o St. John on Monday, where they at-
ended the consecration of Bishop Le-
Blanc. The bishop returned to Chatham
his afternoon.
Mrs. Robert Dunbar, of Loggieville, was
n town, Friday.
Mrs. Fred Harriman spent the week end
t her former home here.
Miss Beatrice Dick returned on Monday
rom Montreal, where she has been the
uest of Mrs. F. E. Neale.
Mrs. Charles M. McEwen will receive on
Thursday afternoon for the first time
ince her marriage.
Mrs. J. B. Snowball left on Friday for
St. John where she is visiting friends.
Mrs. F. P. Loggie, of Loggieville, was
n town yesterday.
Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Tingley have moved
nto their residence, corner Wellington
nd St. John streets.
Mr. George M. Stearns, of Lake Megan-
ic (Que.), was the guest of Mr. J. W.
Brankley for the week end.
Mr. George Mean and family have
moved to Millerton.
Mrs. Murray, of Sussex, is visiting her
aughter, Mrs. Andrew Forsythe.
Midshipman Barron, of H. M. S. niobe,
s the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William
Dick.

BORDER TOWNS

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 10—Society has
een very busy during the past week en-
ying the various receptions, teas and
ridge parties. On Thursday and Friday
fternoons of last week, Mrs. J. Widden
raham held here first receptions since
er marriage. The halls, reception room
nd dining rooms of her pretty home in
Milltown, were artistically decorated with
milax and white marguerites and carna-
ons. Mrs. Graham received her visitors
the reception room. She was attired
n a most dainty gown of pale satin richly
rimmed with lace and was assisted in re-
eiving her guests by Miss Jessie Graham,
ho wore a handsome gown of grey chif-
on over grey messaline. The ladies who
ssisted in the dining room and who help-
d to serve the dainty refreshments to the
uests were Mrs. Walker W. Inches, who
ore a handsome silk dress of wisteria col-
r with trimmings of oriental embroidery;
Mrs. Horace Trimble, who looked very
attractive in a pretty gown of white mes-
aline; Mrs. Thomas Murchie, Misses Mar-
on Crocket and Frances Hawthorne, of
Fredericton, friends of Mrs. Graham, who
ame to be present at the receptions. Mrs.
Murchie wore a costume of mauve silk
eiled in chiffon of the same shade. Miss
Crocket, pale pink messaline with tunic
f cream lace. Miss Hawthorne, a dainty
own of blue and white silk. The recep-
ions were most delightful and lasted from
until 6 o'clock each afternoon. On Mon-
ay evening Miss Crocket and Miss Haw-
horne returned to Fredericton, and Mr.
nd Mrs. Graham went to Montreal for a
ew days' visit.
On Monday afternoon Mrs. U. F. Todd
ntertained the Monday club of which she
a member and at the same time, Miss
Hilder Todd was hostess to the ever pop-
lar Neighborhood club.
This afternoon the residence of Mrs. J.
William Richardson was the scene of a
ost charming bridge party from the hour
until 6 o'clock. There were eighteen
ables. The house was prettily adorned
ith flowers for the occasion, and with the
andsome appointments of the drawing
ooms combined with the dainty and ele-
ant costumes of the ladies the scene was
brilliant one. The stately young hostess
as clad in a lovely gown of pale green
essaline silk, and looked most attractive
s she moved about entertaining her
uests. The prizes were won by Mrs.
ames McAllister, Miss Mildred Todd and
rs. Percy Lord. Mrs. Richardson was
ssisted at the tea hour in serving her
uests by Mrs. John M. Flewelling, Misses
race Maxwell, Elsie Lawson, Helen Ry-
er and Addie McVey.
Misses Edith and Florence Newnham,
ho are in Brookline (Mass.), are to
pend the Christmas holiday season at
ome with their parents, Ven. Archdeacon
nd Mrs. Newnham.
Mrs. Archibald Maxwell, of Old Ridge,
as been a recent guest of her sister, Mrs.
oseph McVay.
Mrs. J. M. Johnson, who has been visit-
g in Calais, has returned to her home in
Brookline.
Mr. Charles S. Neill, who was summon-
d to Booneville (Ark.), to his daughter,
ho was seriously ill, has returned to
alais, bringing Mrs. Bosworth with him,
r the benefit of her health.
Miss Marcia McWha, who has spent
everal months in Sydney (C. B.), with
er sister, Mrs. E. M. Boyd, has arrived
ome greatly improved in health.
Mrs. J. W. Richardson gave a most de-
ghtful thimble party at her home on Fri-
y afternoon who was greatly enjoyed
y her guests. On Tuesday evening she
tertained with bridge.
Miss Hazel Grimmer has returned to her
ome in St. Andrews, after a pleasant vis-
with Miss Mildred Todd.
Rev. Canon Smithers was in town on
hursday last for a short visit when en
ute to Grand Manan. During his stay
was the guest of Ven. Archdeacon
ewnham.
Mrs. Albert E. Neill leaves for Olando
Fla.), on the 19th of this month to spend
e winter.
Mrs. Augustus Cameron gave a most de-
ghtful part at which some eighteen or
enty little girls and boys were guests,
st Wednesday afternoon, at her home
honor of her little son, Douglas, it be-
g his fourth birthday.
Miss Helen Ryder entertained the Fri-
y evening club last week.
Mr. Charles S. Caldwell, or San Jose
C. R.), is in Calais, visiting his sister,
rs. Henry S. Murchie.
Letters have been received during the
st week from Mrs. Herbert B. Mason
nnouncing her safe arrival in London
Eng.), where she will be the guest for
veral months of her sister, Mrs. Emma
imber.
Mrs. Roy Lavin, of Woodland, is the
est this week of Miss Lois Grimmer.
Miss Martha Harris was the hostess to
very pleasant bridge at her home in
alais one evening last week.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Eaton have return-
from a hunting trip at Tomah Stream.
St. Stephen, Dec. 13—On Tuesday even-
g next District Deputy Grand Master
H. Beek will play an official visit to
ussex Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M.
Miss Grace B. Stevens, who has been
efficient member of the town school
ard, has resigned her position owing to
bsence from town during the winter
onths of each year.
Miss Blackmore, returned missionary
om Japan, is visiting here and has been
ldressing several meetings in this sec-
on.
The Thistles at their annual meeting
eld on Tuesday evening made a good
owing for the year. Officers were elect-
as follows: D. K. McGeachy, president;
s. A. Inches, vice-president; Hardy N.
anong, secretary; A. B. Edwards, treas-
er; C. H. Maxwell, chairman of sports;
ck Waterson, chairman of rooms; Had-
n Wry, chairman of gymnasium; Ralph
cNeill and Percy Hayman, auditors.
The officers of the St. Stephen Encamp-
ent, Knights Templars, recently elected
e: G. J. Clarke, M. & E. C.; J. Whid-
n Graham, lieutenant commander; Dr.
. H. Laughlin, mareschall; G. Klein,
aucenifer; W. L. Algar, B. of V. B.;
R. Sederquest, chamberlain; Oran D.
orrison, Hosp.; G. F. Pinder, warder;
M. Murchie, treasurer; F. O. Sullivan,

