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Better Liquors for less money than can be purchased elsewhere. Try them.

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WEST RIVER ON RAMPAGE

ICE TEARS DOWN ONE BRIDGE AND PORTION OF DAM.

Damage Will Amount to More Than \$50,000—Part of the Gaslight Company's West Dummerston Power House Destroyed.

With a rush like that of a tidal wave the winter's accumulation of ice came out of West river Saturday, tearing to shreds a large portion of the woodwork of the Brattleboro Gaslight company's dam and rendering that structure useless for months to come, crumbling into fragments one of the piers of the narrow gauge railroad bridge at West Dummerston and thereby severing railroad communication between Brattleboro and the northwestern part of Windham county, and finally pouring into the Connecticut in a mighty wall nearly 20 feet high. Never has the West river cleared itself in a more spectacular manner and never has it succeeded in working such havoc. It is safe to estimate that the damage will amount to \$50,000. Several people along the line of the flood narrowly escaped losing their lives but no one was injured. The warm weather and rain of the latter part of last week had its effect on the small streams which feed the river at its upper portions and by Friday night conditions became alarming. During the night the ice at the upper end of the river began to break up and start down stream, and at 8 o'clock Saturday morning it had formed in an immense jam at Townshend, flooding all the meadows in that section and covering them with large ice cakes. Very soon, however, the force of the rising water started the jam and it began to move down stream, slowly at first but with increasing speed as it gained in weight and momentum. A few minutes before noon the employees of the power station at the gaslight company's dam saw a short distance above West Dummerston saw a solid wall of ice nearly 20 feet high bearing swiftly down upon them. They had just begun arrangements for dynamiting the ice above the dam and in a minute or two would have been at work. They hardly had time to reach a place of safety when the ice-wall reached the still water on which the ice lay to a depth in places of nearly four feet. Immense cakes weighing several tons were hurled high in air as if they had been chips and in a second the entire mass was pouring over the dam, tipping up the woodwork and grinding the timbers to atoms as if they were toothpicks.

Charles H. Thompson, who was superintending the work of dynamiting the river, ran to the power house as soon as he saw the ice-wall coming and telephoned the news to Brattleboro. Although the operation was the work of but a few seconds the ice had already begun falling over the dam before he had finished. He barely reached the bank above when the power house was surrounded by immense cakes. The north and east sides of the building were torn off and none of the machinery was damaged. Although of unusual strength the woodwork of the dam was utterly unable to withstand the force of the ice, and between eight and fifteen feet was torn off the dam its entire width. Much of the timber that was not washed away was so badly splintered that it will all have to be taken out and it is probable that the work of repairing the structure will take several months. It seems almost miraculous that the power house was not destroyed with its entire contents and it probably would have been had it not been for the protection it received from the masonry on the south side of the dam. If the woodwork had not given way there is no doubt that the entire structure would have been crushed as the height of the ice-wall was so great that it would have gone completely over the bulkhead.

After doing all within power to stop the ice, the Connecticut river stream still in a solid mass. News of its coming reached the people of West Dummerston and a large crowd gathered on the banks of the river to watch it pass, many taking places on the railroad bridge. It appeared at the turn in the river about 12:15 and bore rapidly down on the bridge, striking the abutments with fearful force. Immediately F. G. Rogers, who was one of the crowd of spectators, realized the danger to the bridge and ordered everyone off the structure. His warning came not a moment too soon. As soon as the ice began to pound against the piers the bridge began to sway and in exactly six minutes the western pier crumbled under the strain. Two spans of the bridge fell into the river with a mighty crash, carrying with them 275 feet of track. Several people who failed to heed Mr. Rogers' warning, narrowly escaped with their lives. William Butterfield, an aged man, was unable to get off the bridge before it fell and was carried 20 or 30 feet down the embankment with the falling timbers. Miraculously he escaped without serious injury.

As the ice continued down stream the size of the jam increased, until when it reached the Connecticut it was enormous. The highway north of the Redway place was covered with ice cakes for several rods and a portion of the narrow gauge track near Holden & Martin's mill was submerged for a time but not damaged. As soon as the ice passed the river dropped immediately, leaving immense cakes high up on the banks on both sides.

The loss of the railroad bridge at West Dummerston is a severe blow to the narrow gauge line as it was the whole building open for business. The exterior of the old depot has been changed by a new roof and the addition of rain sheds and an ell for the baggage department. The building has also been surrounded by concrete platforms connecting the main depot with the building of the American Express company and the offices and freight depot of the Rutland railroad. The interior of the old building has been thoroughly rebuilt. The whole of the second story has been finished and now contains the telegraph and other offices and rooms for the trainmen. The ground floor has been divided into two rooms, the southern portion forming the waiting room while the north part contains the dining room. The rooms have been finished throughout in wood sheathing and with furniture and fixtures to match.

