

**Local News**  
AND OTHER MATTERS.

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Victoria county council meets one week from next Tuesday.

R. B. Welch, station agent at Kilburn, slipped on the station platform and broke a rib, but is getting around again.

Tuesday morning was very cold. At Fort Fairfield the mercury went down to 24 below, at Woodstock 22, McAdam 16 and Hartland 25 below zero.

At last snow has come in sufficient quantity to make good going. For several days the weather would do credit to one of the old fashioned winters.

Every new or old subscriber that pays \$1.00 in advance for a year's subscription gets a beautiful picture in a handsome frame. Call and see about it.

On Christmas Day, at Monticello, by Rev. Mr. Osgood, (Methodist) Miss Isabella Rideout, of Somerville, N. B., was married to Harry Shaw, of Bridgewater.

St. Leonard's correspondence says: We have a Klondike all our own in the shape of a whiskey saloon on the ice on the St. John River between here and Van Buren.

The Carlisle Hotel got out a magnificent menu for New Year's. Any person having a poor appetite would readily get over it by a glance at this fine array of good things.

At the residence of Capt. J. R. Tompkins, East Florenceville, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22., Miss Alice Estella Lee and Vernon Nicholson of Florenceville were married by Rev. J. E. Flewelling.

The Utopia Dramatic Club of Woodstock gave a most enjoyable entertainment in Graham's Opera House last Thursday evening. There will be a three act drama put on some time next month.

Two car loads of Newfoundland dogs arrived attached to the Quebec express Sunday morning and were sent westward yesterday afternoon en route for the Klondike. There were 125 dogs in the lot.—St. John Gazette.

The Carlisle Hotel, Woodstock's popular hostelry presents us with a fine calendar, showing a good cut of the well-known house and a picture of London Tower. The Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company get out a splendid calendar.

James Carr of Woodstock is offering 1100 acres of land for sale. This was granted to the Woodstock Iron Company and is known as "the Foundry land." It all lays 3 to 6 miles of the St. John river and 5 miles from Hartland, and is on the Gibson Branch railway.

One hundred and forty-three Scott Act cases have been tried in Moncton this year and 191 convictions obtained. \$2,832.15 has been collected in fines and costs, 7 persons were sent to jail and 2 skipped out. Thirty four cases are pending on appeal at Fredericton.—Ex.

What might have resulted in a serious fire occurred in Richardson, Porter and Co's. store Wednesday night. One of the large lamps in the window fell and might easily have exploded, but for Mr. Porter's quickness of thought in throwing a few shovelfuls of snow on the flames.

On New Year's Day at the F. C. B. Parsonage, Miss Emma Burlock of Gordonsville was married to Mr. Frank Mallory of Williamstown. She was accompanied by her newly married sister Mrs Albert Hatfield and her husband of Limerick, Me.

W. E. Thistle has just received a new stock of the celebrated B. Laurance spectacles, in gold steel and alloy frames. Mr. Thistle, who has just taken a graduate course on optics, can guarantee those suffering from impaired vision as perfect a fit as can be obtained in the county.

An Ottawa despatch of last night says: "Col. McRae of Guelph, was in the city today, on his way to New Brunswick, where he will confer with the agriculture department regarding the prevalence of tuberculosis. Col. McRae is the Ontario government commissioner."—Gleaner.

The Press' Jentreville correspondent says: Dr Perkins, when going out to feed his stock, between five and six o'clock Sunday morning, discovered fire in the rear of G. L. White's barn. An alarm was given by ringing the village bell, and with a good supply of water on the premises, the fire was soon put out. Spontaneous combustion is suspected.

One of the most dreadful catastrophes that has ever occurred in Canada took place at London, Ont., on Monday evening. The civic election returns were being announced and the City Hall held a gathering of twenty-five hundred people. A section of the floor gave way and hundreds of people dropped through with it. A panic ensued, and a wild rush was made for the doors. In their haste for escape many were seriously injured. There were thirty-one killed outright and fully one hundred and fifty more or less injured. The Montreal Daily Witness gives a full and excellent account of the horrible affair.

Those who are Mr. J. T. G. Carr's more intimate acquaintances know him to be passionately fond of good music. The latest addition to his collection of instruments is the "graphophone." Rather than a musical instrument this machine is, as the literal interpretation of the word implies, a talking—or sound reproducing machine. But it gives out music of a high quality, and is an improvement on the phonograph. Tuesday evening A. W. Rideout, wideawake in the interests of the patrons of the Hotel, secured the services of Mr. Carr with his talking machine and gave an entertainment in the office of the Commercial. There were a number of invited guests beside the boarders, and the program was greatly appreciated.

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