y with her sister, Miss Miller, of t Daniel (P. Q.), left last Friday after- for Sayebee (Que.), where she will t her sister, Mrs. Le Gallias.

Mr. Robert Dunbar and Mr. J. R. John- of Loggieville, were in town last Fri- attending the funeral of the late liam Russell.

Mrs. John Pallen, of North Sydney (C. who has been visiting friends in n, return to her home last week.

Fred Fozer, of Portland (Me.), is guest of his sister, Miss Jennie Fozer.

Master Vincent McEvoy, of St. Frances ier High School, Antigonish, arrived he last Saturday to spend the Christmas days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McEvoy.

Rev. William Aitken, Mrs. Aitken and ily left on Friday for Camden (S. C.), re they will spend the winter months.

Miss Bessie Crocker, who has been visit- friends in Upper Canada, returned he last Friday, accompanied by her sis- Mrs. Henry S. Ball, of Stanstead e.), who will spend a few weeks with parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Crocker.

Miss May Williston, who has been visit- friends and relatives in New York, called home last Friday, owing to the ous illness of her father, Mr. E. P. liston.

Mr. Harvey Ramsey, of the Valley Rail- y survey staff, Woodstock, is spending vacation with his mother, Mrs. W. F. pp.

A very pleasing event was solemnized Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock at home of Mrs. Robert McMurray, e her eldest daughter, Miss Eva J., united in marriage with Mr. Robert ld Galloway, formerly of Scotland. The emony which was performed by Rev. J. McArthur, of St. James' church, in e presence of about thirty friends and atives, took place in the parlor, be- th an arch trimmed with evergreen d flowers, and from which was suspend- a white bell. The bride wore a pretty ss of white marquisette over white silk, autifully embroidered by girl friends. r tulle veil was held in place by orange ssoms, and she carried a bouquet of nations and maiden hair fern. The esmaid, Miss Jennie B. Irving, was wned in white paillette silk, with white sh lace trimmings, and carried a bou- et of pink carnations. The groom was pported by his friend, Charles McBeath, Fictou (N. S.) Miss Maud Atkinson ayed the wedding march. The bride was ven in marriage by her brother, Mr. mes McMurray. Both the bride and oom enjoy the respect and esteem of any friends, and were the recipients of any rich and varied wedding gifts, con- sting of silver, cut glass and several ecks. The groom's gift to the bride was check; to the bridesmaid a pearl ring, d to the groomsman a pearl stick pin. he happy couple intend spending the liday season with the bride's mother, ter which they will take a trip through ova Scotia.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Galloway have the st wishes of a host of friends for their ture happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. D. King Hazen, of St. John, is the est of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. eaghan.

Misses Muriel and Marion Bate, students Edgehill School for Girls, Windsor (N.), are home to spend the Christmas va- tion with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Bate, the rectory.

Misses Ruth Fish and Dorothy Nichol- s have returned from U. N. B., Fred- icton, to spend the holidays with their rents.

Misses Kathleen McCabe and Marguerite wlor, of the Civil Service staff, Ottawa, e spending Christmas holidays at their me here.

Mr. Osborne N. Brown, of New Glas- w (N. S.), spent the holiday with his other, Mrs. George Brown, returning hursday to New Glasgow (N. S.)

Miss Flossie Ramsay, student nurse of lexandra Hospital, Montreal, is spending e holiday season with her mother, Mrs. F. Copp.

Mrs. Mary Orr, student of the Montreal eneral Hospital, is the guest of her par- ts, Col. R. L. and Mrs. Maltby.

Miss Noble, of Chicago, who has been e guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Aitken, r some time, returned home last week.

Mr. Chas. Elliott and Miss Hazel Crabbe Andover (N. B.), are spending the hristmas holidays with Mrs. R. Waldo rocker.

Mr. Harold Davidson, who is attending ormal School in Fredericton, is spending s holidays with his parents, Mr. and rs. Wm. Davidson.

Mr. Alvin Bate, of King's College, Wind- r (N. S.), is in town to spend his va- tion with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. ate.

Newcastle, Dec. 27—Several of the hotels ere raided this week by Scott Act In- pectors Dickison and Hill and some liquor ptured.

An interesting event of the Christmas oliday was the presentation of a hand- me chair to Mrs. R. MacMichael by her oarders.

Rev. C. A. Tjader is home from Meduc- ic for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tingley, of Moncton, spent hristmas with their daughter, Mrs. T. A. cribner.

