

The County.

An Epitome of Events
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ADVOCATE REPORTERS.

BATHURST

BATHURST, May 26.—The special meeting of the Gloucester Municipal Council was held here yesterday. The session was called for the purpose of voting an additional \$5,000 for the building of the new court house and jail, \$20,000 voted at the last meeting not being enough. The motion to vote the extra five thousand was defeated by a vote of nine to eight. The warden was authorized to engage counsel in the difficulty re the recent sale of bonds. When this is settled it is expected the Council will vote the amount now asked. It is not expected the Council will meet again until the next regular meeting, which takes place in January. Owing to this, the contract, for which tenders were opened on the 15th instant, has not yet been awarded.

The Queen's Birthday was enthusiastically celebrated here. The stores were closed and everybody was on pleasure bent. BATHURST, May 25th.—A musical treat was enjoyed by all who attended the piano recital given by Miss Harrison and pupils, in Temperance Hall Tuesday evening. The younger pupils played accurately and showed a good technical foundation. Miss Belle DesBrisay, Miss Romeril and Miss Mullins displayed much taste and understanding in their selections. The organ solo, by Miss Branch was very sweetly played, while the piano-organ duet by Miss Harrison and Miss Mullins was one of the favorites of the evening. Miss Harrison's three piano selections were well received the last number being particularly brilliant. The songs by Miss Annie DesBrisay were much enjoyed as was also the reading given by Miss Harrison. The Hall was very tastefully and patriotically arranged and altogether the recital was a success.

The following is the programme:—

PART I.

Sonata, Haydn, Miss Belle DesBrisay.
Waltz, Gurilt, Miss Edith Hinton, Duet,
Watson, Miss Sayde McLean.
Organ Solo, Selected, Miss Mille Branch.
Vocal Solo, Selected, Miss Annie DesBrisay.
Pizzicato Polka, Strauss, Miss Hattie Gatain.
Piano Solo, Selected, Miss Harrison.

PART II.

Reading, (By request), Selected, Miss Harrison.
Waltz, Chopin, Miss Annie DesBrisay.
Blau Vell-heu, Behr, Waltz, Durand,
Miss Daisy Romeril.
Piano and Organ Duet, Gounod, Miss Mullins.
Vocal Solo, Selected, Miss Annie DesBrisay.
Duet, Mendelssohn. Polish Dance, Sharmenka, Miss Bella DesBrisay.
Selection, Lange, Waltz, Chopin, Miss L. Mullins.
Rondo Caprice, Mendelssohn, Miss Harrison.

BOUESTOWN

The anniversary of her Majesty's birthday was observed in a fitting manner in this place. Flags floated gaily from many residences and evidences of loyalty were very apparent in many ways. In the evening a grand concert and pie social was held in the hall by the Methodist church members and friends. The musical part of the programme was taken mostly by Boiestown folk, but the literary portion was mostly contributed by Bloomfield Ridge and other parts of the circuit. Numerous dialogues, readings, solos etc., were rendered and all in excellent form, and great credit is due all who so efficiently advanced the entertainment. A special feature, and greatly to the delight of the very large audience, was the excellent violin and mandolin selections by Prof. Dyer of Nashua, who kindly consented to assist. Mr. Herbert H. Gunter acted as chairman and Mr. Wm. R. McCloskey very efficiently discharged the duties of auctioneer. The sum of \$70. was raised, to be used toward improvements on the buildings.

Mr. Wm. T. Sharpe, J. P. the popular station agent, has imported a carload of the

famous McCormick farm machinery and is making many sales.

Mr. Rupert Pratt, well and favourably known as the hustling representative of Red Rose Tea was here to-day. His many friends were extremely delighted to see him, and hope for his speedy return.

Mr. Weston Hickey made a trip to Fredericton yesterday.

Miss Bessie Taylor of Ludlow spent the holiday in this place.

Mr. Timothy Lynch was here to-day. The lumber is being driven with fairly good progress.

Mr. Wm. Whyte, the Doaktown jeweller, was here on business this week. Miss Georgie Murphy was also here spending the 24th.

UPPER BLACKVILLE.

Farming in this locality is progressing despite the cold, backward nature of the season, and the fields are slowly assuming that green appearance which indicates the growth of the new grass, and assures us that it is still there.

