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## CENTREVILLE NEWS

A large crowd took advantage of the fine weather Saturday evening and the village streets were crowded with automobiles and teams.

A number of the friends and relatives of A. C. Gibson gathered at his home Monday evening, July 2, to celebrate his 70th birthday. A pleasant social time was much enjoyed. During the evening a purse containing \$70 in gold was presented to Mr. Gibson.

L. H. Baldwin principal of our school left Monday morning for Fredericton to attend the physical training course prescribed by the Board of Education.

Scholars who tried Normal Entrance Exams at Florenceville report hard papers. Some of the questions were very catchy.

Crops are growing splendidly. Hay crop will be immense and in Carleton Co. there are very few cattle to eat it the coming winter. It is wonderful that farmers do not fatten more cattle when beef is so high and scarce and hay so plentiful.

### Westerner Appreciates The Observer

H. S. A. Belyea, formerly of Ashland writes from Vancouver as follows: "We appreciate your paper very much; in fact it is the cord that binds us to our good old country. In each issue we see some news that is very interesting to us easterners, and quite a number of our acquaintances call up on the phone for Carleton county happenings. I wish I could persuade more of our friends to subscribe for The Observer." Mr. Belyea with his sons in the wood and coal business and they are doing a good trade. It will be remembered that a few years ago Mr. Belyea married Miss Jennie Nevins, a Hartland girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Leverett London and Myron V. and Mrs. Stokoe motored from Woodstock Sunday, spending the afternoon with T. D. and Mrs. Stokoe.

## The Observer for 25c

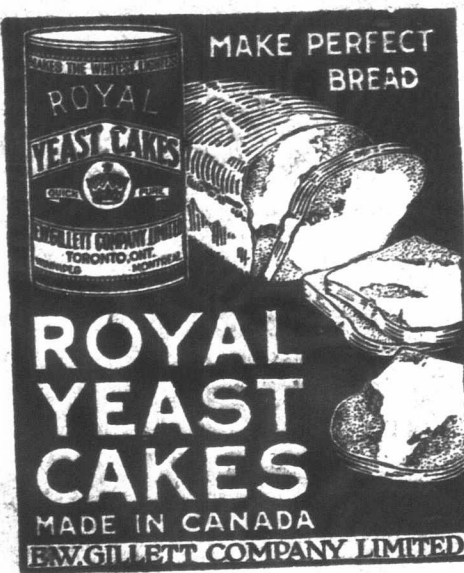
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## GRAND FALLS LOCALS

(Intended for last week)

Mrs. Sloat and daughter, Miss Edna Sloat, visited friends in Grand Falls this week.

Mrs. O. Rainsford and daughter, Miss Mary, spent Sunday with friends in Woodstock.

Mrs. G. A. McMillan and Master Herman McMillan are visiting friends in Woodstock.

A. R. Hallatt went to Lime-stone Tuesday.

Miss Cassie McCluskey returned from Woodstock Saturday.

Millard Reid of St. Marys was in town Tuesday.

H. Mulherin and Walter Powers were in Presque Isle and Caribou Monday.

Rev. H. C. Fraser and wife of British Columbia were in town a few days this week. Mr. Fraser was once pastor of the Presbyterian church here.

Quite a number of young people from here went to Caribou to celebrate the Fourth of July.

### Lower Brighton

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McGee of Houlton and Miss Louise McGee visited their parents here recently.

A few from this place attended the Primitive Baptist meetings at Bannock Sunday.

Dolph Nixon and Mr. and Mrs. Will Sewell of Ludlow Station visited friends in the place Sunday.

Arthur Richardson spent Dominion Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Richardson.

Mrs. B. F. Richardson visited her sister, Mrs. Maurice Jordan, at Upper Brighton last week.

David Noble and grand daughter, Mina, visited relatives in Houlton and Symrna Mills last week.

Wallie Birmingham is building a new potato house.

Russel Brown is spending his vacation with his parents here.

Mrs. Arthur Hovey and children visited her parents one day last week.

Mable Nixon is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jones spent Sunday at J. B. Nixon's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McGee, Mr. and Mrs. William McGee and Mr. and Mrs. Judd McGee motored to Florenceville Sunday to call on Rev. E. C. Jenkins.

