

PROVINCIAL NEWS

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Jan. 2.—Winter persists in presenting the most variable characteristics. The splendid fall of snow, which made the outlook for Christmas so pleasant, faded like a morning mist with the warm rains of that and succeeding days, and the ice in stream and river made haste to leave such unpropitious surroundings. Hammond River broke up and at Titus' upper mill jammed against the supports of the long trestle bridge of the St. Martins railway, pushing the road sills up stream and inclining the supporting beams at such an angle as to render the passage of trains dangerous if not impossible. So the final trips of the train had to be postponed, and it remains at the village by the shore until further orders. The road was advertised to close down for the season on Dec. 31st.

The birth of the New Year was marked by one of the worst wind storms of recent years, and as the temperature went down very rapidly, moving about during the day was by no means agreeable. However, the irrepressible small boys found consolation in the fact that there was good ice for skating and sliding and took what advantage of it they could.

The curlers also found an excellent sheet of ice on their rinks, and afternoon and evening were cheerfully devoted to the "rivalry" game. In the afternoon the opening contest in the match of president versus vice-president was tried out with the following result:

President. Vice-President.
H. Bell. Jas. Sprout,
Harry Barnes. Wm. Langstroth,
Thos. W. Robinson. Lem. Barnes,
Rev. W. W. Lodge. Rev. C. D. Schofield.
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Another rink was down to play in the evening, but the attractions of the Whist Club, which met at the residence of J. M. Scott, were sufficiently great to prevent the attendance of important members, and the evening hours were devoted to scratch games and practice, in which, however, these present took much satisfaction.

The Whist Club proceedings were interrupted by a delightful, and attended by a large number of invited guests, progressive whist, dancing and social pleasure, with ample and seasonable refreshments, carried the hours on flying feet until the company could not have gone home till morning, even if they had so desired.

Death has again claimed one of our oldest and most respected inhabitants—Benjamin Appleby, an aged resident of Darlings Island, passed away with the closing year at 83 years. He will be laid to rest in the cemetery here tomorrow, Friday, afternoon. He leaves five sons and one daughter—George A. John and William of Darlings Island, Robert of Hampton station, Benjamin of New York state, and Mrs. Albert Cookson, a resident of one of the suburban towns of Boston.

This morning in the probate court Judge Gilbert appointed January 15th as the day to go into the matter of the estate of the late Arthur McLean of Sussex, all parties interested consenting thereto. The proctors for the executrix are C. N. Skinner, K. C., and J. Arthur Freeze, for the legatee, one of the sons of the late Mr. McLean, is Mr. F. S. Morton, a creditor, Mr. H. Parlee and Geo. W. Fowler.

Neal Dow Bonnie of Hampton, farmer, petitioned for and received letters of administration on the estate of the late James H. Le Baron of Kingston, Jan. 2, when the estate was valued at \$200 real estate and \$2,100 personal property. Mrs. M. E. Daniels (mother), and Mrs. Olive Jane Bonnie and Mrs. Minnie D. Walker of Boston (sisters) joined in the petition, they being the only next of kin. Wm. H. March and George H. Barnes were the bondsmen. Philip Palmer proctor.

Mrs. Victor Barnes of Boston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., Jan. 7.—Fred Morrell has gone to take charge of a school in Edmundston. Roy Grimmer and Vernon Lamb, after spending the holidays here, returned to Montreal by C. P. R. yesterday to resume their studies at McGill. Miss Jean, daughter of Heber Stinson, left for Montreal last evening, where she will remain for the winter.

In consequence of indisposition, Mr. Allen, principal of the Grammar school, was yesterday unable to hold the usual sessions of school.

Thursday evening last, at a numerously attended meeting of the parishioners of All Saints' church, held in the church school room, by a unanimous vote the Rev. R. J. Langford was elected rector. A reputation was sent from the meeting to request the rev. gentleman's attendance. On his arrival, the chairman of the meeting, F. H. Grimmer, informed Mr. Langford of the action had by the meeting. The rector, in a short impromptu speech, thanked the parishioners.

Ernest Shirley has returned to the N. B. University, Fredericton, to resume his studies.

Miss Carrie Gardner has returned to Fredericton to finish the course at the Commercial school.

John Shepherd, an Englishman, lately arrived in New Brunswick, has taken charge of St. William Van Horne's stables and horses on Minister's Island.

