



Chignecto Post.

Sackville, N. B., December 20, 1877. CHRISTMAS.

Next Tuesday is the Anniversary of the Birth of Him who came into the world to die that He might save the people from their sins. The Christian calendar contains no day so full of the lesson of humility, Christ the Saviour of mankind was cradled in a manger from which the cattle were fed! No day in the circling year so strongly appeals to the greatest of all virtues, Charity, for Christ was born to save sinners, and though our sins be as scarlet, through Him they are made as white as snow. No day dawns with brighter or richer promises, for to us as to the shepherds who watched their flocks by night the message comes: "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall come to all people. For unto you is born, this day, in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord," and through the rifted heavens the believer sees the white-robed angelic host and hears the triumphant refrain, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will towards men."

Whatever may have been the remote origin of the celebration of Christmas, whether born of heathen superstition or of Christian piety, no doubt it is fitting to commemorate the Advent of the Son of God, and no one can deny the humanizing influence of the day. Possibly the festival of the Nativity may have been fixed on the 25th from the fact that the heathen nations regarded the winter solstice as a most important part of the year, as the beginning of the returning powers of nature, and the renewed life of the gods. The Germans held their Yule Feast in honor of the return of the fiery Sun-wheel, believing that from Jan. 25th to the winter solstice was the most important part of the year, as the beginning of the returning powers of nature, and the renewed life of the gods. The Germans held their Yule Feast in honor of the return of the fiery Sun-wheel, believing that from Jan. 25th to the winter solstice was the most important part of the year, as the beginning of the returning powers of nature, and the renewed life of the gods.

Reclamation of Missisquoi Bogs. The long talked of Bay Verte Canal having received its quietus from the Brit Government, and any hopes of the bogs and lakes of the Missisquoi and Laplance being drained by that great public work having failed, it now is a matter of public interest whether the extensive bogs and lakes in which the Missisquoi and Laplance have their rise should be allowed to remain in their present unproductive state, not only valueless to the proprietors, but presenting obstacles to the cultivation of the surrounding uplands, and injurious to public health. It is self-evident that if this area were cultivated, the surrounding uplands would increase in value and become a rich agricultural district, instead of a wilderness, part of which is inaccessible for seven or eight months every year. Any person passing through Westmorland and glancing his eye beyond the bogs, sees not the slightest indication of cultivation; it was the upland hundred years ago is to now, and so it will remain for generations unless the bogs are reclaimed and made capable of being cultivated.

The reclamation of these bogs is a matter of interest to the public at large, and assumes the character more of a public work than of a private enterprise in which the proprietors alone are interested, and we call attention to the necessity of some action being taken to accomplish so important and desirable a result. The first question which presents itself, whether these bogs can be reclaimed and rendered capable of cultivation? To this we answer that after having repeated discussions on the subject with gentlemen of scientific and practical knowledge, and able to give an authoritative opinion, and with a knowledge of what has been done not only in other countries in reclaiming lowlands from the sea, but even what has been accomplished in Sackville, we have no hesitation in saying that it can be done, if there be a scientific and united direction given to the work. On the other hand if the present isolated and feeble system is pursued it never will be done.

Without entering into a discussion of the different modes of proceeding with such work of reclamation, and taking up our space with what is a matter of detail, we assume that there are no engineering difficulties to prevent the effectual draining and reclamation of the bogs and lakes of the Missisquoi and Laplance, and thus state of cultivation. Assuming this because if the application of scientific means would be ineffectual the pro-

