

THE ADVOCATE

wants an active correspondent in every place in Pictou County, not now represented. Any persons willing to act are asked to write and state terms. Stationery and postage supplied.

AROUND THE COUNTIES.

Central Carriboo.

A Merry Christmas to you Mr. Editor, and to you and the ever welcome ADVOCATE, Very Prosperous New Year.

Mr. A. C. Campbell shipped a flock of Cheviot ewes last week, to Mr. James McKenzie, Toronto, who has placed them on his stock farm there.

We would call the attention of intending purchasers to the sale of the premises of Mr. Hugh Sutherland, on the 22nd inst.

Carriboo River.

We wish THE ADVOCATE and all its readers a merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. Thomas Ross has made quite an improvement in his house, by placing new windows in the front.

We are sorry to learn that we are to lose our present mail driver, Mr. D. McLeod. He has been a faithful servant for nearly four years, in all that time missing only one or two trips.

We hope his successor will be equally punctual.

We are happy to report that Mrs. George Redpath's health is much improved.

The anonymous writer in the Standard has been very reticent regarding the result of the municipal election in this section.

Mr. P. P. feels too badly over the pecuniary loss occasioned thereby. The boys made short work of the "liquid" but it failed to fetch their voices. Ha Ha!

Back Meadows. Mr. John D. McConnell met with a severe accident while heaving railway sleepers, on Tuesday. The axe in his hands slipped and made a bad gash in his leg, which required six stitches as a result.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Noble and son are all confined to their beds. They are suffering from inflammation of the lungs. Dr. Murray of River John is in attendance.

Mr. Fletcher Bigney has his portable mill in Mr. Peter Cottle's wood land, cutting timber for Mr. John J. McDonald, Meadowville.

Mr. Kenneth Cotter will work at Carriboo River during the winter, but he has the contract of taking out a large quantity of pitwood.

Black Branch. Mr. Editor, the Black Branch correspondent of former times having evidently gone off in Rip Van Winkle style, I will try and tell the happenings in our community.

Mr. David Langille continues ill, and little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Mr. Samuel Ross passed away on Saturday, 11th inst. He was one of the earliest settlers in these parts, and had a very large circle of relatives and friends, who mourn his departure.

The tannery of the late David Ross, closed for some time, has been reopened under the management of Mr. David S. Ross. We wish Mr. Ross every success in his undertaking.

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Four Mile Brook.

Perhaps a correspondent from Four Mile Brook would need to inquire—if not himself—his locality, as it has seldom appeared among the "settlements" mentioned in the "country news" columns of THE ADVOCATE.

This locality is "all right." It is a good grain producing valley, with a good base of Mount Dalhousie. It is inhabited by a number of the farmers who live in peace, and mind their own business. Now, if we could claim to no other virtue, we will readily admit that this is rare. But let me mention one other—and it is, honestly, when the roadside is far ahead, you can tool—and next day, or week, upon resuming work, find them where you left them. So, now I hope your impression of us is sufficiently good to, in future, listen to us with interest.

Cape John.

The mild and almost summer like weather of last week has been followed by genuine winter weather. All we need now is snow to make things right for Christmas.

Skinner Brothers intend holding a shooting on Christmas afternoon. Their prizes will be a rifle, a pistol, a number of geese, and other articles.

Mr. George McKenzie has just pressed a fine quantity of hay. The work was in charge of Mr. James Dwyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McKay of Mt. Thom were visiting friends in Cape John recently.

We are glad to hear that Warden Kitchen who has been indisposed, is able to be out again.

The many friends of Dr. Norrie, in this neighbourhood are sorry to hear of his illness, and wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Matthias Gratto is putting up a lobster factory. He is pushing the work ahead with his usual energy and expects to be ready to pack about a spring.

The members of Millville school section have erected the necessary outbuildings.

Diamond. The singing class is well attended. School closed yesterday. No doubt scholars and teacher will enjoy the vacation.

Our settlement seems quiet this winter. No lumbering is going on as hardwood timber and deals are so low, it will not pay to handle them.

Another J. P. in West and Loganville district. They are well supplied, now. We congratulate Mr. Wm. A. Berry, who has just been appointed a magistrate.

A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to THE ADVOCATE and its readers.

Welsford. A Merry Xmas to all, and may the boys of Pictou County be merry in their sober senses this year. This Xmas marks another milestone on life's journey, and as we grow older we should be growing wiser. Let us show our wisdom by doing all we can to banish from our land that so loathsome and drink traffic. Then we may always be sure of a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, without the grog.

Mr. Angus Sutherland has returned home from Boston, after spending a year there with her daughter.

We regret to learn that Mr. Donald Gunn continues very ill. Skating absorbs the attention of the small boy, since Jack Frost put in his appearance.

"Mr. James Forbes, Legree Corner N. B., is the unusual distinction of having seen six generations of his family, viz., his great grandmother, grandmother, mother, himself, children, and grandchildren, there being eleven of the latter. Mr. Forbes is not an old man either, being but 62 years of age, and this is a record that would be hard to beat."

