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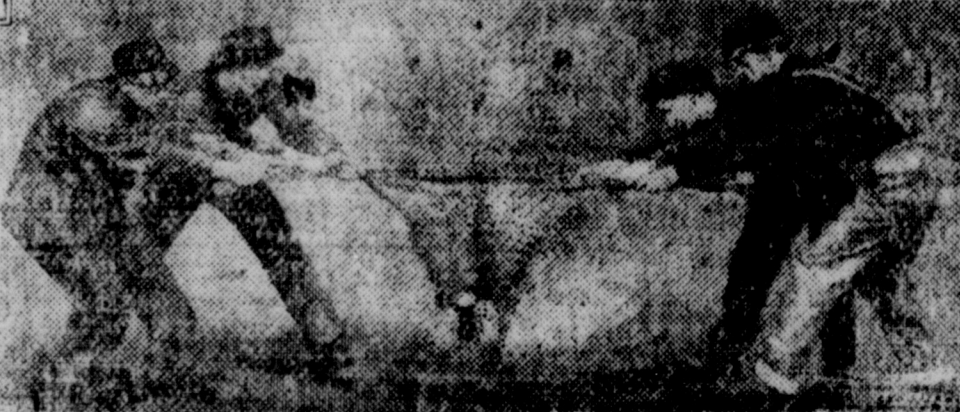
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## Mrs. Mary Everett

The death took place on Sunday June 3 of Mrs. Mary Everett at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph C. Bleakney Lower Woodstock. She was in her 90th year. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Bleakney, and one son Geo. Everett of Fort Fairfield. She was a member of the Baptist church. The funeral took place on Tuesday at 2.30 from the residence of her daughter.

## Mrs. Clifford T. Dalling

Mrs. H. V. Dalling has received the sad news that Mrs. Clifford T. Dalling died on May 23rd, at her home, Coleridge, Hot Springs, after a long illness of tuberculosis. She is survived by one son, eight years of age. Mrs. Dalling who at one time conducted Carleton Hall, was highly respected and her death is deeply regretted by her many friends.

## Vernon McCluskey

News was received in St. John on Tuesday of the death of another member of Major Barker's unit in a despatch from Ottawa to Mr. W. Gamblin requesting him to advise relatives that Vernon McCluskey had been killed. The deceased for some years associated with Messrs. J. M. Humphrey & Co., was a young man about 28 years of age, who enjoyed the respect of his employers and of all who knew him. Mr. McCluskey was a son of Mr. and

Mrs. Ernest McCluskey of Rolling Dam Charlotte County. His wife who survives is a daughter of Mr. G. A. Thomas, Woodstock. He also leaves two brothers, one with No. 1 Section. Ammunition Column and the other in Boston. The news of Mr. McCluskey's death was heard with sincere regret by his former associates, and Mayor Hayes spoke most appreciatively of him as a man of splendid character and sterling worth.—St. John Globe.

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## BORN

BEDELL.—Woodstock, June 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bedell, a son.  
GARDINER.—At the Fisher Hospital, on Sunday May 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gardiner, a son.

## Hon. H. A. Connell

Hon. H. A. Connell, one of our leading citizens, died at the residence of his daughter, on Monday night, May 28, after some months illness, aged 83 years.

Henry Augustus Connell, of the late firm of Connell Bros., founders and machinists at Woodstock, N. B., was a well known business man and an influential citizen. He was born in Woodstock, October 24, 1834, a son of Henry Farmer Connell. His paternal grandfather, Charles Connell, who was a loyalist, settled in Woodstock when a young man and engaged in general farming.

Henry Farmer Connell was born in Woodstock in the year 1800 and during the earlier part of his life lived on the parental homestead. In 1839 he removed to the then village of Wood-



stock, where he established a tannery, which he carried on successfully for many years. Being forced on account of impaired health to give up business, he spent one winter in the south, hoping there to recuperate his energies but died soon after his return home. He married Isabella Harding of Mangerville, N. B., and had four children, namely: Eliza who was the wife of Rev. Mr. Allen of St. John; Henry Augustus; Charles F and William. The mother was a member of the Methodist church.

