

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

BLOOMFIELD.

A very instructive and amusing entertainment—which owing to the heavy storm that prevented people from a distance getting out, and was therefore not as largely attended as it would otherwise have been—was rendered in the hall at this place on the evening of the 9th inst. A most excellent programme was carried out by the following artists:—Miss G. H. McCain and Miss A. H. Estabrooks, Florenceville, and Miss H. Hutchinson, Wicklow. The following is the programme:—Opening, "Marche Imperiale Russe," Miss Helen Hutchinson; reading, "Ruggles Family," Miss Gussie McCain; vocal solo, "Winter Lullaby," Miss Alvaretta Estabrooks; reading, "Ferry of Gallaway," Miss McCain; vocal solo, "Junita," Miss Estabrooks; reading, "The Doom of Claudius and Cynthia," Miss McCain; vocal solo, "Ring on Sweet Angelus," Miss Estabrooks; instrumental solo, Miss Hutchinson; reading, "Jimmy and the baby," Miss McCain; vocal duet, "Whispering Hope," Misses Hutchinson and Estabrooks; instrumental solo, Miss Hutchinson; reading, "Josiah Allen's Wife," Miss McCain; vocal duet, Misses Estabrooks and Hutchinson; God Save the Queen. Miss McCain possesses remarkable ability as an elocutionist and her excellent selections were well rendered and heartily applauded, each number for which Miss McCain was billed was so well executed that it would be impossible to find any fault but perhaps the most amusing was the "Ruggles Family," and "Josiah Allen's Wife in New York" which quite brought down the house. Miss Hutchinson's instrumental solos were beautifully executed, proving that lady a musician of more than ordinary ability. Miss Estabrooks' vocal solos were of a high character and her style as a singer is very pleasing. The closing number, a vocal duet by Misses Hutchinson and Estabrooks—quite took the audience. Altogether the entertainment was a very successful affair and it would be safe to say, that should these ladies visit Bloomfield again they would be given a warm reception and show a full house. The concert was closed with "God Save the Queen," Miss McCain at the organ, after which the people dispersed to their homes feeling that they had been given what might be termed an intellectual treat.

BIGGAR RIDGE.

There is very little snow here at present. A great many portage teams continue to pass through this settlement. Services were conducted here on the Sabbath by Rev. J. B. Puddington who preached an eloquent sermon from the text "He came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance" (Matt. ix. 13). The evening service was conducted by Rev. J. B. Gough. Mrs. Asa Brooks is spending the winter with her parents. Our esteemed neighbor Daniel MacDonald is now in a very critical condition no hopes are entertained of his recovery. Tramps and peddlars are on the beat now-a-days. I am sorry to hear that one of G. E. Brooks men have been compelled to lay back for a time owing to having cut his foot very badly, but rumour has it that his moccasin hurts worse than his foot. Santa Claus with his merry face will soon be here with his gifts for boys and girls. Little folks keep your eyes on the lookout. Gilbert Hatheway and wife came up from their camp yesterday and paid us a flying visit. A great many turkeys are losing their lives this week.

OAKVILLE.

I see by THE DISPATCH that my friend the Watson Settlement scribe is very anxious about my welfare. No, I have not been "kilt" yet and I guess I won't be this time. Things go on in the "same old way" in this place, with just enough gossip to vary the monotony. J. Albert Reid, a Sackville student, has quite a large singing class here. Miss Alvaretta Estabrooks, Florenceville, has closed her class in instrumental instruction. She was very popular with her pupils. E. L. Carter made a trip to Florenceville, on a visit to friends there. We have prayer meeting in the Methodist church here every Wednesday evening. Listen! I heard some one say we were to have a wedding here soon. The snow fall of the 9th inst. gave us a chance for a sleigh drive anyway,—if it will just stay with us now. The school here will be closed in a few days and Miss Jamieson will be "slowly departing to return no more." I understand no successor has been engaged yet.

RICHMOND.

Our local poet has forgotten all the news but the Orange supper. I think I will try my hand. Thomas Lawrence is confined to the house by a sore knee. Miss Alice McIntyre is visiting "Old folks at home." Beecher Haynes is fixing up his new house perhaps he intends boarding the teacher. Be careful of the eggs. Nelson Martin has gone to Ashland. Perley McIntyre spent Sunday in Richmond. Rumor has it the Endeavour has lost its attractions. Some of our young men are anxiously awaiting the return of the Normal students. Our Englishman, Geo. Watkins, has secured the position of clerk in A. E. Jones hardware store. Ernest Haynes is doing a good business threshing, having purchased the machine of McIntyre Bros. Hoping our poet will again favor us.

