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Springfield.

A happy and prosperous New Year to the MONITOR.

Mrs. J. H. Burbidge and daughter, of Middleton, have been spending a week at the parsonage.

Mr. Hueston Morton, of New Germany, was in town last week.

At the farmer's supper, given on the 27th ult., the sum of $40 was realized.

Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Whitman and son, of New Albany, were in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Neander Whitman were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Grimm on Tuesday.

The Misses May and Maggie Schofield, of Middleton, are spending a few days in this place visiting their many friends.

Miss Ethel Freeman is the guest of Miss Nellie Barss, of New Germany.

Miss Stella Roop is spending a few days in Kingston.

Mr. Everett Kinney is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Herman McNayr.

Wm. Sprowl, senr., is spending a few days in the Valley.

Mr. Albert Langille is spending a few days in Bridgewater.

Mr. Edward Barteaux, government surveyor, and Mr. Obediah Feindel, New Germany, are surveying lands in this vicinity for the pulp mill company.

Court Forest Flower, I. O. F., initiated three members on their last night of meeting. The officers elected for the following year are as follows: C. R., Jacob Roop; V. C. R., Lemuel Stoddart; R. S. William Durling; F. S, Charley Davis; Treas., John Mullock; Chap., Rev. E. E. Locke; S. W., Wm. Roop; J. W., Albert Langille; S. B., Lambert McNayr; J. B., Simeon Lohnes; C. D., Major Roop; C. P., Dr. N. P. Freeman; P. C. R., J. C. Grimm.

Port Lorne.

Mr. H. Stronach, our teacher, has gone to Middleton and Margaretville to spend his holidays.

Mr. Ernest Reagh is home for the winter from sea.

Misses Delema and Carrie Brinton are home from Halifax for a few days visiting relatives.

Miss Maggie Riley, of Berwick, is visiting friends here.

Messrs. Willoughby Anthony, James P. Foster and Elmer Brinton, of Bridgetown, spent Xmas at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rhodes, Mrs. Eliza Dunn and Mrs. Susan Corbitt spent Xmas day with Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn. The ladies were the three oldest ladies of Port Lorne.

The officers elected for the ensuing quarter in North Division are as follows: Frank Charlton, W. P.; Mrs. Frank Charlton, W. A.; Young Anthony, F. S.; Mrs. E. P. Coldwell, Treas.; Alfred Charlton, R. S.; Beatrice Elliott, A. R. S.; Hiram Johnson, Chap.; Charlie Cropley, Con.; Mrs. Lorimer Sabeans, A. C.; Stephen Neaves, I. S.; William Johnson, O. S.; Mrs. Emma Brinton, P. W. P.

Mr. William Dalton is at present very poorly, and may go to the hospital next week.

Deacon John Charlton had a reunion Xmas of all his children and grandchildren, numbering in all thirty-two, one son being absent who with his family are living in the States. It was again repeated on Saturday last at Capt. E. Hall's.

Rev. E. P. Coldwell will preach next Sunday at Arlington, 10.30; Port Lorne, 2 30; Hampton, 7.

Port George.

Miss Ethel Weaver, of Augusta, Me., is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Weaver.

Mrs. Richard Armstrong, of Lynn, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Parks.

Mr. Rupert Parks is home from Boston.

The annual pay party for Rev. Mr. Astbury was held at the residence of Mr. Isaac Smith on Wednesday evening, 28th ult.

Mr. Israel Hines, of Boston, Mass., is visiting his brother, Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert A. Weaver are visiting the latter's parents at Springfield.

Our teacher, Miss Ethel Downie, is spending her vacation in Boston and vicinity.

French parliament will be asked to vote 894,5000,000 francs to the naval budget for 1899, of which amount 121,000,000 francs will be expended upon the construction of sixty-three vessels already begun, and twenty-eight others to be started in 1899.

Lawrencetown.

We wish the MONITOR and its readers the compliments of the season.

The creamery at Lawrencetown is now established on the best basis of any in the county.

The dinner tomorrow at the Elm House promises to be one of the most interesting of the season. Over fifty guests are invited.

The friends of the late T. R. Ilsley will miss him in business and social life.

Mr. Bayer, our tailor, is giving the utmost satisfaction in his fits and prices.

The new saw-mill will soon be ready for work. A lumber mill, shingle machine and lath mill are needed here, and will doubtless find plenty to do.

N. H. Phinney's new store will be completed by May 1st. This is the best stand in the county for a live business man.

The attendance at school is large, and the work of Mr. and Mrs. Crombie is appreciated by parents and pupils.

Several new houses will be built here next summer.

There is a splendid opening in Lawrencetown for a wheelwright.

The new road to Clarence needs to be made suitable for summer travel.

