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**WOODSTOCK, May 5.**—The regular monthly meeting of the town council was held this evening. The treasurer's report showed that the debit balance at the bank is \$7,053. The expenditure during the month was \$1,838, of which was an account of schools. The receipts were \$366. The police magistrate's report showed \$104 collected on Scott Act fines.

Coun. Lindsay reported that a new watering cart had been ordered and was on the way. It was purchased in St. John.

Coun. Lindsay stated that the board of health had subdivided the town into districts for the purpose of vaccination. It was necessary to have a certain place for the purposes of vaccination, and he proposed that the town council chamber be allowed for that purpose.

The mayor stated that when a smallpox outbreak occurred in the county, the town was called to pay its share of the expense. It seemed to him that the county should be called upon to pay the bills contracted during the present epidemic. It was certainly not fair that the town should contribute to one epidemic out of its grants and the county should get free in the case of the disease, being within the county.

Coun. Diblee was in accord with the mayor's suggestion. The board of health contracted the bills, and these bills, he thought, should be presented to the county council for payment. If they refused, the board could come on the town.

Coun. Balmann thought that it would be well to get legal opinion on the subject before the town committed itself to any action.

Quite a discussion arose over the electric light question. The lights have not worked satisfactorily of late, and the mayor was not slow to express an opinion that the present system was a serious bill of expense from which very little benefit was derived. The question arose over the appointment of a caretaker. It was finally decided to allow the matter to lie over, the general opinion of the council being that a satisfactory light should be instituted, or else the town go back to earlier and primitive days.

Coun. A. E. Jones thought the town was rather large to do away with lighting altogether.

Coun. Balmann said the service last year in connection with the light was altogether unsatisfactory.

The lease is about to be drawn up transferring for five years the Miles Moore house on Broadway to the trustees of the public hospital. Possession will be taken the first of June. A number of little children had an entertainment recently, at which the admission was one cent. Something over two dollars was taken in, which was promptly handed over to the mayor for the benefit of the hospital.

The members of the Business College of Woodstock intend playing a similar association in Moncton on Saturday next, the proceeds to go towards the new hospital.

**HOPWELL HILL, May 5.**—The funeral of Mrs. Woodworth, relict of the late Solomon Woodworth, took place this afternoon and was largely attended. A short service was held at the house, after which the remains were taken to the Baptist Church, where a service was preached by the pastor, Rev. F. D. Davidson. The choir sang "Why Do We Mourn Departed Friends, The Lord's My Shepherd, and Some Sweet Day." The pall-bearers were: Chas. D. Shaw, Daniel O. Amos, Frank and Eugene Woodworth, nephews, and John Woodworth of St. John, cousin of the deceased.

George Hawkes of Lower Cape has been given the contract to finish the new hall at Curryville. The building is now in frame and partly boarded in. Mr. Hawkes, who served an apprenticeship of many years in the States, is a very skilled workman.

Jas. G. Stuart has bought the property adjoining his, belonging to the estate of the late Dr. P. R. Moore of Los Angeles, Cal.

**NORTH BSK, Northumberland Co., May 5.**—The fishermen have their nets out waiting patiently for salmon, which have not as yet made their appearance. Trout are very plentiful. Brophie and Kehoe's lumber has come down and is in the boom.

John McColm has built a new scow this spring and has it launched.

A sad drowning accident occurred near Red Bank. A little Indian boy of Joe Frenchman, fell off the bridge. His body has not been found yet.

Mrs. Robert Blackmore intends to leave for Barnum, Michigan, on Tuesday. Miss Brown, teacher at Castille, spent Saturday and Sabbath at the manse, Red Bank.

Mr. Johnson of Newcastle spent a few days with Mrs. Neil Gordon last week.

Mrs. Hare of Exmore, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Brander, returned home yesterday.

Whitney division, S. of T., has been resuscitated. A meeting was held last Saturday night and new officers appointed.

