

Andover Items.

April 16, 1890.
Special meeting of the County Council tomorrow; also an entertainment in Temperance Hall under the auspices of the Episcopal S. S. in aid of a library.

We waylaid a poor wandering Jew lately, and fined him \$6 for peddling without a license.

William Turner turned his steps in the direction of California last month.

Extensive shipments of Tobique plaster have been sent to Presque Isle during the past month.

Since Grand Falls is moving for incorporation, it is about time for Andover to shake herself and resolve to come out ahead.

Thos. Clows intends to build this summer, with a view to the opening up of a general store; probably near the school house.

Rev. C. T. Phillips (F. C. Baptist) of Woodstock, preached at Aroostook Junction, Monday evening.

Mr. Tabor having leased the ground floor of Temperance Hall, is rapidly stocking it with all manner of farming implements. It is a grand thing for Main St. (formerly the Lane,) as according to contract the lessors are to fix up the building in first class style, replacing all that was unseemly with a very attractive appearance.

Hon. Wm. Beveridge returned to Andover last Monday week, apparently in good health. On Wednesday he was stricken with congestion of the lungs, and on Sunday evening about 9 o'clock he passed away. Dr. Wylie was in attendance from the first, and on Saturday Dr. Connell was called in for consultation. Despite the bad roads, his funeral which took place Wednesday, was the largest and most imposing ever seen in Andover. Revs. W. Dobson and W. E. Johnson conducted the services at the house. The long procession was then formed and proceeded to the Methodist cemetery to mournfully behold all that was mortal of William Beveridge laid to rest.

Centreville Items.

April 15, 1890.
The weather is all that could be desired. Plenty of snow, but it is disappearing rapidly. Maple candy is quite plenty.

Our Agricultural Society intend holding a show this Fall, when there will be a strike to see who will have the best Holstein calf. E. L. West has a quarter bred Holstein heifer, 3 years and 10 months old, which girls 6 feet and weighs 1160 lbs.

T. Kinney, Greenfield, has a ewe that has had 9 lambs in two years; on the 29th March, 1888, she gave birth to three lambs; 29th March, 1889, 3, and on the 20th March, 1890, 3, all well and smart.

S. W. Burr has built a large addition to his carriage factory in order to have storage room for his machines; his shop will be 60 x 45 feet.

Dr. T. W. Lunn was out to-day with his carriage; the first of the season.

Plymouth Items.

April 16, 1890.
As the welcome spring is coming again, and as it is supposed that everything is full of life and joy, your correspondent thinks that perhaps a few lines about the sayings and doings of this place will not be out of season. Though my efforts may find a resting place in the Editor's waste basket, it will only give me a lesson to write better the next time.

Our school has not as yet had a visit from the School Inspector, and it looks as if he will pass it by this term at least. But why do we wonder at his absence from this school, for when he visited the above school last winter he found it minus a teacher, she having unceremoniously left, (without leave from the trustees) for the day.

The recent great depth of the snow has prevented the early operations of the sugar makers, as it has been almost next to an impossibility to get a team in the woods.

What at one time looked like a great thaw has passed off in wind, and we are left with the roads partly bare and over two feet of the beautiful in the woods.

One of my neighbors who had his team in the bark woods, had the misadventure to loose one of his horses, the death of which is supposed to have been caused by the driver overworking it; this man has been very unfortunate in losing his horses, this making three that he has lost, within three years, in the woods.

Last Sunday afternoon quite a number of persons congregated at the school house to listen to an able discourse by the Rev. Mr. Bleakney. This gentleman has been in the habit of visiting this settlement occasionally and preaching in the 92 school house or elsewhere for, perhaps, over years. On his first coming to this settlement he did not have a comfortable school house to preach in, but like pioneer preachers, he had to preach in a barn, or sometimes in a friend's house. He will hold service in the meeting house in the Bedell Settlement the coming Sunday at 3 o'clock, p. m., and in this settlement on the Sunday following at the same time.

VESPASIAN.

FREDERICTON TOPICS.

Collapse of the Blair investigation—The Attorney gives evidence—Sad death of another young lady Normal School Student. Over Study the Cause—Table showing the opening of the St. John River—Distressing accident—A man and his wife narrowly escape death by the flames—An explosion of Benzene

FREDERICTON, April 16, 1890.
Has "Little Annie Rooney" struck Woodstock yet? It is a dangerous song in Fredericton.

Judge Palmer has fixed 27th May as the day for the trial of the York election petition.

John Black, D. Jordan and F. St. John Bliss have formed a legal partnership.

Daniel Hanson, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, died last Thursday in his 52nd year. Union services are being held in the different churches this week.