F. S. Henderson spent Christmas in ruro (N. S.)

Newcastle Division, No. 45, S. of T., lected the following officers for the en- uing term: W. P., Miss Adelaide Brock- r; W. A., Fred. E. Locke; R. S., Miss Jennie McQuarrie; A. R. S., Miss Lyle McCormick; F. S., Blair W. Hutchinson; reasurer, Ald. Jas. Falconer; chaplain, Miss Ella O'Donnell; conductor, Harold Hicks; A. C., Walter C. Day; I. S., Arnold McLoggan; O. S., Lester Jeffrey; S. Y. P. W., Mrs. F. N. Atkinson; organist, Miss essie Lyon; P. W. P., Miss Helen M. McLeod; hall committee for coming year, Ald. Falconer, Ald. Stuart and W. C. Day.

WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, Dec. 26—Mr. and Mrs. Davis Phillips left last week to spend the win- er in Vancouver.

Miss Caroline Munro, a student at the Halifax Ladies' College, is spending the holidays with her parents, Donald Mun- o, M. P. P., and Mrs. Munro.

Mrs. Guy Fisher, of Kelowna (B. C.), is visiting her mother, Mrs. D. McLeod Vince.

Miss Aurilla Arnold left last week for Vancouver to visit relatives.

Mrs. Mann and Miss Dorothy Mann, of Houlton, were visitors in town last week.

Miss Cassie Hay is home from Halifax Ladies' College for vacation.

Mr. Charles Jones came down from Ot- awa to spend Christmas with his parents, on. Wendell P. Jones and Mrs. Jones.

Dr. Frederick Clarke, of Philadelphia, spending the holidays with his parents.

Miss Marion Lindsay, a student at Vic- oria College, Montreal, is home for vaca- ion.

Miss Jennie McAfee, of the Rutland, Vermont, Hospital, is spending Christmas with her sister.

Captain Mark Gillin, of his majesty's orce at Esquimault (B. C.), is spending he Christmas season with his mother, Mrs. P. Gillin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Comben and Mas- er Charles Comben are spending Christ- mas in St. Johns

Miss Marjorie Rankin is home from Netherwood school for vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ross came up from Bangor last week and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loggie Ross.

Mr. Thomas A. Goggin and Miss Ruby Goggin, of Elgin, Albert county, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stevens.

Master Ralph Cogger and Master Fred- erick Kelly, pupils of St. Francis Xavier College, Antigonish, are home for vaca- tion.

Mr. G. F. Tedley has taken charge of the Western Union telegraph office.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNaught, of Chatham, were visitors in town last week.

On Monday evening Miss Etta Lane, matron of the Fisher Memorial Hospital, was the recipient of a lovely diamond ring from about fifty gentlemen closely con- nected with the interests of the institu- tion.

Mr. Arthur Fisher is home from McGill College, Montreal, for the holidays.

Miss Mildred Carvell, who has been visiting Miss Jane Cotton, of Cowansville, Quebec, returned home on Wednesday evening.

Principal Floyd, of the Fisher Memorial school, left on Saturday for Sussex.

Chancellor Jones, of the U. N. B., Fred- ericton, was the guest of Rev. Frank Baird and Mrs. Baird, on Thursday.

Mr. F. B. Meagher, school inspector, left on Saturday to spend Christmas in Mill- town with his sister, Mrs. William Gra- ham.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Holyoke are spend- ing Christmas in Winthrop (Mass.)

Mr. Archibald Munro is visiting his parents, Donald Munro, M. P. P., and Mrs. Munro, after an absence of eight years in the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington B. Belyea are spending Christmas in St. Stephen.

Mrs. Baird, of Andover, was a visitor in town on Thursday.

Mrs. J. K. Flemming was a visitor in Hartland last week.

Miss Madeline Smith, of Grand Mere, Quebec, and Miss Gladys Smith, of Comp- ton, Quebec, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duppa Smith.

Mr. John Morrison, a student at Acadia College, is home for vacation.

On Thursday afternoon a conference be- tween representatives of the provincial government; the board of school trustees, and the Fisher estate was held regarding the proposed establishment of an agricul- tural college here. Those present were Chief Superintendent of Education Car- ter, Director of Manual Training Pea- cock, School Inspector Meagher, Chan- cellor Jones, of the U. N. B.; Messrs. W. B. Belyea, Col. F. H. J. Dibblee, A. B. Connell, G. E. Fairweather. Another meeting will be held here early in the new year, with officials of the federal govern- ment.

