Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lottie Hume.

Miss Nevers, of Houlton, visited friends in town last week.

Mr. S. W. Pickup left for his home at Granville Ferry (N. S.) on Wednesday after treatment for appendicitis at the local hospital.

Mr. Stuart Benson, of Prince Rupert (B. C.), is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank McNaught.

Mr. Charles Bull has returned from the west to spend Christmas with relatives.

Rev. H. Mathews, of Vancouver, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Green from Friday until Monday evening.

Mrs George Saunders, of Cambridge (Mass.), is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Dunbar.

Rev. R. G. Fulton, of Chatham, was in town on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John McIntosh and Miss Maude McIntosh, of Glassville, spent Friday in town.

Mrs. Douglas Haviland returned yesterday to her home at Grand Falls, after a few days in town with her mother, Mrs. Thomas Neales.

G. W. Upham, M. P. P., was in Fredericton on Thursday.

DALHOUSIE

Dalhousie, N. B., Dec. 13—Mr. and Mrs. David Harquail, of Campbellton, spent Friday last in town, guests of Mr. Harquail's parents.

Mrs. Hugh Jardine, of Moncton, spent a few days in town this week visiting Mrs. Wm. Doherty.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reid have returned to their home, Charlo Station, having spent some time in Ottawa on their return trip from Vancouver, where they visited their son, John Robert Reid.

Miss Mina Mercier, who has been visiting friends in Quebec and Fraserville for the past six weeks, returned home on Saturday morning.

Miss Ursula Potts entertained the Young Ladies' Sewing Circle last evening.

Mr. Gregory Harquail, of Campbellton, spent a few days in Dalhousie last week with his grandmother, Mrs. Ed. Harquail.

Mrs. B. Windsor, of New Mills, was in town over Sunday, guest of her brother, Mr. H. Chisholm.

Mr. F. Morris, who has been recently in the employ of A. & R. Loggie here, has accepted a position in Campbellton with W. Marquis & Co. Mr. Morris made many friends in Dalhousie.

Mr. A. H. Hilyard left for St. John on Monday morning.

Mrs. T. G. Scott spent Monday last in Campbellton visiting Mrs. Alex. McLellan.

Mr. Roland Moffat has been seriously ill with typhoid fever in Montreal. His many friends are now pleased to learn that he is out of danger.

ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews, Dec. 14—Miss Marjorie O'Flaherty, of Eastport (Me.), is visiting Miss Muriel Pendlebury.

Mr. W. Guy McCormick spent Friday of last week in St. John (N. B.)

Mr. Herbert McMullin, of St. John, is visiting at his home here.

The marriage is announced of Mr. Heber McKean Stuart, of St. Andrews (N. B.), to Miss Georgie May McClintock, of Baltimore (Md.) Mr. and Mrs. Stuart are at present in Wilmington (N. C.), where Mr. Stuart is in business with the H. I. Crandall Co., marine engineers, of Boston.

T. A. Hart, M. P., returned from Ottawa on Saturday.

Mr. Outhouse, of Freeport (N. S.), is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Finigan.

Mr. Elmer Rigby has returned from Bermuda.

The young peoples' society of All Saints church held a sale of fancy articles and candy on Tuesday evening. Both tables were well patronized. An entertainment was given in the latter part of the evening, which consisted of vocal and instrumental music, in choruses, duets and solos and recitations, Mrs. Anning playing the accompaniments. The recitation by Miss Dorothy Lamb was given in a very taking manner, her voice being very sweet and clear, and was heartily encored, as was also the cornet and clarionette duet by Mr. Hazen Burton and Mr. Sidney Anning; in fact each number on the programme was very pleasing, and enjoyed by a good audience. The proceeds amounted to $54.

The Presbyterian sewing society of Greenock church presented Mrs. D. G. Rollins with an ebony toilet set on Thursday afternoon of last week. The meetings of this society are held in Mrs. Rollins' parlors.

Mr. R. E. Armstrong, of The Beacon, is in St. John this week.

ANDOVER

Andover, N. B., Dec. 13—Mrs. McKenzie, of St. Stephen, who was the guest of her mother, Mrs. James Tibbitts, last week, returned home on Monday.

The Hobo Club was delightfully entertained on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Porter. The evening was spent with music and bridge. Mrs. Porter was assisted in serving by Miss Annie Magill and the evening ended with singing For They Are Jolly Good Fellows and Good Night Ladies.

Senator and Mrs. Baird returned from Ottawa on Saturday last.