recorder; F. T. Ross, chaplain; A. Mungall, organist.

AMHERST

Amherst, Dec. 10—Mrs. J. V. Barnwell is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Logan, in Pictou. Mr. Barnwell is on an extended business trip to Toronto.

Mrs. Archibald McColl, who has been paying a short visit to her mother, Mrs. W. D. Main, returned to her home in New Glasgow on Saturday.

Mr. E. B. Paul, deputy inspector of mines for Cumberland, was in town for a few days last week.

Mr. C. W. Morris, of Wallace, was spending a few days in town last week, and will leave shortly for Toronto to spend some months with his son.

Messrs. Victor G. Curry and Leon Curry, of Montreal, were in town for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheaton and family have returned home from River Glade (N. B.), where they were attending the funeral of Mr. Wheaton's mother, Mrs. Henry Wheaton. Mr. Wheaton's father returned with them and will remain for a few weeks.

Mr. Wylie Baird has been visiting his old home here and in Leicester for a few days. Mr. Baird is manager of Sir William Van Horne's farm at St. Andrews, and is a graduate of the Guelph Agricultural College.

Mr. F. N. McNair, of Norton (N. B.), has been the guest of his son, Mr. W. J. McNair, and Mrs. McNair.

Mrs. Edward Rodd, of Moncton, and Miss Belle Rodd, of Edmonton, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Biggs, returned to Moncton on Monday.

Miss Kelsey Manning, of Moncton, was in town visiting friends yesterday.

Mr. Albert Millett, of Chester, is in town, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Hawboldt, and Dr. Hawboldt.

Miss Mary Stack, of Melrose, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Bradshaw, returned home on Saturday on account of the illness of her father.

Dr. and Mrs. Pugsley, of Moncton, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Purdy, have returned home.

Mrs. Will. Hayes, of Dorchester (N. B.), was visiting Mrs. Frank Hickey last week.

Mr. Warren Howard, formerly of Amherst, but who has been residing in Calgary for the past few years, is visiting friends in Amherst, Moncton and Springhill. Mr. Howard came east on a sad errand, accompanying the body of an old friend of his, Edward Cooper, who died some days ago in Calgary. He was the son of John Cooper, of Springhill.

Mrs. Jeffers, Mrs. Harvey, and Mrs. William Fullerton, of Halifax River, were the guests of Mrs. E. M. Marston during the Winter Fair.

Mr. Percie Johnson, of St. John's (Nfld.) who was in Amherst last week attending the Maritime Winter Fair, has returned home.

Mr. C. E. Vail, of Wolfville, who has been paying a short visit to his brother, Mr. W. B. Vail, and Mrs. Vail, has returned home.

Miss Nita Thompson, of Oxford, who is attending the Ladies' College at Sackville, spent Sunday with Mrs. T. R. Angus.

Mr. John Bradford left today for Truro to attend a meeting of the maritime executive of the Y. M. C. A. On Wednesday evening he will address a public meeting at Pictou on the subject of Community Work, and will also speak on the same subject at Sydney before returning home.

Mr. John Smiley, who has been practising law with W. E. Roscoe, K. C., at Kentville, has entered the law office of Ralston, Hannay & Ralston in this town. Mrs. Smiley and family will come to Amherst early in the new year.

Miss Bessie Downey spent the week-end in Springhill with friends.

Mr. D. T. Biggs has returned home from Fredericton, where he was attending the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Henry Biggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Rodd, of Sackville, have been the guests of Mr. Rodd's sister, Mrs. D. S. Biggs, for a few days. They left today for the west where they will in future reside.

