

## The Country.

An Epitome of Events  
Gathered by  
ADVOCATE Reporters.

### DOAKTOWN.

The spring freshet has come and about all the young men have gone to the drive and our village presents a lonely appearance to some of Doaktown's fair ones as compared with what it was a few days ago.

Swims saw mill started to day. Their factory has a' been running for some time and Mr. Henry Swin is absent down river superintending his business as a bunching inspector, while F. D. Swin, looks after the business at home.

Mrs. Hurley of Blissfield, who was given up to die about three weeks ago by a Chatham doctor is now improving, and the same medical gentleman now has good hopes of her recovery.

Since the Hon. Minister of railways passed through here on his tour of inspection of the Canada Eastern many rumors are afloat regarding the transfer of the road. One of them is that Mr. Gibson has threatened to withdraw his support from the government unless they buy the road. Would uncle Sandy be so hasty as that? Somebody at my elbow says no, it would give the McLeod faction too good a chance.

Salie Bice who has been ill for about three weeks is slowly recovering and it is now thought she is out of danger.

Reports from Boiestown are to the effect that all the men have left for the drives and that somebody stole from the express office at Boiestown and that its good people are trying to get along without that convenience. The obliging station master in that place can be relied on to give any information in his possession about the matter.

The trip which the Minister of railways has just made over the Canada Eastern has again revived the important question of the purchase of that road by the Dominion government. Since the present administration came into power this question has been discussed repeatedly, and the former minister of railways, Hon. A. G. Blair passed over the road once or twice in his official capacity with a view it was said of recommending its purchase to his colleagues in the cabinet. But all negotiations up to the present time have failed. The future oversight of this railway is a matter of great importance to the people of the County which it traverses. It is not likely that the Canada Eastern will always remain in the hands of its present owners. The present is an age of combines and monopolies and therefore the smaller lines of Railway will be absorbed by the greater ones. The two great railways of New Brunswick, are the Canadian Pacific and the Intercolonial and there is very little doubt about the Canada Eastern becoming a part of the one or the other of these great lines. If it should become a part of the Canadian Pacific then the people of the upper Miramichi the Nashwaak and indeed the city of Fredericton as well would be at the mercy of that great corporation because there would be no competing line. On the other hand if the government controlled the Canada Eastern there would be a competing line from Moncton and the Upper Provinces. Moreover the merchants of Blackville, Doaktown, Boiestown and that vicinity could import goods from St. John and Halifax cheaper than at present, because now shipments from St. John and Halifax to these places are handled by two roads independent of each other, whereas if the government owned the Canada Eastern there would be one freight carrying the whole distance not only lessening expenses but avoiding delay. There is no question but that it would serve the interest of the public better to have this railway become a part of the Intercolonial. As the traffic on it is large and constantly increasing it would pay handsomely as a part of the Intercol-

onial and there is no good reason why the government should refuse to acquire it. Now that the question is engaging the attention of the government our representative in Parliament should not fail to use his influence to make the transfer an accomplished fact.

### BATHURST.

The first robin of the season in the trees today and the ice is slowly floating out of the harbor. How pleasant is the spring. Next week the boys will be hunting up fishing tackle and getting ready for the big sea trout which come into the harbour after smelts and other small fish, and are taken with bait at the points, and later on in the lower part of the Nepsiguit, with either fly or bait. These sea trout do not properly belong to our rivers. That is they go away again about the first of June and we seldom see them again during the season. It is generally supposed they spawn in the North Shore or Quebec rivers, though such trout of large size are sometimes taken in the Nouvelle, Casca, and occasionally in the Chaudiere and Jacques rivers later in the season. Speaking of trout fishing, now that the angling season is about opening we might say that in our opinion out trout rivers are not protected as they should be. It is true that the Government has made good regulations for the protection of trout but they are not properly carried out. In the eastern part of this county and Northumberland we have the Caranquet, Pokemouche, Tracadie and Tabusiat rivers particularly, besides a number of smaller streams, which with protection would afford some of the very best sea trout fishing in Canada. Several of these streams are systematically fished by fish hunters, and it is asserted that some of the fish merchants buy the trout and ship them to the states. Of course this is against the laws and regulations of the Fishery Department, but all the same it is done. The writer has taken more than one net out of one of the rivers named above, nets made of fine black twine which were anchored to the bottom and were stretched from side to side of the stream at one or more of its narrowest places. In these nets were dead trout of large size, and the guides tell us this is no unusual thing. Now no angler or other sportsman objects to a settler taking fish for his own family use by lawful means, but taking them in such a manner is hardly fair. If the settler needs fish he can catch any quantity required for family use with rod and line. A boy with a wattle and short line can catch enough fish for his own family use by lawful means, but taking them in such a manner is hardly fair. If the settler needs fish he can catch any quantity required for family use with rod and line. A boy with a wattle and short line can catch enough fish for his own family use by lawful means, but taking them in such a manner is hardly fair. If the settler needs fish he can catch any quantity required for family use with rod and line. A boy with a wattle and short line can catch enough fish for his own family use by lawful means, but taking them in such a manner is hardly fair.

Now that out salmon rivers are taken up by lease holds, our young men are fond of angling have to depend on the trout fishing, and it would be to the interest of everyone to protect our trout streams, and even the settle a shall as that they are killing the goose that lays the golden eggs, for very soon, as the country is opened up more and more to tourists and others, these streams will afford employment to young men in the way of guiding sportsmen, and be the means of bringing money into the country. The government again should have a special guardian on every one of these streams, and this guardian should be a good man sufficiently paid in the season to give his whole attention to his work. What would the citizen of the Northern States give if they had a trout stream as we have, and it is not so long ago since the rivers and lakes of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont were teeming with fish, and now the American Govern-

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ment is spending immense sums in restocking some of the lakes and rivers which were netted and poached to such a degree that a pound trout is considered a great prize to an angler who catches one in a day's fishing.

