

ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1904

WOODSTOCK--A PLACE OF HUSTLE

Year 1783--- The Early Settlers ---History of the Town.

Woodstock, the capital of Carleton] active interest in all that pertains to county. beautifully situated on the rest bank of the St. John at the mouth the Meduxnakeag, is the most ener- make a bus the trade stretch and is the trade stretch and control with a bus the trade stretch and trade stretch a setic and enterprising town in north-formed Press Printing Company, which arn New Brunswick, and is the third has purchased the Woodstock Weekly

Founded by the Loyalists in the The Town Has Been Swept by Fire on It is Now One of the Most Progres-Several Occasions, But Always Came Up Better and Brighter Than Ever.

On the 17th of May, 1828.

In the LXXIIId Year of His Age,

XXXVth of his ministry.

Erected as a tribute of Filial Affection

His Children.

SACRED

To the memory of NANCY BEECH,

existing edifice. Some twenty-three years ago it was decided to build a new church on the site of old St. Luke's. The ancient building was re-moved to a spot hard-by, and the new edifice was in process of erection when the disatrous fire of November, 1881, swept away both churches and the residence of Ven. Archdeacon Neales, the rector. The rector lost a valuable library. The communion plate was in his house and could not be saved. A curious incident occurred in connection with this plate. When the fire had died away search was made for it. All was gone evcept the silver bowl of the

sive Towns in the Province---

Some Leading Features.

erected near by the position of the present parish church, three miles be-low town. Over half a century ago, when the "Creek" grew in importance. a church called St. Luke's was erect-a church called St. Luke's was erect-the document of the document of

a church called St. Lake's was erected disruption that look place in 1888, over ed on the the site now occupied by the existing edifice. Some twenty-three reference to the matter of sanctifica-

including both sides of Main street and thence to the River St. John. The area embraced every business place in the lown. While for long years the practical, evel-headed inhabitants bent their nergies in the direction of gathering orldy goods around them in goodly

und them in goodly The annual Woodstock exhibition, ldy goods arou and paid little attention to which is to be held this year on Sepuantities, and paid little attention to beautifying and adorning the town, the Woodstock of tôday possesses some of the most tasteful private residences and beautiful grounds to be found in any part of the province and is branching out in the erection of most creditable public buildings. It has one of the best water services for dom-setic and fire purposes in New Bruns-wick, pumping its supply from that schaustless source, the bed of the St. John river, a short distance above the town, and the fire service is supple-

"WOODSTOCK" AND "MEDUX-

John river, a short distance above the town, and the fire service is supple-mented by a modern equipment, a cen-trally located engine house and a most efficient fire department. The electric light station on the bank of the Meduxnakeag, is a model of excellence in compactness in ratio to power and, is so constructed that it can be oper-ated as cheaply as any station of its the in light and a most it might possibily have been so called by the early settlers who were impress-ed with the "stock of wood" which everywhere greeted their eyes, but is ed with the "stock of wood" which everywhere greeted their eyes, but is inclined to believe it was more prob-ably suggested by its store prob-of 1783, or the spring of 1784, by memsize in all Canada.

processence to a district of solverse status who were improved to a strate status was of the solver strates of the solv

Woodstock has made great strides in the last decade, and is still reaching out for more up-to-date development. The harnessing of the great water power afforded by the Meduxnakeag, is the latest move, and when the dam now in course of construction a short distance up that river is com-pleted there will be a reservoir caused by the backed-up water, capable of supplying power for all the electric energy Woodstock can demand for half s century to come. Then at the mouth of the Meduxnakeag, near its mouth, H. A. Connell has built dams and re-taining walls to supply water power ing walls to supply water power ed its characteristic name.

for his enlarged saw mill and other works. This enterprise was the sub- EARLY UPPER ST. JOHN INDIANS.

works. This enterprise was the sub-ject of dispute between its promoter and the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., which was at first ventilated in the courts, but later submitted to arbitra-tion the company giving bonds to pay it. courts, but later submitted to arbitra-tion, the company giving bonds to pay Mr. Connell any award the arbitrators John are Maliseets. As a rule they

might make. Your correspondent was shown over the scene of Mr. Connell's hunters, brave warriors, fairly indus-W. F. Dibblee has in his posses operations by Mr. Lindsay, and was trious, and, till debased by the white afterwards driven by his worship, the mayor of Woodstock, to the large dam, ings and virtuous in their better. mayor of Woodstock, to the large dam up the river, the Woodstock Wood Working Company's mills, as well as other scenes of business industry. Mayor Lindsay, who is deservedly popular with his townsmen, takes an

