

PROVINCIAL NEWS

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Sept. 7.—The long continued dry weather is becoming somewhat serious, not only to the farmers in neighboring districts, who find themselves compelled to begin feeding this season's hay to their stock because of the lack of good pasture and the short supply of milk prevents the usual butter output of this season, but in the villages the wells are going dry and the brooks are but the parched beds of desiccated courses. The creek is the recipient of a number of sewers from the houses at the station, and the scarcity of water in the river under these conditions causes great anxiety, much to the fever should break out before the freshets come to drive away the gathering impurities and give the people once more a generous supply of pure water. The warning has gone out from the medical men that all water should be boiled before being used, but few people take heed until some personal affliction forces consideration of such a commonplace idea upon them.

Fires, too, are all about us, and woodlands, fences and outbuildings in exposed places are being consumed. Above the station on the Passaic road and back toward the lake Messrs. Lawrence, Riley and others have suffered from these causes during the past three days.

Within the past two weeks Hampton has had her share of weddings. Last week there were four at the village, and the station also has yielded its quota. Wallace S. Gilliland bore off to St. John. Mr. Blanch Snodgrass of Passaic, and the Rev. Mr. Raimond of Calvin church had his holiday fund increased thereby with a generous fee. Clement Harrison Frost, son of E. H. Frost of the village, took to wife Miss Adeline May Taber, only daughter of Samuel Taber of Lower Norton, Rev. A. N. McNeill (Baptist) performing the ceremony.

Rev. H. Irving Lewis, pastor of St. George's, is visiting his friends here. Mrs. James M. Sprout of St. Martins is visiting her son, F. M. Sprout, at his home on Main street. Mrs. F. M. Sprout is visiting friends at Barronfield, Cumberland Co., N. B.

Fred W. Freeze is gazetted as deputy sheriff of Kings county for the current year.

The curling club gave a fine soiree concert at the rink on Thursday evening, the decorations being very good and the programme excellent. F. M. Sprout acted as chairman. Among those taking part were Mrs. J. M. Sprout, Mrs. R. A. March and Miss Nellie Macmillan of St. John, pianists; Keith Ryan, Miss Margaret Evans and F. M. Sprout, singers. Mr. M. Wilson, organist. William Ritchie, now of Boston, cartoonist; and twelve military young ladies who were put through some difficult evolutions by Dr. S. G. Ritchie, who was assisted by a party of ice cream and cake. The whole affair wound up with a dance.

Thursday's probate court, Judge G. G. Gilbert presiding, had two petitions before it for the issue of citations to pass accounts on the estates of the late Arthur McLean and George Muller, and orders were made for the same, returnable respectively on the 21st of November and the 17th of October. There was also a partial passing of the accounts of the late Hon. F. B. Morton by Miss Hattie M. Stevens, the executor, in which Geo. W. Fowler, L. Allison, J. M. McIntyre and — Parlee were interested, especially as to costs. C. C. Skinner, K. C., and J. Arthur Treze were also present during portions of the day watching proceedings or presenting petitions. Yesterday Arthur C. Fairweather, sitting as judge of probate pro hac vice, probated the will of the late Henry Gilbert of Hampton, G. O. Dickson acting as proctor.

An "at home" given by Mrs. James H. McAvity at her summer residence at Lakeside on Wednesday afternoon was greatly enjoyed by which the ladies who responded to the invitations sent out.

Miss Edith Newham, daughter of the Rev. O. S. Newham of St. Stephen, who has been visiting Judge Wedderburn, has returned home, accompanied by one of the judge's daughters.

Miss Nellie Macmillan, who has been a guest with Mrs. Philip Palmer, returned to St. John by yesterday's C. P. R. train.

Mrs. Hooper, her son Edward and daughter Louie, returned Thursday from their summer visit to St. Andrews. Miss Allen, daughter of J. Howe Allen of St. John, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Waterbury, at her summer home on a hill.

Miss Charlotte, deputy registrar of deeds, has gone for a month's holiday. She will visit friends in St. John and Nova Scotia before she resumes her duties.

Cornelius Sullivan of the village lost his house in the ravine across the river by fire a day or two ago. It was occupied by a family named Clarke. The origin of the fire is not known.

Two men who drove up from St. John in a buggy, while under the influence of liquor got into an altercation with a young fellow named Bennett last night, and his father, coming to the rescue, laid out both men with a few dexterous upper cuts. One of the men, a big fellow, wearing brass earrings in his ears, was the first assailant.