Miss Emma Henderson spent Christmas in Houlton with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Miller.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 27—Several wed- dings were included in the festivities of Christmas Day. Harry Wilfred Havens was united in marriage to Alice Belle Haining, both of Jacksonville.

The marriage of Murdock McLeod and Annie Ida Cloake was also solemnized. The groom belongs in Wapske (N. B.), while the bride is a native of Cape Breton.

Fred. Mallory, of Vancouver, and Georgia Burpee were married at the home of the bride's parents, Jacksontown. They left for Vancouver after the ceremony.

The business men generally report that trade has been remarkably good, and the last three days before Christmas were rec- ord breakers. The indications are for a good year coming, as some important build- ing operations will be commenced in the early spring.

The big masonic ball tonight will be the event of the season. Over four hundred invitations have been issued.

Lemuel McIntyre, a young colored man belonging in Fredericton, who started in to make things rather lively Tuesday night, and wound up by assaulting three citizens of the town, was today committed for trial at the next county court. His sprinting ability saved him from rough usage at the hands of an angry crowd which had gathered shortly after the as- saults occurred.

The tendency at present is for lower prices for potatoes, at least until after the new year.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 29—(Special)— Miss Matilda A. Beardsley died suddenly at 5 o'clock this afternoon aged 78. She had been ill for some time, but her death was unexpected and relatives were shocked when they found she had passed away in her sleep. She was highly respected in this community, where she had lived all her life.

The funeral will be held Tuesday at 2.30 p. m., Rev. A. S. Hazel, of St. Luke's church, will officiate.

Allie Riordan, who was recovering from a fractured leg, the result of an accident while driving the Fredericton ball team from the baseball grounds at the close of the season in September, slipped in Gallag- her Bros.' stable today and suffered a bad fracture of the same bone. He was taken to his home and Dr. Griffin summoned. The young man, who is very popular, has the sympathy of everybody in his misfor- tune.

WESTFIELD BEACH

Westfield Beach, N. B., Dec. 26—Christ- mas day was quietly observed here, the day itself was ideal, but not enough snow to make sleighing. A number of young folks enjoyed skating on the river during the afternoon and evening. About all the private residences are well decorated for the festive season, and present a pretty appearance. Many visitors and home-com- ers were here for the day. The Christmas spirit has been shown in a number of cases. The members of the adult Bible class (Methodist) presented on Christmas day to their teacher, Mr. E. R. Machum, a beau- tiful umbrella as a small token of the high esteem in which he is held by the class. To Mr. Gerald Porter, who has been in poor health for some time, they presented a neat purse and a sum of money. Mr. George Crawford presented each member of his Bible class with a book.

Mr. H. Harris Biggar, B. A., of Mont- real, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Lingley.

Mr. Harry Gale has been visiting at Hillsdale for a few days, a guest at the home of Mrs. Ballantyne.

Mr. James McBeath, who has been spend- ing the summer and autumn in St. John, has returned home for the winter.

Miss Pearl Prime and Master Clarence Prime, of St. John, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Seth Prime.

Miss Elva Machum, who has been study- ing languages in Quebec, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Machum.

Mrs. Wm. Roy MacKenzie and child spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. R. A. Finley, at Hillsdale.

Mrs. McGarrigle and the Misses McGar- rigle, of St. John, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McKenzie.

Miss Jessie Gilliland, of Brookville (N. B.), is spending the holidays with her par- ents at Ononette, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gil- liland.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sharp recently cele- brated their wedding anniversary at their home at Sagwa.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Prime and family spent Christmas day with relatives in the city.

Among those from here who went to Welsford on Saturday evening to attend the concert given by the Welsford Opera Club were Mrs. Richard Peer, Mrs. James Smith, Miss Jennie Smith, Miss Lois Ling- ley, Miss Edna Fulton, Mr. Frank Gil- land, Mr. James Smith, Mr. Egbert Prime, Mr. Albert Lucas and others. An enjoy- able evening was spent, and the return made on the Boston express.

Recent letters received from Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Murray tell of their safe ar- rival at their new charge near Albany (N. Y.) They were very hospitably en- tertained by members of the church until they were ready to enter the rectory. The rectory is situated near the church, and they are delighted in their new field.

