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The Fredericton Gleaner gives space to a nauseous and grossly misleading article and an editorial concerning the matter involving H. W. Birmingham and an alleged misappropriation of funds. It is not time to pronounce judgment in the matter until all the facts have been disclosed. The Gleaner, however, eagerly seizes upon what few facts it could get to turn the matter into something that would reflect discredit on the Liberal party, merely through the fact that the Birmingham father and son, who figure in what at this stage appears to be an unfortunate chain of circumstances, have also voted the Liberal ticket. Neither have at any time been prominent politically. This simple fact thus simply stated should be sufficient to rob the Gleaner's labored articles of any sting they may have had.

New Westminster.

Christmas, the one day which is always celebrated over the entire Christian world, was duly and thoroughly enjoyed by the progressive people of New Westminster. Those who have once lived in the province of New Brunswick were given a real eastern Christmas, the ground being covered with six inches of snow, keeping them from becoming homesick, and affording those who believed in perpetuating the ancient customs of Bible times, that is, drinking and being merry, and a soft downy bed.

Fred Williams and family who have been on a visit to their old home in New Brunswick, have returned to New Westminster. Fred says British Columbia looks good to him.

John Shaw and barber Allen are doing a rushing barber business.

Mrs. E. D. Belyea and Mrs. George Howe visited Mr. and Mrs. Scott Orser and also Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henderson and we are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Henderson is very ill, and hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. Hiram Foster made a flying trip to visit friends in Look-out, Wash., in his new auto. I wonder why?

George B. Orser spent Christmas in Sapperton.

Mr. Grover Shaw, a student of the University of Washington, is spending his holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Belyea.

Mr. Leslie Pendexter is keeping his black team and himself busy collecting Christmas presents.

Wilmot Robinson is making himself busy in the excavating business.

E. D. Belyea has resigned his position with the Small & Bucklin Lumber Co. to accept a prominent position offered him by the city council.

Here is a remedy that will cure your cold. Why waste time and money experimenting when you can get a preparation that has won a world-wide reputation by its cures of this disease and can always be depended upon? It is known everywhere as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and is a real merit. For sale by all dealers.

West Side Notes. (By Nicodemus.)

A review at this season brings to the average West Sider a sense of satisfaction, for the West Side has shared fully in the benefits that have come to this section of Canada, has thrived and prospered in a wonderful degree and stands at the close of the year ashamed at the comparison she invites with other sections of the St. John valley.

Carleton county is often termed the garden of the province, and in fact this is one of the first sections of the county.

A summing up of the year's bounties discloses a most gratifying result in favor of this community.

As an agricultural district, the uncertainties of commercial and manufacturing pursuits or speculation have not been felt. True it is that existing local conditions are not conducive to broad developments, but notwithstanding that fact the Upper St. John Valley and more especially this section unquestionably presents the most conspicuous record of local progress and prosperity of any twelve months for some time back. With prevailing prices for produce of all kinds it is no wonder that the industrious West Side farmers, with barns and granaries and cellars well stocked with the bounteous crops of 1911, face, with hearts big with thanksgiving and optimism, the advent of 1912.

Throughout the year just gone very little has occurred to distract attention from the regular routine of West Side life. No fires, no explosions, no runaways or accidents—just work and peaceful prosperity.

The usual comers and goers natural to all communities have passed in months procession.

Very few changes in the personnel of citizenship has taken place, very few transfers of real estate, and very little building has been done in the year, the improvements by Nixon's at the old William Boyer place being the most conspicuous.

The birth rate has been nothing remarkable, marriages ditto, while the grim reaper has been lenient indeed.

The Birmingham Case.

Arising out of a complaint of H. G. Oliver, M. L. Hayward, barrister, of this town, was appointed a commissioner to enquire into the affairs of H. W. Birmingham, road commissioner for the Parish of Wakefield. The enquiry brought forth a complication of affairs, the facts being that Guy Birmingham, a son, admits that in 1910 he made up an account charging Percy Seeley, Geo. Somers and Havelock Letson with work to the amount of \$40, which they did not do; that he signed T. W. Letson's name to the account as J. P., Frank R. Shaw's name as Councillor, and Seeley's and Hoyt's names to vouchers, that he received and retained the money. He also admits that on account of 1911 he received \$40. more than was paid out. He also admits signing Letson's name to several other documents. These amounts, Mr. Birmingham says, were retained by him because he had been told by Councillor Shaw and Secretary Blackmore that he was entitled to a commission on the statute labor.

Both the Birmingham's swore to a conversation with Blackmore in which they said that Blackmore told them to go home and make up any sort of an account to cover the commission and he would put it through. The evidence of Blackmore will be taken next week.

The Hartland & Miramichi Railway.

The annual meeting of the Hartland & Miramichi railway was held at Windsor on Monday. The former Board of Directors was re-elected with the exception that Coun. Lamont of Glassville, was elected in place of J. T. G. Carr. The secretary's report was satisfactory to the shareholders, and it was generally admitted that the survey had been a success. An encouraging feature of the meeting was the large number of enthusiastic people from Glassville.

Premier Flemming was present and pointed out the advantages of railroad traffic possibilities. He stated that as a member of the local government he was not in a position to bind them, but as for himself he was in hearty sympathy with the project, and when it did come before the government he would give it his support. He also expressed his willingness to accompany any delegation that might interview the C.P.R. or the G.T.P. with a view to obtaining a running agreement.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptom, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers.

MUNIA.

James Paul of Tilley, has been visiting his brother, Wm. Paul. We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Alex Adams.

A. A. Grant made a business trip to Limestone this week.

Isaac McDougall is in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Adams drove to Perth Wednesday.

Wesley Morris is spending a few days with friends here.

McDougall Bros. are lumbering on the Munia.

H. H. Morehouse went to Perth Tuesday.

Mr. Lockhart and Miss Stella

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