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T. H. ESTABROOKS

The Record of a Rapidly Growing Tea Business.

ST. JOHN OUSTING LONDON AS A POINT FOR DISTRIBUTION FOR THE PROVINCES.

A Big Warehouse and Tea-Blending Plant—W. R. Miles Accepts a Position.

The gradual transfer of the tea distributing trade of these provinces from London to provincial centres has been a notable development in the last few years. Nearly all our China teas are now brought here direct from China, and the direct importations from India and Ceylon are steadily increasing. Formerly all teas for the provincial market were bought in London. Now that market is chiefly convenient to fill sorting orders, which must, of course, be done more quickly than it could be done from the countries of growth.

Improved means of communication and quick and cheap methods of transportation are chiefly responsible for the diversion of the tea trade. Merchants make a notable saving by getting their teas direct. If bought via London there are cost of handling, storage charges, middlemen's profits and the like to be reckoned with.

But before a St. John importer could successfully and profitably do his own importing from the countries of growth he had several things to learn and to do. He had to learn to judge teas himself, make his own trade connections in China, India and Ceylon, learn to blend teas, and import the machinery used in that process. In a word, he had to learn to do for himself what he had formerly depended very largely on somebody in London to do for him.

A CASE IN POINT.

That all this can be done with success, and direct trade made more satisfactory and profitable, is proved by the experience of T. H. Estabrooks, 13 and 14 North wharf, St. John.

Mr. Estabrooks took the ground that a St. John man who had studied the market knew better than a London man what would suit provincial consumers; that teas could be blended and packed as well in St. John as in London; that direct importations were cheaper than those via London, and that a man who gave his whole time and attention to the tea trade could build up a successful importing, blending and distributing business, without any reference at all to London, except for the filling of occasional sorting orders.

Acting upon this theory he made a careful study of everything pertaining directly to the tea trade, and gave up his whole time and attention to that one branch of business. He has today the largest warehouse devoted exclusively to the tea business in Canada; a complete tea blending plant operated by electricity, his own connection with leading tea houses in the countries of growth, and a trade that is carried on by three travellers all over the maritime provinces and into a portion of Quebec.

And on Sept. 1 Mr. Walker R. Miles, who is probably the best known tea broker in the wholesale trade of the provinces, having for nine years represented Francis Peek, Winch & Co. and the later amalgamated firm of Peek Bros. & Winch Ltd. of London, one of the greatest tea houses in the world, severed his connection with them to accept a position with Mr. Estabrooks, being firmly convinced that St. John today offers better advantages than London in connection with the development of the tea trade in eastern Canada. Mr. Miles is a tea expert, and, besides dividing with Mr. Estabrook's the latter's special work, his presence in the establishment will enable both from time to time to visit the larger houses in the provinces in the interests of trade. For three or four years past Mr. Estabrooks has been compelled by the increasing demand of a rapidly increasing trade to remain at his office.

MR. ESTABROOKS' ESTABLISHMENT.

Last May Mr. Estabrooks removed from Dock street to the premises 13 and 14 North wharf. The warehouse is 30 x 100 feet in dimensions, and four stories high, giving him 12,000 square feet of floor space. He has put in a plate glass front, the only one on North or South wharf. Fronting on the wharf, the building has a rear entrance from Nelson street. An electric elevator connects the four floors.

The offices, looking out on the wharf, consist of a general and a private office, the latter also the sample room with the necessary appliances for testing teas. These include a table with a capacity of 40 cups, and a gas heater. The offices are finished in natural wood, and are very bright. When used in the evening they are lighted by electricity.

Speaking generally, the lower floor back of the offices is used as a shipping department for teas going out daily and others packed ready for shipment. On the second floor teas are blended, packed and labelled. On the third floor is the tea mill (a miniature sample of which is displayed in the office) and on this floor all the teas to be blended and the general stock are stored as they come in by rail or steamer. On the fourth floor packages are made and labelled and kept in readiness for use.

THE BLENDING DEPARTMENT.

