

Gleaner

Nov 19, 1887

Marysville Skating Rink

Work has been suspended for a few days on the Marysville skating rink, but will be resumed in a day or two. The carpenters have been pushing the work along very rapidly, and it will not be long before the building is completed and the young people enjoying skating in their own town. The rink will be after the style of the Fredericton rink but considerably larger.

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Nov 22, 1887

Marysville News

Work was resumed this morning on the big skating rink. A large force of carpenters have been set to work on the building and it is expected to have the rink completed ready for use by Christmas. The Marysville young people are looking forward to a gay winter, and a large number of the city folk will, no doubt, avail themselves of the admirable advantages for skating which this fine spacious rink will afford.

Mr. Jas. Gibson and wife arrived home from their trip to Boston on Friday last. The Marysville Brass Band has been reinforced lately by several new members. There will be 21 pieces now in the band.

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Dec 10, 1887

The Marysville Skating Rink

The carpenters are still at work on the Marysville Skating Rink. The rafters have been placed in position and are now being boarded over. It will be some time yet, however, before the rink will be ready for skating, as the shingling and finishing up of so large a building is a long job.

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Jan 7, 1888

Marysville Skating Rink

The managers of the Marysville skating rink have not yet decided upon the night of opening. They are anxious to open the rink on Monday evening, but are afraid that everything can not be got in readiness by that time, as they propose to have the building splendidly illuminated and decorated for the occasion. They have succeeded in getting grant ice to commence with. The announcement of the opening will be made by posters in the city.

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Jan 10, 1888

The Marysville skating rink will be opened tonight with good ice, excellent band music, and, it is expected, an immense attendance. It will be nicely decorated and illuminated. A number of the young people of the city will be present. The members of the band will appear in their new uniforms.

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Jan 12, 1888

Marysville Skating Rink Opened

The Successful Opening Tuesday Night – Fine Band Music and a Good Time

The managers of the Marysville skating rink could not have but been pleased with the success attending the opening on Tuesday evening. Despite the unfavorable weather, a large crowd of the young people of the city drove up to Marysville, some to enjoy the exhilarating exercise with the people of the budding town, and others merely to see the monster rink. The busses, which left the city shortly after seven, were crowded

and a large number had to find other conveyances. Those who went up in the open buses were not willing to call it a short drive by any means, and, although the most of them were well muffled up they felt badly the need of an oil stove before they arrived at the rink. It was not until the accommodating drivers told them, that some of them knew they were at their destination, and then a grand rush was made of the convenient and comfortable waiting rooms where the stoves were the chief attractions for a time, and the chattering of teeth was the music. A look around the rink convinced everybody that it was only in Saint John in their province that its equal could be looked for. The size literally astonished those who had not seen it before, it being twice as large as the Fredericton rink. Without reflecting upon it in the least, a comparison with the latter would throw it altogether in the shade. The Marysville band was present in their handsome uniform and discoursed an excellent programme of music. Both their uniform and their music were the subjects of much favorable comment among Fredericton people during the evening. The band is rapidly improving, and certainly did themselves credit upon this occasion. Their instruments are very fine. The bank stand is in that front of the rink over the entrance and the dressing rooms. The number of skaters present, including the Marysville and Fredericton people was large, and perhaps the number of spectators was larger. **Mr. Alexander Gibson was present, and evidently enjoyed the seeing as much as the skaters did the skating.** Mayor Gibson was also among those present. During the evening, oysters and hot coffee were to be had in the ladies waiting room, and if good appetites are a proof of the healthfulness of skating, the waiters were surely convinced of it. The Fredericton people came away after 10 o'clock, wishing the Marysville was nearer town, or that the enterprise of Marysville was in town.

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Jan 14, 1888

Marysville Rink

The Marysville rink will be open for skating three nights in each week during the season. It will also be open on Saturday afternoon for the children. The band will be present on Monday and Friday nights. A large number intend going up from town again on Monday nights. The members of the Arctic Snowshoe Club, to the number of nearly forty, will drive up in the Colossus.

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Jan 17, 1888

The Temiscouata Railway, running between Rivière du Loup and Edmundston, was opened on Wednesday last, when an excursion train was run from Rivière du Loup over the whole length of the road. On the train were the whole town council of Rivière du Loup, a large number of the citizens, the Dominion and Quebec government, inspectors and the whole railway staff of the company. The road is built complete, but the road will not be open for regular freight and passenger traffic till next spring. The whole distance of the road is 80 miles, about twelve of which lies in New Brunswick. By the completion of this road Montreal is brought within about one hundred and fifty miles nearer to Fredericton than by the Intercolonial route.

A Popular Rink

The Marysville skating rink is certainly a popular place of amusement. The fact that a larger number of Fredericton people patronize it than the Fredericton rink can boast of, says so. The attendance last night was larger than on the opening night, and it is seldom that a larger number is seen in a rink in the vicinity, for it is only the Marysville rink that is large enough to accommodate them. The members of the Arctic snowshoe club to the number of nearly fifty drove up in Gunter's Colossus, and spent an enjoyable evening on the ice, and, if it is only the general wish of the club that is to be consulted, they will probably repeat the affair several times during the season. The busses also took a large number up to the rink. Marysville was largely represented on the ice. The band discoursed an excellent program of music. The ice could not very well have been better.

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Jan 24, 1888

The Marysville Skating Rink

As will be seen by advertisement elsewhere, Tuesday and Saturday nights have been fixed upon as band nights at the Marysville skating rink. The enterprise on the part of Mr. James Gibson, of erecting so capacious and commodious a building is appreciated by Fredericton as well as by Marysville people. The attendance of Fredericton people seems to be increasing every band night. On Tuesday night next the Oddfellows of the city to the number of fifty or upwards will drive up in the Colossus and spend the evening at the rink.

