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ALARMING CONDITIONS.

The report of the analysts of Fredericton water should arrest the attention of those whose duty it is to look after the health and other conditions of the people of this city.

If the conclusions of the analysts are correct, the water used in this city for domestic purposes is teeming with typhoid bacilli and is the direct cause of much of the disease prevalent here. It seems that guinea pigs which die at a fever heat of 105, shuffled off this mortal coil when inoculated with water from Fredericton taps.

The committee of citizens, who secured the water analysis are entitled to the thanks of the community in calling attention to the dangers which surround us. Their recommendations are not new, but are the more emphatic because fortified by the opinions of experts. It has long been felt and urged that the location of the waterworks intake pipe is in dangerous proximity to the sewage flow of the city, and should be removed further up river. The question of filtration has also been considered but no practical steps taken to bring about the necessary improvements. Perhaps the reports which we publish elsewhere will arouse the citizens from their lethargy.

The conclusions of the analysts are strong arguments in favor of the introduction of an effective sewerage system in Fredericton, so persistently urged by the Herald. There is no doubt that the river water is contaminated by the flow of poisonous sewage into it, and there is no sense in concealing the fact that typhoid fever prevails to an alarming extent in this city. The citizens' committee submits absolute proof of the latter condition, by quoting the number of cases reported by physicians in five years, and many other cases are never officially reported.

In view of the reports now before the public in official form the duty of the civic government is plain, and cannot be further shirked. It is one of the first duties of the authorities to guard the public health, and at the same time preserve the reputation of the city. Fredericton otherwise one of the most attractive cities in Canada, a favorite resort of tourists, the home of a fine class of people, and the temporary residence of many others who come here for educational, professional and business purposes, must not be known as a fever district, repelling visitors and threatening the health of its own people. It may require considerable expenditure to purify our water supply, but the work must be undertaken and that promptly.

IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS.

The signs of the times in Japan are strongly indicative of the progress of the Christian religion in that great empire.

The Japanese in the last twenty-five years have made wonderful advancement in all the arts of peace, and we know too that they have studied the art of war and become very proficient in it. They have been quick to adopt the methods of Christian nations, and there is hope that the time is not far distant when the Christian religion will hold sway in the Mikado's realm. Missionaries



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have been well received, and the field has returned good results.

A most encouraging announcement has just been made. Some time ago shortly after the outbreak of the war the Evangelical Alliance requested of the Japanese government permission to send Christian ministers to the front with the army in the capacity of chaplains, and news has been received that the prayer of the petition has been granted, and that six Christian missionaries and six pastors will be permitted to accompany the troops, and that they will rank as officers.

This is a concession to the Christian church scarcely anticipated and therefore all the more satisfactory. It shows that the Japanese government recognizes the Christian religion, and are not indifferent to the good results that flow from its practice.

It will be interesting to Canadians to know that one of our own fellow countrymen will be one of the chaplains to accompany the Japanese troops. The Methodist mission board of the Methodist church in Canada was asked to name a man for the service, and they have chosen Rev. Daniel Norman, who has for some years been engaged in missionary work in Japan. Mr. Norman is a native of Orangeville, Ontario, and has made a great success among young men where he has labored.

Speaking of the appointment, Rev. Dr. Henderson, assistant secretary of the Methodist Mission Board at Toronto, said that the Board was highly pleased with the recognition that the government had paid to the missionaries, and for that reason they had appointed one of the best men in the Japan Conference to go with the troops. His influence with the young men of the army was certain to be most beneficial.

Mr. Norman is the only Canadian missionary who will go to the front. The order provides for the sending of six missionaries, one from each of the Christian bodies engaged in mission work in the country—except the Greek church, which is, of course, pro-Russian. The denominations represented are the Roman Catholic, the English Presbyterians, the American Baptists, the Church of England, and the Episcopal Methodists of the United States.

A recent despatch from Tokio, the Japanese capital spoke of a meeting of influential men in that city at which the proposition to found a national church on Christian lines was favorably discussed.