The blending of teas is a science that must be carefully studied, else it would be impossible to produce and continue to produce any particular flavor. To advertise a blended tea as always the same, and to see that it is always the same, means that certain grades of tea in certain proportions must always be used. These teas must first be selected by tasting, which is in itself a science. Scarcely a day passes but more or less of it is done in Mr. Estabrooks' office, and it is quite common to see twenty cups of different teas steaming beside each other on the table for comparison. When samples are being tasted before purchasing new stock it is done without reference to the price marked on each. After the tasting has been done the results are compared with the prices, and quite frequently a high-priced sample is rejected because its flavor would not suit this market.

In blending teas in Mr. Estabrooks' establishment the several teas which are required to form any particular blend are ranged round a large hopper which connects by a shute with the big blender on the floor below. To ensure accuracy the different teas required are twice checked over before being poured into the hopper.

The blender has a capacity of about half a ton. It is a huge cylinder, so constructed that all the tea comes out of it at the centre, and as the drum is continually revolving the teas are continually being blended, so that the last half chest is exactly the same as the first. Mr. Estabrooks has placed on the blender an ingenious bell attachment that marks the completion of each revolution and rings a bell to enable the operator to stop at the right moment. The blender is operated by electric power.

THE PACKING DEPARTMENT.

Next to the window on the second floor is the packing and labelling department for package teas. Right in front of one window is the packing machine, where one pound, half pound and one-quarter pound packages are put up in lead. A boy weighs the tea, another wraps the lead on funnels, and a man packs the tea and completes the package in the machine. They put up about 2,000 packages per day, but could easily increase the number. The packages are passed through a slide into the labelling room adjoining, which is dust-proof. The labelling stands are along the windows, and at one side and through the rooms are narrow racks reaching to the ceiling, on which the labelled packages are laid to dry. Then they are ready to be put in cases and sent down stairs for shipment.

The bulk teas are also packed on the second floor. Everything here, as in fact all through the establishment, is scrupulously clean, as should be the case in handling so important an article of general consumption.

MAKING METAL PACKAGES.

On the fourth floor are stored empty packages ready for use, including metal chests of 120 down to 50 pounds capacity; caddies of 20 and 25 pounds, and caddies and fancy tins of 1 to 20 pounds. Mr. Estabrooks aims to have everything in the line of packages that is likely to be required by any dealer.

Long cases of sheet metal, weighing over 300 lbs., are seen on this floor. They are imported by Mr. Estabrooks from Glasgow, and none like them are produced in Canada. These are for making metal chests, half-chests and caddies. Each sheet is creased so that it can easily be bent to make four sides of a box and a tin key is slipped over the joint, holding the box solid and air-tight. The bottom comes ready made and is fastened by an iron clamp with screws, and a piece of tin soldered over the joint. Some of these boxes are lacquered before being labelled. For example, the Red Rose tea chests are lacquered in green. When labelled the packages are ready to go down to the second floor to be filled. The top is like the bottom and put on in the same way. No London teas are any better packed, and most of them not as well, as those put up by Mr. Estabrooks. No handsomer packages or labels are seen on the provincial market. As to fancy tins, the stock includes a great variety of pretty designs. They, of course, are manufactured elsewhere.

THE STOCK OF TEA.

Of Mr. Estabrooks' own brands of tea, Red Rose, a blend of China, India and Ceylon teas, is the leader in point of sales, and he states unreservedly that no other tea of one grade has ever reached as large a sale in the maritime provinces. A higher priced tea that is very popular in many localities is Sterling Blend. Both these teas are sold in bulk as well as in lead packets. His highest priced tea is Golden Tip Ceylon. A cheaper tea than Red Rose is Oak Tree Blend, in bulk and in lead packets; while his ½ Dollar tea has made a great name for itself as a tea to retail for twenty-five cents. The latter is sold in lead packets only.

In China bulk teas his Anchor Chop is absolutely the finest saryune produced this season, and commanded the highest price of any saryune on the Foochow market. From this grade the stock ranges down to the lowest-priced tea that is sound and wholesome. A tea must be fit to drink or Mr. Estabrooks will have none of it.