sturdy arms felled the giant trees and carved out a home for themselves and Early in 1700 there was a regular route along the river by which com-munication with Quebec was main-tained by the French on the lower St. their children in the wilderness. Rev Dr. Raymond has reproduced a num ber of the inscriptions on the John, and also by those, in the Nova Scotia peninsula. From Beausejour, stones in this city of the dead. We copy a few. Side by side on a plai Bale verte and pernaps even from Louisburg messengers passed by way of the St. John to Quebec. The route was by way of the Petitcodiac up which chnoes passed to North river, thence by a portage of some eight miles to the Canaen and down that river to the marble slab are the two following inscriptions: SACRED To the Memory of The Rev. FREDERICK DIBBLEE. Who Was Born At Stamford in Connecticut, On the 9th of December, 1758, and DIED

England and France for the sovereignty of Canada and Acadia, in 1744-63, this route was considerably used by the French who must have passed the site of the town of Woodstock frequently and occasionally in large numbers.

LOYALIST SETTLEMENT.

being no bridge, the Creek, so-called, years ago recalls the memory of one was forded at low water near its who was prominent in the early days of Woodstock: mouth, and in freshet time or whe

JOHN BEDELL, Esquire, Born December 9, 1755 at Richmond, Staten Island, In the then British Colony of

e emigrated to this Province at the close of the Revolutionary War

GOVERNOR EDWARD WINSLOW of Plymouth. Mass.: BORN AT KINGSWOOD

near Fredericton, 1793 Entered the New Brunswick Fencibles 1806. Appointed a Lt. in the 41st Regt. of Foot 1811. eriff of the County of Carleton 1 Removed for Political Not personal motives 1856 Died at his residence Woodstock, October 1859, A staunch friend. A generous opopnent, A faithful official, In honor unstained Of loyalty unimpeachable and respected Even by his enemies, JANE G. RAINSFORD Beloved wife of John F. Winslow,

April 4 A D 1891 Aged 90 years and 6 mos. Another old loyalist founder

Woodstock, whose descendants are nu-nerous and much respected was Captain George Bull, whose grave is marked by a simple grey stone slab with the nscription:-

> SACRED to the memory of GEORGE BULL, Esq who departed this life at Woodstock on the 13th of October 1838.

aged 86 years. Mr. Bull was Born in Ulster County, State of New York, and served as a Lieutenant in the

American Legion and came to this Province at the close of the Revolutionary war. in which he continued to reside on Half-pay until his death.

A marble slab near the centre of the churchyard is erected in memory of the late James Upham, whose wife, a daughter of Capt. Jacob Smith, was the first white child born in the parish of Woodstock. The brief inscription eads:

> In memory of JAMES UPHAM, Eso Born in Brookfield, Mass., 1771. Died at Woodstock

On the 13th of October, 1835 Aged 86 years.

rate Masonic emblems marks the las sting place of A. K. Smedes Wetmore In Memory of A. K. S. Wetmore, Esq. Clerk of the Peace for the County of CARLETON, N. B., who died Aug. 7, 1862. In the 69th year of his age. Beneath a square marble monumen epose the mortal remains of the late ector of Woodstock. The inscription reads:

In Memory of the Rev, S. D. LEE STREET, For 41 years RECTOR OF WOODSTOCK. Died Dec. 8th, 1870.

Aged 65 years. Erected by his late parishioners as a token of Christian love "Blessed are the dead which die in the

Lord."

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

St. Luke's church is one of the most attractive ecclesiastical edifices in the town. Quite a little history is attached to this church, or the site on which it now stands and as Woodstock was settled by United Empire Loyalists, and he majority of them were church people, the first place of worship erected in the parish was for the use of the mem-

On Sunday, August 28th, this year soon afterwards destroyed by fire. In the Woodstock Free Baptist church 1836 a new church was built on the celebrated its seventieth anniversary, same site.

The first ordained Methodist minister a special feature being an address by

the Rev. Joseph Noble, now in his appointed to the Woodstock circuit ninetieth year and the sole surviving charter members and the date, 1854. The first school house erected in the voice broke from deep emotion as he vill be woodstock was situated unpointed to the noble tablet on the wall der the hill below the Roman Catholic bearing the names of the twelve church.

