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THE PASSING YEAR.

As we are about to let go of the old year we realize that to most of us it has been a kind year—to a few the dark side has been turned, to others the sunny side. We must not forget that on the homes of some of our readers, since last Christmas-tide, a shadow has fallen and the mantle of sorrow has wrapped the inmates in its somber folds. Other homes are like the empty nests that hang on the withered bough—desolate because the life and song went out with the birds. New homes have been made—new ties formed and old ones severed, but in our onward march it is not well to stop and measure the load each one carries. No life is either all sunshine or all storm. If the new year brings prosperity, let us be rejoice; if adversity, let us be brave. Let us be thankful that our lives have fallen in pleasant places, that it is as well with us as it is, and use our utmost endeavors to make this a happy year. Let us quickly turn over the sad pages and look at the bright picture that awaits us; let us quickly penetrate any cloud that may float over our pathway and view at length the beautiful silver lining beyond. Contributed.

RESULT OF CONTEST

The Observer's Piano Contest ended with the old year. And Mrs. J. Arthur Armstrong, who had nearly 50 per cent more votes than the next highest candidate, was given possession of the piano on New Year's morning.

The work of tabulating the subscriptions and coupons was arduous, and on Tuesday evening it seemed impossible that the final result could be reached in time for announcement in this issue. The management with the aid of Chas. M. Shaw accomplished the task, however, by working all night. The figures as given below are approximate rather than exact, but therein such a divergence in the totals that no votes coming in later, or any inaccuracy in the count, can alter the result. The figure arrived at Tuesday are:

Mrs. Armstrong,	1,019,560
Myrtle Dickinson,	721,350
Mrs. Harry Sewell,	169,818
Ellis Carmichael,	30,710
Lizzy Wiley,	5,000

Every scrap of paper that represents a vote is in the office and any person may have the privilege of inspecting them.

Among friends of some of the candidates it was thought unfair that J. A. Armstrong should be permitted to issue voting coupons on sales effected through his store. We can only say in this regard that absolutely no attempt was made to stuff the ballot in this manner. The coupons issued by Mr. Armstrong were relatively few and the amounts small. Were these rejected altogether Mrs. Armstrong would still have nearly 200,000 more votes than the next highest candidate.

Miss Myrtle Dickinson, who did commendable work, is the winner of a gold watch, and while the Christmas prize was properly won by Mrs. Armstrong that lady relinquishes it in favor of Miss Dickinson.

Mrs. Harry Sewell is also the winner of a watch.

From the Observer's standpoint the contest was more successful than had been hoped for, its circulation having been increased by nearly 600.

Mr. Stevens desires to thank

the candidates and their friends for the splendid work done. It was a square deal, the result shows no ground for complaint and each one must feel repaid for the efforts put forth.

Our Neighbours

Andover.

Douglas Giberson of Plaster Rock, now lumbering on the Rocky Brook Lake, was in town last Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Porley left Andover last Monday for Calgary to spend the remainder of the winter with her son, Harold.

Misses Kelley, Pearson and Pringle, teachers of the Andover grammar schools, left Friday for their homes to spend the Christmas holiday.

Miss Erma Kelley, who has been teaching school in the west for the past year, returned home last Wednesday. Miss Kelley will remain home for a short time.

Miss Iva Baxter of the Normal school, Fredericton, is at home for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bates of Halifax arrived in town Tuesday and will spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Bates have many friends in Andover who are very glad to see them again.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stevenson went to Foxcroft Saturday, where they will remain until Thursday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dionne.

George E. Baxter leaves Tuesday for Haverhill, Mass., to be gone for a few weeks. He will be accompanied by master John King, who has been visiting Mr. Baxter the past few weeks.

J. F. Tweeddale of Arthuretts was in Andover Wednesday.

Peter Watson of Houlton was in Andover recently.

T. J. Carter, M.P.P., was in St. John a day or two last week.

Mrs. Dexter Sadler returned to her home on the Tobique last Wednesday, after spending a few weeks in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Baird.

