

THE WEEK IN NEWCASTLE

Skating New Year's
The Newcastle skating rink will open on New Year's night with good ice and special music.

Over 500 in Month
A record in recruiting for the North Shore battalion has been established, over five hundred having enlisted in one month.

New Advertiser
The attention of Advocate readers is called to R. H. Armstrong's ad. Mr. Armstrong is a new advertiser, and in his store will be found a complete line of groceries and provisions.

Presentation
On Friday the altar boys of St. Samuel's church, Douglastown, through George Young and Edward DeWolfe, presented Rev. Father J. G. Cormier with a handsome jardiniere and pedestal.

Encouraging Reports
Reports coming from different parts of the province are to the effect that business in general this Christmas was far in excess of that of last year. From this it can be taken that the depression caused by the war has reached its limit, and that better times and increased prosperity may now be looked for.

Young People Wedded
On Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock a pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Mary's church, when Miss Frances, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Herbert, was united in marriage to Mr. Nils Hafverberg. The bride was attired in a blue tailored suit and black hat. They were attended by Nan Condron and Mr. Ambrose Carrigan. Rev. Father Murdoch performed the ceremony.

Dates of Meetings
Dates of recruiting meetings for the week are as follows:
Wednesday, 29th—Chelmsford. Probable speakers: Revs. A. Rettie, E. J. Murdoch, and Hon. J. P. Burhill.
Thursday, 30th—Barnaby River. Speakers: Hon. John Morrissey and others.
Thursday, 30th—Whitneyville. Speakers: Capt. Barry, Rev. M. S. Richardson, Charles E. Fish and others.

Fell to his Death
St. John papers tell of the sad death of Private J. R. W. Scott, a demented soldier who lately returned from the front. He was being taken across the passenger bridge in charge of an escort, when his hat blew off and went over the railing into the river. He ran after it and before the escort could catch him he had fallen into the raging torrent one hundred and fifty feet below. The escort hurried to the shore of the river but he failed to catch a glimpse of the body. The unfortunate man belonged to Vancouver and was on his way to the train when the accident occurred.

Made Trip Xmas Day
The Str. Miramichi made a trip up from Chatham on Xmas day, having a passenger list of about two hundred excursionists. A large number of these got on at Douglastown. Some little difficulty was experienced getting through the ice flow off Newcastle, but the old reliable Capt. Bullock brought his boat to landing in his usual masterly way. It is claimed by some that this was the first instance in about twenty-five years that the boat made a trip as late as Xmas day, while others say a similarly late trip was made about four years ago.

Wedded at Chatham
St. Andrew's Manse was the scene of a quiet wedding Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, when Rev. J. H. McLean united in marriage Roy G. Mitchell of Douglastown, and Miss Etta McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, of this town. They were attended by Miss Marguerite Lobban and Roy McDonald, cousin and brother of the bride. After the ceremony, the bridal party drove to the home of the bride's parents, where a wedding luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell left by the Fredericton express this morning for Douglastown, accompanied by the best wishes of a wide circle of friends.—Commercial.

One Side, Please
Correspondents sending in news items will write on one side of sheet only.

Service at Maple Glen
Rev. W. Harrison will preach at Maple Glen Sabbath afternoon, January 2nd.

Favorable Reports
Christmas advertisers in the Advocate all report having had a most successful season.

Business Suspended
Business was suspended at the Marsland Millinery store here on Friday afternoon, Sheriff O'Brien taking over the keys.

MR. MERCHANT
What your advertisement in The Advocate did for you Xmas week, it will do for you the year around. Keep it close to you, it will reach all the time.

Rink Opening
Announcements are made in this issue of the opening of the Newcastle rink New Year's night. Good ice is reported, and a special program of music will be furnished.

Passed Successfully
Miss Hazel Vye has successfully passed the probation examination and has been accepted as a student nurse in the Arlington Heights Hospital.

