

PROVINCIAL NEWS

CHATHAM, N. B., Jan. 17.—Despite the fact that a blizzard was raging, a large number of townsfolk proceeded to the junction to meet and greet the young hero, Stan Morrison, who has just returned from his South Africa campaign. A hearty welcome was given him as the I. C. R. express pulled in at the junction, and he was at once hoisted on the shoulders of his stalwart admirers and carried to the train which was to convey him to Chatham. Of course he was surrounded by a bevy of old friends, who listened to his modest recital of events of the last year whilst the cars were speeding down the track, which was our boy Stan's veritable "home-stretch." Chatham was reached about midnight and here the mayor, town councillors, band and hundreds of citizens were formed up to receive our "Hillside laddie," fresh from the war. Waiting hands again seized him and he was placed in a carriage with the mayor, the procession was formed, headed by the band, and as the hour was late and the storm raged with increasing violence, the route was taken direct for the home of the returning soldier.

Many houses along the route were illuminated and decorations were shown to some extent, but a finely modelled arch of evergreens on Wellington street, near St. Mary's chapel, was the masterpiece, and being a labor of love of the young men of Queen street and vicinity, it is deserving of some notice.

At McCully's home, the large crowd cheered the boy who is still in hospital at Halifax, and at the house of Morrison the cheers and good wishes were voiced with the greatest heartiness. His worship Mayor Loggie addressed the crowd and intimated that whilst this reception was hearty and very commendable, that it was tended to have a big wind up as soon as the invalid soldier returned from Halifax, as then all our boys would be home and the testimonials would be presented.

The storm subsided during the night, but while it lasted it was the most experienced this winter. About five inches of snow fell, which is the greatest quantity in this section since the last of November. There is hardly enough snow in the woods of the Miramichi and tributary streams to enable the parries to float off the yards. More logs have been yarded this year than during the same period for many years past, and altogether the prospect is most favorable.

Walter White has sold his nice residence on Wellington street to Lex Danville.

As the smallpox scare has subsided, the restrictions have been removed and last Sunday all the churches were once more occupied. The week of prayer, which had been postponed by reason of the precautions taken by the board of health, is being celebrated in the various churches this week.

Small fishing has not been quite as profitable as the net-haulers would like. The quality of the fish is below the average, and the quantity is not so satisfactory.

The county council is in session this week. Alderman Watts is the representative from the town of Chatham. Several important matters are being discussed, such as county lands, colors for the volunteers, recognition of our returned soldiers, re-fund of old fines under the Scott Act, and other matters of greater or less importance. J. L. Stuart is the official reporter.

MILLTOWN, N. B., Jan. 15.—A gentleman who says he had the best of chances to measure, reports 23 inches of snow in the fall of Saturday last. Fortunately the wind did not blow very hard, and the traffic was soon resumed without much difficulty.

A general exchange of pulpits took place here on Sunday last and every congregation listened to the minister of some other denomination.

The union services are being continued this week. The Methodist church of the New Brunswick side, and from church to church on the Maine side. The movement seems to be taking hold of the whole community.

In an effort to reduce expenses in the cotton mill some old hands have been discharged. This is most unfortunate to men with families at this season of the year.

Herbert Gallagher of this town, and now over-seer in the New Bedford, Mass., cotton mill, and Miss Nellie Burt, were married at the residence of the bride's father, Joshua Babb, Pomroy Ridge, today, Jan. 15th, by Rev. Mr. Peacock, Presbyterian minister, of Scotch Ridge. Miss Peacock, daughter of the officiating clergyman, was bridesmaid, and Henry Sinclair of this town supported the groom. A card drawn by three horses, carried the united guests from Milltown to the home of the bride. After the ceremony the happy young couple took the Washington County train and proceeded to their new home in New Bedford.