Mrs. Saverly Barker of Foxcroft was calling upon friends in town Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Barker is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everett, and has many friends who are glad to see her in Andover, even for a short time.

Rev. A. C. Bell was at Upper Kent Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Elisha Wharton.

Senator Baird was at Woodstock for a day or two last week.

W. H. Baird of St. John is spending a few days in Andover, the guest of Mrs. Henry Baird.

George Wooten of the staff of the Bank of Montreal, who has been at Edmundston for the past year, has been transferred to Perth.

Clarence Kinner of Carlingford, and Miss Nettie Cogle of Knoxford were married last Wednesday by the Rev. W. M. Field of Andover.

The new opera house will soon be ready for use. Moving pictures will be given there Christmas night. The company have purchased a fine new moving-picture machine, which will be operated by Sanford Jauner.

Rev. Gordon Pringle had service in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Miss Ada Watson of Grand Falls was the guest of Miss Ada Gibson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Campbell were in Andover and Perth Saturday.

Upper Brighton.

Mrs. A. W. Hayward, and her nieces, the Misses Alvaretta and Hannah Estabrooks of Florenceville, spent Christmas with Mrs. A. W. Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Seeley were at Ashland on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bubar and son, Frank, spent Christmas with Mrs. Bubar's parents at Gordonsville.

Mrs. Lorenzo Clark and sons, Lee and Harry, of Lansdowne, and Herbert McLean and family spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Addie Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bubar and family of Rockland were at Sam Cook's on Christmas.

Miss Eliza Shaw is spending a few days with her brother, Chas. Shaw at Victoria.

Mrs. Gray of Jacksonville and Mrs. Jas. Tapley of Florenceville spent Christmas at Rainsford Rourke's.

Alex. Lewis of Nova Scotia is spending a few days with his step-son, Gordon Luskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Day of this place, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Day and son, Wiley and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Martell of Florenceville, who came by auto, took Christmas dinner with Bert Day and family, after which the party drove to Hartland by auto and spent a pleasant half hour with A. L. Baird and wife and Fred Boyd and wife.

Blair Shaw spent Sunday with his grandfather, Samuel Hallett.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denton of Caribou spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Seeley.

Harold Jordan who was in the woods spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Jordan. We are glad to see Mr. Jordan out again.

Judson Cheney and two daughters of Fort Fairfield spent a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. Arnold Crabb spent a few days with her husband's parents at Carlisle.

Mrs. Freeman Hallett who has been seriously ill is recovering.

Miss Edith Day has returned from Millinocket, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clifford of Millinocket who were at Henry Nevers's on Christmas, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bubar are spending a few days with his father, Jas. Bubar.

Lower Brighton.

Willie Dickinson of High River, Alberta, is visiting relatives and friends at this place the home of his birth.

Miss Beatrice Richardson of Puffer, Alberta, and Charles McKinney son of Beecher McKinney are visiting relatives here.

Haddon Thomas and wife of Houlton and also Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald of Boston came over by auto on the twenty-sixth and returned the same evening.

Miss Mina Harris and brother, Jarvis, of McAdam Jet are visiting their aunt, Mrs. James McClary.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Nixon spent Christmas at Ludlow, Me.

The concert given by the young people of this place was a grand success, everybody going away feeling well pleased and hoping it would not be long before such another as that would be held. "The Sunny South" will visit us again in the near future.

Miles and Luella Brown spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Ada Brown.

Miss Dora Robinson of Houlton, Me. spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Robinson.

Mr. Frank Nixon who has been on the sick list is able to be around again.

An entertainment given by the young people of the Reformed Baptist Sunday school on Christmas night was a good success, addresses were made by their pastor, Rev. Percy Traflet and his father, Alfred Traflet.

A home gathering took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McClary on Christmas Day. About twenty-nine children and grand children were present and a good time they enjoyed. After partaking of dinner they retired to the sitting-room where awaiting them was a Christmas tree laden with presents.