Reporter

Jan 28/1888

The Oddfellows Outing

On Tuesday evening next the Oddfellows of this city, accompanied by their lady guests, will indulge in a drive to Marysville in Gunter's Colossus and other sleighs. As it will be Bank night at the rink the excursionists will take their skates with them and will spend the evening on the ice. During the evening oysters, hot coffee, and other refreshments will be provided. The party will consist of between sixty and one hundred persons, and it will no doubt be the event of the season. The pilgrims will start upon their journey from Oddfellows Hall on York Street.

Reporter

Jan 28/1888

Another Carnival

Mr. James Gibson (probably youngest son) is arranging for a grand Carnival in the Marysville skating rink on Friday evening next. An effort will be made to make the event worthy the attendance of a big turnout of our citizens.

Gleaner

Jan 28, 1888

Carnival at Marysville

The first carnival of the season will be held in the Marysville rink on Friday night week, and the managers are already making preparations for it. Prizes will be offered for the best original costumes. It is expected that the carnival will be the largest ever seen in the vicinity.

Reporter

Feb 1/1888

Oddfellows Excursion

It required two four horse teams and other sleighs from Mr. George Gunters' stables to carry the Oddfellows and their lady friends to the Marysville skating rink last night. Mr. Gunter held the ribbons himself that guided the "colossus" with its precious freight through heavy roads, and a right jolly company of 44 ladies and gentlemen occupied the seats in this comfortable sleigh. The incidents of the trip were somewhat exciting and all were in good humor. Most of the company had their skates, and it was estimated that fully three hundred were skating to the excellent programme of music furnished by Mr. Gibson's band. Young and old were on the ice and while several graceful lady skaters from the city attracted much attention, several of the Marysville fair residents were well able to keep place with them. Among the gentlemen skaters belonging to Marysville Mr. John Gibson, Mr. F. S. Williams and Dr. Sharp held their own as peers among the party. The extent of the rink was a great surprise to many of the visitors and the building is a credit to the projectors and to the town. Before leaving, oysters and hot coffee were served to the mystic visitors and their friend and all reached home shortly after twelve o'clock.

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Feb 2, 1888

Oddfellows Marysville Excursion

The Oddfellows of the city and their lady friends, numbering in all about seventy, drove to the Marysville skating rink on Tuesday evening. Besides the "Colossus,"

another four-in-hand and a double sleight from Gunter's stable were called into service to carry the merry party to the Nashwaak town. The journey up in the mammoth "Colossus" over the tops of the snow banks was rendered more than usually exhilarating and eventful by the frequent "spill-outs" in the Gibson lane, the worst winter road that leads out from the city, although the most frequented. A large number of the driving party carried their skates with them, and a couple of hours at the rink were spent very pleasantly. Excellent music was furnished by the Marysville brass band. Upwards of 300 skaters were on the ice during the evening, including a large number from the celestial city besides the Oddfellows' driving party. After the band had discoursed their final selection a oyster supper was prepared in the gents' waiting rooms for the Oddfellows excursionists. The committee in charge of the driving excursion are deserving of the highest praise. All who participated in the excursion enjoyed a very pleasant outing, and one which will be long remembered.

Scarcely anything is talked about at Marysville just now than tomorrow night's carnival, and the people of the town are looking forward to it with great expectations. More than one hundred Chinese lanterns will be hung. It is expected that there will be over three hundred in costume tomorrow night. A costumer from Saint John is expected from Saint John tomorrow. No one will be allowed on the ice unless in costume or blanket suits. The Marysville band will discourse one of its excellent programmes of music. The ladies prizes are on exhibition in Mr. James D. Fowler's show window. They are very handsome.

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Feb 4, 1888

The Marysville Carnival

The Most Successful Ever Held in the Vicinity

An Immense Attendance and Excellent Costumes

A list of the Skaters and the Characters they Represented

If every there was an affair which might properly be termed a success, it was last night's carnival at Marysville. The large attendance, the variety and originality of the costumes, the excelled band music, the splendid ice and the good management, all combined to make it by far the best carnival ever held in the vicinity of Fredericton. It is estimated that over six hundred spectators were present, and nearly one hundred and fifty in costumes. One thing is certain, that Fredericton never possessed a rink which would contain half the number that gathered in the Marysville rink last night. It being the first carnival ever held at Marysville, nearly every resident of that place, young and old, was present. The attendance also included a great number of Fredericton people, and it is doubtful if there were ever before as many Frederictonians in Marysville at one time. Gunter's Colossus, with four-in-hand, took nearly fifty on to the rink over a terribly snowdrifted road. All the busses were crowded. Several parties of ten and fifteen drove up in slovens drawn by spans. About fifty single teams went on well loaded. However, they all managed to get there and were well pleased that they did. Many of them had not seen the monster rink before, and its size, its convenience, and nearly everything about it astonished them all.

The building never looked better than it did last night. It was very tastefully decorated and illuminated for the occasion. More than a hundred Chinese lanterns were hung and they had a very pretty effect. It was after eight when most of the Frederictonian people arrived. The band had commenced to play, and the Marysville people showed themselves capable of making a very good display without their neighbors from the celestial city. Their costumes looked very fine, and some of them were by no means lacking in originality. However, the arrival of Frederictonians in costume was a great improvement and gave a greater variety of the affair. The spectators looked about in amusement at the many representations, and many opinions were expressed as to which was the best and most original of them. Mr. Norma Edgecombe, as usual, attracted much attention with his excellent representations. The character was Robinson Crusoe, and it would have been a difficult matter to improve upon the manner in which it was represented. Mr. Harry Phair as Paddy from Cork was cuttin' up his capers during the whole event, and afforded much amusement in the spectators. Had there been another prize or two Harry would have captured one. Mr. A. E. Orr, in his representation of the Saint John

