

The Country. An Epitome of Events Gathered by ADVOCATE Reporters

LOWER LUDLOW.

It is with sad regret that we report the death of Mrs. Patrick O'Donnell who died on Dec. 15th inst. Her remains were laid to rest in the church of England burying ground near Carroll's Crossing. The funeral service was conducted by the lay reader, Mr. Spenser. The pall-bearers were Mr. William Long, Sandy O'Donnell, Miles Lyons, and Peter Parker. Deceased leaves a kind husband and four daughters and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. Age 64 years and 4 months. She was a great sufferer for twenty one years with rheumatism. She sat on a chair as she was carried from her bed. She died trusting in Christ and a glorious resurrection.

BLISSFIELD.

The school in this district closed on Friday, Dec. 29th. Examination was on Thursday. Many visitors were present and all expressed themselves well pleased with the exercises and programme, under the management of Miss Lena A. MacLean who has resigned charge of the school. We all deeply regret her departure as she proved herself a very efficient teacher and made many friends.

On Sunday evening, 22nd inst, Miss Grace E. Ward and Nathaniel Connors were united in marriage by Rev. P. King. The community was greatly shocked to hear of the death of James B. Sutherland, which occurred about 1.30 o'clock Tuesday morning. Although ill for some months death came very unexpectedly. Owing to the absence of their minister Rev. M. P. King who was attending a funeral at the opposite end of his field, the services were conducted by Rev. H. M. Clarke.

On Christmas evening a concert and Christmas tree were held in New Salem Baptist Church. The house was beautifully decorated, a large arch having been erected in front of the stage which was covered with evergreens and flowers. The walls were hung with nicely decorated mottoes, while from the top of the windows to the centre of the room extended pale green artificial festooning. The white dresses worn by the ladies and children who took part in the entertainment added much beauty to the scene. The programme which was decidedly a Christmas one was well conducted and all went home pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Miss Clara Robinson has returned to her home here with the intention of spending the winter.

REDBANK.

On Xmas day at the residence of Mr. D. McAllister, the citizens of this place presented Mr. William Brown with a \$20 fur coat, as a token of their esteem towards Mr. Brown for his perseverance in delivering His Majesty's mail. Mr. Brown faced many a bad storm and only on very few occasions has been behind the times. Let it blow high or let it blow low, Mr. Brown was always near the mark. When many an anxious face stood in the door of the little office at Red Bank watching with eager eyes his approach to see if he has brought them any tidings of their sons and daughters, or brother or sister who had left their home to seek their fortune in some distant land. Mr. Brown thanked the people very kindly for the very valuable present and hoped that he would as long as His Majesty's mail was entrusted to him, that he would do the same in future as he had done in the past. The people in the North and in the South were very kind to him being very young when he took the responsibility, but he had no difficulty in getting along.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHARLO.

The Presbyterian church of River Charlo, which was built about 3 years ago, narrowly escaped being reduced to ashes on Sabbath last. The wooden box for the admission of fresh air to the furnace caught fire, which was only seen in time to sound an alarm with the bell. Immediately a number of men came with buckets and as their was a plentiful supply of water at hand, succeeded in extinguishing the fire before much damage was done.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

10 p. c. DISCOUNT

On men's Dongolia Kid Boots during the month of November. A boot worth \$2.50 for \$2.25. A boot worth \$2.00 for \$1.80. A boot worth \$1.75 for \$1.58. at McMillan's Shoe Store.

SOUTH NELSON.

The members of St. James' Church, South Nelson, presented Miss Gertrude Flett, organist of that church with an address and purse.

The following is the address: South Nelson, Dec. 23rd, 1901.

To Miss Gertrude Flett,

Dear Madam:—As the wheels of time roll round it brings Xmas once a year and with it good cheer, a time honored custom borrowed from the ancients and a very good custom it is of exchanging greetings on Christmas tide. We on behalf of the congregation of St. James' Church, would beg you to accept this small token as our appreciation of your unfailing interest and faithfulness in the discharge of your sometimes difficult duties as Organist. We wish you very many returns of this happy Xmas.

Signed on behalf of the Congregation, JAS. ROBINSON, THOS. W. FLETT.

Miss Flett wishes us on her behalf to thank the members of the congregation for their kindness.—[Ed.]

TROUT BROOK.

Too late for last issue.

Our school closed on Friday not to reopen until March.

Miss Russell is away on her vacation. She is highly esteemed and will be greatly missed by all. She intends spending the winter with friends in Montreal, and does not return until March.

Mr. Jos. Hofsford went to Redbank last week. He is superintending the building of Mr. D. Aiton's sawmill.

We are sorry to hear Mr. John Shadick has been confined to his home by sickness for the past few days.

Mr. Amos J. Mullin who has been spending a few days with his mother Mrs. Jos. Hofsford, has returned to her home at Hill-top.

Mr. E. H. Sinclair passed through here on his way to his lumber camps last week. Miss Annie Cain was visiting her sister, Mrs. Molan of Redbank last week.

Owing to the recent thaw, the Copp Bros. had some difficulty on Monday in crossing the river to their work.

