

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

M. McFarlane was in town on Friday.

F. McRae, B. Bridge, was in town Monday.

Thos. Morrison, Englishtown, was in town Monday.

Mr. John McNeil, of Grand Narrows, was in town Monday.

George McKenzie, Whycomagh, was in town on Sunday.

Miss Florence C. Elmsly has our thanks for late Boston papers.

Mr. Charles McAskill, of Baddeck River, was in town yesterday.

Capt. John D. McRae, of Middle River, was in town on Monday.

Stanley D. Sugatt, commercial traveller, Halifax, was in town yesterday.

D. J. McDonald, travelling for a Halifax firm, was in town last week.

J. E. Lawlor, travelling for Seaton & Mitchell, Halifax, was in town last week.

Daniel H. Morrison, of Lower Settlement, Middle River, was in town yesterday.

We are indebted to John Morrison, Esq., St. Ann's, for late New Zealand papers.

Messrs. John Buchanan and D. McLeod, mason, of S. Gut, were in town Monday.

Mr. D. J. MacRae returned from Sydney last week, where he had spent a few days.

Angus McLeod and James J. McKenzie, of North River Centre, were in town on Saturday.

Rev. S. F. Andrews has received the appointment of rector of St. Peter's Church, Baddeck.

John Campbell travelling for the Imperial Silverware Co., Windsor, Ont., was in town last week.

Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, celebrated his seventy second birthday last Thursday week.

J. B. Wier, travelling for W. H. Robertson & Co., hardware merchants, Halifax, was in town on Monday.

Mr. Alex. McRae, of North River, were informed, is still getting letters from fur dealers about the big otter.

A. G. McLeod, of Munro's Point, and R. H. McLeod of N. R. Bridge, were in town on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Neil Carmichael, of Whycomagh, daughter of the late Archie McDermaid, elder, Baddeck Bay, was in town on Monday.

Murdoch Ferguson, of Spring Hill, N. S., formerly of Crowdis Mountain, was in town this week, accompanied by his cousin, Miss Bella McDermaid.

Miss Blanch Ross, of Margaree, who has been teaching at New Campbellton, resigned her position there and obtained a situation out West. She will leave home this week.

Mr. Michael McLean, proprietor of the McLean House, Baddeck, who has been visiting friends in Boston for some weeks, returned to Grand Narrows on Saturday last, and reached home on Sunday.

Saturday's mail for Middle River did not reach its destination in consequence of the state of the roads. Returning it started again early on Monday and got there, but failed to connect with the Margaree mail which had not got through.

Mr. R. C. McGregor, now of South Carolina, who spent some weeks in town visiting friends, recently had a trip to Halifax and returned last Thursday. His horse, "Membrino Hardware," was taken care of during his absence by his brother, M. K. McGregor.

Preparations are being made and indications are good for cod-fishing at Iona and Grand Narrows. The only difficulty now is the want of bait. Good catches of herring have been taken in the Bras d'Or. But the herring season is later up the lakes. Piper's Cove is a great resort for herring in March and April.

OF INTEREST TO THE ANTIQUARY.—An old axe was unearthed by Mr. D. K. McKenzie while excavating near the point some months ago. A mound that may possibly have been the site of a building of some kind, was in part removed when the axe was found buried in the hard earth. The appearance of the handle could be distinctly traced, but on examination it was found reduced to dust. The axe is of peculiar design, somewhat triangular in shape, unlike anything known to the British settler. Its condition marks it as belonging to an earlier period. It has possibly lain where it was found since the early times of French occupation. Anyone interested in such matters may see the axe at the office of this paper.

Middle River.

Mr. Sutherland, of singing school fame, has appeared among us, and his appearance is the signal for everyone to clear out their throats and "take the sound." Mr. Sutherland has a class at the Church Section, and another at the West Side. The slight misunderstanding that existed between the above-mentioned sections has been happily terminated without any blood-shed.

It is pleasing to note the arrival of D. J. Morrison from Nelson, B. C. Mr. Morrison has been engaged in the mining business, and his unexpected arrival among us was an agreeable surprise.

J. W. Campbell, Esq., of the West Side, met with a painful, though not dangerous, accident recently. He had been chopping some wood, when a chip flew from the axe and struck him on the mouth, making an ugly gash and breaking one of the front teeth.

The weather keeps unusually cold and stormy. Good roads are a thing of the past, while the falling snow and mercury make outside pleasures practically an impossibility.

Quite a lot of duck shooting goes on around here just now. The abundance and variety of ducks attract "Nimrods," both amateur and otherwise, from the metropolis of Victoria County as well as from other districts. Doubtless, they occasionally are ducked.

D. S. Morrison, of the West Side is visiting relatives and friends at Bouladerie.

Rod'k McKenzie, of the Church Section, has been somewhat ill for the past few weeks, but is now completely recovered.

The sound of the woodman's axe is now continually heard; but sometimes we hear sounds of an entirely different nature issuing from the depths of the forest—the sound of explosives used to rend the mighty monarchs of the ante-diluvian age in twain. ADONIS.

St. Ann's.

Despite the heavy fall of snow accompanied by high wind the past week which put an end to the fine travelling on roads and ice, the matrimonial epidemic continues with unabated intensity. The last couples to fall under its alluring sway would apparently be more justified in appearing before Hebe's than Cupid's shrine.

The proposed and well-advertised horse race which was to be held last week on our harbor ice did not materialize, owing ostensibly to three causes—lack of funds, lack of speed and excessive cold. It is evident to all that the speed which characterized St. Ann's horses in the past is declining, which must be attributed to the deterioration of stock as well as the purchasing by foreigners of the most promising and valuable animals. But what has aroused the ire of our young bloods is the current report that the efficient dominie of South Gut school claims the skating championship of St. Ann's. The first favorable ice will determine this interesting point.