It is with pleasure we note the increase in the quantity of wheat sown. Certainly it is a step in the right direction. Those new mills are a great encouragement, and every farmer appreciates it. Now for more encouragement in the other branches.

The men are returning from the drives. Seems to have been a very satisfactory season for them. good wages and a fair route.

Notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads bicycles have made their appearance, but, contrary to the usual custom, the rider's seat seems to be on the "under side".

James Dumphy returned to-day from Minnesota. He has been away for nine years. Glad to see the boys return.

Our young people are practising for a concert, which they intend to have in the near future, and judging by the efforts being made, it should be second to none.

ROGERSVILLE

The death of James Duggan took place at the residence of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Michael Duggan of Rogersville on Monday 14th at 2 a. m. The deceased was in the 23rd year of his age and had been ill for several months. His death though for some time expected was heard of by his many friends with deep regret. He leaves father, mother, four sisters three brothers and many relatives to mourn their sad loss. The funeral was held Wednesday morning the 16th at 8 o'clock and the weather proving favorable, it was largely attended. Interment took place at R. C. cemetery. The services being conducted by Rev. M. F. Richard and under the auspices of the A. O. H. of which society the deceased was a member.

DOUGLASTOWN

On Tuesday evening, 15th inst., a large company of ladies and gentlemen met at the house of Mrs. Robt. Watson, Douglastown, N. B., when the Rev. D. Mackintosh, in name of the subscribers, presented Mrs. Watson with a beautiful sideboard, as a memorial of their esteem for her Christian character, and a thank-offering for her valuable services for many years, in and out of season, in the sick-chambers of the town. Congratulatory remarks were afterwards made by Mr. H. Lamont and Mr. Fred Phillips, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mrs. Watson and her family are leaving Douglastown for their new home at St. Mary's, Fredericton, N. B., and carry with them the best wishes of the whole community.

BLACKVILLE

BLACKVILLE, May 25th 1900.—Mr. Jas. H. Dale is receiving congratulations over the advent of his home, of a son and heir.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Flanagan of Marysville, N. B., are visiting Blackville, the guests of Mrs. Flanagan's father Mr. Hugh McCormick.

The contract for the new school building has been awarded to Mr. John L. Murray of Doaktown, who will begin operations at once. The contract price is \$2500.

No train on the Canada Eastern R'y. had a bad run off near Quinn's crossing yesterday. Traffic was suspended until 7 p. m. last night. The accident was due to track spreading.

The recent rains have raised the rivers to spring freshet pitch and the several drives are making good progress. Vaughan's drive on Dungan's road reached the S. W. Boom on Tuesday. The Boom at Cain's River was swept away on Sunday last and a large quantity of lumber that was being held there to be rafted was carried out. Gibson's water mill has been run down all this week, owing to back water.

Mr. Wm. Kinghorn of St. Mary's, N. B., the Inspector of the Independent Order of Foresters for N. B., is in the village, and will address a public meeting this evening in the Public Hall, in the interests of that Order.

Mr. Chas. F. Hoffman the advance agent for "Billy Van's Minstrels" was in the village yesterday making arrangements for the appearance of his company here, on the evening of May 30th.

Empire Day was locally celebrated by the different schools of the parish. The pupils of the three departments of the superior school, were gathered together in the Public Hall where a well arranged patriotic programme was carried out, a large number of visitors being present. At the conclusion of the programme, addresses were given by Messrs Jas. Foley, Dr. McManus, and the Trustees.

Blackville made a lavish display of bunting in honor of the Queen's birthday. Red, white and blue, met the eye in every direction and any one having any doubts as to the loyalty of this village, must have had all doubts removed on witnessing the enthusiastic celebration of the 81st birthday of our Most Gracious Sovereign. Flags were at the front of the houses, and the stores had laid in large stocks of ensigns, Canadian flags and Union Jacks, they were all disposed of by the afternoon of the 23rd and on the morning of the 24th British flags of every description waved from every point of vantage in the village. Pedestrians carried their umbrellas and hats and horses and harnesses were smothered in flags and festoons of red, white and blue. Queens weather prevailed all day, bringing everybody out and from dawn till midnight the streets were crowded with a goodly number of people, who endeavored to show by every means possible, that they were Britishers and were ruled over by the noblest Queen of any country or age. Many visitors from neighboring places came in to assist in the celebration.

