

## LOCAL MATTERS.

The Day lengthening.

Monday observed as a holiday.

Settled. Malagash Copper Mine injure case in Halifax has been settled compromise.

The well prayer will be observed each evening next week in the Methodist Church.

The "Modern Light" is doing good work daily round trips between Georgetown and Pictou.

The Rev. D. C. Lawson will preach at Dorchester Cape next Sunday, 1st January, at 11 a. m.

Accident.—Yesterday afternoon a young man named Albert Burke had his arm broken in the roller at Ayer's steam saw.

The children attending the Methodist Sunday School here are to be entertained with a Christmas Tree and Feast this evening in the basement.

A Catholic coroner's jury decided that a woman came to her death in the providence of God by the accidental ingestion of chloroform and heat.

An Affiliated Family.—The family of Mr. Bloom Ogden has been attacked with diphtheria and on Friday last his wife died. Three others are improving slowly.

Shooting Accident.—A young lad named Roy Hoar, shot himself in the calf of the leg on Monday evening, while carelessly handling a revolver. The bullet has not yet been extracted.

PERSONAL.—Capt. Evans, of the P. E. I. San Navigation Co., has arrived home. Mr. John Hargrave, who has been spending the summer visiting his relatives in England returned a few days ago.

On Friday Jan. 6th, a Missionary meeting was held in the Methodist Church at 7.30. The Rev. L. N. Brady, French Missionary, of Montreal, read the principal speaker at the meeting.

Mr. Allen Newton, of Pleasant Hills, Economy, N. S., tracked a bear to death on Monday last. Returning on day with more help, he succeeded in killing the old bear and two young cubs.

The winter continues murky and dismal, a degree more unusual this season. It cannot but be unhealthy. A green Christmas makes a fatigued day. The winter's work in the woods has scarcely commenced, and farmers are behind hand with their work.

APPOINTMENTS.—From the Canada Gazette of Saturday, "Samuel G. Right, of Halifax, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, to be Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, vice the Hon. W. F. Desbarres resigned; also, William Cochran Milner, of Sackville, N. B., to be a Collector of Her Majesty's Customs."

The scholars attending the Sunday School at St. Paul's had a Christmas Festival last night. After a supper, which received due justice from all the young ones, games of all descriptions were indulged in until about 9 p. m. All appeared to enjoy themselves immensely, and went home with satisfied and beaming faces.

At Peticodiac on Tuesday evening the scholars of Mr. Britain's school gave an interesting concert. The programme which was well arranged, was splendidly carried out. All engaged performed their parts in a manner which reflected much credit on themselves. At the close of the entertainment the pupils presented their teacher with a handsome piece of table furniture. Mr. Britain has become popular as a teacher, and has many friends in Peticodiac.

OUR space the past month has been unusually crowded, owing no doubt in part to the fact that the Post has probably doubled if not trebled the circulation of any other paper in this locality—an important factor to those who pay for circulation. Today, A. J. Babang & Co., Moncton, enterprising wholesale grocers, &c., commence a yearly contract, as also Messrs. F. J. Hebert & Co., Shediac. Early in January our readers will have again the usual quantity of reading matter.

THE Trotting at the VERTE.—A large number gathered on the ice on Monday last to witness the trotting. The ice was good and the racing exceedingly fine. The result of the races was as follows:—  
In the THREE MINUTE TROT for \$100. L. Mills, "Captain Jack,".....1st.  
Robert Freeman, "Maid,".....2nd.  
Wm. Prescott, "Little Stranger,".....3rd.  
In the THREE-MINUTE CLASS for a purse of \$50.  
Aubrey Corp, "Difficulty,".....1st.  
Tm. Prescott, "Bay Bee,".....2nd.  
C. Goodwin, "Gipsy Belle,".....3rd.  
The horsemen talk of another match for New Year's Day.

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The New Year Next Sunday.

Parliament meets on 9th February.

A big man is one Nicholas Davis, of Walton, N. S., who is 6 ft. 9 in. high, and weighs 325 pounds.

The "Prince Edward" sailed from Charlottetown yesterday morning with a cargo of oats for Great Britain.

MOUNT ALLISON.—A pleasant reunion of the friends of the Ladies' Academy took place in its spacious parlors on Monday evening.