ALBERT, N. B., Sept. 5.—The Albert Methodist church was thronged this evening when the pastor, Rev. J. K. King, united in marriage Dr. Leoson Chapman of Albert, formerly of Amherst, N. B., and Miss Althea May King, daughter of the officiating clergyman. Although the friends of the bride and groom turned out in force, there being no invited guests except immediate relatives. The bride wore a becoming costume of white broadcloth, with a white veil and orange blossoms. The groom wore a handsome suit of white cloth. The bride's bouquet was of white roses. The bride's maid, Miss Marion Chapman, sister of the groom, was dressed in white, and carried a bouquet of roses. The maid

of honor, Miss Nellie King, sister of the bride, was dressed in white and carried a basket of flowers. Howard L. Wry supported the groom. Mrs. Helena B. Atkinson played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bride party entered the church, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the marriage taking place under a magnificent floral arch. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman start on a bridal tour through Nova Scotia in the morning. On their return they will take up their residence at Albert. Your correspondent joins with Dr. and Mrs. Chapman's many friends in wishing them a long and pleasant journey through life.

Miss Adelaide Barrett Jump of Boston gave a recital in Oulton hall, Albert, on Friday evening, Aug. 30th. Miss Jump, who has always been a favorite with an Albert audience, gave a number of selections, much to the pleasure of those present. Piano and mandolin duets by Misses Helena B. Atkinson and Gertrude L. Stevens of Dedham, Mass., who had to respond to encores, were features of the evening's entertainment. Miss Margaret Atkinson and W. A. Trueman added very materially to the entertainment by each singing a solo in their usual pleasing manner.

Albert Lodge, P. & A. M., paid Howard and Lodge of Hillsboro a fraternal visit last evening.

Mrs. Gideon Prescott of Nova Scotia is visiting friends at Albert. J. C. Prescott, J. A. McNaughton of Salisbury is visiting friends at Albert.

J. C. Prescott is getting the foundation for his new house at the Upper Corner road. Chester Peck's double tenement is rapidly nearing completion. Houses are scarce in the village and are in great demand.

James N. Smith has sold his house and lot in the care of the village to M. D. Fullerton and is now preparing to build a house on Wood street on a lot purchased from R. C. Atkinson. Cranberries, which are generally abundant, are scarce in the Hopewell and Harvey marshes, are reported to be a failure.

MEMRAMOOC, Sept. 8.—St. Joseph's University opened her doors to students on the 8th, and already there is quite a large number of boys assembled. Counting on the stragglers, who seem to think that their vacation is not complete unless it be of some what longer duration than that with which the majority are satisfied, it is safe to say that the attendance will fully equal last year's and perhaps better it. Some of the new boys appear to be athletic fellows, and these coupled with quite a strong aggregation of last year athletes, should give St. Joseph's new life on the campus.

Holland will not be back to twirl for the college team, but a young American bids fair to supply our needs in the pitching line. Football will probably receive special attention this year, and with a little success against the rugby fighters should hold their own.

There are a few changes in the teaching staff. Rev. A. B. O'Neill teaches mathematics in place of Rev. Dr. Guerin, who teaches philosophy. Rev. A. Grey is vice-president in place of Rev. Dr. Guerin. Rev. A. Vautier is prefect of discipline in the office of his uncle, Rev. E. Vautier, of St. Lawrence College, Montreal. There are several new professors in the English commercial course and in the French courses as well.

BENTON, Carleton Co., Sept. 6.—On Friday evening there was a good assembly at the Methodist church to witness the baptismal ceremony of Mildred Dorethea, the young daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Ross. Rev. James Macmillan officiated, assisted by Rev. J. C. Berrie, after which the service was changed to a missionary meeting, when earnest, touching addresses were delivered by the rev. gentlemen present.

An athletic service was held at Skiff Lake on Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. E. Flewelling. Quite a number of his hearers, who went from here on Saturday, enjoyed the outing and returned after the Sunday service. The attendance was quite large.

A very heavy thunder storm broke upon this place on Wednesday afternoon. No particular damage resulted, but at Deboe the residence of John Grant was struck by lightning, and the house, barns and outbuildings were all totally consumed. It was only through strenuous efforts that the McKinnon hotel was saved from being burned. The building and furniture are considerably damaged.

William Moxon and wife of Empire City, Colorado, are visiting relatives here. His old friends are glad to see him back after an absence of fifteen years, which time has been spent in mining interests, in which he has been financially successful.

