

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, June 27—Carleton County, N. B., met in semi-annual session this week. Reports were made showing the order to be in a prosperous condition throughout the county. It was decided that the County Lodge would go to Houlton for the 12th July. The annual session will be held in this town in February, 1903.

Prof. W. P. Watson and daughter, from Greenville (South Carolina) are here to spend his vacation with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. George C. Watson, Hartland, Charlton Berrie, St. John, is visiting his parents at the Methodist parsonage.

Mrs. Manning, St. John, president of the W. B. M. T., will address a meeting of that body at Rockland, Saturday.

Work is proceeding in the gold mine owned by Henry Corcoran and William Kilford, Jr., at the Monquay, Stream. A depth of 30 feet has been reached. An agent of the firm brought some samples of the ore, a short time ago, to specialists in Boston, and they pronounced the samples equal to Colorado ore. The Boston firm will send a representative to the Monquay in a few days.

GLASSVILLE.

Glassville, June 26—Rev. Mr. Simonds preached in McIntosh's hall Sunday evening.

Dr. E. A. Welch returned Saturday from a trip to Boston.

Willie B. Beairist left Tuesday for Amherst, where he will enter the employ of the Robt Engineering Company, as apprentice.

Fred. J. Boyer, T. O. Baker, Harry Albright, Gartland and Scott Sipprell, of Victoria County, passed the day in the village Monday, en route to Miramichi waters for a few days' fishing.

Lepus Welch will leave Monday for Amherst.

The school in District No. four closed Tuesday. The teacher, Miss Mitchell, is attending the provincial teachers' institute at Fredericton.

The annual school meeting held in the hall, it was decided to close the school in district No. three for the ensuing term, during which time the building will be repaired.

The young people of Glassville will give an evening entertainment in McIntosh's hall Tuesday evening, July 3. At the conclusion of the programme pies will be sold. The proceeds will be used in connection with the Presbyterian church, now under construction.

ST. ANDREWS.

St. Andrews, N. B., June 27—William Frewcott, the Indian, who abducted the 12-year-old Jennie McCannagan, of St. George, was today sentenced by Judge Stearns to two years in Dorchester penitentiary.

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Rev. W. B. Bennis has been calling upon friends in the village.

The half-yearly examinations were held in the schools yesterday and the closing exercises were of an interesting nature. The enrollment during the term in the two departments was 118. The same teachers are to remain in charge another year.

George Byles, with his steam drill, is boring a well for James A. Bell.

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SPORTING EVENTS OF A DAY.

YACHTING.  
Digby Races Yesterday.

Digby, N. S., July 1—(Special)—Rainy weather and no wind greeted the yachtsmen here this morning and the races in the town and neighbourhood are postponed.

On account of the St. John boats failing to appear in the race, the race was postponed.

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CANADA'S NATAL DAY.

HOW IT WAS OBSERVED IN MANY DOMINION PLACES.

Very Quiet in St. John—Ottawa Had a Fine Day—Fredericton and Halifax Reports—Fatality at Toronto Caused Sadness in Rejoicing.

Booming bombs and festival fireworks were not on the menu for yesterday's celebration. The birthday of the dominion was passed for the most part in this city in Sunday quietude. Stores were closed and buildings flew the flags at their roof-poles, but decorations were not in evidence to any extent. The streets were, during the day, practically deserted, their accustomed frequenters having taken advantage of excursion rates, picnic parties, the Opera House or the ball games, and again many men of domestic temperament passed the holiday quietly in their homes while others used the day to make repairs on their residences or grounds.

St. John did not desire to allow the festive spirit to invade its usual quiet dignity, desiring to remember with admirable presence of mind that true patriotism is not always displayed by the flapping flag and the loud hurrah.

About all the river boats were thronged yesterday with picnickers, excursionists and those who go in to make the most of the holiday generally.

The Victoria, on her down trip, took on board the Fredericton church picnic in addition to her regular passengers and reached the city about 8 o'clock with more than 600 people on board. The May Queen carried Gideon L. O. L. Orange excursion to Watters' Landing and returned about 8 o'clock.

The Star took a large number to Cole's island and returned between 9 and 10 o'clock.

The majestic returned about 5 o'clock and again later on her regular trip to Gagetown.

Fredericton Troubled by Rain.  
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THE WHOLESALE MURDERER.

JANE TOPPAN EXPECTS SOON TO BE FREE AGAIN.

Doesn't Think They'll Keep Her in Asylum—Early Life of the Woman Who Killed 31 People She Was Engaged to Nurse to Health.

Taunton, Mass., June 30—After four days of incarceration in the State Insane Hospital here, Jane Toppan, confessed murderer of 31 friends and patients whom she had attended as a professional nurse, declares she is happier than at any time in her life, and laughs at the experts who say she will be obliged to end her existence within a state institution.

While admitting that she is at times possessed of an uncontrollable passion, to satisfy which she must take human life, and that at such times she may be considered insane, Miss Toppan, in her belief that she is no longer the subject of this irresistible impulse, has proceeded to make herself comfortable here.

That she will in a few years be no longer a menace to the community, that expert who no longer is able to show that she is insane and that she will be given her freedom, she still insists.

Of the 31 persons for whose deaths she has been responsible the names of all but 11 are kept secret until men in whose keeping they have been placed have finished an investigation that has been going on since last November, and may continue for many months more. Even then it may be deemed necessary to keep the results of this research from all except the medical profession, who should, in the interest of science, know all the details of what is expected to prove one of the most astounding cases of mental degeneracy of which the world has ever heard.

Mystery has surrounded Jane Toppan from her birth. While it is known that she has a sister who has for years been in an institution for the insane, the most thorough investigation has failed to reveal the early life of this remarkable woman prior to the time when, four years old, and known as Nora Kelley, she was placed in a charitable institution in Boston. She remained there until her teens when she was adopted by Abner Toppan, in Lowell, whose name she took.

It seems there never was a time in her strange life when Jane Toppan did not feel that she was alone in the world, that the world was against her; that her foster parents were kind and indulgent, they were persons apart from her; that a bond of sympathy was missing between them, a bond which existed between her and no other living person except that insane sister of Austin Farm, in Boston.

This sense of isolation came upon her when administering a deadly potion to one who considered her a dear friend. She would say to herself: "Why should I care for the life of another, when by taking it I can gratify my passion? What are these people to me? I am alone in the world; why should I care?"

It was this reason she gave to Dr. Stedman, Deane and Jolly, the insanity experts, and to the jailer's wife at Barnstable.

She lived a life within herself, a life which at times seemed to have been suspected by the most discerning of those with whom she came in contact, but even these, as it now appears, were afraid to express any suspicion that she had of this companionable woman, capable nurse, who, in the humor, could become the leader of the merry-making in any company of intelligents.

If as a girl she quarrelled with her school-mates, and by her elders was considered a strange child, nothing more was thought of her eccentricities than that they were very little about her.

She entered only momentarily into the lives of those with whom she came in contact, and when she suddenly left the hospital without giving her diploma it was very recent when her name was mentioned.

Her ability as a nurse was never questioned, and the fact that she did not give a diploma did not prevent her from becoming the favorite nurse of the leading physicians of Cambridge and Somerville, and thus ministering to the wants of the most prominent families in those cities.

It is among those families that the physicians in whose care the list of victims has been placed, and who will probably continue their investigations in unearthing the crimes of this wholesale poisoner, that she was first met.

In some homes Jane Toppan was suspected of theft, but never of murder, not even when suspicion of having set mysterious fires first upon her.

How long she pursued her murderous career, until a year ago, when her position, led by success in concealing her