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PRICE TWO CENTS.

OUR THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREETING.

This is the third time we have had the pleasure of extending to our many patrons a "Merry Christmas," and thanking them for their very liberal patronage.

Only two days until Christmas. What a world of getting ready there is to do. This store will be a great help to those who want presents for Father, Brother, or young man. Let us suggest a few presents that are acceptable to any man at any time:

One of our Men's or Boys' Ready-to-wear Suits.

One of our Men's or Boys' Ulsters or Overcoats.

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Puffs, Flowing Ends, Bows, Four-in-hand and String Ties, popular prices, 23 34, 48, 60, 75.

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Cream of Wheat,

Good for All Purposes.

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Choice Pastry Flours.

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Men Who Study

To Dress Correctly

Probably know that fashion has decreed a number of changes in Men's Garments for the winter of 1897-98. As Shakespeare said; "The apparel out proclaims the man," and it is indeed true that a man is often judged by the clothes he wears. Men who wear my clothes are not only well dressed, but are always dressed in good form. My stock of

Fall and Winter Cloths

is large, varied and excellent. Come in and look it over. Look at the fashion plates and see what you want. I can satisfy you. That is my business.

W. B. NICHOLSON.

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FOR SALE.

A few first class pungs for sale. These are made in the finest manner out of best stock.
W. S. SKILLEN, Woodstock.

NOTICE

is hereby given to the public that I have given my Son James H. Brown his time during his minority. From this date I shall claim none of his earnings nor pay any debts of his contracting.

JOSHUA C. BROWN,
Sisson Ridge Nov. 1st, 1897.

WORK FOR PRISONERS.

County Council Should Consider Gaol Reform.

Some Facts and Figures as to the Present Arrangement.—Let the Council Appoint a Competent Committee to Investigate the Whole System.

Something should be done by way of changing our present mode of dealing with prisoners in the county gaol.

The county council will meet early in the month, and then they might take this question in hand.

There are a large number of able bodied criminals and offenders in gaol every year. The county is put to a good deal of expense, and derives no benefit from their incarceration. In Houlton the prisoners are made useful. Nor, is this a hardship for the prisoners. Nothing is worse for them than idleness.

A few days ago THE DISPATCH visited the gaol and had a conversation with Mr. Jones the gaoler as to the present conduct of the institution. Mr. Jones has been in charge of the county gaol for a great many years. He has always proved an excellent and competent official, thoroughly reliable, a man in every sense of the word, and real men are not found on every bush. The gaoler, in reply to a question, said that under the present arrangement between the council and himself, he received his house rent, and the ground on which the gaol and court house are situated, some five acres of it being available for use.

"Prior to my coming to the gaol it was rented for \$8.00 a year to the gaoler. When I came the ground was entirely run out. I would not give \$8.00 for it, and the council threw it in. To show in what condition the land was, I may say that I cut the grass, when I first came, over two acres and got 150 lbs of hay. I have bought manure, cultivated the land, bought fruit trees, and set them out, and now I value the land at a rental of about \$25.00 a year. Now besides the land I get \$200 salary, and I am furnished with wood, say six cords. This wood I have to saw up myself. For each prisoner who is taken to gaol I am allowed \$2.00 a week. At present there are seven prisoners."

Mr. Jones then showed THE DISPATCH that during the year beginning 1896, he received for board of prisoners \$392.10.

Is there much chance to get rich on that?

Well! you can see when I give you these statements. For the sake of easy reckoning we will allow that there are four prisoners a week and that the raw material for each prisoner's meals is 10 cts. a day or 70 cts. a week. That would be \$2.80 a week for four prisoners or \$145.60 a year for the raw material. It takes two women in the gaol. The work cannot be done by less. The prisoners have to be waited upon and a good deal of work done that is far from pleasant. One of the woman get \$6.00 a week, made up \$2.00 cash; boarding her son and sending to school \$2.00, her own board \$2.00. Another woman costs, say \$4.00 a week. That is \$10.00 a week for labor, and labor which is necessary and cannot be dispensed with. \$520.00 a year for labor, \$145.00 for raw material makes \$665.00, and I get \$416.00. Where is the great profit there? Now I have to furnish the dishes, and the breakage in this line is equal to \$10 a year anyway. I am not making any complaint, nor saying a word against any councillor, but I must give a denial to the absurd rumor that I am making money out of the gaol. I am more like losing than making any money. I repeat there is no chance to make money out of it. Now here is an item that is supposed to be a great source of profit. I am allowed 50 cents for every bed I fill. Now all I can say about this item is that the work is such that I will not ask my own housekeepers to do it, and have to pay a woman \$1.00 for the job. So there's not a heap of money in that. I get \$1.00 for cleaning the court house, which has to be done regularly seven times a year. I have to get up at sunrise and work till sundown and board myself to earn that dollar. For tending the court and county council I am allowed \$2.00 a day. In the winter time I have to keep the fires going, and to saw the wood used in the entire institution.