Miss Jennie Smith is spending the holi- days with her parents at Jerusalem (N. B.) She is accompanied by her brother, Mr. Bennie Smith, of St. John, who spent Monday evening here.

Miss Lois Lingley, of Welsford (N. B.), spent a few days at the week-end with Mrs. R. A. Lingley at Hillsdale.

Mrs. Hayes Rathburn spent Christmas and a few days previous with friends here.

Miss Stephenson, of Boston, graduate nurse, is this week visiting her parents at Hillsdale, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stephen- son.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith spent Christ- mas day with friends in the city.

The closing exercises of the public school took place on Friday. A very interesting programme of readings and recitations, di- logues, etc., was carried out under the di- rection of the teacher, Miss Edna Fulton. The room was very artistically decorated with bunting and evergreen. During the afternoon Santa Claus appeared and strip- ped a large Christmas tree of its presents, each of the children receiving a bountiful supply of candy, nuts, etc. The scholars in turn presented the teacher with a num- ber of remembrances. Miss Fulton is spending her holidays at her home in St. John. At the beginning of next term the new school house will be ready for occu- pancy.

Mr. Fred McKenzie spent Christmas day and today at his home at Nerepis.

Miss Cornelia Lingley, of St. John, spent Christmas day at her home at Lingley.

The choir of the Methodist church ren- dered appropriate music on Sunday even- ing. It was assisted by Mr. Albert Lucas, cornet soloist, and Mr. Richard Peer, vio- linist. Rev. Mr. Gregg delivered an inter- esting address, appropriate to the season. During his remarks he expressed regret at the loss which the choir sustain caused by Mr. Albert Lucas leaving Westfield. Mr. Lucas has been in this community for several months, during which time he has become very popular, and his departure from here is much regretted. On Tuesday he left for Sackville (N. B.) to spend Christmas and a few days following, after which he will go to London (Ont.) Many friends here will wish him continued suc- cess in his labors.

Mr. and Mrs. Clive Dickason, of St. John, were Christmas day guests of Mrs. Nase at Woodman's Point.

Among others who spent Christmas day here were: Mr. Willie Parker, St. John; Mr. Jack Belyea and Miss Hilda Belyea, of St. John.

BATHURST

Bathurst, N. B., Dec. 26—Miss Jessie Fowlie, of Loggieville, is a guest of Mrs. Geo. Rogers this week.

Miss Mollie Harrington returned on Monday after an absence of several weeks in Chatham.

O. Turgeon, M. P., and Mrs. Turgeon arrived on Monday from Ottawa to spend the holiday season.

Miss Nelda Clifford, of Montreal, is spending a short vacation with her mother, Mrs. T. Clifford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. B. Storer and little son, of Dalhousie, spent Christmas with Mrs. Storer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bishop.

Misses Emma Power and Dodo Power are spending a few days in Chatham.

Miss Annie Harrington, of Chatham, is a guest of Mrs. J. J. Harrington.

Miss Mews, of St. John's (Nfld.), a student at Mt. Allison, is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Rice, at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Williams, of St. John, spent Christmas with Mrs. Wil- liams' mother, Mrs. W. F. Pepper.

Mrs. Nickerson, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. McCarthy, for a few months, went to Campbellton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McKendy spent Christmas in Douglastown.

Mr. Ernest Rogers, of Potsdam (N. Y.), is spending a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rogers.

Miss Wood spent the holiday at her home in Douglastown.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Radcliffe are in Montreal this week for a short holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Judah, of Frederic- ton, are guests this week of Mrs. Judah's mother, Mrs. Geo. Gilbert.

Mrs. O. J. McKenna is spending a week in Tracadie, with her little son, Master Eloi, who is at boarding school there.

Miss Inglis returned to her home in Annapolis (N. S.) this week.

Miss Mollie Sutton came from Camp- bellton where she is teaching, to spend the Christmas vacation at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Palmer went to Dorchester to spend Christmas at Mr. Palmer's home.

Mrs. McCarthy and her little daughter, Miss Carmelita, went to Moncton on Mon- day to spend the holiday season.

Mr. H. K. B. Marsland, of Chatham, was in town during the week.

Dr. O. B. Moore spent Christmas at his home in Shediac.

Mr. F. White, of the Royal Bank, St. Leonards, spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr. J. Kenny and his sister, Miss Annie Kenny, who have been for several years in Winnipeg, are here to spend a vacation with their mother, Mrs. J. Kenny.