**CHATHAM, N. B., May 5.**—S. Hoffman & Son have had a plate glass front put into their store. James Desmond was the contractor. Jas. Mowatt has about completed his contract of rebuilding and remodeling Alderman Murdoch's residence, which was recently badly damaged by fire. The store on Lower Water street belonging to Charles Rich of Fredericton has been leased by S. Hoffman & Son, who will open it to the public shortly.

Lobster fishing is reported good this season.

Complaint is made that there is no game warden in the immense district between Tabusintac and Tracadie, and that great slaughter has been made among the deer during the past winter and spring.

A 20-years lease of the alms house property, south of the Gordon road, was sold by auction to Wm. Gordon last week for \$16 per year.

Mr. Bryan, president of the Hants Co. of Boston, confers with the Chatham sewerage system, in town having the necessary repairs made to the streets through which the system passes. He also has a claim amounting to several thousand dollars

against the town. The engineers have disallowed it.

Rev. Geo. M. Young, formerly Methodist pastor, now of Charlottetown, is in Chatham. His many friends and admirers here are delighted to see him.

Geo. A. Day has opened an office in the Dominion building. His furniture is being placed in the Letson villa, where he will reside.

Arrangements are being made at a cost of about \$1,000, to put stained glass windows in St. Andrew's Church. The different organizations of the church have assumed the financial responsibility. Mrs. Marquis will donate one window in memory of her late husband, Hugh Marquis.

The Right Rev. Jas. Rogers, bishop of Chatham, is seriously ill. He was prayed for at both masses on Sunday. The Rt. Rev. Thos. Barry of Bathurst was in Chatham last week. It is understood that word has been received from Rome and that the resignation of Bishop Rogers, tendered some time ago on account of failing health, has been accepted. If this be correct, Bishop Barry will shortly reside in Chatham as the head of the diocese.

The engagement of Stewart Benson, at present manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, and Miss Lewis Tweedie, daughter of Premier Tweedie, has been announced.

The town is now offering a forty thousand forty-year, 4 p. c. bond issue for sale. The bonds will be dated June 2nd, and tenders will be received up to May 30th.

Rev. E. Thrope of Sydney preached in St. Andrew's Church last week and in Hardwicke on Sunday.

J. D. Brown, barrister, has taken up housekeeping in one of John B. Bell's fine residences, Duke street.

Wm. Elkin is putting up a fine three-story building on Water street. It will contain two stores, a residence, a hall and several offices, and will greatly add to the appearance of the street. Anthony Adams is also erecting a new building, near the town hall. It is intended for a hotel.

The M. S. N. Co. have sold the steamer Nelson for \$2,800 to Capt. Geo. Peters and R. Harrington of Sydney, C. B. The steamer will take her place on the Chatham-Newcastle route until the steamer Alexandra is ready.

**WHITE'S COVE, Queens Co., May 3.**—Arbor day was duly observed by the school in this district. The school grounds were neatly cleaned and flowers and shrubs planted. The flag was hoisted on the school house in honor of the occasion.

Bears are getting in their work early this spring. Two sheep belonging to Thomas Kelly, of the Den Settlement were killed one night this week. The bear went into the barn yard in which the sheep were enclosed and dragged them out. While Mrs. J. E. Austin was driving to White's Point on Wednesday she was confronted by a huge bear sitting on the road.

Mrs. Charles W. McCordic and children, of St. John, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drost.

Wendall B. Farris, who has been suffering from weak eyes, returned from St. John on Tuesday, where he has been receiving treatment from Dr. Crawford.

**SALISBURY, N. B., May 5.**—R. T. McCready started his cheese factory on Monday, 28th ult., for the season, with good prospects for an increased supply of milk.

Lutz Brothers placed their portable saw mill at North River bridge last week, where a quantity of logs have been browed.

In the report of the Masonic funeral at this place last week, the name of the officiating clergyman, Rev. C. H. Manaton, was inadvertently omitted.

There was a large gathering at North River, some three miles from this village, on Sunday afternoon, where Rev. Henry Perry is conducting a series of religious services. Nine young men and women were baptized by Mr. Perry on Sunday afternoon.

