

Local News and Personal Items

VERY SPECIAL NOTICE

All subscribers who are in arrears and those whose subscriptions are expiring are being sent a special appeal to pay up and renew.

Low prices for potatoes and a panicky condition consequent upon the war are hitting not only The Observer but all newspapers rather hard. We must have what is due on back subscriptions and must have it right away. Without the money so due us The Observer will have difficulty in pulling through. But on Jan. 15 all overdue subscriptions will be forced to be sent to a collection agency. This course is to be regretted and would not be followed but for the necessity that stares us in the face. Will YOU pay up immediately on receipt of the bill?

Hartland stores will be closed all day tomorrow—New Years.

Miss Marion Stevens returned from Limestone on Wednesday.

For best Manitoba Flour and feed and good kerosene go to H. N. Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gillin and children were in Woodstock on Tuesday.

It takes a by-election to hasten Valley Railway operation. That's one thing gained.

Harold Raymond of Simonds left yesterday for Philadelphia to enter the school of Horology.

As a single wood heater, "The Togo" has no peer in stoveodom. Sold only by Boyer.

I. E. Sheasgreen, formerly well known as a druggist in Woodstock, died recently in Portland, Me.

At the Church of England services held at Glassville and Beaufort on Dec. 23 the sums of \$31 and \$53 were raised.

Mrs. Charles Ebbett of Middle Simonds is suffering the effects of a stroke of paralysis and is in a serious condition.

Try a Gravity Washer for 30 days free trial and be convinced it's the best on the market. At Boyer's, Hartland.

Belyea & Estabrooks are closing out the balance of their No. 1 John Palmer shoe packs at greatly reduced prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Watson of Hartland are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Miles Flanders at Maple View.

Estey & Curtis have a two seated pump, with shafts, and in very good condition, which they will sell at a very moderate price.

At the residence of the bride's father, Woodstock, on Dec. 23, Miss Mary Matilda Delong was united in marriage with Bedford M. Ross of Bath.

Some young cattle strayed to the premises of T. A. Jones at Knoxford and the owner can get them by paying cost of caring for them, etc.

The annual session of the Adventist Christian Conference will be held at Woodstock, commencing this evening and closing Sunday evening.

The Observer is \$1.00 a year—please remember no less amount will be accepted for a yearly subscription either for what is past due or for advance.

Rev. C. S. Young of Plaster Rock passed through Hartland Tuesday last on his way to Windsor to attend the funeral of Miss Britton third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Britton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hagerman came down from Centerville to spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Hagerman, and remained until Monday.

From reports from various villages along the St. John Valley it is learned the Christmas trade generally was not only better than was anticipated but equal to last year.

The many friends of Rev. G. E. Orser will regret to hear of his illness at Fort Fairfield, at home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Cogswell. Our old brother is laid off through a lame foot, and has been for two or three weeks. He has to have constant attention day and night. Brother Cogswell, wrote me of his failing every day. This report comes through a letter to me. —C. H. Orser.

Hard times are being experienced because of the low price of potatoes, not because of the war. Should potatoes suddenly rise to a dollar a barrel this would be the most prosperous section of the earth.

The general meeting of the stockholders of The Observer Limited was held on Tuesday and the old Board of Directors was re-elected. The business showed a satisfactory gain during the year.

Sometime in April or May last I lost or mislaid a minute book, of the peoples' Union Agricultural Society. Any information as to the whereabouts of this book will be appreciated, Charles M. Shaw.

The local Red Cross Society now numbers 30 members and is actively engaged in work for the Belgian sufferers. They acknowledge the sum of \$16.92 from the dramatic club and \$3.60 collected by Miss Davis.

The Fort Fairfield Review announces that Miss Myrtle Anderson of that town and Arthur Dickinson will be married in Fort Fairfield on Tuesday next, Rev. S. M. Bowles (Methodist) performing the ceremony.

Guy McLean, teller in the Bank of Montreal, is being transferred to Canso, N. S., and Percy Wentzell is promoted to his position and is succeeded by Mr. Walker, new to the service, and who comes here from St. Marys.

The amateur play put on by local talent on Christmas night drew a big house and the Hartland dramatists got the audience going and kept their interest ablaze all through. They performed most creditably, and more than \$60 was raised for the patriotic and relief funds.

Robert L. Simms has been one of the chief agitators of the Hartland and Miramichi railway and put money in the project. He avers that if elected he will assuredly bring this matter up in the house and will always insist on railway facilities of some kind for that important section in the eastern part of the county.

