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WHOLE No. 2937.

Houlton Devastated by Fire.

A Large Portion of this Pretty Little Enterprising Yankee Town Laid Waste.

HANDSOME RESIDENCES RUTHLESSLY DESTROYED.

HALF A MILLION DOLLARS GO UP IN SMOKE.

It was little supposed when, on the 6th inst., this town was so endangered by fire, as to cause the Houlton firemen, learning of the threatening character of the conflagration, to wire over offering to render cheerful aid if required, that so soon Woodstock would be placed in a position to give practical evidence of appreciation of the kindly act. When on Saturday last the cry came from Houlton that an alarming fire was raging, "come over and help us," our firemen rapidly prepared for the rescue. The fire alarm rang to call the hose company together, the members readily responded, and when told that volunteers were asked for to accompany the steamer to Houlton, so generous was the response that it was found that it would not be safe to withdraw so many firemen from town, and so leaving local matters in charge of the late chief engineer, Col F H Dibblee, the members, whose names are given below, with the steamer, were quickly on a special speeding their way to Houlton, which point they reached in the quick time of some 30 minutes. They were met by a team which carried the engine to the desired spot, and in about an hour from the time the cry for help reached here, the Woodstock boys had their steamer throwing a powerful stream of water on the flames. Supt Donald Munro was in charge of the engine and had, as his assistants, Harry Baird and Handie Hamilton. The Woodstock crowd as well as her steamer did valiant service, and gave very material aid in overcoming the fire. The wind was blowing a gale, and the fire breaking out in the rear of Fogg & Co.'s hardware store, quickly crossed the street and spreading both north and south east, mowed down over 125 buildings, chiefly residences, three churches, Methodist, Free Baptist and Unitarian, and some 13 stores. The larger portion of the burned district included principally the residential section of the town and contained many of the most costly and handsome dwellings of Houlton. There were present, in answer to calls for help, sent by special trains, fire companies, with apparatus, from Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, Caribou, and other sections. The Houlton firemen, as also did all the assisting companies, fought valiantly and it was owing to their almost superhuman efforts that so much of the town was saved.

The firemen were hampered by the giving out of the water supply, or rather the failure of the pressure, which at an early hour in the afternoon became very low.

On the receipt of a message from the selectmen of Houlton, asking for help, Mayor Belyea put himself in communication with Supt Newcombe to engage a special engine for the firemen and other workers who were only too anxious to succor the neighboring town as far as they could, remembering the kind offer of the Houlton firemen, if necessary, to assist in fighting the late fire in this town. The Supt of Water Works had the steam fire engine placed on the train, and 800 feet of hose was also put aboard. The train also carried the following: Mayor Belyea, George Balmann, chairman of fire committee; Chief Tattersall, Foreman Fisher; firemen, Tim Fields, John Lindow, Joseph Fewer, T V Monahan, Ed Manzer, James H Wilbur, George Gibson, M Ryan; substitutes, Charles McKinney, John S Leighton Jr., Ollie Townsend, I E Sheasgreen, Dr Manzer, Prof. Martin, A D Holyoke, Fred Buck, Randolph McLean, Frank Peppers, N Williams; V. F. Nicholson, J McLauchlan, Chas Comben, Chas Appleby, H V Dalling, J R Murphy.

In the short time of 55 minutes from the train pulled out of Woodstock station, the engine was at Fox's corner, in Houlton, with steam up and engine pumping, Donald Munro acting as engineer, Handie Hamilton assistant and Harry Baird fireman. Messrs Foreman Fisher, Wilbur, Fields, Fewer, Martin and Peppers remained with the engine, and Chief Tattersall, Monahan, Lindow, Gibson, Ryan, McKinney, Manzer, Sheasgreen and the others were using branch pipes, in different parts of the burning town, the water being supplied from the hydrants. The gen-

eral opinion is that the local boys saved the Fox block.

