

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

CHATHAM

Chatham, May 15.—A petition begging the town council to refrain from charging the Prince Edward Island schooners bringing out and other produce to this port a license of \$50 is being circulated and largely signed by the citizens.

The first fresh salmon of the season was for sale today in the W. S. Logie Co. store.

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Yesterday Miss Annie MacDermott came up from Moncton and with her sister, Miss Elizabeth MacDermott, paid a visit to her parents at Main River.

Alexander and A. Selkirk Murray, of Main River, visited Harcourt yesterday. Miss Margaret Campbell, who for several months has been visiting her sister, Miss Annie Campbell, returned to Brown's yards yesterday.

A. W. Lyon, who since January, has been here on the staff of the Miller Tanning Extract Co., removed his family to Millerton yesterday. Leon expects to be employed with the same company in Millerton, where they are rebuilding their factory lately destroyed by fire.

William F. Buckley visited Moncton yesterday.

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William C. Jones has obtained a position in the T. Eaton Company's department store in Winnipeg (Man.).

J. Walker Howard, of Cape Breton, succeeded by Robert MacMichael, late of Campbellton, as night agent of the I. C. R. Mr. Howard is supplying a few cars for the station master, J. W. Lutes, and will then probably go to Dalhousie Junction.

SACKVILLE

Sackville, May 16.—The inauguration of the handsome organ of Main street Baptist church took place last evening and was a successful and pleasant occasion.

Professor Wilson, of Mt. Allison, conducted the service and the organist and director of the recital and performed his part admirably. Miss Foster, of Mt. Allison, was the soloist of the evening. Miss Foster possesses a remarkably sweet voice and was at her best. H. Jackson, violinist, rendered valuable assistance.

spend several weeks, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Tweedie.

Mrs. John Estabrook, who recently underwent a serious operation, is in a very critical condition.

The marriage of James Tillett, of Lynn (Mass.), and Miss Zena Tingley, of Middle Sackville, is announced.

There was a large attendance at Bethoven Hall of Saturday evening, the attraction being the grand recital of Miss Lloyd Green, violin; Miss Lela Alma Carter, piano, and Miss Ethel May Purdy, reader. Each of the performers did excellently. Miss Green's violin selections were highly appreciated. Miss Carter displayed marked ability in her role. Miss Purdy captivated the audience in her rendition of Just Like a Feather in the Wind.

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Rev. Roscoe Heneoff, Kewick filled the United Baptist church pulpit here last Sunday.

Caleb Merriam has purchased the late Miss Nellie McGrover's beautiful home on the estate of the late Stephen Smith.

Seymour R. Webb has sold his farm to Elliot Hoyt. Mr. Webb has secured a position with the N. B. Telephone Company.

Saturday, the 12th, was spent by a number of St. Luke's parishioners in beautifying the grounds of that church. A large number of trees were set out.

Apoahqui, Kings county, May 14.—Miss Sharp left on Monday evening for Boston, where she will remain for some time.

Mr. J. Norman W. Winslow, from Winnipeg on Saturday last where she has been for the last six months. She was accompanied by Mrs. John Kinnear, who is returning to her home in St. John.

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The second of the May assemblies was held in the Opera House on last Wednesday evening and was much enjoyed. Mrs. Hubert Seely and Mrs. George E. Phillips were chaperones. Music was furnished by Robinson's Orchestra, Houlton.

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AN ABSOLUTE CURE FOR DYSPEPSIA

Dyspepsia, indigestion, belching of gas after eating, mean weakness. If the stomach is weak—then food is not properly churned and mixed with enough gastric juice. Then you have indigestion and then dyspepsia.

Fruitatives

strengthen the stomach—act as justly beef and eggs and milk strengthen the wasted frame of a patient suffering from dyspepsia.

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SLAVE SHIPS STILL RAID THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS

Former Mate on a "Blackbirder" Tells How Natives Are Stolen for the Samoan Plantations—Declares Government Knows of the Trade, But Winks at It.

A Seattle despatch to the New York Herald says: Captain F. Wagner, formerly master of the big four-masted bark Safford, but now second mate on the British ship Claverdon, lying at the Oriental dock, has for fourteen months (from 1903 to early last spring) the central figure in the notorious "blackbirding" business. During that time he was first mate on the Samoa and captured 1,200 blacks for use as slaves on the big copra plantations in Samoa.

On returning to my vessel we laid in a new supply of ammunition and started out. All went well till we got to New Ireland. There, we were surrounded by the natives and taken place. I took my boys ashore and went after some of the natives, as usual. We got three, but had to chase them, as they had a land. The boats were supposed to pull out in the stream as soon as we landed, and then they were to lie by until we approached. On going back to the beach with our capture we came to a small knoll fairly clear of vegetation. On looking out I saw several natives, and they were a danger signal flying. Sending two of my black boys ahead to reconnoitre, I waited. In a moment they came running at the beach. They checked the several hundred of the islanders were assembled between us and the boats and were ready to attack us as soon as we appeared. They finally surrounded us.

"It is generally supposed that slavery no longer exists. That is a mistake. For fourteen months I was first officer on the slave ship Samoa. During that time we captured 1,200 blacks for the South Sea plantations. The Samoa is a three-masted auxiliary schooner, owned by the Handels and Navigation Company of Samoa. This firm is one of the oldest and largest planters in the South Seas. They export thousands of pounds of copra every year. I went down there in 1903. The first mate of the Samoa was then suffering from a severe wound, got a battle with the natives. The checked the provisions on our faces we started firing. Each of my men had ten cartridges, and they were sent into the crowd and many of the shots went wild, but many took. Man after man bit the dust, but the savages fought with the courage of desperation. I had only one cartridge left in my revolver when suddenly I heard a slight noise behind me. Turning, I saw a great savage—he was one of the chiefs— with upraised club in his right hand, but as long as I was there to cheer them they kept on fighting. When all the cartridges were gone they seized the spears which were thrown around a detourment. They were better able to handle the spears than the guns, and soon had the natives retreating sufficiently to enable us to make a rush for the boats. On the dash down to the beach one of the men directly in front of me was pierced by a spear. The weapon went right through him and projected fully a foot, but even that did not stop him. In fact, he ran faster after that than before, and it was not until he assisted in shoving off the boat that I saw that spear was sticking clear through him. He died next afternoon.

"When we made the rush for the boats the captain on the schooner was nearly killed. When we got to Samoa the government authorities told us their attention had been called to the battle by missionaries, and they would have to do it themselves. When we got to Samoa there would be nothing more than a year in jail at the most, and about two-thirds of that would be cut off. If there had not been so many killed there would never have been anything said about it; but, as it was, the matter had to be investigated. I did not care to spend the time in jail, so I left the ship and the islands. I went to Hamburg, and from there shipped on the Claverdon as second mate.

"The natives that we captured were watched carefully and counted every morning to see that none of them has escaped. But it is practically impossible for one of these years. The natives are paid six shillings, or, in American money, \$150 a month, but they have to take it out in trade. The government knows what is going on; the officers know everything about the methods used in obtaining the natives, but they wink at it.

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Advertisement for 'Ringo's Balm' with an illustration of a man and text describing its uses for various ailments.

Advertisement for 'CONGRATULATIONS FOR SHERRING' with text celebrating a marathon runner.

Advertisement for 'PASSED COLONIAL MARRIAGES BILL' with text regarding legislative news.