

The question of a better river service between St. John and Fredericton, is one that should be kept before the public. It is doubtful if anything can be expected from the company that had charge of the route last season. Of course the probability of opposition in the way of a competing line might cause some improvement over the service of last year, but it is doubtful if it would be of a permanent nature. The company which now controls the river boats is animated by a desire to make money, and the matter of accommodation to the public is not even a secondary consideration. That a boat could be placed on the river and run in such a way as to both make money for its owners and give a good and satisfactory service to the public, seems well, but little doubt among those who ought to know. The amount of business that a good comfortable steamer, which could make the round trip in one day, could do, is not to be measured by the passenger traffic done on the river the past few years. The fact is apparent that summer travel from all parts of the United States to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, is rapidly increasing every year. That Nova Scotia has got the bulk of the tourists is true, but it is only because the Annapolis valley and other summer resorts in the sister province are better advertised, and afford better means of transit than can be found on the St. John river. The land of Evangeline cannot compare as a summer resort either in beauty or in hotel accommodation with the valley of the St. John, but it is better known and the tourist in search of rest and pleasure is not required to spend a day and a half in a dog-leg to the Bellisle in order to accomplish a distance of eighty-five miles. Let there be good passenger boats placed on the river, and let the whole business be properly advertised, and it will not long before the shareholders will draw a dividend, and the accommodations will have to be increased to meet the tide of travel that would flow up the valley of the St. John. This is an important matter not only to St. John and Fredericton, but to the people along the river as well. There is no reason why the whole St. John valley, during the summer months, should not team with visitors from other lands, who would leave us their money and increase the value of our property. Our natural advantages, however, will not be a sufficient inducement, unless we can promise them the kind of accommodation they expect and are willing to pay for. This should not be a difficult enterprise with such a noble river lying idle before us. What about that new company?

HE APOLOGIZES.

A short time ago the Reporter, which is reported to be edited by York's brilliant representative, one H. H. Pitts, contained a yarn to the effect that Major Howe, whose wife was shot and killed on the Tobique river some years ago, had made a death-bed confession that he had himself killed his wife, and also poisoned another woman whom he had since married. This absurd tale was closely followed by a very humble apology from Pitts, as follows:

In the issue of the 21st December a local item was published in the Reporter under the heading of "A Very Strange Story," reflecting seriously upon the character of Major C. F. Howe and repeating what was professed to be a street rumor regarding the deplorable shooting affray on the Tobique some years ago, in which Mrs. Howe lost her life. The item referred to crept into the paper without the editor's knowledge, it being in the busy Xmas season, and it was not noticed until a St. John paper made a comment regarding the impossibility of such a report being true. Enquiries were at once instituted to discover how the same came to be published, and we find that through our local reporter, that the circumstances of the report did not warrant any such comment. There is no truth in the report or in the story we published in the item. We very sincerely regret the error, and we find that the medium for the propagation of any such base falsehood. We have not been asked to do so, but we take this earliest opportunity of apologizing to Major Howe for the wrong done him, and we trust that if any of our readers have copied and dying now it is seldom their services are required.

We have been spared the serious and much to be dreaded disease, a grippé. One year ago there were very many serious cases, and the M. D.'s were constantly on the go to care for the sick and dying, now it is seldom their services are required.

We have a share in the home coming of some of our sons and daughters at this particular season of the year to bring back pleasant remembrances of when our cares were ever with us.

R. B. Willard and lady came home to enjoy a happy Christmas. They have resided at Upper Gagetown for some time as instructors of the youth, and report that their services are highly appreciated in that community.

G. S. Palmer, a student of the former, entered at the parental roof on Tuesday to meet his old time school mates and companions.

Rev. W. R. Reid, son of the late J. E. Reid, well known and well remembered by many of the people of York county where he spent many years of faithful service as a spiritual and moral teacher has charge of two churches, also of a congregation of Gagetown people. He too, like his father, is highly spoken of for his work done.

L. A. Byles of Wickham, Q. C., and lady came to the home of his childhood last Christmas, also to enjoy the festive occasion with his aged mother and relatives. He, like Mr. Williams, is an instructor of the youth and is doing good service to the cause of his country.

