

REPORTER GUYED.

THE "GOLD FEVER" A FAKE HOW A SAMPLE OF ORE WAS "DOCTORED" FOR THE REPORTER'S BENEFIT.

A pencil pusher in search of news visited Fort Fairfield recently, and some of the bright jokers of that town filled his ears with fairy tales of wonderful discoveries of gold-bearing ore in the Tobique region.

The credulous newspaper man believed all the stories told him and later visited a certain person, who, it was stated, had samples of the ore. A dentist, who was the alleged owner of the ore, had been informed of the joke. He had samples of rock or ore, one of which was about four inches in length, and across the face of which was a crack from one-quarter to one-eighth of an inch in width. The dentist filled this "cavity" with gold, using instruments in order to do a good job. When the newspaper writer called to see the ore, the dentist picked at random among his samples of gold-bearing ore but somehow managed to pick out the doctored piece. The reporter looked at it and said: "Is that gold?" The dentist replied that he did not know, and expressed his willingness to have it tested, after the reporter had made the request.

Thereupon the twain proceeded to a drug store and of course the test was proved that the yellow metal was gold.

Ah! says the newspaper man to himself, what a "scoop" this will be, and he "ground out," between that time and the next morning, three columns of matter for a Boston daily paper and a condensed report of this wonderful discovery of gold for a Bangor paper. Included in the report were the names of some of Fort Fairfield's prominent men who had started the day before for the new Klondyke in New Brunswick. Of course those gentlemen had no idea of going on a gold-seeking expedition.

The whole yarn has no foundation in fact, but numerous letters are being received by Fort Fairfield people, asking for further particulars in regard to this wonderful(?) discovery.

A BOY'S IDEA OF A GIRL.

Here is a genuine boy's composition; "Girls are stuck up and dignified in their behaviour. They think more of dress than anything and like to play with dolls and rags. They cry if they see a cow in the far distance and are afraid of guns. They stay at home all the time and go to church on Sundays. They are always funny and making fun of boy's hands, and they say how dirty. They can't play marbles. I pity them poor things. They make fun of boys and then turn round and love them I don't believe they ever killed a cat or anything. They look out at night and say oh ant the moon lovely. There is one thing I have not told and that is they always know their lessons bettern boys."—Exchange.

The local parliament will meet February 10th.

Work on the Acker Creek Bridge is near completion.

PERSONAL NEWS.

Ralph March of St John was at the Commercial last night.

Miss Cassie Gillen has returned from a two weeks visit with Mrs H Riley of Vanceboro.

A WOMAN'S LIFE.

If a woman has the usual luck from the time she is 25 years until 40, she has a lot of babies at her heels and does not know what a moment of liberty is. After the children are grown she is free again, and her yearning to have a good time should be encouraged. If you have an opportunity to throw a good time in such a woman's way, don't neglect it.

New Firm!

W. D. Harmon wishes to thank his numerous friends and customers who have so liberally patronized his Wagon and Blacksmith Shop for the past 30 years and desire to inform the public that he has associated his son, Eugene, in the business. A fair share of patronage is solicited for the new firm, which after this date will be known as

W. B. HARMON & SON.

Peel, Jan. 1, 1898.



Mrs. J. F. Alcorn
Fashionable Dressmaker

Cutting, Fitting, and everything in the line of Dressmaking will receive my personal attention. Orders from customers living at a distance will be promptly attended to. Prices reasonable and Satisfaction guaranteed.

Opp. Forester's Hall, Main Street
Hartland, N. B.

Time-
Table

In effect Oct. 3rd, 1897.

GOING UP.

	PR'T	EXP.	SUB
Woodstock.....	9 00	12 27	4 35
Hartland.....	10 17	1 30	5 25
Peel.....	10 45	1 41	5 40
Florenceville.....	11 25	2 00	6 02
Bristol.....	11 40	2 08	6 13
Bath.....	11 58	2 17	6 25

DOWNWARD.

	EXP.	SUB.	PR'T
Bath.....	2 54	6 50	10 50
Bristol.....	3 03	7 04	11 07
Florenceville.....	3 12	7 15	11 25
Peel.....	3 30	7 40	11 55
Hartland.....	3 42	7 58	12 17
Woodstock.....	4 22	8 50	1 30

T. B. THISTLE

The only Merchant Tailor in the Village,
has the finest stock of :::::::::::

CLOTHS AND TRIMMINGS

Ever shown in the place

Will Guarantee

a Perfect Fit and

Workmanship as

well :::::::::::

I can give as good a bargain as anyone in the trade, call and get samples and prices before purchasing elsewhere. You will find me just below the Jeweler Store, in the same building.

Keith & Plummer

... OFFER ...

MEN'S Coon and Australian Bear Coats. Men' Astrachan and Banner Caps

LADIES' Coon and Astrachan Coats: Ladies' Astrachan Opposum, Electric and Greenland Seal Capes. Ladies' Opposum and Greenland Seal Collars. Ladies' Mink and Black and Gray Opposum Ruffs.

PERSIAN LAMB SKINS
ASTRACHAN SKINS,
OPPOSUM SKINS

Just what you require to patch that old coat or jacket or to make a new cap.

A Full Line of Seasonable Goods.

KEITH & PLUMMER.