SEALED TENDERS are invited by advertisement in another column for finding material and finishing the inside of the Methodist Church at Dorchester.

CORRECTION.—Our reporter was misinformed when he stated last week that the Trustees of Point de Bute Methodist Church had \$400 after paying expenses.

DONATION.—The friends of Rev. D. C. Lawson intend making him a donation visit at his residence, Westmorland Point on Wednesday evening the 4th of January 1882. Should the evening be very stormy the first fine evening after.

AMHERSTIANS.—A Masonic supper on the eve of St. John's day participated in by the members of Acadia Lodge, took place Lam's Hotel on Tuesday evening. The tables were handsomely laid, and the evening was enjoyably spent with exchange of sentiment, toast and song.—The whole is expected at Amherst on Thursday (to-day) for exhibition.

MASONIC.—"Lebanon" Lodge of Masons held their annual meeting on Tuesday evening (St. John's eve) last at their lodge room, and elected officers as follows:—

H. Phinney, W. P. L. B. Botsford, S. W. Jas. Purdy, J. W. R. Wilcox, Secretary. Geo. Campbell, Treasurer. C. N. Beal, S. D. R. Curry, J. D. Amos Patterson, Tyler.

After the business had been got through with the party (to the number of about twenty) adjourned to the "Brunswick House," where a splendid table was laid, and done ample justice to by those present. After the inner man had been satisfied, a number of toasts were given and responded to.

PRESENTATIONS.—On Friday last the employees of E. Cogswell & Co., through Mr. Brown the foreman, presented W. B. Dixon, Esq., one of the partners and manager, with a handsome gold pen and pencil case as a mark of the mutual esteem and cordial feeling existing between them. Immediately after, one of moulders, on behalf of the employees, presented Mr. Brown, the foreman, with a handsome gold watch chain as a token of their appreciation. E. Cogswell and Co. gladdened the hearts of the employees by giving each one a turkey for his Christmas dinner.—The employees of Mr. James R. Ayer presented him with an address, and a beautiful walking cane, one evening last week, in recognition of his kindly treatment of them during the passing year, and as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them.

The St. John Markets.

FLOUR.—We have nothing new to report regarding the flour market. We repeat last week's quotations without change. Extras, \$6.50 to \$6.75; superiors, \$6.80 to \$7; choice superiors, \$7.20 to \$7.50; patents, \$7.50 to \$8. Oats.—In St. John's are very scarce and dealers have great difficulty in getting supplies. Prices are steady at 22c. Eggs.—Eggs are in good demand and in fair supply. Prices for lots are from 22c. to 24c. Potatoes.—The demand for potatoes is falling off but prices are steady. Early Rose, \$1.40 to \$1.75; Marston, \$1.40 to \$1.75; Blue Kidney, \$2 to \$2.25. Wool.—The demand for wool is very active and prices are steady at the advance of last week. Washed, 25c. per lb. unwashed, 18c. per lb.

"QUATRE BRAS."

In 1875 "Quatre Bras" was exhibited at the Royal Academy—a picture containing perhaps more of the artist's dramatic imagination in the realization of marvellous character than any of her works. This year it is shown at the Paris Exposition, which has been so important a feature of the artistic seasons of the past. Of "Quatre Bras" he wrote:—"I never approached a picture with more inquisitive curiosity than I did Miss Thompson's, partly because I have always said that no woman could paint, and secondly because I thought what the public made such a fuss about must be good for nothing. But it is Amazon's work this, no doubt of it, and the first fine prophetic picture of the battle we have had, profoundly interesting, and showing all manner of illustrative and realistic faculty. The sky is most tenderly painted, and with the most out of cloud of gallant wrath and ruin on the extreme left, where the cuirassier is catching round the neck of his horse as he falls, and the convulsed fallen horse, seen through the smoke below, is wrought through all the truth of its frantic passion with gradations of color and shade which I have not seen the like of since Turner's death."

A beautiful and successful representation of this picture, "Quatre Bras," the fight between the allied British and Hanoverian Troops against the French; on the "Roll call after a battle in the Crimea," may be chosen, will be sent to every subscriber of the MONTREAL WEEKLY WREATH—price \$1.10 a year. By paying 25 cents extra, the two Battle Pictures will be sent. JOHN DOUGALL & SON, Publishers, Montreal.

