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A WARNING.

The collapse of the firm of Edward White & Co., produce and commission merchants of St. John, and the departure of Mr. White to parts unknown, it is presumed means the loss of a considerable amount by farmers and merchants in different parts of the province who have entrusted them with goods for sale. These people and others should profit by their unfortunate experience. There are established and reliable firms in St. John who are always glad to handle country produce on consignment, who have a reputation for integrity of many years standing; yet Edward White & Co., who were wholly unknown, by the use of plausible written circulars succeeded in getting large quantities of goods into their hands, for which the shippers are never likely to be paid. "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush"—the country man had better keep his produce than entrust it to a dealer who is unknown, even on the street where he does business. But there are plenty of channels through which the farmer and country merchant can dispose of such things as they can best market in the city, with a certainty of a prompt and honest accounting. Briefly, it is better never to exchange tried for untried friends, especially in transactions in which there is any opportunity for the practice of fraud.

ST. JOHN LETTER.

The superintendent of the several public schools in Flushing, Long Island, recently requested the pupils to each bring to school with them on a certain day a single potato for use in a charity hospital in the district. They did so and the result was a good wagon load, sufficient for the wants of the hospital until spring. Here was a real charity effected at a cost of probably less than one fourth of a cent to each contributor. It shows that if mankind were a little more thoughtful for each other there would be far less suffering in the world and far less need for almshouses which are generally run as much in the interest of the commissioners and keepers as of their inmates. Two electric cars collided on Brussels street last Tuesday night with considerable injury to themselves but the passengers escaped with little bodily injury, though badly scared.

The ladies of the North End W. C. T. U. are soliciting aid for some of the sufferers by the Indian town fire and other needy persons. Meanwhile the Relief and Aid Society calmly "administers" on the money of the fire victims of 1877.

Henry Doucet, nine years old, was arrested last Wednesday evening for stealing \$40 from a grocery store. Twenty eight dollars of the money were recovered.

The markets continue steady and firm for staples of all kinds.

Best Manitoba flour is quoted at \$4.65 and \$4.70; high grade Ontario, \$4.00; good Ontario Patents, \$3.80 and \$3.90; oatmeal, \$3.85; cornmeal, \$2.30; beans, per bushel, \$1.55 and \$1.60; pure lard in tubs per lb., 7 1/2 cents; pure lard in pails,

per lb., 7 1/2 cents; pure lard in 3, 5, and 10 cent lb. tins, 8 1/2 cents. The stock of molasses is in very small compass. P. R. in casks, per gal. 38 and 39 cents; Barbados, none in the market. The big advance in broom corn is maintained and the sale of brooms is active at very high prices. The stocks of butter are light and quotations are, choice, 18 cents, good 17 cents. Eggs are in good supply and sell at 18 cents. The stocks of cheese are limited, choice is quoted at 12 cents; twins, 12 1/2 cents. Recently there has been a good deal of speculation in canned goods. Corn sells at \$1.25 per dozen and this week tomatoes advanced to \$1.80 per doz. The tea market has eased off during the month and common medium grades are 1/2 to 1 cent per pound lower. Several large shipments have arrived this week. George S. deForest & Sons have received a large invoice from Ceylon and they are daily expecting another from India direct. They now have a larger staff of the packers than any other house in the maritime provinces. Nearly every retailer in the Maritime provinces in the eastern provinces is carrying a full line of Union Blend teas and finds it necessary to have them always in stock.

Edward White doing a commission produce business at 11 Germain street under the name of Edward White & Co., has disappeared. It is feared that many province farmers and merchants have been victimized.

EDWARD EDWARDS,
St. John, Dec. 23.

Canada and the War.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The composition of the second Canadian contingent to join the British forces in South Africa is no longer a matter of speculation. Hon. Dr. Borden said to-day: In the first place, the entire contingent will be 1,044 in strength. There will be three squadrons of mounted rifles, making 530 of all ranks. One squadron and a half squadron will be taken from the Northwest Mounted police. The other squadron and half squadron will be selected from the different cavalry corps and dragoons throughout the Dominion and from good shots and riders wherever they are to be found, and there are quite a number of them to be found in western Canada. The three squadrons will have 536 horses. Let us now take the artillery, the Minister of Militia went on to say. There will be three field batteries, the strength of each being 171 or 513 in all. They will have 393 horses. The artillery will be taken from the field batteries all over the Dominion. There will be no infantry. The recruiting will be done at the headquarters of the batteries in the case of the artillery—at Kingston, Gananoque, Winnipeg, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Toronto, Ottawa, Guelph, London, Port Hope, Quebec, Montreal, Granby, Woodstock, N. B., Newcastle, N. B., and Sydney, N. S. Recruiting for the mounted rifles will be at Toronto, St. Catharines, Peterboro, Ottawa, Kingston, London, Montreal, Sussex St. John, Quebec, Canning, Winnipeg, Portage La Prairie, Virden, Brandon, Yorkton, Regina, Moosejaw, Prince Albert, Battleford, Moosomin, Qu'Appelle, Lethbridge, Fort MacLeod, Medicine Hat, Maple Creek, Calgary, and Edmonton. The recruiting will be conducted by the district officers commanding and Commissioner Herschmer and the district officers of the Mounted Police. I expect that the troops will be ready to sail early in January. The contractors have had their orders two days ago, and everything seems to be going on like clockwork. The question of commander has not been settled.