Robert J. Colpitts spent Sunday with Salisbury friends and preached in the Baptist church in the morning. Mr. Colpitts delivered an earnest and scholarly address. He will occupy the same pulpit again next Sunday evening.

Miss Julia Elliott of St. John spent Sunday here with her sister, Mrs. B. A. Stamer.

J. Walton Trifles, son of A. E. Trifles, railway contractor, of this place, who has been engaged in civil engineering in the west for some time, has decided to go to South Africa with Canada's fourth contingent.

Mrs. A. E. Trifles went to Moncton on Sunday to see him on his way from the west to Halifax.

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A St. John firm was placed in Pine Tree cemetery, at this place, last week by Mrs. Peter Smith, in memory of her late husband and children.

**MAUGERVILLE, N. B., May 5.**—There was a large gathering at Wilnot's landing on Sunday afternoon to witness the Rev. Dr. McLeod administer the sacred rite of baptism to seven candidates, three of whom were daughters of ex-Sheriff Mitchell.

Miss Anna Mitchell will leave for Ottawa, where she will join Senator and Mrs. Perley at the close of the session and accompany them to Wolsely for a protracted visit, and thence to see her brother, James, who is ranching at Maple Creek, N. W. T.

Mrs. W. W. Hubbard and her son, who have been staying at "Beauvoir," for a short time, have gone to Boston for a visit. Mrs. Anna Grier is staying at "Beauvoir," where she will remain until Mrs. R. D. Wilnot returns from Quebec.

**DORCHESTER, May 5.**—The Westmorland circuit court opened at two o'clock today, Hon. Justice Landry presiding, in the absence of Justice Hamilton, to whom the circuit had been assigned. Official Stenographer Devine was present. There was no criminal business. The civil docket was as follows:

Louis Cormier v. Thaddeus M. Boudreau.

Josiah Wood v. Henry S. Leblanc.

Josiah Wood v. Julian P. LeBlanc and Raphael P. LeBlanc.

A coroner's jury was called in the case of Thomas Stevens v. Sheriff McQuinn. This was a case of plaintiff claiming goods levied on and sold by the sheriff.

Jas. Friel filed papers of a Russian Jew, Samuel Ross, doing business as a small trader at Dorchester crossing, parish of Shediac, asking for naturalization as a British subject.

Court adjourned until two o'clock tomorrow, when it is expected that Justice Hamilton will finish the business of the circuit.

Kiloup, in jail charged with having committed an indecent assault, had a preliminary hearing before Stipendiary Cahill of Sackville yesterday. The prisoner was further remanded until Monday next.

**MILLTOWN, May 4.**—About 2 o'clock this morning a barn and storehouse belonging to B. H. Kerr, grocer, was discovered on fire. The department promptly arrived, but the fire was under too much headway to save much. The losses are near the \$1,000 mark, there being destroyed two express wagons, one pleasure wagon, one truck wagon, one bicycle, one buckboard, two pungs, one bob-sled, one light truck sled, four barrels of beans, five barrels of sugar, six barrels of flour, and some fish, salt, etc., beside the buildings, which were burned to the posts of support, about two tons of hay and two nice horses. Mr. Kerr tried to save the horses and made his way to their stalls and found one down and when he loosed the chain behind the other it, too, dropped. He was slightly burned about the hands and neck in his unsuccessful attempt and has now not a wagon or piece of harness with which to go to work. The barn was insured.

**WOODSTOCK, N. B., May 7.**—The total estimate of the loss by the fire last night is put between \$20,000 and \$30,000, and the insurance as far as can be ascertained amounts to somewhere about \$12,000. The stock in the stores down stairs was pretty well gutted out, as the fire at first was under the roofs of the buildings.

Mrs. J. Loane & Co. was insured for \$1,500 on building and \$1,500 on stock. Carden Bros. had \$1,500 on stock and fixtures. Mrs. H. R. Baird had \$1,500 on her two buildings. John McAfee had \$700 on his buildings and \$300 on contents. H. N. Payton had \$1,000 on his building. J. T. Collins had \$300 on his stock and \$700 on his building. Walter Cogger, barber, had \$300 on his stock.