The marriage took place yesterday at Victoria (B. C.), of Miss Hattie Selfridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Selfridge, of Wolfville, to Mr. Fred S. Fillmore, formerly of Amherst. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Warnicker in the First Baptist church and was witnessed by a few intimate friends of the bride and groom. Immediately after the happy couple left by boat for Seattle, and will spend two or three weeks in this and other American cities. Mr. and Mrs. Fillmore will spend the winter on the Pacific coast and will return to Amherst in the early spring.

Mrs. W. B. Calhoun, who has been seriously indisposed for the past three or four weeks, following an operation for appendicitis, is convalescing rapidly and will soon be able to be out again.

Norman C. Ralston, of Halifax, spent the week-end in Amherst, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ralston.

The Ladies' Aid Society, in connection with the Highland View Hospital, held a special meeting in connection with their work at the maritime winter fair. That their labors were profitable were evidenced by the fact that the receipts received from catering to the wants of the visitors totalled nearly $1,200. Mrs. Allan, the energetic president, is receiving congratulations for the success that attended her efforts in making the affair such a splendid success.

Mrs. J. L. Allan left today for her old home in Roslyn, where she will spend a week with her parents.

Mrs. Mills, one of the town's oldest residents, is seriously ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jenks, Victoria street. Mrs. Mills has attained the age of 93 and her condition is regarded as very critical.

Mrs. D. C. Allan is confined to her room at the Amherst hotel, through illness.

Mr. Percy C. Black spent Sunday in Moncton, visiting friends in that city.

Mr. C. G. Burgess, superintendent of the Amherst Malleable Iron Company, will leave next week on an extended trip to the United States.

Rev. Hamilton Wigle, who has ministered with great acceptance to the Methodist of this town for the past two years, has been asked by the quarterly board to continue his pastorate here for two more years. It is understood that Mr. Wigle has accepted the invitation. His decision to the effect will be pleasing not only to the members of the congregation but to the citizens of Amherst in general.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Black, of Oxford, spent the week-end in Amherst.

PARRSBORO

Parrsboro, Dec. 12—Mr. G. E. Buchanan, of Toronto, formerly manager of the branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, is spending a few days in town.

Mr. Charles Henderson arrived home from Antigonish a few days ago to remain until after Christmas holidays.

Mrs. T. Z. Desmond returned to her home in Newcastle on Monday.

Mrs. Stanley Smith spent last week in Nappan, visiting her mother, Mrs. McKay.

Mrs. C. J. Quigley, of Kentville, was the guest of Captain and Mrs. P. J. McLaughlin last week.

Mrs. M. C. Foster and son, George, are visiting relatives at Wolfville.

Miss Flossie Bentley, of Port Greville, who was the guest of Miss Edna Thompson last week, left on Thursday for Annapolis to visit friends.

The married people's bridge club was entertained by Mrs. McCaul on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Fred Swan, who has been visiting Mrs. Bent in Amherst, returned on Monday.

Miss Flossie McColl has gone to Inverness (C. B.), to visit her aunt, Mrs. McMillan.

Mr. John McGuire went to Boston the first of the week to visit his mother, Mrs. Margaret McGuire.

Miss King, of Amherst, who has been visiting friends in town for several weeks returned home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Osborne and daughter, Bernice, attended the Winter Fair at Amherst last week.

SALISBURY

Salisbury, N. B., Dec. 12—The many friends of Miss Nettie Carter, daughter of Capt. J. W. Carter, of this village, will be pleased to learn that that she is one of the star students at the Worcester City Training School for Nurses. Miss Carter is about finishing her three years at this hospital and in her examination papers recently, made 100 per cent on all her work and has been offered a position on the hospital staff.

Deacon Jordan C. Crandall, of Lower Petitcodiac, was visiting relatives here on Thursday. Mr. Crandall, who is in his 83rd year, has fully recovered from his critical illness of a few months ago, and recently returned home from Nerepis where he was assisting his son in building a mill.

It is understood that the two farms near this village which contain over 1,600 acres and which were recently bought up by English capitalists, will be converted into a big demonstration farm and that 100 or more of young English lads will arrive here when spring opens to study farming on this property. These farms adjoin and are considered as well adapted for this purpose.

Salisbury, Dec. 13—Isaiah Duncan, who has been a resident here for more than thirty years, has sold his house and lands to James Price, of Moncton, a retired railway man. Mr. Duncan will remove to Kings county, near Sussex.

Collingwood S. Clark, of the firm of Emmerson, Friel & Clark, Moncton, was in Salisbury today en route to Albert county. Mr. Clark made many friends here during his school teaching days who are always glad to see him.

Rev. F. G. Francis was in Boundary Creek on Wednesday afternoon conducting the funeral service of Miss Mary Ann Murray.

Frank Socup who is carrying a revolver bullet in his face as the result of a shooting accident a short time ago, was in Moncton this week and had the wound under the X-Ray. He will visit Moncton again in a few days when it is possible that the bullet may be removed. In the meantime Mr. Socup is about as usual and suffers very little inconvenience from the rather unwelcome weight to his jaw.

PORT ELGIN

Port Elgin, Dec. 11—Mrs. Charles Read went to Amherst on Monday, returning Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Pridham spent a couple of days in Amherst last week.

Miss Saunders, of Mount Allison College, spent Sunday in town, the guest of her friend, Miss Ethel Fitzpatrick.