Mr. F. Heckbert spent the holiday at his home in Chatham.

Mr. D. Wilkie, of the staff of the Royal Bank, has been transferred to Winnipeg.

Mr. Rudolph, of Halifax, spent Christ- mas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. DesBrisay.

Mr. T. Hebert, principal of the Gram- mar school, left last week to spend the vacation at his home in Dorchester.

Miss Annie Sewell spent the holiday at her home in Pokemouche.

Mr. Harold C. Crofoot visited with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Palmer at Mr. Palmer's home in Dorchester on Christmas day.

Miss Welsh, on the nursing staff of the Dunn hospital, spent Christmas at her home in Woodstock.

Miss Kathleen Suttom, who is teaching in Richibucto, is spending her holidays at her home here.

Mr. Aurele Landry, of Winnipeg, is here for a holiday.

Master Chas. Brown came from Halifax this week to spend his holidays with his aunt, Mrs. J. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Carter are here from Boston to visit Mr. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carter.

Mr. P. McNeil went to Jacquet River for the holiday.

Mr. A. McLean, general manager of the Bathurst Lumber Company, went to his home in Montreal to spend Christmas.

Misses Lena and Ethel Fitzpatrick, students at St. Michael's Academy, Chat- ham, were here this week, returning to their home in Chatham for vacation.

Miss Julia Hall, who is at Normal school, returned this week to spend her vacation at her home here.

Mr. George Schryer went to Ottawa to spend the holiday season.

Christmas services in the various churches were unusually well attended. At St. George's Episcopal church a very large congregation enjoyed a brilliant sermon from the Rev. J. A. Cooper, the rector, and the special Christmas music, prepared under the direction of Mrs. L. Turner, was very beautifully rendered. The church was very effectively decorated, with ever- green and flowers.

The S. H. church was thronged at every mass. Solemn high mass at 10 o'clock was celebrated by Rev. E. Delagarde, assisted by Rev. H. J. O'Leary and Rev. Thomas Roach as deacon and sub-deacon respect- ively. The sermon by Rev. Father Roach, principal of St. Thomas' College, Chat- ham, was most able and instructive. Special mention should be made of the music, which was of an exceptionally high order. Miss Emma Power, the organist, was assisted by Miss Josephine Power, violin, and Miss Lucy Doucet, cello, and a large choir of well trained voices. The beautiful decorations of the church were due to the efforts of the Children of Mary.

A very thoughtful presentation was made on Christmas eve to Rev. J. A. Cooper, at the rectory, when a number of his parishioners waited upon him and tangibly expressed their good wishes with a sub- stantial purse of gold.

PETITCODIAC

Petitcodiac, N. B., Dec. 26—Miss Mary Allan, of Sussex, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Annie Mitton spent Christmas Day at her home in Elgin.

Frank Lockhart is spending the holidays at his home here.

Miss Eva Stockton spent Tuesday with friends in Moncton.

Miss Allen, of St. John, is spending the holidays here, the guest of her parents, Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Allan.

Heber S. Keith, of St. John, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. M. B. Keith.

Miss Elizabeth Blakney, of Acadia Sem- inary, is spending the holidays at her home in Intervale.

Mrs. J. E. Humphry has returned from a pleasant visit in Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Blakney spent Christmas Day at Mrs. Blakney's home in Salisbury.

William Pollock is spending the holidays with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Keith spent Christ- mas Day in Sussex.

Miss Hazel Palmer spent Monday of last week in Moncton.

Miss Edith Parkins, of Boston, spent part of last week in town, the guest of her uncle, A. G. Parkins.

The Christmas entertainment and con- cert of the United Baptist Sunday school was held on Christmas night, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 26—Dr. and Mrs. King and young son, of Boston, are here spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. King's parents, Recorder and Mrs. Colter.

The marriage of Mr. Kenneth Chestnut to Miss Hazel Edgecombe, daughter of Mrs. A. W. Edgecombe, will be solem- nized at the residence of the bride's moth- er on Saturday afternoon nat 4 o'clock, the happy couple leaving in the evening train for Edmonton, their future home.

Miss Margaret Turnbull, of St. John, is visiting Mrs. Henry Chestnut.

Mrs. John Black has returned from Dawson City, having arrived on Tuesday, and is visiting her son, Mr. J. Douglas Black.

