

COUNTY NEWS.

ALBANY.

The new Baptist minister, Rev. Slaughterwhite, preached here on Sunday, Dec. 4th, for the first time, at the church at 11 a.m. and at South School at 3 p.m.

Rev. Mr. Adams is expected to lecture here next Friday evening, and will preach the following Sabbath. Rev. Mr. Ramsay (Presbyterian) will preach same Sabbath in South Albany.

Deacon Daniel Whitman had a very ill turn on Sunday morning, Dec. 4th; it is presumed he had a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. John B. Merry arrived home on Saturday last. Mrs. Nixon and little daughter, from Mass., are the guests of her late husband's sister, Mrs. Chas. Oakes.

SPRINGFIELD.

Several of the people in this vicinity are suffering from severe colds and sore throats.

Mr. Chas. Barteaux, of Mt. Hanley, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. M. Hoop.

Mr. John Grimm went to Bridgewater on the 6th inst. Our new pastor, Rev. Slaughterwhite, and wife arrived this week, and are moving into the parsonage.

LAWRENCE TOWN.

Services Sunday, Dec. 11th—Baptist, 11 a.m.; Episcopal, 3 p.m.; Rev. Webster, Methodist, 11 a.m.; Rev. England, Baptist, 3 p.m.

Rev. Higgins gave his illustrated lecture on the "Holy Land" to a good audience on the 6th.

Mrs. Coggins, of Westport, is the guest of Mrs. Richardson.

NORTH WILLIAMSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beason are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a young son.

Mr. John Moore, of Mechanic, N. B., has returned home.

LOWER GRANVILLE.

Capt. Joseph Johnson returned from Salem, Mass., on Saturday with the remains of his wife, who departed this life in that city on Thursday last.

The funeral was held on Sunday from the Methodist Church, Rev. Mr. Perry conducting the services.

PARADISE.

Service on Sunday, 11th, will be at 11 a.m.

Rev. A. B. Higgins conducted Methodist service in Longley's hall on Sunday evening, 4th inst.

Mr. G. O. This is visiting his father in South Carolina.

ROYAL HOUSEHOLD FLOUR. EQUALLY GOOD FOR BREAD & PASTRY.

Fashionable Church Wedding at Westfield, Mass.

RICE-PRESCOTT.

The marriage of Ida Parks Prescott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Prescott of Arnold street, and John Rice of Springfield, occurred on the evening of Oct. 28th, at 7 o'clock, in the Church of the Atonement.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. F. Bullitt, assisted by Rev. Henry J. Sheridan, a former rector of the Church of the Atonement, and the bride's first pastor.

The organ played the recessional by Mendelssohn.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Burton R. Moore of Springfield, sister of the bride.

The bride was given in white silk crepe de chine over white tulle with white lace trimmings.

The interior of the church was beautifully decorated.

About 75 relatives and friends were present at the reception, which took place after the ceremony in the home of the bride's parents.

The dinner-room was decked in pink and green trimmings.

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NOTES OF THE PROVINCES.

Springhill's new opera house is said to be the best in the province. It is practically a fire-proof building and all its appointments are up-to-date.

The promise of Premier Laurier, if returned to power, to grant provincial autonomy to the Canadian West has been taken up promptly and negotiations are now in progress between the federal government and Premier Haultain looking to this end.

R. H. Ross, railway mail clerk, has been transferred from Yarmouth to Cape Breton, and will run on a short road which passes through Inverness county.

The Robt-Munford Bell company are urged to erect a plant at Frangham, near Boston.

The company are endeavoring to raise \$5000 as a guarantee fund to encourage the management of the Dominion Coal Company to come, and the Frangham board of trade has already secured pledges for more than half that amount.

It is understood that the Amherst concern, which sells goods in the United States, desires to further extend its trade there, and by meeting competition on their own ground, hopes to more readily accomplish its object.

It does not appear that the works at Amherst will be affected by the erection of the proposed branch.

Want Wider Markets for Nova Scotia Coal.

Trying to Get Three Year Wage Contract With Miners—Will Seek Reduction in Royalty and a Subsidy for Carrying Product.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 1.—An important conference took place to-day between the management of the Dominion Coal Company and representatives of miners' P. W. A. lodges with respect to a three-years' contract, which the company is seeking from them at the present wages.

The conference lasted four hours, but no definite conclusions were reached.

The purpose of the company is seeking for this contract is to enable them to enter into a number of three-year contracts for coal that are now about to expire.

The company are in hopes of securing the Ontario markets of a million and a quarter to a million and a half tons, now held by Pennsylvania coal operators.

They are to ask the government to have the coal boats running on the St. Lawrence subsidized, and also the local government to remit them a portion of the royalty now paid into the provincial treasury.

With these two powerful aids the company feels assured they can obtain access to the Ontario markets, where they so far have only sent about 30,000 tons on trial shipments.

Crusade Started.

Clergyman Buys Liquor at Glace Bay and the Dealers Are on the Rack.

Glace Bay, N. S., Dec. 2.—An active crusade in Scotch and matters has been started here. This far this week twelve vendors of the ardent have been hauled up.

A local clergyman and one of his congregation purchased a number of flasks a few days ago and had cases entered against the vendors.

Just how long the activity will continue it is difficult to say, but at present prospects do not look any too rosy for liquor dealers of the town.

As they are over fifty in number, they will probably be able to stand a campaign for some little time.

Xmas Announcement.

FURNITURE is becoming very popular as Xmas presents now-a-days. It is not necessary that a large amount be invested for there is many a useful article for the home that can be obtained for a small outlay.

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Between Caledonia and Maitland from the 1st February next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Office, at Caledonia, Maitland, or at the office of the Post Office Inspector, at Halifax.

G. O. ANDERSON, Superintendent.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT MAIL CONTRACT BRANCH Ottawa, 22nd Nov. 1904.

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A. D. BROWN Bridgetown, Oct. 19th, 1904.

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