A. C. Lawson, Fredericton, spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Little. He gave an address in the Methodist church on Sunday evening on Temperance.

Alex Machum, of St. John, is a visitor in town this week.

Mrs. George Silliker, of Fort Moncton, is very ill at her home.

C. H. Read went to St. John last week.

The pupils of the school here are practicing for an entertainment at the close of the term.

Frank Copp is having his home repaired.

Miss Bertha Davis, of this place, and Harley Young, of Grand Manan, were married at the home of the bride on Tuesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Brownell.

The ladies of the Methodist church intend holding a sale of fancy articles on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14, in the Temperance hall.

E. B. Allen is suffering from slight injuries received on Sunday from being thrown from his wagon.

The Presbyterians and Methodist Sunday schools are preparing Christmas entertainments.

Mrs. Waye, of Charlottetown, is visiting her son, Walter Waye, of this place.

Mrs. Joseph Copp will leave Saturday for Amherst, where she will spend the winter with friends.

YARMOUTH

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 12—Once again this past week death has removed one of our very old residents, this time in the person of William W. Lewis, who had attained the age of 87 years. Mr. Lewis passed away on Sunday afternoon last, at his residence on Argyle street, the same house in which he was born. He had suffered for over a year from gangrene in one of his feet, and a few weeks ago underwent an operation when the entire limb was removed. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Charles R. Kelley, of Yarmouth, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was an ardent Liberal, was an elder and trustee of St. John's Presbyterian church. Early in life he embarked in business and for years was connected with several of the largest provision and outfitting stores. He retired from business nearly ten years ago.

The axe has again fallen in Yarmouth county, and this time the victim is W. Stanley Porter, the postmaster at Port Maitland, who is replaced by Andrew Bingay. There was no charge sustained against Mr. Porter at the investigation held some weeks ago, but he had to go. No more faithful and efficient postmast could be found than Mr. Porter.

Mrs. Ada Cann, who for over twenty years has filled the position of operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company here, retired on Monday, and is succeeded by Miss Cole of the Amherst office.

Rev. A. S. Lewis, pastor of the Zion Baptist church, has accepted a call to the Baptist church in New Westminster (B. C.), and will leave for that place in January.

Professor Waldo Paul Vinal, organist of Holy Trinity church, gave an organ recital in that church Tuesday evening, rendering several selections with that finish which shows him the accomplished musician that he is. He was assisted by Mrs. W. F. Kempton in two well rendered solos.

D. H. MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald, after spending a few daps in Yarmouth, returned to St. John on Monday morning.

George R. Earl went to Boston on Saturday evening last.

Miss Clara Caie, who has been visiting in England since the spring, returned home on Saturday evening last, accompanied by Miss Johnson.

BATHURST

Bathurst, N. B., Dec. 11—St. George's Young People Society met in St. George's Hall last evening for organization and election of officers. The following were elected: Honorary president, Rev. J. A. Cooper; president, Frank P. Gatain; first vice-president, F. W. Fauls; second vice-president, Miss Margaret Fearon; secretary-treasurer, P. M. McNeil; executive committee—the officers together with the following, viz.: Mrs. J. A. Cooper, Miss Bessie Bishop, Miss Marion Hinton, W. F. Henderson, Mrs. W. R. Murray.

After the election, refreshments were served, games played and a very enjoyable social evening was spent.

J. A. Birmingham, of Toronto, travelling secretary, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, was the guest of Rev. J. A. Cooper for a few days this week and on Tuesday evening addressed the men of St. George's church on Brotherhood work.

Bahturst, Dec. 12—Miss Gwendolyn Bishop returned recently from a visit to Montreal.

Mrs. Vontain, of Richibucto, is making a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Doucet.

Mr. Rodolph DesBrisay came from Halifax to spend Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. N. DesBrisay.

Mrs. E. P. McKay visited her sister, Mrs. T. Malcolm, in Campbellton, during the week.

Mr. Ethelbert McLean left this week for his home in Montreal, to remain for the winter.

Dr. J. N. Michaud and Mrs. Michaud have returned from their wedding trip to Montreal and Toronto.

Mr. P. J. Burns spent some days in Chatham during the week.

Miss Violet Goodwin returned last week after some days spent in Campbellton.

Miss Annie Miller is home from Calgary to spend a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

Mrs. J. P. Byrne's many friends are delighted to learn that she has entirely recovered from her recent severe illness.

Rev. H. J. O'Leary, D. D., attended the consecration services in St. John this week, returned on Wednesday.

Mr. Arthur Miller, of Calgary, is making a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

Mr. Frank Harrington visited Chatham during the week.

Mr. J. A. Birmingham, of Toronto, was a recent guest of Rev. J. A. Cooper, at St. George's rectory. During his visit Mr. Birmingham addressed a well attended meeting of the men of St. George's congregation in their hall, the subject of his lecture being, The Aims and Activities of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Rev. Father Gouvin, of Escuminac, was a guest at the presbytery on Sunday last.

The death of one of the town's oldest citizens, Mr. John Gammon, occurred on Monday at his home. Mr. Gammon had reached the age of 82 years and throughout his long life, was most highly respected. He is survived by one son, Leonard. Mr. Thomas Gammon is a brother-in-law. Messrs. Joshua Gammon, Samuel Gammon, Joseph Gammon, are step-brothers, and Mrs. W. F. Pepper, Mrs. John Miller, and Mrs. Samuel Carter are step-sisters.