Father and Three Sons
Another Newcastle family to come to the fore in enlisting is that of Geo. N. Johnston. Besides himself, he has three sons in khaki—Howard, Hubert and Charles. Hubert is at present at the Wireless, not having at present writing been released.

Successful at Last
To be turned down on four or five occasions, and then to successfully pass the necessary examination, is the happy experience of Thomas Coughlan of Nelson. His weak point was his eyes, but since this part of the exam. is not so strict as at first, Thomas is now numbered among those in khaki.

Only Two Days More
Attention is called to Russell & Morrison's Special Xmas Sale, which closes on Friday. These up-to-date men's outfitters are offering great sacrifices which means dollars saved to those who take advantage. If you have not done so yet, glance over their ad. on page five, you are sure to find something you want.

Wedding at Sunny Corner
The marriage of Miss Laura May Tozer, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tozer, to Sidney Garnet Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Parks, took place Wednesday evening in the Manse, Redbank. Rev. J. F. McCurdy officiating. The bride who is one of Sunny Corner's most popular young ladies, looked charming in a dress of violet crepe de chene with marabout trimmings. Following the ceremony relatives of the bride and groom sat down to a sumptuous repast at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Parks will reside in Redbank.

Eminent Dramatic Star
John Mason Makes first Appearance in Motion Pictures
The fact that Sir Charles Young's celebrated drama, Jim the Penman, which was for a long time the stage sensation of two continents, has been converted into motion pictures, would in itself be an important screen event. But when it is added that this latest production of the Famous Players presents the legitimate star John Mason in his first film characterization, the subject becomes one of tremendous and popular interest. This five part photoplay is the latest release on the Paramount Program and will be shown at the Happy Hour on Thursday night. The depths of its appeal and its forceful dramatic development have made this play one of the strongest stage documents of the day, and these qualities are well presented on the screen. "Jim the Penman" is one of the greatest productions yet released by the Famous Players.

Christmas Fighting on the River Tigris

104th Pioneers Assisted in Successful Counter-Attack in Which Enemy Lost 700--Another Victory Over Arab Tribesmen of Egypt

London, Dec. 27.—The Turks, in an attack on the British forces in Mesopotamia, succeeded in entering the northern bastions of one of the forts at Kut-el-Amara, but were driven out on an official statement issued this evening says. The official statement follows:
"On the 24th Gen. Townshend reported that the enemy had fired heavily throughout the previous night, but had not attacked. Later, he sent a further report as follows:
"From 10 a. m. until past midday the position was heavily shelled. The enemy, having breached the fort, effected an entrance, but were driven out. Two hundred dead were left inside the fort.
"The fort is a work on the right flank of his landward position on the north side of the Kut peninsula.
"On the 25th Gen. Townshend sent a further report, in which he says that at midnight on the 24th, and on the 25th fierce fighting for the possession of the fort took place. The enemy effected a lodgement in the northern bastion and were ejected, but came on again and occupied the bastion. The garrison of Oxford Light Infantry and the 103rd held on to the entrenchment, and were reinforced by the Norfolk regiment and the 104th Pioneers. The enemy vacated the bastion early Christmas morning, and retired into trenches, four hundred to nine hundred yards in the rear, although the attack had been made from trenches only about one hundred yards from the breach.
"The rest of Christmas day passed quietly. The fort and garrison, in excellent spirits, re-occupied the bastion. The enemy's casualties are estimated at about 700; our own at 180 killed and wounded.
"A whole division appears to have been engaged in the attack. Presumably the 200 enemy dead mentioned in the telegram of the 24th are not included in the above."

Late Autoing
Autos are still running here, in consequence of the mild winter weather and scarcity of snow.

Skating! Skating!
Get your skates ready and come and enjoy the opening night at the Newcastle rink—New Year's night. Splendid ice and music.