Chief Webber and Vice Chief Yerxa then ordered the removal of the engine to High street, a residential part of the town. Here it was that the boys lost 100 of the 250 feet of their hose which had been destroyed during the fire; fire and cinders did the damage. When the engine arrived on this street, McDonald's house had just commenced to burn, and the 100 ft of lost hose would have been sufficient to enable the boys to save the building. The Presque Isle hose reel came to the rescue. From the engine a line of hose was laid for 850 feet up the street, and force enough came from the engine to throw water over any building on the street. One stream had to be shut off, for the water works could not supply the necessary pressure for more than one stream. Good work was done by the engine on High street until dark when the hose was taken up. The heat was so intense that it was impossible for Messrs Munro and Hamilton to work at the engine without the protection of doors. To emphasize the fact that all the local boys did extra work and were in the warmest places, it is only necessary to say that all of them, when they returned home on Saturday night at 12 o'clock, were suffering from burns and all had their clothes burned. On their arrival home an oyster supper was partaken off at Troy's restaurant, and the firemen wish to thank Mr and Mrs John J Troy for their thoughtfulness in keeping the saloon open and furnishing such a splendid supper.

NOTES.

The ladies of Houlton, during the continuance of the fire on High street, passed around sandwiches and cake in abundance, and the Woodstock boys wish to thank the ladies for thus remembering them.

While the engine was being driven from the station to the scene of the fire, by Mr Chamberlain, who is an excellent driver and who has a fine team, through a street with the buildings burning on both sides, the Woodstock boys were loudly cheered.

The boys say that Chief Webber and the Houlton fire department, including 50 men, are all right, and it was impossible to do better work than was done on the occasion.

The Houlton stand pipe is on High street, and the pumping station gets its water from the Meduxnakik creek.

A Christian scientist, whose building was in the wake of the fire on High street, and which was being protected by the engine, told a prominent Woodstock gentleman that it would be saved in answer to prayer and because of his faith. The gentleman informed him that while what he said might be all true, still he should give the boys a little credit for keeping the building under a deluge of water.

A Woodstocker says he went to borrow a tin pail to get water; the orders were to return the pail in ten minutes; in a short time he looked around, and the tin shop was missing, it having been burned in the meantime. When he was after the pail, he was accosted by a cry from three very small boys, "Say, Mister, help us with this pig." He dropped the pail and catching hold of the rope, which came from under the barn, he pulled with might and main. Not being successful he looked under the barn and affirms that the pig was ten feet in length and through pure cussedness had his four feet braced and pulling back. The Woodstocker gave up the job and, since then, he has been wondering what became of the pig.

It was difficult for Chief Tattersall to keep any of the firemen in town, in case of fire, but a certain number had to remain, and former chief Col Dibblee, who had offered his services to go to Houlton, was requested to take charge in the absence of Chief Tattersall, which he did.

PROROGATION.

After one of the shortest sessions for some years, and accompanied by the usual "pomp and panoply," the Dominion parliament was prorogued by his Excellency the Governor General on Thursday afternoon of last week. The bills passed, numbering one hundred and fourteen were assented to by His Excellency.

While the session was a brief one, the number of bills enacted were a good average in number, and some of them were quite important.

The government came through the session without any diminution of strength as judged by the test votes given in parliament and it certainly has increased its strength and influence with the electorate of the Dominion.

Fraternal Meeting.

On Friday of last week, there was a happy gathering of members of Free and Accepted Masons, at the rooms of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11. The occasion was the exemplification of the Masters' Degree, by the local lodge. In the absence of Dr. Rankin, who was called away on medical business, the degree was exemplified by Past Master McLauchlan, assisted by Past Master Munro.

The following members of Monument Lodge, No. 96, drove over from Houlton: James Archibald, Finley Macdonald, Hjalmer Edblad, Wm. H. Estey, George P. Clark, Wilbert Carr, H. H. Alexander, James Dempsey, John Watson, Jr., Henry C. Sharp, George A. Shea and H. Kidder. Other gentlemen present were Charles C. Newell of St. Albans, Forboro, Mass.; C. L. Merritt, of Scotland Lodge, No. 93, Brantford, Ont.; George Roswell, McAdam; C. D. Jordan, Albion Lodge, St. John.

After the session adjourned, a supper was held at the Royal Cafe. Past Master McLauchlan presided, and those present, about 50, hugely enjoyed the repast prepared by host Monahan. The following toasts were proposed and happily responded to: The King and Craft.

Monument Lodge—James Archibald.

Visiting Brethren—C. L. Merritt, Jas. Archibald, H. Edblad.

