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### Stories of the St John District

"The River Islanders of Yesterday,"  
by Theodore G. Roberts of Fredericton.

Beginning with the first issue in April, The Youth's Companion, of Boston, will publish a series of six stories of life a century ago in the St. John River country. They are by Theodore G. Roberts of Fredericton, and he has entitled the series, "The River Islanders of Yesterday." The interest in the stories will undoubtedly be wide because of their merit as stories, but they are likely to appeal especially to the people of the St. John River district because they faithfully picture a phase of life familiar here two or three generations ago. The first of these stories, "Captain Stanway's Gun-Loader," tell of one of those heroic incidents not uncommon in pioneer life, when men did not stop to count the cost if a thing had to be done. A copy of the issue containing this first story will be sent without charge to anyone requesting it of the A. O. P. department of The Youth's Companion, Boston, Mass.

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### CENTREVILLE

(Too late for last week.)

The pleasant weather of last Sunday was measurably responsible for the large congregations at the churches, here.

The quarterly meeting of the United Baptists will be held with the Mount Pleasant church on Monday and Tuesday 9th and 10th, inst.

James Hartley's house at Tracy Mills, was burned one day last week. The fire was so far advanced when discovered that nothing could be saved from the

upper part of the building. Fortunately Mr. Hartley had a small insurance.

Darius Nelson, who had been a resident of Hartley Settlement died at Westfield, Me., last week. His remains were brought to Tracy Mills for interment.

Mrs. Jos. Vandine returned from Portland Me., last week.

Mrs. A. J. Clark is at present caring for Mr. and Mrs. James Clark.

Dr. McLavis, of St. John, lectured in Sherwood's Hall last Thursday evening. His principal object in coming here is to extend the sale of an instrument for the cure of diseases called The "Oxyphator" His sales here were not large.

The "Mars Hill View" says,— If the U. S. potatoes have any amount of powdery scab on them it must have come from N. B. for none were found in farmers cellars or potato bins over there. How strange that would sound to one having any knowledge of the affair. Why are Aroostock potatoes shut out of Boston and New York markets?

### JACKSONVILLE

Miss Christiana Tilley, was the week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chipman Tilley, returning to her school near Debec on Monday.

Mrs. Samuel Harper and Mrs. Jane Slipp are visiting in Limestone, Maine, called thither by the serious illness of their aunt M. S. Brown.

Rev. George Ayres preached a powerful, practical sermon last Sabbath evening on tithing.

The Debating Club at Jacksonville is increasing in popularity and interest. The last debate was most exciting as to the pros and cons of an education for the average person. The question as to who might be an average person, caused almost as much discussion as the main subject, but as it was decided that such an education was not necessary for a farmer. This club is planning to meet the club at Waterville at an early date, when the roads make getting about less dangerous. The next debate is upon which is the best place to live—East or West?

Frank Everett returned from Woodstock on Tuesday. He was called to the bedside of Rev. Mr. Bleakney who, it was feared, was failing very rapidly. At present however, the reverend gentleman is holding up very well, but is still in a serious condition.

Willie Alterton left on Tuesday for Montreal in charge of several cars of potatoes.

The soft weather has left the roads in a deplorable condition, it being necessary to travel through fields and people's door yards to get along at all. The road masters are doing their best but must wait for colder weather before accomplishing anything worth while.

### William R. Snow.

A telegram was received on Friday morning, dated at Meredith, N. H., stating that "Mr. W. R. Snow, a wealthy Woodstock, N. B., man was burned to death in a leading Boston hotel fire horror last night."

Friends in Boston were communicated with and it was found that the sad news was only too true. He left here for a visit to Boston about a week before his death. Deceased was 76 years of age and is survived by one brother, C. B. Snow, of Woodstock.

The funeral took place Monday, in St. Andrews, the Rev. Mr. Elliott, of the Anglican church officiating. C. B. Snow brother of deceased, his nephew, Roy Snow, and G. Harry Noble, attended the funeral. The pall bearers, members of Ivanhoe Lodge K. of P. Woodstock, as follows:—Wm. Balmain, W. E. Stone, Fred Cowan and Frank Foster, also went to St. Andrews Monday morning to attend the funeral.

William R. Snow was the son of Joshua Snow, of this town. When a young man he enlisted in the Maine cavalry and fought through the Civil War. During that trying period he was attached for a while to the staff of General Grant. Only one of the local men who were in the Maine Cavalry with deceased is now alive. Returning after peace was declared he was in business here for awhile, when he was married to Miss Ella Martin, and shortly afterwards he removed to the States where he was in the shoe business. His second wife was Miss Carrie Dawson who died some years ago. For a couple years he was chief of police of the town. He then conducted a steam laundry here for some years. Disposing of it, he retired from business and has been leading a quiet life. He has been receiving a large pension from the United States. The deceased was the possessor of many virtues, being kind and charitable, was a good citizen, a member of the K. of P. Lodge, Woodstock, and all will regret the accident that caused his death.

