

ST. JOHN LETTER.

Impertinent and pertinent gossip—The markets.

Balloon sleeves are going the way of many other extravagant notions and women the world over are waiting breathlessly for the new idea in dress that shall surpass all that have preceded it. Some society leaders in New York, says a New York paper, in the meantime are amusing themselves by—chewing tobacco. They are not the old and ugly and unkind, but most of them are young, some of them are pretty, and some of them are married and some of them are single. Some of us remember when our grandmothers smoked clay pipes with great apparent enjoyment, but few of us have ever seen our mothers, our wives or sisters blowing the blue smoke from their mouths, nostrils or ears. To be mannish seems to be the ambition of some, otherwise, sensible women of to-day, but to chew tobacco, even among men, is looked upon as unmanly and a habit or infirmity to be avoided. Women may ride bicycles, carry canes, even wear bloomers and retain the respect of the male sex, but chew tobacco! never. The New York Herald says that the statement that women chew the aromatic fine cut or the villainous plug and find therein the consolation which heretofore religion has furnished them withal, makes each particular hair stand on end and homicide assumes the proportions of a virtue.

City six per cent bond due in 1915 was sold on Saturday for 27½ per cent premium.

U S Consul Derby is enjoying a well merited vacation in Maine.

There were 13 deaths in the city last week: three from consumption and two from cholera infantum.

The paintings in the so called art gallery at the exhibition are works of art truly. It seems as if the committee had endeavored to collect all the stuff in the province and had succeeded, for it forms a wonderful collection. Hanging side by side are old masters and young masters and no masters at all; copies claiming to be originals, cheap engravings, China, hand painted screens, and stuff that seems to have been painted by the mule and cut to suit purchasers. If we are to have an art exhibition let us have a dozen good works rather than a room full of the offsprings of diseased minds. Most of these pictures would have an appropriate place in a Chamber of Horrors. The show of cattle, fruit, grain and other agricultural products is highly creditable and the attendance is large.

George S DeForest & Sons report a rather better feeling in the markets. Manitoba flour has met with a sharp advance of 20 cents a barrel, while Ontario wheat products are 10 cents higher, and millers are asking an advance of 5 cents on oatmeal. Pork is also firmer and packers are asking an advance of 25 cents on short cut clear. Beef is very low and markets remain unchanged. Fruit of all kinds is arriving in large quantities and most lines are being slaughtered at auction sales, where No 1 gravensteins are selling in lots at \$1.25 and \$1.35 per barrel, and soft fruits are sold as low as 40 to 60 cents per barrel; grapes are being sold at 20 to 30 cents per basket and plums at 25 cents per box. There is a limited supply of choice butter, which is finding a ready sale at 17 cents per pound, while ordinary grades are a drug at 10 cents. Eggs are in fair demand at 9 cents. Through a misunderstanding on the part of the directors of the Exhibition Messrs DeForest were virtually crowded out. They had arranged for one of the finest exhibitions that has ever been shown in St John, and are very much disappointed at being virtually compelled to withdraw their exhibit after having built their booth and imported several lines of goods from China and other foreign countries for decorating purposes. The many patrons will miss their hospitable treatment, but owing to the blunder of the Exhibition committee it seemed unavoidable.

H G Burton, representing P F Collier, the New York publisher, has disappeared from the city. He is said to be \$2,000 short in his accounts.

John A Chesley is happy in the position of Immigration agent, vice Samuel Gardiner, superannuated.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

St John, Sept 28.

New Feather and Fur Ruffs, Fur Capes, Jackets, etc., just opened, at B. B. Manzer's.

Lower Woodstock Items.

Sept 28, 1896

The people here are through with their harvest except the potatoes and beans; the potatoes are a fair crop, the tubers being very sound.

Mr G Y Dow's family have had a painful visitation of diphtheria; they lost one little one, but the rest are recovering under the treatment of Dr. Turner. Three of Hezekiah Porter's family have had the same disease, but are getting well under the same medical treatment.

Mr Wilmot Hay is spending this week in St John.

Mr A J Marsten is occupying the store of J W Marsten.

Much regret is felt by his many friends that J W Marsten is going to Florida, and especially as it is poor health which forces him to do so. He will be greatly missed in business and social circles.

Mr Hazen Scott has his new house and ell inclosed.

Mrs Flowers, son and daughter, from Lynn, Mass, spent a few days with friends here.