It is claimed by the firemen that the first fire was put out and that the conflagration was caused by a different fire from that which called them out early in the afternoon.

**SUSSEX, N. B., May 7.**—The annual meeting of the ratepayers of the fire ward district, Sussex, took place on Tuesday evening, 6th inst., in the firemen's hall, when the acts of the last year were presented and other business before the meeting transacted. So many were present that it was deemed

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ed expedient to adjourn to the Odd-fellows' hall, where the balloting took place for the wardens for the ensuing year. Considerable interest was taken in this, as various tickets had been formed some days previously and a fair amount of canvassing done. The names of Dr. G. N. Pearson, James Lamb, Robert Morison, Jno. A. Humphreys, S. H. White, H. H. Dryden, George Cogger, Peter Pitfield, Wm. Howes and Wm. Wallace were submitted to the meeting and on the ballot being counted, Jas. Lamb, Robert Morison, Peter Pitfield, Jno. A. Humphreys and George Cogger were elected as the new board for the ensuing year. At a meeting of the new wardens, Geo. Cogger was appointed chairman, and Robert Morison, secretary. It is now hoped that vigorous and effective measures will be taken by the new board to have the various matters of the water and sewerage system put in good shape, and the insurance reductions provision put into full force at an early date.

H. R. Ross of the Maritime Farmer staff left on Wednesday for a business trip through certain sections of Nova Scotia.

Samples of coal, said to be from the Mount Carlyle coal mine in Kent county, were seen in Sussex yesterday, and if there proves to be a good paying body of it, the owners have struck it rich. The coal is a bit of a first class nature, and its being found in this region is somewhat peculiar.

**RICHIBUCTO, N. B., May 6.**—The death of Mrs. Wathen, widow of the late John Wathen, occurred last evening. The deceased was aged 51 years. She leaves one son, George Wathen, teacher at Deaktown.

John Robertson left yesterday for Bathurst to enter the employ of the Summer Co.

Robert Main of Galloway, who has been seriously ill for the past ten days, is slightly improved.

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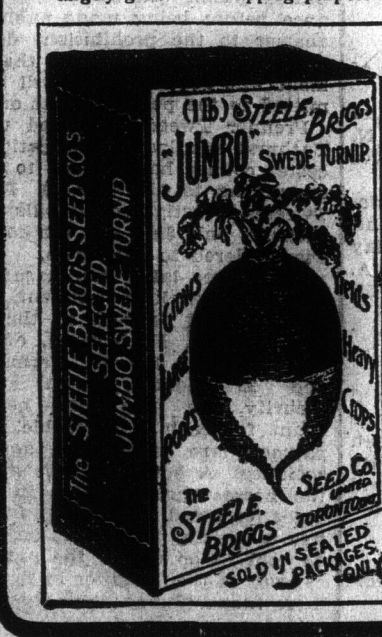
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### PARLIAMENT.

#### Will Pay Letter Carriers by the Day.

#### The Census Estimates—The Geological Survey—The National Park—Rushing Business.

OTTAWA, May 2.—In the house this afternoon Hon. Mr. Mulock explained his bill to amend the post office act. The measure provides that letter carriers to be employed shall be paid by the day instead of the year. The minister proposes to pay for the first six months \$12.50 per day, then \$15.00, \$17.50 and finally \$22. They are to be allowed a fortnight's holidays in the year with pay, and those whose conduct is approved may be rewarded with ten days more holidays in the year, with the option of taking \$20 instead. Mr. Mulock said there would be no sick leave, as men would be paid only for the days they work. He thought the health of the employees would be found better under these conditions. Men now in the service can take the new system or retain the old, but future employees must accept it. The minister claims that the new scale will give letter carriers \$7.50 more in the first eight years than the old one, that is providing the officer never gets ill. Mr. Mulock said the change was necessary in order to compel letter carriers to appear every morning for discharge of their duty.

