

DECEMBER 15, 1897.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

ARTHURETTE.

The weather has been very mild for the last few days. The skating was somewhat interrupted by the recent snow-storm, but the rain on Sunday last, and the cold night which followed has given the young people opportunity to show their dexterity.

Dr. Jewett, dentist of Woodstock, spent Friday last at the Arthurette Hotel.

Miss Albian Campbell of this place has returned from a visit to Fort Fairfield.

Mr. Osber Campbell is improving rapidly under the care of Dr. Weaver.

Rev. John H. Puddington left here on a visit to his old circuit, (Windsor) leaving Rev. George Camber to fill his appointments.

Dr. Neaver of this place has returned from a weeks visit to McNair's lumber camps, where it is rumoured the typhoid fever has been raging.

There is a commotion among the teachers on Tobique. P. B. Perkins leaves Long Island, and we can imagine him casting one loving lingering look behind as he leaves Plaster Rock depot. He goes to take charge of the East Florenceville school. Stanley Shaw leaves Three Brooks and intends to teach at Plaster Rock. Miss Hanlane leaves Odell, My. Hazelton leaves St. Elmo. Mrs. E. D. Jewett remains in the school at Upper Arthurette. John V. Niles of Arthurette leaves to take charge of the Perth Centre school.

The store and residence of Henry Lewis was set on fire by the explosion of a lamp the fire was extinguished before it got under way.

BEDELL SETTLEMENT.

The farmers of this place are busily engaged preparing for winter by yarding their wood.

The pound party at Allen King's a short time ago proved a grand success.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Benn were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Montgomery.

Mrs. Everett Atkinson has been spending a few days at her former home.

Our school examination was held on Wednesday the 15th. All present were well pleased with the way Miss Welch has instructed so many small children.

In a recent issue of the Sentinel we noticed a correspondent from Kirkland calls our attention to a fine hog which dressed 475 lbs. John Kerrigan had one weighed when dressed, 476 lbs. John Montgomery had a springs pig which weighed when dressed 347 lbs. Can any of the Sentinel's readers improve on this?

William Miller and son have returned from St. John, where he had taken his boy to the hospital to have an operation performed on his eyes for the purpose of restoring his sight. As they were not capable of doing him any good he is preparing to go to Montreal.

Miss Agnes Kirk of Woodstock has been home spending a few days.

Miss Alice Kennedy made a short visit with her sister Mrs. H. Montgomery.

WEST GLASSVILLE.

Times are very dull here, at present. The roads are in a poor condition for either sleighing or wagoning.

The school here closed on Dec. 14th.

Miss Katie McLaughlan went to Brighton last Friday to spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Byron Brown.

Miss Effie Jones, who has been spending a few weeks with her parents, leaves for Boston on Monday, Dec. 20th.

It is reported that the little six month's old son of Robert Brewster, has quite recovered from his recent illness.

GRAFTON.

Our school for this term has closed for holidays. Mr. Tracey and Miss McElroy being our teachers, who are both very competent ones, judging by the way they have progressed with their pupils. They closed their school on Wednesday and the closing exercises were very satisfactory and pleasing indeed and our school will open up in two weeks under the management of Mr. Tracey, who is a good teacher and well liked. We are sorry to hear Miss McElroy is not going to teach here the next term and we think it will be a loss to both parents and children for the children appreciated her very highly for her kindness and good attention to them.

Our enterprising lumber operator, J. Bragdon, is lumbering quite extensively this winter out on the Bog, and is giving employment to quite a number of men. We are in hopes he will do well as he is a good operator and has always been successful and always paid his men.

J. J. Hale, who lives in our village and lumbers on the Tobique waters very extensively and had been spending a few days at home, returned to his lumbering camps again.

We are surprised to think that our government built a bridge at the lower end of Grafton at a cost of several thousands of dollars and no way provided to get through Grafton to it except by a narrow path. Not enough to allow the public to pass by.

We understand the government pays a man a large salary for looking after the bridge, and teams are allowed to trot over it unmolested. I think there should be a stop to it.

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EAST FLORENCEVILLE.

