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The WHIRL of the TOWN

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We want fifty loads of green and dry wood at the Advocate office at once.

It is expected the first week of January will be a week of united prayer in our churches.

There will be a watch night service in the Baptist church Wednesday night, commencing at 11 15.

Contrary to the announcement made at the closing of the schools, they will open as usual on Monday, Jan. 5th.

Teachers of all the schools are requested to read a notice, re vaccination which appears in another column.

The predicted hard winter has not yet reached the Miramichi, as up to the present it has been unusually mild. Of course we have had a few cold days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McMurdo are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a welcome little stranger, who came to town about midnight Monday. It is a boy.

The Division of S. of T. will meet on Thursday, New Year's night. There are hints of a treat of some kind in store for the members who attend on that night.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers who made such a favorable impression on a former visit to our town are billed to sing here on January 22nd.

Mrs. Morris Whelan, relict of the late Morris Whelan, died at her home here on Saturday. She leaves a family who have the sympathy of the community.

St. Mary's congregation presented their pastor, Rev. P. W. Dixon with a new sleigh, robes, harness and a fur coat on Christmas. It is needless to say the gift was appreciated.

We have a few copies of New Brunswick Illustrated. This edition was published in St. John and as usual Newcastle and the Miramichi are entirely ignored in its illustrations.

A social will be held on Friday evening next, by the Ladies Auxiliary in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. A short programme of local and instrumental music will be given, assisted by the Orchestra. Refreshments will be provided. Admission 25 cents.

As there was no snow, many of our merchants were looking forward to a poor Christmas trade, but they were most agreeably surprised as it was an exceptionally good year. The advertisers of the Advocate were busy from early morn till late at night and extra help had to be employed in most cases.

Our stock of matting and colored card has arrived. Price 10c. per sheet.

Just received at the Advocate Office, ten cases of toilet paper in packages and rolls.

There will be Divine service in St. Andrew's church on New Year's day at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Leighton was presented on X'mas eve with a very handsome silver and China fruit basket, the gift of her boarders.

A green Christmas this year and consequently a very quiet one. The ice was fairly good and crowds enjoyed the skating. There was also a fair wind for ice boating.

A northeasterly blizzard set in on Friday morning, but during the night moderated and it rained hard Saturday. There is now splendid sleighing.

The St. John Freeman will not be discontinued but will be issued regularly as heretofore by a new management. It will be known as The New Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kethro received a Christmas present—a beautiful lamp—from two of their boarders, Messrs. Simpson and Bell.

While making good resolutions, don't forget to resolve that you will in future have your printing done at home, will buy you paper bags, paper, twine, etc. at home and then live up to your resolution.

The inmates of the Almshouse enjoyed a good Christmas dinner, including turkey, pastry, fruit and other things. Two large cakes, the gift of Dr. J. B. Benson, made the spread that the commissioners provided complete.—World.

The entertainment in the Town Hall by the Coronation Choir last Tuesday was only fairly attended. These who were present appreciated the performance very much. The committee who had charge of the arrangements will not much more than clear expenses.

The congregation of St. Michael's will hold a business meeting in the pro-cathedral Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, to consider the question of ways and means for building a cathedral. The Hon. John M. Johnson house is talked of as the site likely to be chosen.—World.

Yesterday we saw a volume of "The Mercury" which was published at Chatham in the year 1827. In casually turning over its pages we saw the following :—

SERMON.—On Sunday next the Rev. James Thomson will preach at Beaubear's Point at 11 o'clock and at the Court House, Newcastle, at 4 o'clock, afternoon.

Mr. William Fitzpatrick died at his home in Nelson on Dec. 20th, after a lingering illness which he bore with great patience to the Divine will. Deceased was a well known stevedore, road commissioner, and constable. He was beloved by every one. He leaves a son in the States, two sons and two daughters home, three sisters, Mrs Henry Kelly of Derby, Mrs. Peter Kelly, Mrs. John Harrigan of Upper Nelson.

Social AND Personal

Mrs. T. C. Mullins is visiting her sister Mrs. E. T. Hartford of Bangor, Me.

Mr. Percy Clarke, of Ottawa, spent last Wednesday here visiting friends. He was on his way to St. John to spend Christmas at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chesman, of Halifax, are visiting Mrs. Chesman's home here.

Mrs. D. Chesman of Chatham, spent Sunday with friends.

Mrs. J. G. Kethro is slowly recovering from a bad case of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Loggie and their children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Kethro.

Mrs. Minnie Black and children have returned to Bangor where she has accepted a position as nurse in the Eastern Maine Hospital of that place.