Henry A. Connell's career as a pupil of the public schools of Woodstock was suddenly terminated the morning when he, a lad of 14 years, threw an ink bottle at the head of the schoolmaster. The latter at once locked the door to prevent the escape of the offender, but the irate youth made his exit through a window. Not daring to go home, he left town with nothing except the clothes he was wearing at the time, and going to the northern part of Maine, there secured work at stream driving. The following summer he returned to New Brunswick and during the season was employed in running rafts between Fredericton and St. John. Going then to Bangor, Maine, he learned the machinists trade with Henckley and Egery, after which he went to Cherryfield, Maine, where he put two engines into a steamboat. That work completed, Mr. Connell returned to Fredericton to take charge of a steamer running between that place and St. John. In the fall of the year he went to Jacksonville, Florida, where he was occupied for a few months as a machinist, and then took a contract to put up and repair engines on a plantation near by. Going thence to Palatka, Fla., he worked as an engineer and was afterward the captain of a steamer plying between that town and Enterprise until January 1857.

Mr. Connell then proceeded to South America, and after working four months in the government railway shops in Rio Janeiro, went to Buenos Ayres, where he was engaged three months as engineer on a steamer running up the Uruguay River as far as Salto. One day while he was thus engaged, General Flores, leader of the revolutionary party in Uruguay, in civilian's dress, boarded his vessel with his troops, and after the steamer had started made himself known and demanded to be landed at Rincon Galenas. Captain Connell replied that he did not stop there; but the general quickly said, "you will stop there." The captain profiting by what he had learned of the people of that country took the hint and landed the general and his forces at their desired haven. After the Paraguayan war was well under way, Captain Connell's steamer was leased from the government at

Buenos Ayres; and while he was lying at the lower port of Salto, just previous to starting out, an officer approached him, and demanded that the steamer be taken to the upper port to carry troops to Pisaudu. He replied that the engines which were broken down, would have to be repaired first. The officer wished to send English engineers to assist in the repairing, but the captain declined all offers of assistance. Faking off a part of the engine he went ashore, and having secreted this, he went to a fashionable cafe where he chanced to meet the engineers referred to. Inviting them to become his guests at dinner he served them sumptuously with wine; and when he found that they had imbibed a sufficient quantity of liquor to render them harmless as engineers, he returned to his vessel, successfully making his way, oftentimes on his hands and knees, through the various picket lines, carrying with him the parts of his engine which he hastily put in order. Quietly slipping the anchor, the current carried him to the Argentine shore where he was safe. Because of this act an edict was issued for the taking of Captain Connell, dead or alive, an edict which remained in force two years. He formed a large acquaintance along the Uruguay River becoming well known among the military and civil officers on both sides as well as the prominent merchants.

Mr. Connell subsequently located at Montevideo, Uruguay, where for two years he was engineer in a large flouring mill. From there he started for China on the ill-fated steamer "Mississippi," which was wrecked off the Cape of Good Hope. He was picked up by a Swedish bark which landed him at St. Helena, from which island eleven days later, he found a passage to Rio Janeiro, whence he proceeded to Montevideo and then to Buenos Ayres. Then, after working at his trade three months, he went on board a steamer, first as an engineer and then as the captain, a position which he retained 13 years, for nearly five years having charge of a fleet of 35 steamers. In 1869 he returned home on a visit, and after spending one day in Woodstock, went to New York where he purchased a steamer which he at once took to Buenos Ayres.

In 1879 Mr. Connell returned permanently to Woodstock, and building the present foundry, now owned by the Woodstock Foundry, Ltd., he conducted it successfully until recent years. The deceased was a man of keen judgment, good executive ability and force of character. He was liberal minded and public spirited and in an official capacity has rendered the town excellent service. He was independent in politics but of recent years voted the conservative ticket. For three terms he was mayor of Woodstock, and he was afterwards elected to the House of Assembly and became a member of the Blair government. He was for several years a trustee of the Woodstock School Board. In 1880 he organized the Electric Light Company. Of late years he was the manager of the Meductic Power Company. He was a Free Mason at Excelsior Lodge in Buenos Ayres. He was a member of the Anglican church.

