

work now done by the railway freight trains. On the evening of that day Mr. Ball remembers walking over to Knowlton, via Brome Corner, and reporting all to Col. Knowlton, with whom he took supper that night.

The surveyor, Mr. Corey, soon after made out his process verbal and placed it in the hands of Col. Knowlton.

Col. Knowlton was then member of the Legislative Council of the Province, then of Lower Canada, and he succeeded in getting a grant from the Government for the construction of the road. This was about sixty years ago. A few years passed, however, after the survey before the work of construction was begun.

Mr. Brooks, who in later years married the widow of the well-known Seneca Page, was the contractor.

Capt. James Ball was the superintendent of the work.

As an instance of the conditions of life and energy of early days in this country Mr. Ball states that when he was young one of the neighboring women died, leaving a newborn infant of the name of Anna Johnson, and when the child was ten days' old, Mrs. Ball, the mother of Mr. Lester Ball, took the baby on horseback, and following "spotted or blazed" trees, went through to Shefford and thence through Granby Township to Yamaska Mountain, now called *Yamaska*. This was accomplished in one day, for many streams on the mountain were unknown to the early settlers. The distance travelled was above thirty miles. She safely delivered the child that night to the tender care of a Mrs. Crossfield, of Yamaska Mountain. A goodly number of the name of Crossfield are now residing there.

Mr. Ball is as active on his feet now as the average man of thirty years of age. He is visiting friends in and about Brome for a few weeks this summer. His cheerful face and buoyant disposition make him an ever-welcome guest.

The Chiltons.

John R. Chilton came to America from England when he was but 13 years old, and located in Skeensborough, now known as White Hall, N.Y., and there he married Alexander Young's daughter, and when the Revolutionary war broke out in the year of 1775, rather than take up arms against Great Britain, he and Young left for Canada, leaving everything they had, their cattle in the fields, and their household effects, and in fact all they had, not bringing away anything but the clothes on their backs; and, taking a row boat, they rowed by night down Lake Champlain and the Richelieu River, and hid in the bushes during the day, until they reached St. Johns, and remained there until the war was over. A grant of land was given to Col. Caldwell, and they came and took up farms on what is now known as Caldwell's Manor.

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District Items of Interest.

The population of the District of Bedford is 56,400, divided thus: Brome, 14,050; Missisquoi, 1,070; Shefford, 23,280.

In 1897 the births totalled 1,562, Brome having 281, Missisquoi 405 and Shefford 876.

In the same year there were 303 marriages, 60 in Brome, 94 in Missisquoi, and 149 in Shefford.

The total death rate in 1897 was 725. Shefford led with 352, Missisquoi had 210, and Brome county had 163.

The death rate per 1,000 of population was: Brome, 11.60; Missisquoi, 11.01; Shefford, 15.12.

The birth rate per thousand of population was: Brome 20.00; Missisquoi, 21.23; Shefford, 37.62.

There is about three hundred thousand dollars of District of Bedford capital invested in the stocks of Canadian chartered banks.

More than half of this sum is in Eastern Township bank stock, the exact amount being \$155,600.

The balance is divided among other banks as follows: Bank of Montreal, \$62,600; Merchants' Bank of Canada, \$19,500; Ontario Bank, \$14,300; Molsons Bank, \$12,650; La Banque du Peuple, \$8,900; Canadian Bank of Commerce, \$5,800; Banque du St. Jean, \$4,650; Quebec Bank, \$4,600; Bank of British North America, \$4,200; Union Bank of Canada, \$3,660; Banque de Hyacinthe, \$2,430; Banque Jacques Cartier, \$350; Banque Ville-Marie, \$200.

Waterloo people hold \$65,000 worth of the stock; Dunham has \$46,000; Stanbridge East, \$28,000; Granby, \$22,000; Bedford and Phillipsburg, \$20,000 each; Knowlton, \$18,000; Fralighsburg, \$17,000; Roxton Falls, \$15,600.

Other places, represented by smaller amounts are: Brome, Sutton, Brigham, Cowansville, Notre Dame de Stanbridge, Mansonville Station, St. Armand, East and West; Adamsville, Farnham, East Farnham, Sweetsburg, Abbott's Corners, West Shefford, South Stukely, Foster, Warden, Notre Dame, des Anges de Stanbridge, St. Valerien de Milton, Stanbridge Station.