Mrs. Alex. Taylor and her daughter Miss Blanche have gone to visit relatives in Oxford, Nova Scotia.

Miss Effie Brander of Strathadam is visiting Mrs. Brownlow Maltby.

Misses Minnie and Pinkie Ingram are spending their vacation at Gibson, the guests of Rev. W. R. and Mrs. Robinson.

Mr. Robert Bell and daughter of Amherst, spent Christmas at Mr. Bell's home.

Mrs. J. B. Kethro has returned from Marysville, where she was visiting her mother, sisters and brothers.

Miss Alice Dalton of St. John spent a short vacation at her home.

Miss Gertie Reid of Fredericton is spending the vacation at her home.

Mrs. McAuley has been called to Lawrence, Mass., by the illness of her daughter.

Mr. H. J. Morris has gone to St. John to spend 'Xmas and New Yearat his home.

Miss May McEacheen is spending a few days with friends in Blackville.

Robt. Hickey is visiting his old home here. It is twenty years since Mr. Hickey left the Miramichi.

We have received a budget of notes from Renous River, but although the writer's name accompanies them we do not think them suitable for publication as the writer evidently thought he would show his wit. We warn all such that we will expose them by putting their name after their witicisms so that our readers will be able to congratulate the writer on his brightness. The above notes were under the non de plume of Baldy Jack.

If subscribers of the Advocate will furnish us with the names of their friends who formerly lived in this county, but who are now in distant parts of the world, we will send the Advocate for one month free. This is to introduce the Advocate where it is not already read. The paper will be promptly cut from our list at the end of the four weeks unless the party to whom it is sent wishes it continued. Send in your friends addresses at once.

The children of the Methodist Sunday School were treated Monday evening to an old fashioned tea in the Temperance Hall. After a bounteous feast, in which each child vied with its neighbor and all seemed successful, pandemmonium reigned. After being called to order for a short programme which was much enjoyed by all, the children were dismissed tired and happy and still wishing for Christmas to come again.

A Dollar Saved is a Dollar Made.

Buy your boots at a bargain and save money. I am selling all boots and shoes left over after the summer at tumbling down prices. I also carry first quality of rubbers, hand made boots and larrigans.

Arrived to-day, 1 car Cream of Roses flour, good for bread or pastry. Also on hand, 5 Roses, Gold Crown and other brands of flour, Meal, Feed, Fresh and Corned Beef, Pork, Canned Goods of all kinds and a full line of Groceries and Dry Goods.

M. BANNON.

Wholesale and Retail.

MILLINERY.

We have just opened another shipment of Camels' hair knock-about Hats.

Trimmed hats always on hand. In stock a nice line of Tie and sash clasps.

Mail orders will receive careful and prompt attention.

Mrs. H. A. Quilty,

THE SARGEANT STORE

Administration Notice.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Edward Holohan late of Newcastle, deceased, are required to file the same, duly attested, with Catherine Holohan, Administratrix, or T. W. Butler, Proctor, within thirty days, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to settle their accounts within the same date or suits will be commenced.

CATHERINE HOLOHAN.

Newcastle, N. B.,
Dec. 30th, 1902.

SOUTH WEST BOOM CO.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders, of the above company, will be held at the Secretary's Office, in Newcastle, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of JANUARY, 1903, at two o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of choosing directors, and to transact such other business as may be deemed necessary. The Directors will meet in the same place, on the same day, at eleven o'clock, a. m., to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and wind up the business for the year.

Newcastle, 26th, December, 1902.

ALLAN RITCHIE,
PRESIDENT.

STRAYED.

There is at my premises, Northesk, a stray heifer, which the owner can have by proving property and paying expenses.

ALEXANDER MULLIN,
Northesk, Dec. 29th.—3wpd.

SECURITY

From serious throat and lung trouble depends on two things: First. securing the right remedy; second, using it in time. We are confident that the remedy most certain to give prompt and satisfactory results in the curing of colds and coughs is our Pine Tar Balsam.

A FAIR PROPOSITION.

You are apt to have a cold this season. A cough will result and you will want to cure it as quickly as possible. We want you to try this remedy with the understanding that if it fails to give entire satisfaction you are to have your money back.

PRICE 25C.

NEWCASTLE DRUG STORE,
F. R. DALTON, Proprietor.
Between Post Office and Waverley Hotel.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE

Will begin on

Saturday, December 13th,

We have about 50 pairs of heavy wool hose, former price 25c. and 35c Will sell for 15c. to clear. Just think of it!