Big Property Transfer.

A transfer of property aggregating nearly \$150,000 was made Saturday, March 28, when the entire pulp mill plant of the Howland pulp company at Howland, Me., with all its appurtenances, was passed to the Howland pulp and paper company. The purchasing company was represented by its president and general manager, George H. Rabbitt of Bellows Falls.

The new corporation is made up of Vermont and Massachusetts capitalists. The plant, which is now a 45-ton sulphite mill, will be enlarged by building a ground pulp mill and a four-machine paper mill for the manufacture of the finest grades of paper. Mr. Rabbitt will be the resident manager. Possession is to be given April 1.

There is a hopeful outlook for the burned district of Chester to be cleared off and replaced by much better blocks than before the fire.

Dummerston, having been delayed by an ice jam at Cobb bridge, Jamaica.

The passengers, mail and express from this train were transferred from West Dummerston to the quarry by teams and brought to Brattleboro on the special, reaching here at 4 o'clock.

A number of Central Vermont officials came to Brattleboro Sunday and the work of putting in a temporary trestle was at once begun. A third rail has been laid from the quarry to the edge of the bridge, thus making a broad gauge track to that point, and at present a force of about 75 men are at work under the supervision of Superintendent E. D. Nash, General Roadmaster Elrod and Bridge Foreman Holmes. It is expected that the trestle will be completed and ready for use by Monday. Meanwhile communication between Brattleboro and narrow gauge points is kept up, passengers being transferred at West Dummerston by teams.

Connecticut Not Very High.

The Connecticut river rose rapidly last Thursday and Friday under the influence of the western weather, but the unprecedented rise which was anticipated before the snow and ice began to melt has failed to materialize yet. The river reached its highest point Saturday morning, but was several feet short of high-water mark. It does not look now as if there would be a freshet of any magnitude although there is still a quantity of snow and ice in the woods.

KILLED IN THE HOLY LAND.

Daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. S. Paton Dead as Result of Fall.

Word was received by cable via Damascus, Sunday, from Professor Lewis Paton of the Hartford Theological seminary that his wife, Mrs. Davidson Paton, had died as a result of a fall from a horse. They had planned to leave Jerusalem on March 16 for a trip east of the Jordan and the accident probably occurred last week Monday or Tuesday while on this tour.

Particulars of the accident are altogether lacking at present, but an additional distress of the sad affair was occasioned by the delay of the cable message somewhere in transmission. As a result of this the first news came to the family of Mrs. Paton in Hartford, Ct., in vague and peculiarly harrowing manner. They received last week Wednesday a message from Prof. Paton's sister, Miss Julia Paton, formerly teacher in the Brattleboro High school and now stationed at Constantinople, sending her deepest sympathy and saying she would join her brother at once. From then until Sunday morning nothing was known as to what had happened, although the rumors were made in various directions. It was only certain that something grievous had occurred.

Last May Professor and Mrs. Paton sailed for Syria, where Professor Paton has been the director of the American School for Oriental Study and Research in Palestine, located at Jerusalem. They were in northern Syria until October, when they returned to Jerusalem for the school year. Last January they went to Egypt to meet Mrs. R. L. S. Paton of this town, mother of Professor Paton in whose company they little dreamed of their journey.

Lanice, returned to America, reaching Hartford February 22. Mrs. Paton leaves a husband, daughter and mother.

Free Bridge for Bellows Falls.

The special Rockingham town meeting held Saturday, March 26, for the purpose of reconsidering the appropriation of \$25,000 voted at the regular town meeting for the purpose of freeing the old toll bridge and building a new one above the dam, was the largest ever held in Rockingham, about 850 voters being present. The meeting was held at 10 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. When the boxes were turned the vote stood 491 for the appropriation and against it.

At the regular town meeting a \$25,000 appropriation was voted, one-third to go towards making the toll bridge free and two-thirds toward building a new bridge across the river above the dam to North Walpole, provided the latter town made a \$50,000 appropriation towards the new bridge. This was done at the regular town meeting of North Walpole. After the Rockingham town meeting there was a complaint made by many voters of the town against the appropriation for the new bridge, and Saturday's meeting was held for the purpose of settling the question. The contract for the new bridge will be let at once and negotiations begun relative to freeing the old toll bridge by its purchase by the town.