

LOCAL TOPICS.

HENRY BOURNE, is laid up at his home, suffering from an attack of erysipilas.

KENT PARISH S. S. Convention session will be held at Bath, on Thursday the 30th inst.

FOR quality and richness of flavor "REIN-DEER" Chewing Tobacco has no equal. Sold only by T. H. Fleming.

REV. GEO. T. HARTLEY held religious services in the county jail on Sunday the 19th. Six of the inmates attended gladly.

NEXT week THE DISPATCH will publish the paper read by Mr. David Hamilton before the Teachers' Institute, the subject "Current Events."

JAS. GALLAGHER who had been laid up in the house with rheumatism for a couple of months, is able to be out again, though not yet fully recovered.

JAMES H. KNIGHT a brother-in-law of Saml. Parsons, and who was one time a resident of Woodstock, now living in Denver, expects to go to Alaska in the spring.

MRS. R. B. JONES returned on Saturday evening from St. John, where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. W. W. Hammond, who has been very ill, and is not yet out of danger.

THE North British and Mercantile, The British North American and National Assurance Companies, for which companies J. N. W. Winslow is agent furnish some excellent calendars this year.

THE ST. ANDREWS BEACON says:—The Woodstock Dispatch recently issued a highly creditable boom edition of Woodstock. It was adorned with portraits of the "city fathers" and cuts of many of the leading establishments. The letter press, it is quite necessary to state, was above the average.

SERVICES at the A. M. E. Church, Dr. Bynum. Sabbath morning at 10.45 class meeting. At 3 o'clock preaching subject From Right Hand to Heaven from the Left Hand to the Lake of Fire. At 7.30 preaching subject, How should we begin the duty of 1898. Watchnight services from 9.30 to 12 p. m.

THREE YOUNG MEN named Davis, McCarthy and O'Brien were arrested on the charge of having broken into a store and stolen goods, at Canterbury station. Before Police Magistrate Marsh, Fredericton, they pleaded guilty, and were sentenced, McCarthy and O'Brien to four, and Davis to two years in the Dorchester penitentiary.

J. H. PARKHILL, who represents the Maritime Wrapper Co. in Ontario, was in Woodstock last week. Mr. Parkhill says he finds the output of this factory is superior in quality and finish to that of any factory he knows in Canada or the United States. He is making good sales. The outlook for the coming season is bright.

AROSTOOK is a trifle frost-bitten on potatoes. She refused to sell on the supposition that no potatoes were to be had elsewhere, and placed her prices very high. But the west and the Provinces have potatoes to sell and \$1.25 to \$1.35 is about all the Maine potato county can realize on its tubers. To know just when to sell and when to buy—that is wisdom.—[Bridgeton News.]

ON THURSDAY LAST Mr. G. A. Taylor of the Merchant's Bank received word of the death, in Boston, of Mrs. Taylor's sister, Miss Maude Smith of Halifax. The sad news was entirely unlooked for, and is a severe grief to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. The cause of death was pneumonia. Miss Smith was well known in Woodstock. It is only a little over a year ago since she visited her sister here.

THE funeral of the late George Dent took place on Thursday afternoon last. A number of friends and citizens were present. A service was said at the house by Archdeacon Neales. The procession then formed and went to the cemetery, where the usual service was said. The pall bearers were Messrs. George Lee, H. V. Moores, Jas. Hamilton, and H. N. Payson. Major Hartley of Florenceville, a relative of the deceased came down to attend the funeral.

POTATOES are selling for \$1.25 to \$1.35 per barrel greatly to the surprise of the farmers, who expected that the price would advance instead of decrease. They are scratching their heads and wondering what the future will be. The potato business is full of surprises and difficult to understand, but the man that sold his crop as they were dug in the fall for \$1.80 to \$1.95 is the one that has made the money and saved himself lots of hard work.—Pioneer.

AT ABOUT 8 o'clock Wednesday morning last police circles were startled by the report that several prisoners at the jail had made a bold and sudden dash for liberty. They were wheeling stone into the work yard for material on which they could keep their muscles hardened during the day. When the guard's back was turned three of them made a break for liberty. The alarm was quickly given, the sheriff and a posse of deputies and several hounds gave chase. They were captured at Porter Settlement by noon.—Houlton Times.

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THE
DISPATCH
PRINTERY.

THE County Council of Carleton will meet on the 11th of January.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the town council will be held on Thursday (tomorrow) evening, when the business of the year will be wound up.

