

## Local and General News.

**REPEATED AT DOUGLASTOWN**  
The Young People's Club of the Methodist Church, are repeating "Excuse Me" in Douglastown on Tuesday.

**RACING ON RIVER**  
Horse racing was indulged in on the river on Christmas afternoon. A track was ploughed out on Saturday and enthusiasts enjoyed the races. A large crowd of spectators lined the nearby wharves.

**ENQUIRY**  
Enquiry into the cause of the fire which destroyed the Basilica at Quebec, which still remains unknown was opened Tuesday morning. The fire Marshall has issued a circular inviting all citizens who have any information to appear before it.

**BAND NIGHTS**  
The Newcastle rink opened a week earlier than usual this year and Wednesday was the first night the band was in attendance. A good crowd enjoyed the excellent ice and splendid music. Band nights throughout the winter will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**WOMEN'S EXCHANGE**  
You are kindly invited to call in and find out all about the Women's Exchange. Bring a list of the kind of home produce you would like, and if what you wish for is not on hand leave the list and call again, or if you have anything saleable bring it along and sell or exchange it for something in stock. See advt. for open hours.

**CHRISTMAS BUSINESS**  
Business during the Christmas week was as usual, brisk during the last few days. The merchants had large and complete stocks for their customers and kept their stores open each night. The clerks were kept busy and did all in their power to satisfy the general public. The residents from out lying districts were to town in large numbers and each went home well laden with supplies. The Post Office did a rushing business during the week and the clerks there will not be sorry that it is a thing of the past for another year. Making stock will now be the order of the day with the merchants.

**CURLING**  
The President and Vice President Curling Match was played off on Christmas Day. Play was held morning, afternoon and evening, six rinks to a side taking part. The Presidents were victorious defeating the Vice Presidents by a score of 47 to 46. The ice was in fairly good condition but a little crooked, and the enthusiasts all enjoyed themselves. The four representatives from the Newcastle Club to meet the Scotch Curlers in a friendly game on Jan. 6th in St. John are: R.C. Clark, A. H. Mackay, R.W. Crocker and John Russell.

**1923 OFFICERS**  
The following are the officers of St. Andrew's L.O.L. No. 147, McKinleyville, N. B., for 1923.  
W.M.—Miles McGregor  
D.M.—John Yeo  
Chaplain—Rev. Mr. Scott  
R.S.—Earl McGregor  
Treas.—John W. Clark  
F.S.—Milton Carnahan  
D. of C.—Elijah Shaw  
Sec'y—Edison Bryenton.  
Community Committees  
First Com.—Victor McKinley, Milton Carnahan, Alex. McKelie, Earl McGregor and John Carnahan.  
Second Com.—Con. Doyle, Wm. Clarke, Perley Bryenton, George Clarke and Everett Bryenton.

**ECZEMA**  
You are not experimenting when you use Dr. Chase's Ointment. It cures at once and gradually heals the skin. Sample box free. Chase's Ointment free if you mention this paper and send 25c for postage. See a list of all dealers of Chase's Ointment, Ltd., Toronto.

### GRANITE SHERARD WORKS

**POSTPONED UNTIL 28TH**  
The preliminary hearings of the theft cases of Durick's Drug Store and O'Brien's Tobacco Store have been postponed until Thursday 28th inst.

**X'MAS EARTHQUAKE**  
A severe earthquake shock was felt in New Zealand at 3 o'clock Christmas afternoon. It is feared that considerable damage has been done in the country districts.

**WOMEN'S EXCHANGE UNION**  
HALL, MITCHELL STREET  
Open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2 to 5. On Wednesday and Saturday from 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., when lunches will be served from 10c. up.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Supt. of Education, has announced that the Conference of School Inspectors which is held early in each New Year, would take place at Fredericton on January 4th. The Text Book Committee will meet at the same time.

**UNDER INFLUENCE**  
A few persons under the influence of something stronger than tea were noticeable on the streets on Saturday. One had the misfortune of upsetting his sleigh while driving at a faster pace than is usual, but no damage was sustained by horse, sleigh or driver.

**TREASURER REMEMBERED**  
Mr. James Falconer, who has been Treasurer of No. 17 A. F. & A. M. Lodge for the past twenty-two years was kindly remembered at Christmas by the members of that organization, when they presented him with a handsome purse, in recognition of his faithful services.

**OVERHANGING ICICLES**  
A large number of icicles are overhanging some of the principal streets in town. These are very dangerous and the owners should have them removed before some damage occurs. It is up to the property owners and not the police to see that the icicle menace is removed before some pedestrian is seriously injured. If the property owners do not attend to this matter it will be necessary for the police to take some action.