Mrs. McKusick, widow of the late Levi McKusick, a highly respected resident of Baring, was buried on Saturday last. She was apparently as well as ever on Thursday night when she went to the barn to feed her little flock of hens, but in the morning she had passed away. She was 84 years of age, and a faithful member of the Upper Mills Methodist church for a number of years. Two sons and one daughter live in Colorado. Lawyer Marshall McKusick of Chatham is a son of the deceased, and Mrs. Cyrus Chase of Baring is a daughter. Mrs. Brown, a daughter, from Boston, came home to the funeral. Although the day was exceedingly stormy, a goodly number attended the funeral, when Rev. J. A. Sells, assisted by Rev. Mr. Belser of Milltown, officiated. Her remains were laid in the Upper Mills cemetery.

William Smiley, who has been away for over six years, has returned to Milltown, where he will reside for the future. He has been married since he left home and Mrs. Smiley is here with him, paying her first visit to the maritime provinces.

HAUGHTON, Kings Co., Jan. 17.—Some time ago Fred B. Friesse, one of the creditors of the estate of the late Penmore B. Morten, of Sussex, obtained a citation from Judge Gilbert

of the probate court, calling upon the administratrix, Harriet M. Steeves, to file the accounts of the estate, the full limit of time named in the statute having expired. Miss Steeves and her lawyer, J. Arthur Freeze, appeared and explained that the books and accounts of deceased were left in a confused state that it took a long time to get matters so arranged as to ascertain what the actual assets and liabilities were; that every effort had been made to realize on the estate and pay off the claims; that there were matters still in uncertainty and a final accounting was as yet impossible, while it was desirable not to reduce the estate by the expense of the partial passage of accounts. On these and other grounds Judge Gilbert complies with the petition for extending the time, and does so extend it till July 1st next, the costs of application and judgment to be borne by the estate.

In the matter of the estate of the late Edouard Mullet, of Rothesay, the will was proved and letters testamentary granted to James and Elizabeth Mullet, son and daughter respectively of deceased. Chapman & Tilley, procurators.

In the matter of the estate of the late Wm. A. Henderson, of Sussex, the executor, Geo. W. Fowler, petitioned for an extension of time for passing the accounts, a claim of \$800 against Jesse T. Prescott, for training a racing horse, having been made and suit brought in the supreme court, during the lifetime of deceased, which suit is still pending, thereby preventing the closing up of the estate business. The supreme court will not sit until September next, and as time beyond that will be necessary to settle matters, the judge ordered that the time be extended to February 1st, 1902. Fred L. Fairweather, proctor for executor.

Gilead Secord, of Norton, farmer, petitioned for and obtained letters of administration upon the estate of his deceased wife, Ann Secord, said estate consisting of 400 acres of land in Sussex, upon which there is a mortgage of \$1,800, upon which \$100 has been paid, and personal property to the extent of \$300, the whole probate value being under \$500.

In the matter of the estate of the late Geo. W. Langill, of Norton, letters of administration were granted to Helen J. Langill, widow of deceased, the value of the estate being sworn under \$1,200, of which \$300 is real and \$350 personal. Geo. W. Fowler, proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Richard Walker, late of Sussex, farmer, letters of administration were granted to Mary Walker, his widow. Deceased died in Manitoba, leaving two sons and three daughters, all living on the farm with their mother, the petitioner. The estate consists of farm and land valued at \$2,200, and the following personal property: Mortgage bonds and interest, \$2,787.27; promissory notes, \$309.25; farm stock and implements, \$600; and hay, oats, root and other crops, \$480; a total value of \$4,966.44, making a total of \$6,996.44. J. Arthur Freeze, proctor.

Alfreda Duncan, widow of the late John A. Duncan, locomotive engineer, who was killed in the Sargison Bridge disaster, petitioned for and obtained letters of administration upon the estate of deceased, which consists of real estate at Salisbury valued at \$400, and \$1,000 personal property; a total of \$1,400.

Mrs. Alfreda Duncan also petitioned to be and she was appointed guardian of her two infant children, who are interested in the estate.

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WHITE'S COVE, Queens Co., Jan. 15.—Catherine McLean, widow of the late John McLean of Mill Cove, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Charles Young, at Fredericton, on Saturday, after a tedious illness. Private McLean, who was about 84 years of age, was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and was loved and esteemed by the whole community. She leaves one son, Arch McLean, of Boston, and one daughter, Mrs. Charles Young of Fredericton. Her remains will be interred in the family burying ground at Miss Cove this afternoon.