WHEN you buy a 10c. plug of the famous "REINDEER" Chewing Tobacco be sure you get genuine. Sold only by T. H. Fleming.

HARD TO BEAT.—Dickinson Bros. thrashed for Squire D. Davis 300 bushels of oats in six hours and five minutes, with a Little Giant thrasher manufactured by Small & Fisher, Woodstock, N. B.

THE annual meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association of New Brunswick will be held at Fredericton on the 15th, 16th and 17th February, and the New Brunswick Good Roads Association on the 17th and 18th.

MISSSES TOMPKINS & WOLVERTON's entire stock, of hats and trimmings is now selling at greatly reduced prices to make room for spring stock, some wonderful bargains in first class goods. Call and see them. Main St. Woodstock.

DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK W. B. Jewett received an order from Boston for a piece of sterling ware. The purchaser saw Mr. Jewett's advertisement in THE DISPATCH. This shows the value of advertising in a first class paper.

THE DISPATCH has received a communication from R. H. Seaborn, commonly known as "Bob." He is at the Soldiers' Home in Togus Me., and writes to congratulate this paper on its holiday supplement, while Bob says is judging "more than fine," from a copy of the Christmas menu and concert, the old soldiers at Togus must have had a good time.

PROMINENT amongst the events of the year passing away is the enormous achievement made by the *Family Herald and Weekly Star*, Montreal. This great weekly paper surprises the whole world by its success. The *Family Herald and Weekly Star* now gladdens the homes of five hundred thousand people. Well may Canadians be proud of it.

MRS. HARVEY wife of the Rev. Joseph Harvey Centreville who has been in delicate health for a year or two had a hard fall at her home on Friday morning last. Her head was badly cut and she was rendered unconscious. She died on Monday morning without having regained consciousness. Mrs. Harvey was the mother of James Harvey of this town.

THE WOODSTOCK DAIRY ASSOCIATION will meet in Cedar Hill school house on Monday evening next. The subject for discussion will be: Resolved that the farmers of Carleton Co. should raise their supply of wheat, rather than import flour. As this is a vital question it is hoped there will be a large attendance. Everyone who wishes to attend will be welcomed.

Lord Brassey writes in the American Monthly Review of Reviews an interesting account of the present condition of the British navy. The Review publishes Assistant Secretary Roosevelt's comments on this article, together with an instructive summary of the last annual report of the United States navy and a review of Captain Mahan's new book, "The Interest of America in Sea-Power."

HENRIETTA GITCHILL & Co. have just completed their new mill at Baird's mills, boundary line, and it is equipped with the latest machinery. The capacity of the mill is 600 bushels per day. Their Centreville mill is now running night and day, the capacity being the same as the new mill. These mills are in competent hands under the management of Mr. W. E. Magill, who resides at Centreville.

A CORRESPONDENT to the Hartland Advertiser urges the formation of a Board of Trade in that village. He says he can remember when the difference in the carload rates of certain class freight between St. John and Woodstock and St. John and Hartland was only three cents per 100 lbs, while now the Woodstock man gets the same freight 6 cents per 100 lbs less than the Hartlander, this means \$12.00 on a carload of 10 tons.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—The usual meetings for prayer will be held in the different churches during the week beginning January 2nd. The following is the order with the subject for each evening, Monday, Adventist Confession and Thanksgiving; Tuesday, Presbyterian, The Church Universal; Wednesday, F. C. Baptist, Nations and Their Rulers; Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the A. M. E. church, Thursday evening in the Reformed Baptist, Families and Schools; Friday, Methodist, Foreign Missions; Saturday, Baptist Home Missions. Services will begin at 7.30 each evening.

JOHN CONNOR, St. John; Wm. Richards, of Boiestown; William T. Drysdale, of Woodstock; Hon. John Costigan, Ottawa; F. P. Killen, of New York, railroad contractor; F. Austin Reed, of New York, hotel proprietor, and Edward A. Greene, of New York, consulting engineer, is the composition of "The St. John Trading Company, Ltd." applying to the Dominion Parliament for incorporation with a capital of \$40,000, and headquarters at Ottawa, to carry on the business of general traders. THE DISPATCH interviewed Mr. Drysdale as to further details concerning the company and was informed that he did not feel authorized to say anything further than the notice set forth at present.