Jared Dickinson was taken very sick last week. Dr Colter visited him Sunday.

It is hoped that the party that was so interested in opening the Springfield meeting house, will be also interested in putting in the glass that was broken out.

We Are Opening NEW BOOTS & SHOES FOR FALL AND WINTER, IN FELT AND LEATHER.

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26 MAIN ST.

Four Falls Items.

Sept 24th, 1896.

The Four Falls House has been renovated and presents a very inviting appearance. Increased stabling will also be added, so that the patrons of the House in the future can be fully accommodated. Mr Frank Chassay of Grand Falls, has done the work in a workmanlike manner and we can recommend him as an excellent workman.

The crops are, with the exception of potatoes, pretty generally harvested. Potatoes are of an exceptionally fine quality.

The Mission Church is gradually approaching completion and will be quite an addition to the place. Rev Mr N-ales deserves much credit for his services in securing the erection and completion of the edifice.

The L O A have erected and partially enclosed a building designed for a Hall. W H Wright has erected a new barn. So you will note that Four Falls is going ahead.

A set of turbulent lads have disturbed the orderly disposed portion of the community lately. A few weeks of hard labor at the gaol would teach them better manners.

BRUNO.

Our Stock is being added to daily, our shelves and counters are simply loaded, ask to be shown up stairs where you will see the Largest Stock of Clothing, Carpets, Papers, etc., in the county Hugh Hay & Son.

To every cash purchaser of \$25.00 worth of Goods, we present them with a Handsome Piece of German Folding Furniture. Ask for stamped check, at B. B. Manzer's.

Riley Brook (Tobique) Items.

Sept 14—Samuel Mahoney died at 7.00 o'clock this evening, from cancer, leaving a wife and five children to mourn their loss. Mr Mahoney had been a great sufferer for a number of years.

15th—First towboat of the season arrived here to-day, captain G Fullerton, loaded for our young lumberman, Archie Frazer.

Archie Frazer and clerk, with 25 men, passed here to-day for the woods.

No more rest now as portageing has commenced.

Tom Allen, fish warden, and escort E P Ross, left here this morning for Nary Brook lakes; the moose will have to look out now.

16th—Funeral of S Mahoney this afternoon. Service read by Mr I Gannon.

J Tapley & Son are busily at work repairing their mill, getting ready for fall sawing.

Mrs J McDougall returned to her home to day; she has been visiting her mother and sisters at Monquart.

18th—More sports: G D Perkins from Centreville, with his brother and friend from Fall River, Mass, at the Harmony to night, en route for N Brook lakes.

20th—One of our sports, Mr Baird, with his Indians, passed down the river to-day; he halted at the Harmony for dinner and to get some provisions for the remaining part of his journey down the Tobique river; he seemed quite pleased with his trip; had been successful in capturing a moose and caribou.

One of our young wardens was attacked by a moose on the Everett Brook Lake; had it not been for the skillful use of his rifle, no doubt he would have been killed.

ONE INTERESTED.

Housekeepers, be sure and see the beautiful range of Carpets, Opaque Shades, Curtains, House Papers and Window Poles at Hugh Hay & Son's.

Mr. Foster's Attitude Condemned.

Mr. J. Ross Robertson, the independent Conservative member for East Toronto, speaking to Mr. Foster's trade policy motion in the House of Commons on Wednesday night, administered a deserved rebuke to the ex-Minister of Finance. He declared Mr. Foster's plaint concerning the government not bringing down their tariff policy was injudicious, and he added:

It occurs to me that in making that speech he may have forgotten a certain contingency, and that the very speech he was making on behalf of certain classes might produce a feeling of distrust and unrest amongst these very classes. I do not credit the statement that the \$400,000,000 of capital alleged to be invested in the industries of this country is in the state of tremor so graphically depicted in the verbal pyrotechnics of the hon. the ex-Finance Minister. As to his statement about capitalists being kept on a ragged edge for eight or nine months, with consequent loss of business, and his appeal concerning the axe which the First Minister is supposed to brandish in the daytime and to keep under his pillow in the night time, I must say that such talk may be very good politics from a Conservative party standpoint, but I think in the interest of the country it is mighty bad policy. The statement that the doubt and unrest in the country is paralyzing business and clouding hope may read all right in Hansard, but I do not think it will take in the Dominion of Canada, certainly not in the province of Ontario.—Ex.

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