The closing exercises in the Principal's room of the East Florenceville school on Wednesday afternoon the 15th inst., were of a very interesting character. The wide range covered, the very large number of questions promptly responded to by the pupils held the attention of the roodly number of visitors present. The examination clearly revealed the closeness of the sympathy between teacher and pupils, the efficiency of the former and the industry of the latter. At the close of the examination, five beautiful book prizes were presented by Rev. D. Fiske to those whose standing was highest. The writer regrets that he has not the list of names of winners for these notes. The following programme was then efficiently rendered:—Singing:—"All's Well," by school; recitation, "Living in today," Mildred Jameson; recitation, "School house by the way," Louise Tompkins; recitation, "The Inspector," Mary Murphy; singing, "Defence not defiance," school; recitation, "My choice of a man," Lulu Lovely; recitation, "At the garden gate," Viola Bell; recitation, "In school days," Viva Hartley; singing, "In winter time," school; recitation, "The fallen girl," Ella Moore; recitation, "Only sixteen," Marion Tompkins; reading, "Aunt Jemima's courtship," Anna Danks; singing, "Christmas song," school; recitation, "Just forty years ago," Zena Hartley; recitation, "Bachelor Brown," Hattie Banks; recitation, "Work, work away," Ethel Tompkins; song, "Maple Leaf," Laura Tompkins; recitation, "Church reveries of a school girl," Jennie Danks; recitation, "How we tried to win the teacher," Roy Saunders; reading, "The closing year," Kate Jameson; Speeches; singing, "Farewell Teacher," school; God save the Queen. Previous to the singing of "Farewell Teacher," Mr. D. Temple read the accompanying address presented by Class A. to their teacher. The address was accompanied with a fine dressing case. Mr. Hamilton replied in fitting terms, warmly appreciative of the gift and highly commendatory also of the scholars with whom during the term he had been on such happy terms. He bespoke for his successor the heartiest co-operation. Speeches warmly appreciative of Mr. Hamilton's ability as a teacher and the work of the school were given by quite a number of the visitors. Mr. Hamilton has won golden opinions at East Florenceville and his future career will be followed by warmest wishes for his success.

To MR. HAMILTON.
Dear Teacher,—We the pupils of the seventh grade, hearing that it is your intention to resign as teacher of our school take this opportunity of expressing our regret at your departure.

Although you have only had the school for a short time we believe you have given entire satisfaction to every one interested in the district and personally we feel you have most thoroughly and conscientiously discharged your duties to each and every pupil under your charge.

We understand it is your intention to take a course at the University of N. B. Allow us to wish you every success during your career there and in the broader field which is open to you afterwards.

We hope the pleasure we have experienced and the benefits we have received as your pupils have been in some small degree enjoyed by yourself as our teacher.

We ask you to receive the accompanying gift as a Souvenir of our good will and friendship, sentiments we feel bound to say that do not always exist between teacher and scholars.

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year we sign ourselves,

Yours Very Sincerely, CLASS A.

NORTHAMPTON.

Miss Saddle Rodgers left sometime ago for Ellsworth Me. where she intends to remain for the winter.

Geo. E. Phillips has about completed the task of heating his residence by steam the latter being furnished by the boiler in his new creamery. He has upwards of two hundred feet of pipe in the different rooms.

It is said that three deer have been discovered dead, by Mr. D. S. Gibson's lumber crew, with their throats terribly lacerated. This will advance the theory that wolves have again made their appearance among us.

Misses Annie and Mana Rogers who have been teaching in the upper part of the county are home for the holidays.

Miss Elliot of Newcastle is a guest at Mr. S. A. Rogers's.

John E. M. Shea returned recently from a business trip to the celestical city.

On Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 p. m. under a pretty arch of evergreen in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Justus Gill, their eldest daughter Miss Eva L. was united in Hymen's bonds by the Rev. Mr. Bellis, to Chalmers Windsor Brittain of Bristol.

The bride was arrayed in a very becoming costume of white brillantane with tulle trimmings and veil. She also carried a beautiful bouquet of natural flowers. Miss Almada Gill who acted bridesmaid was attired in blue nuns veiling. Mr. Albert Brittain, brother of the groom, acted the role of groomsmen. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties to the number of fifty were present. After the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining room where a very bountiful repast awaited them.

The numerous presents vied with each other in beauty and usefulness. Mrs. Bellis, whose reputation as a very clever musician is thoroughly established favored the guests with a number of selections on the piano. Mr. and Mrs. Brittain took the express that evening for an extended trip to Halifax, Montreal and other Canadian cities, followed by the sincere felicitations of the assembly.

FORT FAIRFIELD.

Mr. J. H. Murphy who has been confined to the house for the past two weeks with a very severe cold, is getting around again.

Christmas trade in this town is reported very dull indeed; unless potatoes sell there is no business and potato teams are very rarely seen this fall.

There will be a Xmas tree and concert at the Congregational church on Christmas.

A number of young men who are working in this town, belonging out here, will go to their homes to spend Christmas.

The dancing school run by Churchill's orchestra has met two nights; a good class attends, and with these who drop in, a very enjoyable evening is spent.

Among the Fortites who are talking Klondyke are Dr. D. J. Bell, W. D. Haley, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, and Frank Wellington, who are really making active preparations to go in March. There are besides, some young men who are still "talking" of going.

