

THE WEEK IN NEWCASTLE

Appointed a J. P.
Mr. R. A. Murdoch has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Northumberland.

The Kaiser's Lament
"The Kaiser's Lament," by Michael Whalen, will be found on page two. Several other of Mr. Whalen's poems will appear in later issues.

Christmas Gift
The old reliable Christmas gift to a friend or relative abroad—a subscription to The Advocate, \$1.00 in Canada; \$1.50 to the States.

Supper and Dance
A supper and dance, in aid of the Blackville Agricultural Society, will be held in the public hall there, on Monday evening, Dec. 27th. Admission to hall, \$1.00; supper, 25 cents. S-c posters.

Temporary Appointment
It is said that at the meeting of the Provincial government held in St. John last Thursday P. G. McFarlane was temporarily appointed school inspector for Northumberland to take Col. Mersereau's place.

Father Enlists Too
Geo. H. Oak, of Quarryville, whose two sons, one Geo. H., jr. with the 104th, and the other, Milledge C., already in France, had previously donned the khaki, has enlisted in the 132nd.

Grist Mill Opening
The work in installing the machinery at the new grist mill has been completed, and the work of connecting up is now going on, which will be finished by the end of the week. Next week Mr. Stothart will have the interior painted, and everything put in readiness for the opening which will take place on Tuesday, January 4th. Everybody is cordially invited to come to the mill on that day and inspect the premises. A general write-up will be given this new industry in next week's issue, showing a cut of the building.

Young-Adams Stock Co.
The Young-Adams Stock Company finished a three nights' stand at the Opera House here Saturday night. Thursday night's bill was "The Lion and the Mouse," "All of a Sudden Peggy" Friday night, and "The Red Cross Nurse" Saturday night. This popular company gave good performances, but were not greeted with their usual large attendance, owing to the season being so handy. Christmas. Good vaudeville was given between acts each night, and altogether their performances were pleasing. On each night coupons were given to each person as they came in, and a drawing was held on Saturday night when about one hundred useful presents were given away, one of which was a ham, drawn by Edward Hubbard. The company went from here to Chatham.

Case Postponed
The Harriman case has been postponed until Wednesday next at ten o'clock.

To Be Lieutenants
Ssts. Eric Bonn and Alfred Frenette of the Wireless, and Messrs. Frank J. Lawlor and Arthur Jardine will leave shortly for Halifax to train as Lieuts. for the 132nd.

Millerton Recruiting Meeting
A poorly attended recruiting rally was held at Millerton last night. No recruits offered. Music was furnished by Vanderbeck's orchestra. Derby parish, however, has supplied a large number of men.

Firewood For Sale
Firewood in short lengths either delivered in town or taken at Mr. D. Buckley's mill where the wood is put up in piles of one and two cords. For particulars apply to Canadian Gear Works, Ltd., telephone 139. 52-1

The Salvation Army Xmas Festivities
You are invited to come and see Santa Claus distribute presents, toys, etc., to the children from our Xmas tree on Christmas night (Saturday) at 8 p. m. in the S. A. Hall. All welcome.

Card of Thanks
Mrs. Frank Masson and family wish to thank the many kind friends also the soldiers of the Wireless and the members of the Town Fire Department for kindness shown in their recent sad bereavement and during Mrs. Masson's illness.

Xmas Day Matinee
The Happy Hour Xmas Day Matinee for the kiddies promises to be one of real enjoyment. Billy Ritchie, the world's greatest comedian, will come right out to the front in several of his latest hits, including Room and Board Dollar and a Half, and the 101 Bison Special. The Test of a Man. This is a special day for the children, so let them enjoy this treat in store for them.

Death at Hotel Dieu
The death of William O'Keefe of Bartibogue, occurred at the Hotel Dieu Monday afternoon, after a short illness. He was 57 years of age and is survived by his wife, two brothers, Rev. M. A. O'Keefe of Chatham, Patrick of Bartibogue, and two sisters, Sister Delaney and Sister O'Keefe of the Hotel Dieu, Chatham. The funeral took place this morning from the Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Wright of St. John, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Wright, returned to her home on Monday.
Mr. James Robinson of Chatham, spent Sunday with friends in town.
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Handley, of Nelson, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby boy, on the 16th.

CHRISTMAS ADVT. DIRECTORY

Following is the list of Xmas advertisers in to-day's Advocate. A careful study of these ads. will pay you:

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Recruiting Meeting Friday Evening

The West Northumberland Recruiting Committee held their weekly meeting in Police Court Room on Friday evening, 17th instant. W. A. Park in the chair. There were 17 gentlemen present.

Mr. Park reported that since the last meeting, a start had been made in getting ready the recruiting office. Mr. Willis had consented to allow the Committee to use both front rooms of the Commercial Hotel. Manager Lewis would install a telephone free of dues except for long distance calls. Recruiting room should be ready by Monday. J. W. Davidson had got 'is appointment as Recruiting Officer and a bundle of literature. Major Guthrie would be a valuable aid in recruiting.

Mr. E. A. McCurdy reported for the Finance Committee and committee to interview the Council. The committee had met with the town council and been unanimously granted \$100 for initial expenses. This sum was now available.

Hon. John Morrissey said that he was informed by Premier Clarke that the provincial grant of \$500 was to help pay expenses of recruiting officers. He, therefore, supposed that some of that \$500 would be available for this county's recruiting expenses. There had also been \$2000 provincial money granted to help locking after returned soldiers. Mr. Munro of Woodstock had been appointed Secretary of this matter with an office probably in St. John. The sooner they got to work here the better. Dates should be at once arranged for halls and speakers engaged. The latter must come largely from Newcastle, while local men would see that an audience was secured at each meeting and would also speak. The Acadians were going ahead

with their Battalion. Recruiters for both could work together. Col. Mersereau should be consulted about all plans and, if possible, should be present at all meetings. Major Guthrie, if secured, would have great influence in the Western end of the county. Let all get to work at once. Mr. J. D. Creaghan endorsed Hon. Mr. Morrissey's remarks. There was not a moment to be lost. The meetings must be arranged parish by parish. Col. Mersereau and Major Guthrie would have great influence. Newcastle and neighboring parishes had given a fine body of men for the war—all were proud of them. The upper parishes had not done so well as yet. But they would, no doubt.

Rev. Mr. S. Richardson said that the men should be approached between now and New Year's, when out of the woods. He was willing to go anywhere, but preferred Whitneyville and the Little South West country at first.

Many others offered themselves as speakers.

Mr. Park said that the proper course was to send some one out first with notices, to get halls, and arrange for meetings. Then send the speakers.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey said the chairman was right. Make out a list of speakers. He would go anywhere to speak. He had long been a spare man in politics, and was willing to be one now.

Mr. Creaghan said the telephone could be kept hot and halls arranged for thus.

Capt. Barry said the planning had to be done now here.

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- Fried Pork, Fresh Beef, Turkeys, Chickens, Geese, Kippers, Haddies, Bloaters, Sausages, Hams and Breakfast Bacon.
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