

The WHIRL of the TOWN

How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber.
Who pays in advance at the birth of each year,
Who lays down his dollar and fifty cents gladly,
And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.
He never says, "Stop it, I cannot afford it."
Nor, "I'm getting more papers now than I can read."
But always says, "Send it, the family likes it."
In fact we all think it a real household need.
How welcome he is when he steps in the sanctum,
How he makes my heart throb, how he makes my eyes dance!
I outwardly thank him, I inwardly bless him.
The steady subscriber who pays in advance.
—Manson (La.) Democrat—

A Merry Christmas.

The smallpox is prevalent through the middle of Gloucester county. There are fourteen cases in Chapman and O'Brien's camp.

Price Webber opens a week's dramatic season in the Masonic Hall, Chatham, Christmas night with the presentation of "British Born." Miss Edwina Grey is his leading lady.

Chatham is preparing a reception for her returning heroes, Ward, Morrison and McCuller.

There has been more talk lately about the establishment of a pulp mill near Bathurst, engineers representing capitalists have been taking measurement of the Nepisiquit water power, particularly at the Grand Falls on that river.

The Advocate is informed that there is a movement under way among the citizens of Newcastle to restore the Mechanics Institute to the purpose for which it was originally intended.

Saturday last was a very busy day with our merchants, particularly with those who advertised in the Advocate. Merchants as a whole speak highly of the results obtained from advertising.

Mr. J. M. Aitken, formerly of the Merchants Bank of Halifax, Fredericton, is now relieving at the head office in Halifax. Mr. Aitken was one of the first contingent who returned from South Africa on the Idaho. His friends will be pleased to know he is looking well and weighs 180 pounds.—Railway News.

A young son of Mr. J. Walsh while being hauled on a sled by two companions on Wednesday last, had one of his legs broken a few inches above the knee. His leg came into contact with the guard around a tree at Ald. Hennessey's corner. The boys hauling the sled were running at the time. Dr. Desmond attended him.

A subscriber writing from a lumber camp on the Dunganon tells us that there are two scores of able bodied men in that camp, as can be seen up anywhere, and the yarding teams average 145 pieces a day. One day not long ago one of the teams yarded 215 pieces, another 212 pieces and another 209 pieces. This speaks well for the Dunganon.

What is the matter with our correspondents? Surely they are not going back on us. A number are seemingly reaching the conclusion that the Advocate is already a success and that therefore they can afford to slacken their efforts. But this is not the correct view. The struggle to maintain a great institution does not cease. The work is continuous, and must go on and he who lessens his energy thereby jeopardizes what has already been accomplished. The good work of diligent, tireless correspondents is absolutely necessary if we would succeed in making the Advocate a representative County newspaper. Let us hope that these lines will serve to encourage the correspondents who are lukewarm and unconcerned to the end that they may do a greater service in the future.

At a meeting of the presbytery held here last week, Rev. W. Hamilton, was reappointed to labor at Tabusintac.

Mr. J. M. Falconer has secured the services of Mr. R. J. Jonas, of Hillsboro, as blacksmith.

Miss Aggie Wiseman formerly of Newcastle, was married at Bangor on Monday Nov. 28th, to Mr. James H. McDonald of that place.

Miss Pauline Johnstone will appear in the new hall at Millerton X'mas night.

Chaplain Lane will not lecture here this week, but we may expect him at an early date.

The scholars of the Methodist church Sabbath School will be given a tea in the Temperance Hall on Monday next.

A concert under the auspices of Nelson Division No. 39 S of T will be held in the new hall Millerton next Friday evening. A drama is among the features.

It is a gross injustice to the towns west and north of Moncton on the L. C. R. that delays in Nova Scotia should effect through trains. Especially is this true in regard to towns like Campbellton where the express passes through, or is supposed to, in the night, when waiting is a great inconvenience not to say hardship.—Events.

