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And you will find it to your advantage to call and examine our stock of

CHINA AND FANCY GLASSWARE, BEFORE PURCHASING.

Today we are opening some Elegant Goods in
CHRISTAL, RUBY AND CHINA SETS.

We keep the most Complete Line of Crockery in town.

A Full Line of **Groceries** suitable for the Christmas Trade. Raisins, Currants, Citron and Spices.

We are selling the above at very low prices.

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Will Be Complete
THIS WEEK.

We have added several new lines of
**Hanging, Table and Banquet
LAMPS.**

Also, NEW PATTERN OF

Silk Shades and Etchel Globes.

We purchase all our Lamps direct from the manufacturers, and sell at Lowest Prices.

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They're at your service. No more worry or perplexity. Come this week and see a grand

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CARR & GIBSON.

Main Street, Woodstock.

IT HAPPENED IN 1896.

A FEW EVENTS GENERAL AND LOCAL IN THE YEAR.

War Still Talked of But European War Cloud Still Hangs.—Cuba a Year Ago And Now.—Elections Galore.—Other Topics of Interest.

Before the next issue of THE DISPATCH, 1896 will have dropped out and 1897 will have come into his own. We are drawing very near to the end of the century, and soon will be dropping the 18 altogether. So, we are both closing the year and closing the century.

In a cursory glance over the past twelve months, it does not strike one as a peculiarly eventful year. The great European war cloud which was always on the verge of bursting, still overshadows the world, though perhaps it is not so threatening as it has been at some other time. A year ago there was an unpleasant feeling that matters were becoming exceedingly strained between Great Britain and the United States. All this has blown over, and little master Venezuela is going to take whatever medicine the two large powers shall after, due deliberation decide is good for his somewhat sensitive stomach.

It is almost a year since Dr. Jameson made his famous, but unsuccessful attack on the Boers for which political crime he has just completed a term of imprisonment. In connection with this it will be recollected that the German Emperor distinguished himself by sending a telegram of congratulation to President Kruger of the Transvaal and that this piece of interference set the British lion a-growling.

Cuba was in a state of ferment a year ago, as she is now. It was on the 3rd of January last that the Spanish government issued a decree placing the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio under martial law, and establishing a strict censorship over the press. What real progress, either the Spanish or insurgent forces have made on Cuban soil during the year remains more or less an enigma. Maceo is dead but a greater than Maceo may arise. Whether Cuba will be an independent nation, a portion of the United States, or a self-governing colony of Spain is one of those things which it is very difficult for any fellow to determine.

The events which have stirred the world at large to the deepest extent during the past year, have been the horrible massacres of Christian Armenians by Turkish soldiers, and, it is believed, under the secret direction or at least, assent of the Turkish government. So peculiar is the position of Turkey as a buffer between the great powers that even these hideous massacres have not given sufficient cause for the destruction of that monstrous iniquity called the Ottoman Empire. It is reasonable to suppose that by the end of this coming year, there will be either some great reforms in Turkey, or the Sultan and his "court" will be looking for a job.

This continent has passed through an election year. The Canadian elections which were postponed, on one account and another, finally came off on the 23rd of June, and after 18 years of Conservative rule the management of matters political has gone into the hands of the Liberals. A short session of parliament was held. Nothing of importance was done save passing the estimates, and the politicians are anxiously looking for the coming session when the mettle of the new administration will be seriously tested. The settlement of the Manitoba School Question appears to give pretty general satisfaction excepting to those who have determined that they will not be satisfied until separate schools are re-established in the prairie province. What definite action the dissatisfied element will take is not yet made known to the public.

In the United States there has been held during the year an election, one of the most significant in the history of the republic. The result has been a victory, but not an overwhelming victory for the Republicans. In fact the surprise is not that McKinley was elected, but that his opponent secured such an immense vote.

In purely local matters there has happened nothing very eventful during 1896. There was the usual good harvest, which we have come to take almost as a matter of course, and yet which if it once failed us, would make us cry in real earnest "hard times."