A canning factory will probably be established in connection with a creamery here.

Upper Clarence.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dimock, of Wolfville, have been visiting friends in this place during the past week.

The special meetings that have been held in the church during the past two weeks came to a close on Saturday the 31st, ult. Mr McLean's services have been highly appreciated, and much good has been done.

Building operations promise to be brisk in this place during the coming summer. Four new barns will be built, several old ones enlarged, and at least one new house will be erected.

Our farmers are interested in the proposed railroad from Middleton to Victoria Beach, and hope to see the matter take definite shape in the near future.

Clarence Division No. 366 has just closed a very successful quarter, and the ensuing one promises to be full of special interest. The following officers were elected at the last night meeting: L. W. Elliott, W. P.; Mrs. Fred Banks, W. A.; Fred Banks, R. S.; Mrs. H. G. Wilson, A. R. S.; Mrs. E. W. Jackson, F. S.; J. W. Elliott, Treas.; A. J. Wilson, Chap; Eldon Marshall, Con.; Winnie Elliott, A. Con.; Maud Neily, I. S.; H. G. Wilson, O. S; Mrs. F. Fitch, P. W. P.

Pastor Slocum Greeted.

Concord, N. H. Dec. 21.—A notable service in recognition of the recent coming of Rev. Joel B. Slocum to this city, to become pastor of the First Baptist church, was held in the auditorium of that edifice this evening.

The unusual attractiveness of the program and the general invitation sent out to church going people brought together a very large and representative gathering. The church was appropriately decorated for the occasion and the event throughout was marked with unusual interest.

Rev. Joel B. Slocum was born in Mt. Hanley, N. S. Feb. 1, 1868. He united with the Baptist church of his native place at the age of 14, and in 1885 removed his church membership to Tremont temple, Boston. He was during 85, 86 and 87 in the service of the Congregational Sunday school and Publication Society of Boston.

In the fall of 1887 he began to prepare for college at Worcester academy, finishing his preparatory course in Boston. He entered Colby in September, 1889, and graduated therefrom with high honors in 1893. In the fall of the same year he entered Newton theological institute and graduated in 1896. He was ordained at Tremont temple, June 19, 1896.

Mr. Slocum accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Westbrook, Mass., in November, 1896, and accepted his second call, which was to Laconia, N. H., in June, 1897. He was called here in October last. —*Boston Daily Globe, Dec. 22.*

[Rev. Mr. Slocum is a brother of Mr. Major Slocum, of this town.]—ED.

The expedition that was sent out by the Swedish Government in search of Andree, the Arctic explorer, has returned from Northern Siberia, where months were spent in fruitless efforts to learn the fate of Andree and his two companions.

Ontario Letter.

Editor Monitor:—

DEAR SIR,—As the MONITOR continues to make its weekly visits, I thought I would write a few lines to express my appreciation of its contents, also to say that it is a wonderful medium through which to make known your wants. In my last I requested contributions of poetry suitable to set to music. Almost as soon as the paper reached me came two beautiful pieces from Melvern Square, one of which I have set to music, and for the other I am waiting an inspiration. I have since received another from the same person, making three in all. I should be pleased to hear from others in the same way.

We have had a lovely summer and fall. I am somewhat of an enthusiast for the wheel, and during the riding season I do not think I was prevented riding more than a week in all during that time, and continued it until near the first of this month, when a fall of snow came which made good sleighing for about two weeks, and the thermometer dipped a little below zero. This, however, did not last long.

The Christmas holidays have brought a multitude of cares, as at this period we have an annual entertainment for the Sabbath School, in connection with the Baptist Church, of which we have the oversight, while with composing, arranging and practicing the different contingents of forces engaged keeps us busy. Ours came off on the evening of the 28th, and was a very great success in every way. The school and all taking part are always admitted free, which gave over 100 free tickets. The receipts were about $21. It took just three hours to run the programme through, which gave immense satisfaction. The numbers were somewhere in the forties, and consisted of recitations, dialogues and music. We had the school divided into three choirs, besides a male choir which gave several selections. Pastor Carey was in the chair. At the close the children each received a present, and all wended their way home well pleased. On the 21st we had our male choir to assist at Vienna, 3½ miles north of this place, and we have other engagements ahead for it.

Mr. Havelock Marshall made us a call today. He is in the tea and coffee business.

The government dredge is here ready to begin work on the harbor. There is a large hotel going up now on the park of considerable dimensions. It is 36x75 feet in the main building; then it has a kitchen 24x26, the whole structure being three stories high. It contains over 50 rooms in all, with all modern improvements, which will be a great boon to the pleasure seeker. Business men from a distance have an eye on the place, and some are already taking steps to start here.

