

## Local News and Personal Items

### Happy New Year.

J. N. Bolyea of Coldstream was a caller at this office on Monday.

Miss Kate Cook has returned from Fredericton where she has been for some time.

Pulp wood wanted in any quantity and highest prices paid by S. W. Smith, East Florenceville.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Trafford of Centreville, a daughter, Gwendolyn Gray, on Dec. 14.

R. L. Simms of Woodstock was here on Monday in company with the Minister of Public Works, Hon. P. J. Veniot.

The Observer acknowledges a useful calendar from R. L. Phillips, Fredericton, the well known dealer in Ford cars.

S. W. Smith, East Florenceville is buying poultry and paying higher prices than other buyers. Call him up if you have any to sell.

The men who are running one of Russell R. Ross' hay-presses pressed 76 tons of hay last week and moved six times. Some hustling to that.

H. N. Boyer now has a supply of National Light Oil. It burns with a clear bright light no bad odor or smoke. Try it and you'll use no other.

Miss Lillian Phillips of Chipman Hospital, St. Stephen, has been called home on account of the illness of Mrs. J. Sterling King, with whom she formerly lived.

The New Year came in with mild weather, accompanied by a pleasant sort of a snow storm. So far the winter has been remarkably mild, in marked contrast to the last two.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCrea of Peel were on Monday called to Newport, R. I., by the illness of their daughter, Lucia, a nurse-in-training, who was first attacked with influenza and later by typhoid-pneumonia.

A very unique calendar for 1919 has come to hand from Chester G. Richardson of Patten, Me. Mr. Richardson is a former Hartland boy who is making good. He is engaged in selling farm machinery and automobiles.

Says the Sussex Record: Influenza is on the increase in Sussex. Many families are down and out with the disease, which is much more prevalent than in the early stages of its spread. No steps have apparently been taken by the health authorities to compel the exercise of precautionary measures.

Nursing sister Agnes A. Shaw who has been in a military hospital in Esquemalt, B. C., for some time, arrived home on Wednesday for a few hours stay with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Shaw, before she sailed for overseas. She left the next day for St. John where she had to report for duty. On Saturday she sailed. A cable has been received telling of her safe arrival in England. Her sister Miss Etta Shaw accompanied her to St. John.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McAfee of Wakefield Centre, was the scene of a quiet wedding on Christmas Day, when their daughter Edna Pearl, was united in marriage with Harley Smith Simms. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. A. Fenwick in the presence of the near relatives. After the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining room where all partook of the wedding repast.

On Christmas Eve friends of Mrs. Jennie Belyea to the number of about 50 surprised her by gathering at her home at Lower Windsor and wishing her an especially Merry Christmas and every happiness in her future life, which is to be spent in another community. They also presented her with a handsome set of dishes, while the evening was past most pleasantly and closed with singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

One of the cheeriest callers at the Observer office on New Year's day was George G. Gray, now one of the two oldest residents of the town. He is devoutly thankful to the God he serves for the blessing of good health and a remarkable maintenance of manhood's strength, passing through an attack of influenza in better condition than many younger people. Although bereft of his wife some years ago, he recalled the fact that the day was the 57th anniversary of his marriage.

### The January thaw.

Premier Gasoline for sale at Carr's.

Miss Marion McLean of Florenceville was in Hartland on Monday.

Mayor and Mrs. Keith have both been confined to the house by influenza.

Weldon Ward has been spending a few days at Bath, the guest of Wiley Day.

A party of young people drove over to Lakeville to a social last evening.

You can still get furniture at discounted prices at Carr's. Get his prices before buying.

R. B. Owens of Edmundston spent Christmas with his mother and sisters in town.—Press.

Feed Corn Meal, Granulated Corn Meal, Oat Meal, Whole Cracked Corn, Vim, Shorts, Middlings and Tilson's Feed, at Carr's.

Lost—on the road between Hartland and Bristol a quarter of beef. Finder will please leave at a Windsor hotel, Hartland, or notify David Feldman, Bristol.

C. O. Howlett, B. A., B. D., pastor of Bath United Baptist church will hold services on next Lord's Day as follows: Wicklow at 11, Beechwood at 3, and Bath at 7.

Wanted—a second class male or female teacher for School District No 4, Parish of Peel County of Carleton. Apply stating salary to James Stephenson, R.F.D. 1, Gordonsville N. B.

Pte. George A. Stevens, U.S.A. arrived home yesterday from Camp Devens, Mass. His stay was brief, he returning this evening to McAdam, where he will take a Masonic degree, thence back to camp.

Today D. A. Campbell, bridge superintendent, received definite instructions from the Minister of Public Works to proceed with the necessary repairs and renewals to make the river bridge safe until a new one can be built.

Influenza still has the town and county in its grasp. Many whole families are down with it. The disease itself does not seem dangerous except in the great danger of pneumonia following. When such occurs the percentage of deaths is alarmingly high.

At the home of the bride on December 26, Charles Ebbett of Simonds and Mrs. Jennie Belyea of Lower Windsor were united in holy wedlock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Mallory of Simonds in the presence of a few of the immediate relatives. The happy couple will reside in Simonds in the near future.