This section of the country with the country generally, has undergone to a certain extent, financial depression a result no doubt arising to a degree from the unsettled conditions of a proposed alteration of the tariff, and also by reason of the depression existing

across the boundary line. There was everything in the way of good weather to make a good Christmas trade, but the complaint is general that money is tight, hard to get a hold of, and held closely by those in possession. In the town, we have completed the sewer system as far as the expenditure of some \$20,000 will make it complete. The past has been the first year under the new arrangement of six councillors, instead of ten, representing the town at large, the ward system, nominally, at all events being done away with.

Christmas Day.

For a week before Xmas the weather was cold and wintry. There was good sleighing, and the days and nights were frosty and clear. Everything was favorable to a large trade, and the merchants generally had a satisfactory patronage, although money was very scarce. Christmas Day itself was a model day for the visit of Santa Claus. It was cold and bright and the children's patron saint found every use for his big fur coat, cap and mittens. There were many happy gatherings among the families in the town and vicinity, friends and relatives coming from distant points to spend the holiday with their own.

Services were held in about all the churches in town and most of them were decorated appropriately for the season.

ST. GERTRUDE'S CHURCH.

The Christmas services at St. Gertrude's church were exceptionally fine. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Chapman at 8.30 and 10.30 a. m. At the latter hour the instruction was very impressive, while the singing, especially the solo parts, rendered by Miss Chapman, Miss Troy, Mrs. Werner and Mrs. Grenville James, Mr. T. McAffrey, O. Kelly and A. Werner in its solemn grandeur was most affecting. The new organist, Mr. T. L. McRae, who officiated for the first time, performed his part well. At vespers, too, the singing was much above the ordinary, owing, no doubt, to the splendid music provided by Mrs. James. Never before, it is safe to say, were such grand and solemn strains heard in St. Gertrude's. Mrs. James seems to be a finished musician. The decorations, confined entirely to the sanctuary, were not elaborate, but very tasteful. Natural flowers were prominent upon the altar, and gave it a very rich appearance. The Crib was the finest yet seen in the church.

ANGLICAN CHURCHES.

The parish church was prettily decorated for the Christmas services, with evergreens and flowers. Holy communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock in the morning by the Archdeacon. At 9 o'clock Rev. Mr. Belliss celebrated communion at St. Peter's, Jacksonville. St. Luke's church was beautifully adorned with evergreens, bright texts and floral offerings. Service was held at 11 o'clock, there being a large congregation. The music was rendered by a full surplice choir and was very hearty. The professional hymn was "Oh! Come all ye Faithful." Other hymns were "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "While Shepherds Watched their Flock's by Night." An anthem "Break Forth" was well given, the sopranos and basses taking solos during its rendering. Mr. H. W. Bourne presided at the organ. The Archdeacon preached an appropriate Christmas sermon.

FREE BAPTIST.

This church was ornately adorned with evergreens and red berries and looked very pretty. Prayer meeting was held on Christmas Day. The special Christmas services were held on Sunday, the sermons being appropriate to the season. The Sunday previous, a special collection for the poor was taken up, where about \$30.00 was realized. It was distributed among the poor of the congregation. On Christmas the organists of the church were remembered in a suitable manner, their services being highly appreciated by the congregation.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Special services were held in this church on Christmas morning and also on Sunday. Rev. Dr. Chapman preached suitable Christmas services and on Sunday evening, there was a large congregation. Miss Mable Jewett who has been studying music, with much success in Toronto, sang a solo which is given in the list below. As she has already won a fine reputation as a soloist, the congregation looked for something more than the ordinary and they were in no way disappointed. Miss Jewett is a songstress of rare ability, and with a voice of great sweetness. Below is the list of music:

Morning.—Hymn 142—Glory to God in the Highest; Anthem—Hark the Herald Angels Sing; Hymn 141—It came upon the midnight clear; Anthem—Shout the Glad Tidings; Hymn 140—Mortal Awake with Angels Join.

Evening.—Angels from the realms of glory; Solo—Fear thou Not oh Israel, Miss Mable Jewett; Hymn 146—Brightest and Best; Anthem—Exulting Angels; Hymn 144—Come thou long expected Jesus.

THEY WORKED WELL.

THE WOODWORKING FACTORY IS MUCH INJURED.

How it Originated.—Getting Ready to Close for the Winter.—Alarm Given in Good Time and Brigade Bravely Respond.—Loss Covered by Insurance.