Robert Edwards and family, who have spent several weeks here, returned to their home in Boston on Thursday.

Nearly every day boating parties are to be seen on Bel River enjoying a very pleasant outing, but the picking has turned by a few persons having nearly exterminated these fish.

Messrs. Thompson and Gately closed their series of religious services at Springfield on Monday evening, and went away with the intention of returning shortly to administer the ordinance of baptism to some converts.

Mrs. Harry Deakin went to St. Stephen on Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. A. E. Deakin. Messrs. Reta and Edith Thomas, who have been in Massachusetts for some time, arrived home today.

Mrs. William Speer gave a tea party on Thursday evening in honor of her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Speer of Boston and Miss Myrtle Moore of St. Stephen. Miss Edith Marston of Woodstock is teacher of a class in instrumental music here. Miss Maud Speer of Speersville is seriously ill with dropsy and heart trouble. Percy Godson is quite ill, and typhoid fever is feared.

Quite a number of young men have gone over to Hinton to help gather the potato crop.

The farmers are mostly all through harvesting their grain crop. Potatoes and apples are a light crop.

MILLSTEDHAM, Kings Co., Sept. 8.—The ladies of St. Philip's church last week closed on Friday. Rev. Fr. Savage, P. P., assisted by Rev. Fr. Coughlan of St. Martins and Byrne of Norton, performed the ceremonies. Able sermons were delivered

by the latter named clergyman on Thursday and Friday, leaving a very impressive and lasting effect on the hearers.

Labor day was not publicly observed in the surrounding districts in this place, and a number of schools were kept in session as on other days.

Miss Ethel Fenton, who has been visiting friends and relatives here, left for her home on Saturday. Miss May Cosman, who spent her vacation with her uncle here, left for her home on Monday.

Bears are making themselves very familiar in this vicinity, and it is not an uncommon thing to meet them along the road. People say that berries are so scarce the bears are forced to come to the clearing in search of food. A few days ago a bear visited Charles McHugh's pasture and killed two sheep. The flocks of John Mason and several others have also suffered.

A dance was held at Patrick Murphy's on Friday in honor of their guest, James Murphy.

WHITE'S COVE, Queens Co., Sept. 3.—Recently Douglas Wall of Cherry Hill, in trying to catch a runaway horse, which was attached to a plowing machine, was thrown to the ground, the rake passing over him. Mr. Wall's collar bone was broken and one arm badly injured. Dr. Casswell of Gagetown attended the injured man.

Wilmer, Harry of St. Mary's, intends moving with his wife and family to St. John on Thursday.

Hon. L. P. Harris is getting a quantity of hay pressed for shipment to the King Lumber Co. at Chatham.

Cyrus Keys of Young's Cove captured a large bear last week. Alfred Straight of McDonald's Corner recently lost a large number of sheep by bears. George Palmer saw two bears in his sheep pasture on Sunday, and Fred Kreutz met a bear on the Stephens road on Sunday evening.

Melvin Archibald, of Bar Harbor, Me., is here visiting his mother and brothers, and Officer William White of St. John is visiting his father, Deacon B. L. White. He is accompanied by his wife. Charles Babcock of Sackville is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wright.

John Moore recently sold a very nice horse to Major Rowe for the English army.

Eden Scribner is shipping a large quantity of tomatoes to St. John.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Sept. 6.—Twenty-five men are at work today excavating for a pond on the grounds of the ladies' college.

The new college opened yesterday. The college building will be taxed to their utmost to accommodate the students. There will be 65 new students and a large number of former ones as well. The year's work is excellent.

The annual fair of the Sackville and Westmorland Agricultural Society will be held on the 28th and 29th inst. at Premier Tweeds is to open the exhibition.

A warrant was sworn out this morning for the arrest of one McNeill for wife beating.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Sept. 7.—C. Arthur Fawcett of Upper Sackville is leaving on Monday for Agincourt, where he will enter the agricultural college.

Charles W. Ford and wife intend leaving about the 14th inst. for a fortnight's trip to Buffalo. They will go by the C. P. R. and will return by boat from Montreal.

The New Brunswick convention of the W. C. T. U. meets at Hartland, Carleton Co., on the 10th inst. Miss Carrie Weldon has been elected the Sackville delegate of the Y. S., and Miss W. J. Goodwin of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Nelson Doull of Charlottetown is the guest of Mrs. C. A. Doull.

Dr. and Mrs. Stewart, who have been attending the Ecumenical conference at London, expect to sail for home by the Elder Dempster line on the 24th inst.

