

The Union Advocate

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News-Societies.

MEET AS FOLLOWS: NORTHERNBURIAL LODGE No. 17, A. F. & M. E. in the Lodge room on the evening of the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 o'clock.

NEWCASTLE DIVISION No. 45, of T. in the Temperance Hall every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

COURT MIRAMICHI No. 161, O. F. in their rooms, Miramichi, Hall, on the evening of the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock.

COURT HASTINGS No. 159, I. O. F. in their rooms, Hastings, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30 o'clock.

Happy New Year

to all our subscribers and readers.

Editorial Notes.

The Dominion parliament meets on February third. This session promises to be a lively and interesting one.

The Bonaventure election excited intense interest in Restigouche county and the success of Mr. Chapman's ticket gave the Campbell Enterprise cause for rejoicing.

The political trouble in Quebec still continues and bids fair to make considerable news in the French province. The Liberal party will need some very powerful antidote to smooth the troubled waters, if matters go on as at the present time.

It is announced on authentic grounds that Sir Adolphe Chapleau has determined to resign the Liberal seat in the House of Commons. He will take this step within the next month or so as soon as the Federal Government has agreed upon his successor.

It is reported that Mr. Blair's colleagues will not consent to the purchase of the Canada Eastern Railway which the Hon. Minister strongly advocates. The price \$1,200,000 although it seems exorbitant, is comparatively speaking not more than half the amount for the government agreed to give for the Drummond Counties Railway.

Who will fill the position of Solicitor General? Mr. Richards, Western Conservative who supports Mr. Emmerson, Liberal, is talked of by the office. The administration will probably leave it open to a Charlotte man, for it would create dissension amongst the government if they were not represented in the cabinet.

St. Wilfred Laurier's Administration has been severely criticized by some of the leading members of the Liberal press, who claim that he has deserted free trade principles, rejected the tariff, and accepted promises and that his general policy has been one of expediency. These criticisms are based upon disinterested honesty and not upon failure to secure some coveted position.

Whatever else is uncertain concerning the dispute between Cuba and Spain there is fully determined to accept nothing from Spain except an unconditional renunciation of the island. There is a widespread belief that the insurgents generally would gladly accept the terms offered by Spain, viz. autonomy and pardon of the rebels, but they are not aware that such terms have been offered.

This number of the Advocate ends its publication for the 1897 and with the next issue begins a New Year. To all our readers we extend our warmest wishes of happiness and good-will for the incoming year, and ask your active cooperation in subscriptions, advertising and news notes, to help us make our paper more progressive, interesting, instructive and influential than ever before. We shall be glad to hear from you and to receive your criticisms and suggestions. We shall be glad to hear from you and to receive your criticisms and suggestions.

The long disputed Behring Sea difficulty has been settled and Canada will receive \$460,000 for the claims as presented by Great Britain against the United States. This leaves two cases, the Black Diamond, for \$200,000 and the Adams, for \$100,000 reserved. At one time the matter was in a fair way to be adjusted on the Adams, and Mr. Cleveland, who was then President, approved of this amount being paid to Canada, the Congress of the United States would not assent to him. The amount of \$460,000 would be paid within six months of the date of the settlement. The Adams case is still pending. Let the people of all religious beliefs feel the sound of new resolves, moral, spiritual and intellectual, and the sociological status of the locality will be raised. Let every individual improve upon the mistakes of the past and the future will be more hopeful and satisfactory, thus it is in everything concerning the human life. If the months that have rolled by, never to be lived over again, have been darkened by reverses, sadness, disappointments, afflictions, losses of dear ones or property, let the future still lie before you, and may perhaps unfold many changes which will be more to your liking. May every reader feel new desires, aspirations and hopes with the beginning of the New Year 1898.

Approach to this season we propose to improve every department of the Advocate to the best of our ability and to give our readers during the next two weeks to come as interesting and able a paper as we are capable of publishing, and that will be welcomed in every household in Northumberland County.

In Premier Emmerson's speech at St. John he did not ask the New Brunswick farmers to compete with the farmers of the Northwest wheat growing, but he did say—

"Here is a market at your own doors for at least 1,000,000 bushels of wheat annually, to supply which you only grow 200,000 bushels; why do you not produce the balance that is required to supply the needs of this province?"

Personal.

The Union Advocate invites all its readers to contribute to the items under the head of "personal." If you or your friends are going away on a trip, or if you have friends visiting, drop a card or line to this office.

C. C. Hayward passed Christmas at his home in Fredericton.

Harry Gray, formerly under the management of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, left last Thursday for his home in Pictou, N. S. where he will remain until the French Forestry course quaries open in the spring.

William Johnson, University of New Brunswick is home for a vacation.

Miss Maud Adams returned home from Ottawa last Tuesday.

Harry Gray, formerly under the employment of L. B. McMurdo, departed for his home at Summerside, P. E. I. last Wednesday morning.

The "Friday Twelve" composed of an even dozen of Newcastle's finest daughters, met for the purpose of sewing, knitting and artistically preparing Christmas and New Year presents for their brothers and other relatives of the mercantile class. The objects of the association are to be a mutual help to each other and to be an enterprise which deserves the praise of those interested in home industries.

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Miramichi Presbytery.

The meeting of the Presbytery was held at Bathurst, the 21st. The minutes were read and approved. The report of the Moderator was read and approved.

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Restigouche, the Windsor Fire.

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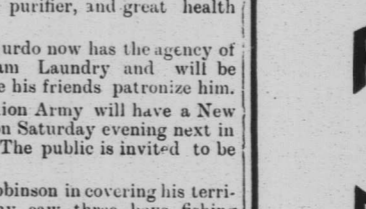
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