

The Local News.

George I. Holroyde, editor of The Woodstock Press, is confined to his home with a severe illness.

A timber berth at Little River, Sunbury county, was sold at the crown land office Wednesday, to the applicant, David Hughes, at the upset price.

The Victoria hospital trustees at a meeting Monday afternoon appointed Dr. G. J. McNally a member of the medical staff of the institution, in place of Dr. G. E. Coulthard, deceased.

Pat Quinn of the R. C. R. I., writes from Wingham hospital, South Africa, that his wounds are healed, and he expects to be sent to Netley hospital, England, for a while, and then to Fredericton.

The Stanley rifle club intends to enter the team in the Canadian military rifle matches this season. The Stanley club has a membership of about thirty and an excellent rifle range. There is some talk of a match with a picked team from this city in the near future.

There is a very brisk demand for bank logs at Springhill, and the many logs which arrive daily from river cuts are quickly disposed of. Spruce logs are selling at present for \$9 per thousand feet. James Scott of Dumfries has made extensive purchases at Springhill this season.

James Gorman, an employe of Palmer's patent leather factory, met with a serious and painful accident, while at work Tuesday afternoon. His right hand was caught in a machine, near which he was working, and badly mangled. The physician who was called to attend him found it necessary to amputate one of the fingers.

Mrs. John Kilburn, Monday received a letter from her husband, who is in Quebec superintending his steam driving operations. Mr. Kilburn reports that he has dynamited a channel through the lake and is getting along splendidly with his drive. At the time of writing (May 3rd) there was four feet of snow in the woods and the nights were quite cold. Mr. Kilburn has 300 men at work, and it is confident that all his lumber will be got out.

The funeral of the late John Booker who was drowned in the Miramichi last week, took place at Royal Road Wednesday, and was one of the largest seen in that locality for several years. An impressive funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Henderson, and the remains were taken to the Pickard burying ground and interred. Robert B. Adams was funeral director.

The remains of the late Charles E. Smith, arrived from Sussex Tuesday evening in charge of Robert Morrison and James T. Kirk and were taken to the residence of Emory Sewell at Gibson. The funeral took place at ten o'clock next morning, Rev. J. D. Freeman officiating. The remains were brought to the city and interred in the Rural cemetery. A delegation from Hiram Lodge of Free Masons joined the funeral procession on the bridge and accompanied it to the cemetery where interment took place.

P. F. W. Coombes of St. John, writing to the Globe from Wingham hospital, South Africa, April 2nd, says: "Cora Wallace, Private McLeod and Kirkpatrick, who were sent from Belmont to Orange River hospital suffering from fever during the early part of January, have been invalided home to England. Private Donohue, Lovitt and Wep, wounded at Paardeburg, went last week, and Private MacFarlane, Durant, and Fradsham go to-morrow, all being incapacitated for further service in this campaign."

Mr. A. D. Yerxa received a despatch today, announcing the death of his aunt Mrs. Abram Yerxa of Minneapolis. Deceased was a Miss Elizabeth White, and both she and her husband were natives of Keewick. They moved to the west about twelve years ago, and three sons now form the firm of Yerxa Bros. doing an extensive business in Minneapolis. The entire family of five sons and seven daughters reside in the west. Mrs. Yerxa was 78 years of age at the time of her death. Her husband is still living and is in his 84th year.

The Nashwaak Drive. Wednesday's Daily. Gibson's lumber drive on the Nashwaak and tributaries are making excellent progress and will all be in safe water in the course of a day or two. James Humble has been successful in the Arnold Brook drive, it is thought will be out in a day or two. Gibson's main drive is now some distance below the mouth of the Napa dogan, and is coming along well. James Humble who has been lumbering for Mr. Gibson for nearly forty years, says that he has never before had so much water in the Nashwaak at this high a pitch as this Spring, and that was thirty-seven years ago.

LITTLE DISCHARGED. Grand Jury Did Not Find a Bill in Sunbury Murder Case. A telephone message from Barton to The Herald at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, stated that the grand jury, reported in the Little case, that they were unable to find a bill against the prisoner. Little was accordingly discharged from custody by Judge Hainington.

A large number of witnesses were examined, but no evidence of a threatening nature against the prisoner was brought out. Little was suspected of having caused the death of Edwin Lawrence at Lakeville Corner in February last. The Attorney General and C. E. Duffy were watching the case for the crown, and H. F. McLeod and J. R. Dunn represented Little.