Wm. A. Hay, late of Michigan, and Miss Bertha Yerxa, daughter of Chas. Yerxa of Gibson, were married at the residence of the bride's father, last Thursday. Rev. Mr. Crawley officiated.

Miss Sarah McDonald, a member of the Salvation Army, died very suddenly last week. She was ill only two days. The remains were taken to her native place Little River, Sanbury Co., on Monday. The army, including band of music, accompanied the hearse to the suburbs of the city.

Judgment has been deferred in the Scott Act appeal cases which were before the Supreme Court last week.

The concert in the City Hall last Thursday, in aid of the Victoria Hospital, was a grand success. A handsome sum was realized.

The university monthly will at the end of the present academic year, publish portraits of the professors and pictures of the old and new college building.

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Z. J. Currie at Woodstock on Sunday was learned with deep regret by the citizens of Fredericton. The special train containing the corpse arrived at Gibson at noon yesterday. A large number boarded the train which then proceeded to the Douglas cemetery where the remains were interred. Rev. Mr. Phillips of Woodstock conducted the ceremonies assisted by Dr. McLeod.

The Fredericton *Globe* is the newest venture in local journalism. It is a clean, bright newsy sheet, published every Saturday by Crockett & Machum. In politics it is apparently independent. Fredericton has now five newspapers.

The ice in the river is quite strong in the vicinity of Fredericton. Teams still continue to cross. As the ice must necessarily run out in the course of a week or two the subjoined table showing the opening of the river for the past ten years may prove of interest to the readers of the *SENTINEL*. Since the year 1825, the earliest date on which the ice ran out of the St. John river was April 6th, 1846, and the latest date May 7th, 1854. The following give the year and respective dates on which the river opened: 1880, April 24; 1881, ice started March 24, but did not wholly run out till April 9th; 1882, April 27th; 1883, April 18th; 1884, April 17th; 1885, April 25th; 1886, April 22; 1887, April 27th; 1888, April 26; 1889, April 16th.

Death has for the fourth time this term entered the ranks of the Normal School students. On Saturday evening the community was shocked when the news of the death of an estimable young lady student, Miss Maggie Swetka, of St. John, was circulated throughout the city. Deceased attended school on Friday, and was to all appearances in possession of her usual health. Upon returning to her boarding house that afternoon she was suddenly seized with paralysis of the brain and immediately became unconscious, which condition, despite the unceasing efforts of the physician, extended till the time of her death. The young lady was 19 years of age. Over study was undoubtedly instrumental in causing her early demise. Her mother and brother, who came to Fredericton Saturday evening in response to a telephone message, arrived just an hour too late. The young man had not seen his sister for twelve years. Imagination can best depict the scene at the bed-side when the parent viewed her lifeless daughter. Her grief was terrible. Words are inadequate to describe the anguish she endured. The remains were taken to St. John Monday morning, a large number of her late associates walking in the procession to the depot. The students of the Normal School contributed a beautiful floral cross, which was placed on the coffin. Miss Swetka was very popular with the students and was highly esteemed. Her sad death has cast a gloom over the institution. Principal Mullen made reference to the event at the opening of the school Monday morning and many eyes were moist before the close of his feeling remarks. A resolution of condolence was passed unanimously by the students and a copy forwarded to the family of the deceased.

While Mr. and Mrs. Harry White were putting benzine on the furniture and carpet of one of their rooms last Wednesday, to destroy moths, for some reason, the gentleman found it necessary to light a match. In an instant the benzine caught fire and the whole room was almost immediately enveloped in flames. Mrs. White, who was holding their young baby in her arms at the time, protected the child at the serious injury of herself. Mr. and Mrs. White were both badly burned. Mr. White may partially lose the use of his hands, as the flesh was literally hanging in shreds. Several physicians were soon on the spot and their injuries were attended to. The contents of the room were destroyed, but the fire department were promptly on hand and checked the flames.

How will the boys of Woodstock obtain their cigars and cigarettes? Fredericton boys having heard, it is said, of the proposed bill to suppress the sale of the luxuries, which bill was brought before the House of Assembly last week, laid in a supply which they say will last for some time. When this stock is exhausted they will if prevented from replenishing it resort to "the old clay pipe and tobacco," as under the new law the sale of the injurious weed in this form is not prohibited. Perhaps after all this new parliamentary enactment may practically prove a failure, as the suppression of cigars and cigarettes will only enhance the prevalence of the pipe, a habit much more objectionable—if not injurious—than the two before mentioned. The opinion is expressed that the bill should have been allowed to remain as originally drawn up, thus confining the restrictions to cigarettes alone, or else it should have entirely prohibited the sale of tobacco in any shape or form to a boy under 16 years of age.