The programme of the day's proceedings was as follows:—12 noon, Firing of Royal Salute, 3 p. m. Parade of School Children through the business part of the village, a concluding with a flag drill in front of the Hall, after which each child was presented with a treat by the managing committee 8 p. m. Torchlight procession. This was the event of the day and considering the short time that was available in which to prepare for it, was a good one and had been creditable to a place of much larger population.

W. J. McLagan and Dr. McManus acted as marshals, and performed their duties to the satisfaction of everybody. The order of the procession was as follows:—Bicycle brigade, Harbours committee, members of managing committee, Parish road machine, drawn by six horses. Float "Paddle your own canoe". Paul Kruger, with ox team. Float, with shingle machine in motion—Gibson's mill. Float, Independent Order of Foresters. Float, Gibson's mill & Mtg. Co. Private carriages. One feature of the parade deserving of special mention, was the representation of Paul Kruger, by Mr. Simon Beas. The make up could not be improved upon, and Oom Paul was deservedly applauded all along the line of march. The different floats also came in for their share of the applause and were a credit to their designers. All the buildings along the route of the procession were handsomely decorated and illuminated; among those specially tasty were the houses of Messrs. Jas. Bean, Jas. Wetmore Sr. J. P. Wetmore, R. M. Grindlay R. Robertson and the store of McLagan Grindlay & Co. After the parade disbanded, there was a grand display fireworks, after which everybody went home satisfied that Blackville had a red letter day, one that would long be remembered by its people.

NORTH AND SOUTH ESK

We are having very rainy weather, which while it retards farming operations is very favorable to the "drives". It has been a very good driving season. Indeed some say too good. It is impossible to satisfy every person. One, taking the time of the spring season all in also for the time being, has been in good driving condition. In the early part of the season they were swollen perhaps too much particularly where they ran through low lands, and the logs had the privilege of running where they pleased among the trees and brush, giving the men extra work to bring them into proper line. Later on the water kept at about right driving height and good driving progress was made. Quite a number of drives came in to the boom limits in the evening of 13th. Burchill's, Johnson's, Sullivan's all came together. Then the heavy rain of Saturday night 19th and Sabbath raised the streams to an unusual height, so that at present the northwestern drives are in the history of the Northwest. Miramichi.

The newdrives are turned into a vast sea of waters. Where hills and dales were visible is one great sheet of water. Well you can see the hills east and west, but on the mead, only the tops of trees so that driving is more the good at present. All the drives of the northwestern are in the water. It is with great difficulty the boats are kept from breaking. The weight of logs and the force of water must be a heavy strain upon them. Of the drives in the Little South West none have reached boom limits but Holland's cut for the Meas. Ritchie's—Herbert's for the same parties is coming. All Fred Sinclair's cut for Ritchie's is not through the lake, therefore it is fifty miles to move up stream. Hutchison's drive is making good progress. All the lumber will no doubt reach the boom in due time as the streams are all in good driving condition, and with about four feet of snow in the woods they will keep on for all driving purposes.

Farming is progressing very slowly, Fred White of Red Bank is sowing his wheat, and several others along the river. Beyer and has sown oats and planted potatoes. The grass promises a good crop of hay.

Sullivan's mill is rapidly slicing up the logs which were rafted on the little South west and floated down to the boom. The small piles are increasing in size very fast. Mr. S. has commenced preparations for his new store which he is soon to erect in the foundation of the one destroyed by fire last winter. It will be an improvement on the old store—He does not intend building the house in connection with it, which was the case with the one that was burned.

The high freshet will, we fear, keep the fish from coming up the river in order to meet the sports of Newcastle who expect to visit the Northwest in full force on the 24th. A few salmon have been taken, but no sea

trout yet. The water is too high for them, and it will likely drive the salmon back. A large number of men came off the drive on the evening of the 19th. Some of them will go in the boom.

Mrs. James Sheard an aged and respected resident of Northeast entered upon her eternal rest on the 8th inst. after a prolonged illness.

