

Annapolis.

A couple of deals in real estate have taken place here recently. Mr. John Cameron has sold his farm to Mr. Oliver Goldsmith, and has purchased the farm of Mr. H. D. Ruggles just outside the town limits.

It is reported that one of our prominent solicitors, Mr. H. D. Ruggles will go West in the spring to take up the practice of his profession.

Dr. A. A. Horsfall has closed his dental office in Bridgetown finding that his practice here required his entire attention.

The Telephone Co. is installing a cable system which will do away with the net work of small wires on our streets.

Mr. G. E. Corbitt has returned from a two week's trip to the eastern part of the province, where he has been looking after his mining interests.

Miss Naomi Phinney, who was summoned recently to her home in South Farmington, owing to the illness and death of her father, has returned to her position in Mrs. Potter's store.

About twenty of our citizens attended the Rink Carnival at Bear River.

Mr. Norman H. Phinney, of the firm of N. H. Phinney and Co., Lawrence town was in town last week.

Gordon Blackie, of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff made a week-end visit to the home of Mr. B. C. Eaton, Belle Isle.

Mrs. Gesner, of Belleisle, is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. L. Hardwick.

Mrs. A. A. Horsfall and her cousin, Mrs. Howe, who has been spending the winter with her have left for Boston to remain two months.

The town Council have appointed Mr. Miles McMillan as policeman and Scott Act Inspector.

Springfield.

We are sorry to report the illness of Miss Nellie Roop.

Miss Flora Grimm is spending a few days at New Germany.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the young people in Bent's Hall on the 24th. The party was given by A. L. Bent.

Mr. and Mrs. Avard Roop were summoned to Mt. Hanley on the 24th by the sudden death of Mrs. Roop's father, Mr. Bartheaux.

Quite a number from here attended the horse race at New Germany on the 23rd.

Mr. Fred Grimm made a business trip to Bridgetown on Monday last.

A party of young people from New Albany enjoyed a sleigh drive to the Lakeside House on the 22nd.

Mr. H. A. Oakes spent Sunday at his home in New Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Carter and little daughter, Miriam, spent Sunday at New Germany.

Some of the young people from here took advantage of the good roads and had a sleigh drive to Moore's Hotel at New Germany on Friday evening.

Bear River.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Benson returned home on Thursday last.

S. S. Bear River called for St. John on Monday.

The good sledding which we had last week is a thing of the past, the continuous rain of Sunday night and Monday, causing a heavy freshet and leaving the roads partly bare and icy.

Mr. C. H. Purdy and Clarence Harris went to Halifax on Monday.

Mr. Fred Benson arrived from Boston on Saturday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Benson, returning to Boston again on Wednesday.

The marriage of Miss Mary Alice Peck, of Greenland, to Harry B. Beeler, of Nacomis, B. C., was solemnized by the Rev. John Phalen at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Peck. They left for the West on Tuesday.

The silent messenger has been doing his work in our community. On Saturday of last week the wife of John Thomas was called to rest at the age of eighty-three years and three days.

For the last four years she had been unable to do much work. She leaves besides her husband to mourn their loss a son, George, of Ogden, Utah, and four daughters, Lydia, wife of R. C. Hamilton, Inverness, Mrs. Irene Chute, living in New Hampshire, Annetta, wife of Jacob Morgan of Moransville and Mrs. Trask, living in the United States. Interment took place in Mt. Hope cemetery on Wednesday.

On Saturday night Frederick Jones after a lingering illness, passed away at the age of fifty-one years leaving a wife and one son, Vernon. Interment at Clementsvale on Wednesday.

Mr. Wm. Miller, whom we reported as being very sick last week, is much improved.

Mr. George Rice returned home from Halifax on Monday, where he has been attending the Dalhousie Law school.

Upper Granville

Miss Mabel Troop, of Belle Isle, is the guest of her cousin, Mr. E. P. Fellows.

Mrs. Edwin Dodge is again sojourning for a time in Upper Granville.

Mrs. Wm. Archibald, who has been with her daughter Mrs. Thomas Kelly for several weeks during her critical illness, has returned to her home in Musquodoboit. Mrs. Kelly is thought to be gradually improving in health.

Ice is being taken from the Fresh and Newcombe Pond, not of the same thickness or quality as that obtained in past years, but a boon to all those needing it nevertheless.

Ideal weather for the farmers and lumbermen with perfect sleighing for pleasure has been gladly welcomed. Not often do we get bright days and roads free from drifts when King Winter is so far advanced. Though not a pessimist, March is at hand, and may give employment in road breaking.

The W. A. met at the residence of Mrs. Shaw on Thursday evening, February 24th.

