

## The Country.

An Epitome of Events  
Gathered by  
ADVOCATE Reporters

## BATHURST.

The children are writing letters to Santa Claus. The storekeepers are brightening up their establishments and displaying articles suitable for Christmas presents. Lady housekeepers are figuring how much time they have to spare before they begin making up Christmas cheer. Everything but the weather shows the approaching season of good cheer. What a pity it is that our neighbors, the people of the United States, have allowed the old time Christmas to fall into disrepute, and what was the result that it was all well, almost forgotten for a long time. Was it the Puritanism which? It may have been, for in the Southern States Christmas has been a season of good cheer. In the Northern States Thanksgiving rather overshadows Christmas, and for many years, the latter has been scarcely regarded at all. Families which were scattered gathered at the old home for Thanksgiving, but in Canada and England do it Christmas. But during the past few years attention is paid to Christmas in the Northern States formerly, and even in the cities of the North the people have gone back to some of the old customs. It is in the older countries, such as Germany and England, however, that Christmas is the great home feast of the year, and long may it continue to be so. We can imagine what it is to be none of the grand and stately homes of England at that season. What a time for the very old folks, and the very young ones, for they are really the recipients of the Christmas favors. How they look forward to it, we read of the young men hastening home from India, Africa or Canada to spend Christmas with the old folks at home. What a grand thing it is, the English Christmas. The lovely ranch on the prairie is left to its own loneliness, while the owner, once a year crosses the wide ocean to spend at least a week at home, what a thing to look forward to, good old Christmas.

It is the best time of the year, the best of us with we were rich, the time when we have only one idea, and that is to make everyone about us happy, and we pity the one who does not have the same feeling. Surely he is to be pitied.

Here in New Brunswick, particularly on the North Shore, the Christmas season is usually one of cold winds and snow, surely typical Christmas weather. We wonder they have our grand parents scattered as they were, managed to get together at Christmas. Old people tell us of having seen uncles and aunts arrive snow covered and half frozen. Long fifty-mile drives come from Restigouche, some from Miramichi to spend Christmas with their kin and friends. They came cheerfully however, and were surely expected. In fact it would have been thought a very strange thing if they had not arrived.

And the men in the lumber camps; we wonder how many of our readers have spent Christmas in a camp with a jolly crowd of men, and a first class cook to prepare the Christmas dinner which arrived by the portage the day before. Ah! Even if there were a couple of black jugs under the table in the bag, what would you have? There is reason in all things.

## BARGAINS.

## Bargains. Bargains.

We wish to draw your attention once more to the inducements we are offering from now until Christmas:

Outing Hats, formerly \$2.00 now \$1.25.  
" " " 1.00 " 65c.

The balance of our Pattern Hats some of which sold for \$7 and \$8 now \$5. Trimmings all reduced, ribbons especially.

Besides that we have some children's Coats, Hoods to match. Wool Hoods, Tans, etc. You would do well to see them before buying elsewhere.

Mrs. H. J. Morris.

## As Good as New.

This is the way we turn out work in our repairing department.

You have a watch which is out of repair, or not keeping satisfactory time, bring it in and we will examine it for you.

Charge for Examination,

you exactly what it requires.

Specialty of repairing English Levers and Chronographs.

Work guaranteed and promptly done.

## LANDRY,

Jeweler and Optician,  
LOCK, BATHURST, N. B.

Bring the best that  
patronage of  
is all over

## Liver Pills

That's what you need; something to cure your biliousness, and regulate your bowels. You need Ayer's Pills. Vegetable; gently laxative.

Want your mustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use BUCKINGHAM'S DYE.

Mr. Smith of the St. John Iron Works, an establishment which builds much mill machinery has been in Bathurst for some days figuring with Messrs. Robertson on the new mill they propose putting up to replace the one burned at Capreol. Mr. Smith is also attending to several orders to the Summer Mill at Bathurst Village, where a number of improvements are being put on.

Mr. John Scott, the popular conductor of the St. John's Street Band, spent at day or two in Bathurst last week, having been called here by the serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. McNeill, who is now recovering from her illness, considerably better, and soon to be quite out of danger.

The boys and girls have been enjoying the skating in the harbor.

## MARRIED.

At the residence of the officiating Clergyman, Newcastle, Dec. 14th, by Rev. T. J. Johnson, Mr. George T. Robinson, of St. John, and Miss Annie M. Clark, both of Newcastle.

## DIED.

At New Brunswick, Sunday, Dec. 13th, John R. Anley, aged 61 years.

Funeral services at the home, 150 St. John Street, Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 2 p.m.

## WANTED.

A second class female teacher for district No. 12. Address GEO. McLEAN, Strathairn, N. B.

## WANTED.

Dec. 14th, 1903.  
A second class teacher for District No. 10. Apply to Thomas Whitney, Whitney's P. O., North End, stating salary.

## STRAYED.

A two year old black steer, a piece cut off right ear. Any information will be gladly received and expenses paid.

JAMES WITHERELL,  
Bridford, N. B.

