

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

HOPEWELL HILL, Albert Co., Dec. 23.—Golden Rule Division, No. 51, S. of T., has elected the following officers for the ensuing quarter: Fred. G. Moore, W. P. H. L. Brewster, W. A. A. Aurora, Tingley, R. B. Warren, Peck, A. R. S.; H. A. Peck, F. S.; G. W. Peck, treasurer; W. M. Tingley, chaplain; Mary Archibald, con.; Dora Reynolds, A. C.; Allen Mahar, I. S.; Allison Bishop, O. S.; Slias Stiles, P. W.

A. C. M. Lawson, principal, and Miss Grace McGorman of the primary department of the Hill school, will be at their old posts again the coming year. Harry Burns has been engaged for another year as principal of the Riverside school. W. J. Moffatt, Miss Annie Delry in charge of the newly established primary department. Mr. Hubley and Miss Edith Comben have been engaged by the Albert district, and Miss Mamie Stewart will return to Coveville. Miss Laura Peck will teach at Shenton, and Miss Margaret Palmer at Lowe's Cape.

Doyle Conners, who has been living in Springfield, Mass., for several years, came home last week to spend the winter.

WATERBURY, Albert Co., Dec. 23.—Frederick Samuel W. Joy, Minister of a paralytic stroke last evening and now lies in a helpless condition.

Mrs. Enoch Marks of West River is very low with pneumonia. Mrs. Wm. Lyman of the same place is also ill with congestion of the lungs.

Geo. P. Marks, blacksmith, while shoeing a horse in his shop today was knocked over and stunned by the animal giving a wooden lunch against him. Mr. Marks rallied and in a short time resumed his work.

Furdy McDonald of Alma, who taught school here last term, will teach the Erasmian term.

RICHIBUCTO, N. B., Dec. 23.—A political meeting at which members of the local government are to be present, is being arranged to take place in Buctouche tomorrow night.

Herbert Thru of Boston has already commenced in the county. The opposition are working quietly and effectively and will be heard from shortly.

SUSSEX, Dec. 23.—The carnival which was to take place in Alhambra rink has been postponed until Friday evening.

The preliminary examination of De Courcy, charged with having caused previous bodily harm to Express Agent Charles Morrison, has been postponed until Monday.

Dr. Thomas Byrne of St. Stephen is visiting his parents and relatives in Sussex.

Joseph Steeves, merchant, of Elgin, is on a business trip here.

SUSSEX, N. B., Dec. 23.—The dwelling house owned and occupied by J. D. O'Connell, on what is known as the Blanche farm, near the railway station, caught fire from a defective stove about seven o'clock this evening and was wholly destroyed.

The firemen were quickly on the spot, but owing to the want of water were unable to prevent the burning. They, however, rendered valuable assistance in saving the greater part of the household effects. It is said there is \$400 insurance on the building.

Mr. O'Connell lost a large trunk containing many valuable bonds and other securities.

BLISSVILLE, Sunbury Co., Dec. 21.—Messrs. Frank, French and John McAlpine and the Messrs. Nellie, Ella and Lillian McAlpine of Hampstead and Cambridge spent Christmas in Blissville, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Smith.

Miss Minnie De Witt gave an enjoyable birthday party on Christmas eve to a number of her friends.

Rev. A. D. McQuilly of Welsford preached at the hall on Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rolley are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, Dec. 23.—Mrs. D. W. Mersereau and her sister, who spent Christmas here, have returned to St. John.—Harry Hayward is home from Horton Academy to spend his vacation.—Harry Mersereau of Sydney, C. B., is spending Christmas at the old homestead.

The friends of Mr. Robertson gave him a surprise party on Thursday evening.

The families of D. W. Hart, S. D. Alexander and Dr. Murray are all well with measles.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 23.—E. C. Jones, manager of the McLennan solicitor of the Bank of Montreal in St. John, were in the city today making arrangements for the opening of a branch institution in this city.

It is understood that the store in the Chesnut building, now occupied as a clothing house, has been selected as the site for the bank. E. E. Winslow, who is in charge of the bank at Chatham, N. B., is named as the probable manager here. The bank is expected to be opened about the middle of January.

Wm. McCarrae of this city had three of his fingers cut off by a saw while working in the Aberdeen mills today.