The election petition to unseat the sitting member, Mr. Brower, conservative, proved abortive through the decision of the judges, not from lack of corruption being practiced, but from inability to establish agency. The case is to be appealed. West Elgin is to have an election in a few days by the unseating of Mr. McDiarmid, conservative for corrupt practices, or he found his case was bad and resigned. East Elgin will be decided by the court of appeal.

Roads have been badly drifted with snow since the first of the month. Roads running North and South being almost impassable. Unlike the roads in Nova Scotia which are made where most convenient, these intersect each other at right angles the blocks being of various sizes in different counties. In some 600 acres, in others 800 acres while this county (Elgin) contains 1,000 making the roads 1½ miles apart. The country being on a whole level this can be easily accomplished. The prevailing winds being from the west you will readily see why the side-roads or those running North and South suffer most.

Wishing you and all your readers a happy New Year.

Yours,

D. M. CHUTE.

Port Burwell, Ont., Dec. 29, 1898.

Reciprocity in Postal Cards.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—The Post-Master-General to-day signed an order accepting as private mailing cards both the Canadian mailing cards, bearing United States stamps and mailed on this side of the line, and the United States cards mailed in Canada with Canadian postage. This is the result of a reciprocal arrangement between this and the Canadian government, looking to avoid considerable annoyance in refusing postal transmission where travellers both ways write home on cards of their own country.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

Mr. Editor:—

Having noticed in the papers that the Nova Scotia Pork Packing Co., were to hold a meeting on Wednesday, 28th of Dec., and having an interest in any progressive movement to help the farmers of this county, and a desire to learn how to raise pork to advantage for home use, as well as for exporting, I attended that meeting. The result was that I returned as I went without the desired information.

The meeting was practically, so it proved, for the purpose of inducing the farmers of this county to again put their hands in their pockets, and further contribute the small sum of $25,000 in addition to about that sum already subscribed for the purpose of building and equipping a factory. And what for? Was it for the purpose of evaporating our apples, that are unfit to send to the English markets, or for canning our plums, of both of which we have a large surplus, or was it for corn, peas, beans or tomatoes, which are raised and can be grown in abundance at a comparatively trifling cost to supply our home markets, and for exporting, but which we are importing from our sister provinces in very large quantities every year? It was not to take care of our surplus fruit that is going to waste, but it was for the purpose of building and equipping an expensive factory for preparing pork for the markets of the world, to come in competition with pork producing countries, while it is a fact that we do not produce one half the pork used in our own province at the present time. Cannot our farmers sell all the pork they can raise at the market price? Can the factory guarantee more than this? And what about the pork that is sent to market? Is it not in a large measure prepared on feed imported from the United States or Upper Canada? This being the case, what are the prospects for the farmer improving his condition by furnishing some $50,000 to build and equip a factory that will require about 500 hogs per week the year round? Where is the feed to come from? They cannot, or rather do not, raise it. This being the fact the next thing to be done is to import more feed which will make pork a costly production. In conclusion I would ask the farmers of this valley before pledging themselves in this larger sum to give this matter due consideration.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space,

I remain yours,

ONE PRESENT.

Chinese Crisis.

Pekin, Jan. 1.—An imperial edict, issued last Friday, remarks that China is passing through a severe crisis in her history.

It reminds viceroys and governors of the numerous edicts that have been issued lately ordering administrative reforms; points out that many of these have not been observed, and commands the immediate institution of reforms in the methods of training troops, in agriculture, in manufacture and in everything likely to conduce to the prosperity of the empire.

It directs the viceroys and governors to memorialize the throne within a month that these reforms have been inaugurated.

This edict is highly significant, as showing that the Empress Dowager realizes that the position is serious and that all hope of the country's future lies solely in reforms.

A deadlock has resulted from a demand by the Russian authorities for the surrender of certain British property which the Chinese government had awarded as part of the Russian concession at Han Kau. The British refuse to surrender the property.

Mormons not Polygamists.

Salt Lake, Utah, December 30.—In connection with the election of B. H. Roberts to congress and certain charges circulated by the Presbyterian board of missions, President Lorenzo Snow, of the Mormon church, furnished a signed statement to-day, in which he says in part: "I declare most solemnly and emphatically that the statements which are being published to the effect that the Mormon church is encouraging the teaching of polygamy are utterly untrue. Even since the issuance of the manifesto on this subject by President Wilford Woodford, my predecessor in office, polygamy or plural marriages have entirely ceased in Utah."

Reciprocity Sure to Come.

(New York Evening Post.)