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Essay, "Hidden Lives," was a strong well written production, developing the true life, the human character, viz: the inside life, the inner thoughts and feelings and passions, animating and actuating one and the surface life as one appears to world. Sometimes the latter results from the former; sometimes the latter is but a mask worn, hiding the true self behind. The moral to be right and well as to seem right was well inculcated. "The Delectable Mountains," was a finely wrought description of the grandeur of the hills. It breathed the spirit and the freedom of the mountain top, and pointed out the pathway, which if followed would lead to the delightful mountains. The Colloquy, a search for happiness could almost be dignified into a dramatic representation. The allurement of wealth, beauty, and good cheer presented in turn to the unhappy mortal, who finally chose the consolations of religion, and the scene ended in a very artistic tableau, the performers chanting the Lord's Prayer. The leading character, Miss Freeman, performed with a large variety and deal of cleverness. The effect, too, was heightened by the young ladies having in the selection of their toilettes adapted them to the characters represented. The musical and instrumental vocal, choruses and solos, sustained the reputation of Mount Allison as the foremost musical seminary in these Provinces, and amply justified the reputation that Prof. Sterne, the Director of Music, and his assistants, Messrs. Pickard and Stewart, have so fairly won. Where all was so good we shall not attempt to particularize. Principal Inch stated that a very pleasant and successful term had been passed. They had an attendance of 72, of whom 62 were boarders, 18 attended College classes; 62 instrumental music classes; 34 vocal, and 30 drawing and painting, and were referred to the advantage of the Academy in affording facilities for a Collegiate training and full Collegiate honors. He had to regret the popularity of the Musical Department as work in that sometimes interfered with the regular literary studies, and while music and painting were very desirable accomplishments for any young lady to possess, they should never be gained at the expense of the more necessary acquaintance with the ordinary English branches.

THE COLLEGE. The yearly Exhibition took place yesterday morning. The following was the programme: Devotional Exercises. Music: Solos and Chorus, "O Praise the Mighty God." Solos by Misses S. Maddock and M. Bourke. 1. Declaration, (selected) Battle of Morgarten, Gordon Lewis. 2. Declaration, (original) Daniel Webster, John W. Waldman. 3. Political Essay, (original) Three Substances and the part they play, J. E. Colpitts. Music: - The Star Spangled Banner. 4. Declaration, (adaptation) Success in Life, H. P. Doage. 5. Scientific Paper, (original) Three Substances and the part they play, J. E. Colpitts. Music: "Fairy Queen," (Galop, 8 hands) Misses M. Carrith, A. Freeman, A. Jones and C. Murray. 6. Declaration, (selected) Courtship of Miles Standish, G. D. Robinson. 7. Classical Study, (original) Human Nature in Homer, B. Mills. 8. Declaration, (original) Thoughts on the Christian Year, H. K. Kennedy. Music: Vocal Duets, "O may'st thou dream of me," Prof. Sterne and F. H. Tuck. Mr. Doane's declamation was very effective. Mr. Preston's article on the parts played in organic and inorganic life, was a most interesting and scientific fact, well put together. In fact it was rather too scientific for a mixed audience. Mr. Colpitts' article dealing with the struggles and triumph of Howe, Finsen and Whiston in securing a responsible Government was highly interesting. Mr. Robinson succeeded admirably in rendering the perplexities of Aiden in his mission of wooing the Parian maiden for the bold Captain of Plymouth. The music well sustained the occasion, the choruses being particularly good. The eight handed piece, Fairy Queen, exhibited a good deal of precision and skill. President Allison stated the attendance at the College last term was 35, being less than the corresponding term last year, but a number here had to suffer from interruption of their College Education. A number of matriculated students are returning next term. He referred in congratulatory terms to the success won by Mr. Gooden the winner of the Gold Cup Scholarship. He had heard from the Registrar of the University of London that Mr. Gooden had attained the eighth position in the first division. The nearest Colonial competitor was in the fifty-fourth position.

ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.-The Standard of the 18th inst., explains that the victory of the Russians is not the cause of annulling Parliament, but a license which is given to Russia by Germany and Austria to use victory in her own way. This is what constitutes danger to British interests. England can never consent to a quarrel being arranged on these terms. She may even have cause to denounce the belligerents. She claims a voice in the settlement, and it is at least she may be prepared to insist upon that voice, and that the Government is adopting those measures which Parliament will be invited to sanction.

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GIFT GOODS. Xmas Goods!

Plated Ware, China, Glass, Toys, Books, Fruits, Confectionery, Nuts, Raisins, and Scores of Fancy and Suitable Goods for the season. We invite special attention to this Choice Stock. J. L. Black.