Miss Corbett, who has had the school for eight out of nine consecutive school terms and has engaged for the next term with the school at Woodville, had the semi-annual examinations the Friday of the week before holidays began which were very satisfactory and successful, and more than met the expectations of all in fact it was a grand success, and very many of the neighbors and prophets were present. Many expressions favorable to the young lady in charge were heard, and regrets were manifested at the loss to come to us by the probable severance of "the tie that binds" in so important and responsible a capacity as she has faithfully fulfilled the years past. The esteem of the neighbors and affection of the pupils were very marked, and it is to be feared cupid had been making a victim by his dauntless audacity.

Rumor says that to-day is to be the scene of one of those happy events a well known home at Jersey, Cambridge, Q. C. Miss Camp and a Mr. Dyke-

He was petted and flattered after he introduced in parliament bills to abolish the dual-language and separate school systems in the North west, and the tory papers cheered his efforts to defeat the encouraging news appeared time and again of the early completion of the railroad between Fredericton and Woodstock and Centreville, Car. Co., together with repeated promises lately made, favorable to the building of that part of the through line between Fredericton and some point on the C. P. R. or St. John. And let me say here, that nothing short of a through line between the last named points will satisfy a very large portion of the people. Some who seem to think of the interests of the general public than that of a few, favor a spur line. This will never satisfy the large body of our energetic and progressive farmers and citizens. As was contended for and secured by the government and the representatives representing the several counties will more readily appear by reference to the railway act of 1891, and which was well understood then that the subsidy so far provided was only a part of the intended mileage, and a compact solemnly entered into in the interest of all those counties most deeply concerned. There are grave responsibilities resting upon the shoulders of those in high places; and we feel that they should use every legitimate means likely to secure further legislation at the earliest possible opportunity towards securing the remaining needed assistance that was anticipated and considered as part of the compact then entered into. We are firmly of the opinion that if the electors of those counties and parishes most directly interested continuously keep this question to the front as a live issue, they will get the legislation above referred to. We have strong hopes, and we believe well founded, that the long expected day is near at hand when we shall realize to the fullest extent the removal of a great inconvenience and the giving to those upon the same rights and privileges so long enjoyed by thousands of our fellow citizens.

HOYT STATION.

JAN. 4.—A very successful concert was held here on New Year's Eve. The program was carried out as follows: Chantances March, Lyman Webb; recitation, John Maynard, Carrie Best; reading, The course of love too smooth, Minnie Smith; dialogue, Boys and girls talk about woman suffrage; solo, The Kerrie dance, Miss Lida Miller; recitation, Peter long jacket, Vida Smith; reading, Biddy's trials among the Zanzibars, E. H. Smith; solo, Fairly caught, Miss Lida Miller; encore, The broken pitcher; dialogue, The Boating cure; recitation, Over the hills to the poor house, Miss Jennie Merseman; dialogue, A wild Irishman's diplomacy; recitation, The last hymn, or nobody's child, Lilla Allen. After this a number of baskets were auctioned off, when the crowd dispersed happier and wiser for having been there. The proceeds, \$20, go towards seating the new hall.

Miss Allie DeWitt, who is attending Normal school, is spending her vacation at home.

Miss Phoebe Hoyt is also home on her vacation. She spent a few days at Madam Adam last week. She has engaged the school at Three Tree Creek for another term.

DURHAM.

JAN. 4.—Our council, R. T. of T., held a basket social in their temperance hall on Monday, the 28th ult. Owing to the cold the attendance was small. The receipts, which amounted to something over five dollars, went towards paying for the organ.

Willie Walker, from Pennac, spent his Christmas and New Year holidays with friends in this place.

Moses Pond and S. Johnston on the third inst., came across another bear, this time a small one. It was in its den but came out and ran. They overtook and killed it.

Miss Charity Estey, from Marysville, spent her Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Elsie Haines.

We have no snow at present. The men who came out of the woods for their Christmas, hardly know whether to go back or wait for snow. The holidays have been very quiet as there was no snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Estey are to be congratulated on a happy domestic event, a pair of twin boys, on Dec. 28th.