Smith Cove

Miss Addie Cummings was hostess at a five o'clock tea last Wednesday afternoon. All present enjoyed the function very much.

Squire Isiah Wilson is spending all his available time on the writing of a history of the temperance movement. It will be international in its treatment and at the same time the local aspect will be prominently dealt with.

Mr. Wilson is not in a position to state when the work will be ready for publication but he hopes to make rapid progress towards completion during the next few months. That the treatise should be comprehensive will be conceded by all who have read the Author's history of the County of Digby.

A wildcat made its appearance in Miss Cummings's yard early the other morning and leaving there, sauntered off through Mrs. Poole's field in the direction of the beach. Finding no toothsome morsel on the shore the beast retraced his steps and started for the woods back of town. Sports with dogs gave chase as soon as the news reached them, but the cat had too much of a start to be overtaken.

The services in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon were made uncomfortable by the smoking of the stove. A member of the congregation said there was one consolation and that was there was no brimstone in it. Perhaps he will get a whiff of that later on if he doesn't mend his ways.

Mrs. J. K. Cossaboom wishes to thank all her good neighbors, who turned out recently and hauled her enough fire wood to last a year.

Elmer Weir has accepted a position with Mr. H. T. Warne. Mr. Warne will find Elmer good stuff.

Mr. A. M. Gidney, M. P. P. went to Halifax last Wednesday to attend to his legislative duties, he being one of the Digby County representatives in the local house.

Mrs. H. S. Hall has returned to Middleton, after a pleasant visit here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cornwell. She called on all her old neighbors, who were much pleased to meet her again after an absence of five years. It is that long ago that she removed to the West, settling in the province of Alberta, near the city of Edmonton. Mr. Hall is engaged in farming there, and is doing well. Her eldest daughter married a western farmer a year or two ago. Her other daughter and two sons are at home.

Mr. Hall speaks very well of the West but there is a hanker for Nova Scotia. Her husband makes no secret of the fact that he would like to be back here again, and in all likelihood he will return when he becomes fairly prosperous. Those who think that money making is easier in the West than in the Maritime provinces are greatly mistaken. Mrs. Hall says the fact is that the requirement of a competency there is quite a difficult matter after all, because there are so many clever people ready to grasp every golden opportunity that offers that the ordinary individual finds progress slow, and often very discouraging. All classes have to work far harder than we do, conditions are much more exacting, and all the circumstances attendant upon daily life are so unpleasantly different that Nova Scotians should think twice before changing their lot. Here we talk of the golden west. There they speak enthusiastically of the East as a promised land, a country flowing with milk and honey.

The following conversation actually took place in a store in a neighboring town the other day. A lady entering a store addressed the proprietor thus: "Have you any sulphur?" Proprietor: "Yes" Lady: "How do you sell it?" Proprietor: "Eight cents per pound." Lady: "Oh my! I can get it at Eaton's for four cents." Proprietor: "You can get it in here for nothing. Good morning, madam." Lady: "You're wrong, there; they are saving it all for you. Good morning, sir."

Mr. J. L. Cornwell is advertising four rooms to let in his homestead next summer during the tourist rush.

Mr. John Smith will leave his residence "Breezy Brae" to tourists for the summer, he and his family occupying the bungalow in the rear.

The two sewing circles, the Baptist and the Methodist are having successful meetings every week. They are to have a union gathering one of these days and swap ideas for stimulating the work. Union is the slogan now-a-days and the ladies who always succeed in doing things might show us a wrinkle in this respect. They always have set the pace in a certain kind of union movement, which was started by mother Eve and agreed to by Adam, because it takes two to make a bargain, but as the high cost of living is operating against the continuance of this men and women will have to paddle their own canoe, silencing their fluttering hearts as best they may, while the fair sex divert their activities towards the solution of other differences with a view to restoring harmony in all departments when men and women will be able to

live in luxury on frugal salaries and love again to their heart's content.

The clam business is good. Fifty barrels went forward from here last week, all consigned to Boston merchants.

Mr. T. Rice reports that his brother Mr. M. O. Rice, who went to British Columbia last fall, where he remained a few weeks, afterwards removing to Pasadena, California, has written home stating that he is not satisfied and intends moving back as far as Boston, where he will work at his trade, which is carpentering. He would rather be in Nova Scotia but he is anxious to earn back from Uncle Sam some of the money he spent travelling through his domain.

Smiths Cove, the most popular resort in the province, will probably benefit materially from the direct service between Boston and Digby. No doubt the hotel accommodations will have to be enlarged, and should business warrant a new hotel, will likely be projected another season.