Harry would have captured one. Mr. A. F. Orr, in his representation of the Saint John Globe, was almost the picture of Mr. John V. Ellis. His costume was made up of Globe newspapers. His companion was Annexation, represented by a costume made up of the Stars and Stripes. This representation was generally regarded as one of the best on the ice. German Syrup represented by Mr. W. E. Miller, attracted a great deal of attention. Among other good characters was 160 degrees in the shade by Mr. S. F. Williams, Good Night by John A. Goodine; Three Little Maids from School, by Miss Annie Robinson, Miss Stella Clayton, and Miss Clara Milligan, of Marysville; Gibson Cotton Mill, by Ethel Hatt, of this city; Wild Boy learning to skate by John Finnermore; Scotch Fish Wife by Mrs. Hatt; and Japanese girl by Miss Alice W. Gibson. The Marysville band discoursed an excellent programme of music in its best style, which was highly appreciated by those present. Mr. Alexander Gibson was among the spectators and seemed to enjoy the whole affair immensely. After the sixth band there was a grand rush for the front of the rink, where Mr. James Gibson was about to announce the decision of the judges. The judges of the gentlemen's costumes were Mr. C. Googan, superintendent of the Gibson Cotton Factory, and Mr. Harry Beckwith, and their decision gave the first prize of ten dollars to Robinson Crusoe by Norman Edgecombe; and the second (five dollars) to German Syrup by W. E. Miller. The judges of the ladies costumes were Mrs. E. A. Tapley, of Marysville, and Mrs. A. G. Beckwith of this city. The first prize, a beautiful silver sugar dish with a half dozen silver spoons, was awarded to the Three Little Maids from School, by Miss Annie Robinson, Miss Stella Clayton and Miss Clara Millikin, and the second of a silver pickle dish to Gibson Cotton Mill by Ethel Hatt. After the prizes were awarded the skaters continued to enjoy themselves until Good Save the Queen made all think of preparing for the homeward drive, and all left with the opinion, that the carnival was one of the most successful affairs ever held in the vicinity. (list of costumers here, among which a number of Gibsons).

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Feb 7, 1888

Another Carnival in Marysville

The managers of the Marysville skating rink have decided to hold another carnival in about three weeks' time. Several new features will be added, and they are determined to make this even a greater success than the last. There will be eight or nine valuable prizes. The Marysville people are bound to capture the most of the prizes this time, and some of them are already racking their brains for something original.

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Feb 23, 1888

The Grand Carnival

The managers of the Marysville skating rink feel confident that tomorrow night's carnival will be the most successful affair of the kind ever held in this vicinity. The rink is now being decorated for the occasion, and with the large number of costumes, will present a splendid appearance. The young ladies of Marysville have been busily engaged for some time past preparing costumes for themselves and others, just as dear, and their work will no doubt make a grand display. The attendance at the carnival will include an immense number of Frederictonians. All who go in costumes are requested to give their names in the proper persons before going on the ice. The Marysville band will discourse in their excellent style the following programme under the leadership of Mr. G. T. Stickney:

Medley March: Old Red Cradle; Waltz: Echoes of Song; Waltz: Fern Leaves; Waltz: Medley; Waltz: Papa's Baby Boy; Waltz: Rock a Bye Baby; Quadrille: Reunion; Waltz: Echoes from the North; Waltz: Trinity College; Waltz: When the Leaves Begin to Turn; Waltz: Fantine; Waltz: In spring Time.

Reporter

Jan 25/1888

To Marysville

The Oddfellows, accompanied by their lady friends, propose a drive to the Marysville rink on Tuesday evening next. "Bro" Gunter's Colossus and other sleights will convey this party. The attractions at this rink on Tuesday and Saturday evenings will

convey this party. The attractions at this rink on Tuesday and Saturday evenings will be enhanced by the presences of the Marysville Band, Mr. Jas. Gibson leader.

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Feb 25, 1888

The Marysville Carnival

An Immense Attendance at the Monster Rink Last Night

Magnificent Decorations and Original Costumes

List of the Characters—the Prize Winners

Last night's carnival at Marysville was in every respect worthy of the town, being one of the grandest and most successful affairs of the kind every held in the province. It was after eight o'clock before the most of the Fredericton people arrived, and, when they entered the mammoth rink, a perfect seas of faces confronted them on all sides. The broad promenades were blocked, and it was a difficult matter, which necessitated a great deal of "squeezing," to find a place from which one could see the magnificent display of costumes on the ice. Almost every inhabitant of Marysville, young and old, was in attendance, including skaters and spectators, numbered nearly three hundred. The rink presented a very gay appearance. The decorations were magnificent, and reflected great credit upon the members of the band whose work they were. Chinese lanterns of all shapes and colors, and beautiful flags and streamers were hung from all parts of the building. The decorations would impress one that nothing was done on a mean scale at Marysville, and the impression would certainly be correct.

There were between three and four hundred skaters in costume, and they made such a display as has never before been equaled at any carnival in this vicinity. The variety and originality of the costumes were surprising. Scarcely two costumes were alike. Many of them savored of the ridiculous, but this only made the variety the greater, and made the glummiest of glummy smile all over their faces, which was in some cases a sight worth seeing. Others again showed much originality and tedious work. To act as a judge at a carnival where there were so many excellent characters, represented in a way that could not be improved upon, is a task, which not a few would shrink from. Although there were six prizes awarded there were as many more persons who deserved them, and who would have been awarded prizes had there been any more of them. The best representation on the ice was undoubtedly Ding Dong Bell by Mrs. W. E. Miller of this city. Many of the spectators pronounced it the best they had every seen at any carnival. The rooster by Harry Fleming was very fine, as was also the Gibson Dye Works by L. Tracy and J. Murray of Marysville. But the character that attracted most attention and afforded most amusement was the barber, represented by George Jewett. He had a whole barber shop on the ice, and a very attractive looking customer, who evidently admired his tonsorial wrinkles, for he was shaved thirty or forty time during the evening with eh patent meat axe. The character of Uncle Sam by C. Clayton was a splendid one. Among other good characters were Bartlett's Black by J. McMennamen; Raven Gloss, by R. S. Staples; Alvin Joslin by W. Gibson; Wood cutters, by B. Link and J. Read. The costume of Mrs. James Gibson, as Music, was much admired. Her dress was beautifully hand painted, the notes being as distinct as in a music book. All her ornament were small musical instruments. The costume was a splendid one. Mrs. Hatt, Mrs. Day and Miss Ramsay, as England, Ireland, and Scotland, were very properly awarded first prize for the handsomest costume.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

Ladies first, for handsomest costume: England, Ireland and Scotland by Mrs. Hatt, Mrs. Day and Miss Ramsay; ladies second: Ding Dong Bell by Ms. W. E. Miller; ladies third: Oddfellowship by Miss Miller.