HAD A CLOSE CALL. Fredericton Bank Clerk Writes of His Experience at Paardeburg. W. H. Norton-Taylor, of the Bank of Montreal, is in receipt of a letter from his late associate, P. S. Stevenson, now on active service in South Africa with the first Canadian contingent. The letter was written at Wingham hospital under date of March 29th, and contains a number of interesting particulars of the battle of Paardeburg and the hardest part of the campaign. At the time of

writing Mr. Stevenson had completed five weeks in hospital, two at Kimberley and three at Wymburg. He seemed to regret very much that he had been unable to go to Bloemfontein with the regiment. The doctors thought that it would be necessary to send him to England, as they were of opinion that it would be two months before he would be able to march. From the tone of his letter, it was quite evident that Mr. Stevenson was sent to England and not allowed to rejoin his regiment at the front, it would be very much against his wishes.

Referring to the Wymburg hospital, Mr. Stevenson says: "It is quite a large place with a lot of very famous surgeons in attendance. Everything is kept like a new pin. There are fourteen beds in our ward and this week seven men go to England. Only those with bone wounds go and they must be able to walk before they are sent." Referring to the battle of Paardeburg, Mr. Stevenson says: "I had my helmet shot off my head, on the 25th, and men were shot all around me, but I am glad to say I came out without a scratch, except this beastly ankle. I will probably be in Netley hospital for two or three weeks, then I will try and go to my people in London, unless they allow me to remain here two or three weeks, in which case I will do my best to get back to the front again. An officer has promised to take me up as his servant when he goes, providing I can get discharged from the hospital."

According to letters received here from Mr. Stevenson, written subsequently to the one from which the above extracts were made, he was not sent to England. Probably by this time he has carried out his intention of returning to the front as an officer's servant.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA

P. S. Stevenson in Hospital Suffering from an Injured Ankle. Manager Riechy of the Bank of Montreal, is in receipt of two letters from P. S. Stevenson of the first Canadian contingent now in South Africa. One was written at Wymburg hospital and dated April 3rd, and the other was written at Mrs. Hasbrouk's soldiers home, Cape Town, under date of April 10th.

In the first letter Mr. Stevenson speaks of having injured his ankle, but does not enter into particulars as to how or when the accident occurred. He expressed the hope that he will soon be out of the hospital and back to the front again. In his second letter, the writer refers to the battle of Paardeburg, and intimates that he gathered a large number of interesting relics from the Boer laager after Cronjé's surrender. He was obliged to discard most of them during the fatiguing march to Bloemfontein which followed.

At the time the second letter was written, Mr. Stevenson had quite recovered from his injury and was preparing to return to the front. The doctor refused to permit him to be fit for active service, but in his anxiety to get back to the front, he had concluded arrangements to rejoin his regiment as an officer's servant. The mail Monday night brought to the city a number of interesting trophies to the Misses Tibbitts, sent by their brothers, Adrian and James, members of the second Canadian contingent. Frank Shute of the Merchants' Bank is in receipt of a letter from Private J. M. Aikens of the first contingent. It was written at Bloemfontein and "Tommy" was in good health and spirits at the time of writing. He came through the battle of Paardeburg without a scratch.

STAPLES ACQUITTED.

Boston Jury Believed St. Mary's Man in Preference to His Wife. Edward B. Staples, formerly of St. Mary's, accused of assaulting his wife with a knife on Jan 8 at their home in Jamaica Plain, Boston, has been acquitted by a jury. The verdict was returned Saturday, in the superior criminal court, before Judge Stevens. The jury retired late Friday afternoon and reached an agreement after being out a few hours.

The case is one of the strangest says the Boston Globe, that has been tried in this country in a long time. The fate of the prisoner hinged on the veracity of himself and wife. There was no direct evidence against the defendant except that of the wife, and her testimony was controverted in every detail by him. He told a remarkable story regarding his wife's desire to avenge a wrong which she alleged had been done by another man. That person had murdered her in the street and the defendant said she had brought a suit against the third person for the purpose of wrecking the latter's home. She also wanted her husband, according to his story, to shoot the other man after she had placed him in a compromising position.

Mr. Staples said a wife became wrathful when he refused to conspire with her in wreaking vengeance on this man, who was a stranger to him and threatened to have the defendant arrested for assaulting her. He said she could show no signs of insanity, and therefore it would be useless for her to try to effect his arrest. She said she could make marks a dent into another room. Immediately he heard a fall, accompanied by a suppressed cry, and upon entering the room, found his wife on the floor. She had stabbed herself, he said. In the presence of doctors and the police the woman accused the defendant of stabbing her and testified to the effect at the trial.

Mr. Staples always protested his innocence. He was defended at the trial by Judge Crockett and Mr. McDonald, Asst. Dist. Atty. Sugrue represented the government. The defense contended that the woman's mind was affected. It was also alleged that she had been drinking.

