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BATH, N. B.

Feb. 21st, 1916.

The advance department of the School here re-opened this week, the teacher Mr. Thos Pickard having received from his recent illness,

Mrs. C. E. Harris left for Lowell Mass. the first of the week to visit her niece, Mrs. Lang [nee Miss Clara Wheeler] who is reported to be in poor health.

James W. Day, Inspector for The Queen Fire Insurance Co., of St. John and Mr. Walter Shaw representative of The Board Co. Ltd, Woodstock, were callers here this week.

There is a much larger quantity of lumber cut on the Monquart Stream this winter, than has been cut for a number of years, McLaughlin Bros. of Tobique River have two millions feet of lumber to drive from this stream this coming spring.

Messrs Hayes & Vaniderstein, are running their Mill here day and also night to clear it of the large amount of logs that are being landed for manufacture, this last named firm intend to install an electric dynamo in their mill the coming summer, and will supply the Town with light, already a number of people are planning to build houses here also during the coming summer.

The congregation of the Baptist Church are still without a regular Pastor, and Rev. G. A. Ross, pastor of the Methodist Church was unable to attend his appointment yesterday on account of the heavy storm, which was one of the severest in years the train service was very much hindered, the down express being four hours late.

Miss Ada F. Giberson, is spending a few days in Woodstock, she is accompanied by her brother Vince Giberson.

Fred C. Squires B. A. Principal of The Grammar School at Woodstock, was a caller here recently.

The Red Cross Society met recently at the home of Mrs. John K. McIntosh.

Miss Maud Stanlake, teacher of the Primary school here was a caller on her sister at Listerville, over Sunday and returned home to-day.

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Miss Ethel Simms, teacher of the advance department of the Bristol Schools spent Sunday at her home here.

Miss Dora M. Barker will take charge of the School in Demerchant Settlement the first of next month, the trustees having allowed her two months leave of absence.

Considerable quantities of farm produce is still to be marketed, but the most of the potatoes have already found sale and have been shipped.

E. R. Holyoke, Esq. of Woodstock was a visitor to this town to-day.

Douglas Garden

Douglas Garden died at Bridgewater Hospital in Massachusetts, on Friday, the 4th day of February aged 60 years. The body was brought to Portland, Maine, and was interred in Forest City cemetery on Monday the 7th day of February. Mr. Donald Garden of Portland, was a brother, and the late Mrs. Wm. Connell of Woodstock, was a sister. He was the youngest son of the late A. W. Garden of Woodstock. Mr Wm. Connell attended the funeral.

Edward True

Edward True died Monday morning after a long illness at his home on Chapel street. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Arthur Dixon, Sackville, Mrs. Judson Vanwart, and Miss Agnes, both of Woodstock. Funeral will be held on Wednesday. The deceased was 67 years of age.

Mrs Weaver

Very sad news reached Woodstock on Saturday night in the announcement of the death of Mrs Dr. Weaver of Fredericton, of Paemonia, after a week's illness. Mrs Weaver was the youngest daughter of the late Livingston Dibblee. She was greatly liked wherever she was known, a husband and one little daughter survive. Other survivors are: Her mother living in Woodstock; three brothers and two sisters: Rev H E Dibblee, rector at Amherst, N. S.; R R Dibblee and T F Dibblee, living on the home-stand in Woodstock; Mrs L. H. Bliss and Mrs A. A. Shute, of Fredericton, the funeral took place Tuesday afternoon with service at Christ Church Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. Interment was made at the Rural cemetery.

Zelda Vanwart

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Vanwart will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in the death of their eldest daughter, Zelda, aged nine years, which occurred on Saturday last, after a short illness of diphtheria. The funeral was held on Sunday, the Rev. F. L. Orchard officiating.

Mrs. S. S. Miller, of Hartland, was in town last week.

The members of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11 F. & A. M. made a fraternal visit to Carleton Lodge F. & A. M., Florenceville, on Thursday, 15 members went in the party under E. W. Jarvis W. M. and worked the 1st degree for Carleton Lodge. Major Laughlan of the 104th, Past Master of Vic Lodge F & A M assisted in the work. After the Lodge closed the members of the Craft to the number of about 70 sat down to a banquet furnished by the members of Carleton. Masonry in Carleton County during the last year has been very brisk

Board Of Trade

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the office of A D Holyoke on Monday evening, Feb 14, President E W Jarvis in the chair and Geo L Holyoke acting as secretary. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The president reported that he and Council of the board had an interview with Mr Bamford of the C P R in connection with the switch charges and general freight rates. That gentleman promised to take the matter under consideration, and the President hoped that an improvement will be made in the rates as applicable to Woodstock.

E W Mair, for the nominating committee, reported recommending the following list of officers for the present year, which list was approved by the board.

E W Jarvis, president  
F O Creighton, vice president,  
A D Holyoke, secretary  
C W Manner, treasurer.

Council of the board—Messrs W D Rankin, Wallace Gibson, Wm Sutton, E R Teed, J W Gallagher, R McKillop, Alfred Page, G E Balmain, Willard Carr and E W Mair.