New Goods. JUST RECEIVED: 30 PACKAGES, Containing something in all Departments of our Stock. J. L. Black.

Shoe Steel! JUST RECEIVED: 3,000 lbs. Shoe Steel, ALL SIZES. J. L. Black.

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Buffalo Robes. ONE SALE Lined and Trimmed Robes, At Remarkably Low Prices. J. L. Black.

LADIES' MANTLES! JUST RECEIVED: 2 doz. Ladies' Mantles, In Latest Styles, and varied in Quality and Trimming. Will Sell at a Bargain. J. L. Black.

Bed-Room Suits. JUST RECEIVED: Bed-Room Suits from \$22 to \$40. ALSO: GANE AND WOOD-SEAT CHAIRS. J. L. Black.

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OVER 100 varieties of Fine Paper and Envelopes, put up in all kinds of Fancy Boxes, from 15c. to \$3 a box, admirably adapted for Christmas and New Year Gifts. At the Book Store, AMHERST, N. S.

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At the Book Store, AMHERST, N. S. MAY be found a large and choice selection of Christmas and New Year Cards, latest English and American Novelties. At the Book Store, AMHERST, N. S. MAY be found a fine Stock of Dolls, Toys, Games, Rubber Goods, etc., for Christmas Santa Claus. At the Book Store, AMHERST, N. S.

STIMPSON, WALLAGE & CO., MANUFACTURERS OF THE Improved New Dominion ORGANS. ST. JOHN, N. B. This is the most popular Organ manufactured in Canada. Sales have doubled in six months. Manufacture six per week. Send for Circular and Price List. STIMPSON & FIGURES

PAINTS AND OILS. JUST RECEIVED: 50 CASKS PAINT OIL; 12 casks PAINTS; 5 casks PUTTY; 10 bags GALVANIZED NAILS; 12 bundles GAS TUBES; 2 casks CHALK; 1 cask POCKET CUTLERY; 1 cask LEAD PIPE; 6 sheets LEAD. W. H. THORNE & CO. ST. JOHN, N. B.

NOTICE. TO BE SOLD AT Public Auction, AT THE POST OFFICE, AT ALFRED RAY-WORTH'S, UPPER (or Hayworth's) CAFE, Sackville, Westmorland County, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1878. At 11 o'clock, a. m., that VALUABLE TRACT OF WOODLAND, near the said Cape in the Parish of Sackville, containing about 500 ACRES. The tract has been divided into lots of from 40 to 90 acres each, all facing on the Main Road, and with Highways also bounding the sides of four lots. A plan of the whole can be seen at Mr. Bayworth's. Terms liberal, made known at sale. D. L. HANINGTON, Attorney for Com'ee. November 27th, 1877. [2091]

LOGAN, LINDSAY & CO. Have received per steamer "Hibernian" from Liverpool, &c., 65 Cases Valencia Oranges; 25 do. Almonds; 25 do. Malaga Lemons; 45 barrels Alumina Grapes; 10 cases new Layer Raisins; 25 boxes New Layer and London Layer Raisins; 300 do. New Valencia; 100 do. do. Sultanas; 35 barrels new Currants; 25 cases do. German Prunes; 25 bags do. Filberts. DAILY EXPORTED: 17 bags new Soft Shell Almonds; 200 boxes do. Layer Raisins; 100 do. do. London Layers; 75 do. do. S. Orleans, &c., &c. ST. JOHN, N. B. Received Ex Peruvian, VIA PORTLAND: 9 Packages New Goods CONTAINING: HEMP CARPETS; Roll Cambrics; Table Oil Cloths; Silk Handkerchiefs; Cheap Winces; Coloured Cashmere Handkerchiefs; Mohair Batts--all sizes; Pearl Wrappers--all sizes; Bricklayers' Leather Gloves; And a General Assortment of Haberdashery. T. R. JONES & CO. CANTONMENT ST. ST. JOHN, N. B.

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NEW GOODS!