In regard to the question of pay, Dr. Borden says that recruits of ex-mounted police and others into mounted cavalry will receive the same pay as the mounted policemen, namely 50 cents per day. However the whole question of pay to both contingents will probably be left for parliament to decide, because, as already pointed out, some are now getting the same pay from the Dominion and Local governments, while others are obtaining full pay from firms with whom they are employed.

It is as good as settled that the Parisian is chartered from the Allan line for conveying troops, and probably the Laurentian, of the same company for the horses.

Chipman.

Dec. 22.—The coal mines near Chipman closed down last week as the men were out on a strike. At this turn of events Mr. E. G. Evans came up from Hampton and as the miners refused to go to work, he discharged all hands including Mr. Brockhouse, the foreman. Mr. Evans having on hand a large contract of coal to fill, has engaged a new crew of men and the mines will be operated again after Xmas.

We know but little more now about the geological structure of New Brunswick than was known sixty years ago when Dr. Gesner ended his unfinished survey of the province; but that gentleman's work informs us that our coal measures alone covered seven million acres or one third of the entire area of the province.

The position of the sandstone was at one time supposed to indicate the character of the coal measures and some of our practical miners are inclined to question the conclusions arrived at by our provincial geologists as to the antiquity of these formations. Even Dr. Gesner and Dr. Robb, of Fredericton, differed for a time as to whether the Red Sandstone or coal measures should come first and finally Dr. Gesner yielded to Dr. Robb who had the weight of authority with him in holding that the Red Sandstone should be placed after the coal measures as it was an older formation. Mr. Brockhouse, who had been Manager of the mines for the last year was a man who had much experience in mining and had he gotten the use of the Government diamond borer a year ago as was then anticipated he intended to drill down, till he struck the old Red Sandstone. Only in this practical way, can we ever hope to know what immense wealth lies buried beneath our feet and the imprisoned wealth in the bowels of the earth shall ever remain there, despite the science of geology, until some practical artisan shall come along and strike the rock with a magic wand, in the shape of a diamond drill, when dame nature will unloosen her grasp and yield up her precious treasures for our use.

The old year is dying and the threshold of the new is fast coming into view. We have peace and prosperity at home while the motherland is on the strife of battle. Canada and Australia are joining hands with Greater Britain to enfranchise South Africa. "The men of the Northern zone shall prevail over the languid South and civilization shall resume her wonted sway."

Xmas greetings to every reader of the QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

Cody's.

Dec. 22.—The school in Thornetown closed to-day. Miss Small the teacher has been engaged for another term.

A large number attended the half-yearly examination of the school at Waterville to-day, which was taught by Miss Rachael Gamblin. After the scholars were examined in the various branches short addresses were delivered by James F. Roberts, Esq., Geo. Gamblin, H. W. Somerville, R. W. Hetherington, Miss Ada Small and Mrs. Walter Hornbrook. Miss Gamblin is engaged for another term.

Miss Bertha Crealock, who has taught the school in Jenkinville for several terms, has resigned and will not teach next term.

Miss Maggie Patterson, the popular school teacher of Salmondale, held her examination on Wednesday. She left for her home in Fredericton to-day. Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Lizzie Hathway and Andy Richardson to take place on Tuesday evening, the 26th inst. Invitations are also out for a big wedding at Cole's Island, on the 27th inst., when Iva Cole will be united in matrimony to James A. Murray, of Long Creek. Your correspondent is informed that there are other weddings to follow in a few weeks.

One of the most successful concerts ever held in connection with the Thorne-town Baptist Church S. S., was held to-night. The committee are to be congratulated on carrying through so successful a concert against the efforts of some few who tried to break it up. The following program was carried out:—

Music
Dialogue—Rainbow.
Recitation, "Aunt Tabitha," by Janie Perry.

Music.
Dialogue, "Little Mimics," by Myrtle Perry and Lettie Moore.

Recitation, "Only," Miss Maggie Worden.
Dialogue, "After a fashion," by Misses Bertie and Sanie Perry.

Music.
Recitation, "Little Midget," by Julia Perry.

Dialogue, "Honor thy father and mother," by Cleveland Perry and Geo. Gamblin.

Recitation, "That drinking house over the way," Miss Maggie Patterson.
Dialogue, "Civility never lost," by Charlie Patterson, Platt Perry, Mable and Perthia Bernard and Geo. Kincaid.

Recitation, "Santa's Coming," Judson Perry.
Dialogue, "The Rehearsal," Misses Maggie Hetherington, Myrtle Lettie Moore, and Cleveland Perry. Beecher Perry and Walter Gamblin.

Reading—Judson Dunham.
Dialogue, "Star," Misses Janie Hetherington, Maggie Hetherington, Janie Perry, Cora Starkey and Lettie Moore.

Music.
Miss Lizzie Somerville was organist and the choir consisted of Mortimer Thorne, Lizzie Starkey, Mrs. Kate Warn, Bertie and Maggie Patterson.

Thomas Hetherington is lumbering on the Salmon Creek brook near here. He told your correspondent that he intended to put in 200,000 if the winter was so he could.

Mr. J. B. Thorne is quite ill. Mrs. Leslie Boyd, of Sheba, is very ill with inflammation of the lungs, Dr. A. F. Armstrong is the attending physician.

Mrs. A. H. Vradenburg of Highfield is sinking rapidly.

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