

Local and General News

Of Special Interest to Our Readers, Gathered By Our Reporters from Many Sources. Whirl of the Town.

To-morrow is the shortest day in the year. The regular monthly meeting of Newcastle Town Council will held Thursday night.

The Advocate hears that Mark Hambrook of Renous was recently chased by a pack of wolves.

Read the advertisements in this issue carefully, they will help you in selecting your Xmas presents.

The District Division of Kent, Northumberland which was to meet Jan. 10th at Harcourt has been postponed to Jan 16th.

The recent examinations at the Provincial Normal School, Fredericton, resulted in eighteen candidates in class 1 being put back to class 2.

The Rev. S. H. Rice, of Sunny Brae, has received and accepted a call subject to the approval of conference to be pastor of the Newcastle Methodist church.

Dr. Quigley of St. John has been mentioned as a possible candidate in the mayoralty election in that city. The Doctor's many Newcastle friends wish him success if he decides to offer.

Xmas day Services—St. Andrews Church Holy communion, 8 in the morning, Prayer etc. 11, St. Mary's, Nelson, 2.30, St. Peter's, Derby, 7, Holy Communion Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Don't forget the sale of work in the Salvation Army Barracks on Thursday Dec. 21st. There will be on sale Cake, Candy, Aprons and Cushions and many other useful articles. Sale begins at eight o'clock.

About 10 o'clock Sunday night a luminous body was seen to shoot across the sky from south to north in a semi-circle and coming so low it seemed as if it must strike the tops of the buildings. It appeared pear-shaped and gave brilliant light.

Owing to the blowing out of the rubber packing about one of the boilers the electric light plant was shut down for about twenty minutes Monday night and the town was in darkness. Electrician Follanbee quickly made repairs and had the plant running again.

At a congregational meeting in St. Andrew's Hall Chatham Monday evening to appoint delegates to represent the congregation at the meeting of the Presbytery Tuesday in reference to the resignation of Mr. D. Henderson a motion that the resignation lay on the table for a year was carried and amendment that it lay over for three months being lost by six votes.

The Pauline Hammond Company opened a three nights engagement in the Opera House Monday evening presenting The Gambler's Wife. A good house greeted the company and the play was well put on. Tuesday the play was The Fatal Wedding. The specialties between the acts are good and are changed nightly. Wednesday night they will play "A Man From Frisco."

D. G. Smith, fishery commissioner for the province, is in the city. Today he will inspect the fishway in the new Loch Lomond dam, to see if the conditions imposed by the government have been complied with. After completing his inspection of this work, Mr. Smith will go to Queens county to investigate a complaint that has been made, to the effect that a dam is being put into a certain lake there, the same being contrary to the law.—Sun, Dec. 16.

St. James' Guild held its annual business meeting on Monday night, and the following officers were elected:—President—Miss Helen McLeod, Secretary—Miss A. E. Shaw, Convener—Miss O. Nicholson, Convener Social—Mrs. C. Hubbard, Convener Literary—Miss J. Fleming, Convener Musical—Miss O. Williamson. The first meeting of the New Year will be held on Jan. 15th when a musical and social evening will be combined. The Guild has voted twenty five dollars to the home mission fund of the church.

The crossing on the ice is now safe. The stores will be open each evening during this week.

ELECTRIC LAMPS in 2, 5, 8, 16 and 32 Candle Power H.M.s and all other electrical supplies. Jno. Ferguson

A dance will be given at Renous Bridge on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th. All are invited.

Rev. T. H. Cuthbert will preach in the "Cliffs" Church, Upper Derby on Thursday evening.

Santa Claus always gets his Footwear here. He says ours is the best. D. R. McRae & Co.

Every pipe guaranteed genuine. Brier or money refunded if not as represented at Miller Bros.

An entertainment will be given in Whitneyville Hall, Monday evening, Dec. 25th consisting of music and Tableaux etc. A lunch will be served in connection with entertainment. Admission 25c.

The tea given by the members of St. Andrew's Guild in the Town Hall last Thursday evening was very successful. The supper served was of exceptional quality and the service was good.

I. E. Sheasgreen, Thomas Griffin, J. Chipman, Katherine M. Sheasgreen and Douglas Stevens, of Woodstock, are seeking incorporation as "The Sheasgreen Drug Company, Limited," with a capital stock of \$14,000.