Christmas was very quietly celebrated here, home parties and quiet dinners tak- ing the place of more extensive entertain- ing. The music in the different churches was enjoyed by large congregations and was especially fine. After the service in the Methodist church Christmas morning an interesting feature was the presenta- tion to Miss Muriel Masters, of a beauti- ful sunburst of pearls. The presentation was made by Mr. Harrison, on behalf of the choir and Rev. Mr. McLauchlan. Miss Masters is leaving early in the new year for Woodstock, where she will enter the Fisher Memorial Hospital as a student nurse.

Prof. Geoghegan, formerly of the Uni- versity of New Brunswick factulty, is spending the holidays here and is being warmly welcomed by his numerous friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thomas are spend- ing the holiday season with St. John friends.

Mrs. H. C. Creed is spending a couple of weeks at Grape Cottage, the guest of the Misses Beverley.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McInnis, of Bos- ton, are visiting Mrs. McInnis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, University avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Allen are here from Winnipeg spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. T. Carleton Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Sweeney, of St. John, were here with friends for Christ- mas.

Mrs. Clarence Steeves, of St. John, is here visiting her mother and aunt.

Mrs. Dawes Gillmor is spending the holi- day season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edwards.

Miss Hilda Gregory and Miss Constance Fitz-Randolph are home from Toronto, where they attend school.

Mrs. Gilbert has returned from St. John where she had been called on account of the death of her brother, Dr. Currey.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 27—The biggest storm of the winter began here shortly after noon today. About six inches of snow had fallen up to 9 o'clock tonight. Train service on all lines is interfered with, and conditions are expected to be worse, as there are no signs that the storm will abate. The snow is drifting badly, but is welcomed, as traveling in the coun- try will be improved. So far in this sec- tion the absence of snow has been a seri- ous handicap.

The damage to the building and furni- ture caused by the recent fire at the dwelling of Mrs. James Bird, St. John street, has been appraised at $455.

The wedding of Kenneth R. Chestnut and Miss Hazel Edgecombe will take place tomorrow at 4 p.m. at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Albert W. Edge- combe. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Neil McLaughlin, pastor of the Methodist church. The bride and groom will leave by C. P. R. tomorrow evening en route to British Columbia, where they will make their home. Mr. Chestnut is a graduate of the U. N. B., and is inspecting engineer on the G. T. P. near Fort George (B. C.)

At Boiestown on Christmas Day Fred- erick A. Calhoun, of Gordonvale, and Miss Laura May Hunter, of Hayesville, were united in marriage by Rev. Wm. R. Pep- per.

Reports from the river parishes in the western part of York county are to the effect that a distinct earthquake shock was felt there between the hours of 3 and 4 on the morning of Monday, Dec. 23.

Recent letters from the provincial sec- retary and Mrs. McLeod, now in Bermuda, state that they are having a very enjoy- able time. The provincial secretary takes daily plunges in the surf and finds his health steadily improving.

James Tibbits who has been located in Edmundston for some time is here to visit his father Deputy Provincial Secretary Tibbits.

This city is suffering from a wood famine. So far there has been no snow for hauling and the supply located near the railways has become exhausted. A good fall of snow would relieve the situa- tion.

Fredericton, Dec. 27—Mrs. Frank Smith, of Lincoln, had a narrow escape from bei- ng burned to death a few days ago. She was at the home of her father, J. Peters, and was lighting the fire when some kero- sene oil which had been placed in the stove exploded. Her dress caught and it was only after a desperate struggle that the flames were extinguished and then not until she had been painfully burned about the face and neck. Mrs. Smith has suffer- ed a lot of pain from the burns, but for- tunately her condition is not serious and she will soon recover.

ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews, Dec. 25—Mr. Edward El- liot, of Boston, arrived in town on Mon- day to spend Christmas at Mr. Edwin E. Deels.

Mrs. Will. Nesbitt and daughters, Doro- thy and Ruth, of Montreal, are spending the Christmas season with Mrs. Geo. Gardiner.

Mr. Harrison Wade, of Boston Conserva- tory of Music, is spending Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wade.

Misses Freda Russell and Maud Green- law, of U. N. B., are spending Christmas with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Williams, of Moncton, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Williams' parents, Rev. R. S. and Mrs. Crisp, at the parsonage.

Miss Ida Graham returned from a lengthy visit in Boston and Newport on Saturday.