## LOST.

Between Whitneyville and Newcastle a black and white horse. Finder will be rewarded by leaving it with GEO. BROWN, Newcastle, Dec. 15th, 1903. Jd.

## Holly, Mistletoe AND Christmas Flowers.

Fine Roses, Carnations, Keeneths Narcissus, Lilies, etc.

Foral emblems of choice flowers at short notice. Holly and evergreen wreaths for a merry party.

Send your orders early.

H. S. CRUISEBANK,  
157 Union St., St. John.

Phone 698 A.

## Xmas Goods

Bannon's is the place to buy your General Goods for X'mas. We have the goods the people want and are selling at tumbling down prices. A visit to our store will surprise the buyer.

M. BANNON.  
Wholesale and Retail.

F. H. JOHNSON & Co.  
INCORPORATED.  
148 FULTON MARKET,  
NEW YORK.

Wholesale Commission Dealers in all kinds of FRESH FISH.

Eastern Specialties—Bass, Smelts, Eels, Lobsters and Game.

CONSIGNMENTS SOLICITED. Regular daily returns. Cold Storage in connection. Stencils and instructions for packing given on application. Ship to

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## CHRISTMAS

## CREAGHAN'S.

DEC. 9th--Only 15 Days--DEC. 25th.

The people are commencing to look around for presents and wondering what would be most suitable. Now we are making a special display and special prices for the Holiday Season.

## EXAMINE THE LIST.

## For Ladies and Girls.

Fur jackets—Crown, Seal and Astrakhan, \$27.50 to 48.00.  
Dressing Jackets, plain and fancy colors, 2.25 to 2.95.  
Sable Puffs or Mitts, 6.75 to 25.00.  
Gray Lamb Caps or Mitts, 2.00 to 6.50.  
Handkerchiefs—Hemstitched or Fancy Edge, 10c to 65c.  
Gloves—wool lined, silk lined and unlined, 75c to 1.45.

## For Men and Boys.

Bath Robes, \$4.50 to 6.50.  
Gloves, Fur-lined, Wool-lined and unlined, 75c to 1.50.  
Mufflers, silk and cashmere, 35c to 1.25.  
Neckties—Silk, Wool, and Fur-lined, 25c to 75c.  
Dress Suits Cases, Real Leather and Imitation Leather, \$2.95 to 6.50.  
Silk Handkerchiefs, colored, plain white and initialed, 25c to 75c.  
Shirts, colored and white, hand or soft, 65c to \$1.25.

## For Household Use.

Chenille Table Covers, 65c to 2.95.  
Linen—Hem-stitched Table Cloths and Napkins, 15c to 6.50.  
Applique Pillow Shams, 40c to 75c.  
Floor Rugs, in Carpet, Axminster and Brussels, 1.25 to 8.75.  
Tapestry Portiers, 3.95 to 5.50.

## For Children.

Come and see our very large display of BOOKS, TOYS and DOLLS, the cheapest and best in town. We are also making a special sale of

## FANCY DISPLAY SILKS

suitable for Blouses and Linings. Regular Prices were 50c, 75c and 95c. Sale Price 37½ cents.

## J. D. GREAGHAN.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

NEWCASTLE AND CHATHAM.

## CHRISTMAS 1903.

## Bargains! Bargains!

Come in time and seize the opportunity to get bargains.

We have a full stock of first class groceries, marked away down during the holiday season. The following are a few of our many.

## CANNED GOODS

Tomatoes, Corn, Peas, Beans, Baked Beans and Tomato and Chili Sauce, Pumpkins, Pineapple grated and sliced. Blueberries, Strawberries, Raspberries, Peaches, Plums, Gooseberries, Cross & Blackwell's Marmalade and Jams, Upton's Jams in pails. Goodwillie's Preserved Cherries, Peaches, Plums, Raspberries, etc. These are delicious.

## WINTER APPLES

In Spys Baldwins, Russets, Greenings, Canadian Reds and other varieties.

Cross & Blackwell, Heinz and Heaton's Pickles in Bottles and Bulk.

Flavoring Extracts, Spices, Jelly Powder, Icings, Frostings, Citron, Lemon and Orange Peel, Mince Meat, new Shelled Walnuts and Almonds, Nuts of all varieties, Raisins, Currants, Dates, Apricots, Figs and Prunes. Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Cocoa and Biscuits. All fresh and from best manufacturers.

## CONFECTIONERY.

We carry an immense stock of Confectionery from most reliable houses.

Ganong's, Webb's and Patterson's Chocolates in Fancy boxes and bulk.

## FOWL AND MEATS.

Turkeys, Geese, Chickens, Hams, Bacon, Pork and Corned Beef.

Flour, Meal, Sugar and Molasses.

Maple Syrup and Honey.

We have a most brilliant display of Lamps, China, Glass and Crockery Ware. Call and get prices as we are giving a big discount on Glass and Crockeryware during the holiday season.

## Demers' Grocery.

## Union Blend Tea

Is the Best  
HARRY W. deFOREST,  
Importer and Blender  
St. John, N. B.