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(From our own correspondents.)

AMHERST ITEMS.

—McKim & Crowley have left the hotel business here and Mr. Buckley has resumed it in their place. Mr. McKim has leased the McDonald hotel at Salisbury.

—A New Brunswick man has been in jail here a year and a half for debt. His fierce shoutings through his window, occasionally indulged in, recall his existence to the frequenters at the Corner.

—The Shinnelike whale measures 47½ ft. in length, 10 ft. head, circumference 30 ft., estimated weight 15 tons. The owners, Messrs. Davis, Brownell and Webber, have engaged two men on I. C. R. to exhibit it along the Railway. It will be brought to Amherst for stalling, where a shed will be erected for its exhibit.

—Patience, or Benthorne's Bride, the Great Comic Ethereal Opera, and Gilbert and Sullivan's latest, is to be presented by a number of ladies and gentlemen of Amherst in Music Hall of that place, on the 3rd of Jan., with 100 and appropriate costumes. The libretto is exceedingly witty. It is a capital burlesque on the aesthetic craze of the day, and also satirizes, in a pleasant manner, the worship of the choral of dragons in full uniform forms one of the leading features.

The Opera opens with a lament by 20 young ladies, who are all in the pleasing predicament of being in love with the one man, Benthorne "a man with a mission," whose living prototype is Oscar Wilde, the English aesthete. He, however, loves Patience, the dairy maid, who to save him from the fate of being "afflicted," as the words of his soliloquy, consented to be his bride. Engaged to him she falls in love with Grosevanor, a rival aesthete, who has loved Patience with a "Florentine fourteenth century frenzy for full fifteen years." He eventually triumphs, and the 20 maidens by the aesthetic conversion of the 20 dragons it brings about the catastrophe of nobody being Benthorne's Bride.

ADVOCATE ITEMS.

—Diphtheria, that caused such a fright at East Advocate some time ago, and with good reason, as three families suffered from its fatal effects, has about died out. Several children were sick have got well and no new cases are known.

—Messrs. Sutherland's new brig, "Rise and Shine," was launched on the 21st, inst. This is one of the handsomest and most thorough built vessels ever built at the harbor. Length 70 feet, 88 feet, and registers 150 tons. She will be commanded by Captain Edward Blehokhor, and goes to Windsor to load with plaster for the States.

—Business is quite brisk here this season everything necessary for the outside or inside comfort of man can be purchased at the new stores lately started. Mr. Oliver Knowlton in the Dry Goods and Mr. Fred. Moore in Groceries, have caused quite a revolution in the prices of commodities, much to the benefit of the people.

—The closing of the school at West Advocate has caused great dissatisfaction amongst the people. This dissatisfaction may lead to the firing of the Trustees for non-performance of duty, as the people have been many instances where the people have refused to vote money for the support of a school, but happily none where the trustees, after having funds placed at their disposal, refused, in opposition to the people, to have a school.

SURREY, A. C. ITEMS.

—The weather is fine, and except in places the wheeling is very good.

—On Christmas Rev. Mr. Chipman, of Hopewell, filled the appointments of Rev. Mr. Higgins both at Demoiselle and Surrey.

—On Monday evening, the children of the Methodist Sunday School gave a free concert after which they were treated to a supper. On Thursday, Mrs. Brass, daughter of Mr. Eliza Davis, died very suddenly of inflammation. She had come to visit her friends, and spend her Christmas with her parents. Her husband came to the funeral, and the body was buried on Saturday morning.

—Two pupils from Surrey school, Harrison Gross and John Wallace have just returned from their first term at high school. The former from Sackville, where he won the highest average mark in the Academy. The latter from Wolfville, and he too has won very creditable marks.

—Capt. Shaw who has lately purchased the Bay View Hotel is reported to have made it public to the young men of Hillsboro' that he would furnish on Christmas free round to all. We think this rather a bold challenge to one of the strongest temperance communities in Albert County.