Mr. Henry H. Sulis has built a handsome yacht for Mr. J. N. Shenton of Toronto. Mr. Shenton is secretary Treasurer of the Massey Harris Company, and summers here his bungalow being one of the finest in the place.

The heavy rain has completely washed away the snow, interfering with the plans of the Division members, who were to have a sleigh drive to Digby, where they would make a fraternal call on Union Division. Perhaps the elements will favor them yet.

About a dozen of the members of Home Division put on original four act comedy last Wednesday night. The title was "What Harvey Weir's bargain sale did for Mr. Brown." The play was well acted, the star of the evening being probably Miss Nettie Merritt, who as Mrs. Brown, brought down the house by her clever impersonation. Mr. Wm. Woodman, as Harvey Weir, also covered himself with glory, and Mr. Brown showed to good advantage. All participants did fine work, and the spectators enjoyed the evening very much.

Port Wade

L. D. Robinson, of Berwick gave a very interesting talk on Agriculture, Wednesday evening of last week in Division Hall.

T. G. Taylor, of Yarmouth, representing the International Correspondence School was calling on the people of Port Wade last week.

Isiah Kinghorn lost quite a valuable cow one day last week.

Mr. Guilford Haynes, of St. John, son of John Haynes, Esq., of this place arrived here by Port Wade Ferry with the remains of his little daughter, Florence Mabel, aged seven years on Friday, for interment at this cemetery. Much sympathy is felt with the bereaved parents on this their eighth bereavement.

With regret we record the death of Mr. Wm. McGrath of this place which occurred on Saturday afternoon, after quite a long illness of tuberculosis. Mr. McGrath was the first captain of the Ferry boat, "Port Wade", and has followed the sea for about thirty years. He was a man of exemplary character a staunch liberal in politics and a member of St. George Lodge I. O. Odd Fellows of Digby and will be buried by that body on Monday at 2 p.m. at the cemetery here. He leaves a sorrowing widow and a large family to mourn their loss.

Miss Winnifred Thorne, of Karsdale, has been spending the past few days as the guest of Miss Minnie Snow.

Mrs. F. N. Thorne has been very sick the past week but we are pleased to report her recovering.

Mr. Samuel Ryder is quite ill. He despatched his only son, Clarence, working in Lynn, a few days ago, that he must come home at once. Accordingly Mr. Ryder and his wife arrived here Saturday afternoon.

Greenwich.

We regret to learn of the sudden death of Dr. Prior Bishop, formerly of New Minas. He died in New York and was brought home for interment.

A social was held at the home of Mrs. Edward Manning on the evening of the 25th. The sum of \$12.50 was realized toward the new church building.

Mrs. J. E. Shaffer and daughter Jean, of Lawrence town, are the guests of Mrs. Enoch Neary.

Miss Hay, who has been very ill at the home of Mr. Humphrey Bishop is slowly recovering.

In answer to question of last week's Monitor:— Nothing was lost.

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PREMIER ON THE FLOOR.

Sir Wilfrid is Past Master at introducing Measures.

It seems to be the fortune of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to present to the House of Commons all the really great measures of Parliament. It was he who launched the National Transcontinental Railway bill on the stormy seas of discussion. Later he introduced the bill granting autonomy to the Northwest Territories. Quite recently he gave the House the substance of the measure creating a Canadian navy. The autonomy bill might have been introduced by the Minister of the Interior; the N. T. bill, primarily the business of the Minister of Railways, but Mr. Blair was out of sympathy with it and left the Government. The navy bill was to have been presented by Hon. Mr. Brodeur, but his unfortunate illness intervened.

For presenting the general effect of an important measure none is better equipped than Sir Wilfrid. He lacks the mastery of detail possessed by such a man as Mr. Fielding, and in the maze of committee discussion he may not be as expert as some of his Ministers. In a larger sense, however, he is a shining star, for he has the eloquence, grace, imagination, fluency and commanding gesture. He does not burden his mind with the details of sub-sections, but as in a vision he sees the effect of the whole measure. In the autonomy bill he saw two new commonwealths born to take their place in Confederation. In the National Railway project he could see years ahead, when processions of settlers pouring over the plains would be calling for railways, and east of the plains he saw a new steel trail giving breadth as well as length to Canada. In introducing the navy bill he was more restricted, having already spoken in the House on the same topic last year.

Sir Wilfrid uses but few notes on the occasion of an important speech. He almost never prepares a manuscript beforehand, leaving his ideas to frame themselves into suitable form as the speech develops. Usually he leaves his arms free for gesture, and when referring to notes picks up his paper, adjusts his spectacles and reads an extract, or momentarily refreshes his memory.