Officers of Woodstock Lodge—Messrs. John McKenzie, D. Munro, E. L. Hagerman, John McLauchlan, John Tattersall, and John A. Lindsay.

Ladies—Responded to by the newly initiated members.

The outside brethren expressed their pleasure at the visit and promised to come again.

The brethren of Monument Lodge extended an invitation to the Woodstock brethren to return the visit, and the invitation will likely be acted upon and the return visit made in the near future.

The gathering dispersed about midnight.

A FEARFUL CYCLONE

Sweeps Over a Portion of Texas. Death and Destruction in its Wake.

Dallas, Texas, May 19.—A special to the News from Goliath Texas says:—Ninety persons are dead, over a hundred are wounded. In addition there is gaping wound in the town, the path of one of the most destructive cyclones ever known in Texas. The tornado struck this place about 3.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, lasting only about five minutes, leaving death and destruction everywhere in its wake. It came from the south-east without a warning completely demolishing a strip about two blocks wide and a mile long through the town. Among the many houses demolished are the Baptist church and parsonage, the Methodist church and a colored church. It is impossible to estimate the number of houses destroyed, but it is thought the number will read one hundred. The damage cannot be approximated, but it is very great. About all the dead and wounded have been taken care of. The path of devastation is strewn with all kinds of debris and dead and wounded animals. The cries of the wounded are heard everywhere. A report around Goliath is to the effect that no damage was done. A special train bearing O'Connor guards, 6 physicians, nurses and many volunteers came from Victoria and also a special train from Cuero, bearing physicians, nurses, druggists and volunteers. So far 90 dead and 120 injured have been reported.

Bombay, May 19.—A destructive hurricane has swept over the Province of Scinde, British India. Forty miles of the Scinde Railroad were washed away and bridges, houses and embankments disappeared. Fifty miles of telegraph wires were also destroyed. Many lives were lost.

LITERARY NOTICES.

Really noteworthy is the progress now being made by Canadian writers. With the expansion of the country, the old localism vanishes. A big country grows big people. Then again, the brightness of treatment is increasing and the style of writing improving. This is especially noticeable in the *Canadian Magazine*, where our leading writers place their best work. The May number, just to hand, contains some excellent material. John Innes' beautifully illustrated article on the Buffalo Hunting, L. S. Channell's profusely pictured description of the Eastern Townships and Mr. Colquhoun's masterly delineation of Lord Rosebery, are three worthy contributions. The stories

and lighter features are as entertaining as usual. All booksellers.

We have before us a sample copy of *The Designer*, one of the leading fashion magazines of the day. It not only contains the latest in styles and fashions, the illustrations being finely printed, but as well a large amount of miscellaneous matter of a nature to interest and please lady readers. Published by the Standard Fashion Company, New York \$1.00 a year.

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OBITUARIES.

MISS ALICE E. BELL.

Miss Alice E. Bell died at the home of her father, Mr. William Bell, Gordonsville, on May 2nd, after an illness of about six months. The deceased was in the 21st year of her age, and was a highly esteemed young lady, and justly popular among her acquaintances. Some years ago she professed religion and united with the Free Baptist Church at Gordonsville, of which she remained a faithful and consistent member until her death. Besides her father and mother, she leaves five brothers and six sisters, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The funeral services were held at the Gordonsville Church, on Sunday, and were very largely attended, the sermon being preached by Rev. G. A. Giberson.

OLIVER RIDEOUT.