Militia Appointments
3rd Northumberland Regiment—To be Captain (superannuated): Honorary Colonel Sir J. Maxwell Aitken, C. M., 2nd November, 1915.

The Popular Color
Khaki will be the popular color for young men in Newcastle on New Year's day and thereafter—especially for single young men who are fit and free.

Flour Again Advances
Local wholesale dealers report another advance of 20 cents per hundred in Manitoba flour this morning. The retail price of Manitoba flour is now \$7.90 per barrel.—Thursday's Gleaner.

Wedding in Doaktown
A quiet wedding took place at Doaktown on Wednesday last when Miss Bridget Dawson and Mr. Charles Arbeau, both of Doaktown, were united in marriage by Rev. J. C. Wilson, pastor of the Baptist church there.

Gave to the Needy
The officers of the Salvation army distributed some Christmas baskets to needy families this morning. Captain Forbes also informs us that he is planning to have hot suppers and entertainments for the poorer children of the town during the winter months.

Sent Greeting Card
A member of The Transcript staff has received from Bombardier J. Alex. Ingram, of the 8th Moncton Battery, a handsomely embroidered greeting card, made by Belgian refugees and mailed from Somewhere in France.—Transcript. (Bomb. Ingram is a Newcastle boy, and his many friends are pleased to know he is in good health.)

Credit is Due
It may be thought by some to be rubbing it on a little too thick for The Advocate to assume that it is partly responsible for the successful Xmas trade of those merchants who used its columns during the past two weeks; but it is felt that the majority of our merchants who used this paper for their Xmas announcements are willing to admit that The Advocate's well-set, catchy, and cleanly printed adverts had the desired effect. As a line of communication from store to buyer.

Five Sons Enlisted
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen DeVarennes, of Middle Sackville, have a record herd to beat. They have five sons enlisted for overseas service: Corp. Fred C. DeVarennes, Lance Corp. Meddie DeVarennes, and Pte. Arthur DeVarennes, all in the 55th Battalion, now in Bramshott, England; Albert and Edward now in the 145th and the sixth was turned down for defect of the eyes. Mr. DeVarennes has two more sons ready as soon as they are of age.

Newcastle Orangemen Install Officers
The following were installed as officers of No. 3000 L. O. L. No. 47 at a special meeting Monday night:
W. M.—Wm. Touchie
Chap.—J. H. Street
R. S.—H. A. Taylor
F. S.—Wm. Corbet, Jr.
Treas.—John Williamson
D. of C.—K. C. Anderson
Senior Committeeman—D. C. Smallwood
Committee—D. McGruar, John Jardine, Daniel McDonald and W. J. McCormick.

Annual Meeting
The general annual meeting of The Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi will be held at the Miramichi Hotel, Newcastle, N. B., Thursday January 13th, 1916, at 11 a. m.
ALLAN J. FERGUSON,
Secretary.

PERSONALS

Miss Blanche Parker spent Xmas at her home in Millerton.

Miss Sadie Bernarl spent the Xmas holiday with friends in Moncton.

Miss Dorca Blain is spending the Xmas holiday at her home in Chatham.

Mr. Howard Underhill spent the Xmas holiday at his home in Blackville.

Mr. Arthur Metcalfe spent Xmas in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Allen.

Mrs. Mason Betts and children of Campbellton are visiting friends in town.

Russell O'Donnell spent the holiday with his aunt, Mrs. Johnston, at Loggieville.

Pte. Pierce Roman of the 104th Battalion, Fredericton, spent the holiday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Leighton spent the Xmas season the guests of relatives in Moncton.

Miss Marion MacArthur was a guest of Miss Dorothy Russell, Moncton, Christmas day.

Miss Alice McGrath, of the N. B. Telephone Co. staff, spent Xmas at her home in Chatham.

Miss Pink Ingram, who has been visiting in Boston, returned home to spend the Xmas holiday.

Miss Ethel Atkinson of Bathurst, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Atkinson.