There is probably little foundation for the report that Great Britain will ask compensation for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty—still less that she will ask for Canadian reciprocity in return for it. Reciprocity is a term much too vague to be used as a *quid pro quo* in another and widely different negotiation. To negotiate a treaty of reciprocal trade with Canada would require one year of steady work and "hearings" by a commission, before it could be brought to the attention of Congress, and it might then drag along another year in Congress. Moreover, it would, not improbably, re-open the whole tariff question, since the particular interests affected by Canadian competition would demand equal treatment with those affected by transatlantic trade.

Manufacturers of wooden tooth-picks would see no reason why they should be offered up as a sacrifice on the altar of the Nicaragua canal. Dairy men and poultry-dealers in the neighborhood of Buffalo would object to the competition with those on the other side of the Niagara river—and so on. All this would make delay, whereas time is of the essence of Clayton-Bulwer negotiation. As regards reciprocity with Canada, that will come before long, but it cannot be brought in by a side wind. The trading interests of New England are becoming more urgent for it every day. They are hampered by the old pagan superstition of the tariff, but the latter is losing its strength visibly, and will soon be in the gutter, not only in New England, but in western New York as well. The city of Buffalo would vote for free trade with Canada to-day if it had the opportunity. Probably Rochester and Oswego would do the same.

Sam Parslow and Cordelia Viau are to be hanged at St. Scholastique, Quebec, March 10th, for the deliberate and long-planned murder of the husband of Cordelia.

TAKE NOTICE

During the year the space devoted to advertising MINARD'S LINIMENT will contain expressions of no uncertain sound from people who speak from personal experience as to the merits of this best of Household Remedies.

Church Services, Sunday, January 8th.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Rev. F. P. Greatorex, Rector. In St. James', Bridgetown: Sunday School at 2; Service with sermon to children at 3. Evening service at 7. Service on Wednesday at 7.30. Choir practice after service. In St. Mary's, Belleisle: Service with celebration of Holy Communion at 11. All seats free.

GORDON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian).—Rev. H. S. Davison, Pastor. Public worship every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Sabbath-School and Pastor's Bible class at 10 a. m. Congregational Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. Prayer Meeting on Friday at 7.30 p. m. All seats free. Ushers to welcome strangers.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. F. M. Young, Pastor. Bridgetown: Bible Class and Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Preaching Service at 11 a.m.; Evangelistic service 7.00 p.m. B.Y.P.U. Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. General social service Friday evening at 7.30. Service at Centreville on Sunday afternoon.

PROVIDENCE METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. Strothard, pastor; F. B. Curry, assistant pastor. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p. m., Sunday-school at 2 p.m. General Class every Monday evening at 7.30; Prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30; Epworth League every Friday evening at 7.30. All are cordially invited.

Granville: Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a.m and 3 p.m., alternately. Prayer meeting every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

Bentville: Preaching every Sabbath at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., alternately. Epworth League on Tuesday and prayer meeting on Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

Mountain Mission: Preaching fortnightly, Durling's Lake at 10.30 a.m., Hill at 2.30 p.m.

ROUND HILL.—G. J. Coulter White, pastor Preaching service on the 1st Sunday of the month at 11 a.m., and on other Sundays at 7 p.m. Prayer-meeting Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday-school after morning service, other Sundays at 2.30 p.m.

Marriages.

GRAVES—MITCHELL.—At the home of the bride, Dec. 28th, by Rev. E. P. Coldwell, John L. Graves, of Port Lorne, to Effie Maud, daughter of Capt. Joseph Mitchell, of Hampton.

Vitality of Abstainers.

New York, Dec. 30.—The vitality of abstainers and non-abstainers seems to be interesting actuaries in all parts of the world just now. The disclosures from investigations undertaken by Mr. Emory McClintock in this country and Mr. James Meikle, secretary of the Faculty of Actuaries (Scotland), have strengthened the opinion of many that abstainers form without doubt the best class of risks, the mortality in their favor (as compared with other groups of men of the same age and similarity constituted) being sufficient to justify discrimination by the companies. Others believe that while the showings have been suggestive, indicating perhaps the direction of important reforms, the data thus far collected are scarcely sufficient or of such accuracy as to warrant interference at this time. Temperance enthusiasts have also taken up the discussion, claiming a death loss among non-drinking classes far below that reported among ordinary risks. The chief question now is, what does the real difference amount to? Statistics offered by some suggest that the vitality of abstainers is from 25 to 50 per cent. greater than that of other people. This is, no doubt, excessive, but with the collection of additional data the problem will no doubt be solved before very long.

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JOHN MURDOCH.

Bridgetown, N. S., Dec. 27th, 1898. 2i

LAWRENCETOWN BUTTER & CHEESE M'F'G. CO.

The annual meeting of the Lawrencetown Butter and Cheese Mfg. Co. will be held at Temperance Hall, Monday, Jan. 16th, 1899, at 2 p. m. By order of the President.

NOTICE!

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Men's Half Hose,
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