

“Trouble at Lake Village,” *Winnepesaukee Gazette*, October 1, 1859.

There has been, and is now quite a strong feeling among not a few of the people of Lake Village, and indeed the whole county round the Lake, against the course which the Lake Company as it is called, has seen fit to pursue. This feeling, however, is not participated in by the whole community by any means. But it is necessary to have someone to go ahead and stir up this feeling—somewhat latent—at least quiescent, and the men at last were found.

Wednesday forenoon a large body of men prepared themselves to attack the dam of the Lake Co., at Lake Village, but the timely appearance of Mr. Sheriff Hill, who commanded them to desist, prevented any serious disturbance, or damage. In the afternoon, the besiegers made another attempt upon the dam, in which they succeeded in removing some plank and some other mischief. The Lake Co. however soon brought into requisition the sufficient force to restore peace and quiet—not however, without inflicting some chastisement, which occasioned Mr. French, the Agent of the Co., and his clerk, Mr. Owen, to be arrested on complaints for assault and battery. About dark, Wednesday evening a third attack was made upon the dam, which was more successful than the first or second, but by the assistance of the “big boys” of this village, the crowd was summarily dispersed, without much regard to ceremony—some of whom were not handled very lightly. We learn several arrests were made, but whether it is true or not we are unable to ascertain. Thursday all was quiet. Friday Geo. H. Gilman was arrested for an assault upon Loammi Bean. His examination was postponed one week.—There are rumors afloat that the Lake Co. will be put to further trouble. One this is certain, there is a fine prospect of fruitful litigation.