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Local Items.

BAND at the Rink to-night.

THE Coronation Singers are booked at the Academy of Music for the 26th.

THE county council meets in Annapolis on Tuesday next.

PICKELS & MILLS, during the past year, shipped over 11,000,000 feet of lumber to foreign ports.

THE D A R's midwinter cruise of the Prince Arthur to the West Indies has been postponed to Feb. 11th.

REV F P GRATOREX will conduct Divine service at St John's church, Graywood, on Sunday next, both morning and evening.

THE death sentence of George Cook of Halifax for the murder of his wife has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

REV FATHER HAYES received as a Christmas gift from the congregation of St Louis' R C church, a purse of $85.00.

THE railroad men in session in Chicago, are asking for 20 per cent. increase in wages. This increase will affect 150,000 conductors and brakemen.

THE special Newfoundland number of the Chronicle is a credit to that paper and should prove most valuable to the inhabitants of the "Ancient Colony."

THE open season for moose closed on New Year's day. The number of moose killed is said not to have been up to the average, the season being in some respects unfavorable.

WE are pleased to be able to thank quite a few of our subscribers for subscriptions paid in the past few days. A good example has been set, and we hope it will be generally followed.

THE Clements Laundry, so long and favorably known, and recently burned out here, will again open up for business on Monday, in the Cunningham block on St. James street

THE rink is being fairly well patronized this winter. The management intend having a carnival in the near future, when there is some talk of running an excursion from Digby.

MAYOR SHAFNER left last Friday on a trip to Mexico. The purpose of his visit is to study the requirements of vessels used in the Gulf trade, with the object of building some of this class in his ship-yard here.—Monitor.

THE Annapolis Royal Literary Society will resume its meetings on Monday evening next, 12 inst, at 8 o'clock. Quotations from Ruskins will be taken up. Members are requested to bring a copy of Ruskin's works with them.

MISS ARNAUD will open her dancing class at the Ferry on Monday, the 12th, at 8 o'clock, in the Engine Hall; and her class for the winter in Annapolis will commence on the 22nd. Those desirous of joining will please send in their names to her.

THE management of the rink start in this evening with their proposition to the public that they will furnish band every Friday evening, providing their patronage is given in any fair reason to the amount of expenditure. It's up to you, ladies and gentlemen, we'd could "pay the fiddler."

A HEAVY fall of snow on Tuesday succeeded the recent spring like weather of last week, and this was followed yesterday by another mantle of the "beautiful," making excellent sleighing. In the woods, however, the snow will be of little use in the lumbering, as the late mild spell left the marshes, etc, almost devoid of a hard surface.

THE investigation at Yarmouth into Gallagher vs. Hulbert, for an alleged attempt to poison, was concluded by Stipendiary Pelton Tuesday. Hulbert pleaded not guilty. He was sent up to the June session of the supreme court. Bail was fixed at $1,000, in himself and two securities of $800 each.

"DID you hear the latest about the dam?" was the greeting from our devil when we entered the office Wednesday morning We confessed our ignorance. "It hasn't leaked out yet," was the hurried answer, as he vanished through the doorway. We consoled ourselves with the thought that Councillor Ruggles had said there was no foundation to it.

It is rumored that Mr Hogg, the principal of the Academy, will tender his resignation before the present school year is ended. Mrs Hogg and family have already moved backed to Digby, and it certainly does look as though the Academy would lose its principal. We would like to have kept Mr Hogg and his family for a longer period, but fate decreed otherwise.—Kentville Chronicle

MR F W ASELSTINE, proprietor of the Korner Fruit Store, Kentville, who has been doing such a "flourishing" business, has folded up his tent like the Arabs and left town in the quiet hours of the morning of Saturday last. The stock in the store, etc. has been attached for debt, and now many are squaring up their last year's business by carrying certain accounts to the profit and loss column.

CAPT W H DELAP, of Lower Granville, who, for the past twelve years has commanded the sch V T H, owned by Mr Alpheus Marshall, has resigned that command and is, we understand, to assume another. His place in the V T H will be filled by Capt Musselle, of Clementsport. Capt Delap has many friends in this port who wish him every success in his new command.—Telephone.

