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Houlton Hotel Man, Born Near Fredericton, Oldest in the Business in Maine.

(Bangor Daily News.)

Houlton, Oct. 26.—The residents of Houlton and Aroostook county enjoy the distinction of having two of the oldest hotel people in the Pine Tree State. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Buzzell of Houlton, although having conducted a hotel way back in stage coach days, are now well and smart, and it is with pleasure that Mr. Buzzell enjoys sitting back in an arm chair and relating some of the pleasant events which happened years—yes, many years ago, at a time when the railroad was not known to a majority of the people of that section. At that time the traveller made his way from Houlton to Bangor, by stage coach, drawn by four horses. The team would make a trip every day. It was necessary to be sent to and from Houlton and Bangor, by tote-teams, and today there are several wealthy residents of Aroostook who can remember having driven these teams. But the northern part of Maine has seen a vast change since those times and now the country is intersected with almost a network of railroads.

Mr. Buzzell was born near Fredericton, N. B., about 70 years ago. When about 25 years of age he married Louisa B. Howe of Ludlow, Me. They came to this town in 1861 and only resided here a short time before they opened a hotel in what has for years been known as the Sleeper House. Business increased so rapidly from the start that they and more commodious quarters, so they purchased a building at the upper part of the town. In a portion of this building a grocery store was conducted, while in the other half a restaurant. Business continued to have reached such enormous propor-

tions that Mr. Buzzell found it necessary to make extensive repairs. After making several additions to the building Mr. Buzzell conducted a large and prosperous business for the following seven years, when a large and destructive fire visited the town and totally destroyed the hotel.

It is a pleasure, however, to state that this misfortune did not discourage Mr. Buzzell. Right here he displayed that energy and perseverance that have been so characteristic of his business ventures during the following years. Within a few days after the conflagration he purchased a large lot on Court street and commenced the erection of what is now one of the leading hotels east of Bangor, the Hotel Exchange.

Mr. Buzzell prospered from the start in the new hotel and today is considered one of the wealthiest residents of the town. He lays his success largely to the efforts of his wife, who was ever faithful and has taken an active interest in the hotel business. About two years ago, Mr. Buzzell sold out his business to his son, Olin B., who is now running the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzzell are both unusually smart and active for people of their years and can be seen almost every day enjoying a carriage drive through the surrounding country. They are both of exemplary habits. Both retire every evening at precisely eight o'clock and it is a very rare thing to see Mr. Buzzell going to his room after eight o'clock in the evening.

Probably there are not two people in Maine who have been in the hotel business so long and are so well acquainted with the traveling public as are Mr. and Mrs. Buzzell.

LATEST FASHION.



A FRENCH BLOUSE FROCK.

Those long-waisted French frocks are seen at their most becoming best when the upper or body part follows blouse lines. Such is the mode followed in this dainty little frock of pale blue mohair, upon which a deep shade of sapphire blue velvet ribbon makes for the sole trimming design. There is a yoke across the shoulders back and front, this defined with rows of the ribbon, and to which the blouse portion is shirred, this fulfilling a trifle over the skirt top. The skirt itself is likewise shirred to the somewhat fitted lining of the body part, and the entire frock fastens in the back. The sleeve is long, to suit the coming cold weather, a loose bishop puff with a little plain band cuff, velvet ribbon trimmed, at the wrist.

At eleven o'clock the fence had been cleaned and the lights fixed—but the tower, strange to say, shone forth exultantly, changed into "08," while the sophs wore a smile of joy.

At noon, a second year student, glancing up at the tower, could hardly believe his eyes. It was again "09," and a hurry-up call was sent through the university for a gathering of sophomores. In one hour it had been changed to "08," which figures glittered bravely forth up to the time of the McGill-Varsity football match. All the crowd saw the white symbols and had to have explanations.

Just as the ball was kicked off an attendant was seen to lower himself from the tower's trap door with a rope about his waist, and in ten minutes the joke had passed into history.

MR. BORDEN IN TORONTO.

In Conference Respecting the Bye-Elections.

Toronto, Oct. 25.—A step preliminary to the coming bye-elections in West Lambton, Wentworth, and North York was evident yesterday in the quiet coming to Toronto of Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition, who put up at the Albany Club, where he met a number of party friends during the day.

"You know I like to come to Toronto now and again to get an inspiration," he said to a representative of the Globe last night.

Mr. Borden, in reply to a question said two of his callers during the day had been Mr. Sam Parker, M. P., Hamilton, and Mr. T. Herbert Lennox, M. P., Aurora.

This naturally prompted the question if his coming had not to do with the bye-elections.

"Well, it would be very natural if I should come up on such a matter," he replied, smilingly, but when asked if Mr. Lennox intended to run for the Commons in North York, Mr. Borden would venture no reply. He said he would speak in the bye-election campaigns if his friends desired him to do so.

"Do you care to discuss the recent editorial in the Halifax Herald criticizing the Opposition?"

"No, I have not read it carefully yet, but I believe it has been misunderstood up here."

On the question of the increased indemnity and pensions Mr. Borden was even more silent for the present. At last, however, common ground was found, when he was asked how he regarded the recent cabinet changes.

"Sir William Mulock's resignation," he replied, "was a surprise to me. I had not any idea that he intended to go out of public life. I have always seen on excellent personal terms with him. I regret that the state of his health has made it necessary for him to retire from public life."

Mr. Borden will return to Ottawa tonight and will then go at once to Halifax to bring Mrs. Borden to Ottawa, they having taken a house at the capital from November 1st.

The educated Chinaman was inspecting one of the new vertical signs at a street intersection.

"It is such an absurd waste of space," he said. "For instance, on that sign where you have the name Washington, in letters one above the other you could have painted several whole sentences in Chinese."

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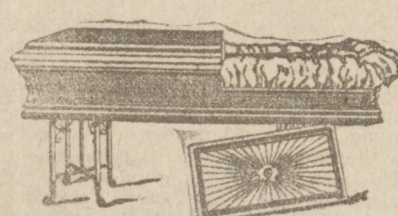
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