Sch. William Marshall has arrived from Richmond, Virginia, with 185,000 superficial feet of oak lumber for the largest vessel that has been in port here this season. Sch. Adelaide of Halifax has arrived from Boston and Cape Porpoise with 5,788 superficial feet of white pine for the same firm.

SUSSEX, N. B., Sept. 6.—Mrs. Andrew McAfee of Waterford has sold her property, consisting of house, barn, store and land to Benjamin Myles for \$2,000. Mr. Myles has also purchased the stock in the same firm.

William Ross of the Bank of Nova Scotia left on Wednesday for Upper Canadian points and the Pan-American.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

ST. MARTINS.
A most enjoyable garden party was given by Miss Bessie Skillen on the afternoon of the 6th inst., the occasion being the birthday of her niece, Miss Gladys Brown of St. John. The large and beautiful grounds were handsomely decorated with bunting, interspersed with Chinese lanterns of various shades and sizes, which lent a fantastic glow and brilliantly lighted the whole scene. Tea was served in a large tent. The table was laden with dainty delicacies, conspicuous among these being the birthday cake, elegantly trimmed with white frosting. This is a souvenir cake formed a special feature of the evening.

Rev. Mr. Fulton (Methodist), after a few days' absence, has returned to St. Martins, bringing with him a bride to be the sharer of his joys and sorrows. All wish the newly wedded couple many years of prosperity and happiness.

Mrs. Samuel Macomber and daughter, Mrs. Ingram of Dorchester, Mass., are visiting friends in St. Martins.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.
Oliver Elyar, a well-known Dallas, Texas, newspaper man, has committed suicide at the home of his brother, Georgetown, Ohio. Loss in Texas oil speculation is said to have been the cause.

THE METHODISTS.

Extraordinary and Acrimonious Debate on South African War.

Great Disorder and Frequent Interruptions—Southern Delegates Defend England.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The most striking feature of the conference yesterday was an impassioned plea of the colored bishop, Walter Scott, City, who received the heartiest welcome of any of the American delegates. He declared that there was a systematic effort on foot on the part of white Americans to destroy the good opinion which the English people had of American negroes. He recapitulated the lynching figures of the year 1900 and declared that though thirty negroes were lynched, in only eleven cases had assault on white women been proved. "The English people have always been our friends," declared Bishop Walters. "You gave us refuge, and now when we are struggling to improve ourselves, we look to you, our old time friends, to give us sympathy and encouragement as you did in the past."

The bishop's observations were warmly greeted, and in answer to the English part of the audience and several of the many Southern delegates went out, while others did not conceal their disagreement with the speaker. Another incident which attracted comment was a declaration of Sir Charles Skelton formerly mayor of Sheffield, who, in welcoming the Americans, severely criticized the war in South Africa, exclaiming: "Hell is let loose in South Africa." He appealed to the visitors to go back and, by preaching and example, make such wars impossible.

The Rev. Joseph Odell, in welcoming the delegates in behalf of the Primitive Methodists struck the same chord declaring the United States represented a sovereign people and hoped they would be quick to show their military science would be a lost art.

Dr. Potts, of Toronto, replying in behalf of Canada, contested, in a heated, patriotic and imperious speech, the reason for this delay, we learn, has been occasioned by a legal fight between the purchasing parties, which is now, however, in course of settlement, and it is expected that in a short time Mr. Velleux, who will leave next week for New York in connection with the transaction, will close the negotiations in the United States. The reason for this delay, we learn, has been occasioned by a legal fight between the purchasing parties, which is now, however, in course of settlement, and it is expected that in a short time Mr. Velleux, who will leave next week for New York in connection with the transaction, will close the negotiations in the United States.

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GOOD NEWS FOR LEVIS.

The Vanderbilt Railway Interests Are Seeking Entrance to the Harbor by the South Shore Line.

(Quebec Chronicle.)

A bright future for Levis as well as the Quebec side of the St. Lawrence is practically assured. It will be remembered that the Chronicle some few weeks ago heralded the information that Mr. Velleux of Levis had sold his property, comprising 3,000,000 feet of land, to an American syndicate of capitalists. The deed was practically closed with the exception of the purchase money, which was not forthcoming.

The reason for this delay, we learn, has been occasioned by a legal fight between the purchasing parties, which is now, however, in course of settlement, and it is expected that in a short time Mr. Velleux, who will leave next week for New York in connection with the transaction, will close the negotiations in the United States.

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