

LOCAL MATTERS.

NEWCASTLE is to have a \$1,200 Skating Rink.

THE GUN.—Four wild geese were shot by Mr. Henry Polly at Port Elgin.

FOR MURDER.—Tertullus Theal is on trial at St. John for the murder of his wife.

QUARTER SALES.—The first of Mr. John Avard's proposed monthly sales, takes place on Saturday next.

CHRISTMAS VACATION at Mount Allison commences on Wednesday. The schools will resume on 4th of January.

SCOTT ACT.—Mr. C. N. Beal, barkeeper of the Brunswick House, was fined \$50 on Friday by Commissioner Cahill.

A fire on Monday morning, at North Sydney, O. B., destroyed eight buildings. The loss above insurance is \$60,000.

MALE ACADEMY.—Written examinations are now in progress. The oral examinations will take place on Monday and Tuesday.

FIRE.—A fire destroyed the machine shop and four locomotives of the N. B. & Canada Railway. Loss \$60,000. Insurance \$8,000.

Two interesting articles on first page: "The Day Breaks at Amherst," (by an old contributor); and "What Volcanoes tell of the Earth's History."

THE COLLEGE.—Oral examination to-morrow, Saturday and Monday morning. The college exhibition takes place on Tuesday night at Lingley Hall.

FIRE AT PETICODIC.—The foundation of the boiler in the Spool Factory at Peticodic, owned by Mr. Robertson, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night.

MILL BURNED AT BERRY'S MILLS.—Cushing & Wright's mill, about eight miles from Moncton, was burned to the ground Thursday night. A large quantity of lumber was also destroyed.

On our fourth page will be found the first part of an interesting Christmas story, which will be concluded in our next issue. Also extra Christmas advertisements of Messrs. Bower and Hickey.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.—Lewin and Furlong, of St. John, implicated in the stealing of a \$1,500 check from the Bank of B. N. A., have both been committed for trial. Lewin is now on his trial.

THE NEW METHODIST Church at Point de Bate is to be dedicated on Sabbath next, 18th inst. Rev. Dr. Stewart preaches in the morning; Rev. Mr. Dobson in the afternoon, and Rev. Mr. Duncan in the evening. Special collections at each service towards the building fund.

CATTLE FAIR.—Mr. John Avard proposes to hold a sale of cattle in Sackville each month hereafter, provided sufficient encouragement is offered. The idea is an admirable one, as it will enable those having cattle to sell, to dispose of them readily, and those requiring cattle can depend upon obtaining them at market rates.

THE LADIES ACADEMY.—The terminal examinations commence to-morrow morning. The public exhibition at Lingley Hall takes place on Monday evening. Those interested in educational matters are invited to attend them at the Academy on Friday, and also the musical examination on Tuesday morning. The Art Studio will open for inspection during the examinations.

We are authorized to say that the statement in the Post to the effect that steps were about being set aside the will of the late Mrs. Young is utterly without foundation. It is mere legend of an idle and malicious brain.—Transcript.

"These be bold words." The statement in question was sent us in writing by a relative of the deceased lady, who also gave information that counsel had been employed to press the case. He wishes the Post to say the Transcript's statement is entirely false.

PERSONALS.—Capt. Frith Atkinson has taken charge of the barque "Blomelon," loading at Parraboro for England.—H. G. C. Ketchum, Esq., C. E., has been the past week personally inspecting the grounds of the proposed Ship Railway between Amherst and Tidnish.—Hon. Senator Botsford and family left last week to spend the winter in Richmond, Va.—The evening Tribune, Evansville, Ind., of 5th inst., contains a verbatim report of an eloquent sermon preached there on 6th, by Rev. Alexander T. Bower, formerly of Sackville.—The many friends Rev. Elias Brettie made here during his ministry at this place will prefer to learn that at Newport, Hants Co., on Saturday, His wife died eight months ago.

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SHERIDAN ENTERPRISE.—On Monday a prominent young merchant of Shediac visited Sackville, and at once entered into a contract whereby he acquired a valuable possession, to wit, a daughter of the senior captain of the P. R. I. Steam Navigation Co. Our best wishes to this happy pair!

BURGLARY AT MEMRAMOOC.—Thursday night last burglars entered a liquor store at Memramooc, kept by a man named White, and stole everything that was movable. Three parties were arrested; and at their examination Tuesday one of them, Albert Sonier, was committed to stand his trial in the County Court.

DROWNING ACCIDENT AT MONCTON.—On Monday evening last two boys, sons of John Lockhart, left home intending to skate across Humphrey's Upper Pond, taking a sleigh with them. Not returning they were searched for and their bodies were found next morning in the pond. An inquest was held and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY COURT met on Tuesday. There were six remanets and seven on new docket. True bills were found against I. N. Wilbur for obstructing railway; Jeddace Boudreau for larceny; John McKenzie, larceny; John Ryan for larceny and Sonier for breaking into White's saloon at Memramooc. McKenzie's trial was commenced yesterday. He was defended by Richard and Beckwith.

(From our own correspondents.)