A full beard appears to hold favor among the young men of this place this winter.

Miss Emma Highland who has been spending some time with her sister Mrs. J. Mullin has returned to her home at Redbank.

Mr. Albert McCombs paid a visit to his home on Sunday.

We are glad to hear Mr. Ed. Way and family are recovering from their severe attack of illness.

Mr. J. W. Vanderbeck of Millerton, with his team of fast blacks, was here on Friday.

BATHURST

The basement of the R. C. Church on the night of Thursday, the 19th inst, presented a very pretty and lively scene. The hall was very tastefully decorated and the refreshment tables looked most tempting, and this was a case when looks were not in least deceptive. Supper was served from four o'clock until nine and all the good things of the season were in abundance. The young lady waiters were most attentive and obliging and served their many guests in a most cheerful and prompt manner. There was a Christmas tree for the children conducted by Misses M. Harrington and V. Gallant. There was also a home-made candy booth, under the direction of Miss Melvin which was well patronized. The fair was in every way a grand success and after all expenses were paid the C. of M. Society found themselves the proud possessors of \$160. Much praise is due to the young ladies who planned and conducted the fair and it is to be hoped though it is the first affair of the kind this society has held, it may be followed by another of a similar nature.

Miss Stacey has gone to Boston to visit friends.

Miss Mary Lawlor of Chatham is spending a few days with friends here.

Misses Lena and D. Melanson are at home for the vacation.

Mr. E. Rive of Carraquet was in town during the week.

Mr. Wm. Lawlor of Chatham spent a few days in town this week.

Mr. John Murray of Newcastle made a brief stay here on his way home from Carraquet.

Mr. P. J. Byrne is spending the holidays at his home in Sussex.

Master Hector Melanson is at home from St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, for the vacation.

Messrs Clarence Veniot, Leonard Veniot, G. Legere, Joseph Purgone and W. Irvin are home from Carraquet College to spend the holidays.

Miss Cruise has gone to St. John to spend the winter with relatives.

We are pleased to see Master Jack Robertson again.

Miss J. Pallen has gone to his home in Chatham to spend Christmas.

Mr. R. E. Fitzgerald is spending the holiday with his home people in St. John.

Mr. Chas. Kerr has returned from Campbellton.

WHITNEYVILLE.

Christmas passed very quietly, but pleasantly with the usual amount of Xmas cookery, presents, etc.

Miss M. Dunnett, one of the teachers of Hartley Academy, Newcastle is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Maggie Matchett paid a visit to friends here.

Mr. Robert Curtis spent Christmas in Upper Blackville.

Miss Made Menzies is visiting friends in New Brunswick.

Mr. Benj. Dunnett paid Newcastle a flying visit on Xmas day.

Mr. and Mrs Peter A Forsythe have gone on a visit to Mrs Forsythe's former home in Zionville, York Co.

Mrs Arthur Wilson and Miss Lucy McAuley of Newcastle spent Xmas eve in this place.

We are sorry to report Mr Samuel Sheard as very ill. His friends entertain poor hopes for his recovery.

The concert and Xmas tree held in the Baptist church by the Baptist and Presbyterian Sunday schools on Xmas eve was well attended, despite the falling rain and all were loud in praise of the delightful time spent. The church was handsomely decorated with evergreens and mottoes to suit the occasion but the greatest attraction was the tree which was tastefully hung with pretty and valuable presents. The concert was a grand success and great credit is due those who strove to make it so. The following was the programme read by Mr Forsythe, every part of which was rendered in a most satisfactory manner.

1 Chorus—Holy Night

2 Opening Address by Arthur Whitney

3 Children's Chorus—The First Xmas

4 Recitation by Tricky McAuley

5 Recitation—Santa Claus, by Annie Ford

6 Recitation—If you're good, by Walter Scott

7 Song—Old Santa Claus, by Kathaleen Dunnett

8 Children's Chorus—Merry Xmas Belle

9 Recitation—A Xmas Secret, by Mabel Sinclair

10 Quartette—Thy Dearest Friend

11 Children's Chorus—Away in a Manger

12 Recitation—Annie and Willie's Prayer, by Miss Olive Mullin

13 Chorus—Angels from the realms of glory.

14 Children's Exercise—The Herald Star

15 Recitation—Santa Claus and where he lives, by Fannie Scott.

16 Solo and Chorus—The Sinner and Song.

17 Recitation—Billy's Rose, by Mary Parker

18 Chorus—My Saviour First of all

19 Recitation—Santa Claus' ride, by Eddie Mullin

20 Children's Chorus—Children can you truly tell?

21 Children's Exercise—Christmas

22 Recitation—Marjorie Grey, by Lucy Menzies

23 Closing Chorus—Hark! the Herald angels sing

At the close of the recital, words of approbation and encouragement were spoken to the several teachers and scholars by the Rev J D Murray, Messrs John Menzies and Benj Forsythe and called forth much applause

CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL.