Four timber berths were sold at the crown land office today and all went at the upset price of \$8 per mile. A two mile lot at Four Mile brook branch of the Gutierrez river, which was sold to R. A. Bessley, a two and a half mile berth on Crystal Brook and another of nine miles at the same place, went to Samuel Adams. Sumner & Co. bought a two and a half mile berth on Nepisiquit mill stream.

Capt. Macdonnell, R. R. C. I., will be transferred to P. E. E. and will be replaced here by Capt. Carpenter from that station.

Sergt. Albert Wilson, who was transferred to St. John, Que., in 1894, has been promoted to drill sergeant and will return to Fredericton.

The R. R. C. I. drummers (erroneously termed buglers) are to be supplied with drums immediately.

Major Hemming has been directed to apply for drawing instruments and material for a class of N. C. officers to be formed for military sketching and topography.

LINCOLN, Sunbury Co., Dec. 23.—Service was held in the Free Baptist church on Christmas evening by the pastor. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreens, and excellent music was furnished by the choir.

The concert at Christmas tree held in the church on Christmas eve proved a success. The following programme was carried out: Chorus, "What will you do with the King called Jesus?" dialogue by Effie Hayward and Pearl Mitchell, "Why We Keep Christmas," recitation, George Smith; dialogue, by six girls, "Branches of Holly"; recitation by Clara Smith, "Nobody's Child"; recitation by Nellie Lewis, "Over the Hills to the Poor House"; duet by Ada Mitchell and J. Edmunds, recitation by Elsie Lewis, "Santa Claus"; recitation by Mrs. Harry True, "Prayer and Potatoes"; chorus, "Seeking the Lost"; recitation by Maud Stephenson; solo, Miss Annie Mitchell, "The Holy City"; dialogue by Viva Newers, Adey's Mitchell and Elsie Lewis (Santa Claus); solo, Elsie Lewis, "Driven from Home." While the choir sang the closing piece, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," the collection was taken by two little girls. It amounted to \$3.41. After the programme was abated Mrs. B. Mitchell presented Mrs. Harvey True with a beautiful Bible, a gift from her Sabbath school class. Mr. and Mrs. Satis Claus then appeared and distributed the presents from the tree, which was loaded with gifts for the children.

Charles Stephenson of this place while working at the blacksmith trade in Fredericton, a few weeks ago, by accident drove a horse nail in his hand. The result was blood poisoning, that laid him up for a time. He is now able to be out again.

Herbert Thru of Boston is spending a few days at his old home.

Rev. C. B. Lewis and family drove to Wickham yesterday to spend New Year's—Miss Phebe and Hatfield Dykeman of Jernesse are spending a week with James Dykeman.

La grippe is quite prevalent in this community.

MONCTON, Dec. 23.—At last night's meeting of the board of school trustees Mr. Ache-son of Charlotte Co. was appointed to the vacancy in the grammar school teaching staff caused by the resignation of Miss Gray. The salary \$700 a year. Miss A. E. of St. John, D. L. Mitchell of Gasqueton and P. Girwood of Grand Manan applied for positions on the teaching staff.

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J. Southern, who has been a resident in this district for the last three years, has just received news of the death of his mother, at Bedford, England, on the 28th November last, leaving a daughter and three sons to mourn their loss.

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CASTORIA STILL A MYSTERY.

The Adams-Cornish Poisoning Case Yet Unsolved.

New York Police Inclined to Believe It Was a Woman Who Sent the Cyanide of Potassium,

But the Detectives Have No Theory and Have No Person Under Suspicion—No Date Fixed for the Holding of the Inquest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Adams-Cornish poisoning case remains as great a mystery as ever. When the detective bureau, the district attorney's office, the coroner's office and others seeking to find a solution of the strange case, which their labors for the day, all said nothing had been learned that might assist in bringing the guilty persons to justice.

The police are inclined to believe that the person who sent the poison to Cornish is a woman, although the evidence is of the most flimsy character, and is largely based upon opinions of men or less responsible parties. Mr. Cornish, who was also poisoned at the time of Mrs. Adams' death, is now completely out of danger, though confined to bed at the Knickerbocker A. C.

Capt. McClusky, assistant district attorney, chief of the detective bureau and the coroner's physician were at police headquarters this afternoon in consultation on the case. Acting under their instructions, detectives were sent to the Adams flat at No. 61 West 69th street, and requested Mrs. Florence Rogers, Mrs. Adams' daughter, and her friend, Mrs. Hovey, to accompany them to headquarters to give their version of the case. Arriving there, they remained in consultation with the authorities for about an hour.

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