THE directors of the Nova Scotia Carriage Company, Ltd, held a meeting at the office of the factory on Tuesday afternoon. At this meeting stock which has been subscribed was allotted, making the capital of the company 50,000, fully paid up. An application will be made at the next session of the legislature, to increase the capital from 50,000 dollars to 200,000, after which the stock will in all probability be put on the market.—Kentville Chronicle.

THERE appears to be a scarcity of calendars this year, so far as this office is concerned. We mention this for the benefit of those making application to us to "save me a nice calendar." Those received have been from A E Atlee, agent for the Confederation Life Association, McClelland Bros, J McG Rutherford, Halifax, inspector of the Federal Life, and Dr Young of Clementsport, to whom we extend thanks. Crowe Bros also have our thanks for one taken from their collection.

PERHAPS the most extraordinary record made by any moose hunter this season is held by the Bear River Telephone to have been made by Mr Wallace Berry, who lives about three and a half miles from that town on the Sissiboo Road. During the season he close hunted and killed two moose so near his home that he had them brought to his barn, where he dressed the meat. The last, which he secured only last week, made the sixth moose he has got in this fashion, and he says there are more in his pasture.

A SPECIAL session of the Supreme Court, for civil cause only, was opened at the Court House here on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge Graham presiding The only case was that of Spurr vs the Dominion Atlantic Railway, an action to recover $200.00 damages for the killing and injuring of plaintiff's cattle near the Pinkney crossing at Deep Brook in the fall of 1900. F B Wade, K C, and O T Daniels for plaintiff, and J J Ritchie, K C, for defence. Judgment reserved.

THE insurance underwriters of Halifax, intend holding an inquiry into the efficiency of the Halifax fire department. For some time there have been conflicting reports as to the efficiency of this department, and now the insurance agents are determined to know for a certainty. So says an exchange. These people are evidently waking up. While they are at it, they should investigate the efficiency of the Annapolis Royal fire department and water service, and find out for themselves that their rating on buildings in town is entirely too high.

LORNE RICE, son of Mr Botsford Rice, met with a painful accident last week. While placing a cartridge in a breechloading shot gun, the cartridge stuck fast and he attempted to force it into place by tapping it with his pocket knife. In doing so he exploded the cap and the cartridge was discharged, the shell and powder flying out of the open breech, cutting and burning the boy's face and hands. The gun was damaged and the knife blown to fragments. After lying unconscious for some time the boy regained consciousness and was able to walk to his home. His injuries consisted of burns from powder and cuts from the flying fragments. He was brought here and his wounds dressed by Dr Lovitt.—Telephone.

Local Items

STOVE FOR SALE—Franklyn stove, nearly new. Can be seen at this office

P E ISLAND oysters at the Lorne Restaurant. MRS J HAWKINS.

BEST ICE of the season at the Rink. Band to-night.

HORACE W COLE, well known as traveller for Messrs Bowman & Angevine, wholesale grocers, St. John, has now become one of the firm, which will be known as Bowman & Cole.

THE trial of Syam Azubally, the Assyrian, accused of the murder of Syam Lambore, at Tennyoape, October 22nd, was completed Wednesday in the Windsor court house before Mr Justice Townshend. Lawyers E B Morse and Sargent acted for the accused and W. M Christie for the crown. The verdict convicting Syam Azubally of murder was given, and he was condemned to be hanged on March 18th before 12 o'clock in the day.

ACCORDING to the London Daily Telegraph contracts have been completed to start a daily paper to be supplied with news by the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy on board a British liner running between New York. The first publication will occur the end of this month. This will merely be carrying out the idea of a serial writer in one of the December Magazines, which is to be found in a piece of fiction entitled "Mr Potter's Vacation."

CAPT ARTHUR N MCGRAY has sent the Yarmouth Herald advance sheets of the National Magazine for January, in which appears an article entitled "The way to the North Pole," written by Capt McGray, and which is replete with information and suggestions as to how the pole can be reached. Capt McGray proposes that ten ships line up 30 miles apart in the Arctic, being connected by wireless telegraph, and that the most northern one send out an exploring party and march over the ice to the pole. The article comprises 12 pages, and is profusely illustrated.