KINGMAN, ME.

JAN. 2.—We are all wishing for snow which would be a great blessing for the travelling at present.

Kingman is situated forty-eight miles west of Vanocoro on the line of the M. C. R. R. The principal business carried on is lumbering and getting out bark, for the tannery, which is run by L. B. Clark & Co., who do an extensive business.

Wilbur Grant, is one of the leading lumber manufacturers of this place, for whom a great many of the boys from York County, N. B., work, chiefly from Acton and Clark's settlement. They thoroughly understand the logging business.

Judging from the large amount of mail that comes to our camp they must keep up a regular correspondence with the fair ones whom they are beholding. Charles Fly, a resident of this place, is our boss and is well liked by the whole crew.

NASHWAAK.

JAN. 4.—We wish THE HERALD and its readers a very happy and prosperous new year.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 26th, the pupils of the Methodist Sunday school gave a service of songs entitled "The true light." The collection in aid of the S. S. library amounted to \$2.53 cents.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27th, quite a number of friends from Covered Bridge, Fry and Nashwaak village surprised their pastor, Rev. T. L. Williams, with a donation. They spent a very enjoyable evening at the parsonage. About \$25 worth of produce was handed in.

Mr. Wm. Fraser and her son, Chas. Fraser of Pleasant Valley, are very ill with congestion of the lungs. Dr. Moore has the cases in charge.

Rev. Mr. Mullen held a consecration service on Jan. 1st. It was largely attended.

HEIGHT OF THE TALLEST MAN.

Turner, the naturalist, declared that he once saw, upon the coast of Brazil, a race of gigantic savages, one of whom was 12 feet in height. The tallest man in France, in his description of America published at Paris in 1876, asserted that he saw and measured the skeleton of a South American which was 11 feet 5 inches in length. Chinese are said to claim that in their country they were men in their country who measured 15 feet in height. Josephus mentioned the case of a Jew who was 8 feet 2 inches in height. A skeleton of an Arabian giant, Galara, 9 feet 9 inches, the tallest man in the days of Claudius. John Middleton, born at Fife, in Lapshire, in the time of James I., was 9 feet 3 inches in height; his hand was 17 inches long and 5 1/2 inches broad, says Dr. Ford in the "History of Staffordshire." The Irish giant Murphy, contemporary with O'Brien, was 8 feet 10 inches. A skeleton in the Museum of Trinity College, Dublin, is 8 feet 6 inches in height, and that of Charles Byrne in the Museum of the College of Surgeons, London, is 8 feet 4 inches. The tallest living man is (Cyang-tsing, the Chinese) 7 feet 8 1/2 inches—T. B. B.

AROUND THE WORLD.

The Week's Events in Brief—The Ocean of our Exchange.

The Quebec local house has been called for session on January 12.

Westmorland Scott Act inspector is to be paid a salary of \$5 per annum.

Twenty of the Astrakhan cholera rioters have been sentenced to be hanged at St. Petersburg.

The citizens of Red Deer, Alberta, are booming Rev. Leonard Gest, the prairie Methodist clergymen, for governor of the Northwest territories.

Trouble is threatening between the Reading railroad and those of its engineers and firemen who belong to the brotherhood and kindred organizations.

In the civic elections at Toronto, Fleming was elected mayor, receiving 11,696 votes against 8,413 by Sheppard. A. E. McDonald, the annexationist, did not run for alderman.

The shipment of smelts and other fresh fish from Chatham station for December aggregated 215 tons. The shipments since 1st January—two and a half days—were sixty tons.

C. E. Burnham & Co., furniture dealers, St. John, have assigned. Their liabilities are said to be in the vicinity of about \$10,000 and preferences are made for between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

January 21st is the date set for hearing argument on appeal of the Manitoba Catholics against the action of the provincial legislature in abolishing the separate schools system in that province.

Albert Estabrooks was severely hurt Tuesday morning at Woodstock, as he was walking along the street, by a brick falling from the roof of Chas. McKee's drug store and striking him on the head.

A detective of the Massachusetts Law and Order League has swooped down upon the illegal liquor sellers of Milltown, N. B. Seven convictions have been secured; other dealers have joined the crowd.