Advertisements are out in this town for the great Symphony Concert to be given in Houlton on Jan. 10th 1898. The chief feature of the concert will be the singing of Mme. Lillian Blauvelt, one of the leading concert sopranos of America. This lady was the favorite at the recent Maine Musical Festival at Bangor and Portland. The Maine Symphony Orchestra forty men will make up part of the concert; the music is all under the directorship of Wm. R. Chapman of New York.

There will be a midnight service at the Episcopal church Christmas eve (Friday night) with full choral service, and also one service on Christmas day at nine o'clock.

Following on the week of soft weather Saturday night's cold wave struck here pretty fierce.

Miss Williams of New York gave an excellent rendition of "A Midsummer's Night Dream" in Elm Hall Tuesday evening last.

RICHMOND.

Richmond L. O. L. No. 109, held their annual session on Tuesday 14th. Report from the officers showed the Lodge was in a very favourable condition. The average attendance had been large the past year and is expected to be larger the coming year. A full attendance was present, the following officers were elected and installed:—Wm. Elie, M. M.; Albert Ray, D. M.; Henry

Hay, Chap.; James T. Montgomery, Rec. Sec.; Thomas McBride, Fin. Sec.; Osburn Toms, Treas.; Charles Johnson, Lecturer; John Kennedy, D. of C. Committee; John Savage, William Montgomery, James H. Forrest, Woodbury McIntyre, Frank G. Perrington.

MCKENZIE CORNER.

The snow has left us and wheels are running again.

Mr. Stockford is doing quite a large business at blacksmithing and selects patronage from the public in general. You will find him on corner Hay and Main St., next the town tank.

Miss Cora Kirkpatrick has charge of the school here for the winter term.

Congratulations to the editors of THE DISPATCH for their supplement, the best of any local paper yet.

The Bedell Settlement correspondent might write us a few lines of information about the Merry-Go-Round in that Settlement.

We are glad to see the pleasant faces of a number of our school teachers again, namely, Miss Hay, Miss Carpenter, Miss Kennedy and Miss Hunter.

Rev. C. T. Phillips filled the Presbyterian pulpit here on the 19th.

Your correspondent wishes the readers of THE DISPATCH a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BRISTOL.

Blanchard Phillips and Robin Boyer have returned from a successful hunting trip on the Tobique river.

On Wednesday evening, Wm. Kinghorn, P. H. C. R., was in the village, and in the evening addressed a public meeting in the interest of the order.

Court Sterling held its annual election of officers on Saturday evening with the following result:—Fred A. Phillips, C. R.; G. A. Brittain, V. C. R.; John Farley, R. S.; A. J. McLean, F. S.; A. B. Games, S. W.; G. W. Somerville, Chap.; E. W. Bell, J. W.; S. E. Loyd, S. B.; A. A. Hartley, J. B.; Dr. Somerville, C. Phys.; John Farley, Court Deputy.

Miss Annie McLean who has been attending normal school, arrived home on Saturday to spend her vacation.

M. A. Tompkins took a trip up river last week as far as Grand Falls.

The closing exercises of the advanced department took place on Tuesday evening, and in the primary department on Thursday, and were of an interesting nature. The prize winners were James Kelly, Lily Wiggins and Cora McIntosh.

The members of the Orange Lodge intend holding a social in their hall on Wednesday evening, 29th inst.

Miss Gussie Sprague is visiting friends in Bristol.

Rev. A. G. Giberson preached in the Free Baptist church on Sunday afternoon.

The True Blue Lodge held a most interesting meeting on Monday evening last, and advanced a large number of the lady members to the Scarlet degree. The officers elected were H. I. Cluff, C. C.; A. A. Brittain, N. C.; Mrs. G. S. Wiggins, Chap.; Henry Tompkins, R. S.; G. T. Davis, F. S.; Ansley Lockhart, Guide; Mrs. Boyer, Herald; George Robertson, Guard; George Boyer, Sentry. This lodge meets in the Orange Hall on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

BEECHWOOD.

Geo. V. Kearney drove to Woodstock and back on Tuesday last.

Hewlett McNally spent Sunday in Florenceville.

Sol. Tracy has moved in the house formally occupied by J. Armour, Upper Kent.

Alex. Hawthorne of Upper Kent, died on Friday last, aged 79 years.

A. A. Hartley is getting around again. He has been laid up for some time with a sprained ankle.

Mrs. Taylor, of Florenceville, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. E. McNally for a few weeks.

Otis Shaw, of Florenceville, passed through the village on Saturday night with ten head of fine beef cattle.

Mrs. F. E. McNally spent two weeks in Fredericton getting treatment for some disease of the feet.

B. McNally, of Queensbury, York Co., is visiting his brother, F. E. McNally.

Miss Mary Giberson of Bath, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. E. Kearney.

A number of our young men are already coming out of the woods to spend Christmas.

