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It is with deep sorrow that we today announce the death of Mr N Foster Thorne, Editor of the SENTINEL and Mayor of the Town of Woodstock, when, last week we informed our readers of Mr Thorne's sickness. We little thought that this week it would be our sad duty to tell of his death. In the death of Mr Thorne Woodstock loses one of its prominent citizens. He was in the 30th year of his age and had already shown marked ability in his profession as an Editor. To Mrs Thorne, who is left with two little children, the staff of this paper and the public in general tender their most sincere sympathy. A more extended notice will be given next week.

The funeral of the late Mr Thorne will be from the Methodist Church, Saturday afternoon. The service will commence at 2.30 o'clock. A private service for the members of the family will be held the late home of the deceased at 1.30.

"The Press called upon the town vendor, Guy L Hanson, last week. That gentleman said that the parents who buy books from him have on several occasions expressed surprise at the large amount of reduction and thankfulness to the Government that has rescued them the school book ring whose members have bled the people white for many years."

When Mr Hazen looks upon the expression of gratitude which Carleton Co has sent him in the person of Mr G W Upham, the newly elected Opposition member, he will think that the above statement of the Press is as nearly accurate as many other things found in its columns.

If the young man in charge of the Street Department of the Town is not aware of the condition of the catch basins and many of the hydrants, it would be a kindness if some one intimate with him would tell him. It may be that the peculiar condition of Town affairs, owing to lack of a quorum in the Council Board, may prevent the voting of the necessary funds for the carrying on of this work, yet we think, with the number of permanent men who are drawing their salaries, this could not be offered as an excuse if a fire was to break out and it was found that many of the hydrants were almost buried in ice, as many are at the present time.

The Scott Act Inspector is to be commended for the promptness with which he cancelled the license of Shannon, whose resort was raided by the Police last week. The deplorable condition found in that saloon, at the time the police made the raid, shows the need of keeping a watchful eye on these places. We will now expect to hear that the McDorald license has also been cancelled as he was called upon to pay a fine of One Hundred Dollars on Saturday last for violation of the Scott Act.

Miss Jennie McDonald who resides with Mr Fred Moores, Richmond St, fell at the entrance of the Bijou Theatre, Wednesday evening and displaced her knee cap. Dr Sprague was called and succeeded in reducing the dislocation. At last report Miss McDonald was resting comfortably.

An Important Question.

Some progress was made with the estimates during the past week in Ottawa, but apart from that there was not a great deal of actual work accomplished, though there were several debates of an unusually interesting character. One of the most important of these, though it failed to attract the attention it deserved among the members, was the proposal of Dr Black, M.P. of Nova Scotia that the Federal Government should establish a bureau of public health. It was not proposed that the Federal Government should interfere with the provincial and local boards of health, but rather that some general scheme should be adopted for combating certain diseases which are so widespread in character, and cause such a waste of population as places them in the category of what may be termed national afflictions. Chief among these is tuberculosis, and to a lesser degree typhoid fever and diphtheria. The mover of the resolution had evidently gone into the question most thoroughly, and the point of his argument was to the effect that when the national government is spending so much money to stamp out hog cholera, cattle disease, etc., as a purely economic measure, how much more should it feel the responsibility to combat diseases of human beings, which result in a far greater economic loss to the state.

Over 81,000 people die in Canada every year, and it is estimated by scientific men who have studied the question of public health that one-third of that number die of preventable disease while yet wage earners and of value to the state as citizens adding to the wealth of the community. From a monetary standpoint Canada loses every year over \$27,000,000 from lives sacrificed unnecessarily. It was pointed out that a strong agitation was being worked up in order that measures might be taken to prevent loss of life at level crossings but while 207 people were killed in this way last year, over 27,000 died of diseases that are just as preventable if proper measures were taken.

A large annual expenditure is made to guard against, and stamp out the cholera. Not a cent was expended to stamp out tuberculosis. "The moral is," said Mr Black, that it is better to be a hog than a man, and thus be worth saving. Polluted water supply causes typhoid fever and it is only a matter of supervision and expenditure of money to detect the pollution of the water supply and prevent typhoid epidemics. A polluted milk supply is peculiarly fatal to children, of whom we lose over 31,000 every year under five years of age, most of them done to death by bad milk.

Another phase of the work of such a bureau would be education, to educate the people how to avoid disease and municipalities how to prevent epidemics. In this relation it was pointed out that the operation of any valuable machine would not be entrusted to a person ignorant of its care and management, yet the human body which, regarded from a national standpoint, is one of the most important and productive machines we have, is in the large majority of cases controlled by those who are ignorant of the first principles of its care and management so as to maintain it in good working order. People eat too much, and exercise too little, and thereby cut short their lives by overworking the organs of the body. A man is not as old as his years, he is as old as his arteries. "More people in the Dom-

inion of Canada die of overeating," said Dr McAllister, "than of over drinking."