Mrs. R. Carr-Harris returned last week from a short visit to Dalhousie. While in that town Mrs. Harris delivered a very interesting lecture, her topic Good News, was illustrated with steroptican views and a large and appreciative audience greeted her. A short musical programme was carried out and at the close words of thanks addressed to the lecturer by Rev. Mr. Kirk and Mr. Scott.

The Young People's Society of St. George's church met on Tuesday evening last in St. George's hall and elected the following officers for the coming year: Honorary president, Rev. J. A. Cooper; president, Frank Gatain; first vice-president, W. R. Faulds; second vice-president, Miss Margaret Fearon; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. P. M. McNeil; executive committee—Mrs. J. A. Cooper; Miss Bessie Bishop, Miss Marion Hinton, Mrs. W. R. Murray and Mr. W. H. Henderson. After the election a most enjoyable evening was spent in games, music, etc., which was brought to a close after the serving of dainty refreshments.

Mr and Mrs. Joseph J. Melanson have the sympathy of many friends in the death of their young son, Wilfrid, which occurred on Tuesday evening, as the result of a fall received while skating. The little fellow, who was 13 years of age, was an exceptionally bright child and a favorite with all his young companions. His funeral will take place to the Church of the Holy Family on Friday morning.

Mrs. F. H. Comeau, of Caraquet, was in town this week, on her way to St. John.

Mrs. P. J. Venjot and Mr. J. P. Leger have returned from St. John, where they attended the consecration of Bishop LeBlanc.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 13—Rev. A. F. Newcombe, of St. John, Bible Society secretary for the maritime provinces and Nefoundland, gave an able and eloquet address at Albert last evening on the work and needs of the organization he represents. Hopewell Cape was visited this evening.

A variety shower for Miss Beulah Tingley, daughter of Miles Tingley, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mitton this evening, a very injoyable time being spent. Miss Tingley, who is to be one of the participants in a happy event at an early date, is a very popular young lady, and many nice presents were given by friends who gathered this evening in her honor.

Donald McCuspey left yesterday morning for Catamount Station, where he will spend some months.

Four below zero was registered here this morning.

An Albert man was fined $100 and costs on Tuesday for killing a cow moose. The man claimed it was an accident.

McClellan Bros., of Albert, have sold their valuable timber land near this village, including the Wright and Allison areas, to Hon. C. W. Robinson. The Stannard lot of 400 acres is reserved. The land sold comprises in the neighborhood of 2,000 acres, and the purchase price is likely between $45,000 and $50,000. It is reported part of the timber will be cut this winer.

RICHIBUCTO

Richibucto, Dec. 13—The river was snapped across last night. The thermometer fell to 12 degrees below the cypher.

Chesley D. Buck, of St. John, was a guest over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Forbes.

Mrs. M. F. Keith, of Moncton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Baird are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby son, which came to their home last week.

Mrs. J. C. Vautour went to St. John this week.

Rev. J. J. McLaughlin was in St. John this week, attending the consecration ceremonies of Bishop LeBlanc.

The pupils of the Grammar School under the direction of their teachers are preparing to hold a concert before Christmas.

Miss Edith Fraser, of Berlin (N. H.), is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. George Fraser.

REXTON

Rexton, N.B., Dec. 13—The Women's Institute held at the home of Mrs. A. B. Carson Tuesday evening was much enjoyed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. H. M. Ferguson Tuesday evening, Jan. 14.

The marriage took place at the bride's home in Kouchibouguac Wednesday at 11 a. m. of Miss Mary Callendar, of Kouchibouguac, and Obder K. Black, of Richibucto. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. D. Archibald.

The funeral of Miss Greta Curran was held at West Branch Monday afternoon and was very largely attended. Interment was in the Methodist cemetery. Services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Thomas Pierce and Rev. A. D. Archibald.

The death occurred at South Branch Wednesday night after some month's illness of William Murphy, son of Thomas and the late Lizzie Murphy at the age of 12 years and six months. The funeral will be held at South Branch this morning. Rev. Father Lapointe will officiate.

Wednesday evening Thomas, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dixon fell from the barn loft and broke both wrists. He is doing as well as can be expected.

Louis Collet has sold the Rexton Hotel to Eustache Sawyer, of Buctouche Bay.

John Curwin has returned from Dalhousie where he was employed in a dredging boat.

At the organization of the New Brunswick Tuplin-Irving Black Foxes, Ltd., held at Bouctuche on Friday evening, 6th inst., the following officers were elected: L. H. Higgins, president; Frank F. Tuplin, vice-president; J. D. Irving, managing director; R. A. Irving, secretary-treasurer. Directors elected were L. H. Higgins; Frank F. Tuplin; J. D. Irving; J. E. Masters; J. A. Marven, A. J. MacQurrie and Frank N. Hall.

The company is capitalized at $100,000 and at present has five pair of silver black foxes, three pair of which are of F. F. Tuplin's stock and two pair of the celebrated Dalton breed. These foxes are at present in Mr. Tuplin's ranch at New Annan (P. E. I.), who claims to be the largest breeder of silver black foxes in the world, where they will remain for the winter. They and their young will be brought to Buctouche next summer and placed in the company's ranch, which they intend erecting at that place.

The schools here preparing a programme of entertainment in connection with the closing examinations.

Misses Mary and Lizzie Orr, who have been home some months on account of their sister's illness and subsequent death, have returned to Boston. Their sister, Miss Maggie, accompanied them.