On Friday evening a very pleasant surprise party was given at the court house in honor of Mrs. McKenzie. Knowles' orchestra from Fort Fairfield furnished music for dancing, and a delightful evening was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Harold North arrived on Tuesday and will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. F. M. Howard, till after Christmas.

Mrs. Morse, of Presque Isle, and three children were guests of Mrs. Myrtle Carvel, Perth, for the week-end.

The Tuesday Club met this week at the home of Miss Miriam Baxter. She was assisted at the tea hour by Miss Carrie Armstrong and Miss Lottie Deming.

On Wednesday evening Miss Pearl Waite entertained at a bridge of two tables.

On Monday evening the monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Curry. The subject of subscribing to the bell which is being placed in the Memorial church in Trinidad for Rev. Dr. Morton, was discussed. It was decided to invite Miss Robb, the returned missionary from Corea, to address the next meeting. The subject of a treat for the Sunday school was discussed, and it was decided to hold a Christmas social in Beveridge's hall the Wednesday after Christmas.

On Wednesday evening the Book Lovers' Club met at the home of Mrs. Judson Manzer (nee Miss Emack) and presented her with a beautiful jardiniere. The presentation was made by Mrs. Benj. Beveridge, and an address read by Mrs. James Porter. Mrs. Manzer was taken completely by surprise and replied with a few well chosen words. A dainty lunch was served and the evening spent with music and games, and closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The Friday Evening Bridge Club met Mrs. D. R. Bedell on Friday evening.

CHATHAM

Chatham, Dec. 14—R. A. Snowball attended the Winter Fair at Amherst last week.

John T. Kane is able to be out again after his recent attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Graham, of Halifax, is in town, the guest of Miss Helen Loggie. Miss Graham who is on her way to Montreal, leaves for that city tonight.

Miss Maggie Beveridge, who has been the guest of Mrs. A. H. Hanington, St. John, returned home Wednesday night.

Joseph Trainor left for Boston on Monday.

Mrs. J. P. Wood met with a very painful mishap while skating Saturday afternoon. She was skating with several other young ladies when a puck shot by a young fellow who with several others was playing hockey nearby, struck her in the face just above the mouth. The upper lip was so badly cut that medical attendance had to be secured. So severe was the blow that Mrs. Wood was rendered unconscious for some minutes.

Mrs. A. I. Trueman, of St. John, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Wood, at St. Andrew's manse.

Miss Nellie Gilmore has returned from a trip to St. John.

Montie Salter returned on Monday night to Chicago.

A. G. Dickson and George Dickson were in Amherst last week for the Winter Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Noonan J. Maher have returned from a trip to Halifax.

Chatham friends of Cloran Hay will be pleased to learn that he has been selected out of many applicants to manage Short's drug store, St. John.

Mr. Geo. E. Fisher left last night for Guelph (Ont.), where he will attend the Fat Stock show. Mr. Fisher will be away for a week.

The opening night of the Christmas fair at the Hotel Dieu was very successful. A large crowd was in attendance, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Supper was served from 5 to 7 and hundreds partook of the bountiful repast served. The tables and booths were in charge of the following ladies:

Sales Tables—Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Connors, Mrs. Troy, Mrs. Jas. Keenan.

Supper tables—Mrs. Wm. Delehey, Mrs. R. D. Walsh.

Ice cream booth—Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. G. Landry.

Educated goose—Miss Annie McMillan, Miss Tessie Gallivan.

Doll—Miss Lottie Kain and Miss Mamie Gallivan.

Toy—Miss Lillie Lawler, Miss Irene Savoy. The proceeds for the evening amounted to $373. The fair closed last night and the net proceeds were in the vicinity of $1,500.

Arthur Pallen is her from Vancouver, settling up matters in connection with his father's property. His mother and sister will accompany him on his return west.

The Bridge Club members were the guests of Mrs. G. H. Lounsbury last evening. The substitutes included Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Eaton, G. Ernest Martin.

SUSSEX

Sussex, Dec. 14—Mrs. E. A. Charters was hostess at a very pleasant bridge of four tables on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. G. N. Pearson and Mrs. Atherton won the honors. Among the guests were Mrs. O. R. Arnold, Mrs. Charles M. Leonard, Mrs. H. A. White, Mrs. J. T. Kirk, Mrs. J. M. Kinnear, Mrs. Lansdowne, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Wm. McLeod, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. G. H. Hallett, Mrs. Morison, Mrs. G. S. Kinnear, Mrs. G. B. Hallett, Mrs. Geo. S. Fairweather, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. G. N. Pearson and Mrs. Geo. Suffren.