Gents first: for handsomest costume, Monte Christo by Norman Edgecombe; gents second: Gibson Dye Works, by L. Tracey and J. Murray; gents third: Rooster, by H. Fleming.

(list of all costumes follows)

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Feb 20, 1888

Invitation from Marysville rink to Fredericton to host a bonspiel week. Also plans for every greater carnival. featuring band performing on skates and instruments at the

very great success, leaving some persons on skates and motions at the same time.

Reporter

Feb 28/1888

(Another of Mr. Gunter's "Colossus" sleighing parties to the Marysville rink.)

Reporter

March 3/1888

A curler's Excursion

Upon the invitation of manager Gibson several rinks of the home club will drive to the Marysville rink on Monday evening and give an exhibition of their playing. A handsome prize has been provided for competition. By this time next year the Marysville boys expect to have a well trained club and will be able to send out a challenge to the province.

Gleaner

March 6, 1888

Curling at Marysville

The Fredericton Curlers Play an Entertaining Match in the Mammoth Rink

On the invitation of Mr. Alex. Gibson, the Fredericton curlers to the number of about forty drove to Marysville last evening in Gunter's Colossus with six in hand to play a match in the mammoth rink. A large number of citizens, including many ladies, went up to witness the game. A number of Marysville people were also present, among them Mr. Alex. Gibson, who seemed to enjoy the curling as much as those taking part. The match was between those under and over 32. The ice was in splendid condition. The curlers agree that it was the finest they every played on. The size of the rink permitted four rinks to play at the same time, and the noise that they all made was almost deafening. Hot coffee and refreshments were served in the waiting rooms during the evening through the kindness of Mr. James Gibson. The curler speak very highly of the treatment they received and will ever remember the kindness of the Marysville people. (62 curlers under 32 and 42 over 32; names listed.)

Mr. James Gibson on behalf of the Marysville band presented the curling club with a very handsome silver preserve dish, which the winners of last night's match will play off for by points.

Reporter

March 7/1888

More Attractions at Marysville

The management of the Marysville skating rink are constantly getting up new attractions. On Friday of this week an exciting 5 mile race will be skated by Whelpley and Lamb; there will also be a pie eating race, barrel and canvass race. Posters will be out tomorrow announcing details of the evening's sport. On the 23rd of this month a children's carnival will be held, prizes upon to ages of 15 and under. This promises to be gay affair and well worth seeing.

Gleaner

March 17, 1888

The Skating Races Last Night

Nearly three hundred people witnessed the races in the Marysville rink last night, including a large number of citizens. The ice was a little soft, but the skaters had no reason to complain of it. The first race called was the three mile amateur race., in which young Dingee, of Saint John, and Starkey, Clayton and Gibson of Marysville, were the contestants. Starkey led for the first mile, when Dingee shot ahead and kept increasing his lead until the finish, beating Starkey two laps. Dingee's time was 10:20. The five mile professional race between Welpley and Lamb was won by the former in 16:15, Lamb finishing 25 seconds later. The obstacle race was a most exciting one and something new for the spectators. The distance skated was one lap, but in this the contestants had to jump hurdles, crawl, through barrels, and under canvass, etc., making it very interesting indeed. Charles Clayton, Claudius Glayton and William

Blair fought hard for first place, which was won by Blair after getting over, under and through all the obstacles. Charles Clayton and Blair were the contestants in the pie-eating race, the former being the successful one. After skating five laps they had to stop and eat half a pie, and then continue in the race, finishing the other half at the conclusion of the contest.

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March 24, 1888

McCormack and Whelpley

The World's Champion in the Marysville Rink—An Exciting Amateur Race

About three hundred people witnessed the three-mile race between McCormack and Whelpley in the Marysville rink last night, quite a number from the city being present despite the unfavorable weather and the bad roads. The ice was in good condition. Shortly after eight o'clock Whelpley appeared on the ice and gave a splendid exhibition, getting over the laps at a good speed and in excellent style. A few minutes later all eyes were upon the word's champion as he skated round the mammoth rink with his long, graceful and sweeping strokes. No one, of course, expected that there was any chance for Whelpley, and when he afterwards finished the race less than a lap behind he surprised all the spectators and was cheered by the boys for his excellent showing. The race was called on about half past eight, the men being started from the middle of the lower side. S. H. McKee and W. P. Flewelling acted as timers, and D. J. Stockford as umpire. McCormack got the lead from the start and kept slowly increasing it until the finish, leaving Whelpley about an eighth of a lap behind at the end of the first mile, when the watches registered 3:16. In the second mile Whelpley skated well and lost very little. The second mile was finished at 6:45. In the last mile McCormack kept steadily increasing his lead, and gave the spectators splendid exhibition of fast skating, and in his spurt for the finish astonished them all, it being hardly possible for them to follow him with their eyes. In the last three laps he increased his lead wonderfully, gaining nearly a half a lap. At the end of the three miles the watches registered 10:15 for McCormack Whelpley getting in 7 seconds later.

An amateur race was next called on, in which Arthur Gibson, Will Gibson and Abner Starkey were the contestants. This was a most exciting race, each one of the skaters taking their turn at leading. For the first few laps Will Gibson seemed the best man. Starkey then took his place and was soon passed by Arthur Gibson, who slid right ahead and gained a lap in on time, while Will Gibson fell behind that distance. Arthur skated well for the first two miles, when he had more than two miles to the good. When he tried to pass Starkey the third time there was some great kicking, and Starkey gained considerably. The three miles were finished in 11:59, Arthur Gibson coming out two laps to the good with the championship of Marysville and a medal. [Will and Arthur Gibson are John Gibson's sons]

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Dec 27, 1888

Marysville rink open for season. Band under direction of Mr. Fuller.