Don't forget our ANNUAL SALE of Ladies' and Children's Aprons. We have a better variety than ever before, at prices that will astonish you For the better lots we have nice velvet and cloth bonnets, prettily trimmed coats, dresses, etc.

A nice line of silk and linen handkerchiefs, ribbons, ladies' silk neck ties suitable for gifts.

NOTE:—We have still a few of our Opening Hats left which will be sold at half price. Ladies' and children's knock abouts. Everything must be cleared so come and secure bargains.

Mrs. H. J. Morris.

Newcastle, Dec. 8th, 1902.

Newcastle Bakery

Received for New Year, a choice line of

BUTTER.

20 tubs Dairy and Creamery Butter, a good article.

ALSO

Raisins in Royalty, Bevan, Connoisseurs, Buckingham, Excelsior, Windsor Clusters, Loose California, Sultanas, etc., etc.,

AND

Everything that's good.

at HENRY WYSE'S,
Newcastle, N. B.

DEMERS' GROCERY,

THE RIGHT HOUSE.
THE RIGHT PLACE TO BUY.

Special Values in Wantable Goods for Christmas. This list will probably suggest one or more needed articles and the prices will interest you.

5 lbs. extra good tea for	$1.00	Best ginger	25c. per lb.	7 lb pail Jam	50c.
1 lbs. extra good coffee	25	Best cream tartar	25c. "	Pulverized sugar	8c. lb.
3 lbs. best raisins	25	Best mustard	25c. "	Best molasses	40c. gal.
4 lbs. cleaned currants	25	2lbs. Mixed peal	25c. "	Eggs	20c. doz.
3 lbs. evaporated apples	25	10 lbs. best onions	25c	2 lbs mixed nuts	25c.
2 lbs. apricots	25	3 cans beans	25c	Walnuts	15c. per lb.
4 lbs. fresh dates	25	4 lbs mixed biscuits	25c	Peanuts	12c. " "
3 lbs. large prunes	25	3 lbs cakes	25c	Filberts	16c. " "
Fresh shelled walnuts	30	4 lbs pilot biscuits	25c	Almonds	17c. " "
Fresh shelled almonds	35	8 bars soap	25c	Pecans	20c. " "
Fruit syrups 20c. per bottle		Gillets lye 10c tin		Butternuts	20c. " "
3½ lbs. mixed candy	25				

Besides the above we have a general assortment of Confectionery, G. B. Chocolates in bulk and fancy boxes Also flour, meal, beef, pork, sausages, hams, bacon, turkeys, geese, chickens, canned goods of every description, Oranges, lemons, Malaga grapes, flavorings, spices, pickles, sauces, jams, jellies and marmalade.

Our Toy Department is complete. We have everything to please the children, from a five cent doll to an automobile.

We have some beautiful articles in China: Berry bowls, vases, statuary, cups and saucers, pitchers, lamps, etc.

Just received a carload of choice Ontario Apples which we are selling at a very low margin.

Demers' Grocery.

The Excelsior Life Insurance Company

Head Office Toronto. Branch Office, St. John, N. B.
Capital $500,000. Insurance in Force $5,000,000.

Total amount for security of policy holders $770,000.00. Lowest average death rate on record for Company of same age viz., 3.12 per 1,000 mean insurance in force. Interest income alone pays all death claims and Head Office salaries.

This Company has already been extensively patronized by the most prominent professional and business men of New Brunswick. Applications received during first half of 1902 for nearly $1,000,000.

For further information apply to

ROBERTSON & OWENS,
PROVINCIAL MANAGERS, ST. JOHN, N. B.
CHAS. MORRISSY, Agent for Northumberland and Gloucester Counties.

SPECIAL
X'MAS PRICES.

Men's Lined Kid Gloves from 50c. per pair.
Sil Mufflers 50c. each.
Men's and Boys' Woolen Gloves 25c.
Cu ff Lins from 25c.
Cuff Buttons from 25c. up.
Heavy Cloth Caps 45c.
Men's Larrigans from $1.00.
Acme Club Sates 50c per pair.
Briar Pipes 15c. each.
Ladies' Fur Neck Ruffs $1.00.
Souvenir Hat Pins 25c.
Ladie's Purses from 10c. upward.
Maple Leaf Brooches 25c.
New Buckskin Mocassins.
Heavy Wool Hose 23c per pair.
Ladies' Rubbers 50c. per pair.
Fancy Handkerchiefs from 5c. up.
Ladies' Gauntlet Mitts

JAMES BROWN, Newcastle.