GAGETOWN

Gagetown, Dec. 12—A rather heavy earthquake shock was felt here yesterday morning about 6.15, followed by two lighter shocks later. The first 'quake appeared as if something of great weight had been hurled against the building, followed for some seconds by a distinct rumbling which gradually grew fainter as it passed apparently toward the north. In some homes small articles were shaken from shelves. The second shock was similar to the rumbling of thunder while the third was less distinct.

The receipts from the annual Christmas sale of Women's Aid Junior Branch of St. John's church held yesterday afternoon and evening amounted to $100.

The funeral of John Law took place on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when a large number of friends assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to a worthy citizen. In the Church of England cemetery the body was laid to rest, Rev. Wm. Smith, rector, officiating.

PRINCE WILLIAM

Prince William, N. B., Dec. 13—Construction work on the St. John Valley Railroad at this place is being pushed rapidly forward. A great deal is expected to be done during the winter.

Bishop Richardson, of Fredericton, was the guest of Rev. C. H. and Mrs. Fullerton at the rectory on Nov. 23 and 24. Special services, which were held in St. Clement's parish church, were largely attended and confirmation was administered to a class of candidates.

Miss Price, of Millerton (N. B.); Miss Rosborough and the Misses Fullerton were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham.

Miss Effie Carson, who has been seriously ill at her home suffering from la grippe and bronchitis, is recovering.

Much regret is being expressed over the resignation of our teacher, Miss Price, of Millerton (N. B.)

Misses Agnes and Grace Fullerton spent Wednesday, 11th inst., in Dumfries (N. B.), guests of Miss Ellegood.

St. Clement's Guild met on Thursday afternoon and evening at the home of Mrs. George Lawrence. About all the members were present.

PROVINCIAL PERSONALS

D. B. Winslow of Regina, Sask., formly secretary of the provincial department of public works, is in Fredericton to visit relatives and spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Atkinson, of Moncton, sailed on the Empress of Britain en route to their former home in Rochdale, Eng., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Nettie Carter, daughter of Capt. J. W. Carter, of Salisbury, is one of the star students at the Worcester City Training School for Nurses. Miss Carter is about finishing her three years at this hospital and in her examination papers recently, made 100 per cent on all her work and has been offered a position on the hospital staff.

George Blewett, engineer of the river steamer Majestic, sailed by the Allan liner Grampian for an extended trip to England and Wales, to visit relatives and friends, after an absence of thirty-seven years.

On Thursday Fred Savage of Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Annie Shields of Fredericton.

Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Aitken and family leave Newcastle in their private car on the 27th inst., for South Carolina, where they will spend the winter.

Sackville Post:—Mrs. Cyrus Goodwin, who has been residing for some time in Halifax, was in town yesterday and left for Albert, Albert county, where she will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Stebbings. She was accompanied by her son-in-law, Rev. Thomas Stebbings. Mrs. Goodwin is eighty-one years old.

John P. Chalmers, assistant secretary-treasurer of the Moncton Tramways, Electricity and Gas Company, in Moncton, has been transferred to the head office of the company at Pittsburg.

North Shore Leader:—Mrs. D. King Hazen of St. John is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Creaghan. Miss Mary Falconer, Winnipeg; Harry Falconer, of Nelson, B. C., and Robert of Albert have arrived home and will spend Christmas with their parents.

DOG GUARDS MASTER'S BODY.

It was stated at an inquest held at South Hylton, Sunderland, on the body of a man who was knocked down and killed by a train, that when the man was discovered lying by the side of the railway, his terrier dog was found sitting on the body. It had evidently been there all night. The dog refused to leave, and eventually had to be carried to the mortuary, still sitting on the body.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

REV. DR. KEIRSTEAD LECTURES ON MORAL REFORM AT ANDOVER

Andover, N. B., Dec. 14Rev. Dr. Keirstead of the faculty of the University of New Brunswick was the guest of the Andover Booklover's Club on Friday evening when he delivered a lecture on Social and Moral Reform.

Miss Annie Kelley, B. A. (U. N. B.), the principal of the Andover Grammar school, presided. The evening opened with a chorus beautifully rendered by local talent. Miss Kelley, in presenting the lecturer of the evening, very gracefully remarked that an introduction was scarcely necessary as the eloquence of the doctor was widely known.

The learned speaker, on rising, jokingly stated that he hardly expected to be hauled up in court on coming to Andover but that he was glad to come and found that he was by no means a stranger. He paid a tribute to the Andover Grammar school judged by the brilliancy of its products at the university during the years he had been connected with that institution. Mention was made of Fred Baird, John Curry, the Porter boys. The name of Miss Welling, he stated, ranked amongst the most cultured young ladies who had attended the university.

The doctor called attention to the fact that the U. N. B. was proud, as he felt Victoria county and the province at large might well be proud of their Rhodes scholar, familiarly known as Jack McNair.

Then striking into his subject, the speaker dealt with the different phases of social reform in a masterly manner. The right to life was pointed out. The duty of society to care for the babe and to co-operate for his welfare from the cradle to the grave showing how important a factor health was in the upbuilding of the soical machine. Statistics were in evidence to prove that the death rate amongst children had been remarkably reduced as the laws of hygiene and sanitation were enforced. The records show that where the mothers worked in factories and the children in sweat shops the death rate was alarming. The higher the birth rate the higher the death rate, was substantiated from the census of many climes.