Miss Freda Wren, who has been teach- ing school in Quebec, is spending the holi- days with her parents. Mrs. Wren enter- tained in honor of her daughter on Satur- day evening at a birthday party.

Miss Alma Glew, of Canterbury, is at her home here.

Mrs. Smith, of New York, who is spend- ing the holiday season with her daughter, Mrs. Francis McColl, is being heartily welcomed by her many friends.

Mr. Frank Wentworth, of Deer Island, is spending a week in town.

Misses Kathleen O'Halloran and Hilda Hewitt, who have been teaching at the island, are spending their holidays with their parents.

Mr. Percy Hartt, of Baltimore Dental College, is spending a few days at his home.

CAMPBELLTON

Campbellton, N. B., Dec. 26—Mr. R. P. Bray, of Ottawa, is the guest of his par- ents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bray.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Elton Farrer, of Re- gina, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Alexander.

Mr. Austin Murray left last week for a trip to Boston and New York.

Miss Maud Appleton, of Halifax, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Appleton.

Miss Francis Bish, of the Grammar School staff is spending her vacation at her home in Newcastle.

Mr. Arnold Murray and Mr. Earl Asker, of U. N. B., are spending the holidays at their homes here.

Mrs. John Cameron left last week for Gagetown to visit her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan H. Troy asd son Jim, of Moncton, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson.

Mrs. Wilson has returned from a visit with friends in Harcourt and Moncton.

Miss Florine Nelson and Miss Hazel Mowat are home from Sackville for the holidays.

Mr. Todd, of the Bank of New Brans- wick, Fredericton, spent Christmas in town.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Dennison, of Monc- ton, are in town, guests of Mr. David Richards.

Mrs. Shaw and baby, of Montreal, are visiting Mrs. Shaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Appleton.

Miss Fydell and Miss Smith are visiting in Boston. Miss Fraser and Miss Thomas are in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Allison and Miss Allison spent Christmas with relatives in Moncton.

Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell and daugh- ter will be in Boston for the Yuletide, guests of Dr. Campbell's bother.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Lewis, of Amherst, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Faw- cett over Sunday.

Dr. Borden and Mrs. Borden were guests of R. A. Borden for Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. Snow spent the holiday with Mncton relatives.

Reynolds Weldon, who is taking a course at the Agricultural College in Truro is spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weldon, Upper Sackville.

Miss Norma Crane, who is a student at the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, is spending the holidays here with her uncle, Mr. J. M. Baird. Miss Crane was accom- panied by one of her college friends, who is spending the Christmas season with her.

Miss Winnifred Harper, who has been visiting in Chatham and Campbellton, ar- rived home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Trueman, of Stan- stead College, arrived in Sackville on Saturday to spend the vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fawcett. They were ac- companied by Margaret, Carman and Agnes Fawcett, children of Mr. Bliss M. Fawcett, who is slowly improving.

Miss Catherine Fawcett, teacher in the Fort Fairfield High School, Maine, arrived Saturday morning, and is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fawcett.

Miss Lou Carter and little brother, of River Philip, spent Sunday in town, guests of Mrs. Fred Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baharrell and fam- ily, of Lowell (Mass.), spent Christmas in town with Mrs. Mrs. Baharrell's mother, Mrs. J. E. Smith. They leave for home today.

Miss Kathleen Fawcett, who is attend- ing Havergal College, Toronto, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fawcett.

Miss Cladie Smith, teacher of volin at Stanstead, Wesleyan College, Stanstead (Que.) is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ernest Smith.

Messrs. Murray and Stuart Fawcett, who are attending school in Upper Canada, ar- rived home last week to spend the holi- days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fawcett.

Miss Florence Gillis, who has been visit- ing friends in Boston for the past three months, returned home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Moncton, spent Christmas in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott.

Mr. Heans left on Tuesday for St. John where he will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fawcett and family spent Christmas in Amherst, guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. McCully.

Dr. Archibald, of Brown University, spent a few days in town, the guest of Governor and Mrs. Wood.

Miss Jennie King, who has been teach- ing in Woodstock, returned home on Sat- urday.

Mr. Fred Ryan left on Monday for Bos- ton and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chapman and Miss Chapman spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fawcett.

Mr. Gordon Duncan, of the Royal Bank, Halifax, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan.

Mr. Roy Harper spent the holiday in Oxford.

Mrs. S. A. Treen is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Laura Fawcett. Mr. and Mrs. Treen are leaving Sydney and going to Hamilton (Ont.), where they will make their future home.