Rev. M. Mitchell was in St. John this week attending a meeting of the Presbytery.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pearn were visitors to St. John this week.

Mrs. Robert Morison and Master Morison are spending the week-end in St. John, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Mrs. Guy S. Kinnear entertained the Fortnightly bridge club this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Freeze entertained a few friends at dinner on Friday evening of last week. Among the guests were Rev. J. L. and Mrs. Dawson, Miss Mary Allen, Miss Bessie Parker and Miss Brown.

Mrs. J. P. Atherton has returned from a visit to Amherst.

Miss Stewart, of Dalhousie, is the guest of Judge and Mrs. McIntyre.

Mrs. Ora P. King is the guest of Mrs. L. R. Murray.

At the week-end bridge club on Friday evening, which met with Mrs. F. G. Lansdowne, Mrs. Arthur Kent won the honors. Mrs. Jessie Prescott will entertain the club at the next meeting.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, were given a reception by the members of Chalmers Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. O. R. Arnold entertained a few ladies at the tea hour on Saturday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. A. L. Robinson has returned from a two months visit to the west.

Mrs. J. D. McKenna spent the week-end in St. John.

Miss Hattie Barnes, who has been the guest of Mrs. L. R. Murray, has returned home.

Walter Crocker, of Millerton, was a visitor here Monday.

Mrs. J. Titus, of Bloomfield, is the guest of Mrs. Robert McFee.

Mrs. Clark, of Moncton, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Howard Pearn.

The high tea and fancy sale given by the ladies of the Methodist church, was a success in every way.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Dec. 14—Baby girls have recently arrived in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Connell, of Bartibogue, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor, of Nordin.

Rev. Messrs. J. M. McLeod, New Mills; R. H. Stavert, Harcourt; F. E. Simpson, Douglastown; T. P. Drumm, Campbellton; J. H. Hardie, Tide Head, and La Belle, Escuminac, and Mr. A. G. Adams, of Campbellton, were guests on Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ingram.

James P. Whalen has returned from a several weeks business trip to Calgary and other western towns. James Harnett, of Saskatoon, who came on to visit relatives in Richibucto, accompanied him on his return, and spent Sunday here.

A. A. Aitken, of Montreal, is home to spend Christmas with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Aitken.

Mrs. N. N. McLeod and son, Millar, of Montague (P. E. I.), are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Ames, of Lower Derby, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Margaret Gertrude, to Thomas W. Hutchison, of Harcourt, the wedding to take place on December 27.

James Dunn has gone to Maine.

Miss Eleanor Lingley spent part of this week in Millerton with Miss Jean Thurber.

Judge White and Mrs. White are guests at the Miramichi Hotel.

Rev. S. J. Macarthur is slowly recovering from his illness. He was able to preach last Sunday morning. In the evening his pulpit was occupied by Rev. F. C. Simpson, of St. Mark's Presbyterian church, Douglastown, for whom H. H. Stuart, of Newcastle, conducted service.

The Newcastle F. & A. Masons have elected D. W. Stothart master, and James Falconer, treasurer.

The young ladies' bridge club was entertained Thursday night by Miss Aitken.

Henry Wathen, of Harcourt, was the guest recently of his daughter, Mrs. W. G. Thurber, of Millerton.

Jas. Robinson, ex-M. P., has returned from Montreal.

Mrs. Laura Hill has returned from her visit to Port Elgin.

BATHURST

Bathurst, N. B., Dec. 14—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallagher and little son, of Shediac, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. L. C. Loosen, of Buffalo (N. Y.), is a guest of Mrs. A. E. Loosen.

Mrs. H. Sheasgreen, and her little daughter, Miss Alma, who have been visiting Mrs. E. L. Watts, in Moncton, returned to Bathurst last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gilbert are spending this week in Montreal.

Bishop Richardson, of Fredericton, conducted services in St. George's church on Sunday last.

O. Turgeon, M. P., and Mrs. Turgeon arrived last week from Ottawa and will spend Christmas here.

Mr. T. M. Burns returned from Montreal on the 8th inst. His friends are delighted to find him so much improved in health.

Mrs. McKinnon, of Richibucto, was called here last week by the serious illness of her son, Mr. Geo. McKinnon.

The death took place last week, of Mrs. Richard Melanson, after a short illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Melanson was formerly Miss Josephine Doucet, eldest daughter of the late Alex. Doucet, and her death is keenly felt by a large number of friends as well as by her relatives. She is survived by her husband and five children, her mother, a sister, Miss Martina, and two brothers, Frank, of Bangor (Me.), and George D., of Bathurst, for all of whom much sympathy is felt.