We consider that nothing our newspapers can do to teach the people who live along the banks of our rivers and lakes the value of the splendid heritage they enjoy is too much trouble. Everything possible should be done to protect our fisheries, so that the generations to come may enjoy them as we have.

Reporters from the various stream driving operations are to the effect that the men employed are making good progress in getting in landings and starting the logs. Of course the ice is not yet running in all the rivers, but now that the hatchout ice has come we may expect all the rivers to be running fairly free very soon. There is a very good quantity of snow in the woods all along the North Shore and with

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## Auction.

### Household Furniture.

I will sell at Public Auction at the residence of Mrs. Watt, station road, on WEDNESDAY EVENG, the 4th inst., all the furniture, consisting of 1 bed room suite, 3 sofas, parlor furniture, book case, piano, easy chairs, iron bedsteads, sewing machine, bureaus, wash stands, tables, hall chair, carpets, mats, blinds, feather bed, mattress, self feeder stove, cooking stove, curtain poles, glass and crockeryware, kitchen utensils, with a lot of other articles. Everything must be sold. No reserve. Sale will commence at six p. m. sharp.

GEORGE STABLES.

AUCTIONEER.

Newcastle, May 2nd, 1904.

### Assessors' Notice.

The undersigned having been appointed and sworn as assessors of rates for the town of Newcastle in the county of Northumberland, hereby give notice to every person and body corporate liable to be assessed within the said town, to furnish the assessors with thirty days from this date hereof, with a written detailed statement of real and personal estate and income for which they are liable to be assessed within the said town.

Blank forms for statements may be had from any of the assessors on application.

The assessors will not make any changes in their valuation after the expiration of the said 30 days.

3rd day of May A. D. 1904.

JAMES FALCONER.

JOHN FERGUSON.

### BUSINESS CHANGE.

Owing to ill health I have decided to retire from business. I have transferred my business to Hiram C. Astles and Howard D. Curtis who will carry it on at the old stand.

In future a strictly cash business will be transacted.

WM CURTIS.

Bridgetown.

Newcastle, April 25th.—Imo.

### Wanted at Once.

Coat, Pant and Vest Makers. Highest wages paid. Also a girl to learn coat making.

Apply to

J. S. WILLIAMSON.

WANTED

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### ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

All persons having any claims against the estate of the late James Brown, will please file the same, duly attested with the undersigned administrators. And any persons indebted to the said estate, are requested to make immediate payment, otherwise their accounts and notes will be placed in the hands of our attorney for immediate collection.

MARGARET ADAMS,

JAMES ROBINSON,

Administrators,

Dated at Newcastle, the 15th day of April, 1904.

### NOTICE.

All persons having any claims against the Estate of John Esty Stewart, late of the Parish of South Esk, Northumberland Co., deceased, are hereby requested to render the same duly attested to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to the said estate, are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

EDMUND A. STEWART, Administrator,

Halcomb P. O., or

C. J. THOMSON, Solicitor,

Newcastle, N. B.

March 28, 1904

## CREAGHAN'S SPRING and SUMMER OPENING.

Now that housecleaning time has come we are making a special showing of Carpets, Curtains, Linoleums, Oilcloths, Window Shades and all classes of household goods.

### LOOK THIS LIST OVER CARPETS.

Moquet Carpet has a soft velvety finish like velvet, made in almost any color with border to match \$1.25 to \$1.45 per yard. Brussels Carpet, 27 inches wide made in all the new shades of green wood colors and blues, \$1.10 to \$1.45 per yard. Tapestry carpet, 27 inches wide made in all the latest patterns look as good as Brussels when down 35c to 85c per yard. Scotch wool carpet 36 inches 2 and 3 ply all the latest patterns and shades, 85c. to \$1.35. Union and Hemp carpet 36 inches wide made in all colors and patterns 12c to 50c a yard.

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\$1.50 a pair white or cream Nottingham Lace Curtains 1 1/2 yards wide by 3 1/2 yards long.  
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\$1.50 and \$1.25 white Nottingham Lace curtains 1 1/2 yards wide by 3 1/2 yards long. 95c and 75c white Lace curtain 1 1/2 yds. wide, 3 yds. long. 65c and 45c white lace curtains 1 yd wide, 2 1/2 yds. long.

## J. D. GREAGHAN.

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AND

CHATHAM 1.

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Come in and see our elegant range of shirt waists. The most complete and up-to-date we have ever shown. Direct from manufacturer to our store.

LUSTRES, P.K'S, MUSLINS, SATEENS, PRINTS.

Lustres in cream, champagne, black also cream with polka dot.

Prints from 45c. up.

Large variety of muslins. Nice quality sateens tucked and trimmed. We are making a display this week. You may not need them just yet, but it would be a wise move on your part to look them over and make a selection. They can be laid aside for you if you wish.

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A fence that will turn any kind of stock, for 43c per rod.

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MRS. D. WHITNEY.

March 29

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March 30-04.

### Easter Flowers.

In abundance. Choice Roses, Carnations, Easter Lilies, Calla Lilies, Lily of the Valley, Violets, Tulips, Daffodils, Narcissus, etc., etc. Also Fine Potted Plants of Easter Lilies, Agaveas, Spireas, Tulips, Primroses, Crocuses, Dandelions, in full bloom. Please let us hear your orders early. Telephone and telegraph orders promptly filled.

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Chatham, 23rd April, 1904.

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Shirt Waists at cost.  
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