Prof. L. T. Stockton of Kings Co. gave an interesting musical entertainment in the hall on Wednesday evening.

Duncan Farris bought a fine horse from Justus Earle of Douglas Harbor, last week. Chesterfield Dean and C. Chase of the Narrows exchanged horses last week, and Lee Knight sold a draught horse to John Amos recently.

H. E. White has a crew cutting cordwood. Chesterfield Dean is getting out logs and scantling and hauling his timber into Dean's Pond.

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Owing to the large quantity of knees being wanted at Gaspesiaux Station the prices have decreased to a considerable extent.

Hay is very scarce at present, and Wm. H. Kirkpatrick is about to purchase a lot from Carleton county for home consumption.

La grippe is quite prevalent in these parts. A number of workmen en-

gaged by J. Wesley Kirkpatrick have come home on its account.

Howard says he is very glad to get back home. He is a son of John K. Howard of this place.

Wellington G. Kirkpatrick has gone to Houlton, Me., to work there in the last block factory.

Miss Case has returned to take charge of the school at "Sand Brook," near here.

Alfred Anderson is doing an extensive business in hauling logs to Barr-hill's mill at Clarendon Station.

Abner Kirkpatrick is hauling a large amount of cedar from Juvenile to repair the Jones bridge.

ANDOVER, Jan. 15.—For the first time in the history of Andover, the ministers of the different denominations united and held a very successful week of prayer. The meetings were held in Beveridge's Hall. The clergymen who took part in them were Rev. S. B. Hillock, Episcopal; Rev. Mr. Demmings, Baptist; Rev. Mr. McPherson, Presbyterian; and Rev. Spicer Gregg, Methodist.

Edmund Miles, son of C. LeBaron Miles, is at Montreal attending McGill Commercial College.

The death has occurred of Bart Reed of St. Almo, Tobique River, at the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, whither he went several months ago to be treated for appendicitis. Bart was the second son of Leonard Reed of St. Almo. He was a promising young man of about 25 years of age, a cheerful character, and a favorite with all who knew him.

Senator Baird intends giving to the town of Andover a reading room, where the young people can have access to the current magazines and the daily papers. A building on the opposite side of the road from his residence, and once used as a store, is to be fitted up for the purpose. A kitchen will also be fitted up in connection with the reading room.

SHEFFIELD, Jan. 15.—George Hunter, a resident of Carleton county, lumbering on Little River, Sheffield, lost a valuable horse out of his team that is missed in his operations greatly.

Cole, second son of James Day of Maquish Lake, while preparing logs for the team of his employer in the lumber woods up the Tobique, fell backward on the blade of his sharp axe, inflicted a severe wound in his back, and in consequence of it came nearly bleeding to death. A medical man who happened to be travelling in the locality of the lumber camp, found the man, attended to him until he was able to be taken to the settlement, where he is now being cared for. His brother, Warren Day, deputy sheriff for Sunbury, has gone now to try and get him brought home to Sheffield.

We have had another heavy snow storm that has blocked up the country, and business of all kinds has been practically suspended.

Charles Lunn of Sackville Co. is now making an attempt to move a good sized dwelling house from Harvey Upson's premises, Indian Lake, to his home at Lakeville Corner, in Oak Point, with horse power. With the depth of snow on the ice now it is considered quite an undertaking.

A week or two ago the St. John Sun gave publicity to a supposed fact, and accused the plaintiff of having in St. Louis, Mo., a large number of men, and in the north end on honor of the Hon. A. G. Blair a few weeks ago, that it was noticeable that the denomination of Catholics were a small percentage of the guests present, although Mr. Blair got a large percentage of his votes from that denomination of Christians. The next week a St. John Queens Co. Gazette correspondent, by the name of Edward Edwards, repudiated the statement in the St. John Sun, and gave for his authority the women of the W. C. T. U. who got up the banquet, who said there were a majority of those present Catholics. Now that is not what the readers of the Daily Sun in this immediate vicinity are concerned about. It is, was there a fair sprinkling of Baptists there? It was reported at the banquet in the north end before the election that "us Baptists and the Catholics would elect Blair in spite of Tarte."