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Jan 24, 1889

The Marysville Rink

The Marysville rink is being largely patronized by Fredericton people this season. On Tuesday evening the University students, to the number of nearly fifty, were driven up in Gunter's Colossus, and passed an enjoyable time on the ice. The band music is excellent, and the ice is always kept in splendid condition.

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Jan 29, 1889

The Marysville Carnival

The young people of the city are busy just now preparing for the grand carnival in the Marysville rink on Friday night, and not a few of them are working with a view to the prizes, and are determined to bring some of them at least to Fredericton. The carnival

will, it is believed, attract the largest number of people that has ever met together in the vicinity of this city. A brilliant and varied spectacle is to be presented, such a one as none should miss seeing. As will be seen by advertisement Lemont and Sons have opened a immense stock of masks for the carnival.

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Jan 31, 1889

For the Carnival

The Northern and Western railway will run a special excursion train to Marysville tomorrow night for the convenience of citizens who wish to attend the carnival. The train will start from the station on this side at 7 o'clock. The return trip from Fredericton will cost one but 15 cents and from Gibson only 10 cents.

The Carnival Tomorrow Night

The managers of the Marysville rink has about completed arrangements for the carnival tomorrow night, and are confident that it will be the most successful ever held in the rink or in the vicinity of Fredericton. They promise that the display will be one of the grandest and most varied ever seen at such an affair in the maritime provinces. The rink decorations will be something handsome Some of the costumes which have been prepared are wonderfully original. The judges will have no easy time of it. The rink will no doubt be packed with spectators. The excursion train that has been arranged for from the city will accommodate several hundred people.

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Feb 9, 1889

To Visit the Marysville Rink

The F. O. M. W. Club and their friends, to the number of seventy or eighty, will visit the Marysville rink on Tuesday evening., weather favorable. The Fredericton brass band has been invited by manager Gibson to play on the occasion. Mr. Gunter's Colossus and other teams have been engaged to convey toe party to the rink.

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Feb 21, 1889

Skating Race at Marysville

There was a large attendance at the Marysville rink Tuesday evening. The ice was in grand condition, and the band music was excellent as usual. The ice was cleared during the evening in order to allow another race between Brewer and Boyer. The distance was a mile. Brewer was again an easy winner.

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Feb 28, 1889

Tonight's Carnival

The weather tonight will be most favorable for the Marysville carnival, and everyone is talking of going up to the witness what will undoubtedly be the grandest display every seen in the monster rink, many of them to skate in costume as well. The first [of three] train will leave the Northern and Western station at 7 o'clock, the second at 7:45 and the last train at nine. A large party has engaged Gunter's Colossus.

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March 30, 1889

At the Marysville Rink

The Polo Match and Races Thursday Night – Fredericton Again Beaten

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Oct 12, 1889

The Marysville brass band intended giving a series of weekly promenade concerts in the rink, to continue during the fall until the skating season begins.

The Herald

Feb 3, 1890

Marysville Carnival

The attendance at the carnival in the Marysville rink on Friday night was large. Very many person went over from this city and from St. Mary's. More would have gone if it had not been that the special 8 o'clock train was cancelled, and the lien of busses had been taken off for the night. The cause of the canceling of the train is said to have been an unexpected call for the locomotive from a point up the line. The ice in the rink was in splendid condition, and the music furnished by the Marysville band was very fine. Not very much originality ws shown in the costumes, but it is not very easy to be original in that way now-a-days; yet many of the dresses were exceedingly pretty and the picture presented by the scene was charming. The prize winners were as follows . . .

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March 5, 1890

The Marysville Races

The races at Marysville rink on Friday evening will be more than usually interesting. The Dingee and McDonald contest will e watched with great interest. The race will be for the championship and a gold medal. On the programme is a race for the boys; prize silver medal.

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*March 8, 1890

The Marysville Races

Mr. James Gibson wishes, through the Gleaner, to tender his thanks to the judges, referee, timekeeper, and to Mr. A. N. Hanson, of the Palace Rink, Saint John, for their services in conducting last evening, the most successful series of races every held in the Marysville rink.

The Herald

Jan 5, 1891

the Marysville Rink

One of the most popular of resorts this week has been the newly opened rink at Marysville. Thee have been many coasting and sleighing parties out during New Year's, and the rink has been visited by many of the citizens. The local band have been in attendance, and all present have been made happy with skating and music.

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Jan 19, 1891

Biggest Thing on Ice

The carnival to take place on Friday night next at Marysville skating rink will without doubt be one of the greatest ice masquerades every held in the province. The ladies' and gent's prizes are equal in value being eight dollars for the best and most original costume, five dollars for the most handsome costume, and two for the second best original costume. Remember that there are three prizes for ladies and three for gents. Costumes that have taken prizes before will not be eligible at this. No one will be allowed on the ice unless in costume and it is strictly specified that all most be masked. Teams will leave the market square for the rink at 25 cents the round trip. Admission to rink 25 cents.

Gleaner

Jan 23, 1891

*Skating

Ho, for the Carnival

Despite the weather the rink at Marysville is in good condition and will be the scene tonight of the biggest thing on ice. All the young folks of the city are going, and nearly all will be in costume. But many of the mature enjoy the sliding motion of the glittering steel, and the mass of beauty, ugliness and combinations of these presented, will tonight for an hour or two throw off care, and to the enlivening strains of the

Marysville band take some rapid races round the course. Come and get on the one of the teams at the York street corner, and enjoy ourselves.