Mrs. A. B. Copp leaves this week for Newcastle where she will spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bell.

Mr. Graham, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, spent Christmas, in Camp- bellton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Charters, of Point du Chene, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. J. W. S. Black.

Mr. Dick Harper, of Winnipeg, formerly of Sackville, passed through town on Sat- urday on his way to Oxford, where he will participate in an interesting event.

The death of Charles Pickard occurred on Monday forenoon at his residence in York street. Mr. Pickard has been in fail- ing health for several months; in fact since early last summer, but his condition was known only to a few intimate friends, until this fall. The cause of his death was cancer of the liver. The late Mr. Pickard was a native of Sackville, a son of the late Dr. Pickard, who was closely associated with Mt. Allison for many years. For several years he carried on a large general busines in Music Hall Block. Some twelve or fifteen years ago he disposed of this and turned his attention to lumbering, operat- ing quite largely in the neighborhood of Brooklyn, along the Cape Road. Later he discovered a valuable freestone on land immediately in the rear of his residence. He at once opened a quarry here, the product of which met with so ready a sale that Mr. Pickard organized a stock company to carry on the work. Mr. Pickard also took a keen interest in town affairs. He served at the council board as alderman for several terms and was a member of the board at the time of his death. He was also mayor of Sackville for several years. He was progressive in his ideas and any expenditure that he was convinced was in the interest of the town, Mr. Pick- ard always favored most hearily. In re- ligion he was a Methodist, in politics a Conservative. He was a member of Le- banon, A. F. & A. M., also a member of Crystal Council. Royal Arcanum. He is survived by a widow, formerly Miss Maggie Stockton, sister of the late Dr. A. A. Stockton, M. P., of St. John; also four sons and two daughters. One brother, Humphrey, also resides in Sackville, and a younger brother, Dwight, who has been in the west for several years, but is now in town. Mr. Pickard was 52 years old.

PARRSBORO

Parrsboro, Dec. 26—Mrs. Daniel Gilles- pie and Miss Nellie Gillespie are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Geary in Moncton.

Mr. James Walsh, who is a student at McGill University, Montreal, arrived home on Saturday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Walsh.

Miss Florence Durant has returned from a visit to friends in Boston.

Mr. Charles Dyas, head master at Acacia Villa, Hortonville, and Miss Kathryn Dyas, who is teaching on Montreal, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dyas.

Dr. Stewart, of Halifax, was on a pro- fessional visit to town last week.

Miss Marie Fullerton, who has been in Moncton for the past few months, arrived home on Friday. She was accompanied by her aunt, Miss Alice Smith, of Amherst.

Miss Nellie McDougall, teacher of home- hold science in Sydney, and Miss Jessie McDougall, who is attending Dalhousie University, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. McDougall.

Captain and Mrs. George D. Spicer, of Spencer's Island, Mr. and Mrs. S. Baird, of Leicester; Mr. and Mrs. Saxby Blair and children, of Kentville; Miss McCon- nell, of Sydney; Mr. Hazen Baird, of Philadelphia; Mr. Harry Baird, of St. John, and Mr. Wylie Baird, of St. An- drews, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Spicer for the holiday season.

Miss Kathleen Elderkin came home from Sackville last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Elderkin.

Miss Anita Elderkin and Mr. Clayton Elderkin are also spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Elderkin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Moffatt and children, of North Sydney, are visiting Mrs. Mof- fatt's father, Mr. Stephen Fulton.

Miss Margaret Sullivan, of Halifax, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sullivan.

Messrs. E. H. Clay, Aubrey Pugsley, Morton Durant, Paul and Harold Kirkpat- rick are home from Mount Allison for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John McAloney, of Hali- fax, were in town last week to attend the funeral of Mr. McAloney's mother.

Miss Vera Gavin arrived from Halifax on Friday, where she is a student at Mt. St. Vincent Academy, to spend the holi- days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gavin.

Mr. Earl Kirkpatrick, of Vancouver, who is a student at McGill University, is spending the Christmas holidays in town with his uncle, Mr. James Kirkpatrick.

Miss Gertrude Maloney came home from Truro on Friday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. D. W. Mahoney.

Miss Lida Smith came home from Truro last week to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith.

Miss Elizabeth Hemeon, of the town teaching staff, and Miss Winnifred Lavers are spending the holidays at their respec- tive homes in Liverpool and South