A lively discussion took place on this measure, which deals with many matters besides the salary of officers. An amendment proposed by Mr. Mulock today provides that a new class, called the fourth class, shall be established in city post offices. Any stamper and sorter may be promoted to this fourth class, the salary of which begins at \$400 and advances to \$600.

At six o'clock the house went into supply. The first part of the evening sitting was occupied by a discussion of the census estimates. Hon. Mr. Fisher was closely questioned about his alleged investigation of the census of 1891. Replying to Mr. Ganong, Mr. Fisher said that Patrick McLaughlin had been appointed to prepare the census return of Charlotte county fisheries. He had been recommended by Senator Gillmor.

Mr. Ganong said there were many liberals in the county very competent to prepare a return of the fishery, but the man appointed was certainly not the best qualified that could be selected.

On the vote for the geological survey, Hon. Mr. Sifton said Dr. Bell was acting head of the survey, but a permanent director would be appointed within a few months. Hon. Mr. Sifton stated that the government had not yet decided on establishing an assay office at Dawson. The date would depend on the time when the national mint should be established at Ottawa.

On the vote for the national park at Banff, Hon. Mr. Sifton said the place had become a great resort for visitors and the C. P. R. had been obliged to make additions to the hotels at that place.

Votes were rapidly passed for mail subsidies and steamship subvention

and nearly all other matters in the main estimates.

The house adjourned at 11.30 p. m.

OTTAWA, May 5.—The house held its first morning session today. A number of private bills were passed. The divorce bill for the relief of James Brown was passed, Mr. Charlton and Mr. Ross of Victoria, N. S., protesting against parliamentary divorces and advocating creating a divorce court.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick gave notice of his resolution to exclude foreign built ships from coasting privileges until they obtain a license on payment of 25 per cent duty.

The house went into committee on Hon. Mr. Fielding's bill, giving the government power to borrow fifteen million dollars. The minister explained that the borrowing powers conferred in 1897 were exhausted with the exception of two million dollars. Temporary loans had been made from the Bank of Montreal of six millions at three and a quarter per cent. Since 1897 the borrowing of the government through the savings bank increased nine millions.

The resolution passed and a bill to the same effect read a first time.

The fruit marks act was passed to its second reading in committee, and also the bill respecting the board of trade.

The house went into supply, taking up the first batch of supplementaries for the current year. On the vote for by the government when he made his public buildings, Hon. Mr. Tarte stated that the government was paying \$18,000 a year rental for departmental offices hired outside. Mr. Tarte thought a building affording equal accommodation could be provided for a capital outlay of less than half a million, but the budget was already so large that nothing could be done about it this year.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the afternoon session the house in committee discussed the Yukon telegraph bill. Mr. Tarte was questioned about the contract for telegraph poles given to Mr. Rochester, who went out to the Yukon as a government officer and resigned long enough to take this pole contract.

Mr. Tarte admitted that this should not have been allowed, and said that he had told his superintendent that he had done wrong.

Mr. Earle of Victoria, B. C., said Mr. Tarte had bought food supplies from Vancouver, dealing with one favored firm without tenders. Mr. Tarte said this firm, which have supplied many thousand dollars worth of goods, got a contract for three years and since then had been allowed to furnish at the same price.

Mr. Kemp asked why Mr. Tarte did not send out circulars and give other people a chance to supply.

Mr. Tarte—in matters of this kind my first duty is towards my party.

Closely pressed by Mr. Borden of Halifax, Hon. Mr. Tarte admitted that the Rochester contract was a wrong proceeding. Mr. Borden elicited from Tarte that Rochester was employed by the government and that he was keeping government books and living at government expense in a government camp while he was carrying out his government contract.

Mr. Borden said he had no doubt Mr. Rochester could be compelled to repay his whole profits to the government. The whole transaction was most discreditable, and he (Borden) believed

ed that the parties to it could be prosecuted in the courts.

Mr. Tarte claimed that the price paid for poles was a fair one, but immediately afterwards said he did not know what was the length or size of the poles, or what kind of wood they were.