The importance of medical inspection in the schools was pleaded for and he showed that many a dunce, so called, owed his incapacity to faulty vision, adenoids, etc. As a solution, the doctor stated that in his opinion every province should have an expert in preventive medicine working in co-operation with the local boards of health for the propagation of modes, of right living and a systematic campaign waged against all diseases, more especially tuberculosis and typhoid in New Brunswick.

The vast improvement brought about by the Workman's Compensation Act was explained that now, not as of old the workman dying at his post may feel that his widow and orphans will be cared for, that he, like a broken machine, must be replaced at the expense of those who reap the fruits of his labor.

The good work agitated by Lloyd-George, came in for mention, where the aged who had given their energies to the world must be kept when their strength fails, not as paupers but as a necessary element in society. The saving of boys and girls, its importance and means of accomplishment was touched on, showing that Dr. Keirstead is not only a man of letters but a student of human nature as well. He demonstrated the importance of guidance for the young and methods of directing that youthful energy in the right channels. This, he stated, was best brought about by the child's right to play. The boy or girl to whom this privilege had been denied was stamped with a mark which time could never efface.

When youth goes wrong the question is not is he or she guilty or innocent, but what are we going to do about it. What is the cause, what the remedy?

Public school education was cited as a means of cultivating broadminded men and women. Where youths of different nationalities and creeds intermingle and are moulded along the lines of tolerance and good fellowship. The importance of vocational direction was given as a method in reform. Help youth to find itself to study its aptitudes and talents and thus avoid the misfits of society.

The doctor briefly summed up his lecture, which was frequently interspersed with applause, bringing to a close a lecture which had been a success in the fullest sense of the word. A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker and the outburst of applause that followed tells its story of appreciation of the masterly discourse.

A vote of thanks was also given the club that brought about the lecture and other similar events will be eagerly awaited. On leaving the hall the wish that they may often have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Keirstead was expressed by many.

I. O. F. ELECTION AT MACE'S BAY

Maces Bay, Dec. 11—Court West Wind, No. 4510 I. O. F., at its last regular meeting held the annual election of officers. The following were installed: C. D., John R. Corscadden; C. R., Candie Corscadden; P. C. R., Burton McGowan; V. C. R., R. L. Belding; R. C., Melvin Mawhinney; F. S., John McGowan; treasurer, Andrew McGowan, orator, Bristol Hardgrove; S. J. C., F. Campbell; org., W. H. McGowan; S. W., George James; J. W., W. R. Boyle; S. B., D. W. Clark; J. B., John Boyle; trustees, C. M. Brown, W. K. McPherson, Jos. Mawhinney.

"Bones," thundered the manager, "where is the clock?" "Dunno, sir," responded the office boy mildly. "Someone stole it likely." "What? And you sitting here! Why didn't you watch it?" "Because you know, sir, when you engaged me you said you didn't want me to sit around and watch the clock."

LETTER TO A FELLOW WORKER

(By Rev. J. L. Dawson, Pastor of Centenary Church.)

Dear Friend,—It is very important that we should all understand each other and occupy common ground, as far as possible, in connection with the great work of reform in which we find ourselves engaged. In this brief series of letters I have already pointed out some salient facts as they stand related to the seller of alcoholic beverages. If these facts are as I have stated them, we may now pass on to the consideration of some others which bear an important relation to all our thought and effort.

In the first place, then, let us remind ourselves that some of us are old enough to remember a time in which the drink habit and the sale of intoxicants were not regarded as they are now in our own country; and that in Great Britain today they are not frowned upon with anything like the severity that they are here; though an adverse public sentiment has been rapidly developing there, particularly during the last quarter of a century. Our goal is total abstinence for the individual; and solely in order to gain that we are pressing through license law and the local option which is now one of its features, towards prohibition for our province taken as a whole.

Our main task is that of multiplying total abstainers as fast as possible, and we are sure that when a certain stage has been reached in connection with this work a prohibitory law for the whole province should take the place of our liquor license legislation. Have we any means of telling when the precise hour has struck for the taking of this step?

In discussing this question it is safe for use to consult the history of legislation against the liquor business with a view to finding out, if we can, whether or not there is a danger of premature action, of going too fast, in the case. Here are a few facts:

The Canada Temperance act found its place among the statutes of this dominion in 1878, certain portions of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island were the first to vote in favor of such prohibition as it had to offer, and in about two years the island, as a whole, was under its sway, Charlottetown itself having gone that way by a vote of 837 to 253, Kings by one of 1,076 to 59, Prince by one of 1,762 to 271, and Queens by one of 1,317 to 99. This shows that the sentiment in favor of prohibition on the island was universal and overwhelming, thirty-three years ago at least. But in spite of this fact an attempt was made in Prince county even, to secure a reversal of its decision. That attempt failed. But when a similar attempt was made in Charlottetown in 1884, it was within 41 votes of succeeding; when the matter was brought to a test again, the enemies of the act fell short only 21 votes; and on the third trial they won by 14 votes. That was in 1891. Then the city let the traffic go on absolutely unhindered by license law even, till every sane man was convinced that the results were so shocking that some step would have to be taken to abate the nuisance. Then the leaders found themselves so absolutely opposed to granting licenses to individuals that they asked for and received from the legislature an act which permitted everybody who was already in the business, and as many more as might choose to enter it, to do all the selling they could during certain hours if they would but abstain from supplying minors and Indians, and fit up a single room, with no means of entrance or exit excepting the one door opening upon the public street, and with such large windows of clear glass as are now required by the liquor law of this province.