**TEACHERS FROM ENGLAND**  
Ten English school teachers eight ladies, two men arrived at St. John Saturday on the Montclare enroute to Regina where they will enter the teaching profession under the auspices of the Maple Leaf Association. They were procured by Rev. Mr. Lloyd, Canadian representative of the Association in England and were accompanied on the journey west by Rev. Latouche Thompson, Anglican port chaplain. Some of the teachers will engage in their profession immediately on their arrival in the west; others will go to normal school to qualify.

**FIRE ALARM**  
About 7.15 o'clock last Wednesday morning an alarm of fire was sent in for a fire in the Royal Hotel, on Mitchell St. Some water pipes has become frozen during the night, and when thawing them with a blow torch, the building was set on fire by the turning over of a lantern, which was being used for lighting purposes. The firemen responded quickly despite the cold weather, and after cutting a hole in the floor, soon extinguished the blaze. Considerable damage was done by smoke and water.

**CALENDAR RECEIVED**  
We are in receipt of a neat calendar bearing The Arms of Canada from the Royal Bank of Canada. There is a marked contrast between the old and new coat of arms.

**SHORTEST DAY IN THE YEAR**  
Wednesday last was the coldest day this season, while Thursday was the shortest day in the year, being midway between the autumnal equinox, September 22nd, and the vernal equinox, March 21st.

**CHRISTMAS TREAT**  
A Christmas Treat for the scholars of St. James' Church Sunday School will be given Wednesday evening in St. James Hall. A nice program has been arranged by the Sunday School teachers and all parents and friends are cordially requested to be present.

**PROPERTY SOLD**  
Mr. John O'Brien was the successful bidder at the sale of R. M. Faudel's property on Castle Street, held in front of the Town Hall, on Friday, at 12 o'clock noon. The property was sold for town taxes which had not been paid.

**X'MAS MUSIC IN CHURCHES**  
Special Christmas music was sung in all the churches last Sunday, and services commemorative of the day were held. The music rendered was of a high order, and able discourses were made by all the pastors. The different churches were beautifully decorated for the Christmas services.

**A COLD SNAP**  
The Miramichi District is having its usual cold snap during the Xmas Season. The mercury has been "keeping well below the zero point" and residents are kept busy endeavoring to keep their residences and places of business warm.

## EMPRESS

**WEDNESDAY**  
JESSE L. LASKY presents  
**JACK BEBE  
HOLT DANIELS**  
—IN—  
"North of the Rio Grande"  
Captured! By its whirlwind sweep and mighty climaxes—that's what happens to everybody who sees this action-romance of the Great Southwest.

From the story "Val of Paradise" by Vingie E. Roe.—Directed by Joseph Henabery—Scenario by Will M. Ritchey.

**FRI. & SAT.**  
Wm. Fox Presents  
**Charles Jones**  
—IN—  
"Trooper O'Neil"  
A tale of Love and Duty in the Northwest  
—  
URBAN CLASSIC AND SERIAL—

**Special New Year's Feature**  
**Mable Normand**  
IN  
"MOLLY O"  
Produced by Mark Sennett  
MATINEE ..... 3 o'clock  
EVENING ..... 8.15 o'clock

**G. W. V. A. SMOKER**  
The G.W.V.A. will hold a smoker and Entertainment in the G.W.V.A. rooms on Friday evening. All ex-soldiers are cordially requested to be present and enjoy an evening's entertainment.

**THE OLD AND NEW YEAR**  
Each year of life is fraught with many changes, and many of them sad ones. Yet blessings of sunshine have fallen as well as the tears from the clouds during the year about closing. It is not best to live in the past, whatever it be. Better gather up the sunshine of the present, or let the hope for better things add a mite of comfort for today. If there is much to make you sad, lose yourself in seeking to cheer another's heart, and make those around you glad. It is always helpful to think of others rather than yourself. The greatest sorrow of any heart can find

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alleviation in ministering to others, and the sunbeams will play about you. Be mindful of your blessings as the old year joins the others that are past, and the New Year, with its give praises and rejoicing will fill aims, hopes and ambitions, is ushering your soul. Sing the snatch of a song ed in.

## Big SALE at G. M. Lake's

Our entire stock of  
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## CITY MEAT MARKET

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Also nice Fresh Pork, Smoked Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Round Bacon, Sausages, Turkeys, Geese, Chickens and Fowl.  
A good assortment of Candy in Barley Toys, Christmas Mixed, Gross Candy, Chocolate Bars, Chocolates in bulk & Fancy Boxes,  
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