Mr. Tarte asked the opinion of the house on the question whether he should charge on the Yukon telegraph system a sufficiently high rate to make handsome profits.

Mr. Clarke, conservative, of Toronto, said the government should set an example by charging only such rates as would maintain and operate the road and pay interest on cost of construction. He hoped the time would come when public ownership would be established for all telegraph lines in Canada.

This proposition was supported by several other members.

Mr. Tarte said he proposed to try the experiment of greatly reducing the rates, though his officers did not support that idea.

On the item for the St. John immigrants building, \$12,000, Mr. Tarte said the total cost of this building would be \$33,500. Part of this vote was to pay interest to Contractor Pullen, as the government did not have money to pay him when it was due.

#### EVENING SESSION.

In the evening on the vote for public buildings in the Yukon, Mr. Leonard (opposition), of Lével, Quebec, read the correspondence brought down by the department, which seems to reflect on Judge Dugas, of the Yukon court. Louise Collinette sent an affidavit setting forth that she had been engaged as a matron of the court house at Dawson at \$80 per month. Afterwards she was given an allowance for rent, which she had been given the remaining thirty miles at the schedule prices paid under the original contract. Mr. Blair stated that this act had the approval of his colleagues.

Mr. Bennett (conservative), of Simcoe, Ont., protested against this job as a clear violation of the law. It has been lawful in the post office department to take tenders for carrying mails for four years and to extend the term at the same price. The late government had done so in the case of mail contracts, but when Hon. Mr. Mulock came in he cancelled all these extended tenders on the ground that fresh tenders had not been taken. Now Mr. Mulock had consented to the extension of a ten mile railway contract to cover four times that quantity.

Mr. Farquharson said he saw no harm in the transaction. Mr. Kitchen was a good contractor. It might be right or it might be wrong to give out this work without tenders, but he thought it would be approved on the island.

Mr. Haggart pointed out that Mr. Blair's statement did not agree with that of the secretary of state. Mr. Scott told the senate on the authority of the department that Mr. Kitchen had begun work beyond his first contract without the authority of the department, and that orders had been sent to stop it.

Mr. Haggart said that in the recent by-election the candidates went about carrying forms to be filled in with voters' names authorizing them to go to work for Mr. Kitchen on this road. The names of satisfactory voters were filled in to the blank spaces. Some of these forms were produced at the subsequent election trial.

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Mr. Sproule—How is the contingent to be composed?

Hon. Mr. Borden replied that details had not been made up, but speaking generally, there would be 300 mounted men and 200 infantry. The mounted force would consist of men from the N. W. M. P. 25 from the Strathcona Horse, and the balance from the cavalry, mounted rifles and field artillery. The infantry would consist of guards, fusiliers, highlanders and rifles. It would be his endeavor to have every branch of the service represented, so that the bearer corps, field and hospital corps, engineers and army service corps would each have representative troops.

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#### CHIGNECTO MARINE RAILWAY.

Mr. Provand, agent for the Chignecto Marine Railway Co., called a meeting of members of parliament to discuss the indemnity claimed by his company. Most of the private members from Nova Scotia supporting the government were present, but only two others. Mr. Roche of Halifax presided. Mr. Provand addressed the meeting at some length. Mr. Molisac expressed sympathy with the company, but argued that it had no claim on the dominion. Mr. Logan spoke strongly in favor of making a settlement of some kind. He moved a resolution stating that in the opinion of the meeting it was desirable that the government should effect a settlement at once with the investors in the Chignecto company.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson of Cape Breton, but Matheson Ross and others opposed the motion. Mr. Provand stated that more than \$150,000 had been paid to the government on duty on their plant.

Mr. Molisac stated that a company which has been constructing a railway in Cape Breton had got into difficulties and suddenly ordered the discharge of all men employed. If the government paid an indemnity to the ship railway people, it might be asked to do the same with the Cape Breton Co.

On the suggestion of Mr. Ross of Victoria, it was decided not to pass the resolution, but to express the opinion that the ministers, when they visit England, should discuss the subject with representatives of the ship railway company.

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