

Local and General News

RUMORED TRAIN CHANGE
Information obtained from reliable sources denies the rumor that the Ocean Limited is to be taken off the Montreal-Halifax run during the winter months.

RINK SOON READY
It is expected that ice for skating in the rink will be in readiness for New Years. Lovers of this sport anxiously awaiting the opening.

THE MCLELLAN CUP
The Newcastle Curling Club will play either Bathurst or Campbellton next Wednesday for the McLellan Cup. The Newcastle Club has not had any practice this year as the ice is not yet made and they will enter the series under considerable advantages.

ROYAL BANK PAYS STAFF 5% BONUS
The Royal Bank of Canada has paid its staff a five per-cent. bonus on Salaries this Christmas. It is understood that the bonus, which was given during the war period, was discontinued two or three years ago.

When a housekeeper is having company, that is the time she is particular about the quality of tea she always buys. She likes to hear her guests say: "Oh, what delicious tea!" To be sure they will say this a housekeeper should take no chances about giving a tea that is not the best. She should always give MORSE'S SELECTED ORANGE PEKOE, the richest and finest flavored tea that comes to this country.

CHRISTMAS TREE
The annual Christmas Tree for the Sunday School scholars of St. James' Presbyterian Church was held in the Hall on Friday evening. The attendance of scholars, teachers, parents and friends was large and everyone present was made the recipient of a well filled bag from the Christmas Tree. The scholars of the Buie Sunday School and St. James' Sunday School gave a delightful entertainment, consisting of music; recitations etc. which delighted the gathering.

REGISTER THE BIRTHS
Few things are of more importance in the life of a child than the registration of its birth with the government authorities. The Department of Health has this work in charge and last year succeeded in registering the births of over 11,000 children born in New Brunswick. This was the largest number of births registered in one year per head of population in the registration area in Canada. The Department wishes to do as well this year and every year—that is, it is anxious that not a single birth occur without being duly registered.

There is an officer called the sub-deputy registrar of births in every parish, town and city in New Brunswick. He will supply anyone who makes application to him with a blank certificate of registration and this certificate when filled in can be returned to him free of postage if marked "Vital Statistics" with the name and address of the registrar. These certificates are most carefully filed with the Department, and certified copies of them can be obtained at any time they may be required.

Registration of birth often enables one in after life to inherit property to escape head tax when old, to prove identity and legitimacy and serves a dozen other most useful purposes.

To know the birth-rate, moreover of any parish, town or province is one of the most important advantages possible in reducing the death rate and in controlling preventable sickness.

ENJOYABLE DANCE
A large number enjoyed the weekly dance held in the Town Hall on Friday evening; given by the Rainbow Five Orchestra of Moncton.

Tuesday evening Mr. Frank Ewart, hydro expert of Ontario, addressed a meeting in the town hall. His remarks dealt with hydro conditions in Ontario towns and cities.

SNOWSTORM
The worst snowstorm of the season set in last Friday night about eight o'clock and continued throughout the night. It necessitated the use of the snow plough to clear the streets about 7 inches of snow having fallen.

C.N.R. PAY REDUCTION
It is announced that on Canadian National Railway lines in future day laborers will be paid \$2 per day, or 25 cents an hour. The new scale represents a reduction of 13 cents an hour, the former minimum wage being 38 cents.

BEAN SUPPER AND DANCE
The Ferry Road Miramichi Hospital Auxiliary will hold a Bean Supper in the Ferry Road School House, Thursday, January 3rd from 5 to 7 o'clock p.m. Price of admission—Adults 40 cents. Children 20 cents. Dancing will be held afterwards.

A NEW BUSINESS
Mr. Wm. Stymiest has opened up a Heavy Feed business, consisting of Hay, Oats; Fresh Beef, etc. on the Public Wharf next door to Mr. Charles Sargeant's Livery Stable. He will be pleased to have you call or send him your order and will guarantee quick service, right prices and satisfactory goods.

CARD OF THANKS
The concert and tea which was held in the Buie School on Friday evening was a decided success. The Tree donated by Mrs. E.H. Sinclair was prettily decorated and gifts were distributed to about 170 children. Each child also received a bag of candy from the Sunday School.

The Ladies of the W.M.S. wish to thank all those who so kindly helped especially Miss E. Gray and Mr. H. Morell.

OBITUARY

JAMES MACKENZIE
An aged and respected resident of Nelson died Thursday in the person of James MacKenzie, aged 82 years. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Robert McLaughlin and four sons William, Fred and Lester of Nelson and Lyman of Tide Head Restigouche county.