Gleaner

Jan 24, 1891

*That Match Race

(re A. Gibson of Marysville)

*The Carnival

(long article)

Gleaner

Jan 26, 1891

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Gleaner

Feb 9, 1891

The Best Yet

The greatest of all the carnivals will be held in the rink at Marysville on Friday night next, the 13th inst. The prizes are similar to those given at the last Carnival. No one will be allowed on the ice without being in carnival costume. This has been infringed several times, but this time will be strictly carried out. . . . At nine o'clock, there will be grand parade of the skaters, and then the prizes will be awarded. During the latter part of the evening there will be wild west show, when the Indians and Cowboys will appear in full dress. James Fraser, the popular whip for G. J. Gunter, will be at the square to convey all comers to the rink.

Gleaner

Feb 13, 1891

The Carnival

Everything is ready for tonight's sports at the Marysville rink, and the greatest of the carnivals is promised. The rink has been tastefully decorated with cedar and bunting, and more lights have been put in so that a good view may be had of the costumes. It is absolutely necessary that cards or pieces of paper bearing the names of person and that of the costume, be left with the ticket agent or at the door. The rink rules as to the behavior and language will be strictly enforced. All skaters must be in costume. After the prizes are awarded, there will be an opportunity for those not in costume to skate, and the bank will play several selections, Some good music has been practised for this carnival, and many original and highly humorous designs will be on the ice. There will be plenty of room in the hacks for all. They leave the square not later than half past seven.

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Feb 16, 1891

*Marysville Rink

(skating races with Gibsons present)

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Feb 19, 1891

Preparings for the Fight

preparing for the rink

Great preparations are being made at the Marysville rink for the great racing meeting to take place on the evening of the 27th inst. Good and Gibson are taking three five mile spins each day, and are being carefully trained. Should the grand coterie of skates from Saint John appear on the ice some fine contests will be the result. The growth of skating at this town has been rapid. In old times there were many good skaters at Marysville, able at all times to hold their own with those of Fredericton, but in their best days they could not begin with the speed now shown on the rink.

Gleaner

March 12, 1891

*World's Champions Skate

(Marysville rink)

Gleaner

March 18, 1891

Gibson Wins the Race

There was a large crowd at the Marysville rink last night to witness the race between A. M. Gibson and Fred Stafford for a gold medal and the amateur championship of Marysville. Despite the numerous attractions here a number went over from Fredericton. For this time of year the ice was in excellent condition and the race was a good one. Gibson won quit easily and still sustains his reputation as the best skater in the county.

Gleaner

April 2, 1891

Rumoured that roller skating will be in vogue at the Marysville rink next summer.

Gleaner

Aug 21, 1891

A New Track

Meeting Held at Marysville to Organize for a Trotting Association

A meeting was called at the Marysville rink last night for the purpose of considering ways and means for construction of a race track at that town. All the horsemen attended and to see the meting properly going it was announced that Mr. Gibson would give the land and the lumber required to fence it. This offer was of course received as a bonanza, and the work of construction will go on at once. The land is a level piece on the opposite side of the river on what is known as the brick hill. In a short time the work will begin. There are many fast horses owned in the town and this will give an impetus to the work of breeding besides adding to the value and attractions of the place.

Gleaner

March 12, 1892

The Races at Marysville

A Large Attendance and a Fine Exhibition

The attendance at the Marysville rink last evening to witness the races was quite large, notwithstanding the unfavourable weather. The ice was in good condition for speed skating, but a little too soft for fancy skating. Mr. Reubinstein gave a very creditable exhibition of fancy skating considering the conditions, which impressed the audience favorably. The race between Messrs. Dingee and Breen of Saint John did not come off, owing to the non-appearance of Mr. Dungee. Breen however was on hand and gave an exhibition of speed, skating two miles against time in seven minutes two and one half seconds. A. M. Gibson, the Marysville champion, also appeared and gave his admirers an exhibition. The racing closed with two races between some local men, which were close contested, after which all were allowed on the ice and enjoyed an hour and a half good skating.

The Herald

April 9, 1892

Marysville Notes

C. H. Hatt, manager of the cotton mill, visited Saint John during the week.

It is reported that the mammoth skating rink is to have a folding floor and a large number of chairs put in, so that it may be used for public gatherings, the large hall being now inadequate to the needs of this growing town.

Thursday night the ice and logs that were jammed at Peter's Island by the shoe of last winter came down the Nashwaak with a rush, quite a quantity of lumber going over the dam. It will likely be picked up at the mouth.

Date June 11 1892

County Saint John

Place Saint John

Newspaper The Daily Sun

Councillor James GIBSON is the younger of the two living sons of Alex. GIBSON, sr. He is to be found every day in the cotton mill where he is assiduously laboring to familiarize himself with every detail of that branch of the business and so be in a position to lighten the duties of his father as time goes by. He is a musician of great natural ability. To him the town owes its splendid brass band. He was also the principal organizer of the Marysville rink which is conducted under his supervision. He also owns a fine farm property a few miles up the Nashwaak which is cultivated under his direction.

Gleaner

March 14, 1893

Dingee and Breen at Marysville

On Friday evening next Hudson Breen, brother of Fred Breen will skate Hobe Dingee a mile race on the Marysville rink for \$100 a side. It will be remembered that Hobe Dingee skated there some weeks ago at the Hagen, Norseng exhibition and at that time stated that he could beat any man in the world on the Marysville rink. The race ought to draw quite a crowd for the time will no doubt be fast and the contest closely contested.

Gleaner

October 4, 1894

A Rattling Night

Will be Had at the Promenade Concert at Marysville

The promenade concert and sports at the Marysville skating rink tomorrow evening, promises to be one of the events of the season. They are held under the auspices of the Marysville Driving park association, and the proceeds are to be applied to the park. A fine programme of sports has been arranged in races, eating contest, the greased pig and all that sort of thing., for which suitable prizes will be awarded the winners. A handsome silver service and a beautiful lamp are to be competed for by ticket. The Marysville brass band of twenty-five pieces will render choice selections during the evening. A special train will leave the Canadian Eastern Station for Marysville at 7:30 tomorrow evening to accommodate the people wishing to attend the concert and the sports. This train will return after the programme has been carried out.