A young man from up Red Bank way purchased a case of the "sparkling stuff," at St. John last week. The case arrived on Saturday and was put away. Later when its owner opened it, he found much to his surprise and chagrin that it had been tampered with. In the majority of the bottles was water instead of whiskey. A deep frown hovered about the young man's countenance and he vows vengeance on the perpetrators of the miserable joke.

Mr. Menzies, of Norton has been appointed to fill Mr. McLean's place on the teaching staff of the Harkins academy. He comes highly recommended. About a dozen applications for the position were received.

School Inspection—Inspector Mercereau is at present visiting the ungraded schools in this County. He was at the Moresfield school last week and expressed himself well pleased with the way in which that school had progressed during the past two years. The teacher Miss Clouston, of Derby, is well liked both by parents and pupils who are sorry to learn she has resigned, but hope to have her soon, not as a school teacher, but as a resident of the District.—Chatham World, Saturday 15.

Prices of all kinds of farm produce are better than they have been for years, and there seems to be work for everybody who wants to work, says the Bathurst correspondent of The St. John Sun. A great number of young men, mostly from the district of Caraquet and Shipigan, went away early in the fall to work in Quebec. Many of them are with the Laurentide Pulp Co. at Three Rivers, and several further west. They report that wages are good and express themselves as well satisfied with their lot. Owing to this, and to the fact that contractors all along the L. C. R. from Moncton to Campbellton are buying sleepers in great quantities, both for use in Cape Breton and for shipment to the United States, thus giving much employment, wages are good and considerable money is in circulation.

A gentleman, said to belong to Restigouche has purchased and taken away Mr. Gilbert Barbanis trotting mare May Queen. The fast roadsters about Campbellton will need to look to their laurels if this mare gets out among them. In this connection there are some pretty fast goers about Bathurst just now, and it would not be a bad time to get a nice horse race on the ice. We heard a gentleman say the other day that the young men of the present generation might as well be all buried as far as their caring for out door sport was concerned. When he was a young man there was a trotting race every month during the winter while the "going" on the ice kept fit. Right you are, Sam!—Bathurst. Cor. Events.

Considerable lumbering is being done by small firms or individuals, who are either contracting with owners of rotary mills or have small mills of their own, and quite a quantity of spruce and pine logs are being cut on private lands along the north shore this season, says the Bathurst correspondent of the St. John Sun. Many farms in Gloucester and Restigouche have many fortunes on their farms, and not a few of them were inclined to place very little value on their wood land. It is only when some smart lumberman, who has worked among the scattered trees of Nova Scotia or in the Southern part of New Brunswick, comes along and shows the people what a quantity of lumber can be cut on a wood lot, that they wake up to its value. Thousands of dollars' worth of lumber and good lumber, say, has been burnt up along the north shore every year.

Social Personal

Mr. Philip Robinson the popular manager of the Newcastle branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia went to St. John last week on a very pleasant mission. He is to be married, there, to Miss Holden, daughter of Dr. Charles Holden of that city. Mr. Tapper, Halifax is the local manager during Mr. Robinson's absence.

Mr. Weldon Robinson, was in St. John last week.

Mr. W. A. Whitney, wife and son of West Superior, Wis. are visiting friends in Newcastle.

The engagement of Miss Bertha Mae Loud to Earl Melvina Randolph is publicly announced. Miss Loud is a native of Newcastle and has many friends here. Mr. Randolph is a prominent western lawyer.

Hon. John Costigan, M. P. was in Chatham last week and old friends gave him a hearty welcome.

Rev. George Harrison has returned from Tabusintac.

Mr. A. E. Shaw and Mr. Wilson are spending a few days in St. John, N. B.

Mr. Howard Crocker, principal of the Petitediac, high school is spending the X'mas vacation in Newcastle.

Mrs. Conacher of Campbellton, is the guest of Mrs. James Falconer.

Miss Katie Fleming who is attending the Provincial Normal School is home for Christmas.

Mr. Earl Crocker, Bathurst is spending Christmas in Newcastle.

Mr. Edward Sinclair left last week for Boston and New York, via Quebec and Montreal.