He deals also in Formosa oolongs, in quantities that would surprise the trade elsewhere in Canada, carrying in stock from the fancy grade full of silver tips down to the lower grades.

In Indians and Ceylons, besides those used for blending, he carries a large stock to be sold in the original packages, and this is a constantly increasing trade, for the clean, machine made teas of those countries are better value than China's, and suit the tastes of maritime province consumers, who like a thick, syrupy tea. He has these teas in all grades from coarse souchongs to finest golden tip orange pekoes.

In green teas he has Japan and Young Hyson, as well as scented orange pekoes for dealers in larger cities who have a fancy trade requiring these lines.

THE STAFF.

Mr. Estabrooks now employs eleven persons besides himself. The staff is an increasing one.

The travellers are Rupert Prat in New Brunswick and part of Quebec; Lyman W. Cox in most of Nova Scotia (including Cape Breton) and in P. E. Island; and Louis C. Armstrong, in St. John and nearby points in both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Mr. Estabrooks and Mr. Miles will themselves now be able to call upon the trade to some extent. An invitation is extended to dealers and others visiting the St. John exhibition to visit 13 and 14 North Wharf and see how teas are blended and packed in the largest tea warehouse in Canada.

Mr. Estabrooks observes that if dealers generally realized how much is saved by importing teas direct from countries of growth rather than from London they would need no other argument to convince them of the advantage of purchasing their stock from direct importers and blenders.

An employer of German clerks says that they work 20 per cent slower than English ones.

THE GOLD STANDARD.

INDIAN COUNCIL HAS MADE GOLD THE LEGAL TENDER

Of the Great Eastern Empire—Adoption of the Gold Standard Made Necessary by the Steady Decline of the Silver Rupee and the Danger of Increased Taxes.

SIMLA, Sept. 8—At yesterday's session of the India council the viceroy, Baron Curzon of Kedlestone, concurring in the statement of Mr. Clinton Dawkins, the financial member who, in introducing the currency bill, said that in the absence of the mint proclamation from England, it had been decided to make gold the legal tender immediately. He explained the conviction that no other measure would save India from disastrous embarrassment and fresh taxation and remarked that thanks to the common sense of the committee the ability of the chairman, the strength of the case for the gold standard, the remarkable concensus of opinion, a settlement of this fiercely disputed matter had been reached. For 20 years the policy of the government had been the defence of India from the inevitable consequences of the decline in the value of the rupee, namely fresh taxation. The adoption of a gold standard would enable India to embark in discussion with foreign powers, and enter the field on equal terms. Since gold began to enter last year, £2 620,000 has arrived. A fixed value must lend stability and confidence to foreign trade. He did not indulge in commercial dreams of the future, or pretend to open an Asiatic Klondike. He firmly believed and hoped the present action would invest the financial horoscope of India with the security which it had hitherto lacked and which it was the duty of the government to utilize in the interests of the Indian people.

A SINGULAR DEATH.

A Moncton Man Passed Away During the Night—Had a Fall the Previous Afternoon.

MONCTON, Sept. 8—Mr. D. B. Crandall, a man about 66 years of age, was found dead in bed last night just before midnight. Mr. Crandall had retired to rest about 8 o'clock, complaining of feeling unwell, and expired two or three hours later, without making any signs to his family indicating his approaching end. The deceased was a carpenter by trade and had worked all yesterday near his home, but fell from the stage during the day and complained of a slight injury to his side when he came home. The unfortunate man leaves a large family of grown up children by his first wife and a family of three young children by his second wife who still survives him. He belonged to Salisbury and removed to Moncton some five years ago. The remains will be taken to Elgin corner on Monday for interment.

BRAVERY RECOGNIZED.

Mr Frank Johnson, of the Viking, Presented With a Medal For Saving a Life—A Brilliant Entertainment.

