

DECEMBER 1, 1897.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

BIGGAR RIDGE.

Our Sunday School has closed for the season. All along throughout the last summer term, the attendance was remarkably good, regular and punctual. The work, both of teachers and pupils was very successfully carried on, and will, no doubt, bear good fruit. Alfred Biggar, the zealous and laborious superintendent, expresses himself as highly pleased with the progress made in Bible studies by the young.

Rev. Mr. Calder, (Baptist) preached here two weeks ago. His discourse made a deep and lasting impression.

George Brooks and crew have gone to North Branch with all lumbering paraphernalia to wage an exterminating crusade against the monarchs of the forest, and will, no doubt, carry out their programme most successfully. The Biggar Brothers with followers have gone on a similar road to destruction—(of trees of course), to be followed by the Somerville and Dow contingents on the same laudable mission.

Ashley Hayden has returned from the pine tree State, having evidently made up his mind that "there's no place like home." Klondyke, however, looms on the horizon verge of his sanguine imagination; but, let me whisper a word in your ear—"Don't be in a hurry to go, boys."

Justice McKay has returned from wandering, like a certain old gentleman, on the face of the earth, and will now turn his attention to lumbering operations, at which he is an expert.

John Biggar, *non est inventus*, having gone to West Glassville, on a threshing mission. As there are other threshing machines in that delectable quarter, it seems that quite a threshing revival has been got up.

The friends of Miss Douglas, a late teacher here, deeply sympathize with her in her late bereavement, and are glad she has returned to Northfield.

B. G. Manning has just arrived at Huggard Grange from abroad.

Crowds on crowds of lumbermen and herds on herds of cattle are daily passing over the Ridge to the lumber camps. If things go on much longer in this style, there will, very shortly, not be left a bull, cow, steer or heifer in Aberdeen.

There are vague rumors of wedding bells afloat. Asa Brooks of North Ridge, lately butchered a pig, six months old, which weighed 231 lbs. He should have been at the late meeting of the F. & D. A. to assist in the debate on the question—"How shall we best improve our farm stock?"

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Scovil, Sen., of Beaufort, is recovering from her protracted weakness, and may soon be expected to be around again, in her usual health.

GLASSVILLE.

We are glad to observe from western papers—"Lower City Topics," "Fargo Forum and Daily Republican," and a "Fargo Sunday Argus," that Miss Ida Mackenzie daughter of the late Murdoch Mackenzie of East Glassville, is winning golden opinions from all in her adopted country, and distinguishing herself in journalistic work. She has become both a capable and popular newspaper writer; and whenever of late she has been heard, especially on the staff of "The Hunter Herald." She is now at Fargo, and takes charge of "The Topics," during the temporary absence of Editor Tonsley, and there is every reason to believe, that subscribers will not regret the temporary change. All the young lady's friends here rejoice unfeignedly in her good fortune, and wish her every success in the future.

At a late meeting of Directors of Aberdeen Agricultural Society, the treasurer's financial report for past year was submitted, scrutinized and sustained. Revenue for past year was found to amount to \$1150.44. Expenditure, \$1060.39. Balance left on hand, \$90.05. Seeds on hand valued at \$22.50. Implements on hand valued at \$57.15. Highly prosperous!

ANDOVER.

Another Gospel Union Temperance Meeting is being arranged by the ministers of Andover. The last meeting was a success, it was well attended and much interest was manifested. The speakers were Rev. Mr. Estey, (Methodist), Senator Geo. T. Baird, our two local representatives, Mr. A. J. Beveridge, and Mr. James Porter, Rev. Mr. Worden, (Baptist), and Rev. Mr. Gratz, (Presbyterian), who occupied the chair also spoke a few minutes at the close. The speeches were interspersed by appropriate selections from the Gospel Hymns. The collection taken was to defray the expenses for the hall and to distribute temperance literature. This next temperance meeting will be held in Beveridge's Hall, on Monday evening, Dec. 6th, at 7.30 o'clock, and will be arranged on the same plan as before. Already we have the promise of several choice selections.

Hartgrove and Snider who were held in jail for robbing the German peddlers on Tobique road have both been released on bail.

A number of our young men came home sick of typhoid fever from McNair's camp on Trouser lake on the Tobique. They report much sickness

this season, there are several cases of both typhoid fever and German measles. Why is this? Should the camps be inspected by the health officer?

Will Andover have a water system? Perth has one but the pipes are too small. Besides that it is comparatively easy to supply Perth with water. It is compact and lies under the brow of a hill on the top of which is a splendid spring. With Andover it is different, the village is much scattered and there is no large supply of spring water handy having a sufficient elevation. Besides the water works that have been put in by private parties have proved a failure in that during several months of last winter when they were most needed they were frozen up. Nor did they thaw out till late in June. However something should be done, our village is growing and now boasts of some very fine residences, stores and public buildings. In case an unlucky spark should fall we would be unable to cope with the flames. A public meeting was called in Beveridge's Hall Saturday evening, Nov. 27th the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the problem of a water supply.