AMHERST ITEMS.—The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland delivered admirable sermons in "Christ Church" on Sunday last, morning and evening.

A little palace of art is seen in the fancy store of Mrs. C. H. Bent, German, French and American articles of taste and fancy,—the latest and made for the Christmas Holidays fill up her walls and counters in endless profusion. Gifts for the wife or the children or sweetheart are there just to suit.

Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, Presbyterian Missionary from the New Hebrides, gave an interesting address in the basement of "St. Stephen's Church" on Tuesday evening upon the manners, customs, etc., of the natives. He has been labouring on the Island of Tanna for the last ten years returning home to recruit his health, when he expects again to return to his work.

ALBERT ITEMS.—There was a light fall of snow last Monday. More is needed for good sleighing.

We had a genuine cold snap the latter part of last week. It might be unfair to blame poor old Vennor for it.

In your last issue you made me say Warren instead of Vernon Coppin, the "Ella" has not yet been heard from.

Agreeing Tingley had his foot badly jammed by a log falling on it, while working in his mill in Lunenburg, one day last week.

The new conductor on the A. R. R. is highly spoken of by the travelling public. The road is in much better condition than it used to be.

The people of the Corner are anxious to have the name of the place changed, and will meet in the Hall, Thursday night, to decide upon a new name.

Two schooners the "Pearl" and "Temple" have arrived from St. John with supplies of goods for the merchants to dispose of during the holidays.

Sombody intimates that Mrs. Robert Newcomb, Hill, lost some turkeys last week, and seems to think that the hands on board the schooner "John Taylor," had something to do with their disappearance.

The Baptist ladies of Goshen, Elgin, are preparing to have a Bazaar, Apron Fair, or something of the kind, in the Church Christmas Eve. They wish to dispose of the fancy goods manufactured at this sewing circle.

The sheriff sold a lot of things belonging to Capt. S. B. Oulton on Tuesday. Lawyer Treeman forbade the sale of any articles advertised in the Post.

Mr. J. L. Stewart, as stated, opened the course of lectures for this winter. His subject was well treated and was highly interesting.

Mr. R. P. Steeves, of Harvey, gives the second one in the Hall next Thursday night. The subject, I understand, is "Modern Activity."

ADVOCATE ITEMS.—Mr. Isaac Spicer has had a new boiler placed in his steam mill to replace the one that took such a sudden leave last September, and has now, again, his mill in good working order.

In east Advocate, diphtheria has caused quite a panic. A son of Connelton McLehlan's died of it on the 7th inst. This makes the third child that has died in the place within a fortnight of what is thought to be diphtheria.

Messrs. Eaton's Barque, "Ella Moore," is being loaded with deal at Apple River. It is hoped that the weather will prove milder as some of the deal have to be carted from Salsbury, and the rest have to be lightered a couple of miles on the

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DORCHESTER SHIPPING.

The Wharfbouts and Cargoes of the Ships of the Hibernian Fleet.

—Thomas Keilor (just sailed) from Trieste for New York, cargo of oil barrels and sundry goods.

—Sarah M. Smith—From Liverpool to New York—at Queenstown in distress, looking for news of general cargo.

—Bark John Rutherford at New York, loading refuse oil for Antwerp.

—Bark Sarah Chambers en route from New York to France with reduced oil.

—Ship J. I. Smith Loading at Liverpool, pool for New York, general cargo.

—Bark Zerkha Anderson en route from New York for Gibraltar, general cargo.

—Bark John Hickman en route from Philadelphia to Bremen with refined oil.

—Bark Harriet Hickman, Capt. Locke, en route from Hamburg to New York with general cargo.

—Bark William C. Chapman is at Liverpool with a cargo of refined oil from New York.

—Bark Charles Hickman thirty-four days out from Trieste for New York with prunes and empty barrels.

The Chapman Yard Fleet.

—Bark David Taylor, Capt. Wallace, out from Bordeaux for New York in Ballast.

—Brig G. P. Sherwood, Fleet, from Rio de Janeiro to New York, sugar for New York.

—Bark E. E. Chapman, Atkinson, from New York for Demerara with lumber at Antwerp.

—Bark Lizzy Wright, Wells, from New York, at Blaye, France discharging sugar.

—Bark Money E. Chapman, Waymon, at New Orleans for Rogen.

—Bark E. A. Chapman, Rutherford, at New York for grain.

—Bark Matilda Buck, Back, at New York for Dorchester about clearing for Trinidad with general cargo.

—Ship S. B. Weldon, Wright, from New York on 21st ult. with oil for Antwerp.

—Bark Lewis Smith, Wright, at New York from Blaye in distress, format gone.

—Bark John H. Robinson, at Gloucester, Eng. from New York with grain.

—Schr. C. U. Chandler, from Dorchester for Harwich with coal.

List of Vessels built in the Palmer Yard, Dorchester.

Brigantine "Blomelon," 150 tons, built in 1854; was sold.

Brigantine "Catharine," 800 tons, built 1856; was sold.

Brigantine "Prince of Wales," 250 tons, built 1860; was sold.

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