Bishop Barry, of Chatham, is at the Presbytery this week.

Miss Inglis, of Annapolis, who has been here for several months, will leave for her home next week.

The death of Mr. George McKinnon took place on the 11th inst., at the home of his brother, Mr. Hugh McKinnon. Mr. McKinnon came here from Richibucto several years ago, and during his residence here, made many friends, who will grieve with his family in their sad loss. Mr. McKinnon, who was about thirty-three years old, is survived by his mother and one brother and sister. The body was taken to Richibucto for interment, after a service at the house, conducted by Rev. W. Matthews.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Dec. 13—Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Shute were hostesses at a delightful bridge or six tables, on Friday evening, at the residence of Dr. Weaver. The prizes were won by Mrs. C. Fred Chestnut and Miss Harrison. Those present included Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Shute, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. O. H. Sharp, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. W. T. Whitehead, Mrs. H. G. Chestnut, Mrs. W. H. Steeves, Mrs. Harold Babbitt, Mrs. R. W. McLellan, Miss Ballock, Mrs. F. B. Edgecombe, Miss Stella Sherman, Miss Cunningham, Mrs. A. T. McMurray, Mrs. J. C. Allen, Mrs. Doull, Mrs. C. Fred Chustnutt, Miss Jeannette Beverly, Mrs. T. G. Loggie, Mrs. Wesley VanWart, Miss Sterling, Miss Palmer, Mrs. Lawson, Miss Harrison and Mrs. E. Bayard Fisher, of Marysville.

The Monday Club met this week with Miss Cunningham, when an extra table was entertained. Those winning the prizes were Mrs. Loggie, the visitors prize; Mrs. H. G. Chestnut and Mrs. John C. Allen the club prize. In the tea room Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. John C. Allen presiden at table, Miss Louise Edgecombe, Miss Valerie Steeves, Miss Mureil Masters and Miss Helen Morrison served, Miss Beverly serving the ices.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cruikshank are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby boy.

Miss Tibbits leaves tomorrow for St. John, where she will spend Christmas with relatives.

Mayor and Mrs. Doull and little daughter are leaving on Thursday for Montreal where they will spend Christmas and afterwards Mrs. Doull will visit her old home in Boston for a month.

The Old Club met with Mrs. A. J. Gregory last week, when Mrs. Tabor and Dr. Holden were the prize winners.

Miss McLaughlin has returned from visiting friends at St. John.

Miss Weddall is this evening entertaining the choir of the Methodist church at her home.

Mrs. C. F. Winslow will this evening entertain the Old Club at "The Gables."

Miss Burril was hostess at a club of three tables on Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. Widder was the prize winner.

Mrs. W. C. Cruikshank was last evening hostess at a bridge of seven tables when Mrs. W. H. Steeves, Mrs. C. Fred Chestnut and Mrs. Richardson were the prize winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Randolph have returned from visiting in Boston, where Mrs. A. F. Randolph and Miss Randolph are spending the winter.

The "Maidens of Fredericton" have issued cards of invitation for a Leap Year Ball (poudre) for Wednesday evening, Jan. 3, at the Queen Hotel. The chaperones are Judge Barry, Dr. T. C. Allen, Mr. F. B. Edgecombe and Mr. A. J. Gregory.

Mrs. Harry F. McLeod was today hostess at a large tea and received her guests in a handsome gown of black sequins with yoke and sleeves of black net. In the tea room Mrs. O. S. Crocket, in black velvet with Irish crochet lace and picture hat of black velvet with blue plumes; Mrs. W. S. Carter, in mauve velvet with Spanish lace scarf and hat of mink with white feathers, presided at the table. Miss Kingdon, Miss Hazen Allen, Miss Muriel Masters and Miss Helen Mersereau served. Ices were served in the library where Mrs. C. C. Jones presided at table and Miss Stopford and Miss Bessie Everett served.

Mrs. Widder is visiting his sister, Mrs. T. Carleton Allen.

Mrs. Harry G. Chestnut has invitations out for a bridge party for tomorrow in honor of her sister, Mrs. Walter Gillis, of Montreal.

The Ladies' Club met on Tuesday evening with Mrs. T. B. Winslow when Mrs. King Hazen was the prize winner.

Mrs. B. B. Manzer and and Grandson, Roy Colter, left last evening for Boston where they will spend some weeks.

Mrs. Charles FitzRandolph was on Tuesday evening hostess at a bridge of three tables when Mrs. Lawson was the prize winner.