The Blair enquiry still continues, although the bottom has been completely knocked out of the infamous charges against the Attorney General. When the committee met Saturday morning the chairman called the attention of the members (of the committee) to a report of the evidence in Saturday night's *Gleaner*, where it stated Mr. Wilson was to deliver money to Barry, (Blair's legal partner). He denied that any such evidence was given. Mr. Murphy never swore any such thing. The committee agreed that the chairman was right. The Solicitor General called the attention of the committee to other unfair and inaccurate reports in the same paper. J. C. Byrne, manager of the W. U. Telegraph Co., Fredericton, and Ald. McGoldrick, of St. John, were examined, after which the Premier himself gave evidence. His clear and explicit explanation was a great surprise to the prosecution. The frantic efforts of Hamilton, leader of the opposition, to confuse Mr. Blair in his replies, were indeed laughable, as that gentleman calmly preserved his equilibrium throughout

the entire examination. All efforts of Hamilton were ineffectual, as the Attorney General easily frustrated him in his desperate attempt at cross examination. Mr. Blair denied there was any bargain to give Leary the dock contract, and swore he contributed no money for the election directly or indirectly. He spoke with a frankness which had a marked effect upon all who listened. The Attorney General will no doubt be triumphantly exonerated.

Ladies be sure and call at Hugh Hay's and see his New Stock of Satens, Gingham, Prints &c.

TOWN COUNCIL.

At the meeting on the evening of the 11th, a number of bills were ordered paid. The Marshal reported \$71 collected for licenses in March, and his commission, \$7.10, was ordered paid.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read:—
To the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Woodstock:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Finance Committee, after having carefully considered the requirements of the various departments over which the Council have direct control, beg to submit the following estimates of Expenditures and Receipts for the current year, which have been made in the case of Expenditure with a due regard to economy as well as to the efficient maintenance of the several departments.

EXPENDITURES.	
Int. Con. Debentures,	\$3600 00
“ Fire “	120 00
“ Ordinary “	256 50
“ Water “	100 00
“ Stand Pipe “	191 25
Bank Account,	100 00
	\$4367 75
Water Works Fuel,	\$1100 00
Salary Engineer,	900 00
Superintendent,	300 00
Oil, waste and repairs,	600 00
New services,	350 00
Fuel, shed and road,	300 00
	3550 00
Electric Light, fuel, carbons, etc.,	900 00
Debiture due this year,	1000 00
Streets,	1200 00
Poor,	1600 00
Fire, \$900; new hose, \$450.	1350 00
New scales, \$75; foundation and putting up scale, \$50,	125 00
Police,	700 00
Team,	480 00
Salaries—Clerk, \$100; Treasurer, \$150,	250 00
Town Hall repairs,	75 00
Insurance,	73 00
Health,	60 00
Assessors,	50 00
Printing,	100 00
Cash discount on taxes,	300 00
Miscellaneous,	209 25
Amr. asked for Schools,	3900 00
“ “ County purposes,	2324 87
Lock Up,	60 00
	\$22,674 87

RECEIPTS.	
Water Works,	\$4600 00
Licenses and Fines,	1200 00
Town Hall,	200 00
Rent of Farm,	175 00
“ Scales,	75 00
Electric Light, earned in 1889, not collected till this year,	100 00
	\$6350

Amount to be assessed, \$16,324 87
Your Committee would recommend that a Warrant of Assessment be issued for sixteen thousand three hundred and twenty-four dollars and eighty-seven cents.

Dated at Woodstock this 11th of April, A. D., 1890.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN McLAUGHLIN,
ALEX. HENDERSON,
Finance Committee.

Report received and considered by sections.

Each of the sections was approved until reading section second of receipts, licenses and fines.

Coun. Jackson moved, and Coun. Gallagher seconded, that this estimate be made \$400, and that fees be no longer collected from commercial travellers. The amendment was lost, only the mover and seconder voting for it. The whole report was adopted.

The Council recommended the assessors to make their addition not less than eight per cent. The motion to recommend the adding of eight per cent. was opposed by Couns. Murphy, McAnna, Leighton and Jackson.

On motion Coun. Henderson, seconded by Coun. Jackson, the scales committee were instructed to ask for tenders for removing old scales, and digging out for and laying foundation for new scales on site selected by the Council in committee of the whole, and do all other things necessary to be done for setting up said scales as soon as deemed expedient by the committee, provided Mr. Smith is willing to take a proportionate reduction in rent and give up scales.

Mr. Hay having declined to act as assessor for Kings Ward it was, on motion, ordered that an assessor be appointed in his place.

The Council met again on Tuesday evening, but the only business transacted was the appointment of Anthony Kearney, assistant assessor, in place of Hugh Hay resigned, and the referring of the matter of an electric light on St. John street to the electric light committee.