E W Jarvis made a well thought out address on Civic Taxes and Assessment. One false idea prevalent was the taxation was a fine people have to pay who own property; such people say that when they pay a water or sewer tax they get something for their money, but that they do not for ordinary taxes; as a matter of fact taxes are paid to keep up the privileges that everybody enjoys in town fire protection, police protection and the upkeep of the schools, for which the larger part of the taxes are expended our taxes here are distributed pretty nearly as the people are able to pay. The real fair way probably would be for every man to pay an equal amount although an argument against that method would be that a man with property would get more benefit from the police and fire service. We cannot divide the tax pro rata because many men could not pay their share. Probably it would not be right to tax free capital and thus drive it out of the town where it might ultimately be used in our industries; neither would it be right to tax improvements. Buildings should be taxed, and land should bear part of the burden, but not all of the tax, as single taxers advocate. The president then outlined a scheme of taxation, by fixing a central point, and making 1000 feet sections, the taxes to be equal in the different sections, and getting lower as the property is farther from the central point.

E. W. Mair said that it was true that the system of taxation here was based on the ability of the man to pay. The hardest thing to contend with here was the question of leased land. The man who puts up the building on leased land has to pay the tax. The poorest piece of legislation now in vogue was the exemption of taxes on provincial bonds; that legislation should never have been passed. We could put up with the assessment here, but the failure to collect the taxes was our greatest grievance. He explained how the collections were made by Mr. Sweet in Houlton when the entire list is collected every year, and there had been years when the assessment had been over-collected, the collector finding men on his rounds, who were not on the list and should have been, from which he made the collection as required by law.

G. E. Balmain agreed with Mr. Mair that the trouble here was in the failure to collect the taxes. We have not the right kind of machinery to make the collections. It was the intention of Coun Young to make a move towards improvement this year, but as a rule when the people get a good man at the Council they have not sense enough to keep him, and Coun Young was no exception to the rule and he was defeated. The Council of this year intend to grapple with the question. At present there are too many legal quibbles and red tape before the collections can be made, in fact the present law puts a premium on defaulters.

Dr. Rankin said that the present method of taxation would be satisfactory, but the method of administration

was very bad.

R. McKillop did not know much about the local conditions, but in Montreal he never had to pay taxes, unless it was the water tax. Property is taxed solely and the owner adjusts it onto the tenants, who of course pay the tax indirectly. Water rates and sewer rates are high and in the closely populated districts the sewer rates are very high. There is no question but that all land should be taxed.

President Jarvis—The Council of last year wiped out a floating indebtedness of \$10,000, and we have no fault to find with it. The taxes should be collected without mercy. The town is a social club on a large scale, and like unto a club every man should pay his share.

Mr. Mair said that under our system the man who owns the building pays the tax, although there may be a mortgage on it. In Fredericton they apportioned the taxes by zones, the central zone paying two per cent and the outskirts paying but one per cent.

Mr. Mair reported on the proposed board of trade dinner.

Moved by George E. Balmain, seconded by Alfred Page, that the committee be increased by two. Carried.

The chair appointed the mover and seconder, making the committee Messrs Mair, Balmain and Page.

On motion W. Jack Dibblee was elected a member of the board.

Alfred Page, the retiring treasurer, reported a credit balance of \$14.73 at the end of the year.

The report was received and a vote of thanks tendered to Mr. Page for his services during the year.

Adjourned.

Annual Meeting  
of the

New Brunswick Beekeepers  
Association at FREDERICTON  
MARCH 2nd., 1916

The New Brunswick Beekeepers Association will hold its Annual Meeting at the Agricultural offices, March 2nd., 1916, at 2.15, p.m. See Program Below:—

2.15.—Meeting called to order; reading of Minutes.

2.25.—Presidents Address.

2.45.—Sec'y-Treasurer's Report.

3.00.—Address, F. W. L. Shaden, Dom. Apiarist, Ottawa.

4.00.—Unfinished Business

4.30.—Election of Officers for 1916-17.

5.00.—Adjournment.

This will be a very important meeting and every member of the Association and all others interested in beekeeping are urgently requested to attend.

Get standard certificates on railway.

H. B. Durost,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Germany's Last

Desperate Effort

New York, Feb. 15.—Take Gombescu former Roumanian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Pro-Entente leader, calling to the New York America from Bucharest, says:

"I believe that Germany must make a last desperate effort to force peace next summer by a stupendous effort on either the French or Russian front. Her menace to Saloniki is pure bluff, while the threatened advance against Egypt is ephemeral.

"As for Roumania, I have always been of the opinion that we committed a grave error when we failed to intervene on the side of the Allies, the moment Bulgaria attacked Serbia. I can only hope that, in the face of the present crisis, we will not repeat the same fault.

Roumania seeks to provoke no one, but I cannot believe she will lower her colors before the violation of her rights. Her army is rubbing with patriotism and confidence, and I am certain that those who would have her pursue a course contrary to her interests will arrive at nothing."