Died at Bridgewater, Maine, April 26th, 1902, Oliver Rideout, aged 74 years 5 months. Deceased was born at Nashua, York Co., and moved with his parents to Bridgewater some 60 years ago, where he resided until his death. He was one of a family of 18 children, three brothers and one sister survive him; he also leaves two daughters to mourn the loss of a kind father. His first wife was Miss Harriet Kimball, who died some years ago; his last wife was the widow of the late Absalom Kimball, who died some five years ago, at Fredericton, N. B. Brother Rideout made a public profession of religion several years ago and was baptised by Rev. G. A. Giberson and received into the P. B. Church at South Bridgewater, and proved a very profitable and faithful member and is much missed by this little church and we hope and pray that God will send us some one to fill his place as senior deacon of his church. Brother F. H. Slipp was selected by the daughter with whom he had the great pleasure of spending his last days of life, to conduct the funeral, and his pastor was selected to preach the funeral sermon. The very large attendance at his funeral showed the high esteem in which they held their old friend and brother. His last days were his best days, this he fully acknowledged frequently. His son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kimball with whom he lived, deserve and have the praise and great credit for their faithful and christian care of father, and for calling on his own people to preside over his funeral services; we hope God will amply reward them for this kind consideration. The best place in the house was none too good for him, the best bed, the best of nourishing food, the best of care night and day, the fondest affection of a loving daughter, was his and most heartily bestowed, but the hour came when we had to say good-bye father, good-bye brother, good-bye friend till we meet in the fairer land, where no good-bye is said. Appropriate services were held at his late residence. The service at the church was presided over by the writer; "Say Ye to the Righteous" was the text selected for the occasion, which is found in Isaiah 3: 10, Brother Miller, F. B. minister assisting in the service. At the close of this service, we repaired to the cemetery in the town and after a short service there, we laid to rest the remains of our dear old friend and brother, there to wait until the graves shall give up their dead.

C. H. ORSER.
Mars Hill, Maine.

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BASE BALL.

The ever popular game of base ball will boom this summer, in Woodstock, as it has not for many years past, unless all signs fail. A league of four teams has been formed and a schedule of games drawn up. The four teams are: Grammar School, N. Foster Thorne, manager; Business College, William Nicholson, manager; Shamrocks, Claud McLean, manager; Thistles, formerly African Giants, Norman McIntyre, manager. The president of the association is James Gibson, and the secretary, Dr. G. B. Manzer. The list of players as far as can be ascertained at present is:

Grammar School—D Connell, c; L. Milmore, p; F McTae, 1st b; W Dalling 2d b; A Smith, 3d b; R McLauchlan, s s; G McLauchlan, r f; A Glidden, l f; D Stevens, c f.

Business College—H Martin, c; W Nicholson, p; C O'Hegan, 1st b; G Loane, 2d b; W Thistle, 3d b; B Grant, s s, and probably G McLauchlan and G Clark will be two of the others.

Shamrocks—W Courtney, c; J Long, p; J Driscoll, 1st b; A Bagley, 2d b; C McLean, 3d b; L Brown, s s; and probably Foster Nevins and C Britton will be two of the others.

Thistles—B Walker, c; H Deboice, p; T Walker, 1st b; C Sprague, 2d b; H Wise, 3d b; M Nelson, s s; P Walker, r f; N McIntyre, l f; J H Eaton, c f.

On Monday afternoon of last week the league was formally opened, at the ball grounds in the Park, when the Grammar School and Thistles met on the diamond to battle for supremacy. It was rather a one-sided contest for the wielders of the pencil succeeded also in wielding the "willow" to such good advantage, that the score at the end was 10-0 in favor of the Grammar School.

The battery work of Connell and Milmore was especially good. The pitching of Captain Milmore was so effective that the usual hard hitting Thistles did not succeed in getting a run. Guy McLauchlan distinguished himself in the field and all flies that came his way were successfully handled.

For the Thistles, Deboice pitched a good game but he did not get as good support from his team as he deserved, and as it can, under ordinary circumstances, give, and will give in future matches. Murray Nelson, however, did shine considerably as a fly catcher.

WOODSTOCK—HOULTON.

A junior team of base ballists went from this town on last Saturday, that unfortunate day of Houlton's largest conflagration, and played a match game with a junior team, of that city. The game was played in the morning and keenly contested, but the game was a forerunner of the bad luck that was to happen to the town in the afternoon for the Woodstock boys came out of the contest with a victory. The score was 17 to 10, in favor of the Stars; the name of the Houlton team is Little Giants.

The Woodstock nine follows: G Payson, c; C Embleton p; A Glidden, 1st b; T Camp, 2d b; J Brown, 3d b; felders, W Lister, J O'Hagan, E Ryan, D Payson.

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

There has been quite a slump in the Aroostook potato market, from \$2.50 a barrel to \$1.50. Large stocks are still on hand.

St John had a \$49,000 fire on the 16th. It occurred on Water street, in the Bourke building. T L Bourke and J Splane & Co were the heaviest losers.

In an attempt to arrest some negroes, at Pittsburg, Ga, who had waylaid and robbed a policeman, last week, three policemen and five negroes were killed.