Gleaner

Jan 10, 1895

Marysville Skating Rink

The managers of the Marysville skating rink expect that this will be one of their best winters. Already the patronage has been greatly beyond expectation. Last Saturday evening and again on Tuesday the rink was very largely attended. Tuesday and Saturday evenings are band nights, and all seem to want to go to Marysville then. The first carnival of the season will soon be announced.

Gleaner

Jan 14, 1895

Carnival at Marysville

The first carnival of the season is to be held at the Marysville rink on Friday evening next. Four prizes of \$5 each will be given for the ladies and gentlemen having the

handsomest and the most original costumes. A special train will leave the Canada Eastern station at 7:30 returning after the carnival. The fare for the round trip will be fifteen cents. The band will extend their programme.

Gleaner

Jan 30, 1895

Races at Marysville

Friday Night Next is the Night that has been Set

The Marysville rink will be crowded on Friday night next, that being the date announced for the long expected races. The first race will be an amateur race for boys. Markey of Marysville and Edgar of Fredericton have already entered and the race is open to all boys. The second race will be between Laidlaw of Halifax and Duffy of Saint John. This is the second of series, of three races for \$50 a side each race. The third race will be one between Wheeler and Black both of Marysville, for the championship of York County.

After the races the band will play for skating. The Canada Eastern are to run a special train at 7:30, returning after the races. The fare for the round trip is placed at 15 cents. The admission is to be Gentlemen 25 cents, ladies and children 15 cents. This programme should attract a large number of visitors.

Gleaner

March 16, 1895

Skating at Marysville

A Grand Exhibition Given at the Rink Last Evening

Quite a large number from here went to Marysville last night to witness the exhibition of fancy skating by J. Hagen Overbye, the champion fancy skater of Norway and North Western America. Mr. Overbye executed, with much ease and grace, a large number of beautiful figures and those who witnessed the exhibition say they did not think it possible that so many eccentric motions could be made on skates with such ease. The exhibition was given in three parts and during the intermission the band supplied music while a number skated around the rink. Mr. Overbye opened with plain skating forward and backward. The double eight forward and backward and gentlemen's swing with a very even motion were the next on the programme. To the music of the band he went through the Jackson Haynes waltz, a very pretty waltz, and difficult to perform, and one which no other fancy skater has yet executed. Some backward half eight with loops were made combined with the gentlemen's swing. A very graceful Norwegian waltz brought the first part of the programme to a close.

In part two, the Hamburger single and double chain, forward and backward, were gone through in good style. He also made a figure ? On the outside edge, a combination of a single and double 8 and 3, a heart, a pretty combination of three letters, the union of the figure 3 with a half eight. He then proceeded with a number of swinging exercises, including the "Tivoli Swing" and would up with a waltz and gallop to the music of the band.

Part three opened up with what is called the double jump. After spinning about he jumped clear of the ice turning about twice before striking it again, after which he would around in a very fancy swing. This was a splendidly executed figure and provoked much applause. During the course of the gallop performed with a backward movement he jumped over two high benches and tapered off with the figure 3 looped with the figures 1 and 2. Part 3 was completed with a single and double spin.

The difference performances were loudly applauded. Mr. Overbye is a fancy skater of the first rank and can perform almost any figure or round dance on skates.

Gleaner

March 12, 1896

Another Carnival

At Marysville March 20th. To Eclipse all Previous Ones

A fancy dress carnival, that will eclipse anything of the kind held this season, will be given in the Marysville rink on Friday evening, March 20th. The following prizes will be awarded: Ladies first prize, \$5 for most original costume; second prize, \$4 for handsomest costume; gents first prize, \$5 for the most original costume; second, prize,

\$4 for handsomest costume; children's prize \$2 each for best costume on boy and girl under 15 years of age. The prize winners will be decided by voting instead of by judges. All the persons in the rink will be entitled to a vote. Only those in costume will be allowed on the ice. This rule will be strictly enforced. After the prizes have been awarded, however, everybody will be allowed to skate. Busses will leave the Barker House and Fraser's livery stables in time of the carnival, and the train will leave the Canada Eastern depot here at 7:30 pm, local time. A splendid programme of music, consisting of 15 selections, has been prepared. The management will spare no pains to make this one of the most enjoyable and successful carnival ever held in mc. The usual prices will be charged for admission.

Gleaner

Feb 6, 1897

The Marysville Carnival

A Fine Display in the Big Rink Last Night

The carnival at Marysville last night was a big success. There were about four hundred on the ice, Fredericton being well represented among the number. The Marysville Brass Band furnished excellent music during the evening. The Judges were The gentleman's prize was awarded to Mr. Norman Woodbridge of this city as A Knight of the Olden Time, and the ladies prize to Miss Bessie Brown and Miss L. Davenport of Marysville, as Fire Crackers. Honorary mention is made of Mr.s Arthur Price, as the New Woman.

Gleaner

Dec 27, 1897

Marysville Rink

The Marysville skating rink was opened for the season on Christmas night. The ice was excellent and a large crowd, including many from this city enjoyed the skating. The Marysville band furnished a fine programme of music. It was announced that a masquerade carnival would be held in the near future. The rink will now be opened, two or three evenings each week.

Gleaner

Dec 29, 1897

Marysville Rink

There was excellent skating and a large crowd of skaters at the Marysville rink last night. The ice was in perfect condition, the best of order was maintained, and everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves to the utmost. This large and well managed rink is fully maintaining its well deserved popularity.

A hockey team has been organized at Marysville, with Harry Gibson as captain. The team is very strong and is prepared to meet all comers. They will be allowed the use of the rink two nights each week for practice. A game will be played with the Sackville hockey team at an early date.