ST. STEPHEN, Sept. 8—On Thursday evening a very pleasant event took place in the parlor of the Windsor Hotel, when Hon. A. H. Gilmour, on behalf of the dominion government, presented Frank Johnson, first mate of the steamer Viking, with a very handsome medal as a slight recognition of appreciation for Mr. Johnson's bravery and courage in saving the life of Miss Blanche Stewart on Oct. 8, 1898. It will be remembered that Miss Stewart, who had been a passenger on the steamer Viking, when going ashore at the wharf at Richardsonville, Deer Island, made a misstep and fell into the water between the wharf and steamer. The night was dark and stormy, and all was confusion on board when it was discovered that Miss Stewart had gone overboard. But Mate Johnson was the man for the occasion, for, not waiting to lay down the lantern which he carried on his arm, he at once sprang overboard and in a few seconds had located the drowning woman, keeping her head above water until help arrived, when both gotten safely ashore.

A short time afterwards Editor Armstrong, of the Beacon, through Hon. A. H. Gillmor, brought the attention of the government to the bravery displayed by Mr. Johnson, with the result of the presentation of a very handsome silver medal, in the shape of a life preserver. On one side is the coat of arms of Canada in gold, with the inscription around the edge: "Presented by Marine and Fisheries Department of Canada." On the reverse side: "Presented by Government of Canada for gallant exertion in saving life. Mr. Frank Johnson, Oct., 1898."

At the meeting last night a large number of the business men of St. Stephen were present to show their esteem for Mr. Johnson. Editor R. E. Armstrong was elected chairman, and in a few well chosen remarks on the object of the meeting introduced Hon. A. H. Gillmor, who in an eloquent speech on the humanity and courage of Frank Johnson in risking his life to save that of a young lady presented the medal to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Gillmor mentioned the fact that Frank must have inherited his bravery from his father, the late Alfred Johnson, who at one time at Eastport plunged into the water from a wharf and saved the life of young boy who had fallen overboard. Appreciative remarks were also made by Mayor Geo. J. Clarke and Mr. C. N. Vroom. Mr. Johnson replied in a neat speech, thanking the government and those who had exerted themselves in the matter, especially Editor Armstrong and Mr. Gillmor. After adjourning this very pleasant meeting all congratulated Mr. Johnson on his well deserved recognition by the government.

A crowded hall, filled with the elite of the four towns, greeted those who took part in the concert given by the St. Stephen Knights Templar in Masonic Hall on Thursday evening. Each part was finely rendered and every number encored, showing the popularity of the different ladies and gentlemen taking part. Miss Ina Brown, of St. John, has become a favorite with border audiences, and, as usual, was heartily applauded, especially in the reading of Moriate's Mourning. Miss Louise Taylor exhibited her undoubted talent as a first class violinist, as well as a fine singer. She brought down the house in a verse of My Own Canadian Home, with violin accompaniment. Miss Florrie Sullivan, our beautiful soprano, added new laurels to her already splendid reputation as the "sweet singer of the St. Croix." Robert Wetmore, of St. George, is always a favorite and was at his best in My Queen, We Meet Above and Love's Sorrow. Mr. Everett Nesbith, as cornet soloist, showed careful study and training, as also did Miss Florence Mitchell, Berton Taylor and Rita Clark as accompanists. The Murray orchestra came in for a goodly share of well-deserved applause.

COURT NEWS.

Circuit.

On Thursday in the circuit court a verdict of $5000 for the plaintiff was rendered in the case of Harding vs. Blight.

Friday the case of Mellon vs. the Municipality of Kings was tried. This action is for false imprisonment. The plaintiff was put in jail for taxes, which he claims were improperly assessed. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $250. Mr J P Byrne and A A Stockton, Q C, for the plaintiff and Attorney General White for the defence.

County.

The case of Black vs. Smith was postponed for two weeks. There was no verdict.

Chambers.

In the case of Hesse vs St. John Railway Company, on application of the appellant, Judge King ordered certain affidavits used on the trial to be filed with the registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The matter of the Portland Rolling Mill Company was postponed until Saturday, 16th inst. on the application of Mr. S. Alward, Q C.

Death of George H. Clark.

The death occurred Thursday night, at 7.30 o'clock, of Mr. George Hunter Clark, eldest son of the late Mr. John Clark, at his residence Lancaster.