MR. EDITOR.—In commenting on the above extract from the Weekly Star, I beg leave to inform you that there worshipers within the little church on the hill, a worthy couple who have also seen six generations of their respected forbears. One of them is ten-years younger than "James," and the other (supposing that the challenger is a truthful man five months older, Mr. Forbes will therefore notice that his vainglorious bubble is burst, and Mr. Forbes is possibly unknown to all who patronize the mill.

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THE FARMER

The king may rule over land and sea, The lord may live right royally, The soldier ride in pomp and pride, The sailor roam the ocean wide, But his or that, what e'er befall, The farmer he must feed them all.

The writer thinks, the boots sing, The craftsman fashions wondrous things, The doctor heals, the lawyer pleads, The miner follows the precious leads; But his or that, what e'er befall, The farmer he must feed them all.

The merchant he may buy and sell, The teacher do his duty well, And men may toil through busy days, Or men may stroll through pleasant ways, From king to beggar, what e'er befall, The farmer he must feed them all.

The farmer's trade is one of worth, He's partner with the sky and earth, And no man loses by his gain, And no man loses by his pain, But the farmer he must feed them all, God bless the man who sows the wheat, Who finds us milk and fruit and meat; His cattle and corn and all-gods bless, God bless the seeds his hands let fall, For the farmer he must feed us all.

SOME PORK KILLING. Charlottetown Guardian: Yesterday was a "red letter" day at the E. Island pork factory. Work was begun in the morning with the intention of slaughtering 1,000 hogs. Everything went splendidly until 3 o'clock p.m. when the supply of gambrel sticks became exhausted. At that time 750 hogs had already been killed and dressed, while the desired number of 1,000 could easily have been attained before the hour for closing. The number of hogs that have come from all parts of the island has by far exceeded the expectations of the firm. A few days ago no less than 5,000 were at the factory at one time all awaiting the executioner's knife. It was a sight never before equalled in this province. Yesterday evening several loads arrived besides large consignments by boat from different parts while today market day hundreds of team loads will be brought in. The business is booming in a most gratifying manner.

To the aged with their poor appetites, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to clear every organ, nerve and fibre, purifying the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve and fibre of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

BIRTHS.

McGILLIVRAY.—At New Glasgow, Dec. 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Angus McGillivray, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BAILLIE-LANGILLE.—At St. George's Manse, River John, on the 18th, by Rev. R. J. Grant, John W. Baillie, to Olivia Langille, both of R. John. Ronda.—Ross, at San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 23rd, ult. by Rev. M. Palmer, Miss Tina Ross, daughter of Thos. Ross, Esq., Carriboo River, Pictou Co., to Mr. John Rodda.

DEATHS.

CUMMING.—At Westville, on the 20th inst., Mabel G. Cumming, second daughter of Rev. R. Cumming, aged 21 years and 8 months.

CLARKE.—At Poplar Hill, on the 18th, of paralysis of the brain, Janet Clarke, aged 77 years.

YATTON.—At Salspring, Jan. 10th, of heart trouble, Mrs. Susan Yattson, relict of the late Robt. Young, in the 78th year of her age.

CAMERON.—At Cameron Settlement, St. Mary's, Dec. 6th, of inflammation, Christina, beloved daughter of Alexander and Catherine Cameron, aged 16 years.

I CAN'T SLEEP

Is the Daily Wail of Thousands of Humanity Who Have Suffered as Wm. Pfrodout of Huntsville Has—Read What the Great South American Medicine Did For Him.

I was greatly troubled with general nervous debility, indigestion and sleeplessness. I tried a number of cures and consulted best physicians without any benefit. I was finally induced to give South American Xavine a trial. I had heard of some great cures by it. I took it, and after relief from my sufferings, and after using one bottle the sweet sleep came to me. I slept like a child. Six bottles have completely cured me. Sold by R. D. Stiles.

Order THE ADVOCATE for that absent friend to whom you cannot write as often as you should. He will then have a weekly letter from home.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

To be sold at Public Auction, on the premises of the late Mr. H. G. Graham, on Thursday, January 6th, at 11 o'clock, a.m. 1000 lbs. of H.B. No. 1, 500 lbs. of H.B. No. 2, 500 lbs. of H.B. No. 3, 500 lbs. of H.B. No. 4, 500 lbs. of H.B. No. 5, 500 lbs. of H.B. No. 6, 500 lbs. of H.B. No. 7, 500 lbs. of H.B. No. 8, 500 lbs. of H.B. No. 9, 500 lbs. of H.B. No. 10.

We Have the Goods

You.. Want Them

Hogg, Craig & Co. advertisement listing various goods like flour, sugar, and meat.

NEW YEAR GOODS.....

GUTLERY, SKATES, HAND SLEDS, ENAMELLED WARE, FANCY GOODS, SUNDRIES advertisement.

FRED. MACLENNAN.

CARSON'S HARDWARE STORE advertisement listing various hardware items.

December Cash Clearance Sale.

December Cash Clearance Sale listing various clothing items and their prices.

R. W. OLIVER.