The Winfradain sailed from Halifax Saturday afternoon, carrying the sixth regiment and squadrons C & D of the fourth regiment C. M. R. for South Africa.

A commercial traveller named Pendleton, at the Snell Hotel, Houlton, Maine, was found the other day to have Smallpox. He has been placed in a vacant building outside the town and furnished with medical attendance and careful nurses. The Snell House has been quarantined, and every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

A large number of citizens drove over to Houlton Sunday to view the ruins left by the fire.

L. A. Wilmot Milbury, New York, will accept the thanks of the SENTINEL for illustrated papers giving graphic descriptions of the fearful volcanic eruption at Martinique.

Mrs. Carrie Nation is again in trouble; last week, at Topeka, Kan., she was sentenced to 30 days in prison and to pay a fine of \$100.00, for smashing bar fixtures stored in a vacant barn, in Feb. 1901. She has gone to Jail.

News From The Country.

Rockland.

May 19.

On the mornings, 11th and 12th inst, we found, upon leaving our beds, snow and ice, really raw and cold with wind and frost; this, after some fine and almost summer weather, led to the expressions: "Strange weather; never knew the like; have lived here a long time, but cannot remember any such monkey changes at this time of the year; it is really a wonderful freak of modern development."

Farmers all around us are actively engaged putting the seed in ground and on a larger scale than last year; the excellent prices for farm products during the past year and at present time, stimulates the agriculturist to labor to the full extent of his capacity.

Drives are all in and our young men have returned to their homes with a fair remuneration for their work in their pockets and many little overdue bills have been settled and seed purchased by those who may have disposed of more than was wise and at a less price than they now have to pay, especially true in oats.

The woods industries, in the winter months; stream driving and bark peeling in its season affords the farmer and his boys in this long and tedious winter country a fine opportunity for raising money and improving their surroundings, which, on every side of us is apparent.

The funeral of Mrs Wellington Craig, who died on the 8th inst., was largely attended. Sermon preached by Rev Giberson, Primitive Baptist.

The funeral sermon of Miss Clark, daughter of the late Percy Clark, who died in Lowell, Mass., and remains brought here for interment, was preached by Rev J D Wetmore in F B chapel, as Baptist House, owing to painting, was unfit for use.

Clarke Bros are putting one of Small & Fisher's improved shingle machines in their mill at the mouth of Coldstream.

Government engineer was here, some weeks ago, and made survey for a new bridge across Coldstream, but nothing heard of as to time of building; to delay is increasing danger as the old structure is near ready to topple.

Mr Ellsworth Lewis, of Peel, is about completing the work of painting, graining and varnishing the entire woodwork of the interior of Baptist church and has succeeded in performing a very creditable job, the inside never looked as well as at present, such is the universal judgment; the outside will next be attended to with two heavy coats of paint.

On Friday evening last, a basket social was held in the school house to assist the fund for paying for improvements on Baptist church, and the handsome sum of \$45 was realized.

The sewing circle met at the residence of Deacon S N Eastbrooks, on Friday last, and a large amount of knitting was done by a few.

Rev G W Foster is spending a couple of weeks in the down river country.

Edward Orser is able to get out on crutches, with foot of broken leg pointing some 40 degrees westward.

Mrs S S Page has suffered severely for two weeks past with neuralgia and rheumatism; she is attended by Dr Estey and convalescing; receives excellent nursing from a child's best friend, mother.

For the present your correspondent has his office in cottage near Clark's mill, and open for any commission work; will attend to purchase and sale of real estate, already some excellent land listed with him both improved and unimproved; please address "Land and Commission Agency, Coldstream, N. B."

E Perry Dickinson is placing a new board fence around his garden plot for protection from cattle, sheep and poultry running at large.

The Squire talks of taking down a temporary made woodshed and erecting one which will be of better model and more convenient.

As another of your correspondents has appropriated to his own use my signature "Anon" without my knowledge or consent, or even consulting me on the matter, I am content to let him have it and I will use the word "Addon" which means humble and is found in Neh. 7-61.

An extra work of house cleaning and wall papering, furnishing and decorating, is in progress in many homes where there exists an ambition to have everything garished bright and pleasant in connection with the hospitality to be extended to the guests who will visit here to attend the Baptist association, latter part of June.

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