It is reported that the gold fever has struck Southampton York Co and eight men, under the direction of Mr. Brittain of Woodstock are digging for gold and other valuable minerals on a ledge of the farm of Geo W Brown at Southampton Front. Some time ago Mr. Brown while in Woodstock, drew Mr. Brittain's attention to what he thought were "freaks of lightning" about parts of his farm. Mr. Brittain soon afterwards visited the place, and within a few days following secured a mining license. He proceeded to work last week, and since Friday or Saturday claims to have taken out ore showing richness in gold, and other valuable minerals. Mr. Brown who is also a valuable mill owner, is to at once take the machinery from his mill and bring it into service in crushing the ore.

ONE NIGHT last week a C. P. R. passenger car on a siding at Presque Isle caught fire and was pretty badly burned. The car belonged to the accommodation train and had only arrived a short time before. The fire was probably caused by some defect in the heating apparatus.

COMPLAINTS are sometimes made of the delay in parcels getting through the custom house. An official writing to the Woodstock collector from St. John that "there are 100 packages to distribute and I don't know when we will get through." Delays at Xmas times are unavoidable.

MARRIED.

DICKENSON-WRIGHT.—At the residence of the bride's father, Howard Wright, by Rev. J. W. S. Young, Harvey W. Dickenson and Clara Wright, both of Canterbury.

TAPLEY-GRAY.—At the home of the bride's sister, Bath, on the 22nd Dec., by Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, James A. Tapley to Miss Clara M. Gray.

DIED.

NEVERS.—At Southampton, on the 21st inst., Ann Nevers, aged 82 years, wife of the late George Nevers. Two daughters, and one son, John Nevers, of Brainard, U. S., survive.

Never Saw Clearly Before.

HARTLAND, N. B., SEPT. 10 1897.
MR. W. B. JEWETT.—It affords me pleasure to state that the glasses you fitted for me give perfect and complete satisfaction. Owing to the peculiar imperfection of my vision, I have heretofore been unable to get glasses to fit, so I can say, I never saw clearly until I got the glasses from you.

FRED H. STEVENS,
Editor Hartland Advertiser.

Announcement.

After January the 1st I will change my system of doing business, put away all books sell for cash. I am thoroughly convinced that it will be more profitable for my customers as well as for myself. I will buy and sell for cash, keep down expenses and give my customers such good values that they will find it to their advantage to pay cash and deal with me as in the past.

J. FRED DICKINSON.

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A house on Main street. Apply to W. S. SKILLEN, Woodstock.

FOR SALE.

A few first class pungs for sale. These are made in the finest manner out of best stock.

W. S. SKILLEN, Woodstock.

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House and Barn with water and sewerage, 4 acre of land and orchard, within 7 minutes walk of Creek Bridge.

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Dec. 22nd., 1897.

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PART I.—Solos by leading Lady Artists of Woodstock, Songs, Sketches and Dances.

PART II.—The Dream Scene, from the well known Drama "The Belis," by Leopold Lewis.

Reserved seats 35c.; General Admission 25c.; Children 15c.

Concert at 8.30, local time.

Climbing Nearer
To
Christmas Chimes.

Holiday preparations are well afoot. Have you got that present for that Lady yet? Haven't decided what to get perhaps.

There could be nothing that you could give her that would give more pleasure than A BOTTLE OF PERFUME—a nice bottle, the kind we are showing; not too fancy a bottle, but the value mostly in the Perfume; that's the kind to buy. Pretty fancy bottles if you want them.

You could give her a Pair of Beautiful Ebony Back Hair Brushes, Very Finest Bristles, guaranteed best quality. Also, White and Brown Backs, all Superior Quality.

Come and have a look at them.

GARDEN BROS.

THE DRUGGISTS.

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Which will carry joy to the hearts of the happy recipients (particularly if they are of the male sex). COME TO US see the immense array which we have provided to meet your requirements, and which are being sold at prices that unite Luxury with economy. Clothing, Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear—we might say about anything in Men's or Boys' Wearing Apparel (except Boots and Shoes) can be found here in abundance. Also, a most attractive enticing Exhibit of Neck Ties, especially selected for Holiday Trade. Latest Styles—prices that will please you.

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Don't fail to see our SPECIALTY, the Storm King Under-Shirt (weight 24 ounces). The Blizzard, (Double back and front) made from Pure Wool, only \$2.25 per suit. We also have the cheaper grades from 80c. per suit up—warm and good.

RIGBY-PROOFED BLOUSE JACKETS, warranted to keep you dry in in the heaviest storm.

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