Mrs. R. W. McLellan and little son, Douglas are in St. John.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 14—W. Leonard Palmer, representing the London Financial News, addressed a large audience in the city council chamber this evening on the opportunities afforded by this province, the title of the address being The Awakening of New Brunswick. Mr. Palmer's address was followed by interesting remarks by W. W. Hubbard, Frank Shackles, Chancellor Jones and others. J. T. Jennings presided.

Rev. Mr. Rutledge, who has been pastor of the United Baptist church at Southampton for the past seven years, has tendered his resignation, to take effect after Christmas.

Rev. David Patterson is about to resign from the Oromocto pastorate to become pastor of one of the Hampstead churches The people of Oromocto will sincerely regret his departure. He will remove to Hampstead about the first of the new year.

The store of G. E. Wade, of Gibson, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The firemen turned out promptly and were able to save the adjoining property. The fire started in front of the store and there is suspicion that the place was burglarized and then set on fire. A dwelling house near by, occupied by Mrs. Gill, caught several times. Her son Alfred who had climbed to the roof to fight the flames fell from a ladder and received internal injuries from which he died two hours later. Mr. Wade's loss will be upwards of $1,000.

The city council at a special meeting last night appointed George R. Perkins city treasurer in succession to the late I. R. Golding. The appointment came as a surprise as it was thought that Matthew Tennant would get the position. One alderman, however, is said to have flopped over and the council divided five to four in favor of Perkins. One alderman who favored Tennant was absent through illness.

The weather turned quite cold last night and has made good skating on the river.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 15—Mrs. E. Miles Merritt, of Marysville, is seriously ill at her home with jaundice. Her recovery is doubtful. Mrs. Merritt formerly lived in St. John and has many friends and acquaintances there.

Owing to increased cost of provisions, smaller hotels and restaurants of the city which cater to the country trade have decided to increase their rates after March. Board and lodging will be boosted from $1 to $1.25 a day and single meals from twenty-five to thirty-five cents.

It is expected that in consequence of the Valley Railway contract having been signed real estate in this city will soon take a boom.

Harry Perry, a former member of the Royal Regiment was arrested here today on arrival of the I. C. R. train on a charge of stealing at Chatham. He will be taken to Chatham tomorrow night.

A. E. Trites, contractor of Salisbury is here conferring with Sir Thos. Tait. It is believed he is after the contract on the Gibson & Minto Railway. Ross Thompson, chief engineer of the Quebec & St. John Railway Co., is expected here in a few days to take up his abode.

The brown tail moth has invaded York county. The Provincial Agricultural Department in this city has been notified that a nest of the brown tail moths has been found in the orchard of William Palmer, Scotch Lake district. The discovery was made by W. H. Moore, also of Scotch Lake, a well known amateur naturalist.

A corps of experts are now engaged in hunting brown tail moth nests in this province and destroying the pests. There are four men in the party, two being employed by the dominion government and two by the provincial government. They have already discovered 350 nests and have recently moved the scene of their operations from near St. Stephen to Grand Manan. They will be engaged in their work on the islands on the New Brunswick coast until early in the new year, when they will come to Fredericton and proceed with their work in this vicinity.

A. M. Boullion, chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company in this province, who was in the city last evening, said that the G. T. P. will in the early spring as soon as they are able to place the roadbed in proper shape, inaugurate a service on their line, between Moncton and Plaster Rock. The service at the start will be a tri-weekly one, the trains making the run one way one day and back the next. Later on the service will be extended.

Fredericton, Dec. 16—(Special)—I. Archibald, a lumber buyer of Boston, who is here today says that lumber is advancing in price on the American market and the outlook has brightened up considerably. H. C. MacKey, this morning received an order from Boston for half a million feet of pine lumber.

Lieut. Russell of the Royal Engineers, Halifax, was here today superintending the transfer of the 71st armory to the new caretaker, H. T. Brewer, who replaces J. M. Torrance. The latter is returned to duty as a private in the R. C. R.

Wm. J. Murphy who has conducted a bakery here for twenty years died at his home this morning from pneumonia. He was about fifty years of age and leaves his wife and four children. He was prominent in the A. O. H. and the funeral will be under the auspices of that organization.

Stiff prices for Christmas poultry prevailed in the market this morning. Geese sold at $1.85 each and turkeys at twenty-eight and thirty cents a pound.

PARRSBORO

Parrsboro, Dec. 14—Mr. Robert Aikman, of Springhill, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson and Master Ralph have returned from Maccan, where they have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. Johnson.

Miss Jo Gillespie and Miss Sadie Cook spent a few days in St. John last week.