LINDSAY.

The F. C. B. ladies of this place are getting up a donation for Rev. W. H. Deware, to take place on Wednesday evening, Dec. 10th, at the residence of Henry Briggs, at the hour of 7 o'clock sharp. Any one having a bag of oats, a quarter of beef, a five or ten dollar bill, etc., to spare, can have it on hand at the time mentioned. Produce is cheap this year, and we will not miss a small amount. The stuff will be just as good for the preacher, as if it was worth twice as much. Preachers have got to get a living as well as other people and I don't think any of them are laying up much money. Lend a hand then! Our popular school teacher at Wakefield Centre—Miss Jennie Cadwallader, has a good record for staying in one place. She began teaching school here in Oct. 1893, and has been teaching the same school ever since, making seven or eight terms. She maintains pretty thorough discipline, and must be well liked by the community. She is a native of Fredericton.

NORTHAMPTON.

The welcome snow has come at last and the tinkle of the sleigh bells and shouting of teamsters can be heard on every side. Elder Irving Barnes, of Worcester, Mass., is holding revival meetings here, he is ably assisted by John Buck, of Woodstock, and many people have already expressed their desire to lead better lives. Miss Annie Rogers will have charge of the school at Lower Northampton the coming term. The roads in this section have been in an excellent state since the recent snow storm, and we trust that they will remain so. Bedford Tower has put a fine verandah on his residence, which does credit to his skill as a workman. Mr. Tower has also the contract for the repairs on the old kirk, near Gibson's mill.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

All the young men have gone to the woods. Edward Phillips is cooking for Geo. Lund, hope he won't lose any men? The Mt. Pleasant chap will be missed very much as this is his first winter in the woods.

We are glad our teacher Miss Flora Brittain is going to remain with us next term. Miss Bertha Drake is clerking for her brother. We hope the fellow who drives for the good of his health will soon return as the fair one is looking very sad. I will write more next time.

BRISTOL.

W. C. Pitfield, St. John, and A. W. Edgcombe Fredericton, were in Bristol a few days last week. M. A. Tompkins and James Carr took a trip through Victoria County last week. A. W. Phillips arrived home on Friday from a visit to Boston. Revs. D. E. Brooks and C. H. Orser went to Yarmouth, N. S., on Friday. A quiet wedding took place on Monday at the residence of Mr. D. S. Jones, when his eldest daughter, Miss Anita, was married to Josiah Giberson, jr., of Bristol. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. H. Hayward. The Rainsforth Concert Company occupied the public hall on Thursday and Friday evenings, and gave two very good entertainments. At the annual meeting of Victoria Orange Lodge on Monday night, the following officers were elected and installed:—A. A. Brittain, W. M.; H. J. Chiff, D. M.; Rev. David Brooks, Chap.; J. Farley, R. S.; Dr. Atkinson, F. S.; G. H. Boyer, Treas.; Wasson Bridges, D. of C.; G. S. Wiggins, Lect.; W. B. Tompkins, John Blair, Chas. Meed, Chas. Campbell, James Thompson, Committee. The Parish Sunday School convention is to be held in the hall tomorrow. The river is closed about a mile below the village but above that it is quite open and free from ice. Dr. H. A. Green, of Centreville, is at Colwell's Hotel today, for the practice of his profession.

BATH.

The late snow storm was a great boon to both farmer and trader and many carloads of hay and oats were shipped during the week and times are improving. The effect of this immense trade has even influenced the great C. P. R. and they see the necessity of putting in a turntable here already work has been commenced on it and we hope eventually that Bath will be the Chicago of Canada. Joseph Shaw a prominent citizen who has been ill with typhoid fever for some weeks past is again able to be around, I am pleased to see him so fully recovered.

Miss Nason of Tracy Station is at present visiting her sister Mrs. Alfred Giberson. Hugh Laggan one of Uncle Sam's old defenders and pensioners is confined to his home through a severe attack of laryngitis.

Ben Gee who has been working in the woods on the Tobique for the last few weeks has returned again to the bosom of his family and to make their Christmas all the more pleasant.

F. A. Thompson, Gen. Agent for the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of N. Y., was here last week in the interests of the above association.

