The regular practices will be resumed and continued during the summer at the Woodstock School of Music. On June 17th, the Children's Chorus will give a concert at the Hayden-Gibson.

BORN

NASON—At Dowville, Sunday May 12th to Mr. and Mrs. David Nason a son.

**"A Tribute to Our W. C. T. U.
Sister."**

The members of the W. C. T. U. of Woodstock attended the funeral of the late Mrs. J. D. Dickinson in a body.

The remains which had rested in a vault in Los Angeles, since February, arrived here with her daughter Mrs. Chas. Dickinson, Tuesday, and a short service was held at her late home on Wednesday afternoon, May 15th.

She was a charter member of the W. C. T. U., and the Union feels her loss keenly, for although away from us for some years, her interest in our work has ever been manifest.

Hers was a noble nature, whose very presence carried sunshine wherever she went, a sunshine which meant pity for the poor, sympathy for the suffering, help for the unfortunate, and benignity towards all. It seemed her life motto was to do a kindness to some one every day, and she certainly fulfilled the command, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

She was a grand business woman, and led a very active life, and believed firmly that "absence of occupation is not rest." As treasurer of the Union for many years she proved a very correct and efficient officer; in fact had it not been her splendid management and handling of our funds, we would not to-day have a balance in the bank, as well as being able to contribute to benevolent work.

She always deliberated cautiously and acted with decision. She was a strong character, gentle yet firm, a woman of great self-control, and adapted herself to her surroundings with a spirit of divine contentment.

A few months after going to California, she was directed in a marked way to a mission where she was enabled in a very definite way to help the needy, unfortunate ones of the city; not only those whose lives had been blighted by the demon drink, but homeless neglected elderly people. Here she continued in a business capacity until her own health failed in December. Tokens of loving esteem and regard were manifest wherever her duties had called her—all felt they had lost a true friend and helper.

The last three months of her life were spent with her daughter Mrs. Alice Raymond, in Imperial Valley, Cal., where she enjoyed the warm sunshine of outdoor life and the loving care and fellowship of her two daughters and sister Mrs. Peters. Hers was a painless sickness, her strength waning gradually many hours were spent in sleep, but her mind was clear, her faith strong, and her hope well defined. Her communion with God instant, while she realized her life was hid with Christ in God, and believed that "when He should appear she would appear with Him in glory."

Arbitration Conference

Mohonk Lake, N. Y., May, 22.—The national arbitration closed a successful meeting on Friday. The platform reported to-day by the executive committee was, in part, as follows:

"The Eighteenth Lake Mohonk conference on-international arbitration expresses its profound gratitude to the President of the United States for his illustrious service for the cause of international peace in the effort for the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France.

"We believe that the President, in this memorable effort, represented the great popular sentiment of the American people, and deploring the defeat for the moment of his high purpose we call upon the people for unremitting endeavor to secure the early conclusion of treaties of equal or broader scope with the great nations of the world."

In other planks the gratification of the conference is expressed at the prominent place given arbitration on the programme of the coming International Congress of Chambers of Commerce, and at the "inspiring evidences of the broadening co-operation of the world's peace workers," given by the presence of so many foreign representatives at the present conference.

Mrs. James Johnston, of Florenceville, who has been visiting friends in town for a few days, returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. James G. Millar and son, of Chatham, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McNaught.

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