Mrs. R. D. Poole, of Brockton (Mass.), is visiting her parents, Captain and Mrs. J. A. Corbett.

Miss Clara Kirkpatrick spent the first of the week in Amherst.

Mrs. J. E. Guilderson has returned from Presque Isle (Me.), where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Palmer.

Miss Isabelle Aikman has returned from a visit to Mrs. Robert Aikman at Springhill.

Rev. J. E. Warner, accompanied by Mrs. Warner, attended the deanery meeting at New Glasgow last week.

Mrs. T. C. Choisnet and little son, Harlow, are in Amherst visiting Mrs. W. J. Gard.

Miss Belle Gallagher was among the visitors to the winter fair at Amherst last week.

Miss Edith Kirkpatrick has returned from a visit to Toronto.

Mr. Joseph Martin, of Springhill, spent a few days in town last week with Mr. and Mrs. H. Theriault.

The death of John W. Harrison occurred at his late residence, Victoria street, on Friday. Mr. Harrison had been in failing health for several months and about a week ago was stricken with paralysis. Mr. Harrison is survived by his widow and six children—Mrs. Fred Pierce, of Red Deer (Alta.); Mrs. Walter Howard and Misses Anna and Birdie, of New York; Robert, who is in the west, and Everett and Lawrence, at home.

An event of much interest took place on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6, at the home of Mrs. J. B. Chute, Bear River, when Miss Laleah Maude Rice, youngest daughter of Charles R. Rice, was married to James Thaddeus Davidson. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. Daniel in the presence of a large assemblage of friends and relatives of the popular young couple. The bride's gown was of white point d'esprit over white taffeta, with bands of silk embroidery and pearl trimmings. She wore the conventional bridal veil and carried a bouquet of white carnations. Miss Irene Margaret Rand, of Parrsboro, niece of the bride, in a dainty frock of pink mousseline de soie, pink shoes and stockings and carrying a basket of pink carnations, made a charming little flower girl. After receiving congratulations and good wishes the bridal party and guests sat down to a delicious luncheon, the dining room being very prettily decorated for the occasion. The bride, who is a sister of Mrs. F. A. Rand, of this town, has many friends in Parrsboro who extend good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson will for the present reside in Bear River.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 14—A petition has been circulated and signed by prominent citizens here, asking that some improvements be made to the railway station at the Hill, and a caretaker appointed. The petition has been forwarded to Manager Sherwood.

John Tingley died at his home at Chester, Albert county, last night. He was about eighty years of age and had been in feeble health for quite a long time. The deceased lived in Caledonia for years and recently moved to Chester, where he resided with his sons. He leaves his wife and four sons and three daughters—Chipman, Arthur, John and Edson, all living in this parish, and Mrs. Harvey Graves, of Albert; Mrs. Harvey Walton, of Chester, and Mrs. Joseph Steeves, of Moncton.

Quite a number of attractions are in preparation for the Christmas time. Besides the Methodist and Baptist Sunday school concerts at the Hill, there will be similar entertainments at Albert and Lower Cape, and a three-night high tea and sale, etc., in Oulton hall on Dec. 20, 21 and 22. On the 19th, the Consolidated school at Riverside will present an operetta entitled The Enchanted Glen.

The tug Mikado went out the river today with a load of hay for Apple River. The schooner Jennie Palmer sailed also today with hay for the Joggins.

Charles D. Shaw has a crew at work lumbering on the W. H. Shaw lot at Chemical Road.

By the slipping out of place of the yoke on the governor at the Killam portable mill today, the engine "ran away," causing considerable damage. Two belts were torn to pieces, pulleys broken and the driving shaft bent. One-half of a large pulley, two and a half feet across, was thrown 100 feet or so, where a number of men were at work, but fortunately no one was hurt. The mill, which is located in New Ireland, will be closed down on account of the accident, until after Christmas.

REXTON

Rexton, N. B., Dec. 14—Dr. F. W. Tozer returned a few days ago from an enjoyable visit to Boston and New York.

James Harnett, of East Branch, returned home Monday from Saskatoon, where he has been the last few years. Mr. Harnett has been in the real estate business in the west, and has veen very successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Elward, Jr., of Rumford Falls (Me.), came here yesterday on account of the illness of Mr. Elward's mother, Mrs. Peter Elward.

Miss Albena Wood, who teaches at Upper Main River, spent Saturday at her home here.

Stanley Warman is visiting his home at Molus River, after several years absence in the United States.

The mild weather of the last few days has been a draw back to the smelt fishing business. The ice has broken up and operations had to be suspended awaiting cold weather.

