

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

EAST WINDSOR.

It is hoped that the new Free Baptist church started four years ago, will be completed this month, and dedicated between the first and the middle of August. When finished the church will have cost about \$1000. It will seat 150 people. Rev. A. Gibson, the pastor, now holds service in the school house. There is ground for a handsome cemetery adjoining the church.

KNOWLESVILLE.

The Glassville Lodge of the I. O. F. held their annual religious service recently. Rev. J. J. Barnes was the officiating clergyman and delivered a pleasing address from the subject found in St. Matthew 11. 28-29. The number of Foresters present was 46, number of people present exclusive of Foresters one hundred and eighty. Opening hymn, Bless be the tie that binds, closing hymn, God be with you till we meet again. John Hemphill is building a new house.

VICTORIA.

As quite a period has elapsed since our correspondent has fulfilled his duty I think I would be doing but right if I should briefly state the current events for the past few weeks.

Mrs. J. W. Sherwood with her two children, Ethel and Roy, has returned to her home in Washington state, after a years visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Asa McNinch.

One of the most important events was the closing of our school on Friday 25th inst. The school for the past three years has been under the care of William L. Tracey of Hartland, who has taken a decided interest in the welfare of the scholars, who in consequence have steadily advanced and give Mr. Tracey great credit as a teacher. This was the verdict of the many parents who attended the closing exercises on Friday. I understand that Mr. Tracey is to have charge of the Grafton school next term. I know I shall echo the sentiments of all the people of this place when I here express regret for his departure, and sincerely wish him success with his new charge. Our loss is Grafton's gain.

A nice new fence has been built around the school yard which gives it a much better appearance.

Scott Sipprell our energetic blacksmith has completed for himself a neat little barn, and is now about to erect a house. Last Friday while blasting rocks in the bottom of the cellar a fragment of the ledge weighing about 10 lbs. was carried in the air about 300 feet, coming down in Mr. White's yard and it hit his wagon wheel, breaking it badly.

H. Baker has given his house a coat of paint which greatly adds to its appearance.

Sanford Shaw, of this place, and Augustus Dow, of Washburn, Maine, left on Monday to drive the R. B. camp meetings at Brown's Flats, Kings County.

Beecher Churchill and sister, Mildred, with their friends, Mr. Collins and sister, all of Fort Fairfield, paid a short visit last week to some of Mr. Churchill's friends in this place.

Harry Shaw has resigned his position as book keeper for J. F. Richardson, in which position we hear he has given the best satisfaction. He intends, after stopping a short time at home to take a course at the Frederickton Business College.

The bell for our neat little church has arrived. It weighs about 400 lbs. and I understand the metal is of first class quality. It will be quite a new feature in this section and will no doubt lend interest to the Sunday services.

UPPER WOODSTOCK.

Wednesday, June 30th, was the day for the closing of the schools. In the afternoon a public examination was held in the Union Hall. The pupils were examined in the various studies of the term by their respective teachers Mr. G. C. Crawford and Miss Edna M. Smith. A number of recitations were given, also singing by the children. Upwards of thirty visitors were present. After the examination Mr. Crawford teacher of the advanced department, who is going to retire from the school, was requested to step forward and the following address was read by Mrs. H. E. Brown. Immediately after this Mr. Crawford was presented with a handsome shaving set, in a plush and silver case. The address read:

DEAR FRIEND,—It devolves upon me to offer you in the name of the school and Sabbath school a slight token of our esteem and regard. To myself it is a source of immense pleasure to be made their mouth piece on this occasion. I am not now addressing you as our teacher but as our friend, our dear, trusted and very much tried friend; for how often have we not tried your temper and forbearance? We will ever keep your image enshrined in our hearts, and shall look back to the school not as an abode of penance, but rather of pleasure, since your kindness and amiability have so rendered it—our studies having been illuminated by your patient graciousness. The little gift we offer you is of no intrinsic value, but it is rich in love and gratitude and respect. Please accept it, and with it our united hopes that your life will be as happy as you have made ours. Mr. Crawford replied to the address very

appropriately. Then followed a reception given by the ladies for the teachers, during which a few hours were very pleasantly spent.

Mr. Crawford has been an efficient teacher here for some 2½ years, during which time he has won not only the love and esteem of the scholars but of all in the community. He was also an able worker in the Sabbath school and has always been ready and willing to lend a helping hand in every undertaking. He will be very much missed by all and will go away followed by every good wish for his success as he endeavours to attain to higher honours.

BRISTOL.

Mr. W. M. Wetmore went to Fredericton on Wednesday. Quite a number of our citizens went to Fort Fairfield on the 3rd.

A. B. Gaines has returned to his duty in the C. P. R. station, during his few weeks absence. Mr. G. C. Baldwin has been in charge.

Flag staffs have been erected at the Post Office and school house, and on Dominion Day, the flags were hoisted.

The foresters at Bristol will hold a basket and pie social in the hall next Saturday evening. Everyone is invited to attend, and a good time may be expected.

The closing exercises of the schools took place on Wednesday, there were quite a large attendance of visitors, and the pupils acquitted themselves very creditably. The following were awarded prizes for general proficiency, Malcolm Hunter, Viva Davis, and Lillie Wiggins. The teachers Miss Fraser, and Miss Lepage will continue in charge next term.