An alarm of fire rang out about a quarter of ten yesterday morning, and people looking towards the north west from down town saw smoke rising to the sky. It was soon found out that the woodworking factory of R. K. Jones was on fire, and that there was great danger of the large building being burned to the ground. Mr. W. P. Jones manager of the factory told THE DISPATCH that the fire originated in the engine room. Men were at work blowing the water out of the boiler preparatory to closing down for the winter. The smoke stack took fire. As soon as Mr. Jones was told this he gave the alarm. In the meanwhile it was found that the smoke stack had ignited the wood around it. The firemen arrived quickly on the scene, and headed by Chief Dibblee worked with energy and to such good effect that they confined the fire to the engine and boiler building. Many hands were at work carrying out lumber in case the fire spread further. The damage is mainly to the boiler and smoke stack, some lumber is destroyed and the entire building is badly gutted. Mr. Jones had \$3000 on the whole establishment.

New Year Dinner.

Mr. C. J. Tabor, proprietor of the Carlisle Hotel, is making special preparations for a New Year dinner. The menu printed below will furnish every one with an idea of the choice things they may expect if they patronize the Carlisle on Friday. It will be a first class opportunity to test the catering qualities of the new proprietor. Below is the bill of fare:

Oysters on the deep shell, a la Lemon.
Mock Turtle aux Fells.
Consomme a Royal, a la Carlisle.
Fillet of Salmon, Sauce Bernaise.
Cusk a la Tartare.
Olives, French Sala. Tomato. Mushrooms.
Mixed Pickles. Chetna Sauce.
Lobster Salad.
Sweet Breads, a la Milanaise.
Partridge served in the nest.
Little Canadian Pigs in blankets.
Rabbit Pot Pie, a la Fraucalise.
Mushroom au Gratine.
Boiled Plymouth Rock Chicken.
Maitre de Hotel Sauce.
Boiled Ferris Ham and Jelly.
Roast Sirloin of Beef au Vent.
Prime Ribs of Veal, Potato a la Royal,
Dressed Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
Mallard Duck, Sauce Borelaise.
Cream Potatoes. French Potatoes.
Hubbard Squash. Stewed Tomato.
French Peas.
English Plum Pudding.
Cocoanut Pudding, a la Carlisle.
Apple Pie. Mince Pie. Custard Pie.
Lemon Pie. Peach Pie.
Frozen Chocolate Cream Custard.
Lemon Snow Jelly.
Coffee. Cream.

Liberals or Organize.

There was a meeting last week in St. John's of that portion of the maritime executive of the Liberal party of Canada representing New Brunswick, and the members of the provincial executive. The object of the gathering was to perfect a provincial organization.

Hon. H. R. Emerson of Dorchester, the vice-president for the province, was in the chair, and H. A. McKeown performed the secretary's work. The organization will be known as the Liberal Association for the Province of New Brunswick. The following officers were elected: President, Hon. G. G. King, Chipman; 1st vice-president, Richard O'Brien, St. John; 2nd vice-president, Dr. N. R. Colter, Woodstock; 3rd vice-president, P. J. Veniot, M. P. P., Bathurst; treasurer, C. A. Stockton, St. John; secretary, C. F. Milligan, St. John. The executive committee consists of the above gentleman and Kilgour Shives of Restigouche, E. Turgeon of Gloucester, Geo. Watt of Northumberland, James Barnes, M. P. P., of Kent, J. H. Dickson of Albert, W. F. George of Westmorland, J. T. Hawke of Moncton, Hon. A. T. Dunn of St. John, Geo. McAvity of the city of St. John, J. S. Clark of Charlotte, Dr. Geo. L. Taylor of Kings, Hon. L. P. Farris of Queens, Chas. Burpee of Sunbury, Hon. F. P. Thompson of York, E. H. Allen of Fredericton, Wm. Drysdale of Carleton, J. E. Porter, M. P. P. of Victoria, and J. A. Bernier of Madawaska.

Departing Boarder.—I'm sorry we couldn't get along, but I hope you are willing to let bygones be bygones. Landlady.—Does that include your board bill, Mr. Jones?—Boston Courier.