Anthony McNairn is very seriously ill.

Mrs. William McLean, of Jardineville, is recovering from her illness.

Mrs. William Scott, of Jardineville, who has been very ill with rheumatism, is able to be about again.

The funeral of George McKinnon, of Richibucto, was held here yesterday afternoon. Interment was in the Presbyterian cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. A. D. Archibald. Mr. McKinnon's sad death occurred at Bathurst Monday from an abcess on the head. He was an exemplary young man and his many friends here regret to hear of his early death. He was the youngest son of the late Gregory McKinnon, and is survived by his mother, one brother and one sister.

Rexton, N. B., Dec. 15—Dr. H. C. Mersereau is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mersereau, at Doaktown.

J. L. Hutchinson has returned from Isaac's Harbor (N. S.), where he was looking after his wrecked schooner Loyal. The Loyal is a total wreck, and was uninsured.

Robert, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beattie, who has been very ill, is improving.

Rexton, N. B., Dec. 16—Miss Nellie O'Connor has returned to Lynn (Mass.), after spending some months at her home here.

Mrs. Hugh Jardine, of Moncton, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. I. W. Doherty.

Mrs. J. C. Glencross, of Medford (Mass.), is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Dickinson.

Dr. F. W. Tozer left yesterday for Portland (Me.) on a business trip.

Henry Wathen, of Harcourt, spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Lennox.

Allan Carter, of Kouchibouguac, has returned to Bathurst.

Miss Emma Lanigan has resigned her position as teacher at Upper Rexton and will attend Normal school after New Year.

Miss Elizabeth Pollock, of St. Nicholas River, was married recently at Somerville (Mass.) to William Duncan McDonald, of that place. The ceremony took place at their future home and was performed by Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Highland avenue Congregational church. The bride was becomingly attired in white silk and was attended by her sister, Miss Elsie Pollock, while the groom was attended by Andrew Dunlay. A reception was held after the ceremony.

GAGETOWN

Gagetown, Dec. 14—The annual sale and high tea under the auspices of the W. A. and Junior Branch of St. John's church was held yesterday afternoon in the Temperance Hall, and followed in the evening by an excellent programme of well rendered musical selections and two dialogues which were admirably presented by the young ladies personating the different characters. The solos by Rev. William Smith, rector, were especially greatly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. Although the weather was unfavorable, the early evening being showery, there was a good attendance and the affair was a financial success.

In aid of the Methodist church funds a tea entertainment will be given in the Temperance Hall, here ,Tuesday evining, the 26th inst.

Miss Louise Rubins has returned home from a visit in St. John.

William Gourley, a respected resident, died at his residence here Saturday evening after an illness of several weeks. Deceased was seventy-seven years of age and will be mourned by his widow, five sons and two daughters. The funeral took place on Monday at 2 o'clock, burial being made in St. John's church cemetery.

RICHIBUCTO

Richibucto, Dec. 14—F. J. Robidoux, M. P., arrived home from Ottawa on Saturday.

Mrs. Annie Wilson and Mrs. W. E. Murray visited St. John this week.

R. O'Leary is on a trip to Montreal and Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Storer, who have been spending the past six weeks in town and vicinity, left on Monday to return to their home in Brooklyn (N. Y.)

L. J. Wathen, of Harcourt, was in town attending the funeral of his cousin, the late Sylvester T. Wathen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKinnon, of Bathurst, are in town this week, having come on account of the death of Mr. McKinnon's brother, which occurred at Bathurst on the 11th inst.

Allan Haines and his son Frank, of Bathurst, attended the funeral of George McKinnon.

Miss G. Finnigan and Miss Belle O'Brien, of Moncton, visited Mrs. J. Robichand this week.

Mrs. C. J. Lynch, of Millinocket (Me.), and her niece, Miss Marion Kane, of Boston, are visiting relatives in Mouhies River.

HARCOURT

Harcourt, Dec. 14—Miss Marion Wathen returned recently from a week's visit with friends in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. N. Wathen returned on Monday from Richibucto, where they had gone to attend the funeral of Mr. Wathen's brother, Sylvester, whose death occurred at Doaktown on Thursday last.

Mrs. W. W. Cumming spent Thursday with friends in Moncton.

Miss Nellie Crocker, of Millerton, is in the village and will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Cumming.

Mrs. H. W. Ivers and baby arrived this week to join Rev. Mr. Ivers, who has been appointed rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal church.

H. Wathen is spending the week in Millerton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Thurber.

Dr. P. D. Mahoney, of Rexton, was called here this week to attend W. W. Pride, who still continues quite seriously ill.