Thomas Bridges, farmer, of Tilley Landing, complains of two tons of pressed hay being stolen on two different nights last week, from the rear of one of his farms, out of a barn near Loder Creek, and is offering a reward of \$50 to any person who will give him information that will lead to the discovery or conviction of the guilty parties.

ROPERVILLE HILL, Jan. 18.—Clifford C. West, son of Coun. W. A. West, has purchased the stock of the late Ralph Colpitts, general merchant, and will open up the business in a few days. Miss Lena Calhoun, who taught at Hebron last term, has taken charge of the school at West River. The Mansel school, which has been in charge of Miss McLeod, has been closed until March.

C. B. Moore has a contract for getting staves wood for the Albert Manufacturing Co.

Much regret was felt here at the death of Jas. L. Richardson, which occurred last night at Harvey Bank, where the deceased was employed as clerk with H. E. Graves. Congestion of the lungs was the cause of death. Mr. Richardson was about 45 years of age and was widely known and esteemed. For some years he kept a general store at Albert. He leaves three brothers and two sisters, John and Geo. Richardson of Memel, Ira of New York; Mrs. C. P. Keith of Cambridgeport, Mass., and Mrs. V. R. Oliver of Bath, N. B. Deceased was a native of Waterville, and was unmarried.

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FAREWELL ADDRESS.

Letter from Sir Charles Tupper to the Conservative Party.

MONTREAL, Jan. 18.—Sir Charles Tupper, bart., has written a ringing farewell address to the parliamentarians of the conservative party and to their supporters throughout the dominion of Canada. It is needless to say that this document, which is probably the last ever penned by the retired veteran chieftain to the conservative party, will be found quite worthy of the previous utterances of that eminent statesman, and will be read with pleasure by not only the friendly members of the house of commons and senate, but the thousands of conservative electors throughout the dominion.

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The letter will detail the glorious past of the conservative party, the leaders of which he says were the veritable nation builders of the dominion. Sir Charles asks for moderation and union and predicts a bright future for that great political organization, the leadership of which he has so recently laid down. The communication, which Mr. Taylor will impart to his colleagues in caucus assembled, is a statesmanlike and wise document, and while increasing the admiration which all of his former supporters undoubtedly possessed for Sir Charles Tupper, his patriotic and eloquent words of advice will assuredly be placed side by side with Sir John Macdonald's ever-memorable appeal: "A British subject I was born, and a British subject I will die."

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MONCTON, Jan. 18.—Nothing is known here of the intended changes in the Intercolonial staff, although according to all reports the freight and passenger department will be re-organized. The railway men profess to be in entire ignorance and probably nothing will be known until Timm's arrival next week. It appears to be Blair's policy to manage the railway largely from Montreal, leaving the management of the department without information as to his intentions. Much comment is excited in railway circles by an Ottawa despatch in the Chronicle representing Mr. Pottinger as saying that he had not heard of the recent dismissals from Moncton shops, and that probably they were extra men. As a matter of fact, the men dismissed have been in the service ten, fifteen and twenty years, many being experts in their departments, and it is thought Blair may have ordered the dismissals on the representation of politicians without consulting Mr. Pottinger. It is the general impression that Pottinger's days as general manager will be few, and that some heads of departments will be removed or reduced in rank.

CAMPELLO, Charlotte Co., Jan. 13.—Thurber, one of the oldest residents of this place, passed to rest very peacefully on Wednesday morning, in the 86th year of his age. The funeral services on Friday were conducted by Rev. A. J. Prosser and Rev. H. Strain.

Court Owen, I. O. F., recently installed the following officers: Alexander J. Clark, C. D.; Thaddeus Calder, C. R.; Walter O. Collier, V. C. R.; Edgar McGowan, R. S.; A. W. Hickson, S. S.; Herbert Kelley, E. J. F. Calder, O. L. F. Simpson, S. C.; Percy Byron, Organist; Winslow Townsend, S. W.; Levi Mitchell, J. W.

clerk with H. E. Graves. Congestion of the lungs was the cause of death. Mr. Richardson was about 45 years of age and was widely known and esteemed. For some years he