Robert Atkinson who has been teaching at Glassville is spending his vacation at home.

Mrs. Fred Phillips has gone on a visit to St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Boyer drove over to Houlton on Friday, returning next day.

Mrs. Frank Boyer, Fort Fairfield, has been spending some days with friends in the village.

Miss Ella Tompkins went to Fort Fairfield on Saturday.

Mrs. Vandyne, Centreville, has been visiting friends in Bristol.

A good many went to Wakefield on Saturday to attend the Free Baptists' yearly meetings now being held there.

A band of Indians have been encamped for some days, at the mouth of the Shikahawk, just above the village.

BIGGAR RIDGE.

The road work has begun here for the season. A. K. Bell has been putting up a large barn.

Wedding Bells.—At Beaufort Wednesday June 30th Miss Estella Lee became Mrs. Scot Owens. The groom belonged to Glassville. The wedding took place at the bride's father. About 60 invited guests were present. Rev. Mr. Bearesto performed the ceremony. The bride was prettily attired in pink cashmere trimmed with cream colored lace and satin ribbon, a wreath of roses went from her right shoulder to the left side of the waist fastened with maiden hair fern, and the many presents were beautiful as well as useful.

Miss Lila Bell of Bristol is visiting her aunt Mrs. Wm. A. Biggar and Mrs. Albert Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks have gone to Wakefield to attend the quarterly meetings.

Miss Minnie Caldwell of Bristol has been visiting her friends Misses Lucy and Annie Staten of Foreston.

Mr. Home who has been teaching our school has gone home for the holidays.

AVONDALE.

Mrs. Samuel Barter is now lying at the point of death. She has been sick for a long time. Consumption is the trouble.

The congregation of the Baptist church of Avondale are making efforts to build a new house of prayer. The stone foundation is laid and part of the frame is made and up, but without the assistance of kind friends they are going to have a hard time to complete this edifice; people who can contribute towards it might lend a hand. The surrounding settlements have churches of their own and this settlement is trying to do likewise.

The young folks of Avondale are going to hold a picnic in the near future, they now have built a merry-go-round and anyone who attends the picnic will have a good time.

BURPEE'S MILL.

Geo. Burpee has a million of lumber to saw before the summer passes. This gentleman has been the means of booming things here. He employs a number of men and is doing a thriving business.

The grain crop here is looking good.

A number of people here visited the District meeting held by the Baptists of Wakefield, Carleton County.

A New York Mystery.

New York City police are busy just now trying to solve what may prove to be one of the greatest murder mysteries of recent years. The facts are briefly these: The upper part of the headless body of a man was found in the East River recently. It bore unmistakable marks of assassination. The lower part of the same body, but legless, was found in the woods eight miles away. Both fragments were wrapped in oilcloth of a peculiar pattern. The head has not yet been found, but a diligent search is in progress. There is only one mark on the body by which it might be identified. It bears a scar on one finger.

Doctors who have examined the body say his death must have occurred within twenty-four hours before the discovery. The hands were not those of a man accustomed to manual labor.

The fragment first discovered had a stab wound in the heart and others in the shoulder, and a piece was slashed out of the chest as if to remove some identifying mark.

There was the mark of a heel and toe on the arm, as though it had been stamped on, and many other bruises.

Somewhere in Greater New York or near it an awful crime has been committed. The body of the victim has been cut into pieces, carefully wrapped and packed with blood still fresh upon it, as shown by stains on the inside wrappings. Three and possibly four packages must have been made of the body. They must have been carried to various parts of the city, for of the two packages found, one was far down in the East River and the other lay eight miles distant and had never been in the water.

Later discoveries show that the body had been placed in scalding water in an attempt to boil it out of existence.

It is probable from the short time which seems to have elapsed between the murder and the discovery of the fragments that more than one person was engaged in the crime.

The crime is not likely to have been committed in the daytime.

The work of cutting up the body must have taken time. It was done with a saw, and saws are not apt to be lying around on the scene of violent and sudden murder.

The oilcloth, the inner wrappings, the string, must have been looked up and prepared after the murder, unless it had been arranged in advance with wonderful foresight and down to the minutest detail.

The arrangements for disposing of the fragments were almost certainly made after the crime. It would have been practically impossible to have prepared beforehand the exact size and sort of wrappings that would make it safe to carry such bundles for miles through crowded streets in public vehicles, and in public vehicles and by ordinary routes they must have been carried.

There must have been much blood to be cleared up, bloody clothing to be removed and concealed or destroyed, and a score of precautions to be taken in other matters. Men shrewd and bold enough to take such large risks to conceal a crime would never have omitted all the little precautions they could think of, nor have hurried their work unduly.

It is in the highest degree improbable that all this could have been done in eighteen hours, or even in thirty-six hours, by any one man, even were it possible to conceive of a man at once so fiendish and so self-possessed as to follow so fierce and brutal a crime by such deliberate and intelligent proceedings. It is evident that more than one person was concerned in the crime: that more than one judgement directed after proceedings; that more than one person assisted in the dissection, and that, in all probability, more than one person carried off the packages for concealment or destruction.

Ferry-boats run across the East River at Tenth street. It is easy to drop an inconvenient bundle from a terry-boat in the middle of the day, when passengers are few. It was just after the middle of the day that the package was seen in the East River at Eleventh street.

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