Now with regard to my duties I have to give heavy bonds for the faithful performance of my duties. I have to receive the prisoners, make a weekly report to the sheriff and am responsible for the prisoners' safe keeping. For attending examinations I get \$2.00 each examination. There are certain seasons of the year, when I lose money by this. I have to neglect my farm work in order to at-

tend these examinations. There are the prisoners to be waited upon, and the general public who visit the gaol in large numbers. I have to study the character of the prisoners. I am liable to have all kinds, from debtors to murderers, and insane people. I have had to get up in the night and go to a cell and handcuff one man, and frequently have to change prisoners during the night.

In other counties the prisoners are allowed 80 cents a week. Here they are allowed \$2.00 a week, and frequently they complain of the grub at that rate."

Regarding the proposition to make the prisoners work, Mr. Jones seemed to think it was an excellent idea. He had talked to many of the farmer round about and found that they would haul stone, free. All the county would need to do would be to build the yard.

GRAFTON BOY IN KLONDYKE.

Letter From Warren Shea Written From Dawson City.

The following letter appears in the White River Journal, a paper published in Kent, Washington. It was handed to us by Mr. F. E. Shea, train dispatcher, a brother of the writer of the letter:

DAWSON, N. W. T., Sept. 27, 1897

Dear Sister Helen,—I have found out that Chas. was on the trail. Suppose he got the fever. I suppose you are thinking he had better be home, and in one sense he had, but in another, he's all right. He should be here by this time, but I understand by Billie McMahon that they may stop at Steward river. If he does he will miss it, for men are leaving here by the dozen, I might say hundreds, on account of the river being low and steamers are unable to get further than Ft. Yukon, 400 miles below here. People are running wild here to-day, as the Yukon is starting to freeze, and one has either to go up the river to Dyea or down to Ft Yukon in a very short time, or get frozen in with no grub. Flour is selling at \$100 per sack, meat, \$1.50, per lb. everything in proportion. I have 8 sacks of flour, plenty of bacon, beans, rice, oatmeal and sugar, in fact an outfit that will last till June or July next year. I understand that between the three in Charlie's party they have two tons of grub, and of course they will have enough and to spare. It is my opinion that wages will reach \$25. per day this winter. Over one-half of the people will have to go below who are out of grub. Chas. can clean up more this winter than he could in ten years outside. All he want's is grub. See? Dear sister, I miss your good grub, but if you could see me right now; all smiles, with beef-stake, light bread, pie, apple sauce, syrup, everything that's good. Happy, well I should say, never so happy in my life! Good prospects ahead, and you bet Chas. and I will come out of here with a stake. I suppose Chas. has not a pound of meat, but by killing a moose we could go through like a nice. Say, I'm awful glad he coming; for I need a partner. Have had lots of chances to get them, but preferred to go it alone, but don't you go to worrying for as I have a good log house 12 x 14 inside, and a good stove. I could roast a nigger out; it is simply down fine. A cabin like this in the town would rent for \$75. per month. Lots 50 x 60 ft. on the front street are worth \$9,000. Well, you simply can buy nothing with \$100. All business is done with gold dust, every place have their scales. Lots of people here I knew outside. Well Helen, will have to take this down now. The bill of fare for breakfast will be steak, corn meal mush, (with eagle milk and butter), evaporated spuds, coffee and cigarettes on the side.

If Chas. does not come down by boat he can come on the ice. Will write you as soon as he comes. There will be a regular mail this winter by the N. W. M. Police who will be stationed 50 miles apart clear out to the coast. Love to Hubert, Coldie and all enquiring friends. Good bye,
WARREN SHEA.

Death of Mr. Mitchell.

Hon. James Mitchell, solicitor-general, and ex-premier of New Brunswick died at his home in St. Stephen on Thursday night last, after a long illness from cancer. He was a comparatively young man being only between fifty and sixty years of age. He was generally esteemed. The funeral was on Sunday last.