The new high school building at Chatham has been completed, and the verdict of all who have seen it is that it is one of the finest stone buildings in the province. It is 163x76 feet, with projections of four feet at the eastern and western ends, and on the northern side, where the main entrance is. The structure is of freestone of the broken shoddy style, with cut freestone trimmings. It is three stories high, with towers at either end. The basement contains apartments for the janitor, furnace room and elegantly equipped lavatories. On the ground floor there are five class rooms and a spacious hall extends the entire width of the building. The rooms are 25x32 feet, and have ample closet room for pupils and teachers. The second floor gives five class rooms similar in size and appointments and a large assembly room. The upper floor has not yet been finished. The stairways are wide and easy of ascent. The building is heated by hot water and it is admirably ventilated. R. C. John Duna of this city was the architect and John McDonald & Co of Chatham the contractors. The stone work was done by Chas. E. Fish, M. P. P., the carpenter work by G. McDonald & Co, the slating on the roof was put on by Mr. Lambert of Quebec, the gravel road by G. S. Fisher & Son of St. John. James McDade of this city had the contract for the galvanized iron work and the job was executed by M. J. Slaney, also of this city. Frank McManus did the plumbing and put in the heating apparatus.

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MARRIED.

At the residence of David Ward, Blisfield, Dec. 22nd by Rev. M. P. King, Nathaniel Connors of Blackville to Miss Grace E. Ward of Blisfield.

At the residence of Francis McGilvery, Chatham, by the Rev. J. C. Doucet, Laura May of Wayside to Wm. J. Maroney of Blackville, N. B.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The following is the programme of services:—

Sunday Jan. 6th Presbyterian Church. Subject, "The Vision of God in Christ." Speaker, Rev. Mr. Brown.

Tuesday Jan. 7th Baptist Church. Subject, "Our Nation" Speaker, Rev. Mr. Pickles.

Wednesday, Jan. 8th Methodist Church. Subject, "Our Churches." Speaker, Rev. Mr. Hamilton.

Thursday, Jan. 9th Presbyterian Church. Subject, "Christian Missions." Speaker, Rev. Mr. Pickles.

Friday, Jan. 10th Baptist Church. Subject, "The Family and School." Speaker, Rev. Mr. Hamilton.

Saturday, Jan. 11th Methodist Church. Subject, "Our Kingdom." Speaker, Rev. Mr. Brown.

Appropriate sermons on the 5th and 12th by the different Pastors.

A Deadly Flyer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Four persons were killed and 29 injured, several of them possibly fatally, in a collision on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad today at Malta, Ill., sixty miles west of Chicago. The train in collision were the "Omaha Flyer," an eastbound passenger train, and an east-bound freight train. The wreck caught fire and two passenger coaches, one sleeping car and eight freight cars were burned and another sleeping car was partly consumed. The freight train had started a siding at Malta, but the train was longer than the siding and the locomotive protruded upon the main track beyond the side track. The incoming train from the west was not stopped until the two locomotives "contacted" at the switch, the passenger engine being thrown into the ditch and several coaches piling upon the wreck.

A statement given out by the officials of the railroad company explains that the switch at the east end of the siding was opened through mistake, and that the responsibility probably lies with some member of the crew of the freight train.

The statement places the company's loss at about \$30,000.

BELLEFONTE, Ont., Dec. 28.—The Belleville Sun suspended publication today.

The publishers say the suspension may only be temporary.

Fatal Landslide

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 29.—A landslide on the Chesapeake and Ohio railway near Reussen's station, five miles south of Lynchburg, on the James River branch, tonight caused a wreck, in which the engineer, conductor, fireman and baggage man of a passenger train were killed and several others injured. The slide was caused by washouts due to the heavy rains.

Early reports said that ten or twelve passengers had been killed, but it is now stated that the passenger car got out of the way just in time to escape the hillside when it crashed down over the tracks.

Two Fatalities

VANCOUVER, B. C. Dec. 30.—Twenty fatalities are reported from exposures and drowning as a result of the terrific wind, rain and snow storms of Thursday night and Friday, in which more than thirty salmon canneries were destroyed. Railway tracks were washed away, and towns were covered with water to the depth of four feet. An entire Indian village and the buildings of Big Quarry on the upper coast were swept into the sea. Ship Santa Clara, of San Francisco, is still hard and fast on Trial Island, the efforts of tug to remove her having proved fruitless. The captain still has hopes of saving her. Barque Burn, which like the Santa Clara, drifted from Trial Island during the gale on Christmas day, was located safe at anchor off San Juan Island. Tug Coleman was passing Destruction Island with a brigantine in tow when the engines went wrong. The brigantine made safe and escaped, and the tug was still drifting at last reports, her master having declined assistance. Since it has been learned the storm area extends beyond the straits grave fears are entertained for the collier San Mateo, which left on Christmas day.

Children Cry for CASTORIA. South West Boom Co.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the above company, will be held at the Secretary's office in Newcastle, on Thursday, the 16th day of January next at Two o'clock, in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing Directors, for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may be deemed necessary. The Directors will meet in the same place, on the same day, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to audit the Treasurer's accounts and wind up the business for the year. Newcastle, Dec. 1901. ALLAN RITCHIE, President.

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