

The Country.

An Epitome of Events
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BATHURST.

On the 1st of December, we experienced some of the worst weather the town has ever known. The temperature fell to 20° below zero, and even the North Shore of New Brunswick was visited by such a continuation of cold days and nights as we have had to put up with since the second week in December. At the day's end, however, the thermometer registered below zero only once or twice last week. Reports from all over the Province show that the cold wave of last Friday and Saturday, and the 1st of the month, North Shore, but no report at all over the Dominion.

Naturally this severe weather has an effect on business, though it is a well known fact that we have generally a dull spell after the Christmas trade is over, and generally speaking the merchants expect it. These last few days, however, have been exceptionally dull, few country people caring to venture out.

One class of people must certainly feel this terrible cold, and that is the snelt fishermen. We often wonder how they can possibly stand it, but they do.

The fishermen have good shelter, and generally the cold is not felt so much in the forest, but the snelt fishermen certainly get the full benefit of it, and we fear, from all accounts that the returns are not as good lately as they would expect, we do not mean as regards price, but in quantities of fish caught.

We understand that an offer has been made by a prominent American Corporation with large connections in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and other parts of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, to amalgamate the lobster fishing establishments of Gloucester county with the large concern, the company mentioned controls, it is said that one or two fair offers have been made to owners of establishments in the eastern part of the county, but that nothing positive has been accomplished up-to-date. It might possibly be a good thing for the lobster industry, generally if the whole fishery were under one control. For several years, as is well known, it has been a serious problem both for the government and the more intelligent packers how to conserve the industry as to prevent the annihilation of the fishery. Good and careful regulations have of late years done considerable to help the preservation of the fishery, but it has been felt by many people who have given the careful study that it is only a question of time until Lobsters will be exterminated altogether in many parts of the Gulf of St. Lawrence unless something more stringent towards protection of the young and spawning fish is effected by the government and all concerned. In fact the opinion of many is that the canning of Lobsters should be prohibited altogether for several years, and only live fish exported as is done in some parts of the Atlantic states. It is claimed that in this way the taking of small fish can be controlled much more effectively than under the canning system, the report of the Dominion Commission recently working in the Magdalen Islands and other points is being anxiously looked forward to, and no doubt when this report is laid before the department of fisheries Parliament and the country will be in a better position to judge what is best for the protection and ultimate selection of what is best, and still is one of the most important branches of our fisheries.

Many of the fishermen claim that one of the principal causes for the decline of the lobster industry is allowing them to be taken

in numbers and other places during certain weeks of the year, but the problem as to little is known about their habits. To return to what we remarked in the first place regarding this question it might happen that a large corporation controlled the canning factories of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and adjacent bays this corporation might consider it to their advantage to make such arrangements for their own protection as would mean a better protection of the fishery than the government's desire to please so many different interests and localities can attempt. On the other hand a large controlling company might use their power in just the opposite direction claiming present gain of more importance than chance of larger dividends in the future by protection. The whole question of trusts comes in here, however, and is too broad for our consideration.

There is just a whisper of politics in the air, but it is very faint yet. No person appears to wish to say much at present.

Reports from the lumbering camps are encouraging though the cold weather, acting with a slight fall of hard snow which made the hauling gritty for several days last week brought down the average just a little. The lumbermen have nothing to grumble about this season so far, however, and if they have not done so good work as possible it is not because of the depth of snow or weather generally.

Social matters are quiet. The whist club has reorganized and had their first meeting at Mr. George Gilbert's last Monday evening.

PERSONALS.

The Rector and Mrs. Hooper are visiting in Dorchester. Rev. Mr. Quinn took Mr. Hooper's services in St. George's church here on Sunday.

W. F. Tidmarsh, of Charlottetown, and W. B. Batten, of Portland, Me. have been in Bathurst on business during the past week.

Mr. Albert Stewart and Mrs. Chaffin are visiting in Campbellton.

Miss Vail, who has been visiting Mrs. Henry Bishop has returned to Shediac.

Miss Ethel White is visiting friends in Moncton, and Miss Pauline White is sojourning in Shediac for a few days.

R. A. Lawlor, Esq., K.C., spent a day in Bathurst last week.

Mr. Philip Arsenau of Tracadie was in town last week on business. Mr. Arsenau reports that Tracadie lumbermen and others are doing a large trade this winter and we learn that he himself is adding considerably to the business of the Parish by getting out a large quantity of lumber and timber.

J. W. Dumas of Grand Anse drove to Bathurst and returned last Friday.

C. I. ROAD.

We are having extremely cold weather, and every one finds that there is no place like home.

The roads are in a fine condition for sleighing owing to the number of teams hauling spool wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Drummond are to be congratulated on the arrival of a young daughter.

Mr. C. Bering is very busy at present yarding up his lumber.

Mr. P. Curry, Belledune, was visiting his cousins, John and Paul Kingston last week.

Mr. O. McAuley of the Union Hotel made an all round trip through here last Sunday.

Mr. John Kingston is busy hauling off his yards.

Mr. A. Cosh is kept busy between hauling spools and carrying mail.

Mr. George Fairman of Douglastown has returned to resume his former duties.

Mr. J. Williston of Douglastown, who was working for Mr. L. D. G. returned home with a sick horse unable to work.

Mr. Clifford Allison spent the last night of the year with his family.

Miss Mary Murphy was visiting here

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Miss M. O'Shannon was last week. Miss Maggie Dingman has returned to her school to resume her former duties.

UPPER NELSON.

The weather has been very favorable, especially to the large lumbering parties who are operating in the Penikese waters and elsewhere.

A great many of our young folks spent Xmas with their families, and looking back their pleasant times they spent a good winter in Mr. Parker's concern.

Some of the lumbermen have made large contracts and owing to the good roads, we hope they will fulfill them.

Our popular teacher Miss G. Russell is spending her Christmas vacation home. We are very sorry that Miss Russell is not coming back for while amongst us she has made many friends. She is very much missed by her pupils, who have greatly improved under her careful teaching.

Miss Emma Talbot, accompanied by Miss Brown, of Backe, spent Xmas holidays at her home here.

Mrs. C. Doeven is visiting friends, here, the guest of Mrs. William Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hockett, were visiting friends in Dorchester.

A great many of Mr. David Smith's friends are milled at his home on Xmas eve and spent a very enjoyable time.

A great many of our young boys and girls attended the bad at Reims.

Miss Katie Davis, is visiting her home. Mrs. R. L. D. is visiting her friends on the South-western Railway.

BORN.

On Monday, Jan. 4th, to the wife of R. T. Aitken, a daughter.

At Newcastle on Saturday Jan. 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. David Sinclair, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnston of Chippewau, Queens Co., Dec. 22nd, a daughter.

DIED.

At Newcastle, Miramichi, New Brunswick, on Jan. 4th, at 10:30 A.M., Robert Randall Galt, aged 66 years.

At St. John's, on Jan. 4th, at 10:30 A.M., Thomas J. O'Sullivan, from Duncan Davidson aged 78 years.

At Chippewau, on Jan. 2nd, Michael, the infant son of Samuel and Mary Kingston, aged 1 month.

Suddenly at Chippewau, on Jan. 4th, Geo. A. Dyer, aged 12 years, leaving a wife and three children, all of whom are in their loss.

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