Mr. Clark has been for the past four years afflicted with gradual paralysis, which finally involved his entire system and for the past year left him unable to use or move either hands or feet, but left his mind unimpaired and for the past week has been confined to his bed. He was an active and enterprising business man. He was senior member of the late firm of Clark Bros., lumber manufacturers, and relinquished business only as affliction compelled. He was a prominent Free Mason, and a man highly respected and beloved by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He leaves a wife, two sons, Mr. Arthur Clark, of Boston, and Mr. Roneli Clark, of the West End, two daughters, Mrs. Gershon S. Mayer, and Miss Jennie Clark, of the West End, also four brothers, Chief of Police Clark, James A. Clark of the customs, Thomas R. Clark of the Boston police department and the Rev. John Clark at present residing in the West End.

Deceased was 69 years of age.

The Gaspesia in Trouble Again.

SYDNEY, C. B., Sept. 7.—A steamer supposed to be the Gaspesia, struck of Lincan today and is now adrift off Glace Bay disabled and in a dangerous position. The wind is blowing 50 miles an hour.

Schooner Favorite was driven ashore here.

The men who do daring deeds in battle, are men whose arteries pulsate with the rich, red, vital blood of health. The same is true of the men who win success in the battles of work and business. When a man's liver is sluggish, his digestion impaired, and his stomach weak, his blood soon gets thin and impure. The blood is the stream of life. If it is impure every vital organ in the body is improperly nourished and becomes weak and diseased and fails to perform its proper functions in the economy of life. The victim suffers from loss of appetite and sleep, wind, pain, fulness and swelling of the stomach after meals, bad taste in the mouth, foul breath, imaginary lump of food in the throat, headaches, giddiness, drowsiness, heavy head and costiveness.

All of these conditions and their causes are promptly cured by the use of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It brings back the keen edge of appetite, makes the digestion perfect and the liver active. It makes rich, red, pure blood, filled with the life-giving elements of the food that build healthy tissues, firm flesh, strong muscles and vibrant nerve fibers. It invigorates and vitalizes the whole body, and imparts mental power and elasticity. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption, strengthens weak lungs, stops bleeding from lungs, spitting of blood, obstinate lingering coughs and kindred ailments.

Costiveness, constipation and torpidity of the liver are surely, speedily and permanently cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They are tiny, sugar-coated granules. One little "Pellet" is a gentle laxative, and two a mild cathartic. They never gripe. They stimulate and strengthen the jaded organs until a regular habit is formed and may then be discontinued without a return of the trouble. They stimulate, invigorate and regulate the stomach, liver and bowels. Medicine stores sell them, and have no other pills that "are just as good."

HEAVY DEMAND.

R. G. DUN & CO. REPORT PROSPERITY IN ALL BRANCHES OF TRADE.

The Demand Keeps Prices High—Steel Orders Can Now Only be Filled for a Year Ahead—Wheat Rises After a Sharp Decline—Foreign Demand Heavy.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:—

Cotton has risen 3-16 since annual reports, regardless of these and owing to bad accounts from Texas. The crop of 1898, according to the Financial Chronicle, was 11,235,383 bales, against 11,180,969 in 1897, southern consumption, 1,400,026 bales, and northern spinners taking 2,247,072 and stocks on hand at the end of the crop year 392,280 bales, with 3,600,360 bales visible and invisible carried over in all countries. These figures fully support estimates that a smaller crop than is probable this year will suffice, but the market just now declines to consider anything except that southern reports indicate a much reduced yield this year. The market for goods is remarkably strong this week and previous prices are fully sustained.

After a sharp decline wheat has risen a quarter cent this week, with Atlantic exports 2,900,966 bushels, flour included, against 2,325,100 last year, and Pacific exports 364,256 against 163,192 last year.

Corn has also taken a start upward, rising ¾ of a cent, with exports of 3,051,569 bushels, against 2,431,085 last year. So great a demand for both grains deserves notice, but so does western receipts, 5,595 697 bushels wheat against 6,774,611 last year, and of corn 5,922,437 against 4,208,252 last year.