The situation had its humorous side, for these leaders, in their zeal as prohibitionists, at least ignored the fact that to regulate the traffic in this fashion was to license it in a wholesale way, with no costs or charges levied upon those who availed themselves of the indulgence. And quite possibly they did a wise thing under the circumstances, for they made it certain that Charlottetown would not proceed to get unto itself a precious set of citizens and city fathers, who would look upon license fees or fines as a desirable and indispensable source of revenue; and they knew that the time of the legalized traffic would be short there in any case.

The next fact to which we should give our attention is that no other province in this dominion has even yet reached the splendid height attained by P. E. Island in this matter more than thirty years ago, to say nothing of the place occupied by it when its prohibitory law was brought into force. Nova Scotia stands next, with the city of Halifax and perhaps its environs, alone granting licenses, though several counties besides are under its Liquor License act. But it shrinks from attempting prohibition, just as does Newfoundland with licenses granted nowhere in that colony excepting in St. John's, and it has its reasons. From 1886 to 1904, 18 long years, the city of Halifax kept driving into the country voters the lesson that it was an idle thing for them to send their members up to the legislature instructed to coerce a proud citizenship in connection with its drinking customs, and at the end of those years the country constituencies had learned their lesson so well that their representatives consented to place Halifax under separate license provisions of its own framing, the weary Law and Order League of the city itself having first retired from the field.

Sometimes laws have been repealed by the very people who eagerly adopted them. This always takes place when a law has been prematurely passed. And prohibitory laws are no exceptions. Not only Maine and Vermont and New Hampshire, but Massachusetts and Connecticut and Rhode Island and New York and Delaware adopted such legislation between 1852 and 1855. But by 1868 repeal had taken place in all five of the states south of Vermont and New Hampshire. Indeed Delaware reverted to license in about two years. Massachusetts made a second trial of state prohibition for the six years or so ending in 1875. At the present time, sad to say, license, tempered by local option, prevails over all this populous territory.

Returning to our own country, we are proud to say that the Canada Temperance act has been repealed by very few of the counties which adopted it in the beginning here in the east. But over against this we are compelled to place the fact that in Ontario it was voted out again all too soon, in spite of the fact that the law was the same for Ontario as it was for us in these maritime provinces. Evidently the Ontario counties voted prematurely in the first place and when the testing time came to them, as it came to us too, they were found wanting.

Now Ontario has the best enforced license law in the dominion, perhaps, and is making rapid progress under its local option provisions, probably more because of than in spite of the majority of three-fifths required to secure prohibition under the act. What they gain they are able to hold in almost every instance. This creates confidence instead of disappointment in the bosoms of the reformers, and they continue marching to other victories. Then the government itself appoints the inspectors, and because it is answerable to at least three-fifths of the voters in the territory concerned, it appoints men, not to slight their work and draw their pay, but to do it with all faithfulness and efficiency.

New Brunswick is moving towards provincial prohibition. Let us not doubt that for one moment. But what step should it take next?

J. L. DAWSON.

AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. Annie Copp, of Jolicure, the Victim—Clothing Caught from Fire in Stove.

Sackville, N. B., Dec. 15—Saturday morning Mrs. Annie Copp, widow of Silas Copp, was burned to death at her home, Jolicure. Mrs. Copp, who was ninety years old, lived at Aaron Finlay's, Jolicure. There is a stove in her room and early Saturday morning a fire was made in it. Mrs. Copp got up and sat down by the fire to warm herself, as she had been in the habit of doing.

She was then left alone for a few minutes and later members of the Finlay household heard a thud as if a body had fallen. They rushed to Mrs. Copp's room and were horrified to find her lying on the floor dead. Her clothing was completely burned from her body.

It is not known just how the fire started but it is supposed that Mrs. Copp's apron, which was of cotton, caught from the stove and that the blaze was inhaled, causing instant death. This view is supported by the fact that the mouth and throat of the victim were badly burned.

Mrs. Copp was formerly Miss Annie Brownell, being a sister of the late Thomas Brownell, of Jolicure. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Cynthia Davis and Miss Sarah E. Brownell, Northport (N. S.), and two brothers, William and Aaron, also of Northport.

Conductor—"Any suggestions as to the music for the dinner tonight?" Host—"Well, play something loud with the soup course. You understand?"

EXPECTS MANY IMMIGRANTS TO PROVINCE

Mr. Gilchrist Says Farm Settlement Board is Doing Good Work—Big Demand for Single Men.

Saturday, Dec. 14.

"The work of the Farm Settlement Board is progressing very satisfactorily," said James Gilchrist, of the provincial immigration office here, to The Telegraph yesterday. "Up to the present time the board has purchased thirty-five farms, and of these already seventeen have been disposed of, and there will be no difficulty in disposing of those which the board purchases as the immigration authorities are continually in receipt of requests for farms, both from New Brunswickers and from old country people. Two men," Mr. Gilchrist said, "have been settled within the last day or two at Blackpool, Miramichi, and we are in negotiation with several others.

"The immigration work is progressing well also. On the Cassandra, which is to arrive very soon, there are fifteen people for this province, and new settlers coming all the time, though the bulk of the people will not come until later. The present problem that confronts the province is that of labor, and we can handle as many single men as come here."

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