THE Misses Burnham closed their period of service in the Windsor Post Office Dec 31st. The late Mr P S Burnham was postmaster of the Windsor office for more than fifty years, but during the latter years of his life most of the responsibility devolved upon his daughter, Miss Ella. That the business has been managed to the general satisfaction of the public, and that promptness and courtesy have always prevailed, is given us much pleasure to make public mention. Miss Ella and Miss Georgie leave for Boston the latter part of this month, and their many friends here and elsewhere will wish them a very happy and prosperous future.—Windsor Tribune.

MR F STEADMAN has resigned his position as manager of the Sissiboo Pulp Mills, and waited his resignation to take effect Dec 31st, but was requested by the company to retain it until Jan 15th, when he will be succeeded by Mr Hughes, of New Germany, a brother of Mr Hughes, employed in the mill as machinist. Mr Steadman's retirement will be a great loss to the company, as his thorough knowledge and experience in mill and machinery and his diligence and interest in the business made his services valuable. His arduous duties for nine years, two of which he had served the company as manager, have entitled him to a well-earned rest, which we understand he purposes taking for the remainder of the winter.

THE special number of the Maritime Farmer, published at Sussex, N B, and issued Christmas week, is very creditable. Among the articles published is an exhaustive record of the pure-bred stock importations to New Brunswick. Similar data regarding the other provinces is promised for future issues. There are also excellent papers dealing with dairy work, fruit growing, live stock and farm home, all profusely illustrated. Ten pages are devoted to a report of the Maritime Winter Fair, recently held at Amherst, making the most complete account of the proceedings of that most interesting event that will be placed before the public. The paper, presswork, and illustrations are high class, and in keeping with the nature of the undertaking. A St C Moore, formerly of the SPECTATOR, is now employed in the office of the Farmer, and to his excellent taste is due in no small measure the typographical and mechanical success of the edition.

THE TOWN COUNCIL.

A Lively Meeting Over Discussion of Electric Light Matters.

There was a large attendance of ratepayers at the regular monthly meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday evening. We have seen finer nights when there was a slimmer attendance, but it was evident from the interest shown that it would have taken more than a Nova Scotian blizzard, such as was then raging, to keep at home those who were looking for information as to the charges preferred by Councillor H. D. Ruggles in regard to the construction of the new power plant for the electric light works at Lequille. Every councillor was also present, and at sharp eight the meeting was called to order by Mayor Robinson. From that time until adjournment, three hours later, there was nothing wanting in interest. The principal subject before the meeting was, of course, the matter of the charges, and while there are always two sides to every story, and backers who claim each side right, it needed nothing but a little bit of common sense to learn that there was certainly some laxity in the way in which the business pertaining to the work was done. The charges were many, but the point aimed at was that the work on the electric light extension was not according to plans and specifications, but that an inferior class of work had been passed by the inspector.

Mr. Siebert the engineer, was present, and denied most of the charges made.

Councillor Ruggles then proceeded to call experts to show that the dam was three feet lower than the plans called for and the other charges made by him were correct. The Mayor objected to admitting outside testimony at a regular meeting of the council, but would, if requested, call a public meeting when the full matter could be threshed out.

"Then, sir," said Coun. Ruggles, "by choking off this investigation you will put yourself in a very bad position with the ratepayers."

The mayor replied that he courted the fullest inquiry, and reiterated the statement that he would call a public meeting if requested, but he would not establish a precedent by allowing outside parties to give testimony either in support of or against the charges. Mr. Siebert, of course, as engineer hired by the town, had the privilege of being present, and was there at the invitation of the council.

Councillor Ruggles then proceeded to prove by his own testimony; the several charges made, many of which were not such as required expert testimony, and if one were to judge by the applause given him, established his case to the satisfaction of the majority of the ratepayers present. The result of the investigation, however, was not satisfactory. As it is, we have the statement of Mr Siebert against that of Councillor Ruggles. The latter is at a disadvantage inasmuch as he is not an expert in the sense of the word, and, even if all he claims can be proven by the testimony of experts and others, it is too late now to remedy the evil, if any does exist. A public meeting as suggested by the mayor would no doubt be well attended, and would settle in the minds of the ratepayers any qualm of conscience which they may now be disposed to feel one way or the other.

It was certainly disappointing to the meeting to learn that no bonds had been asked of the contractor; also that there was no inspector appointed for the work. Mr Siebert stated that he was to receive pay for the supervision of the work, but that he was not inspector. While there might be a distinction with a difference between the two duties, it seems to us immaterial. At any rate, none of the work was "passed" by Mr. Siebert.