The hope will be very general that reports, recently published, regarding the illness of the Princess of Wales, will prove exaggerations. It is said that her illness is causing anxiety. It appears that she never completely recovered from the attack of influenza and is now very feeble, coughing constantly. The Princess, although only 45 last December, is beginning to show signs of age, and lately has become almost stone deaf.

One of the emigrants en route for Winnipeg, a few mornings ago, at the St. John station, when endeavoring to get on the train when it was in motion, fell on the track and the car wheel went over his right leg, rendering amputation necessary.

Notes from Ottawa.

Mr. Gillmor, of Charlotte, was free spoken when, in a speech in the Commons, he called protection a child of the devil, and specific and ad valorem two thieves licensed to go out and plunder right and left. He called upon the Grits to openly renounce any half-hearted protection and to fight their battle with free trade as their chief cry.

The arrival of D. McLeod Vince, H. T. Scholey and William Lindsay, in the interest of the Centreville & Woodstock railway, one day last week, was announced.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating G. F. Baird, of St. John; J. A. Vanwart, Fredericton; Hugh McLean, Chipman; George Kitchen, Kingsclear, and Wesley Vanwart, Fredericton, for the purpose of building, purchasing, acquiring and running steamships from St. John, N. B., to ports in the West Indies and South America, and for other purposes. The capital stock of the company is \$250,000, and will be known as the Canadian, West Indian and South American Steamship Co. (limited).

Mr. Wood (Westmorland) presented a petition from Sackville against the passage of any bill in regard to the observance of the Sabbath; also one from Moncton to the same effect.

Hon. Senator Boyd arrived and took his seat for the first time for two years, thus avoiding the loss of his seat.

Hon. Mr. Cartwright's amendment to the tariff resolutions was negatived 60 97.

Only an Approximate.

"A report to the Dominion Parliament alleges that, last year, 31,000 persons, who had been for a time settled in the United States, returned to remain in Canada. Australia and the Argentine Republic are now the most formidable competitors for emigrants which Canada has to contend with in Europe."

We copy the above from an exchange and hope it is correct. But it seems evident that the figures as compiled for and submitted to Parliament are very deceptive, and based largely upon unreliable data. At the frontier ports, or some of them at all events, via which the emigration comes into Canada from the United States, there are no provisions available by which a proper estimate can be found as to the number of such emigrants as come to remain in Canada, apart from those who bring with them effects liable to entry at the Customs. So that the figures, above quoted, must be simply an approximation.

Political corruption should certainly, as Mr. Goldwin Smith suggests, be made criminal. Imprisonment, which brings disgrace, should be visited upon each and every man who attempts to poison the river of political life. Parliament is the guardian of the liberty of the people, and it is, therefore, of the very first importance that it should be pure and upright. Any one who corrupts Parliament, either in his own interest, or in the interest of a political party, or for any reason commits a great crime against the State, and thus involves it in danger. He should, therefore, be sternly dealt with. So long as offenders are merely reprovved or subjected to fines, bribery and corruption will be looked upon as venial offences. Make imprisonment the penalty inexorably imposed, and there will be a great change for the better. —*Witness*.

The Halifax Recorder endorses the suggestion that the office of Governor General as now constituted be abolished, and says:—

"Of late years the appointment of the Governor by the Imperial Parliament has not been very popular. Our people are growing dissatisfied with a system that sends out men from England to govern a country they are altogether ignorant of. At present it costs nearly \$100,000 a year to keep up the Ottawa gubernatorial machine. This could be reduced to \$25,000, a sum amply sufficient for the salary of our official figure-head, and some \$75,000 a year saved to the country. By following out this principle of reform an economic Canadian Government could reduce the annual expenditure of the country to \$25,000,000, instead of running it up to \$40,000,000."

There is quite a rush of emigration to the Northwest lately; the emigrants are from the British Isles and Europe, and travel to their destination over the C. P. R.

Mr. Gillmor, in the House of Commons, on the 9th, did a very proper thing when he called the attention of the militia minister to statements that, although the Canada Temperance Act is in force in Fredericton, the Government allow three bars to be opened there, viz., the canteen, sergeants' mess and officers' mess. These bars had a bad effect. Sir Adolphe Caron promised to inquire into the matter.

It is reported that conductor John Smith, of the New Brunswick Railway, will shortly assume the position of station agent of the road at St. Andrews, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. W. B. Morris. Conductor Smith has served a long time in his present place and his familiar figure will be much missed by all who come and go on the Southern division of the road.—*St. Croix Courier*.

Sample Books of Handsome Tinted Felt Papers, with Elegant Borders to match, just received at B. B. Belyes & Co's.