Edwin Andrews of Minister's Island has received a short horn Durham ten months' old bull calf and a two year old heifer, in call, purchased from Bliss Fawcett's stock farm. Both are pure bred. The heifer took a prize at the fat stock exhibition recently held in Amherst, N. S.

The choir of All Saints' church has received a most welcome acquisition in the person of Mrs. Langford, wife of the newly elected rector. Those who have had the pleasure of hearing her sing say she possesses of a fine sympathetic voice. This lady has taken charge of the senior girls' class in the Sunday school, in which she will be very helpful, having had experience in that branch of church work.

Rector Langford, Mrs. L. and family will during the winter months remain as boarders with Mrs. Hans



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Johnson. They will in the spring move into the rectory, after it has undergone the necessary repairs.

The volume of long delayed law reports, it is said contains a report of decisions in Scott Act cases, which invalidates decisions made by parish court commissioners in cases tried by them, and that in consequence all their action in this connection was illegal. The parties who were the victims of these illegal acts will have a claim against the county for a refund of the fines paid by them, and those who suffered imprisonment may recover damages.

BENTON, Carleton Co., Jan. 4.—Rev. George A. Ross spent Christmas with his parents at Charlottetown, P. E. I., where he was called to attend the marriage of his sister, Miss Gertrude Ross, to Hope L. Ings of Boston, Mass. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. M. Young. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Nettie Ross, and the groom by John F. McKay. Shortly after the ceremony the happy couple, accompanied by G. A. Ross, started for Benton, and are now the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Ings intend to reside in Boston, Mass.

The schools re-open Monday. H. C. Allen still retains the principalship, with Miss Mildred Jones in charge of the primary department. The school at Innes Ridge will be taught by Miss Harriet Bolt of St. John. The school at Benton Ridge has been closed. Miss Emma Dougherty and Miss Inez Daye, normal students, spent vacation at their homes. Miss Dougherty left today to take charge of the school at Haverhill, Carleton Co., while Miss Daye returns to normal.

H. M. Bailey is now acting as ticket agent at the C. P. R. depot here, the position being vacated by Miss Lizzie Speer.

Miss Ethel McInnis is very ill from rheumatism. Fears are being entertained of her recovery.

John Boyd and William Daye are to saw laths from round wood at Murdoch's mill this winter. They expect to begin work Monday.

It is feared that the hay crop for another year will be a small one, as the fields in many sections are covered with ice.

PETITCODIAC, Jan. 6.—The many friends of Dr. Charles Tritts, who has been practicing medicine at Liverpool, Nova Scotia, for two years, were glad to have him spend the Christmas at the home of his father, D. L. Tritts.

The following leave the village today: Miss Mabel McDonald returns to Acadia, where she is taking a course in art; Mabel Steeves, Laura Moore, Muriel Colpitts and Arthur Eastman go to Fredericton Normal School. The village school retains the old efficient staff—R. D. Harrison, principal; Samuel Bernette, intermediate, and Laura Fowler, primary.

Robert Colpitts and Mrs. Tabor of Woodstock have been visiting at Sherman Colpitts'. Mrs. J. Yeomans spent a few days at Hampton recently.

Friday's fall of snow has made quite good sleighing.

BLISSVILLE, Sunbury Co., Jan. 7.—The Farmers' Institute of the parishes of Blissville and Gladstone had a very successful public meeting in the Agricultural hall. The chair was occupied by Herbert Smith, vice-president. After the reading of minutes of former meeting H. Smith and Geo. Thomas were chosen delegates to the N. B. Farmers' and Dairymen's Association, which meets in Fredericton on Jan. 23, 29 and 30. Rev. T. O. DeWitt, who was present, was invited to the platform, and made a few remarks, after which Simpson Rennie of Toronto

dealt with the subject of Rotation of Crops and Fall Cultivation. From the very start a lively discussion commenced, and continued throughout the whole meeting. P. E. Sharp introduced the subject of The Summer Care and Feeding of the Dairy Cow. The meeting closed with an appropriate vote of thanks to the speakers, which was acknowledged by Mr. Rennie.

POHQUET, Jan. 6.—The schools reopened today with the former teachers in charge, Mr. Horsman and Miss Fenwick.

Ernest Parlee, second son of the late Z. Parlee, died at his mother's residence Saturday night. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning. Deceased had been in poor health for some time. Mrs. Parlee's eldest son, Lee, died about two years ago with the same disease, consumption.

