

## Current History of the District.

Mrs. C. Inglis died at Foster on June 23. She was seventy-seven years of age.

It has been decided that members of the Dunham Home Guard will not receive the medals.

The local papers announce the death at Knowlton of Mrs. Crowhurst, at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

Mr. Thos. Townsend, of Inverness, has been appointed principal of Granby Academy, vice H. A. Honeyman.

Mr. Ralph M. Noyes, of Cowansville, received the B.A. degree at the recent Bishop's College convocation.

Mr. W. L. Taylor, Waterloo, is among the successful students who have just passed second year examinations in medicine at McGill University.

The military corps of the district have all been out for their annual drill—the Brome and Shefford Battalions at Laprairie, and the Shefford Field Battery at Levis.

It is said that half of the farms in the Township of Dunham are occupied by tenants; and that as a consequence the properties are steadily decreasing in value.

At the general session of the County Council of Missisquoi, held at Bedford on Wednesday, June 14th, the Council gave its authorization and consent to the incorporation of the Missisquoi Historical Society.

The Montreal Star is publishing each day a few items taken from its files of thirty years ago. Among them is one mentioning the arrival of Mr. S. W. Foster, of Knowlton, at the St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal.

The Rev. J. M. Coffin, of Bristol, Que., has been appointed by His Lordship, the Bishop of Montreal, to the mission of Glen Sutton. Rev. Mr. Tackey late of the latter place, has been appointed to Hemmingford.

The district of Bedford welcomes two new doctors to its list of medical men. They are E. A. Dyer, B. A., of Sutton, and G. F. LeR. Fuller, of Sweet'sburg, who recently passed their final examinations at McGill University and received their degrees.

The annual convention of the Brome County Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at Sutton Junction on June 15 and 16.

The Missisquoi County W. C. T. U. annual meeting was not held this summer owing to the illness of the President, Mrs. Cowie, of Cowansville.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's iced cars for the transportation of butter will run this season as usual. A car will leave Bedford each Wednesday morning, arriving in Montreal Thursday morning. A car will also leave Mansonville Thursday morning and arrive in Montreal Friday morning.

A new company is being formed in this district, to be called the Roxton Novelty Chair Company. The place of business will be Roxton Falls. The capital stock will be four thousand dollars, in eighty shares of fifty dollars each. The provisional directors are: Dr. T. B. DeGrosbois, Noel Beauregard, L. N. Levesque, Wilfrid Masse, J. Bte. Prevost, Joseph Pettit, Remond Leroux, J. H. Poirier, and Wilfrid Wood, all of Roxton Falls.

The Empire Tobacco Company, of Granby, Que., are erecting warehouses at Kingsville, Ont., for the receipt of Essex County tobacco. The

Empire Company have made arrangements for extensive purchases of this tobacco from the farmers of Essex. The leaf is said to be of excellent quality.

Hon. H. T. Duffy, Q.C., Commissioner of Public Works in the Provincial Cabinet, and member for Brome County in the Legislative Assembly, sailed early in the month for England, where, it is said, he is to argue an important case before the Privy Council on behalf of the Bank of Montreal.

In appearing before the highest court in the Empire to represent the greatest financial institution of the Dominion of Canada, Hon. Mr. Duffy reflects credit upon the district in which he began his distinguished career as a lawyer and statesman.

The Fenian raid medals have begun to arrive at Ottawa. The projected historical picnic at Eccles was postponed from Dominion Day in order that the medals would be available for the occasion, when the presentation would take place. At the rate of progress being made, the Missisquoi Historical Society would probably be quite safe in postponing the picnic to Dominion Day, 1900.

H. A. Honeyman, M.A., has retired from the principalship of Granby Academy. Mr. P. C. Duboyce, who has so acceptably filled the principal's chair of the Bedford Academy, will, we understand, enter upon the study of law. Mr. Charles McBurney has also retired from the principalship of the Clarenceville Academy. Mrs. W. A. Kingston, who has been on the staff of Granby Academy for twenty-three years, has vacated her position.

In the proclamation in the Quebec Official Gazette in connection with the voting on the petition to repeal the Scott Act in Brome, a mistake occurred. It is in the clause relating to the time when prospective scrutineers were to attend at the Court House in Knowlton to receive their appointments. The direction was for Tuesday, the 15th June. As a matter of fact the 15th fell upon a Thursday. The mistake was not in the French version also.

Rev. Canon Davidson, M.A., rector of Freleighsburg, and Rev. Canon Musssen, M.A., rector of Farnham, have been honored by having conferred upon them the D.C.L. degree by the University of Bishop's College. Both the reverend gentlemen are widely known in this district where they have resided so long. They have each held their present charge for many years and are held in high esteem by the people among whom they labor. We hope in another number to have something more to say about them.