Fern, third daughter of George O. Brittain, manager of the Farmers' Telephone Co., died at Windsor on Sunday after a long illness of a tubercular affection. She was about 18 years of age and her sister died of a similar disease only about a year ago. The bereaved family have the deep sympathy of many friends.

On Christmas while waiting for the evening train at Woodstock H. H. Hatfield of the firm of Hatfield & Scott slipped on the icy platform and broke the bones of his leg below the knee. One was a compound fracture and a bad one. He was taken to the Fisher Memorial Hospital where Dr. Rankin set the bones. On Monday he was brought to his home, where he is doing well as can be expected, still so serious is his condition that it is feared he will be laid up the remainder of the winter.

F. E. Sayre has purchased for use in the woods along Becaguine waters a new gasoline log-hauler, which arrived here on Sunday. This machine was manufactured in Waterville, Me., and cost \$3,500. It is mounted on runners in front and lag wheels in the rear. These are actuated by a 60 horse-power four-cylinder motor, and the machine can climb or descend any hill and travel practically any kind of a road. It is claimed it can make its way easily through three feet of snow. The rate of speed is two, four or six forward, and one speed back. Twelve thousand feet of logs is the load claimed for it ordinarily. Archie Glass will drive the big machine, although a man was sent from the factory to start it and see that all ran smoothly. This log-hauler will assuredly attract attention as it travels through the village and along its way to and beyond Cloverdale.

Criticism by the Times-Star

In order to prove that it heartily reciprocates the desire of the provincial opposition in St. John to observe political truce in war time, the Standard today devotes a column and a half to characteristically coarse abuse of those who do not regard Mr. J. K. Fleming as a great and patriotic statesman. The Standard refers to "brutal and unscrupulous pol-

SPARKS FROM SIMMS' SPEECH

Robert L. Simms, B. A., the Opposition candidate for the election of a week from today is proving himself one of the most brilliant speakers in the province. His speech of Tuesday evening was clear, fluent and forceful. Following are some excerpts:

"It is not the Conservative party we are fighting, but such political dictators as Smith and Fleming."

The fact that government has refused to take Mr. Smith into the cabinet shows they ignore him the same as they do Fleming, the outcast.

"Mr. Smith's friends say he has in his pocket the promise of a seat in the senate. Beware: If you elect him you will have soon another by-election in wartime."

"They say Mr. Smith has reformed. I wish his reformation was deep enough for him to say to Mr. Fleming: 'I am done with you!' Instead he helps him and has nominated him for parliament."

"I have a statement in the Woodstock Press in which B. F. Smith says: 'I was beaten in 1911 by the action of a grit return-

ing officer who illegally threw out 22 ballots cast for me and who is now out of the country, a fugitive from justice.' Gentlemen, either Mr. Smith is grossly ignorant of the election law or HE IS TELLING A DE-LIBERATE FALSEHOOD, and I cannot think a man who has run two Dominion elections can be so ignorant of the law. I have the law here for any man to read who wishes. By the law the deputy returning officer places the ballots in the envelopes and seals them in the presence of agents, and the returning officer DOES NOT EVEN SEE THE BALLOTS. How could he throw any out? Mr. Smith stated in the affidavit whereby he hoped to secure a recount that he BELIEVED there were TWO ballots-rejected which were intended for him. And now he boldly faces the electors with the story that there were TWENTY-TWO. If Lawyer Hayward will grant the courtesy I will take any man to his office and verify what I say by the New Brunswick Supreme Court Reports."

N. B.—Mr. Hayward has since agreed that Mr. Simms is right as to the law, in other words that B. F. SMITH HAS LIED TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE.

WANT PURE ELECTION

"We intend to run this election clean. I'll admit that I do not pose as a saint but in the face of the rank corruption that has been unveiled during this year it seems to me that this wholesale corruption—and I do not say it was all on the Tory side—has gone far enough. Then DON'T use any money to buy votes, and for God's sake don't use whiskey."—Carvell at Hartland, Tuesday evening.

Mr. Simms immediately arose and unreservedly endorsed Mr. Carvell, and told the electors that he could promise them nothing but an honest endeavour as a legislator in return for their support.

S. S. Miller, the chairman, said that he deplored more than he could say the corruption that had existed for so long on both sides. He wished to confess that in one election he had paid out money for votes—he didn't wish to veil the fact by any finer words—but he was heartily ashamed of it and had long since resolved that he would never again handle a dollar or any other means to corrupt an electorate.

BATH BRIEFS

The residence of Joseph Crain of Beechwood was totally destroyed by fire Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Crain were away at the time.

Robert L. Simms, B. A., his wife and little boy, spent the holidays with his brother's family here.

