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## The Valley Railway

Last week in the course of a strong speech before the Legislature, J. F. Tweeddale, M. P., read a letter from Thomas Malcolm, who has just completed the railway from Campbellton to St. Leonards, offering to construct the Valley railway, St. John to Grand Falls, for the provincial guarantee of \$25,000 per mile and the Dominion subsidy of \$3,500 per mile. The Dominion government has already agreed to take over and operate as a part of the L.C.R., the Valley road so constructed. The only difficulty now in the way of the immediate construction of the road is that the Hazen and Fleming have not, and there is no indication that they ever will, accept the terms—terms, it will be remembered, which they themselves first made. The Hazen party has no plan for a Valley railway, and the figures showing the cost by the survey of last summer have been put before the people in such a way that the road can never be built as a through competing line for the combined amount of the provincial guarantee and the Dominion subsidy. In a word the Hazen-Fleming combination have strived to show the road cannot be built. With them it is a dead issue.

## Mrs. W. H. Sippell

Mrs. Jennie E. Sippell died on March 10 of pneumonia after an illness of ten days. Deceased was born in Jacksonville, Nov. 10, 1857, and was the youngest daughter of Beverly and Hannah Estey, and survived by her husband, W. H. Sippell of Somerville and four sisters: Miss Elizabeth Estey of Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. John Hopkins of Jacksonville, Mrs. Eliza Churchill of Amesbury, Mass., and Mrs. Mary Kitchen of Presque Isle, Me., beside a large circle of relatives and friends who keenly feel the sorrow that has come into their hearts and lives, especially the husband and children to whom she was a true and faithful wife and mother. By her unselfish life and devotion she won the love and respect of the children entrusted to her care, and in whom she took the interests that only a mother could take. The United Baptist church of Hartland of which she was a member has lost one of its sincerest worshippers; the community has lost a kind neighbor and friend, who during the few years lived in their midst proved the integrity and loyalty to the God she loved, and the religion of Jesus Christ. Her influence will long be felt, and her memory cherished by those who knew and appreciated a true child of God, who was ever ready to administer to the works of others. Therefore for me to live is Christ, but to die is gain.

Mrs. Sippell was buried from her late residence in Somerville, Saturday, March 18, where impressive services were conducted by her former pastor, Rev. J. A. Cahill, assisted by Rev. S. W. Scherman, pastor of the Hartland U. B. C. The choir rendered appropriate music, and interment took place at Jacksonville in the family cemetery. The family extend their sincere thanks for the tributes of respect and sympathy shown in this their sad affliction.

## CENTREVILLE

About 8 Monday morning we felt a slight shock of earthquake; a roaring sound and the house shook.

"Railroad" is the all abounding topic here. Everybody is anxious to know what the local government have up their sleeve. We sincerely hope there will be no more delay. Things are looking better for a railroad next summer. If the government don't soon announce their policy the people will get up in arms and there will be something doing. The members seem to forget that they are the servants of the people and that the people have a perfect right to know all the business

that is transacted.

About 30 Oddfellows from Bridge-water attended Centre Lodge No. 102 here last Monday evening and spent a pleasant evening with speeches and light refreshments.

On Tuesday evening the Oddfellows gave an entertainment and oyster supper to the members of the Lodge and their wives and intended partners; also the Rebekahs. A very pleasant evening was spent. Their social functions are a great help to the Lodge and should take place oftener.

Rev. C. W. Waldron preached at both services yesterday. While feeling some better he is not entirely recovered.

Rev. J. A. Cahill preached at Tracey Mills yesterday and at Knoxford in the afternoon and evening. Mr. Cahill has many friends in this section.

Mrs. Chas. Wilkinson is gaining slowly. Mrs. McIntyre of Boston is visiting her mother Mrs. Mary Harold.

John Massey of Newport, R. I., has returned home after a long visit with Miss Bessie Harold.

Our grist mill was shut down a couple of days last week, a shaft breaking.

The electric lights remind one of the old woman's shop, "they come and go", mostly go.

## BRISTOL

On March 13, the young people numbering about 30, gathered at the home of N. Parker to bid farewell to Walter Southey, who left the day following for a visit to his old home in England. At the close of a very pleasant evening, Miss Robertson, on behalf of those present, presented to Mr. Southey a case of military brushes.

The Bristol Literary Club will hold its regular meeting on Thursday at the manse, Florenceville. Subject, "In Memoriam." Leader, Rev. M. H. Mammel. It has been decided that persons outside the club may have the privilege of reading the books by the payment of five cents per week. The Library consists of over a hundred books of standard authors, besides many of the new books of fiction. Librarian, Mrs. Foss.

Mr. and Mrs. John Faricy, Woodstock, are renewing old acquaintances here this week.

## EAST FLORENCEVILLE

M. McDade, Frank Estabrooks, Jo Perry, Gordon Tompkins, Albert Moore, Lulu Lovely, Mrs. B. G. Rideout and Mr. and Mrs. M. Martell drove to Hartland on Friday evening to witness the basketball game.

Bert Perry will go to school during the remainder of the term and will be on the basketball team with the rest of the boys.