Gleaner

Feb 5, 1898

The Carnival

The Grand Masquerade carnival at Marysville last evening was one of the most successful entertainments of the kind ever held at that ever popular rink. The management are to be heartily congratulated upon the perfectness that characterized every detail, and which made the carnival so unqualifiedly a success. The crowd of costumed skaters was one of the largest ever upon the ice, and many original strikingly handsome dresses were shown. The spectators crowded the spacious promenades.

Many of the skaters and spectators were from this city, teams innumerable going up, while many took the train. The judges had a particularly delicate task to choose the prize winners, were so many original and handsome costumes were shown. . . . The prize winners were:

Ladies most handsome: Miss Florence Tapley, as Sea Queen. Ladies Most original: Misses Alice Davenport and Georgie White, and Two old Ladies

Gentlemen's most handsome: Mr. Elbridge Grant, as Louis XV. Gentlemen's most original Messrs. McDonald, Radcliff, Darlington and Fleet, as Klondike Organ

Gleaner
Jan 9, 1899

Great carnival at Marysville rink next week to eclipse all former events. Both Barker House and McPherson's stables will run busses.

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Feb 7, 1900
The Masqueraders
An Immense Crowd Enjoyed the Skating, the Music and the Fun at Marysville Rink Last Night.
Details
Manager Robinson

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July 30, 1900
Marysville Knights of Pythias arranging for grand three day bazaar at Marysville rink.

Gleaner
Dec 9, 1902
Marysville Rink
The Marysville skating rink is being greatly improved, extensive repairs are being put upon the building and on the horse stalls, and the ice surface is being made larger. The rink is expected to boom this winter. It is said that it will probably be brilliantly lighted with the Dow kerosene vapor light. The Marysville hockey team is being reorganized and will put up a stiff fight for the hockey trophy offered by the directors of the Fredericton rink, and will also enter the provincial league should the proposal to organized such materialize into action. It is also said that the Marysville band will play at the rink of three evenings of each week. The Marysville rink has always been a popular and well managed place of recreation and amusement and from present appearances will not soon lost its hold upon the young people of the town and of this city.

Gleaner
Dec 18, 1902
Ready for Business
The Marysville rink Refitted for the Season – To Open Christmas Night
The Marysville rink will be open on Christmas night for what promises to be its most prosperous season. Extensive improvements have been made on that popular rink and it is now in first class condition. The dressing rooms have been remodeled and painted and are up to date in every respect. A new promenade has been built around the sides and a new lighting system has been installed, the acetylene gas to be used, which will prove a good substitute for the lamps previously used. The roof of the rink has been fixed up and a new shed has been built to accommodate the teams from the city.

The band also is in excellent condition, having stock of new music practiced up for the skating season. The managers have donated a handsome silver cup as a trophy for the hockey championship to be competed for in the rink, and no doubt the Marysville rink will receive as good a share of patronage as it has in the past.

Gleaner
Dec 27, 1902
Marysville Notes
Christmas passed off quietly here with the usual family gathering in the morning, and concerts and Christmas trees in the evening. The Methodist church was the scene of rejoicing for the Sunday School children, there being three large trees loaded and beautifully trimmed with presents for all ages—fifty-two of which were presented by Mr. Alexander Gibson Senior. The members of the choir also got beautiful souvenirs from Mister Gibson's benevolent hands. . . . The ice on the Nashwaak above the mill

draw was covered with happy faces during the afternoon indulging in a skate as was also the free rink in the evening. Busses from the city were in attendance also the Marysville band. . . . Mrs. Gibson's brother, Mr. Campbell of St. George, is also a guest of his sister, Mrs. Gibson.

Gleaner

Dec 31, 1902

The Marysville Rink

There was skating at the Marysville rink last evening and a goodly number went up from this city, the night being a perfect one for driving. The Marysville rink is looking up-to-date since the improvements have been added. The ladies' and gentlemen's dressing rooms have been refitted and painted, a new platform built around the interior for promenading and a new gasoline light installed which gives a bright and steady light. The ice last night was in good shape and the music was excellent. The old and popular manager James Robinson is again at his post and under his management the rink is sure to have a good share of patronage. By no means the least of the needed changes are the improvements made on the shed outside which affords ample accommodation for the teams from the city. There will be a band at the Marysville rink for skating on Tuesday and Friday nights and also on Saturday afternoon for children.

Gleaner

Feb 7, 1905

Marysville Rink

The Marysville rink was lighted by electricity for the first time Saturday evening and the splendid sheet of ice was illuminated almost as bright as day. Our popular town marshal, Barker, who had charge of the work of installing the new light deserves great credit for the manner in which he has performed his task. Game played between Weave Room and Mule Room teams.

Gleaner

Dec 26, 1905

Christmas at Marysville

The Methodist Sunday School held their annual Christmas concert in the Methodist Church last evening. The church was filled with friends and relatives of the scholars. Superintendent Rowley was in charge of the entertainment. The parts taken by the scholars in the programme were splendidly performed and all present loud in their praises of the work done by the teaching staff and scholars. Mr. Rowley has acted in the capacity of Superintendent for thirty five years and may truly be called a veteran in the work. At the conclusion of the programme the children were treated to candy and oranges.

Programme Here

Manager James Gibson very pleasantly entertained all who wished to attend a skating party in his fine rink. Everybody was welcome and the fine band of Marysville rendered a programme of ten pieces, which was thoroughly enjoyed alike by skaters and spectators. A large crowd availed themselves of Mister Gibson's hospitality. . . .

Gleaner

Nov 19, 1906

Getting ready for Marysville Rink

James Gibson Slated for Manager Again with Jimmie Robinson as Assistant. Some Improvements

It has been decided that Mr. James Gibson will be at the helm of affairs at the Marysville ice rink during the coming season and the popular "Jimmie" Robinson, the well known horseman will resume the position of assistant manager with his chief duties at the box office. A good many improvements are planned for the coming rink at the Marysville rink and the sides will be cushioned. The accommodation for spectators at hockey games and the dressing room facilities will be greatly improved. The Marysville rink has always had a reputation of having good ice and this season

the ice making will be in the hands of experienced persons.