There is no hesitancy in selling or in shipping; with extraordinary foreign demands for the season farmers are sending forward, at remarkably low prices, extraordinary quantities of grain.

Neither philosophical explanations of the rise in iron and steel nor constant addition to the number of furnaces producing, checks the advances, which has made Bessemer pig sell for $23 at Pittsburg, Grey forge for $19 73 there; Anthracite, No. 1 for 23 50 at Philadelphia and local coke for $21 50 at Chicago. With the whole output of its furnaces sold ahead for the year, the valley association demands $23.65 at Pittsburg on future contracts and Chicago is selling mainly for delivery next year. Finished products are advanced in some cases $5 per ton.

Shipments of boots and shoes 98,953 cases for the week, were the largest ever known in the first week of September excepting in 1897 and orders fall off.

Preparations for other woollen combinations affect the market for goods somewhat, which is, nevertheless, strong, although some irregularities have developed in worsteds. The wool market is much less active than of late, with sales of only 9,225,200 pounds at the three chief markets, mostly territory, and while prices are stiff manufacturers are buying only for immediate needs. Quotations for the week are unchanged, but holders are confidently looking for a large advance to result from the London sales.

Failures for the week have been 132 in the United States, against 164 last year, and 30 in Canada, against 16 last year.

THE WINTER PORT QUESTION.

The Common Council Asks for Harmony Between the Government and the C. P. R.

Friday morning the common council discussed winter port matters. Mayor Sears in opening the meeting denied that he was trying to burk business or was favoring Hon. Mr. Blair, but thought no action should be taken until a conference was held with Mr. Blair here today.

Ald. Macrae held that prompt action should be taken and a delegation appointed to urge upon the minister of railways a continuation this winter of the policy pursued in the past. He intimated that the C. P. R. might transfer its large trade to Boston.

Ald. Colwell favored Ald. Macrae's ideas and thought it impossible the minister of railways should stubbornly stand up against St. John.

Ald. McMulkin favored the appointment of a committee to interview Hon. Mr. Blair.

Ald. McGoldrick favored the committee and expressed the belief Hon. Mr. Blair would help St. John.

The mayor stated he had already appointed a committee to interview Mr. Blair and that another was not necessary.

Ald. Christie condemned the Intercolonial policy.

Ald. Tufts attacked Mr. Blair and said St. John should not be sacrificed to allow the Intercolonial to make a little money.

Ald. Keast favored Ald. Macrae's suggestion and said the common council should work with the board of trade in the matter.

Ald. Tufts wanted a committee to see Mr. Blair.

The following motion, presented by Ald. Macrae, was passed:—

"Resolved, That a delegation on behalf of the city be appointed to wait upon the minister of railways, if necessary the dominion government, for the purpose of obtaining such changes in their I C R policy as will bring into harmonious action all matters between them and the C P R company, relating to New Brunswick and maritime province railway business, with a view of ensuring the winter port business of this city."

Ald. White said St. John as an export city was in serious danger, and it was necessary for the council to act with vigor. He held that the present policy of the government threatens to drive away the C. P. R. terminus from St. John and that the government should be asked to do nothing that will interfere with the winterport business.

Ald. Seaton and Ald. Maxwell wanted prompt action taken.

Ald. Robinson thought the meeting premature, as at a conference between Mr. Blair and Mr. Shaughnessy the matter was probably now being settled.

Ald. Millidge censured both the government and the C. P. R.

Ald. Waring said there was danger of St. John being crushed in the difference between the Intercolonial and the C. P. R.

The following motion by Ald. White was then carried:—

Resolved, That this council views with alarm the unsettled state of railway affairs which now exists and which threatens to destroy the export trade of the city of St. John for this year at least, and expresses the hope that the government of the dominion of Canada may adopt such a railway policy as will allow the export trade to be carried on as it has been in the past.

The mayor announced as the committee Aldermen Colwell, Macrae, Maxwell, Christie, Waring and Seaton.