JOHNVILLE.

John McLaughlin has been quite ill, but is somewhat improving.

Wm. Boyd has gone to New Hampshire to spend the winter in the lumber woods.

P. Corbett visited Woodstock last week.

Messrs. Leonard and Colton passed through here a few days ago en route for Miramichi, where they intend lumbering this winter.

Many of our smart young men accompanied them.

James Campbell who has the past year been engaged in erecting a large and commodious dwelling house, moved his family into it last week. This imposing structure adds greatly to the features of his farm.

The roads are in a very bad condition at present. Some of our farmers found it quite difficult to learn their horses to skate.

The many friends of W. Cullin are pleased to hear of his return from the lumber woods.

Timothy Connors arrived home from Ashland last week.

SISSON RIDGE.

Thanksgiving day has come again, and we hope the people of Tobique will all be grateful for the many blessings which have been bestowed on them this present year. A Thanksgiving service was held today in the school house, Mr. Millin officiating. Also, evening meetings have been held here for the past few days, and we hope Mr. Millin's service will be appreciated by the community.

We have been having very disagreeable weather lately, and many people are complaining of its effects. Mrs. Miles Lewis, Mr. Joshua Wark, and Mrs. Matthew Briggs, were among the ones afflicted with the cold epidemic, but they seem to have recovered again.

Mrs. Douglas Gibson has moved into the house of Mr. Sisson for the winter. Mrs. Gibson's little girl Maggie has been ill for a few days with cold.

Several of our men have taken their departure for the lumber woods, among whom, are Harvey Sisson, Thomas and Nicholas Briggs. Richard Sisson arrived home a few days ago, after spending some time in the woods on the upper St. John.

Everybody seems to be trying to make themselves comfortable this winter, several people are having portions of their houses plastered.

James Gallop of this place intends going in the woods soon. The boys are expecting an entertainment before his departure, but their hopes seem to have been dispelled, whatever may be the reason?

There is talk at present of building a Baptist church in this place. We hope they will proceed with their endeavours and that the church will be a benefit to the surrounding district.

Miss Kingsbury of Fort Fairfield is spending a few days in this place the guest of her cousins the Misses Brown and Berry.

We are having a light sprinkle of snow here this evening and we know everybody would be glad to see enough come for good sledding.

We notice as we call at the office, that our worthy post master is cultivating a beard. We may assure you of prospects of a cold winter, when as is said in Evangeline, the fur is thick on the foxes.

MAPLE VIEW.

On Saturday, Geo. A. Fullerton, Esq., went to the woods with a crew of men. He intends lumbering on Gulgucac this winter.

Albert Berry has been very ill for some weeks, we are glad to know he is getting better.

Frank Whitehead paid us a flying visit last week. He put up at Mr. Sadler's.

Messrs. Shaw & Perkins spent Sunday (14th) at Sisson Ridge.

Sadler Bros. went down river last Monday. They expect to be away some time pressing hay.

Fred Phillipine is in their employ.

An enjoyable evening was spent Friday, when a number of young people surprised Mr. Wm. Flanders, an old gentleman who lives alone with the exception of his little girl.

Misses MacCreedy and Johnston of Foster Cove and Miss Flanders of this place took tea with Miss Nellie Sadler the 21st.

One of our young ladies, taking advantage of the good roads, once in a while was a "gallup" instead of a drive.

CANTERBURY STATION.

Mrs. James Gould who has been sick for some time is able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lundon and family are visiting friends at Woodstock.

Safe crackers again visited our village last Sunday night this time making a raid on James Gould's store. Although they did considerable damage to the safe they were unable to get it open and were at last forced to leave without the much coveted spoil.

Mr. Mitchell teacher of the principle department of our school spent Thanksgiving at Woodstock.

Warrie Law has been visiting his parents for a few days.

Skating on the Solomon Lake is very good and the young people are enjoying it to the fullest extent.

Mr. Tennant our popular station agent is visiting his home at Fredericton.

Lorne Grant who has been away on a business trip returned home last night.

Mrs. James H. Carr is quite ill but we hope it is nothing serious and that in a few days she will be out again.

Dr. A. D. Coburn left for his home at Keswick Saturday he will be absent for about a week.

MIDDLE SIMONDS.