Clifford Drummond of the 104th Battalion, Fredericton, spent Christmas at his home in Maple Glen.

Messrs. Wilfrid McPherson and Nixy McLean, of Chatham, were visiting Newcastle friends Xmas day.

Pte. Geo. Deniers and Warren Davidson of the 85th N. S. Highlanders, Halifax, spent Xmas at their homes here.

Mr. Herb Morrell, of the Royal Bank branch, Campbellton, spent the Xmas vacation at his home in Newcastle.

The many friends of Mrs. T. H. Whalen will be pleased to know she has about recovered from her recent illness.

Mr. Allan Johnston of Chipman, is spending a few days in town, the guest of his brother, Pte. George Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLaughlin, and little son Leslie, of Bathurst, are visiting relatives in Newcastle and Chatham.

Jack Rundle, student at Mount Allison Academy, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rundle.

Allison Campbell, of Harvey, Dakota, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ashford, the Misses Irving and other relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Payce and little son, of Fredericton, spent Xmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sullivan.

Miss Florence Gilles passed through the city last night from Maccan en route to her home in Newcastle.—Friday's Moncton Times.

Miss Alice Harrison of Summerside, P. E. I., arrived on Monday to spend several days with her parents at the Methodist Parsonage.

Roy Morrison, of Russell & Morrison, who has enlisted with the Heavy Siege Battery, left on Monday morning for Partridge Island, St. John, to join that unit.

J. H. Ramsay, Civil Engineer for the Dept. of Lands and Mines, Fredericton, spent Xmas with his mother, Mrs. W. F. Copp, returning to Fredericton on Monday.

Miss Margaret Appleby, who for the past four years has been Chief Operator at the N. B. Telephone Co. here, has severed her connection with that firm and returned to her home in South Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Otty Bailey and daughter, Marion, of Moncton, spent Christmas with Mr. Bailey's mother and niece, Messdames Benjamin Bailey and J. F. R. MacMichael, and Sunday with Mrs. Bailey's sister, Mrs. J. W. Lyon of Millerton.

Hockey Boots and Skates

We have an excellent stock of Men's Ladies', Misses', Boys' and Youths' Hockey Boots and Skates. Also Hockey Sticks and Pucks.

John Ferguson & Sons

GREETINGS

May 1916 bring you a Full Measure of Prosperity is the Wish of The

STOTHART MERCANTILE COMPANY, LIMITED.

BARGAIN SALE

The prices on all our left over Christmas Goods have this week been cut almost in two. China, Brass Goods, etc., have all been reduced for the New Year shopper

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THE PHARMACY, A. E. SHAW, Druggist

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Decorating - Crepe - Paper

for Lamp Shades, Shelves, Table Cloth, etc. In Delicate Color and Designs

Our assortment of XMAS TAGS, SEALS AND CARDS are of the very best. It would be worth your while to inspect them

We have enlarged our prescription department and can assure you of purest DRUGS.

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WE CARRY A FULL STOCK OF

Ladies' Fur Coats

Men's Coon Coats

" Fur Collar Coats

" Clipped Goat Coats

" Fur Lined Coats

" Dog Skin Coats

" Fur Collar Coats

A good assortment of Fur Robes at Reasonable Prices

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Happy Hour Features

THURSDAY

SATURDAY

DANIEL FROHAM PRESENTS THE EMINENT STAR **John Mason** IN THE INTERNATIONAL DRAMATIC TRIUMPH

Special Feature for New Years

"Jim, the Penman" BY SIR CHARLES L. YOUNG

"The Heart of A Tigress" —WITH— **Paul Burgeois**

Initial Screen Appearance of the Celebrated Star. One of the most notable characterizations of the present dramatic era

The Celebrated Animal Trainer, Countess Rosita Martini and Betty Schude

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5-FIVE REELS-5 **ADMISSION: 5 AND 10 CENTS**

Saturday at 3 sharp