At three o'clock Christmas day, at the residence of the bride's father, Frank Sparks, Wicklow, Margaret E. Sparks and Ernest Elmer Estey of Houlton were solemnly united in the bonds of matrimony. The service was performed in the presence of a number of the immediate friends of the contracting parties by Rev. C. O. Howlett, B. A., B. D., of Bath.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strain have returned from Presque Isle, where they were called by the serious illness of Mrs. Strain's sister, Mrs. George Margison, formerly Miss Georgia Phillips, who underwent a surgical operation for appendicitis and peritonitis at St. Margaret's Hospital but who is now, her many friends will be glad to know, recovering.—Press.

Friends of the United Baptist pastor at Bath, and his wife, made a most happy visitation at the parsonage on Christmas Eve and as another tangible token of their good will left the pantry shelves well laden with a pleasing variety of meats and groceries. This thoughtfulness on the part of busy people in busy Bath is greatly appreciated by Rev. Howlett and family.



## LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE

By unanimous resolution the following letter of sympathy was ordered to be sent to Mr. S. W. Smith of East Florenceville, by the Members of Wiggins Loyal Orange Lodge No. 74.

Dear Brother Smith:—The Members of Wiggins L. O. L. No. 74 desire to express their deep and heartfelt sympathy with you in your recent sore and double bereavement in the death of your dear Wife and Son, Brother J. Edward Smith, during the recent epidemic of Spanish influenza.

Your sorrow and loss are such as call forth the sympathy of the whole community irrespective of any earthly affiliations. But, it is a bereavement in which the Members of Wiggins L. O. L. feel that they have a special share, not only because of the prominent place you occupy in our noble Association, but also, because of the fact that your son was one of the most promising of our younger members. Notwithstanding the fact that he only joined our Order about six months ago, yet, in these few brief months he took a prominent place and did much to promote the welfare of the Lodge. His place as a worker will be difficult to fill. We feel therefore, that our loss as a Lodge is only second to that of your own. But, this very fact enables us the more truly to sympathize with you.

In a time like this one feels the inadequacy of human speech to fittingly express the sympathy we feel. Neither is it possible to understand the mysteries which enter into our experiences. But inscrutable as are these mysteries, we know that God is Good and Wise and by His Grace life may be enriched by sanctified affliction. There is, also, a compensation in the retention of a precious memory of those who have been taken from us. Thus, though we sorrow yet not as those who have no hope, since we expect to meet again.

Of Eddie it may be said:—"I cannot say, I will not say That he is dead; he is just away. With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand, He has wandered into an unknown Land And left us dreaming; how very fair It needs must be, since he lingers there. And you—O you who the wildest year For the old-time step and the glad return, Think of him still as the same I say, He is not dead, he is just away."

Dear Brother Smith, please accept these imperfect expressions of our sympathy, and may the Supreme Master of the Heavenly Lodge bring to your heart the consolations we may not be able to supply.

Yours in behalf of the Lodge in F. H. & C.  
F. A. WIGHTMAN, W. M.  
P. R. SEMPLE, R. S.

The following was sent to Harry Stiles:

Dear Brother Stiles:—The Members of Wiggins L. O. L. No. 74, of which you are an honored member, wish to express their sympathy with you in your recent sad loss and trial, caused by the death of your wife during the recent visitation of Spanish influenza. We, no doubt, only realize in part the greatness of your loss and sorrow, but we wish to assure you that you have our sympathy to the fullest measure. Our prayer is that you may be comforted and sustained by the presence of our Heavenly Father, to whom our Order gives so conspicuous a place in all its teachings.

Deem not that they are blessed alone Whose days an even tenor keep; The anointed Son of God makes known A blessing for the eyes that weep. There is a day of sunny rest For every dark and troubled night; Though grief may bid an evening guest Yet joy shall come with early light.

Yours in L. O. L. & F.  
F. A. WIGHTMAN, W. M.  
P. R. SEMPLE, R. S.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the many friends who so kindly remembered us during the recent illness of our loved one with tokens of their helpful deeds and sympathy.  
Birt Rockwell  
Agnes Rockwell  
Mrs. John Prosser

## Hartland Department Store

### Special Cheap Sale

BEFORE STOCK TAKING

10% off

Ten per cent discount off all WINTER GOODS such as

Gloves, Mittens, Hose, Sweaters, Jumpers, Felt Shoes, Overshoes, etc. and Underclothing

for men and women.

20% off all Fur Goods

A dollar saved is as good as a dollar earned. Don't miss this cheap sale.

YOURS FOR BARGAINS

JOHN T. G. CARR

## Horse Blankets Sleigh and Team Bells

in good assortment and at especially attractive prices

## Sleds and Skates

We still have a good line of these, in fact the best to be had. Likely to be good skating and coasting this winter. Prepare to enjoy it.

## C. R. DeWITT Everything HARDWARE

I wish to Thank the many friends who helped to make the Christmas Season a Merry and busy one at our Store, and to wish every one a

## Happy New Year

During 1919 we will continue to give good value and careful service

## F. F. PLUMER

Groceries

Dry Goods

Furniture