

## LOCAL MATTERS.

SCHOOL MEETING on the 12th.

The County Council meets Tuesday week.

Circuit Court meets at Dorchester next Tuesday. Justice Duff presides.

A MEETING in the interests of the Marine and Cape Tormentine Railways takes place to-morrow evening at the Cross Roads, Tiddish.

THE Baptist congregation, of Lower Economy, of which Rev. Geo. F. Miles is pastor, has commenced the erection of a church 56x35, to cost about \$1800.

ACCIDENT.—At Londonderry, N. S., on 27th ult., a laborer named Campbell, of Salem, Cumberland, fell down the East mine and was very seriously injured.

CHURCH OPENING.—The new Episcopal church at Westerland Point was opened on Sunday morning last, when an admirable discourse was preached by Canon Townshend. There was a good attendance.

MONEY LETTERS.—There were received at Sackville, P. O. during the past year 2175 registered letters. 1382 letters were registered at Sackville. The number is considerably in excess of that of the previous year.

Don't forget the Missionary meeting in the Methodist church to-morrow (Friday) evening at 7.30. Rev. L. N. Beaudry, of Montreal, will be present and give an address upon mission work in Montreal. Come and hear him.

SATURDAY EVENING being the last night of the year the usual watch-night services were held at the Methodist Churches. On Sunday, New Year's Day, sermons appropriate to the occasion were preached in the Sackville churches.

A NEW MILL.—Mr. W. C. Fillmore is erecting a rotary saw mill, 60x27, on Macdonald River, two miles below the woolen mills. As enterprising lad (16 years of age) has a gang of men in the woods logging for it on his own account.

THE steamer "Comte d'Eu," the first of the Brazilian line, arrived at Halifax Saturday evening. She brought a full cargo, mostly for the Upper Provinces. She is a big rigged vessel of 1060 tons, 1600 tons gross. She will sail about Thursday.

It is pleasant to notice the good feeling existing between employers and employees; this was to be witnessed on Xmas Eve when the married men in Mr. J. R. Ayer's employ were each presented with a fine plum turkey. The hearts of single individuals of the A. R. M. Y. were also made glad, they being the recipients of tokens of friendship.

It will be seen by reference to another column that a popular young attorney of Dorchester has got into trouble. We hope that the *vincula matrimonii* will not press too heavily upon Mr. Beckwith, and that in marriage, as in many other mysterious dispensations, there is a smiling face behind a frowning providence. May the said smiling face always meet you, Bob, and may other smiling faces appear at your fireside, and may skill be given you to dexterously avoid the alleged troubles of married life.

MR. HARVEY PHINNEY, of Sackville, formerly one of the most esteemed of our townsmen, was in town last week. He is interested in the sale of a new patented soft coal burner, "The Denmark," an American patent, the right to manufacture being held by Messrs. E. Cogswell & Co., of Sackville. It is handsome in appearance and seems to be better adapted to a country, where soft coal can always be got, than the hard coal base burners. One can be seen in operation at Mr. J. H. Phinney's tinshop in Newcastle, and one in the tinshop of Mr. H. P. Marquis, Chatham.—*Advance*

NEW SCHOONER.—Mr. S. S. Hoar, of Alma, is building a new schooner, which is to be of the following dimensions: 93 feet keel, 27 feet beam, 10 feet 2 inch hold. She will be copper fastened to 9 feet. Pitch pine keelbats, pitch pine bowsprit, hatchcoatings, bits, spars, and rails. Oak stee and stornopost. All her rough fastenings above light water to be galvanized. Her floors are 12x13 and 14 inches, and all her frame in proportion. Her frame is said to be the heaviest ever put in any schooner in this Bay. She is now nearly in frame; is to class 11 years in French Bureau Veritas, and is modeled by P. C. Copeland, of Chatham, who is master builder. She is being built for W. Stephenson, Esq., and S. S. White, Esq., of St. John, and Capt. Wm. Hogen, of Alma.

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The Bank of Nova Scotia has declared a half-yearly dividend of 4 per cent, making 7½ for the year.

CUMBERLAND DIVISION GRANGE met at Amherst on Tuesday. The principal business was routine work, election of officers, &c.

PERSONALS.—Mr. W. L. Brown, an obliging Telegraph operator at Sackville, has been transported to Halifax.—Mr. Couch of copper fame was in town yesterday.—J. W. Cudlip, Inspector of Customs, visited Sackville last week.

CAUGHT.—Seibens, the runaway Penitentiary convict, has been recaptured near Annapolis and was returned to the Penitentiary yesterday. Seibens was sojourning with an aunt living about 50 miles from where he formerly lived.

DISCOVERY OF ANTHRACITE.—A discovery of anthracite coal has been recently made in Nova Scotia. The Post will give full particulars at an early day of what at present promises to be one of the most important and valuable discoveries ever made in Nova Scotia.

CHURCH DEDICATION.—On Sunday the new Methodist church, at Londonderry, was dedicated. Rev. John Burwash preached an able sermon in the morning. In the afternoon a Sabbath school concert was held, and Rev. F. Heustis preached a discourse in the evening.

OPERATIONS OF A TRAVELLER.—A stranger got lodging on Thursday night at the Brunswick House and was given the room of an absent boarder. In the morning he was missing; also the clothes of the boarder. Unfortunately for the light-fingered traveller, he went in the wrong direction, and at Amherst was met by the owner of the clothes, who recognized them and nabbed him yesterday afternoon.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. Geo. S. McCord, Manager of the Great North Western Telegraph Co., at Bathurst, N. B., came to Sackville yesterday morning to visit his friends and consult Dr. Moore. Early in the forenoon, he drove to Dr. Moore's in company with Mr. C. A. Bowser and without any previous warning dropped dead just inside the Doctor's door. This was a great shock to Mr. Bowser and the household of Dr. Moore. Mr. McCord has been many years in the Telegraph service of this Province, in which he has always taken a very respectable position. He was obliging and kind hearted, and the many friends he has made will hear of his sad death with regret. He was a son-in-law of Mr. Robert Bowser. He leaves a wife and three young children. The sympathies of the community go out to Mrs. McCord in her bereavement. Mr. McCord had been subject to fits of epilepsy and his death was the result of one of these. He was insured in the Canadian Telegraphers for about \$700.

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FROM BAIE VERTE.—The poor travelling has greatly interfered with our Holiday trade, still our merchants have not been idle by any means and have done a fair business.

The Fancy Sale and Refreshment provided by the "Ladies Aid Society" was quite a success, and notwithstanding the wretched state of the roads, realized some \$65.

During Sunday night and Monday afternoon we were visited with a heavy storm of rain and wind. Dr. Andrew Clark, a celebrated physician of London, stated in a recent address that what is called "moderate drinking" is potential in exciting gout, heart-disease, Bright's disease, and liver complaints, and that medical opinion is unanimous in this respect. The great remedy, it was discovered by a missionary in South America, is a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. T. T. Isman, Station D, New York City.

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