P. P. Brennan of St. John, was here last week on a visit to his parents and friends. A brass band, electric lights and telephone are agitations of our enterprising citizens we expect these all to be realized in a short time.

MIDDLE SIMONDS.

My friend, the Imp, has been thinking over the extraordinary X ray, so have I. It will make the blind see, but it did not make the people see that the notes held by the Home Comfort Range Co. were due four months after date and that all must be paid.

The young man that got so frightened must be a horrid looking person or he could never have seen his image before. A most enjoyable time was spent at John Lipsett's of Charlton last Saturday evening. They were taken completely by surprise by two sled loads of young folk of Simonds. We wish to thank Mr. Lipsett through your valuable paper for his kindness.

C. B. Stevens son has been quite ill. The Simonds lads are wondering what has become of your Connell correspondent. Wanted:—A few cold nights to make crossing on the river.

CONNELL.

There was a large attendance at meeting on Sunday forenoon, although the roads were in rough condition. We are very sorry to hear that school will soon stop as we regret having to part with our teacher. The boys have not all returned from the woods. The council is improving very much, we had a large attendance the last night. Quite a number of teams are going to the woods. Mrs. Ed Nicholson is spending a few weeks with her son.

Brush, Comb, and Mirror sets, these goods are always useful. The Baird Company have an unusually large assortment with and without fancy cases.

Venezuelan is Irate.

It seems that all is not plain sailing in the Venezuelan matter and that the troublesome quasi-Spanish republic is not pleased with the conditions of the arbitration. The following dispatch from Caracas appeared in the daily papers:— Senor Thoms Michelena, one of the republic's greatest jurists, who was Venezuela's Minister at the Court of St. James when Venezuela broke off diplomatic relations with Great Britain on account of the boundary question, published a letter which has created a sensation. The president and cabinet had hoped that their formal acceptance of the treaty, subject as the constitution provides to its ratification by Congress, would ally the public's hostility to the document, but developments have alarmed them. Neither Crespo nor the members of his official family are willing to try any longer to stem the apparently irresistible tide and it is asserted that when Andrade leaves for Washington he will bear nothing more than a diplomatic note to Cleveland saying that the treaty will be duly laid before Congress when it reassembles next February in regular session. Michelena, in his letter, discusses the protocol in all its bearings from the standpoint of a jurist and ends by dismissing it as absolutely worthless. He says first that the adoption of the protocol would invest the United States with the protectorate over this and the other republics of South America, and this move, he thinks, would be dangerous. Next he regards the clause which states that fifty years' occupation shall make a good title as "outrageously inimical, to Venezuela's interest, and as 'wholly in favor of England.'" So vehemently does he denounce this clause that, basing his opinion of the whole on it, he declares that the treaty is "an English trick." "Better lose the territory by force," are Senor Michelena's words, "than acquiesce in the arbitration of the question under the terms of this treaty. We may regain it, if we have to go to war over it. It is lost to us forever if we accept this protocol." Senor Michelena adds that arbitration must be unconditional, and that, above all, Venezuela must be represented on the tribunal.

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"THEODORE YOUNG, "Smith's Falls, Ont."

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"MRS. GEORGE BARNES."

Personal.

Charles McLean is getting better slowly. A Bowman, Hawkeshaw, was in town on Saturday.

Miss Mabel Jewett arrived home from Toronto yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Miller preached in the Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Arthur Hay is home from Wolfville, for the Christmas vacation.

Rev. H. H. Hall, Portage la Prairie, Man., was at the Carlisle on Saturday.

Robert Ross of Richmond street, was prostrated with a severe chill on Saturday.

H. P. Kerr, St. John, Jno. Ogilvy, Ottawa; W. Jarvis, Benton; C. B. Foster, K. M. Belyea, St. John; P. W. Brown, Toronto; are at the Carlisle.

Among the arrivals at the Victoria are:—C. Pear, J. H. Scribner, D. McQueen, Elwood L. Nase, St. John; A. R. Manfin, J. A. Latimer, Toronto; G. R. Burt, D. H. Keswick, A. A. Gundry, J. E. Fripp, D. E. Morgan, Hartland; R. A. Palmer, Warren Skillem, Isaac Bagnell, A. L. Ireland, J. F. Dobbins, C. B. Smith, W. E. McIntyre, Geo. Law, John Adams, G. Carpenter, Phil Mansur, Gould Kitchen, Houlton; J. C. Dill, Abbot, Me., John Oldham, Wm. Oldham, W. S. Tompkins, Southampton.

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