JUST RECEIVED: 50 CASKS MOLASSES; 4 do. SUGAR; 10 barrels White Sugar; 300 boxes Raisins; 10 colls Rope; 20 bbls. and c-bbls. Herring; 100 lbs. Pollock; 2000 lbs. Codfish; 10 sack Buckhead Meal; 10 bbls. American and Canadian Oils; 8 bales Buffalo Hides; 7 bbls. Oatmeal; 3 bbls. Wash-Boards; 10 sack Potatoes; 5 boxes Axes; 10 boxes Soap; 6 sacks Nuts; 300 boxes Figs; 2000 lbs. Assorted Confectionery; 1 case and 4 barrels Bloncis; 4 kgs Baking Soda; 500 lbs. Dairy and Factory Cheese; 500 pairs Black and Colored Josephine Kid Gloves; 200 pairs Cold Kid Gloves, at 85c.; 100 pairs Kid Mitts, at \$1 worth \$1.75; 100 pairs Men's Gauntlet Buck Mitts and Gloves, at \$1 worth \$1.50.

FULL STOCK OF Men, Women and Children's Boots, shoes, Slippers, Over-Shoes and Rubbers; Crockery; All-Wool Union and Hemp Carpets; Horse Rugs; Blankets; Bedsteads and Parlor Furniture; Ready-Made Clothing; Hats and Caps, etc., etc. FOR SALE AT LOWEST PRICES. GEO. E. FORD.

Fancy Bazaar! GRAND DISPLAY OF XMAS and NEW YEAR'S GOODS! GEO. E. FORD HAS now on Exhibition the LARGEST and most complete STOCK of XMAS and NEW YEAR'S GOODS, ever offered here, for extent and variety, is unsurpassed outside of the city: Elegant Silver-Plated Tea Sets; Casters, Napkin Rings, Cake Baskets; Egg Stands, Table Bells; Forks, Knives and Spoons; Butter Coolers, Card Receivers; Pickle Dishes, Pickle Jars; Card Cases, W-tch Stands; Mustache Cuts, and Colored Josephine Kid Gloves; Illuminated and Tinted Motives--something very nice and new; Glycerine and Paraffin Boxes; Handsome Bound Books; Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymn Books; Acme Skates, in Polish Steel, Gold and Silver Plated; Gold Rings, Brooches, Studs; Dressing Cases, Fancy Baskets; Gold and Silver Jewelry; Xmas and New Year's Cards; Handsome Parlor Lamps; An immense Stock of Fine Wool Goods in Elegant Shapes. Clouds, &c.

Our Stock is so large it is impossible to enumerate only a small portion. Please give us a call. GEO. E. FORD. Xmas & New Year's Groceries, &c. JUST RECEIVED: NEW TABLE RAISINS--all kinds; Nuts, Figs, Lemon, Oranges; Malaga Grapes; Canned Goods--in great variety; Powdered, Crushed and Ridd Sugars; Pickles, Sauces; Apples, Ontario, &c. An immense Stock of Confectionery; Essences, &c. FOR SALE LOW. GEO. E. FORD.

WINTER FURS. JUST OPENED--A very nice Stock of Ladies' and Children's MUFFS, with Collars and Boas to match, in Mink, Fox, Seal, French Seal, Astrakhan, Coyote, Lynx, Alaska, &c. Also--A large Stock of Ladies' and Misses' FUR CAPS and HATS, New Styles. Also--Fur Collars and Gloves, Kid Gloves and Mitts, Men's and Boys' FUR Caps, Fur Trimmings for Mantles. For sale at reduced prices. GEO. E. FORD. WANTED! POULTRY, PORK, FEATHERS, Cranberries, Onions, Buckwheat, Meal, Butter, Lard, Hay and Straw. For which I will pay the highest prices. oct17 GEO. E. FORD.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. Christmas and the New Year EXCURSION TICKETS WILL be issued at all Booking Stations at FROM Saturday, 22nd Dec. 1877, UP to and including TUESDAY, the 1st January, 1878, the double journey to return up to and including the 3rd of January. C. J. BRYDGES, Genl. Supt. Govt. Railway. Railway Office, Moncton, N. B., Dec. 17, 1877. [2101]

NOTICE. THE Annual December Meeting of the S. & W. Agricultural Society, for the Election of Officers, &c., will be held in Bowes' Hall, Sackville, on WEDNESDAY afternoon, December 20th, at 3 o'clock. The Officers of the Society are to meet at the same place at 1 o'clock sharp. BY ORDER. JOHN T. CARTER, Secretary. dec19

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REMOVAL. From Mason Hall to Tupper's Corner.

