

Local Items.

WALDREN'S PHOTO STUDIO will be open February 5th to 9th.

The Carnival announced for last Tuesday has been postponed to the 5th ult.

I WILL pay cash for fat sheep or dressed mutton, also eggs, butter, etc. T. J. Bonner, adv.

ORANGES.—Just received at C. B. Whidden & Son's, 10 barrels choice California and Valencia oranges. Retailing from 15 cents to 40 cents per dozen. adv.

ANGUS CAMPBELL, of Middle River, C. B., has lived in three centuries, having been born in 1793. He is still in possession of all his faculties.

THE VALUE of Canada's fishery catch in 1900 was \$21,891,706, of which Nova Scotia contributed \$7,347,604. The total catch was worth over \$2,000,000 more than that of 1899.

THE CENSUS COMMISSIONER for this County will, we understand, be Mr. John McDonald, ex-Warden, of Pictouville. Census-taking will begin on Monday, April 1st.

THE DAM at Soldiers' on Guysboro road, which gathers water for the crusher at Waverly Mines, burst on Saturday, and flooded the road six feet deep for three miles.

DR. GEO. H. COX, of New Glasgow, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, will be at the Merrimac, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, Feb. 5th and 6th.

McCURDY & Co. have removed all goods into the mall department from the other rooms of their big store. The balance of their stock must be sold at once, regardless of cost. The bargains they are going to offer will be equal to bargains at auction.—adv.

DR. PETHICK, V. S., of P. E. I., paid a short visit to Antigonish recently and says he has been investigating on his own account the cause of the Pictou County cattle disease. His opinion is that a weed known as "Willie" is the primary cause, and purposes following up his investigations.

A HALIFAX Chronicle despatch, dated Jan. 23, says that another huge coal company is being formed, headed by David McKeen, vice-president of the Dominion Coal Co., for the purpose of working new areas adjoining the Dominion Coal Co.'s. This probably means that the D. C. Co. is acquiring these areas.

MR. PEARL CUNNINGHAM and Mr. R. M. Gray were nominated on Tuesday as candidates for the office of Mayor of the Town. Election next Tuesday. Mr. John McDonald, Mr. P. S. Floyd, and Edgar, Whidden were the only candidates nominated for the three vacancies in the Council and will therefore be declared elected by acclamation.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED.—In respect to the memory of the deceased Queen all business in the Town will be suspended during Saturday next. The stores will be closed, so that persons in the outside districts intending to come to Town on that day should take notice.

THE POST OFFICE building in this Town has been draped in mourning at the instance of the Public Works Department. The draping, which embraces the whole front of the building, is very handsome and neat in design, while the decorative artists, Messrs. McDonald & McPherson, executed their part of the work most tastefully.

THE PROPOSED horse race on the Harbor ice will be held on Monday next, Feb. 4. The free-for-all race is open to the horses of Pictou, Guysboro and Antigonish Counties. The gentlemen's driving race is open to Antigonish County only. Entry fees, \$3.00 and \$5.00. Entries received by the secretary, J. J. McPherson.

AT THE time of the lamented death of Very Rev. Dr. Quinan, it was stated in some newspapers that the value of his estate was \$20,000. This was incorrect. His estate consisted almost entirely of life insurance policies, amounting to less than \$9000. The bulk of this he bequeathed for religious and educational purposes, St. Francis Xavier's College being the principal legatee.

THE DAM at the Sylvan Valley Mills, Ant., was destroyed on last Thursday night by the great rush of ice and water. The destruction of the dam at this season, when great difficulty must be experienced in rebuilding and when large quantities of grain are on hand to be ground, is a serious loss to the proprietor, Mr. A. McDonald, who has twice before suffered a similar loss. He will, however, immediately re-build.

A SAD EVENT occurred at Strathrover, C. B., on the 8th inst., when Duncan McDonald, brakeman, son of John and Margaret McDonald, of Upper S. W. Mabou, fell and received fatal injuries, death being almost instantaneous. His remains were taken home on Wednesday, and interred on Friday morning in the cemetery at Glencoe after High Mass of Requiem celebrated by Rev. D. L. Macdonald. Deceased, who

was in his 24th year, was a promising young man, sober and industrious. May he rest in peace!

HYMENEAL.—Mr. Joseph Dadon and Miss Sarah DeLaurier, daughter of Mr. Henry DeLaurier, Merland, were married at St. Peter's Church, Tracadie, on Tuesday, 22nd inst., by the Rev. Father Placide. The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Maggie DeLaurier, while the groom was supported by Mr. Wm. Pettipas. After dinner, at the residence of the bride's parents, the happy couple drove to their future home at Tracadie, where a very enjoyable evening was spent. The bride was the recipient of several valuable presents. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Dadon a long and blissful wedded life.—Com.