These are certainly encouraging signs, and it is not a vain hope that the Christian church may yet hold sway in the Mikado's kingdom, as the result of the seeds sown by the faithful missionaries of all denominations who have labored and are active in the mission field in Japan.

In a recent interview at Montreal at Hon. Dr. Pugsley, speaking of the Canada Eastern said if acquired by the government the road should easily be operated at a profit. There was an excellent field for the development of profitable business along the line of the Canada Eastern, and he had no doubt the opportunity would be fully embraced.

ANCIENT MILL SITE.

First Mill Built by English in New Brunswick was at Marysville in 1765.

Rev. W. O. Raymond in his interesting contribution of New Brunswick history, to the Telegraph says:

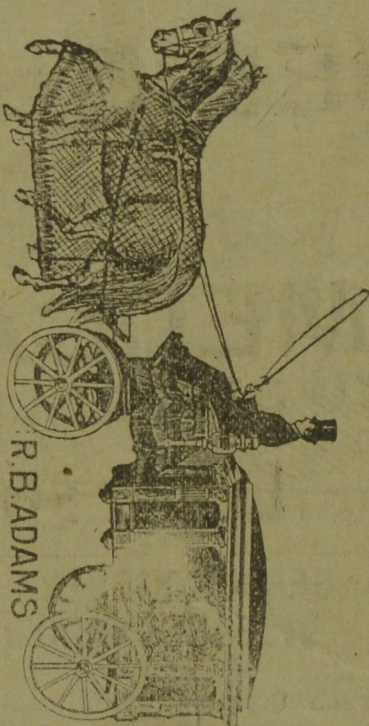
It is an interesting circumstance that the site upon which Alexander Gibson's mills at Marysville stand today, was selected by Beamsley Glasier and his associate in 1765 as the most desirable mill site along the St. John river. We even know the names of the pioneers of that locality.

In the month of July, 1765, the sloop "Peggy and Molly" sailed from Newburyport for St. John and on the way she called at Portsmouth and took on board Capt. Beamsley Glasier and five mill-wrights, Jonathan Young, Hezekiah Young, Joseph Pike, Tristram Quimby and John Sanborn, each of whom paid Simonds & White 20 shillings passage money. Soon after their arrival they framed and erected the first saw mill on the Nashwaak, probably the first built by English hands in the province.

In September, same year, the "Peggy and Molly" brought a large consignment from New England for Capt. Glasier, including all the mill gear, a quantity of seed corn, barley and garden seeds, some live stock and fowls, household utensils and provisions.

Capt. Glasier says in a letter to Wm. Hazen written in August, 1766, "Young and all the Carpenters intend to stay and settle here and he begs you'll be so good as to acquaint his wife and family of it."

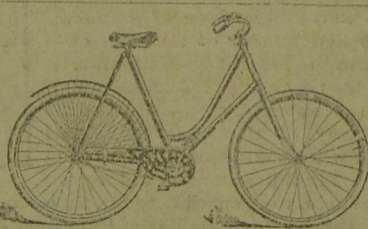
No permanent settlement, however, seems to have been made at the Nashwaak at this time other than Anderson's trading post at the mouth of that stream.



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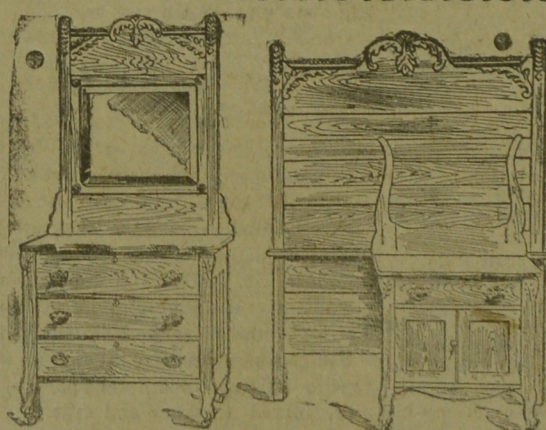
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