MRS. ANNIE HARE
The death took place here on Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Miller, of Mrs. Annie Hare, wife of Alex. Hare Strathadam, after an illness extending over several months. Several children survive.

MR. A. B. WALLACE
A telegram received Saturday, by Mr. R.H. Armstrong announced the death of Mr. A.B. Wallace at his winter home, Ormond, Fla. Mr. Wallace was well-known on the Miramichi being a yearly visitor for thirty years. He was one of the original members of the Miramichi Fish and Game Club. He was a keen fisherman and hunter and his many friends here will regret to hear of his sudden death.

Mr. Wallace was born March 27 1842 at Newburg-on-Tay, Scotland and thus would have been 82 years old this coming March. His home was in Springfield, Mass where he conducted one of the largest Dry Goods stores in Mass.

FATTENING SURPLUS COCKERELS

Considerable advice was given on how to fatten the surplus stock of the poultry plant, and by this time a good deal of the early cockerels have been marketed, but there are always a few of the later ones left and it is more or less of a problem to know just what to do with them.

As a rule these cockerels are not only later but they are neither as well developed nor as strong and vigorous as the early birds. Neither are they suitable for the Christmas trade, so the best thing to do with them now is to get them ready for January's market. It does not pay to carry even late hatched cockerels into the winter for it is better to get rid of them before they crowd the pullets in their winter quarters. Put these birds in a well ventilated pen by themselves and give them a mash feed three times a day. Any good mixture of home grown grains mixed with skim milk or butter milk will be satisfactory.

In crate feeding two mistakes are often made. Birds are often fed too heavily the first few days and losing their appetite, go down on their legs, die, or are killed by the other birds. In bringing the cockerels in off range where they have plenty of exercise and containing them in the small space of a feeding crate, care must be taken for the first few days not to give them nearly as much as they want. Keep them hungry; gradually increasing the feed until about the fourth day when they may get their full ration twice a day. Epsom salts in the first feed helps (one pound to 100 birds.) The second common fault is that the birds are put into the crates without being treated for lice, and as a consequence some birds will never put on flesh. Use a good louse powder as the birds are put into the crate, and again several days before they are killed and sprinkle well into the feathers. Dry sulphur also serves the purpose.

In feeding birds that are not really vigorous nor uniform in size and constitution, it is well to separate the sizes and match the individual birds carefully so that those carrying all the fattening they can stand may be taken out and killed. Some cannot go through more than a week or ten days of crate feeding while others make good gains for five or six weeks. With late birds especially, this difference is always more marked.

Some birds will not fatten and will never be fit for the market. Don't try to market them. It simply brings down the price of better fowl. It is more profitable to make soup of them. Higher prices and a greater return would be received if nothing but properly fitted birds were put on the market and if these were distributed through out as many months of the year, as possible. It is the finishing touch that pays.

THE TRUE SPIRIT
An occasional visitor to the Advocate office presented the writing staff on Saturday with a box of cigars of fine flavor. Accompanying the gift was the following inscription: "For what you have said of us, we thank you. For what you may say of us, we thank you again. But, for what you have not said of us and might have said of us, our whole heart goes out to you and, as 'Tony Tim' said—God bless us each and every one. A Happy New Year."

CHATHAM WOMAN SHOOT HERSELF

Chatham, Dec. 28—Mrs. William Merritt of Greenville was found dead in her woodshed this afternoon with a bullet wound believed to be of her own inflicting and in view of an announcement by Coroner A.A. Marven and Chief of Police P. Coughlan that death was caused by self-destruction during a period of melancholia no inquest is to be held. The word of her death has greatly shocked the community. She had been complaining of a headache during the last week but had not been under the doctor's care and had not had any domestic trouble or disagreement. When her husband left her at noon time to return to his work she was apparently in good health and when he returned at supper time he found her lifeless body in the woodshed with a bullet hole in her forehead.

Just beside her hand was the 38-calibre revolver from which the bullet had been discharged. The coroner and Chief of Police were notified at once and called to view the body. Mr. Merritt is a contractor engaged in wood cutting and one son of 25 years who lives at home assists his father. Another older son is at work away from home. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt came from England and have been in Canada for twelve years. Death occurred about two hours before the body was discovered, according to the coroner's diagnosis.

CONTRACT FOR LOOKOUT TOWER

The contract for the construction of a steel lookout tower in connection with forest fire protection services to be erected on Martin's Bluff; Northumberland and about 30 miles north of Diepstone has been awarded to J.A. Stewart; Whiteville.

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