Nearly Cut His Thumb Off.

Benjamin Stickney of Meductic met with a serious accident on Saturday evening. He was engaged in cutting turnips, when he made a miss with his knife and almost completely severed the thumb of his left hand. His wounds were attended to by a doctor and the injured man is doing well.

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FEVER IN LUMBER CAMPS.

Alarming Reports From the Workers on Tobique.

Meductic Man Cuts His Hand Instead of the Turnip.—Death of George Dent After a Long Illness of Three Months Duration.

For some time past there have been rumors of a serious epidemic of typhoid fever among some of the lumber camps on Tobique. A correspondent from Beechwood writes:—

Frank Kearney came home sick with typhoid fever. He has been up in the woods for McNair on Tobique waters. Daniel Dooly of Homesville died on Thursday 16th, inst. He got hurt by a falling limb while working in the woods for McNair and came home and typhoid fever set in. He leaves a wife and six small children.

On Friday, three young men belonging to this parish, Frank Kearney, James Hatheway and Zeph McDougall, came from the same camp, and are reported to be sick with the fever.

Death of George Dent.

After a long illness George Dent died on Monday evening, between eleven and twelve o'clock. There was very little suffering at the last, and he passed quietly away. Mr. Dent was a son of Thos. S. Dent. He was born in Northampton, Eng., coming with his parents to this country when he was quite young. He learned the business of a baker in Woodstock and was in the business some years ago. Then he went away to Minneapolis, but returned again taking up his old trade, which, with his father, he successfully conducted up to the time of his last illness. Mr. Dent married Miss Elizabeth Street. His widow and three children, two girls and a boy survive. Deceased has one sister living in Woodstock, a brother and a sister in Gardner, Me., and a sister in Wisconsin. The news of his death was heard around town with much regret, as he was a good citizen and well liked. He was 37 years old on the 22nd of last February. Mr. Dent was first laid up with his last illness on the 23rd of Sept. The funeral will be tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

Sisson Ridge.

Christmas almost here and everybody on the alert. The children are expecting Santa round again with his reindeers.

Married at Birch Ridge last week by the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, Lucy Lewis of this place, to Robert Sprague of Arthurette. The young couple are residing at present with the bride's mother, Mrs. Millage Lewis of this place.

I regret to report the illness of Dora Tingley and Mrs. Harvey Sisson of this place, and it is hoped they will recover sufficiently to enjoy the Christmas festivities.

John Berryman, who made a short visit to Woodstock, has returned again.

I may say here that the people of this district have been annoyed very much lately by the presence of a man who is reported to be insane, and they would feel greatly relieved if some one would kindly look after this man.

We have had some snow lately, but the rain has dispersed it again, leaving the roads covered with ice.

GREENVILLE.

On Friday of last week, a company of Debec's young people joined by their Greenville friends, spent a very pleasant evening at the residence of Milton Green.

A few of our young men, after tracking a moose for three days had their toil rewarded, by shooting a very fine one.

Mrs. C. Duff who has been visiting her sister Mrs. R. Kennedy for a few months has returned to New York.

Ernest Heal accompanied by one of Elmwood's fair ladies were seen enjoying the sleighing of last week.

The school trustees have engaged the services of our present teacher, M. Lavenia Kennedy, for the coming term.

Mrs. S. H. Carr who has been spending a few weeks with her parents in Springfield, York Co., has returned home accompanied by her sister.

Miss Kate Dalling, from Bellville, has been spending a few days with her friend, Miss Rebecca Guy.

Thomas Lawrence spent an evening in Greenville last week. We are glad to see him in our midst again.

Miss M. Forest spent last week with her sister Mrs. David Kennedy.

The farmers of this vicinity have been much pleased with the work done by Grant Bros.' hay press.

A fine colt which S. Shepherd purchased in Keswick was badly hurt by another horse kicking it in the stable.

George Sanderson of Debec spent Sunday in Greenville.

GO TO BOYER'S for Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Gaiters, Fancy Moccasins, Overshoes and Etc. Goods sold regardless of cost. They must go.

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THE ROLLER RINK will open for the season on Christmas afternoon at one o'clock and will be open in the evening at 7 o'clock. Admission on Christmas day. Gents 15cts ladies 10cts. Skates to ladies 5cts. to gents 10cts.