

Board of Works 1907

## JUST SIXTY YEARS AGO

Interesting Article of the Early Days Giving the Names of the Manufacturers of that Time

The following is from the Victoria County News, taken from a copy of the Woodstock Reformer published here on Thursday, June 3, 1853:—

It is gratifying to observe that the people of this province generally, and especially of this county, are daily becoming less dependent than they have been on the skill and labors of other lands. The time has been—when even the most common instruments used by our farmers, lumberers and mechanics were imported. Our stores were filled with American implements and the products of transatlantic work. This is still too much the case—yet, by no means to such an extent as formerly. The specimens of home labor, energy and invention at the Provincial Exhibition abundantly proved the capacity of New Brunswickers to make for themselves almost all the tools, instruments and utensils required for the ordinary business of life. It must have been obvious to every person who examined the articles of the description referred to, exhibited on this occasion, that it is not necessity which induces us to import from the United States—ploughs, waggons and farming tools of every description, or one tenth of the articles which have been and still to a great extent are culpably imported from thence. We say culpably, for culpable we certainly regard it not to buy from our own people in preference to foreigners, and not to do all in our power to foster and encourage native industry. Let us do good to all, but especially to those of our own household. Of the manufactures of other portions of the province, we may speak hereafter, and only reminding our readers, that from recent intelligence it is probable that New Brunswick is destined to become one of the first ship-building countries in the world, we pass on to make a remark or two on what enterprise and skill have done in our immediate vicinity. We hardly know to what first to direct our attention, but having, strange to say, felt the benefit of a fire in a stove this last day of May—we will begin with stoves. And of them we have to remark that any person who wants one can be supplied at a reasonable rate with as good a stove as can be made anywhere, at Mr R A Hay's foundry in Woodstock, where also are to be found castings of all descriptions as good and cheap as those which are imported.

Near Mr Hay's foundry is Mr Payson's wagon manufactory, where waggons can be obtained made of the best white oak, and finished in a superior style. At the same place all is well done which the wheelwright can do. In the same vicinity, axes, very superior to those generally imported from the States, are manufactured by Messrs Jones and Everett.

At Upper Woodstock we saw, the other day, a set of harness made by Mr Stoddard, which would reflect credit on one of the first London mechanics, while in this village Mr McDonald has long been distinguished for superior workmanship in the same line. At Upper Woodstock all sorts of work in iron are most efficiently done by Mr Broderick.

For some years past the idea prevailed in this province, that if we wanted good apples we must send to New York or Nova Scotia for them. Owing however to Mr Sharp's exertions this misconception no longer exists, at least not in Carleton. In his orchard last fall were to be seen apples far superior to any that Nova Scotians send here, and quite equal in flavor and size to any imported from New York.

Now the few facts to which we have referred indicate a most wholesome and desirable reform—one which every well wisher of the province must feel bound to promote.

The Press has been making inquiries and learns the following particulars of the gentlemen mentioned in the above article:—

Mr R A Hay was the father of Foster Brundage Hay and Mrs W S Corbett who are living in Woodstock,

Mr Alfred Payson is the man mentioned. No family.

Mr David Jones, father of Mr R B Jones of the Manchester House.

Mr James Everett, father of the late J Crandall Everett of Hartland.

Mr I H Stoddard married Miss Lougee and moved to the United States.

Mr James McDonald whose daughter Mrs Walter Belyea lives here.

Mr Ashel Broderick, Upper Woodstock, whose family has all gone from here.

Mr Stephen Parsons carried on the tannery at the Lower Corner, where the Dickinson plant is now. Mr S J Parsons is the only one of the family living here.

Mr Frank Sharp, the world-wide known orchardist, is survived by Mr Humboldt Sharp in the Canadian west who is a son, while Mrs W D Rankin and Mrs Tappan Adney, both of this town, are daughters.

## GRAND LODGE, I O O F

The session of the Grand Lodge concluded its business in Chatham N B, on Thursday night. The most important piece of business was the decision to meet next year in Woodstock. The Rebekah Assembly in the afternoon was marked by a memorial service in respect to the deceased brothers and sisters of the past year. This solemn ceremony was conducted by the Vice President, Mrs Olive Lindow, assisted by Mrs Lyons, warden of the assembly.

The election of officers was then taken up and resulted as follows:

President, Mrs Olive Lindow, St Stephen; Vice President, Mrs Lyons, Hantsport, N S; Warden, Mrs Dr Morrison, Dominion, Cape Breton; Secretary, Mrs Melville McKean, North Sydney, re-elected; Treasurer, Mrs Janie MacGowan, Moncton, re-elected.

The first order of business Thursday morning was the election of officers. The following officers were elected: Charles E Cruikshank, New Glasgow, Grand Master; H E Codner, St John, Deputy Grand Master; Rev Canon Newnam, St Stephen, Grand Warden; J J McKinnon, Charlottetown, Grand Secretary; J H Balcom, Halifax, Grand Treasurer; W M Field, Andover, N B, Grand Chaplain; Rev Canon Newnam, Grand Representative; S B Ebbett, Fredericton, Grand Marshal; Daniel C McDonald, Sydney Mines, Grand Conductor.

## MRS DANIEL McLEAN

Mrs Daniel McLean, whose deceased husband, in his day was a well known lumberman, died at her home here on Wednesday aged 90 years. She is survived by one son Norman of this town.

The funeral, in charge of Director Vanwart, was held at 2:30 on Friday afternoon with interment in the Methodist cemetery.