The two youngest of their children, Gertrude and Fannie, distributing them to the rest of the company. Then came an interesting programme of music, recitations and tableaux, which was very much enjoyed by their parents and, this being over, some returned to the dining room where they enjoyed themselves at games of different kinds. About four o'clock the company broke up wishing their parents a very Happy New Year.

Milford Noble and wife and family spent Sunday evening at the home of his father, D. D. Noble.

Coldstream.

The school gave an excellent programme on Dec. 20, followed by a basket social. The proceeds, \$45.50, go towards seats for the new school building.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tedford left on Thursday, Dec. 26, for Newton Centre, Mass., where he is attending college.

A Christmas tree and concert was held in the church Christmas eve.

Mrs. E. B. Estabrooks spent a few days of last week with her husband at Hammond Siding, Victoria county.

J. A. Belyea who accompanied his mother to Bangor last week spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Denison, and returned home Thursday.

Mrs. Willard Craig and daughters, Amanda and Sarah, are visiting friends here.

Claude Estabrooks leaves for Grand Manan Thursday where he will teach the coming term.

C. Carter has sold his house to George Nicholson and has moved into the Dickinson building.

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We are glad to hear that our esteemed deacon, John Smith, is convalescent.

Miss Dora Hayward, stenographer at Edmundston, spent last week with her parents.

Leo Curtis and Ernest Sewell are visiting at John Sewell's.

M. L. Hayward and wife spent Christmas at John Smith's.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Estabrooks spent Christmas with her father, Odber Orser, Windsor.

Rev. T. Gillin, A. W. Estabrooks and Edd. Estabrooks were the guests of S. S. Page, Christmas.

Miss Florence Clark was here recently visiting her sister, Mrs. John Swin.

River Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Murphy and baby, Frank are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ried of Easton, Me., took Christmas dinner with her sister, Mrs. F. D. Lovely. Violet Chase, Hartland and Isaac Chase and wife also spent Christmas day there.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rideout and family spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Parent, Mount Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brooker went to Pioneer to spend the day with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Emery.

Herbert McDonald came from the woods for Christmas.

Joseph L. Tompkins spent his Christmas at Aroostook Jet.

Mrs. B. R. Tompkins and Joseph, Mrs. Kate Ebbett and children, Miss Ella Spier and Robert of Kilburn and Mrs. B. E. Tompkins were calling on Mrs. Herbert McDonald on Sunday.

Willard Holmes of Connell was calling on his uncle, Gideon Holmes Christmas day. G. F. Jones was also there.

The school examination was one of the best we ever had, and they are always good. The teacher and scholars all deserve credit. We are glad to learn the same teacher is coming back another term.

Florenceville.

Dr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Grand Falls spent Christmas with Mrs. Kirkpatrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wheeler.

The McCain family re-union met this Christmas at the pleasant home of Thomas McCain. A very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent.

Mr. Alward of Havelock, Kings Co., was in the village Sunday.

Chipman Giberson and his sister, Ada, of Bath were the guests of D. N. Estey on Sunday.

Miss Carrie Wilson of Fort Fairfield is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Wheeler.

Mr. Manuel is the guest of his son, Rev. M. H. Manuel, and Miss Hemp-hill is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Manuel.

Mrs. W. L. McCain, Mrs. D. N. Estey and James Johnson are suffering from an attack of lagrippe.

Mrs. Harriet Barker of Bath was a caller in the village on Friday.

Fort Fairfield.

J. G. Cheney and his daughters Misses Vastelle and Bessie went to Hartland Tuesday afternoon to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. George Clark of Perth was a visitor in town Saturday night.

Mason Johnson of Perth was in town Friday.

Miss Martha Greer, stenographer for Hopkins Brothers, went to Fredericton Monday to spend her Christmas vacation with her people there.

Reviews

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Happy New Year



Swing into 1913 with a determination to discount the past at every point, and keep this the best Clothing, Hat and Furnishings store in Hartland.

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