A Boston newspaper describing the fire says:—

"One man was burned to death, three others were seriously injured, and hundreds of men and women, were rescued largely through the heroism of a telephone girl and an elevator boy in a fire that gutted the upper floors of the Quincy House Thursday evening causing a damage of \$50,000. There were more than 500 people in the hotel, and more than 100 lost their belongings.

On entering room 619, where the fire had been raging the fiercest, W. R. Snow, 79 years old, of Woodstock, N. B., was found unconscious on the floor. He was taken to the office and found to be dead. He was badly burned and had evidently been suffocated by smoke. Mr. Snow came to Boston on February 27th and had been staying at the Quincy House since that time. Though little is known of him it is believed that he is a retired business man.

Heroes were made by the minute. While other employes were rushing through the halls, almost blinded by smoke, Miss Mary M. Murphy, the telephone operator, coolly stuck to her post of duty and by her sure and rapid work, saved the lives of hundreds by calling them in their rooms.

For half an hour the hotel was the scene of the wildest excitement. Women scantily clad, fled screaming through the halls and down the steps, or were carried down by the elevator boy, Mac Kay. Men with clothing and baggage under their arms, supported them to the exits. Banqueters in evening dress fled from their dining rooms where as many clubs were holding dinners. More than \$200,000 worth of jewelry belonging to guests were saved.

The flames had reached the telephone wires before they were discovered, the lights on the house telephone switch board flashing, so many flashed at the same time, that Miss Murphy realizing that something out of the ordinary was happening ordered employes to the sixth floor to investigate.

### ENTERTAINMENT.

The Bluebirds announce an entertainment by the "Sweet Family" on Friday March 13th, in the vestry of the Free byterian Church. Selections by "Ogilvie Orchestra" during the evening. Home made candy for sale. 7.00 o'clock prompt—Admission 15 cents

### TOWN COUNCIL.

At the council meeting Monday evening the following members of the board were present: Couns. Lindsay, Gallagher, Burden and Flemming.

In the absence of the Mayor, Coun. Lindsay occupied the chair.

The report of the town treasurer and a number of bills were read and referred to the audit committee.

A committee from the Board of Trade and Agricultural Society No. 41 was present and asked to be heard. Messrs A. D. Holyoke, C. H. Perkins and Thomas Strong represented the Agricultural Society; E. W. Mair and William Balmain the Board of Trade.

Mr. Holyoke in his remarks said the society would start in the early spring to improve the grounds and erect exhibition buildings, and it was felt that this honorable body could see its way clear to contribute \$500, in aid of the projected improvements.

Sometime ago the grounds belonging to the society were sold for purposes of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company at the urgent request of the council of that time. It was made to appear to the Society that the grounds would be used only for railway purposes and the town had good prospect of divisional point and repair shops. If these prospects materialized the town was to reimburse the company for amount of expenditure. The Society will require in the vicinity of \$25,000. Some assistance will be given by the local government. The Agricultural Society will be a great benefit to the town. Resolutions have already been passed to hold annual exhibition of three days. Dates have been so arranged that Woodstock will be in a circuit that includes many near by towns, and thus be in a position to secure all the attractions that go to make a successful exhibition. From three to six thousand people will be brought here every year and much benefit will result to the town. It is earnestly hoped that this Council will include in the estimates a grant of \$500 for the purpose as stated.

Mr. E. W. Mair said the whole affair dated back to the sale of the grounds, when it was expected that the town had a fair show to get the divisional point and repair shops. The property was bought at a price named and no doubt had the railway company been compelled to pay what the property was worth it would have amounted to much more. The town had agreed to reimburse the company for this expenditure.

Coun. Lindsay—"Who owns the land that lately belonged to the agricultural society."

Mr. Mair—"The land is owned by a company."

Coun. Lindsay—"Is this the land that is advertised for sale in lots?"

Mr. Mair—"No this is not the land."

Mr. Perkins and Mr. Balmain followed urging the grant of \$500.

Mr. Thomas Strong said he was president of the old society and personally was opposed to selling the property, and only sanctioned the sale for the benefit it was represented it would be to the town of Woodstock. We put ourselves in an awkward position, when we made this sacrifice for the town. We were at the time made to believe that the town would furnish land, and that failed. Finally we sold at a very small price, especially when we wanted to buy.

Coun. Lindsay—"In all probability the matter will be arranged satisfactorily."

It was moved that action on the request be deferred until Friday night.

It was moved that an order be drawn for \$200 payable to Rev. H. C. Archer, the amount voted the ambulance fund.

Coun. Flemming asked who was responsible for the proper lighting of the streets.

Coun. Lindsay—"The new councillor."

Coun. Flemming—"Many complaints have been made about the lights being out in several parts of the town and I seem to be unable to locate the person who is supposed to keep the lights on."

Town Clerk Hartley—"I was told by Mr. Carveik the President of

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