—On Saturday evening a concert was held in the first Baptist Church in order to raise funds for the purchase of a bell for the church. During the same evening, the children of the Surrey Sabbath School gave a free concert, and presented the young men of Hillsboro' with a very fine photograph album containing the names of all the pupils (169 in number). At the close of the concert old Santa Claus made his appearance with his treats for the children. A happy time was enjoyed.

SALISBURY MATTERS.—On Tuesday afternoon, in the Methodist Church, our enterprising

merchant, Mr. Albert Trives, was married to Miss Ellen Walton of this village. A large number of the friends and relations of the happy couple assembled to witness the imposing ceremony. The bride was met to the altar by her father. The wedding march was played by Mr. McMurray. As soon as the ceremony was ended Mr. and Mrs. Trives, accompanied by their friends, proceeded to the Station and left in the afternoon train for St. John. Many kind wishes follow them.

—On Thursday evening last a tea and donation was held at North River the proceeds of which went towards the payment of the salary of Rev. Mr. Barnes, F. C. Baptist Minister. In spite of the inclement weather a large number assembled and nearly \$80.00 was raised. On the following Friday (Friday) the Baptists of Salisbury village gathered in Examination Hall to partake of the good things which the ladies had provided and also to contribute, by way of donation, to the salary of their Minister, Rev. S. C. Moore. Over \$80.00 in cash was donated, and a number of useful articles of domestic service, including a very fine buffalo. The affair was brought to a close by speeches from Mr. Moore and others, which put a timely stop to amusements of the much less edifying character. The calm observer might correctly infer that the Scott Act has not yet done much for this village. The uproarious conduct of the rabble who formed quite a large part of the audience did not add to the purpose of the many useful articles. However, ardent spirits and rowdiness may stimulate the liberality of some, but generally considered conducive to the happiness of intelligent people especially at a time when the church is so needfully decorated for the occasion.

PARISHODO NEWS.—Lumbermen are making good progress yarding timber, but cannot haul it to the rivers for want of snow. —Interesting Christmas services were held in the Baptist, Methodist and St. George's churches. The latter church was especially beautifully decorated for the occasion. —Shipping is cheery as in summer. Two large barques and several small vessels are in port. The demand for coal exceeds the supply, as the train makes but one trip per diem. —A Christmas gift of snow was kindly sent, thankfully received, and joyfully improved. Sleights were so well packed with ladies and gentlemen on the festive day, they looked as if going on the compressed air principle, and driving a horse ahead.

—Tea Meetings and Festivals linger on the day of December. The Presbyterians had a Festival, recently, in aid of a church they are building in a central part of the town, at which \$52 were raised. The Episcopal held one on 22nd inst. Proceeds \$100, which go to liquidate debt on their church. The Baptists have a Tea Meeting announced for 29th inst. in aid of a new parsonage.

—A man belonging to Fox River, was lodged in the Amherst jail, last week, for assaulting with a bludgeon and injuring the Deputy Sheriff, while in the discharge of his duty. We presume the man will be kept at the public expense, awaiting his trial at the next session of the Supreme Court. The peaceable and law-abiding have to support themselves, while law-breakers and criminals are supported by the public—a premium on crime.

—Times, customs and institutions are changing—some for the better, some worse. The old-time Yule log, the white mouthed fire-place, and the branched tallow candle, as if made for the "candlestick" of the Apocalyptic Churches, have passed away—perhaps it is well. But our country has many instances where the people have refused to vote money for the support of a school, but happily none where the trustees, after having funds placed at their disposal, refused, in opposition to the people, to have a school.

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## SENSATIONS OF THE WEEK.

—Col. Ray, Ex-Mayor of St. John and Chairman of the Water Commissioners, "left" for Boston last week. After his departure the Mayor received a letter from him tendering his resignation. He stated liabilities (\$15,000) were such as to lead him into embarrassment, which his salary (\$2,000) could not relieve him. Before he left the city at all he had his arrangements all complete to enter the employ of one of the largest wholesale dry goods houses in Boston—that of Deering, Millican & Co. It is also known that he entered the service of that firm on Monday last at a salary more than twice that of Chairman of the Water Commissioners. Letter since received by parties from whom Mr. Ray had made recent private loans, in which they are informed that the money will be returned in a few weeks at the furthest.

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