In a word, the difficult interrogatory that these medical members put to the government was, why should half a million dollars be spent in stamping out hog cholera and not a cent in stamping out equally preventable and fatal human diseases? At the request of the minister of agriculture the debate was adjourned, and the subject will likely be taken up again.

This is one of the most important questions that has been brought up in parliament for some time, and the medical members are to be complimented on the ability with which the case was presented. It is not complimentary to the average intelligence of the house that a considerable number of the members sought the smoking room while the speeches were in progress, or remained only to yawn or write letters. When hundreds of thousands of dollars are being paid out of the Dominion treasury to encourage alien immigration, not a cent is being spent in preserving the population we have, 27,000 of whom are needlessly lost every year. This is not good business; neither is it seemly that hundreds of thousands of dollars should be spent in taking advantage of the advances in medical science to save animals from disease, while not a cent is being spent on saving men and women, who quite apart from any other consideration, are so much more valuable from a purely economic standpoint.

Donnelly-Henderson.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place in St Gertrudes Church on Monday afternoon at five o'clock, when Miss Lillian Potter Henderson of Debec was united in marriage to Mr Charles Joseph Donnelly. Rev F J McMurray performed the ceremony. The bride was becomingly attired in a travelling suit of blue broadcloth with hat to match, and was attended by Miss Maud Griffin, while Mr John E Cogger supported the groom. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left on a brief wedding trip, and on their return will reside in Debec. The wedding remembrances were many and beautiful.

The groom's gift to the bride was a substantial cheque and to the bridesmaid a pearl brooch.

Bath.

C E Gallagher & Sons are still loading large quantities of timber on the cars here. Considerable quantities of hay are still being shipped notwithstanding the low prices. Rev J B Daggett of Hartland, occupied the pulpit of the United Baptist Church here on Sabbath evening last.

Wilbur Gray, son of H E Gray of this place, is reported dangerously sick at his father's. Dr M E Commins is in attendance.

Dr Jewett has removed his Dental rooms to the office until now occupied by J R H Simms, Barrister. Mr Simms will remove to rooms in the same building.

Prof Mosher has opened music rooms opposite E F Shaw's store here, where he is giving instrumental and vocal music lessons.

Mrs William Giberson is reported very ill of pneumonia. Dr Commins is attending her.

Professional.

Dr A Pierce Crockett, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of St John, will be at the Carlisle Hotel, Woodstock, Friday, Mar 12th., where he may be consulted professionally.—(9-3ins)

OBITUARY.

HELEN KELLEY.

The death took place on Monday after an illness of typhoid fever, of Helen, aged 13 years, only daughter of Mrs Vincent Kelley. The funeral took place Wednesday morning 9 o'clock from St Gertrudes Church.

JOHN C SEELEY.

John C Seeley, a prominent business man and citizen of Houlton, Me, died at Washington, D C, on Sunday, Feb 14th. Mr Seeley was a resident of Carleton County for a number of years. He married Mary A Drake of Jacksonville, who died about five years ago.

MRS ANDREW LONG.

On Sunday morning Mrs Andrew Long, of Carlisle, was taken suddenly ill and died in the afternoon just after the arrival of the physician. Heart trouble, from which she had been a sufferer was the cause. The deceased, with her husband, came from Queens county nearly thirty years ago, and settled far up the Becaguimac in a place where the population was then scattered. The land chosen was unusually fertile and for years the couple have prospered well. Besides the husband several sons are bereft.

W N COLWELL.

W N Colwell died at his home, Northampton, on Tuesday of this week of nervous trouble, age 71 years. He leaves a wife who was Miss Jane Wolverton of Northampton, an aged mother, one daughter, Mrs Hedley Parker of Los Angeles, California, three sons, Everett of Tapley's Mills, Gilbert of Los Angeles, California, and Sidney of Northampton. The funeral was held on Thursday, conducted by Rev C N Barton of Milltown, Calais.

URBAN SHAW.

Urban Shaw, who was in the Hospital for several weeks, died on his way home from that institution on Tuesday. He died just as the train reached Peel. The remains were taken to his late home in Mt Pleasant.

MARGARET ANN DOHERTY.

The death of Mrs Margaret Ann Doherty occurred at an early hour Thursday morning. Mrs Doherty was in her 79 years. She was the wife of the late Bernard Doherty and sister of the late John Gallagher. The funeral will take place Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

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