The floor of the bridge is completed and the whole of the work will be done in two weeks.

The Stars will be playing ball again this season. Martell has in Joe Perry of Charlottetown a new pitcher and a new 3rd base in Jack Ashley of Boston. The team is just waiting for the snow to disappear so as to get to work. They are going to be in fine shape for the 24th of May, when they expect, or hope, to play Hartland.

## ANDOVER

The members of the Baptist Bible Class drove to Mrs. J. E. Wrights at Hillandale on Monday evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

On Saturday the death occurred at Aroostook Junction of Jonathan Brown. Interment took place on Monday in the Baptist burial ground at Andover.

The barns of Miles McKee at Perth were totally destroyed by fire on Thursday evening. The dwelling house was gutted, also, but the frame remained standing. One cow and some small stock were also burned.

## GLASSVILLE

Arch Scott, Jr., has bought the Jas. Elliot farm and will take possession in the spring. This is one of the finest farms in the community and Mr. Scott is being congratulated on heading the call of the east.

A very large amount of birch timber has gone forward to St. John in the last fortnight, more than for years past.

The Agricultural Society has received a large shipment of seeds of the very highest grade.

Dairy cows have not been so scarce for some time and prices are high. Beef is worth eight cents live weight.

Wm. Montgomery, after several years in the west, is locating on an excellent farm at Mt. Pleasant, a few miles from here.

John Hood has installed a gasoline engine in his woodworking shop and

is now well equipped for sawing out small lumber.

Robt. Ronald is county vice-president of the Provincial Farmers' Association and is very successful in horse breeding. His team of matched blacks is one of the finest hereabout.—Telegraph.

## SOMERVILLE

Mrs. H. Goodwin of Hartland visited Mrs. John Crandemire one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Day were visiting friends in Florenceville on Sunday.

Mrs. A. A. Moore of Hartland spent a few days last week with friends here.

Mrs. William Stewart was the guest of her daughter Mrs. Arthur Sproule of Woodstock on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

## West Side Notes.

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cuts this score down some but its O. K. as it is. Who wants to beat the score of the above pen on egg production? To breed from actual performers is a rule among all stock breeders and holds good also in the case of Poultry. Now we have just the class of stock for hatching, the kind that has earned a right to crow in any mans yard. We don't talk much on balanced rations or scientific methods, but we can talk eggs with any one.

During last week in spite of the inclement weather, a number of delegates from different sections of this denominational district, assembled at Victoria to attend the March session of the Baptist "Association". Profitable meetings were enjoyed all day and evening on both Wednesday and Thursday.

The Baptist church here has been somewhat agreeably and conveniently modernized by the recent installation of a gasoline lighting system, thus displacing the old fashioned, unsatisfactory oil lamps. Good move that! More and better light; we all need it!

Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, the aged couple who recently lost their little home by fire, are well located in the house once known as the Oscar Thistle house. These people, through the medium of this column, wish to express their sincere thanks to the friends, especially the ladies, who worked so hard at the time of the fire to save the household goods.

W. H. Sippell and family certainly have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their recent bereavement.

F. J. Boyer and H. K. Boyser have recently been out on the road hustling in the interests of J. W. Boyer & Co.

E. H. Cox, Esq., has been under the weather recently with a cold.

Others, among them H. C. Cochran and Thos. Tilley, say "me too."

Russel L. Boyer is working on the bridge at Hartland.

Scott A. Shaw is home from the woods, done for this season.

Israel Gee of Wicklow, accompanied by his daughter Mrs. Squires and a little granddaughter, were visiting Mrs. Russel Boyer, another daughter, last week.

James Dickinson was in Woodstock last Saturday. "Jim" is planning to go west in a few weeks.

Mark Haywood is getting out around after being in for some time making a desperate fight against threatened "pneumonia."

A. C. McCormac, at present a popular and successful operator on the B. & A., is spending the week visiting at his home in Somerville and among friends in other sections of the County.

Math. Watson and Chas. McCormac, Jr., were on the West Side for a short time last Sunday.

Among those who came from a distance to attend the funeral of Mrs. W. H. Sippell were Mrs. I. L. Stetson, Mrs. E. Grant and Hal Sippell, Patten, Me., Mrs. Churchill, Miss Estey and Miss Edna Sippell from their homes in Mass. Miss Sippell will remain at home indefinitely.

Mrs. A. F. Sherwood and daughter are visiting Cy Kelley and other relatives in northern Aroostook.

The West Side ice crop has been harvested and lath edgings are about all gathered for this season.

—Nicodemus

## UPPER BRIGHTON

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dickinson of Newburg Junction visited their son Willie Dickinson on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baber have moved into the house owned by Miss Edith Day.

Rev. B. N. Nobles of Woodstock called on Mrs. Ransford Rorke on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Caverhill went to Fort Fairfield on Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Caverhill's sister, Mrs. Judson Cheuey.

Mrs. Samuel Cook is quite ill.

Ransford Rorke and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Tapley of East Florenceville on Sunday.

Miss Edith Day spent last week with friends in Bristol.

Colby Dalbeck caught a mink near Campbell's mill on Friday.

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