The union printers in Barnes & Co's & A. McMillan's, G. A. Knodell's and a few other of the smaller offices of St. John, went out on strike this morning for eight hours day. Some fifteen or sixteen men were affected.

An exchange says the biggest trust on earth has been discovered at last. It is the country newspaper trust. It trusts everybody gets cussed for trusting, mistrusted for cussing and if it busts for trusting gets cussed for busting.

When the I. C. R. day express No. 24 arrived at Rogersville on Thursday, a sheep was found lying on the cow catcher. It was at first thought that the animal was dead, but immediately on being released it ran off unhurt.

The Maritime Farmer appeared last week in an appropriate cover and is indeed a fine number throughout. The many articles are of interest to progressive farmers and are well illustrated. The management is to be complimented on the good showing made.

The following appointments have been made.—Northumberland—George Burchill, jr. to be Almshouse Commissioner for the parish of Nelson, in room of George Burchill sr., resigned. Warren C. Winslow, K. C. to be Judge of Probate, pro hac vice, in reference of estate of James Kerr, deceased.

Chief Justice Tuck last week at St. John, granted an order winding up the affairs of J. W. Dumas Company, Limited. This company has been doing a general business at Grant Arse and Shippegan, Gloucester county, for the past three years. The company's liabilities are estimated at \$25,000 and the assets at \$18,000.

Whitney Bros. Co., have the contract to drive 5000 piles for a large Ore Dock at Margarete Mich. W. W. Whitney is superintending the work. They also have 8000 piles to drive at Superior and will begin operations about January 1st. In all they will use seven steam drivers, Whitney Bros. Co., came near losing their large tug E. G. Maxwell and barge Interstate in the recent storm that was so disastrous on the Great Lakes. They got caught in the storm but managed to gain the shelter of a small harbor on the north shore of Lake Superior. Among those on board were E. A. Whitney of the firm and several Miramichi boys but there was not anyone lost or hurt.

Social and Personal

Mr. John Palmer of Rexton spent Thursday in town.

Mr. E. A. McCurdy spent part of last week in Montreal.

Mrs. Johnstone and son of Chatham spent Sunday in town.

Miss L. M. Taylor was visiting friends in Miller on last week.

Mr. Randolph Crocker of Millerston was in town on Thursday last.

Mr. Thos. O. Murray, Manager of the K. N. R. was in town last week.

Mr. E. H. Sinclair returned Monday night from an extended trip throughout the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown have returned from their trip to Arizona and New York. Miss Bessie Whitney of Whitneyville was visiting Miss Anna McLeod last week.

Mrs. Lord of Winnipeg is visiting in town the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour Stothard.

Mrs. Frederick Chessman of Halifax is spending a few weeks at her old home here.

Miss Minnie Stothard, who is attending school at Chatham, spent Sunday at her home here.

Miss Ruth Thurber of Harcourt is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller this week.

Mr. W. J. Durrick who has been spending a few days in St. John, returned to town Friday night.

Miss Nellie Hennessy has returned from a week's visit in Chatham spent with her sister, Mrs. P. F. Duff.

Misses Bessie and Florence Ferguson and Miss Louise Manny arrived home from Halifax on Wednesday last to spend the holidays.

Miss Hazel DeBoo, who has been attending Mt. Allison Ladies College, Sackville returned home on Monday last to spend the holidays.

Mr. J. M. McLean, of Chatham, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church Sunday night and preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation. Mr. P. C. Arnold and Mr. A. E. Shaw of Newcastle were present and sang a duet very acceptably.

Our Christmas display of footwear is a grand one. This is the verdict of every one. We've everything for everybody. D. R. McRae & Co.

Recently while chopping in the lumber woods near Nelson and Mowat's lumber camp on the Kedgwick, John Dubois, of Campbellton, aged thirty years, received injuries by being struck on the head by a falling limb which caused his death. A widow and four children are left.

Miss Ida McLeod, daughter of Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Fredericton, was married at Cape Town, South Africa, Wednesday, to Mr. Maurice White, one of the leading educational officials of the Transvaal. The ceremony took place at St. John's church, and was performed by Rev. Nuttal Smith.

The Harriet Academy High School girls with the assistance of some local talent are preparing an entertainment which they purpose holding in the Opera House on the evening of January 2nd. The proceeds are to go towards the establishing of a library fund for the Academy. With such an object in view they will, it is believed, receive the hearty support of the people of the town, and a good attendance is looked for.