Mrs. Robert Nixon of St. Stephen is visiting at Richard Nixon's.

### William E. Spike

The death occurred of William E. Spike, of Andover, on Friday, July 6. Mr. Spike had been in ill health for some time. He is survived by a widow and two daughters, Helen and Bertha, also by a son, Eugene W., and a daughter, Louise by his first wife, who was a daughter of the William Clayton, of Sheffield. Four sisters and one brother also survive. The late Mr. Spike was sixty years of age and was a son of the late Rev. Henry N. Spike.

He was appointed customs collector at Andover, by the Laurier government in succession to the late Thomas Bedell. He held the office until his death and did his duties thoroughly well. As an officer he was very courteous in dealing with the travelling public and he will long be kindly remembered.

## Windsor News

A great number of people from here attended the Primitive Baptist yearly meetings at Bannock.

Mrs. Archie Ritchie of Greenfield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Forrest.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pelky were visiting at the home of Robert Faulkner on Sunday.

Three Wasson brothers from Bloomfield were calling on their cousins, C. P. and Havelock, one day last week.

Arthur Tedford of Bancroft, Me., accompanied by his son Clayton and daughter Inez and their friend Miss Rosebush were visiting friends and relatives here making the trip by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tedford and little son Lawrence made a trip to Woodstock on Saturday.

F. W. Smith and W. C. Forrest have each purchased new cars.

Mrs. Fields of Boston has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tedford and with them is now visiting relatives at Gordonsville and Centreville.

Loreson Shaw has erected a new house and the girls are all hanging around the corner wondering who will be the lucky one.

Miss Hattie Shaw is stopping with Mrs. H. A. Smith for the summer.

The circle and missionary meeting met at Mrs. George Robinson's last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Britton of Hartland passed through this place one day last week.

Miss Rhoda Shaw was visiting at St. John a short time ago. Her sisters, Phoebe and Bessie, who have been attending school at Fairville returned with her.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Craig of Bath and Mr. and Mrs. W. Shaw were visiting their parents. Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Shaw, on Sunday.

W. Morehouse of Kilburn is visiting Mrs. C. P. Wasson.

Frank Shaw and sister, Mrs. Bert Brooks of Bristol, were visiting relatives here on Sunday.

### Bristol Events

Mrs. Manzer Caldwell and daughter, Alberta, spent last Monday in Bath.

Russell Phillips, a returned soldier, is visiting his uncle, A. W. Phillips.

Mrs. Duncan Rogers and daughter Zella accompanied by Mrs. Alva Phillips and daughter Doris went to Juniper last Wednesday and camped out the rest of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Seale and children went to Perth on Wednesday where they have purchased a farm and will live.

Mrs. Sanford Estabrooks accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Roy Estabrooks, drove to Windsor on Thursday. While there they are to keep house for Mr. and Mrs. Sewell who were called away by the illness of Mrs. Sewell's mother.

Joel Hartley motored to Houlton with friends on the 4th to attend the celebration.

Mrs. Clyde M. Shaw and son Cedric spent the week-end in Somerville, a guest of her sister, Mrs. Neville Jensen.

Two pupils from our school, Eva Thompson and Marcus Meed, went to Woodstock to write Normal school entrance exams.

Miss Jennie Lyons came home on Thursday from St. John to spend her vacation.

Miss Jessie Bell went back to Fort Fairfield on Wednesday.

Miss Basha Giberson motored to Houlton with friends on the 4th to attend the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Clear View spent Thursday guests of Mrs. Sidy Giberson.

Mrs. Jim Bell and daughter Ruth of Fredericton are guests of her mother, Mrs. George Banks.

Mrs. Jud Shia of Grafton is a guest of Mrs. George Boyer.

Mrs. Nichles of Mars Hill was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Darkis, over Sunday.

Mrs. Clyde Shaw and son Cedric and Miss Velma Shaw went to Perth on Wednesday to attend the 12th there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Street of Upper Kent spent the week-end, guests of Mr. Street's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and children of Centreville motored here on Sunday and were guests of Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. John Rogers.