Ald. Macrae and Ald. Colwell, after the meeting of the council, in the name of the delegation, telegraphed Mr. Shaughnessy for information regarding the present state of the negotiations with the Intercolonial, and have been assured that they will get a definite statement this forenoon.

Chatham News.

CHATHAM, Sept. 7—Miss Leonore Benson, who has been spending her vacation in Chatham, has returned to her duties in the General Public Hospital, St. John.

On Monday Mr. William Innis, aged 70, of Lower Newcastle, received a blow on his hand from a sledge hammer, which necessitated the amputation of two of his fingers.

Miss Kate McLean, who has been ill since vacation, resumed her duties in the West End school on Monday.

During the strong northeasterly gale that prevailed on Wednesday the new chimney on St. Andrew's church was blown down.

A number of friends visited Church Point on Sunday last, when the new Presbyterian church was dedicated. The sermons were preached by Rev. J. M. McLean of St. John's church, Chatham. The collections amounted to $130.

The contract for the new elmshouse has been given to Mr. Jas. Mowatt. The building, which is to be erected on the old site, is to be somewhat larger than the old one, is to cost nearly $5,000, and to be completed by Jan. 1.

Fredericton News.

FREDERICTON, Sept. 5—The Provincial Normal school re-opened yesterday morning with upwards of 200 students in attendance. Denominationally the students are divided as follows:—

Roman Catholics, 57; Methodists, 40; Baptists, 39; Presbyterians, 29; Church of England, 25; Free Baptist, 18.

E. Byron Winslow, Q. C., and George W. Allen, Q. C., have formed a legal copartnership under the name of Winslow and Allen.

Arthur R. Slipp, well-known barrister, and Miss Bessie Logan were united in marriage this afternoon at the bride's home, Waterloo Row. Rev. G. M. Campbell performed the ceremony. Miss Aggie Neill acted as bridesmaid, and A. G. Blair, jr., of St. John, discharged the duties of best man. The bride was given in marriage by her cousin, Hon. F. P. Thompson, M. P. P.

Married at St. George.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in Mascarene church, St. George, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock when Miss Lilla May, second daughter of Capt. Samuel Dick, was united in marriage to Geo. James Harris of Springfield, Mass., the ceremony being performed by Rev. M. Goucher of St. Stephen. The happy couple took the Shore Line train for St. John amid the congratulations of a host of friends who were at the depot to see them off. They will take the Prince Rupert this morning for a trip through Nova Scotia. They will return to Springfield, which is to be their future home. Mr. Hezekiah Butterworth, an intimate friend of the groom came from Boston to be present at the wedding. Mr. Butterworth was formerly editor of the Youth's Companion from which position he retired a few years ago. He is among the leading literary men of the United States, and his works are well known and widely read on both sides of the Atlantic.

Death of Mrs. James Foster.

SHANNON SETTLEMENT, Sept. 7—Mrs. James Foster, of Shannon, who was taken suddenly ill on Wednesday, Aug. 30th with pneumonia, died this morning between 10 and 11 o'clock. Deceased leaves a husband, two sisters—Mrs. James Green of this place and Mrs Frank Furlong of St. John, and three children—Mrs. Melbourne Merritt of Kars, Mr. William and Miss Susie at home to mourn the loss of a kind mother and sister. The community has lost a good friend and neighbor. Funeral will take place on Saturday, October 9th, at 11 o'clock.

Sickness at Millstream.

MILLSTREAM, Sept. 7—There has been much sickness in the vicinity during the last few weeks.

Bliss Folkins, aged five years, died at his home September 2 from typhoid fever.

Mrs. Howard Folkins, Mr. Louis Folkins, Mr. Dan Northrup and Miss Gertie Folkins are still very sick, but under the skilful treatment of Dr. Brundage hopes are entertained for their rapid recovery.

Barque Ashore at Point du Chene.

MONCTON, Sept. 7.—Barque Friboden loaded with deals for the United Kingdom, went ashore at Point du Chene during a fierce gale last night. The vessel is not leaking. The cargo will be discharged, and she is expected to float all right.