D. R. McELMON, Watchmaker & Jeweler, AMHERST, N. S. HAS REMOVED to part of the Annex near Dan's Store, where he is prepared to wait on Customers as usual. NOW ARRIVING: A New and well Selected Stock of Gold and Silver Watches, FINE GOLD JEWELRY, CLOCKS, SILVERWARE, SPECTACLES, &c. Special attention is directed to our Reduced Price of Watches. We sell Watches LOWER than any in the business. Wallham Watches, a specialty. Difficult Repairs done well and as usual. A Lot of SEWING MACHINES will be sold AT COST to clear them out, as we intend to quit the Sewing Machine Business. Branch Shop at Moncton, N. B. dec19 D. R. McELMON.

CHRISTMAS DRY GOODS! -AT- W. D. MAIN & CO.'S AMHERST, N. S. Equity Sale. THERE will be sold at Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 11th inst. day of MARCH next, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the Post Office, in the Town of Moncton, in the County of Westmorland, and Province of New Brunswick, by and with the approbation of the undersigned, a Barrister, under and by virtue of a decretal order of the Supreme Court in Equity made on Tuesday, the fourth day of December instant, in a certain case wherein Thomas Chartrand is Plaintiff, and James Given and Hallel Given, his wife, Albert J. Smith, and William S. Torrie are Defendants, situated in the Parish of Moncton, in the County of Westmorland, and mentioned in the said decretal order, and being described as follows, viz:--All that certain piece or parcel of LAND situate lying and being in the Parish of Moncton, in the County of Westmorland, on the easterly side of King Street, a certain lot, called in the Town of Moncton, beginning at the northwesterly corner of the lot known as the Carter Lot and running easterly by the westerly line of the Ferguson property, two chains and eighty links, thence north eighty degrees west to King Street, a certain lot owned by different people, three chains and eighty links, thence north eight degrees west to King Street, a certain lot, and thence southerly by the street, the place of beginning containing by estimation nine tenths of an acre be the same more or less, together with a l and singular buildings and improvements thereon. Dated the eighteenth day of December, A. D., 1877. CHRISTOPHER MILNEN, Barrister. HANINGTON & WELLS, Plaintiff's Solicitor, Dorchester. "Public Health Magazine," Edited by G. A. Baynes, M. D., &c., &c., says:-- We have used Phosphoric in a number of cases with marked advantage, and were so pleased with the results that we prescribe it constantly, having particularly in mind its action AS A TONIC during convalescence. We know of nothing equal to it, and feel it a duty to recommend its use to our conferees and the public generally. It is sold by all druggists and is prepared in the Laboratory of the Proprietors, Nos. 41 and 43 St. Jean Street, Montreal. NOTICE. THE PREMIUMS awarded at the late Exhibition of the Agricultural Society, are now payable at the Office of the Sub-editor. J. F. ALLISON, Treasurer. Sackville, Dec. 20, 1877. Christmas Groceries! IN STORE: A good Stock of Fresh Groceries, Suitable for the present season. All offered at Lowest Prices. dec19 J. F. ALLISON. Apples, Apples. IN STORE: 50 Bbls. No. 1 Winter Apples, In all the choicest varieties. dec19 J. F. ALLISON. CLOTHING! OUR STOCK OF Ready-Made Clothing Is still large and well assorted, and well worthy of the inspection of purchasers. PRICES LOW. dec19 J. F. ALLISON. FLOUR, &c. JUST RECEIVED: Oatmeal, Cornmeal, Buckwheat Meal, Shad, Codfish, Pollock, No. 1 Labrador Herring. Also--A Full Stock of First Class GROCERIES. For sale low. nov14 JOHN BELL.