About 10:30 a. m. Sunday fire started in the upper department of the I. C. R. pump house and in less than an hour the building was at Bathurst was completely destroyed. Mr. Joseph Gautier who runs this pump house soon noticed the flames but nothing could be done to save it. Mr. Gautier had several valuable moose heads and stuffed birds within but all were lost as his sole attention was on saving the building.

Call and see the display of Lowney's Xmas goods at Miller Bros.

The Chatham Commercial appeared in 12 pages last week and in commenting on this states "for this section of the North Shore it is entirely new". Oh no Brother Benson it is not entirely new. The Advocate for some years has appeared in a double number at Christmas and a few years ago came out in 24 pages. This year the Advocate and Events both appeared in 20 pages with a colored cover. The Advocate contained sixty-five columns of paid advertising while the Commercial had thirty-four.

What would be nicer for a Xmas box than a pair of driving mitts, McMurdo has them.

So you have been married five years? interrogate the old friend. Well, you look so happy your husband must act so nicely.

He acts like a bear when he comes home, replied the Michigan avenue lady.

Like a bear? Gracious in what way? He—he hugs me.

CHRISTMAS 1905.

Your time for purchasing Christmas Gifts, is becoming shorter every day, and you should begin at once, as our stock is overflowing with

Bargains Suitable for the Holiday Season.

A Few of These Bargains are:

- Men's Snowshoes in Caribou, Kip and Horse Hide.
- Men's Buckskin Moccasins, Oil-tanned Moccasins and Larrigans.
- Ladies', Boys' and Girls' Snowshoes in Caribou.
- Ladies', Boys' and Girls' Buckskin Moccasins.
- Kumfort, Felt and Leather Slippers in all sizes.
- Overshoes in one, two, or three Buckles, Rubbers.
- Ladies', Gent's and Children's Felt Boots, Tams, Toques, Hoods, Fur Boas and Eiderdown, Gauntlet Mitts, Overstockings and Gaiters.
- Ladies' Furs in Stoles, Capelines, Ruffs, Caps.
- Northern Seal and Astracan Coats.
- Mens' Fur Coats in Raccoon, Wallaby, Wombat and Russian Calf.
- Men's Fur Collars and Caps in Otter, Mink and Beaver.
- Bearskin Cloth for Children's Coats, Crps and Mitts.
- Golf Jackets, Sweaters, Underwear, "Visor" Hood, Way and Fancy Mufflers, Overcoats, Ulsters, Reefers, and Jumpers.
- Sleds, Skates in Acme, Long Reach and Hockey.
- Rifles and Revolvers in all gauges and makes.
- White and Fancy Shirts in stiff and soft bosoms.
- Collars, Cuffs, Suspenders, Neckwear in fancy boxes, Hosiery, Belts, Handkerchiefs, Gloves and Mitts.
- Dress Suit Cases, Valises, Telescope Cases and other articles too numerous to mention.

Remember the Place to buy your XMAS GOODS is where you get Good Goods at Right Prices, which we guarantee.

JOHN FERGUSON, Lounsbury Block.

Telephone No. 10. Newcastle, N. B.

We Pay Highest Prices in Cash for all kinds of RAW FURS.

The R. N. Wyse CLEARANCE SALE.

Everybody expects to be busy the balance of this week. We wish everybody a MERRY CHRISTMAS, just a real good jolly time, like we used to have when we were boys.

- We have a Grand Display of Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Small Furs, Stock Collars, Hosiery, Ribbons, Suspenders, Mufflers, Belts,

and everything to be found in a well kept Dry Goods Store. You can get these at Reduced Prices during this Christmas week, which will greatly aid you in Gift-giving.

After Christmas we want you to come to the grand clearing up of this great stock. We have a great quantity of goods and must convert them into money at once.

Balance of Stock, Show Cases, Cash Register, Stoves, Silent Salesman, Tables, Fixtures of every description must be sold at once.

Merchants up and down the river, should take note of this, as the stock can be sold in lots, or "en bloc" to suit customers.

Remember that all classes of goods are advancing in price and this is a grand opportunity to buy at less than old prices.

All Transactions must be Strictly Cash.

All persons indebted to us are requested to settle by cash or note at once.

THE TASTE TEST

is one that everyone understands and is able to apply. Trained tea experts will tell you that the real genuine tea value is in

Morse's Teas

But for the average consumer, their high quality is proclaimed by the flavor. MORSE'S TEAS stand the taste test, no matter who makes it.