A large number of people from here attended the meetings at Bannock.

Mrs. Theodore Rogers and son, Roy Estabrooks, returned from Sackville this week.

## WAS THIS CASE ATTEMPTED MURDER?

### Story of Cold-Blooded Plan to Poison a Whole Family

There have been further developments in the feud that exists between the Tapley and Shannon families at Greenfield, and James Tapley is held on a charge of attempting to poison the whole Shannon family. John LaFrancis is held as the star witness, while the information was laid by the Shannons before Stipendiary Magistrate Noble at Bristol and the case will be heard today. The story that LaFrancis tells is that on July 4 he met James Tapley in Houlton and hired with him to work on his farm at Greenfield, this county. They went by train to Bridgewater and walked the remaining few miles to the Tapley farm. On the way Tapley told the story of his grievances against the Shannons, stating, so LaFrancis says, that they burned his buildings, and that he was determined to exterminate them. LaFrancis says that Tapley proposed to him that he take two bottles of strychnine, which he produced, and said he procured them in Houlton, and after a few days, call for a meal at the Shannon home and administer the strychnine by way of the family teapot. Tapley was to pay the man one hundred dollars for doing the deed. LaFrancis says Tapley kept him hidden for several days and then sent him as a chance wayfarer to the Shannon place for dinner. LaFrancis was not enthusiastic at heart over the job he had undertaken, and arriving at the Shannon's he at once told them that he had come to save their lives, but he had been sent to murder them. He at once told the whole story as here given with the result that on Tuesday the information was laid and Tapley was arrested by Sheriff Foster. He is held under \$2000 bonds.

Tapley alleges that the whole story is a fabrication, that he had never been to Houlton and had never seen LaFrancis before his arrest. It is said, however, evidence will be produced that will support the informant's story. Some years ago Tapley lost his barns by fire and accused Shannon of incendiarism. The case has since been threshed out in the courts and still hangs fire. The Shannon's, Jonathan and Robert, on the other hand have accused Tapley of prejury and he is to appear at the next County Court to answer that charge. The feud is a nasty one and no one is surprised at the present state of affairs.

### Waterville Whisperings

Little Miss Anna Carpenter entertained a number of her small friends on the afternoon of July 2. The occasion was her ninth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Stokoe who are soon to leave and reside elsewhere, will be much missed in the community especially in the Methodist church in which they are both active workers. Mrs. Stokoe has also been an enthusiastic worker in the Red Cross Society.

Misses Rowena and Gaynell McElroy have returned from a pleasant visit with relatives in Woodstock.

Miss Viola Britton, who wrote the Normal entrance examinations in Woodstock, is visiting there for a time.

Miss Jean Culberson was a guest of Miss Thelma Lipsett for a number of days last week.

Miss Stokoe of Bloomfield, who has been the guest of Miss Erma Everett, has returned home.

The Missionary Society in connection with the Methodist church held its annual picnic on Tuesday afternoon on the grounds of Albert Palmer.

Mrs. Abner DeGrass and Roy DeGrass drove to Houlton where they spent the week-end with relatives.



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## POTATO PRICE \$1 PER BARREL

Fredericton Mail says: The potato market is an object of interest to everyone at present, to consumers because they have been paying record prices until recently, to the producers because many of them did not think that the market would break and were holding part of their last crop for high prices. This morning in the country market in this city potatoes sold as low as \$1 per barrel although some lots were sold for \$1.50 and \$2 per barrel.

The farmers who were holding for the price of \$10 per barrel are stung badly, and it is said that there are still considerable

quantities of potatoes in the country although high prices prevailed all winter and spring.

Potato buyers are now contracting for the new crop. The usual price in the field is \$3 per barrel. This may change as the season progresses.

### What Does Father Think?

"What is the news about conscription and a coalition government? I am in favor of conscription myself. What does father think?"

This is what young Loggie wrote from France to his sister. He is a son of W. S. Loggie, M. P. for Northumberland, and is a Liberal.

The father proved worthy of the son. He spoke and voted for the Military Service Bill.—Gleaner.

## Honest Watch Repairing

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