Miss Annie Bell, the popular teacher at Indian town, is spending her vacation at her home here. Miss Katie Troy, Harcourt, another popular teacher is spending the holiday season at her home here.

Mr. D. Sullivan, the prominent up river lumberman was in town last week.

Miss Helen Sinclair, who is pursuing her musical studies in Boston, is spending the holiday season at her home here.

Mr. Allan Wheeler is in town for a few days.

Sergt. Major Cox, a hero of the South African war, Matthew Cox and Miss Cox, were in town last week renewing old acquaintances.

The members of Gibson Baptist Church held a largely attended reception Wednesday evening for their new pastor Rev. W. R. Robinson, formerly of Sackville. A literary and musical programme was carried out in a highly interesting manner.—Sackville Post.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Yorston, leave for Montreal on Wednesday.

Mr. Donald McLean left for Campbellton on Saturday. He will spend the X'mas holidays there.

Mr. John Russell, was in St. John last week.

Mr. Edward Williamson of the Robb Engineering Coy's works, Amherst, is in town.

The many friends of Miss Alice O'Donnell will be pleased to learn that she is gradually regaining her health.

The beaming countenance of Mr. James Leslie is seen again in Newcastle. He came up from St. John, Saturday evening to spend X'mas at home.

Messrs Munroe and McMillan came up from Chatham, Saturday night to meet the soldier train.

Mr. Israel O'Donnell of Presque Isle, Me. is visiting his brother Mr. Edward O'Donnell.

Mr. A. A. Davidson is in Fredericton.

Mr. Charles Elliott is spending X'mas at his home in Newcastle.

Miss Penelope Robertson is spending her X'mas vacation in town.

Mr. Gilbert Stothart is home from Sackville for the holidays.

Miss Maud Lonsbury arrived home from Wolfville on Saturday to spend the holiday season.

Master Allan Ritchie and brothers are home from Rothesay college for the X'mas season.

Miss Alice Burchill arrived on Saturday from Halifax to spend the festive season at her home.

Prof. Layton is spending the holiday season at his home in St. John. Miss Bessie Crocker is presiding at the organ during his absence.

Mr. G. R. Vanderbeck, the popular Millerton postmaster, was in town Monday.

Mrs. John Simpson of South Esk, is quite ill. She is being attended by Dr. Pedolin.

Mr. Richard Roman of Nowlan Settlement, returned home from one of D. & J. Ritchie's camps on Thursday, suffering from erysipelas. He is being treated by Dr. Desmond.

The household of Mr. Clifford Burns, Red Bank, has been increased by one. It was a very substantial X'mas gift.

Mr. Bert McCallum, of Douglstown, a returned soldier, has received a handsome Christmas gift from Mr. Hutchison, consisting of an elegant dressing case and a fine turkey. Mr. Munroe wears a gold watch and chain that were presented to him in New Glasgow during a visit he made to friends there since his return from South Africa.—World.

The local government, it is understood have decided not to send an exhibit to the Pan-American exhibition which is to be held at Buffalo.

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BEWARE OF FRAUDS.

Funk & Wagnalls, publishers of the Standard Dictionary, under date of Nov. 15th, 1900, wrote me as follows:

"As regards the advt. of Publishers' Syndicate, Toronto, of Standard for \$14 it seems needless for me to remind you that this represents the earlier editions and not the modern work that you are representing. It seems to us that they should have had a twinge of conscience before they included in their advt. that it was the authorized subscription edition."

The 10 vol. Encyclopedic Dictionary which has changed its name many times since 1872, but it is the same old 'fake' in new dress. One scholar credits it with 65,000 errors. The 250,000 words complete sells at \$4 in the States. If you want the best, and standard pay \$15 and obtain the new \$5 Atlas and 4000 new words of 1900 and revision.

M. R. BENN,
Douglstown, N. B.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in virtue of The Act of The Dominion Parliament, 63 and 64 Victoria, chapter 103 and chapter 104, the of The Merchants Bank of Halifax will be changed to

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E. L. PEASE,
GENERAL MANAGER

Halifax, 1st Nov., 1900.—3m



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