Miss Edna Giberson, principal of the St. Andrew's schools, is spending her holidays with her parents.

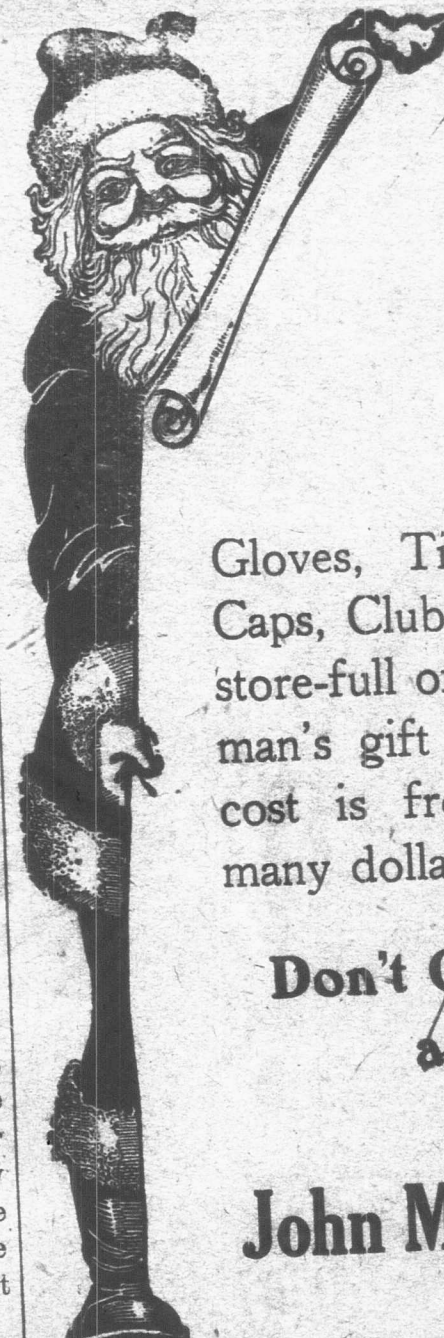
A number of party workers attended the opposition convention at Woodstock on Saturday.

Mrs. Page, nee Kate Barker, is spending a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Harriett Barker.

B. F. Smith is not lumbering on the Tobique Reserve this year. He found during his operation there in 1912 that the stumpage came too high.

If the lumberman were not forced to pay to the Flemings boodle fund why are they bringing suit to recover the money so paid?

What was the price or promise that induced B. F. Smith to enter this election?



A Man's Store FOR A Man's Present

That would seem only natural. With all the varied assortment of Gloves, Ties, Scarfs, Suspenders, Caps, Club Bags, Suit Cases and a store-full of useful goods, selecting a man's gift is easy, and the range of cost is from only a few cents to many dollars.

Don't Overlook Our Store,
and Shop Early

John McLauchlan Co., Ltd
HARTLAND

J. T. G. Carr

is not out of business as some have supposed.

It is true that three years ago we did intend to abandon the

General Merchandise Business

and devote our time entirely to Insurance and Real Estate. Owing however, in the first place to the Balkan War and more recently to the General European War the Real Estate Business in the West has for the present become practically dormant.

We have therefore stock up again and shall continue to do business as in the past.

Our store is not so large or our stock so heavy as formerly but we have

Fresh Goods Coming in Constantly and Prices are Right

We shall be glad to see all our old customers at the new place of business and can assure them that we shall endeavour to merit their patronage. Special attention given to

Shelf and Heavy Groceries, Feeds, Provisions, etc.

We still represent some of the best Insurance Companies doing business in Canada.

Wishing all a Happy New Year—

J. T. G. CARR

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Store at East Florenceville.
2 Building lots on Bradley Hill.
2 Houses at Avondale.
John Stephenson farm at Rockland—200 acres, a bargain.

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N. B. Phone 25-31
Farmers' 20-2

Meeting of County Council

The Regular Semi-Annual Meeting of the County Council of the Municipality of Carleton will be held at the Court House on TUESDAY, the 19th day of JANUARY next, at ELEVEN of the clock in the forenoon.

Dated this Nineteenth Day of December, A. D. 1914.
J. C. HARTLEY,
Secretary-Treasurer
Municipality of Carleton



Notice

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Telephone Co., Ltd. will be held on MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1915, at 2 p.m., in Burt's Hall, Hartland. All shareholders are requested to be present.

E. W. SPINNEY, Pres.
L. de C. MacINTOSH,
Sec.-Treas. 31-21

Happy New Year

is our wish for you. You can make it pleasant for others with some of our Choice Confectionery.

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Proprietor