The first bank established in Woodcharter member and the date, 1834. The names inscribed thereon are: stock, in 1836, was an agency of the The names inscribed thereon are. Commercial. It ran for thirty years. Rev. Samuel Hartt, Simeon Baker, Commercial. It ran for thirty years. Samuel Raymond, Amos C. Tolford, Fifteen persons fell victims to an David Marston, John P. Lougie, Hugh outbreak of Asiatic cholera in Wood-Baker, Joseph Noble, Stephen Par-

sons, Mrs. Stephen Parsons, E. M. The historic "Cold Friday," 8th Feb. Truesdale, Elisha Baker. There was 1861, was about as severely feit in a strong element of sadness in the Woodstock as in any part of the pro-Rev. Mr. Noble's address, who to all vince.

appearance was taking a last leave of Wren Prince Arthur, Duke of Cana people to whom he had devoted a naught, visited Woodstock, en route to long and active life. The historical address was delivered the Mechanics' Institute, and occupied by the pastor, the Rev. F. Allison a chair, kindly furnished for the occas Currier, who said there were but two older Free Baptist churches in the been the property of his grandfather

older Free Baptist churches in the been the property of his grandlather province, those at Upper and Lower the Duke of Kent, in Nova Scotia. Brighton, both having been organized four years earlier. On August 21, 1834, a number of persons met in a barn owned by a Mr. Johnstone, at the population was 1,581, with 215 inhabited Lower Corner, and the following day houses. In 1881 the population was a meeting was held in the carpenter over 3,000.

a meeting was held in the carpenter over 3,000. stop of Mr. Fairfield, and at this The first election in Woodstock for meeting the church organizatoin was mayor and councillors took place May effected, with a total membership of 12, 1856, when L. P. Fisher was chosen ten. On November 11, 1881, the church, mayor by 146 votes, a majority of 20 which had been remodelled till it was over his principal opponent, James almost a new building, was burned with most of its contents. Nothing councillors: Ward 1--Wm. T. Baird with the total the work to be and Hurch Walesan Ward 2--William daunted the people set to work to re-and Hugh McLean. Ward 2-William build, and the secretary's book, under F. Dibblee and W. W. Hammond date of August 2, 1885, contains the Ward 3-John Bradley and Edward following record "On this second day Smith.

following record on this second day Smith. of August, the New Free Christian The first telegraph line was built to Baptist church was publicly dedicated to the worship of God. In the morn-ing at ten o'clock there was a prayer across the river at Woodstock by the

and praise meeting in the vestry, and New Brunswick Railway Co.

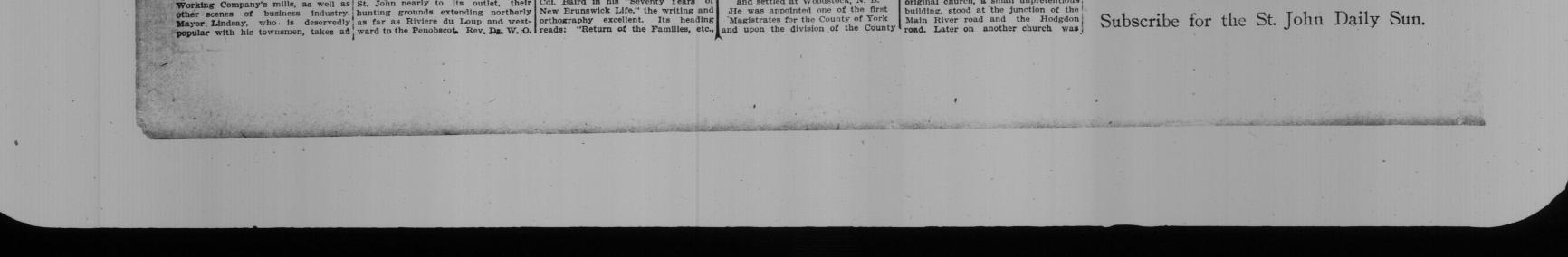


2.30 p. m.-Buttermaking Competition. 4.00 p. m.-Address, H. Mitchelf, Dairy Superintendent, Sussex, N. B. 8.00 p. m.-Addresses, W. S. Stevens, Trout River, Que.; J. F. Tilley, Dairy Superintendent, Woodstock, N. B. AGRICULTURISTS AND LIVE STOCKMEN ARE CORDIALLY INS VITED.

R. B. EMERSON, President, St. John, N. B. W. W. HUBBARD, Managing Director, St. John, N. B.

during the Revolutionary War served as Captain In DeLancey's Brigade; departed this life On the 28th Sept. in the year

"Go thou thy way till the end be, for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at A plain marble slab erected son



of our Lord, 1837

In 88th year of his age.

SACRED to the Memory of

NEW YORK

Daniel 12, 13.