[Mr. Staples is a son of Thomas Staples of St. Mary's.] DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE. Contributions to the Patriotic Fund From the Country Districts. LOWER SOUTHAMPTON. Miss Violet Kirke, collector: Miss Thos Trail, Mrs John Callison, J W Callison, Mrs J W Callison, Mrs Gideon Stairs, Rev A Stairs, Alex McLeod, Justus L Stairs, Alex Trail, Jas Trail, Wm Trail, Geo Trail, Fred Trail, Mrs Simon Stairs, David Munro, Peter D Morrison, Geo Munro, John Munro, sr, Thos W Stairs, G W Grant, John Munro, jr, William Henry Munro, Peter W Munro, James McLeod, Ernest W Munro, 50c; Mrs Nelson Stairs, 30c; Mr George Davidson, Miss Alice Grosvenor, Mr Wm Baylis, Rev Mr Sables, Mr David McLeod, J W Davidson, John Woodman, Ross F

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The water has been so high this past week that Fawcett's mill could not be operated.

W. E. Gillen shipped a car of live hogs from here on May 7th. This is the earliest shipment of the kind ever sent from this town. He takes them to Montreal.

Mr. G. M. Shaw arrived home on Thursday last week from a visit to her parents at Fort Fairfield.

Geo. M. Campbell started at the insurance business this week.

The 67th Bat. Band gave A. Porter a good send off last night. Mr. Porter was a prominent member of the band, and will be much missed. He goes to St. John to go into business there.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Cowperthwaite have the sympathy of the community in the loss of their bright little daughter Ada, who died this morning after a short illness of spinal meningitis. Funeral Wednesday, 1 p. m.

Rev. Thos Pierce spent today calling on the sick.

Mrs. Wm Miller is able to be about again after a long illness.

The high water is bringing the boys from the drive. Benj. Brown and James Newland from home on Sunday.

Mrs. Herbert Gunter is quite ill. Dr. Moore of Stanley is attending her.

Mrs. Priscilla MacPherson of Nashwaak village is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. Hallett.

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Mrs. Jas. Clayton, after a painful illness, is recovering. Dr. Mallin is attending her.

MARYSVILLE. (Special Correspondence to the Herald.) May 8.—The water is falling fast. Both saw mills and both lathe mills are expected to start the last of this week, and will put on both night and day crews.

There is an immense jam of logs above the covered bridge on the Nashwaak River. They are jammed solid for a distance of about a quarter of a mile up the river. These logs are a tremendous number of people are getting to view them every day, several pictures have been taken of them since they have been there.

The Gibson Cotton Mill wood yard is again put in charge of the local and reliable manager, Mr. Wm Scott, who for a number of years, through his management has kept it satisfactory to this company, and has it in good condition now to receive timber of from the different mills. And has also selected her gang of able bodied men which will assume their duties as soon as the mills start.

The New Brunswick militia camp is to be held at Sussex again this year, opening June 28. The Aldershot N. S. camp opens Sept. 11.

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25 cents. Sold by all medicine dealers. MARRIED. On the 2nd inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. J. W. Clark, George B. Grant of Fredericton, York Co., to Miss Margaret Westfall, of Woodstock.

DIED. On May 8th at Marysville, Mauden Foster, aged 82 years. At Minneapolis, May 8, Mrs. Abram Yerxa, a native of Keewick, York Co., aged 78 years.

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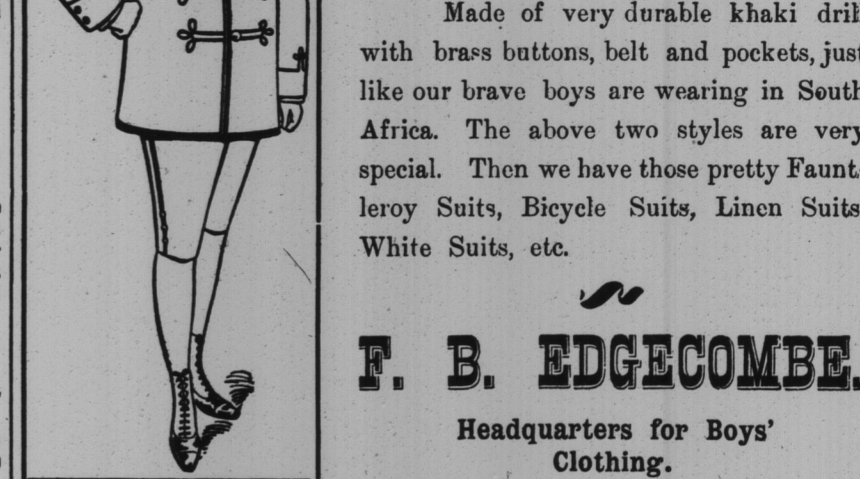
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