E. D. R. Phillips of Bath, paid the village a short visit on Monday.

Joseph Holmes is making some extensive repairs on his blacksmith shop and woodworking factory in Holmesville.

Holmes & Taylor are doing a good business with their new threshing machine this winter.

Wm. Gee met with a serious accident by being thrown from a horse belonging to A. J. Kearney.

Geo. A. Dyer is putting in a steam engine in his grist and saw mills to increase the power which will make it one of the best mills in the county.

KIRKLAND.

There was a light flurry of snow on Sunday night, which made very good sleighing.

The members of the Missionary Society met at Miss Christie McDougall's on the 14th inst. There were 18 present and they presented their president Mrs. Corbett, with a new cloth dress and the material to trim it with. Mrs. Corbett replied and thanked them very much for their kindness.

Mr. Corbett and family leave in a few days to live in Woodstock for a while. The society has raised about \$104.00 during the year.

Miss Carpenter of McKenzie Corner, who teaches in Monument Settlement, closed her school on Wednesday the 15th.

There was a basket social in the temperance hall on the 10th inst., under the auspices of the Temperance lodge; it was very largely attended.

The sum of \$19.00 was realized, which is to go toward repairing the hall.

Our popular blacksmith, Mr. Dykeman, is kept very busy repairing sleds and looking after the horses' shoes; he has in a very full supply of goods in his line.

Misses Laura and Chrissie Kennedy have gone to Woodstock to learn the dress making trade.

Miss Isabella Carter is engaged to teach the school in Maxwell Sett., and Mr. Trent Currie is going to teach the Kirkland school.

Mr. Meagher's crew of men are pressing hay at Sam Kennedy's.

Hazen Scott, from Lower Woodstock, passed through this place today and was the guest of Mr. Dykeman.

Jacob White who moved away from here to Benton has bought his furniture back again to the house on the border of Bull Creek and will be prepared to do anything in the line of carpenter work.

One of Mrs. Dykeman's hens has been trying to beat the record. She laid an egg of enormous size on the 17th, it was about as large as a goose egg.

RED RAPIDS.

The children of the Presbyterian Sabbath school had a Xmas tree in the school house Friday evening.

The weather was not at all favorable and the roads were bad, still the house was crowded with eager faces. Boys and girls young men and maidens quite a number of the parents were present and all took a lively interest in the children and their work of the evening. Miss Hamlin the day school teacher had the children prepare a good programme of recitations, dialogues, songs and hymns, and the children did their part well reflecting much credit on their teacher.

The tree was beautifully decorated with a great variety of Xmas gifts. It would seem that everybody remembered their neighbor's children as well as their own. None were forgotten. One feature of the evening was the recitation of the shorter catechism. Quite a number of the children reflect much credit on themselves and on their Sabbath school teachers for their diligence and progress in this branch of the Sabbath school work. Dan MacKellar the S. S. Superintendent is going to

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DEBEC.

About twenty young folks enjoyed a sleigh ride to Mrs. Milton Green's Greenville Friday evening to a candy party. Dr. and Mrs. Sterling chaperoned the party.

Mrs. S. Simmons and daughter Eva have gone to Peel to visit Mrs. J. K. Fleming.

Mrs. W. F. Johnston is visiting her parents, Woodstock.

Miss Ethel Dickinson and Miss Jennie Henderson spent a few days at the Commercial Hotel.

H. Bailey, station agent in St. John on business, Warrie Law, officiates in his absence.

Dr. Clarence Kirkpatrick, is rusticating at Pine Hill cottage.

Miss Kate Yerxa, Houlton spent a week with friends here.

G. W. Upton is the guest of Mrs. W. O. Johnston

UPPER PEEL.

This beautiful place is located between East Florenceville and River Bank and is inhabited by an industrious and law abiding people. It is also noted as a fine farming district and contains several large farms. Among them I may mention the farm of Mr. Smalley. Mr. Smalley is a farmer of advanced views and can supply a butcher with a number of fat cattle any time in the year.

C. J. Smalley is engaged in an extensive sleeper operation on the Tobique waters.

Daniel Tompkins is still in a very critical condition without much hope of recovery he has been sick about ten months.

Ben Tompkins and George Tompkins are about closing a successful season's operation with their little giant threshers.

A few of our boys have gone to the lumber woods but that does not mean that handkerchiefs will be in demand as they are all married.

It is reported that one of our most respected young ladies is very busy manufacturing gulls and rugs.

Subscribe for THE DISPATCH.

A. O. H.—At the last regular meeting of the A. O. H. the following officers were elected. R. F. Waddleton, County President; I. E. Sheasgreen, Pres; W. Jagger, Vice Pres; T. L. McRae, Rec. Sec; J. J. Troy, Fin. Sec; J. P. Maloney, Treas;

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