THE FRESHET on last Thursday was one of the worst ever experienced here. By early night the constant pour of rain during the day caused the heavy ice in the rivers and streams to break up, and now they are all open. The ice was carried along in large masses until it encountered some obstruction, such as a bridge foundation, where it jammed, and immediately the water in the streams began to rise and overflowed their banks and adjoining lands. The ice from the Clydesdale river was carried over the lower streets of the Town in large quantities, and Court street next morning, when the storm had subsided, presented a remarkable sight. It was completely covered with large cakes of ice, each about two feet thick. The cellars in the lower part of the Town were flooded, and small lots of lumber piled along the river banks were washed away.

THE LECTURE in McDonald's Hall, on last Friday evening by Sergt. Mellich, was fairly attended. The audience listened appreciatively to the lecturer's description of the most important engagements of the war and to the relation of his personal experience. His account of the fight at Paardeberg, showing the prominent place in the event assigned to the Canadian Volunteers, was deeply interesting. Considering that the lecturer was continually at the front during his year's stay in South Africa, his safe return to his native land seems marvellous indeed. Altogether, there were fifty-six battles and skirmishes in which he was a participant. In some of the more important engagements as at Modder River and Paardeberg he was in the front rank of the attacking force. Sergt. Mellich is the fortunate possessor of a number of very interesting souvenirs of the war, amongst them being a Boer bandolier, secured after the battle of Paardeberg. At the close of the lecture the speaker was tendered a hearty vote of thanks.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—One of the worst disasters to a train on the Eastern Extension Railway happened last Thursday night about twelve o'clock. The great freshet on that day occasioned a wash-out sixty feet long and twenty or twenty-five feet deep at a point known as Adams's Cut, about a quarter of a mile east of West Merigomish Station, into which a special freight train in charge of Conductor Mahoney, bound from Mulgrave to Stellarton, plunged. The train comprised eight cars and a van, and all the cars with the fortunate exception of the van, in which were the conductor and brakemen, left the track and were piled in a complete state of wreckage in the washout. The last car of the train was left in a broken state with the rear end reaching up to the track and the front end resting on the wreck. The engineer, R. W. Wheaton, of Sackville, was killed instantly, and the fireman, J. W. Blackwood, of Stellarton, died next morning at Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow. Both young men were unmarried. About half an hour previous to the accident another freight train is reported to have passed. An inquest was held next day, and a verdict rendered exonerating the railway officials. Chief Train-Dispatcher Brown, of New Glasgow, displayed great heroism in getting the dying fireman from under the suspended car which was likely to fall on the rescuers at any moment.

Personals.

Rev. Maurice P. Power of St. Patrick's Church arrived in Antigonish on Tuesday, the guest of the College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gregory went to Halifax on Tuesday, where they take the S. S. Evangeline to-day for London, Eng. They expect to be away for six months.

Mr. C. F. McIsaac, M. P., and Mr. Colin Chisholm, of Antigonish, a Sessional Clerk, leave for Ottawa on Monday to attend the coming session of Parliament.

Mr. Edward Rudderham, of Guysboro, we understand, has been appointed to the position of inspector of the C. P. R. telegraph wires in this district, lately vacated by the death of W. R. McDonald.

Provincial News.

Archbishop O'Brien has ordered a Solemn High Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, that God may console and less the family of the Queen, and give

grace and counsel to King Edward VII, that he may govern wisely and well.

Correspondence.

EDITOR OF THE CASKET:

SIR,—The recent destruction of Mr. Alexander McDonald's mill dam at Sylvan Valley Mills is a matter of concern not only to the owner personally, but of interest to his patrons and the public generally. This is not the first time Mr. McDonald has suffered in this respect. In conversation with your correspondent a few days ago he stated that the loss to him will be \$1,000. He spoke most gratefully of the kind actions of the public in the past under similar circumstances in making it possible by supplying timber to re-construct the dam. Nothing daunted by this present catastrophe he proposes to set about at once and replace the dam destroyed. His many friends in the County and particularly his customers will, I am sure, lend a helping hand in supplying timber, so that his mills which are really public institutions and can not well be dispensed with, may in a short time be running as usual.

I may say that straight, round, joints of spruce, hemlock or fir, from 18 to 20 feet long and 6 inches at the small end is the kind most desirable. Any further information on this point may be obtained by applying to Thomas Trotter.

Bearing in mind the magnanimous action of the public on similar occasions in the past, I feel confident that an object so deserving and of such public moment will have their kind and hearty support.

CITIZEN.

To the Editor of THE CASKET:

SIR,—It has been reported by certain men whom I certainly cannot call friends, that I am a member of an Orange lodge. Now I know nothing of the principles of Orangism, have never been inside an Orange lodge in my life, and wish, Mr. Editor, to make this known through the columns of your paper.

It would appear that failing to draw up any truthful charge against me that my enemies have to descend to slander and falsehood and this too forsooth because I have been mindful of my oath of office and have tried to the best of my ability to do my duty. Again, I wish to reiterate most emphatically that I am no Orangeman, nor the son of an Orangeman.

Sincerely yours, W. J. WHITE.

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