Mrs. John Sheard who has been under the medical treatment of Dr. Desmond for some time is improving slowly.

A bad cold accompanied with sore throat has been very prevalent during the latter part of the winter which in a few instances proved fatal. Its strength is well nigh spent. A few families were laid aside from La Grippe, but are convalescent.

The 24th of May dawned upon us as the brightest and warmest day of the season. It was a real treat to have such a nice day. There were a few sports from Newcastle on their wheels as well as a few pleasure seekers giving their best young lady a drive. Some of the inhabitants of Red Bank and vicinity spent the day fishing, gardening, farming, sowing etc. In this way did they celebrate the Queen's birthday. The stores were not closed. We are a loyal people, were not closed. We are a loyal people.

The model farmer and perhaps one of the most successful business men of the county of Northumberland, R. P. Whitney Esq. has been fattening a herd of twenty-five head of cattle since last autumn. In the early part of the autumn Mr. Whitney purchased twenty-three head of cattle near Montreal and has been fattening them with a few others of his own raising, upon scientific principles and he understands how to make it a success, if any man does. It is quite a beautiful sight to any one who takes an interest in farming, stock-raising, and feeding cattle, to take time and go into Mr. Whitney's farm and take a look at his fine, clean, large cattle, literally rolling in fat.

The "steamer" commenced her regular bi-weekly trips from Chatham to Redbank and intermediate ports on Wednesday the 18th inst. We would feel disposed to say that her coming to Redbank would be a great accommodation to the people if she commenced in the proper time when her appearance at Redbank would be a boon conferred on the public. The "Rustler" is receiving from the local government a subsidy to enable the proprietors of the steamers to run to Redbank for the benefit of the inhabitants of North and South west rivers. When the roads are bad is the time we want the "Rustler". We are not so particular about her when they are good. On good roads we can haul our freight as our horses are often idle.

Ritchie's drive under the management of Herbert is yet some distance above Denials. Their lake cut which is a very large one and superintended by Alfred Sinclair is at present being sluiced through the dam at the lower end of the lake.

We regret to learn that Miss E. O. Keys who has taught the Redbank school for the period of ten years purposes resigning at the end of the time. Miss Keys has been very successful as a teacher. During her incumbency quite a number of young ladies, some of whom are still teaching, were prepared for the Normal College, about 1898, and for each year of service. It will be hard to fill Miss Keys' place; and it will be some time before a teacher will be secured to hold the position, and retain the respect and good will of parents and children for so long a period.

Wishing the Advocate a long successful career in its new dress and form, we say adieu.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Lilly drill given by the senior pupils with coronal tableau at the close was much admired, the movements were graceful and well executed. The scenic effect was picturesque, heightened by the golden slippers and flowing tresses of the youthful performers.

Orchestral music in which the earlier performers participated, again delighted the audience. Miss Blanche Fairchild successfully led the artists through the mazes surrounding them. The Band brought the performance to a close by rendering in its best style, "God save the Queen".

In this crowded hall, a sense of propriety so noticeable in, and so usual to a Newcastle audience, was observable. All enjoyed themselves, "immensely" but the rough and ready ways of some localities were not there. Through the day the holiday spirit permeated the very atmosphere; but drunkenness with its accompaniments kept aloof. God save the Queen.

PROGRAMME

Overture, Band: Instrumental Music, Duet, Firefly: Welcome, Solo and Chorus: Old Folks at home; Orchestra, Laura Waltz.

OPERA—SNOW WHITE.

Act I. Interlude, Act II. Band.

Interlude, Music—Duet, Pleasures of May.

Act III. Band.

Vocal Chorus, Festal Song, Recitation, The story of some Bells, Instrumental Music, Solo.

COMIC DIALOGUE.

Band. Rose and Lily Drill, Orchestra, Fire of Youth.

National Air. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

LATE WAR NEWS

Nothing startling has transpired in South Africa since the relief of Mafeking. The latest word is to the effect that Roberts is within 18 miles of Johannesburg. Kruger is preparing to go to Holland. General Botha is in Pretoria urging Kruger to arrange peace terms. Predictions are made that the British flag will fly at Johannesburg to-day and in Pretoria on Saturday.

It was reported last night that General French had entered Johannesburg unopposed.

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