There are twenty-six accounting post-offices in the district. The revenue derived from each and the amounts paid each, in salaries and allowances are given below, arranged in alphabetical order. The returns are for the year ending the 30th June, 1898.

Postoffice.	Revenue.	Salaries and Allowances.
Abercorn	\$ 346 87	\$ 140 89
Bedford	1,530 73	599 55
Bolton Centre	254 55	153 26
Brome	453 37	169 45
Clarenceville	722 69	294 03
Cowansville	2,611 03	854 48
Dunham	754 02	303 24
East Farnham	237 88	87 48
Eastman	694 60	299 67
Farnham	2,753 51	896 89
Frelighsburg	741 95	315 36
Granby	4,103 50	1,097 25
Knowlton	1,512 26	708 77
Mansonville	693 09	267 73
Notre Dame de Stan- bridge	281 71	148 50
Roxton Falls	816 46	389 50
Roxton Pond	34 11	136 45
Stanbridge East	551 05	236 88
Sutton	1,233 10	488 63
Sutton Junction	387 59	136 58
Sweetsburg	688 88	298 44
Upper Bedford	262 97	120 61
Warden	354 13	152 00
Waterloo	2,836 35	964 90
West Brome	467 84	204 68
West Shefford	464 35	182 45

There have been thirty-three sessions of the Provincial Legislature since Confederation. The district of Bedford, during that time, has been represented five times among

the movers and seconders of the address in the Legislative Assembly in reply to the speech from the throne. In 1871 W. W. Lynch, member for Brome, now Hon. Mr. Justice Lynch, seconded the address. In 1879 the address was moved by Ernest Racicot, member for Missisquoi. Dr. de Grosbois, member for Shefford, was the seconder in 1889, and the same office was performed in 1897 by Mr. (now Hon.) J. C. McCorkill, then member for Missisquoi, whose successor in the Assembly, Dr. C. L. Colton, seconded the address in the session of 1898.

An Historic Inscription.

By request we print a copy of the inscription on the monument of the late Samuel Gale, at the foot of Gale Mountain.

Here Rest

Samuel Gale, Esquire, formerly acting deputy paymaster-general of His Majesty's forces in the Southern Provinces, now the United States of America, subsequently Secretary to His Excellency the Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Dominions in North America.

Author of Essays on Public Credit and other works.

Born at Kingstons, Hants, England, Oct. 14th, 1735; died at Farnham, June 27th, 1826.

And

Rebecca Wells, his wife, born at Deerfield in Massachusetts, June 23rd, 1752, O.S., died at Farnham, January 23rd, 1826.

They were married June 25th, 1773 and during a union which Providence was pleased to extend to a period of nearly 53 years, they lived together with mutual affection.

The Canadian Year Book.

The Canadian Year Book of 1899, published by Alfred Hewett, of Toronto, has made its appearance. It has been brought up to date in all departments, and is replete with information in regard to Canada and Canadians. The frontispiece is a splendid presentation of the features of Lord Minto, the Governor-General. A vast amount of interesting and useful statistics is given. The conditions of trade are dealt with. There is much useful information regarding immigration to Canada, and altogether the book is such a one as should be in the possession of everyone who takes an interest in watching the material progress of Canada.

Who is the oldest Freemason in the district of Bedford?

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It was two hundred and seventy years ago this month when Sir David Kirke captured Quebec.

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"Is life worth living?" asked the cynic. "Not if you worry over your debts," replied the philosopher.

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A boy excused himself for his frequent use of the word *d--n* by explaining that it was the only way he knew of to put what he said in italics.

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The most unsatisfactory kind of recommendation to give on behalf of some people is to say that they work for others just as hard as they do for themselves.

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The man who commends the honesty of his fellow by saying that his word is as good as his bond, is, nevertheless, in business matters, very careful to take the bond.

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The undertaker's new message boy was sent on an errand to a house where a death had just occurred. He was a stranger to the place, and had forgotten the name of the family, so his inquiry of the person who answered his timid knock was: "Please, is this where the dead man lives?"