A Colonel at Eighty-Seven.

The Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, formerly Prime Minister of Canada, who celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday on Dec. 27 last, has been gazetted to the full rank of colonel in his old regiment, the 49th, his previous rank of colonel being merely honorary. The veteran politician and statesman is also a veteran militiaman, for as long ago as 1857 he assisted in raising at Belleville a rifle company of which he became ensign.

Upon the organization of the present 15th Regiment, Argyle Light Infantry, he became captain of No. 1 Company, and was later transferred to the 49th, with the rank of major. He was on active service on the front after the St. Albans Raid and also during the Fenian troubles of 1858 and 1870. Sir Mackenzie is a remarkably well preserved man for his years and active career. Erect of figure and alert in movement, one could easily take him for a man of fifty.

In fact he will tell you that he does not feel half his age, and that he can do a day's work with the average young fellow yet. And he certainly makes his boast good, for when the Senate takes to night sittings, as it is to towards the end of the session when the House of Commons gets tired of talking and does some work, Sir Mackenzie is one of the Senators who can be depended upon to wait until the Senate rises, even if it is two or three in the morning; and when business resumes at eleven he is always sure to be in his place, as if he had just returned from a week's rest.

Annual Seal Slaughter.

It is very seldom that the captain of a sealing vessel can be induced to take a spectator with him. This is not because the captains object to any one watching their movements, but because the vessels are unusually full and space is both limited and valuable. Explains a writer in the Wide World Magazine. In addition to the crew there are the hunters to be considered, and should many seals be taken the ship is loaded to her utmost capacity. Indeed, it seals are speedily sighted, and in large numbers, even the crew is thrown overboard to make room for the skins.

The ship returns as soon as a sufficient number of seals have been caught. Sometimes the vessel is back in harbor again in a couple of weeks, loaded to the gunwale with as many as thirty or forty thousand seals, worth from \$2.50 to \$3 apiece. The crew of a single vessel has been known to capture as many as 20,000 seals in seven or eight days.

Two seasons ago the crew of the Neptune secured 42,000 seals in eighteen days, the pelts not only filling the hold, but being piled up on the decks as well.

The watchers of the harbor knew at once whether a vessel has been successful, for it is the custom to hang a broom aloft if the catch has been a particularly good one. Sometimes, however, the steamer is unlucky, and, after bustling about among the ice for a period of six weeks, returns with only a few skins to pay bare expenses. The annual catch of seals runs into well over half a million, and the total value of the industry to Newfoundland is about \$1,500,000.

A Representative From Detroit.

It seems strange to read to-day that in the first of Canadian Parliaments set a member representing Detroit. Now Detroit is not only the commercial metropolis of the State of Michigan, but also one of the largest and busiest of United States cities along their northern frontier. At that time Detroit and a part of the State of Michigan were still held by the British, somewhat in the nature of a pledge that certain stipulations in the treaty closing the war of the Revolution would be carried out by the United States; and, therefore, the people of Detroit elected a representative to sit in the earliest of Canadian Parliaments.

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Lower Granville

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Anthony on Wednesday when Mr. Anthony's eldest daughter, Addie, was married to Stewart Armstrong, son of Elwood Armstrong, Esq. The happy couple left at once for North Dakota, their future home. We wish them all possible happiness and success in their distant home.

The annual Methodist Donation was held at the residence of Horace M. Johnson, on Thursday evening and was very largely attended. After a supper that would satisfy the most epicurean taste the financial part received attention and soon \$65.75 was made up for the pastor and \$7.25 for his good lady. This was presented in behalf of the company by E. H. Porter and appropriately acknowledged by Rev. Mr. Whitman. A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson for

opening their house and in every way contributing to the comfort of their guests was unanimously passed after which shows that the Port Wade people that it was good to be there.

The steamship, "Diana" discharged a lot of hard pine for Reid & Archibald last week at the Pier. About 263M. was discharged in two days which shows that the Port Wade people can hustle if necessary.

We deeply regret to report the death of Capt. William McGrath, lately in command of the Port Wade-Digby Ferry boat, "Port Wade". The sad event took place on Saturday at his home. Port Wade, after an illness of over a year with that dire disease consumption. Capt. McGrath was a man very highly respected for his many excellent qualities, and his death will cause a blank in the community hard to fill. We deeply sympathize with the family. The funeral takes place today. (Monday).

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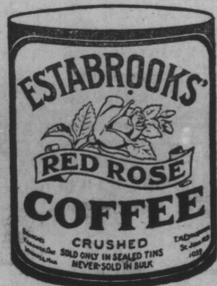
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