## ROBERT ROBINSON

Robert Robinson, a well known and popular resident of Newburg Junction, where he was born on the homestead on which he died, passed away after a lingering illness, on Saturday afternoon, August 9th, aged 65 years. He is survived by a widow, who was a Miss Martin, but no children. Mrs Allan Sharp of Hainesville, York county, is a sister of deceased.

The funeral took place on August 11th, the interment being in the Baptist cemetery at Lower Brighton. Rev Allan Rideout conducted the services, the pall bearers being the two nephews J O Robinson and Nelson Sharp, and two brothers-in-law Wm Martin and John Archibald.

## ALEXANDER GIBSON

Mr Alexander Gibson, sr., one of Canada's greatest captains of industry, who retired from active business in the latter part of the year of 1908 after one of the most remarkable business careers in the annals of the Dominion, died Thursday morning at his home in Marysville.

Since some time before he celebrated his 94th birthday on August 1st last, Mr Gibson had been critically ill. He was suffering from a general breakdown, the ravages of old age having attacked his system, and he gradually lost his vitality until the end came. Wednesday night his pulse was 125

and at 6.15 o'clock Thursday morning he passed peacefully away surrounded by the members of his family.

Mr Gibson was married when a young man, but was predeceased by his wife some twenty odd years. Two sons, Mr Alexander Gibson, jr., ex-M.P., and Mr James Gibson; three daughters, Mrs John R McConnell, Mrs Charles H Hatt and Mrs Frank M Merritt, survive and all reside at Marysville. One sister, Mrs Charlotte Clendenning, widow of the late James Clendenning, who formerly resided at Marysville, now lives at Mr Gibson's old home at St Stephen. Nineteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon and was attended by hundreds. Service was conducted at the house by Rev. G. M. Campbell, assisted by Rev. C. Flemington, Rev. H. E. Thomas and Rev. M. Pinkham. Interment was made in Marysville Methodist cemetery. The favorite hymns of the deceased, "Rock of Ages," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "The Lord is My Shepherd," were sung during the funeral service. Many public bodies were represented, including the town council of Marysville, city council of Fredericton, county council of York, and the Fredericton Board of Trade.

## JOHN PICKEL

John Pickel, a well known citizen, who for many years was employed by Dickinson Co., died at his home Sunday morning, aged 76 years. He is survived by a widow, three sons, J Perley, Stanley and Frank Pickel and one daughter, Mrs Chas Mutch, all of Woodstock. The funeral will take place to-day, Rev H C Archer conducting the services and the pall bearers will be the three sons and the son-in-law.

## BATH

The hay has been all harvested in excellent condition.

Mrs Wm. Martin has had a concrete wall put under her new house recently purchased from Wm. McKean, the work was done by Hiram Drost of this place.

Rev. W. S. Tedford, returned Missionary, from India spoke in the Baptist Church here on Thursday evening last, and will again occupy the pulpit on Sabbath evening the 24 inst.

The Baptist Churches of this group of Churches have engaged, we are informed, Rev. Samuel Johnston to take this field. He will begin work here on the first of September.

E. W. Seeley, of Moncton, is a visitor to the village. Mrs. Seeley and their daughter Florence have been spending the summer at her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. R. Phillips.

Fred C. Squiers and Mrs. Squiers and baby arrived here today to spend a few days with Mr. Squiers' parents.

Mrs. Earl Reid and Miss Bessie Cox, of Lewiston, Me., Trained Nurses left for their home to-day. They have been spending their vacation here with their aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. E. Shaw.

Miss Beatrice Lipsitt, of Jacksonville, who has been spending a few days with Miss Ethel Simms here, will teach at Upper Woodstock next term.

Mrs. Peters, a former resident here, is visiting friends at this place.

John Ryan, Provincial Constable, made a visit to Fredericton and vicinity recently on business.

Mr. Hunt, of Haverhill Mass., who has been spending some weeks the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shaw left for his home on Friday last.

Miss Ada Giberson left for Penticton B. C. on Wednesday last, where she will teach in the Public Schools.

The following ladies and gentlemen from Woodstock attended the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. and the Rebekah Assembly, which met at Chatham last week,—Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. C. Comben, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Dalling, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellsworth, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Alex B'n'n, Miss C. Allingham, Miss A. P. Dent, John Atherton and J. Fred Davidson.

J. P. Malaney left Tuesday evening for St. John to attend the Maritime Press Association.

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T. C. Hartley East Florenceville was in town on Monday, on business.

Daniel Gray, Belleville Carl McLellan, Lee Bell, Oakville, Alfred Brown, Richmond and Wm. Henderson, Hartford, left on Thursday for Winnipeg on the Harvesters' Excursion.

**KIRKLAND**

We are having very warm weather at present and not much rain.

On Aug. 3rd., a young son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rolond Anderson, of Monument Sett.

A young son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greer on Aug. 11.

A second class female teacher is wanted for District No. 11., at Monument Sett., to commence Aug. 26th.

The W. F. M. Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Allan McDougall.

Wilmer Bunting and Charles Dewelly went West on the Harvest excursion.

The Orangemen purpose holding a supper on the Afternoon Aug 21 at their hall. All kinds of sports will be indulged in. A first class merry-go-round will be on the grounds.

Rev. Robert Miller held services in the P. Church when Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kennedy had their baby baptised and named Thomas Fowler.

Mrs. J. R. Tupper, of Toronto, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Perkins.