In case there should be a suspicion that the council was lax in the appointment, we publish the following resolution, taken from the clerk's minutes of a special meeting of the Town Council held July 25th, 1902:

"Moved by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Edwards, that G E Siebert be employed to prepare plans and specifications for the hydraulic dam in connection with the light extension, for the sum of $50.00, and $5.00 per day and expenses for inspection, as the work goes forward. Passed."

We wish our patrons one and all a happy and prosperous New Year . . .

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Personal Motion.

F. M. Letteney of Digby, was in town Monday.

Miss Grace McKay, of Middleton, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs Jas McKay, returned home Monday.

A J Morrison, manager of the Valley Telephone Co, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs J B Mills left on Saturday on a visit to New York. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Rose.

R Manfred Mills, who has been spending his holidays at his home here, returned on Wednesday to his duties in the C P R shops at McAdam Junction, N B.

Angus McPhee, of Digby, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs How returned unexpectedly on New Year's eve, and went again to Windsor on Tuesday last.

Miss Frances Riordan returned from Boston Wednesday.

Miss May Clements, of Yarmouth, who was the guest of her friend Miss Blanche Salter last week, is now visiting in Belle Isle.

We have not advanced the price of our tobaccos Amber, smoking tobacco, Bobs, Currency and Fair Play chewing tobaccos are the same size and price to the consumer as formerly. We have also extended the time for the redemption of Snowshoe tags to January 1st, 1904

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ANDERSON—Bridgetown, January 2nd, to Dr and Mrs F S Anderson, a daughter.

Died.

UHLMAN—At Graywood, on Saturday, Jan 3rd, George Uhlman, aged 77.

SMITH—At Bayside, Annapolis county, Dec 11th, 1902, Garfield, beloved son of Ezra and Amelia Smith, aged twenty-two years.

CHARLTON—At South Williamston, Dec 24th, after a lingering illness, Mary Lavinia, wife of Phineas Charlton, Esq, aged 61 years. The funeral services were conducted on the 28th inst by Revs Archibald, Gates and Porter. A husband, five daughters and one son, a large circle of friends and relatives, are among the bereaved.

BALCOM—At Lawrencetown, on Dec 28th, Warren Dodd Balcom, aged 69 years.

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OUR BIG SLAUGHTER SALE

Will Commence January 8th

Owing to the mild weather and heavy stock we reduced our stock to prices that will remove them quick.

Men's Ulsters, regular price $7.50 slaughter price $5.00.

Men's Overcoats, regular price $8.00 slaughter price $4.75.

Men's Overcoats, regular price $7.50 slaughter price $4.50.

Men's Reefers, regular price $6.75 slaughter price $4.00.

Men's Suits, regular price $7.50 slaughter price $4.75.

Boy's Reefers, regular price $2.75 slaughter price $1.85.

Boy's Suits, regular price $2.75 slaughter price $1.75.

Blankets all wool, never sold less than $3.50 now selling $2.25.

Blankets never sold less than 85c now selling 65c.

Ladies' Shirts, sold $3.75 and $4.00 now selling 65c.

Ladies' Wrappers, sold $1.25 and $1.75 selling now selling 99c.

Underware, all wool and wool fleeced, must go at cost. Overshoes, 1 buckle, good quality only $1.35. Lumberman's Rubbers, never sold at less than $1.75, selling now at $1.25. Rubbers, Rubber Boots selling now at cost. Boots and Shoes selling at big reductions.

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During the month of Jan. 1903 my stock of above named goods will be sold at a discount of 25 to 50 per cent.

Will move to my old stand first of Feb. and I make this very liberal discount to clear out stock, make room and save packing up.

My $13.00 Dinner Sets will go for $9.75
do 10.70 do do 8.00
do 7.00 do do 5.25

Toilet Sets $1.50 to $4.00
Tea do $2.00 to $5.00

Lamps, Vases, Jardiners, Cups and Saucers, Berry Sets, Plates, Plain and Fancy Dishes and China Articles too numerous to mention

Some Silverware, also China and notions will be sold at less than quarter price 45c goods for 10c etc.

Terms will be cash, but good butter, eggs and potatoes will be taken as cash. No goods booked at the reduced rates. My Dinner, Tea, and Toilet Sets are all new, having been bought for this Christmas trade.