At the recent session of the Montreal Methodist Conference, the Rev. Hugh Cairns, of Cornwall, was elected president. The new president is well known in this district, having labored for nearly a quarter of a century in the Eastern Townships, most of the time in the Waterloo district, which comprises practically the district of Bedford. Rev. Mr. Cairns was pastor at different times of Lawrenceville, Knowlton, Clarenceville, Bedford, Freleighsburg and Cowansville. In 1887, while stationed at Clarenceville, Rev. Mr. Cairns was elected the chairman of this district.

The Methodist ministers in this district for the following year, as decided upon by the conference, are as follows: Waterloo, Rev. G. S. Reynolds; South Stukely, Rev. Richard Eason; Knowlton, Rev. D. T. Cummings; Brome, Rev.

G. E. Bates; Sutton, Rev. W. B. Tucker; West Brome, Rev. Isaac Nelson; Cowansville, Rev. T. C. Cassidy; Dunham, Rev. A. E. Sanderson; Freleighsburg, Rev. J. W. Humphreys; Phillipsburg, Rev. Geo. H. Porter; Bedford, Rev. Geo. A. Williams; Farnham, Rev. Wm. Henderson; Granby, Rev. John E. Mavety; Shefford, Rev. Harry Hill; Lawrenceville, Rev. E. S. Howard; Roxton Falls, Rev. L. E. Roy; East Belton, Rev. B. Brill; Mansonville, Rev. Chas. A. Sykes. The two last-named places are in the Stanstead district, according to the Methodist division, while Actonville is in the Waterloo district.

Rev. J. E. Mavety, of Granby, has been re-appointed chairman of the Waterloo district, and Rev. A. E. Sanderson, of Dunham, financial secretary.

The Richelieu Steamboat Company has had built a new first-class propeller, capable of carrying five hundred passengers, which it will run as an excursion steamer between St. Johns and the Nogan-Clarenceville bridge on the Richelieu River. The company is fitting up one of the most interesting parts on the river. Isle-aux-Noix about eight miles south of St. Johns, has been leased for a term of years. A wharf has been built and pleasure grounds laid. The Island is a spot of historical interest and the evidences of long military occupation by both French and British troops are still to be seen everywhere. The enterprise of the company should result in a very large tourist business to this interesting spot.

Miss Brooks, of Westmount, and Miss Elizabeth W. Morley, of Toronto, have been appointed to positions on the staff of Dunham Ladies' College, and will succeed Miss Berman and Miss Emily Noyes, who have resigned. Miss Brooks holds a Model school diploma from McGill Normal School and an academy diploma. She was a student of McGill for three years, during two of which she took honors in the mathematical course and honors in the classical course one year. Miss Morley studied art and music in France and Germany for many years. She holds a first-class diploma for practical and theoretical music. She is a pupil of Orlando A. Mansfield, Mus. Doc., Fellow of the Royal College of Organists. Miss Morley also holds two silver medals for painting. She teaches free-hand and charcoal drawing and tapestry and oil painting.

The Shefford County Women's Christian Temperance Union held its annual convention at Waterloo on June 15 and 16. The following officers were elected:—County President, Mrs. W. Miner; Vice-President at large, Mrs. Mabon; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. E. Bradford; Rec. Secretary, Miss M. Whitcomb; Treasurer, Mrs. McLeod.

Superintendents of Departments are as follows:—Parliamentary usage, Mrs. Wm. Miner, Granby; Temperance grocery and drug stores, Mrs. M. Watson; Franchise, Mrs. A. Berry, Warden; Flower Mission, Mrs. Jas. McKeonnie, Granby; Health, Heredity and Narcotics, Mrs. Racicot, Waterloo; Juvenile Work, Mrs. Chadsey, Waterloo; Sunday Schools, Mrs. A. Mitchell, Granby; Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Alex. Purdy, Granby; Parlor Meetings, Mrs. C. Tower, Granby; Y Work, Mrs. D. L. Allen, Waterloo; Unfermented Wine, Mrs. J. Tompkins, Granby; Fairs, Mrs. L. Brown, Waterloo; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Miss L. Frost, Waterloo; Legislation and Petition, Mrs. Gardner Stevens, Waterloo; Factories, Mrs. Garndold, Granby; Work and Home Missionary Work, Mrs. N. O. Rockwell, Waterloo; Press and Literature, Mrs. C. A. Nutting, Waterloo; Lord's Day Observance, Mrs. Jas. D. Long, Granby; Systematic Giving, Mrs. H. Vaudry, Waterloo; Soldiers, Railways and Lumbermen, Mrs. W. N. Call, Waterloo; Sailors, Mrs. G. W. Gilmour, Waterloo; Social Purity, Mrs. Mavety, Granby.