The recent basket social so creditably gotten up by the ladies of North Gut, though not very well patronized by the neighboring sections, was, through the benevolence of gentlemen present, a grand success. We need only mention such names as H. M. Woolf, of Tripoli fame, who has evoked universal gratitude by his proverbial liberality; Collector Fraser, of Baddeck, who has always an eye to the educational advancement of the rising youth, and Jno. Morrison, ex-M. P. P., who gave a highly-appreciated address on education from a scientific standpoint.

The success of the new Tripoli works under the skilful guidance of Mr. Woolf and the executive ability of Mr. Marshall who have instituted a new system of arefaction, is now assured beyond a doubt.

The Victoria Gypsum Co., who have driven a tunnel to ascertain the quantity as well as quality of the gypsum on their newly-acquired areas at Goose Cove are, according to report, well satisfied with the result, and work on an extensive scale will be started in the spring which will necessitate the removal of the manager's residence from Crow's Nest to a location in closer proximity to the works.

We are sorry to learn that it has been found necessary to remove to the Halifax hospital the young man belonging to this place who had his jaw fractured by a kick from a horse, and was under Dr. McRae's treatment at Baddeck for nearly two months. ARGUS.

The oldest paper in the world is the Kin Pan of Peking. For nearly a thousand years it has been published regularly a as monthly, up to the year 1861, when it became a weekly, and for the last 30 years a daily.

Senator-Elect Chauncy M. Depew is confined to bed with the grip, at his residence in New York. He is also troubled with inflammation of the eyes. The doctors assured him that he would be out in a few days.

The town council of Annapolis is now considering the question of building a new academy, one that will be adequate to the educational requirements of that town.

North River.

The people of this place are busily engaged in "lumber contracts."

A. W. McLeod has returned after a short visit to Baddeck.

Samuel McLeod, who has been under the skilful treatment of Dr. McRae, of Baddeck for the past few weeks, has returned home and is now quite well.

It is expected that Sanford Morrison will shortly take home his bride.

D. J. McLeod has bought a fine yoke of oxen for the purpose of hauling lumber for the wharf that is to be constructed at St. Ann's. We understand Mr. McLeod has struck a good bargain.

J. E. McLeod, who, we understand, purposes to leave for Klondike, has hauled 5 years' supply of fuel for his aged parents.

The death of John McKenzie occurred at his residence on the 19th inst., after a few months illness. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives.

Travelling on the ice is bad now. This is much regretted by the young people.

The captain of the M. H. C. thinks but does not dream. He is aware of everything that goes on. The whisking of a squirrel, the rustle of a partridge, the cracking march of a far-off bear, the snort of a startled caribou, the fresh track of a moose, every sign and signal he takes note of. He has few dangers from wild beasts, his company being so well trained. He knows exactly where the moose would likely make his home, and decides at once upon the best and shortest way to get there. He has also some veterinary skill, and can keep the dogs in good condition and treat them properly in case of accident. In making quick time he rises at dawn, gives orders to the cook to make breakfast—not a desirable task in a rain-soaked spruce camp. It is not pleasant to roll out in the cold misty dawn, with clothing damp, moccasins sloppy, joints stiff, and feet blistered from travelling long journeys on snow shoes—the dogs somewhere in the drenching bush—but when the first moose is shot the captain is happy.

Tarbotvale.

Misses Jessie Carmichael and Maggie Morrison, of New Harris, are visiting at Tarbot.

Mr. D. W. MacLeod is busily engaged in erecting a handsome residence on the old homestead. We hope he will deem it necessary to get a partner in his new home.

Philip Morrison, president of the Tarbotvale Debating Society, has returned from organizing a similar institution down north.

We are informed that a gentleman of Eel Cove, has been appointed assistant school inspector. We do not say that this is true, but we know he pays frequent visits to our school house.

What might have been a fatal accident occurred at a wedding in the neighborhood not long ago. A young lad who is of the heavyweight type was rattling his heels on the floor to the amusement of the spectators, when suddenly a plank gave away, and down he went to the ears, and only that they were a size larger than the ordinary kind he would have slipped down among the "Jenny Linds."

Mabou.

Great interest is felt in this section in connection with the telephone line which is being established between Margaree, Baddeck and Orangedale station. It is hoped that the system may be extended to Mabou next spring, thereby connecting Mabou, Glendyer, Brook Village and Skye Glen with the rest of the world. As all goods brought into this section during the winter season come by rail, the advantage of having telephone connection with Orangedale station is manifest to all.

The gripe is very prevalent here at present. Amongst those who are laid up with it are Walter McDonald, Glendyer, and Dr. Cameron, ex-M. P.

There seems to be quite a passenger traffic between Orangedale station and Broad Cove Coal Mines. Jim Smith's teams pass through here quite frequently with mechanics and others on their way thither. Evidently the management is preparing to hustle the coal business next summer.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. PETER'S—CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
Rev. S. G. Andrews, missionary-in-charge.

1st and 3rd Sundays in each month 11 a.m. H.C.
2nd and 4th " " " 3 p.m.
Festivals..... 11 a.m.
Fridays..... 7.30 p.m.

BADDECK RIVER.
1st and 3rd Sundays in each month..... 3 p.m.
2nd and 4th " " " 11 a.m. H. C.

Wednesday evenings during Lent services at Baddeck at 7.30; Thursday evenings at Baddeck River at 7.30.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. A. Kinney, pastor.
1st Sunday in March, (supply) at Baddeck, 7 p.m.
2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays in month at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Margaree—1st Sunday in March.
Sabbath School at 3 p.m.
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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Sunday, March 26th, at Morning Service.

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