Deceased was married three times, and has one child living by his second wife—Gussie Gertrude, wife of Dr. T. W. Griffin. His first wife was Miss Harriet Ketchum, sister of the late R. B. Ketchum; his second wife was Rebecca Barnes and his third wife was Miss Ellen, daughter of the late James McDonald.

## THE FUNERAL

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon. Services were held in St. Luke's Church by the rector, Rev. A. S. Hazel. The weather was disagreeable nevertheless the procession was a large one. In respect to his memory the blinds were down in the stores on Main Street as the cortege passed through to the Anglican cemetery. The pall bearers were J. N. W. Winslow, W. Duppa Smith, George McPhail and W. Wallace Hay.

## OLD EMPLOYEE'S EULOGY.

The Press interviewed an old employee of the deceased after the funeral and received the following panegyric:—

There are only 6 of the old employee's left, who attended the funeral: James Brown who went to work for him in

## DeWitt-Burt

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday morning June 6, at 6 o'clock at the residence of Mayor DeWitt Burt and Mrs. Burt, when their youngest daughter, Inez E. was united in marriage to Mr. H. Melvin DeWitt. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, of Jacksonville. The presence of the immediate relatives and a few friends of the bride and groom. The house was decorated on the occasion, with pink and white carnations and potted plants the bridal party standing under an arch of cherry blossoms. The bride, who was unattended, wore a handsome suit of navy blue broadcloth and blue hat with rose trimming and she carried a beautiful shower bouquet of pink roses. Breakfast was served after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt left on the express for Halifax. On their return they will live at the Woolverton house for the summer. The bride received beautiful gifts in cut glass, silver and linen. The groom's gift was a diamond necklace.

## Grant-Collicott

A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday May 23rd, at the home of Mr. Emerson Tapley, Connor St. Woodstock, when Minnie Collicott of Canterbury was united in marriage to James Grant of the same place. The bride was very becomingly attired in a dress of sage blue silk with lace trimmings. Rev. P. J. Quigg of Peel, was the officiating clergyman—Gleaner.

## Trueman McFarland

Word has been received that Trueman McFarland, of Southampton, who left Woodstock with the first draft of the 66th Battery has died after being gassed while fighting somewhere in France. He was about 25 years of age and is survived by his mother and one brother.

## Charles H. Bull

The Misses Neales received word on Wednesday that their nephew Sergt. Charles H. Bull, had been instantly killed at the battle of Vimy Ridge on April 9.

## James Knox

Mr. James Knox, a life-long citizen of this town, died on Thursday morning, May 31, after a long illness aged 75 years. He is survived by the widow, two sons, Walter and Henry of this town, and two daughters, Mrs. Irvine Ralston of Woodstock, and Emily married at Island Falls. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, service being conducted by Capt. C. H. Squarebriggs of the Salvation Army assisted by the local corps. The pall bearers were Messrs John Y. Smith, George Clarke, George Camber and Roderick Finnamore. Interment was in the Methodist cemetery. A memorial service, was held on Sunday evening at the S. A. Citadel. A sermon was preached by Capt. Squarebriggs, and addresses were given by different comrades; also vocal music and instrumental music by the band. Mr. Knox had been a member of the S. A. Army for over thirty years and was the flag bearer.

1871: E. L. Hagerman, in 1873; Alex. Beaton, in 1881; E. W. Hagerman, in 1885 (these are still employed in the foundry) and A. G. Fields and Hamilton Johnson, of later years, who are now employed by the town. He has done more for the town of Woodstock than any man who ever lived here.

After his wanderings, when he returned home in 1870, he had \$85,000 in cash, which he invested in business, and he was a large employer of labor ever since. To his employes who gave good service he was most generous.

From the start he instituted the practise of giving to his employes each at Christmas a turkey, and if they needed a range or stove he generally made them a present of it. He was very generous to the churches of the county, and no one really knew how many thousands of dollars he gave to the poor, particularly at Christmas time. To those in trouble Harry Connell was a true friend. He was a friend of the "common people," and in every walk of life he was highly respected.