The Baptist ministry at St. Martins will have its most successful term, beginning on January 11th. They have fifty boarders and about the same number of day scholars. Ten new students will come in this term.

John Rankin will never do any more work. Disease of the brain for some time has affected him, and is increasing. He has a delusion that he is surrounded by enemies who are awaiting a chance to assault him.

Late Tuesday afternoon, at 412 Tremont street, Boston, Louis Wagner shot and killed Mrs. Pansy Speir, and then committed suicide. Mrs. Speir is aged thirty-two years and leaves a daughter aged eight.

At the skating tournament at Clifton, Thursday, W. Thompson, of Perry's Point, fell and broke his left wrist. James White, of White's Point, fell and cut his head badly. He was unconscious for some time.

Among other matters decided by the council of the teachers' institute, in session at Fredericton, was that the annual session of the teachers' institute be held in St. John this year on the last three teaching days in June.

On Saturday morning, soon after daylight, while working for J. Murray in the lumber woods, 60 miles from Campbellton away up the Restigouche, Wm. Connell was struck on the head by a falling limb and almost instantly killed.

Peter O. Carroll, the Picton officer who arrested Jim, has received the reward of \$500 offered by the government for the arrest of the desperado, less \$50 retained for farmers Thompson and Steeves, who gave information as to Jim's whereabouts.

There was a large attendance at the Main street Bazaar, before Christmas. Sunday morning, the expectation with great many people having been that Mr. Sydney Welton might preach on the occasion. Mr. Welton did not occupy the pulpit, however, but he was present.

M. Blondin of Credit Lyonnais was concerned before examining magistrate Franqueville at Paris by Marquis Fontane, an imprisoned director of the Panama canal company, and from him many new facts were elicited. Eventually M. Franqueville ordered that he be placed under arrest.

At the present rates of advance pork will soon be a luxury. The North Packing Co., of Boston, on Thursday advanced their price 25 cents, and they added \$1.75 to the price per barrel. Landed here, pork now costs \$25 per barrel. The North Packing Co. also advanced the price of beef 50 cents.

General Booth, of the Salvation army, has refused to accept Lord Onslow's committee, who recently finished an enquiry into his "Darkest England" accounts, as permanent trustees of his fund. The result was accompanied by a suggestion that he did not feel the need of more masters outside the ranks of the army.

The Toronto Globe's cable says: Recent reports show that ex-premier Abbott's health is far from good. He is now in Italy journeying south by easy stages. He has made no gain in strength since his arrival in Europe. On the contrary if anything he is weaker. He hopes, however, to benefit by further residence in the south.

The Paris Figaro publishes interviews with Generals Komaroff and Tcherniaeff, well known Russian officers, in which they say the Panama scandals will have no effect upon the friendship Russia entertains for France. Speaking of the general European situation both generals declared war with Germany would be the most popular of all acts.

Although about 40 extra clerks have been dismissed from the department of railways and canals, Ottawa, more has been found in that department for Clark, who purloined the profits of Edward Farrah's pamphlet from a Toronto printing office in which he was employed. Sir John Thompson seems to think Clark's conduct specially meritorious.

Returns from Thursday's election in L'Islet county, Quebec, indicate that Tarte is elected by a majority of fifty. This is a severe defeat for the government, especially for Caron and Oulmet, who spent weeks in the county and distributed money freely to secure his defeat. Telegrams from the county say the tory workers spent fifteen thousand dollars during the past week.

L'Electeur states that Senator Landry, speaking at St. Jean, Port Joli, on January 4th in support of Dionne, said he was authorized by Hon. Mr. Angers to say that he (Angers) had only accepted a portfolio upon condition that Catholic schools in Manitoba would be re-established, and declared that he himself would oppose the government if they were not.

A strange case of suspended animation has occurred near Honfleur, France, the object being a youth named Daubeneque, who was supposed to have died of typhoid fever. While the coffin containing the body was lying in a church, a watchdog thought he heard a knocking as if inside the coffin. He at once opened the coffin and was astonished to find the supposed corpse alive.

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