Not having seen any items from this village for some time we thought a few lines from us would not be amiss. Simonds still holds its notoriety. As three of its young men were returning from Woodstock last week, they were stopped by the Sheriff as being suspected of the parties who robbed Mr. Balloch's store at Centerville. "It don't do boys to be out all night." We write this to give the public warning as to the style of the inhabitants of this place. Now that the travelling public may know when they reach this place we will give them its boundaries as nearly correct as possible. Its northern extremity is Uncle Jerry's upper line,

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Our mail carrier, Horace Shaw, who was thrown from this wagon and severely hurt one night last week, is rapidly recovering.

This community was shocked recently, by the sad news of the death of Mrs. Wm. Ebbett, at the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton. The deceased was formerly a resident of this place.

Willmot and Judson Rideout are busily engaged with their new Moody thresher, they have this season already turned out 12,000 bus. of grain in excellent style.

Master Herbert, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Raymond, is rapidly recovering from his recent illness.

Miss Maud Christian left for Boston the 22nd to spend the winter.

Miss Mina Rideout is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Parent, at Upper Quarry, York Co.

Miss Maud Foster is attending grammar school at Woodstock.

Miss Lottie Wilson, who spent the summer in this place, has returned to her home in Lakeville.

Miss Kate Waugh intends spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Edmund Ebbett.

Mrs. Allison Shaw intends taking a course of music at the Simonds conservatory in the near future.

JACKSONTOWN.

Mrs. R. Alexander is still lying in a very critical condition, but it is to be hoped her life will be spared for many years to come.

We regret to announce the fact that our esteemed teacher Miss Bessie Taylor does not intend remaining another term.

Mrs. Koefe who has been ill with consumption is not expected to live.

Miss Della Hannah is learning the dressmaking trade at Jacksonville.

Dr. E. C. Secord of Norton, Kings Co., is attending her sister Mrs. Richard Alexander.

BRISTOL.

A heavy rain on Saturday took the snow all off and cleared the river of ice for a couple of days. Since the weather has been colder and the ice has formed again. The water has risen considerably since the rain.

Dr. Colter P. O. Inspector made an official visit to the Bristol office on Saturday.

Blanchard Phillips, who with some others was hunting in the Miramichi lumberwoods last week captured a fine large caribou, which weighed when dressed about 900lbs. The head is very handsome having horns about 30 inches from tip to tip. Oshnell Merritt and Roberts Hatheway he has gone on a cruise in the same locality.

Dr. J. E. Jewett was in Bristol a day or two last week.

Miss Burnice Shea, Woodstock, has been visiting Mrs. A. W. Phillips.

Thanksgiving was very quietly observed in Bristol, the only indications of it being that the schools were closed and the teachers took a trip to their homes.

The scholars are practicing for a Christmas concert. It is always proposed to have a Christmas tree as part of the entertainment. The members of the Union Sunday school have this affair in hand.

W. A. Sherwood, who formerly carried on business here, has removed from the village.

Joseph Curtis and a crew of about 30 men went to the woods on Monday for the winter's operation.

HARTLAND.

Sawyer's mill closed down on Saturday, Nov. 20th, after a very successful summer. About fifty men were employed. All the lumber in the stream has not been cut, and there is probably enough to last several months. The cut for this season was about six million.

Thanksgiving was duly observed. Rev. Mr. Ross preached an excellent sermon from the text:—What shall I render to my God for all his benefits toward me, Ps. 116:12. In the evening, Rev. J. B. Daggett had service in the F. C. B. church.

The R. Baptists had a continuous service from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

E. Alexander has been to St. John in the interests of the O. R. T. He returned home on Thursday. Jack Dow has been acting as agent during his absence.

The river is full of ice and crossing dangerous. However Mr. Bover has a bateau in which he will convey all who wish to cross, but we need and want a bridge.

We learn that a rumor was out that Hartland had been burned one night last week. A gentleman from this village was much alarmed on hearing this in Woodstock, but was comforted on learning it was not so. While we dread the thought of a fire, yet we rejoice in the fact that our system of waterworks is as good and our hose company as efficient as in any village of its size.

PERTH CENTRE.

Court Perth Centre I. O. F. gave a basket social in their hall on Friday evening last and though the roads were wild yet a large party of young people attended. After the baskets were sold the deck was cleared, the orchestra of three pieces proceeded to supply some good music and the meeting was declared open for a dance.

Among the foreigners present were Howard Murchie, W. V. Moore and Mr. McKenzie of St. Stephen.

St. L. Green's new store which is about ready for him is a credit to the owner and to Perth Centre. It is large well built, well painted and has plenty of light through large plate glass windows.

Charles Parker of Woodstock did the painting as he did also on Sam Lovely's new building opposite the station.

The language of the people is no trifle. The national mind is reflected in the national speech. If the way in which men express their thoughts is slipshod and mean, it will be very difficult for their thoughts themselves to escape being the same. If it is high-flown and bombastic, a character for national simplicity and truthfulness cannot long be maintained.

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