

The French-Canadians first began to settle in the '30's and '38 after the rebellion in the province of Quebec, but the area at that time were few. After the rebellion they began to come in large numbers and were employed in the sawmills along the Merrimack.

The French Canadians have four schools in which both French and English are taught. There are also three day schools, of which three are sisters, and one is a little less than a sister. They have various natural benefit and aid societies, and a total membership of 1,400 women, and another for young men, with a membership of 1,100. There is a society for young girls, and one for which has a membership of 800, and on the boys, with a membership of 1,000. There are also societies of Foresters, Watermen, music and military, all of which are self-supporting, and all of which are for the educational welfare of the community. The French Canadians have advanced themselves industrially in the various branches of the Dominion. They are employed, but most of them are working distant parts of the Dominion, and their conditions are poor.

In 1874 the French Canadians had been sufficiently numerous to elect a member to the common council, and since that time their influence has increased, until it

council. At first they allied themselves with the democratic party, but the French-Canadian sentiment was so strong that they were treated on the part of the democrats as French-Canadians have. They were a party, and their vote is now all solidly republican.

Upper Merrimack street, the leather business thoroughfare of the town, is more wholly occupied by French-Canadian stores and concerns. At the corner there is more of a rivalry.

The mill operatives and the French-Canadian mill sticks to "Little France" there are forty-two in this section. The French operative is not much of a trade unionist, although he is with the labor unions. In the present state of affairs he appears to be supported by the workmen in the mills and their representatives. He appears to be a man who can stay out as long as anybody.

There are a number of French-Canadians in the mills, and some of the finest workmen out in the cotton goods line represent the handicraft. The French operative

ST. STEPHEN.

Latest Local News from Banks of
 St. Croix.

ST. STEPHEN, April 2.—While our towns and cities in the province have had to endure the loss of the

For this year, St. Stephen is able to get along with \$400 less than last year. He has \$749.19 in the bank.

John O'Malley, secretary of the stock cutters' union at St. George, has been a guest of Rev. Father Lavigne during the week.

The visit of Mr. Kling, deputy minister of labor, has not accomplished all that was hoped for. He is to make his visit to Miltonton. Under the influence of his sunny ways the western union passed a resolution in favor of returning to work. A few of them will return next morning, but in the afternoon put on their coats and came out to the Thistle and are now busy preparing for a day of field sports. May 25th, and are assured of entrance to the Eastport.

Cherryfield and provincial towns. The events will probably be as follows:

100 yard dashes, quarter and half mile runs, hurdles, 100 yard dash, high jump, high jump, pole vault, half-mile and two mile bicycle races, men and boys bicycle races, 100 yard bicycle race, boys' hundred yard dash. Seven gold and ten silver medals, three cups and one silver medal prize will be offered. Entry blanks will

tiulars can be had from N. Mar Mills, St. Stephen.

Harsh Campbell is confined to home by an attack of mumps a Maxwell Robinson is performing in

Sussex lodge, A.F. and A.M., will be social in their lodge room on Thursday evening of next week.

The St. Stephen track and racing association will hold races on July 1st at 12th, classes and purses to be announced later. The winning officers have been elected for the year.

Grimmer, president; F. C. Murchie, president; E. H. Barter, secretary; John McGiffin, treasurer; H. Grimmer, F. C. Murchie, John McGiffin, Jas. E. Osborne, Walter Gray, Geo. Murchie, J. H. Barter, directors; P. C. Murchie, Geo. McLean, and E. H. Barter, track committee.

The handsomest cup won by the Thistle hockey team in the series last winter is to be formally presented to them at a complimentary supper to be tendered by the local citizens at the Windsor hotel Monday evening next. It is now in the possession of the late Mr. Crox Jewelry Co. and is greatly ad-

amired. The Scholastic gun club is preparing to start a season of pigeon shooting and will hold its first match on Friday afternoon.

The Knights Templars of St. Stephen and Calais will attend service at the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

There's a famous island and grounds just below town where the famous C. W. Young for the purpose of establishing golf links, tennis courts, basketball grounds, boating club grounds and a place of general recreation for the people of the three towns during the coming summer.

A NEW CAR COUPLER.

All the C. P. & R. cars are now being fitted with an attachment known as the "Hawthorn." This is used for connecting the steam locomotives to signal pipes at the ends of the cars and to main pipes. Its adoption is thought to save considerable time in the making up of trains. The coupler attached into as many compartments as there are pairs of wheels to be joined and these snap into their respective