Mr. Sears, of Sackville, is in town this week looking after the lumber interests of C. S. Hickman, Dorchester.

NORTON

Norton, N. B., Dec. 15—Rev. Father Byrne informed his congregation that next Sunday, Dec. 17, in the Sacred Heart church, Norton, a memorial window will be unveiled in memory of Patrick Cogger.

The turkey supper and sale held by the ladies' aid of the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening was a grand success considering the bad state of the weather and roads. Upwards of $60 was realized.

A number of the girl friends of Miss Helen Folkins tendered her a novelty shower at her home here last evening.

Miss Mary McNair has been called home from Amherst on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Frank McNair.

Claud Allen left Wednesday for Winnipeg.

George Laughery, of Calgary, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Laughery.

Mrs. Ashe, of Pugwash (N. S.), is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. P. Lewis.

Mrs. Walter Campbell left last night for her home in St. John.

Mrs. Charles Robinson is visiting friends in Boston (Mass.)

WESTFIELD BEACH

Westfield Beach, N. B., Dec. 14—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Burden, of Boston (Mass.), who have been spending a few days at "Lonewater Farm" have returned home.

Miss Annie Gilliland who had been the guest of friends in St. John for a few days, returned home on Thursday.

A parlor concert was held at the Westfield rectory under the auspices of the ladies of St. James church on Thursday evening. Home-made candy was sold also fancy work by the sewing circle of the church. The following programme was well rendered. Piano duet—Mrs. Woodman and Miss Grace Lingley. Solo—"Four Leaf Clover," Miss Grace Cheyne. Reading—Rev. A. B. Murray. Duet—"Fare Thee Well," Mrs. Woodman and Miss Stella Appt. Solo—"Pretty Phyllis Grey," Mrs. Codner. Solo—"Pierrot." Mrs. A. B. Murray. Solo—"It's A Long Lane That Has No Turning," Miss Grace Lingley. Piano solo—Mrs. Woodman. Duet—"When Ye Gang Awa Jamie." Mrs. A. B. Murray and E. C. Prime. Reading—Rev. A. B. Murray Solo—"A Mistake," Miss Louise Nase. Solo—"I Wonder How The Old Folks Are At Home," E. C. Prime.

Of Interest to Women

Wood alcohol is excellent to clean a fine gold chain, if the chain is soaked in it for half an hour and then well brushed.

A good way to toast bread is to use a regular corn popper. The long handle enables one to stand back from the heat.

A good way to remove mildew from white material is to make a thick paste of table salt and butter and put in the hot sun for a day.

The best way to clean patent leather shoes is, after removing all the dirt, to wipe them over with a soft cloth dipped in milk. Polish with a dry cloth, and you will have a bright polish, besides preserving the leather.

Jewelry can be successfully cleaned by washing it in hot soap suds in which a little ammonia has been dissolved. Shake off the water and lay the jewelry in a small box of fine sawdust to dry. This method leaves no scratches or marks of any kind.

Canned peaches left from one day's dessert are delicious put in individual deep pie molds and baked with strips of rich pie dough across the top. Put a lump of butter in the bottom of the dish and sprinkle sugar and cinnamon on top of the peaches.

A very handy stocking supporter is made by cutting a piece of wide elastic in three-inch pieces. Sew a fastener on each end of each piece of the elastic. Fasten one end to the underwear and the other to the stocking. One or two may be used on each stocking.

GRAIN BLOCKADE PARALYZES WEST

Toronto, Dec. 15—The Star publishes a despatch from Winnipeg saying that the wheat blockade in Saskatchewan is simply appalling, according to report received today, and is without parallel in the history of wetsern Canada. The losses to farmers are enormous. Wheat has been standing alongside the elevators for two weeks.

At Mortlach and Outlook the elevators are filled to the roof and the farmers have been standing around for days waiting to have their grain unloaded.

At Morse 50,000 bushels of grain are piled on the street and in the implement warehouses. A number of farmers have been in town for a week trying to dispose of their grain but without success.

The farmers fought among themselves for the privilege of unloading, and the mounted police had to be called in to maintain order. Farmers are shipping large quantities of grain to the States, taking whatever they can get for it.

Moncton Scott Act Cases.

Moncton, Dec. 16—(Special)—Valentine Landry was before Magistrate Kay this morning in two Scott Act cases. In one he was fined $50 and costs. The other was dismissed.

Mathias Arsenault, in the police court today was charged with violation of the C. T. A. and was placed on his defence. The case was adjourned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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