A donation for Rev. H. H. Ferguson was held at his residence, Lower Millstream, on Saturday evening. Sixty dollars was contributed.

HIGHTFIELD, N. B., Jan. 5.—The semi-annual sale under the auspices of the Ladies' Sewing Circle of St. John's Episcopal church took place on Friday evening, 27th ult. Over \$19 was realized, which will be devoted to church purposes.

On Friday evening, 3rd inst., the teachers and children of St. John's church (Episcopal) were treated to a sumptuous tea provided by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Warneford, after which a Christmas tree, loaded with the contents of a box kindly donated by Mrs. Walker of St. John, was opened to the eager gaze of the little folks. During the evening a number of games and other amusements were indulged in.

The examination of the school taught by Miss Annie Johnston of Alder Mountain took place on Tuesday, 17th ult. The pupils showed a marked improvement and the progress which has been made shows Miss Johnston to be a painstaking and efficient teacher. On leaving she was the recipient of a number of presents from her pupils.

On the evening of Jan. 2nd a party was given by Mr. and Mrs. T. E. A. Pearson at their residence, to a number of their friends, it being the 13th anniversary of their marriage.

C. B. Parker of Cole's Island has purchased lumber on the farm owned by T. A. Muir, and has engaged J. W. Patterson to do the sawing. The lumber will be hauled to Washademoak to be shipped to St. John.

Miss Maggie Cady of Cady's Station is the guest of Miss Bertha Pearson.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Jan. 7.—Rev. M. F. Walsh, who has been pastor of the Roman Catholic church in Calais during the past twelve or more years, received notice today of his appointment to St. Mary's church at Bangor, the most desirable parish in the diocese of Maine.

CHATHAM, Jan. 6.—Travelling all over the county is simply first class, as your correspondent can testify, and if all other conditions were as favorable we would have no cause for complaint, but what with short crops attached to the water in some sections, the pulp mills closed and no immediate prospect of re-opening, and now an almost total failure in the smelt fishing, we see many long faces about our streets.

Notwithstanding so many discouraging conditions, a fairly good Christmas trade was done, and we are feeling the reaction already.

The waterworks have been undergoing some preliminary tests which have developed quite a number of leaks and breaks, and many criticisms are heard regarding the perforant character of the system of the so-called inspection. If the system of the water pipes in sections as they were laid, and before being carried in, had been followed, we would in all probability have been enjoying the use of the town water at the present time. A test was made last week with hose and branch pipe attached to a hydrant at the town hall, a strong stream was thrown to the top of the tower and to within a few feet of the top of the flag pole, but just at that moment our Jonah appeared on the scene and the stream diminished in strength and finally subsided altogether. It is to be feared that if the water is to cost the consumer more electricity than the present cost of electric light, the majority of our householders will be very much averse to having it installed. Complaints are heard on every hand regarding the high rate of consumption recorded by the metres, which have been lately installed in nearly all places where the light is used; there is at least one exception reported where no metre has been introduced, but why this is allowed in a private residence is more than the average ratepayer can understand. It is not even suggested that an old stock of electricity is being used by aid of storage batteries. There is no doubt but that many of the lamps used in Chatham develop more heat than they should and so consume more electricity than they are expected to do, hence the large metre reading.

P. A. Noonan's stock was sold by Sheriff Call last week. Mr. Wyse, the auctioneer, disposed of the goods in lots each of \$100 value, first cost. The sale realized something over \$1,200, being less than satisfied the execution. It has since been sold to I. D. Buckley of Rogersville, the whole realizing forty-nine cents on the dollar, according to street rumor.

The new school building on Henderson street will be formally opened to-night, to which ceremony the public paymasters, i. e., the people who have to pay the bills, have been invited by his worship the mayor. School exercises will begin tomorrow. Dr. Clark, of Montreal, Mr. Almond, Mr. Wallace and other teachers have returned from vacation.

Our police are said to be searching for some of our Scott Act violators who have been convicted for some time past, but who under the mild and paternal regime of the mayor and town council have had the privilege of enjoying the Christmas trade and holiday exercises. It is needless to remark that none of the rum shops have been closed up.

Our New Year's attraction took the form of a smallpox scare, the local conditions of which occasioned a regular sensation, occurring as it did in the post office and customs building. The alleged patient was a grandchild

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