Call early and have first choice

W. W. CLARKE.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of John H. Runciman and James Herbert Runciman, insolvents.

NOTICE is hereby given that John H. Runciman and James Herbert Runciman, both of Annapolis Royal, in the county of Annapolis, carrying on the Dry Goods business under the firm name of "George Runciman & Son," and the said James Herbert Runciman, carrying on the Boot and Shoe business under the firm name of the "Victoria Shoe Store" at Annapolis Royal, and the said James Herbert Runciman also carrying on at Annapolis Royal aforesaid, the business of manufacturing Lumbermen's Clothing under the firm name of the "Annapolis Larrigan Company," have by deed of assignment dated this thirty first day of December, A. D., 1902, made in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1900, entitled "The Assignment Act," assigned to me all their property, real and personal, in trust, for the benefit of their creditors, as provided in said Act.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE, that a meeting of the creditors of said John H Runciman and James Herbert Runciman will be held at my office, St George street, Annapolis Royal, N. S., at two o'clock in the afternoon, on FRIDAY, the SIXTEENTH day of JANUARY, A. D. 1903, for the purpose of giving directions with reference to the disposal of said Estate, and such other matters in connection with the said Estate as may come before the meeting.

Creditors are requested to file their claims with the Assignee, with the proofs and particulars thereof required by the said Act, on or before the day of such meeting.

EDWIN L. FISHER,
Offic-l Assignee for Annapolis County.

Bridgetown, N. S., January 5th, 1903.

Office of Town Clerk and Treasurer

NOTICE is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Annapolis Royal upon which the rates will be levied in and for the said town for the year 1903, has been filed in the office of the undersigned, Town Clerk and that the said roll is open to the inspection of the ratepayers of the town.

And further take notice that any person, firm, company, association or corporation assessed in such roll, who claims that he or it should not be assessed or who claims that he or it is over assessed in such roll may on or before the 10th day of February next give notice in writing to the undersigned, the Town Clerk, that he or it appeals from such assessment in whole or in part, and shall in such notice state particularly the grounds of objection to such assessment.

And further take notice that if any person assessed in such roll claims that any person, firm, company, association or corporation has been assessed too low or has been omitted from or wrongfully inserted in such roll, he may on or before the 10th day of February, give notice in writing to the undersigned, the Town Clerk, that he appeals in respect to the assessment or non-assessment of the said person, firm, company, association or corporation, and shall in such notice state particularly the grounds of his objection.

Dated Annapolis Royal this second day of January, 1903.

FRED W HARRIS

For January

Big Bargains in all my stock for this month.

Hats very cheap from 15c to $1.00 were 75c to $2.00.

All the goods in my fancy store will be sold very cheap, as I am going to close up the store. You will find a good stock of Undervests, Wrappers, Black Sateen Shirt Waists, Ready Made Skirts, Petticoats and all kinds of Fancy Goods marked down very cheap to clear out.

R. W. HARDWICK,

MRS. W. W. CLARKE, Manager

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the parliament of Canada at its next session for an act to incorporate a company to be called the Digby and Sydney Railway Company, with power to construct a railway commencing at a point at or near the town of Digby, thence to a point at or near Windsor Junction, passing through the counties of Digby, Annapolis, Queens, Lunenburg and Halifax, thence in an easterly direct on to Musgrave through the counties of Guysboro and Antigonish, thence in an easterly direction to the town of Sydney, Cape Breton, with power to construct branch lines from any point on the proposed line. With further power to construct, own and operate wharves, docks; to equip, own and build boats and to operate the same; to equip, own and operate telegraph and telephone lines to generate power for heating, lighting and motive power, to levy and collect tolls and to make traffic arrangements incidental to the said line of railway.

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In the past we have done all we could to command success, and if the public will continue to give us their support we promise with every increase of patronage a corresponding lowering of prices. Our only wish is for our business to net us a comfortable living. Therefore the more we buy the cheaper we can buy—the more we sell the cheaper we can sell.

We firmly believe that the volume of our trade this season will reach that point in magnitude where we shall be justified in selling all goods at a lower average profit than ever before. It all depends on your patronage. Will you give it? We hope you will. Respectfully and thankfully your obedient servant,

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