As I have been reading some occurrences from the St John river, I thought it no more than right to let you know how we are a getting along on Miramichi. There is only about six inches of snow here at present. There has been a heavy fall of rain here which has destroyed tue roads for sledding but it is about right for dragging.

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We have a jolly crew of young men of which W. Craig is foreman and he is more like one of the boys than a boss. He is not atraid to jump into the work where ever it is needed. There is Aaron Craig, a chopper, who can pull them anywhere and as many as he likes. Here is Delbert Boon, one of our teamsters, who is not afraid to wood up one of our teamsters, who is not afraid to wood up and he has got the team to take them to the stream. Ernest Beardsley, our other chopper, can get there with any of them. He chopped fity logs in a day which scaled five thousand eight hundred and thirty feet. Beat it, and he will try you again. Bruce Seeley, our other teamster, drives the champion team, Clyde and Sandy.

Israel Craig, our cook, took sick very suddenly. By way of team and sleigh he was conveyed to Glassville, where he got medical attendance. I hear he is getting better and hope he will soon be able to return. His son is cooking in his place. He can swat dough well for a young fellow. He can make fine angel pie.

make fine angel pie.

We had some exciting fun here last week. Mr. Lynch started up river with a tow boat and sleds drawn by four horses, and the ice not being strong enough to hold the weight up, it all went down. I think the captain was rattled pretty well by the way he looked at the green hands.

There is lots of game have.

There is lots of game here. Moose and caribou are numerous, and fur is quite plenty.

We have a sled tender, Theodore McIntyre, who can compete with their champion on Tobique for

Some of the men on Cedar Brook think it is hard position to set on a berth and write, but I think it is more comfortable to be there than under a bob sled with an incurable stroke of love. George Hallett received a very bad cut in his foot which will lay him up for the winter season.

PATTEN, ME.

I am going to tell you in a rough woodsman way of my visit down to the Lower Camp and what they are doing, and things in general that would in any way interest the readers of The Disparch. The Lower Camp is run by O. S. Parson, the innier worker of the firm of the control of the the junior member of the firm, and if one would judge him by his hardy hand shake we would say he would more than pass. It does one good to meet with boys from you might say home, for here we meet with boys from Carleton Co. The cook whose name is Willie Sinch of Patten, Me., runs the cooking department in a style that would run your tony cooks in the shade. He can cook as many dishes as any cook on these waters and cannot be out done by any. He is one of the boys not be out done by any. He is one of the boys who has a kind word for one and all. Well! to begin here we find the camp run by the noted woodsman O. J. Parson, who has served his time in the woods from Maine to the Pacific coast, and is also one of the partners of the firm under the head of Kellogg & Parson and a better boss one could not find. As we enter the cook room one meets with Odd Fellows, the L. O. L., and last but not least the Foresters. The cooking shanty is 20x20 and is joined on to the men's camp by a building called the dingle. The camp is of about 7 feet walls contains a crew of 28 men and 6 horses. The crews are as follows:—Mell Noonan, teamster, who well might be called the veteran of Me. His choppers are Johnny Botour, Sam Bishop, swampers, Mac Meddeau, Lee Powers and sled tender the noted Joe Smart, yard man John Rooney but not a sister to Annie Rooney, while the team No. 2 is handled fully as well by the famous George Tollymore who has two choppers to aid him in the great struggle for fame in life's drama, by the names of Paul Cry and Joe Goodchild (I hope he is like his name) and swamping for the tease names of Paul Cry and Joe Goodchild (I hope he is like his name) and swamping for the team are Johnny McDonald and Warren Whittaker, yard tender John Rooney, sled tender Charles Willker of Aroostook Co. Team No. 3 last but not least is carefully driven by Fred Glass of Glassville, Carleton Co., his choppers are Johnny Willett and Fred Cry, sled tender Jary Lyons and Rufus Whittaker. The rest of the men are engaged swamping main roads and cutting yards. It was here in this camp that Mr. Frank Hannagan met his death on New Year day while rolling yard. No one was near him when he was hurt. The No one was near him when he was hurt. The opinion is that he lifted to hard. He only lived about one hour. He had two brothers in here. One was in the same camp that he was and the other was up to Mr. Cunningham's camp (our camp). It was sad news to go to that household on New Year day. No one can tell how those poor brothers felt as they took their dead brother home on that fatal day. We know not who will be the next. The strong man of today is the victim of fate to The strong man of today is the victim of fate to-morrow. Well I must close as the cook wants to set the table for dinner and I must soon return to

RICHMOND.

Stephen E. Tracy who has been attending a medical college in Philadelphia spent his holidays in Richmond.

Miss Francis Duff and Miss Mary McCame F'ton are in Richmond.

our home camp.

Miss Bertie Speer Speerville has been visiting Mrs. Chas. Flemming. The oyster supper given by the Orangemen in their new hall was pronounced a success by all

Miss Jennie Hay who is attending Normal school spent her holidays at McKenzie Corner. Chas. Jameson is visiting his son at Florence

Miss Lena Hall is attending the Sackville Academy this winter. Iom Lawrence is still confined to the house on

account of a hurt to his knee. Miss Lucy Tenny, Houlton, is the guest of Mrs.

BATH.

Bath is now a centre point as well as a suburb of Woodstock and should be represented at the new council board.

The annual school meeting for district No. 2, Bath, was held in the school house on Saturday Jan. 9th 1897, according to the law. So says our J. P. It appears though that some of the rate-payers are not satisfied, and have written to the Supt. of Education for instructions. One of the objections is that the meeting did not open properly. Hope this matter will be adjusted without blood.

It is currently reported that a great many new buildings will be built here in the spring. Among others talked of, are a Methodist church and a Reformed Baptist.

Miss Bessie Cox, of Middle Simonds, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned home.

Our enterprising blacksmith intends erecting a feature here when the weather gets warm enough

factory here when the weather gets warm enough.

The proverbial January thaw is now on with its old time vigor. It is a very unwelcome visitor this time of the year and should be postponed to some less important season. Mr. Brayley should be advised to leave this entirely out of the almanac

predictions.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lynch, of Fredericton, with two of their children, are at present visiting Mrs. Lynch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bohan.

Rev. William Dollard, St. Stephen, N. B., was here last week on a short vacation. He left for home last Friday to take charge of his pastoral

Jas. Shepherd of this place, is now the possessor of a fine blood mare. He claims a record for her of 2.20, but he has not yet been able to speed her A notable number of travellers visited Bath last week, but they have the same story to tell—busi-

We have no snow, so the young folk cannot go driving. but the skating is fine, every evening you can see crowds wending their way to the ice.

Saturday evening the Baptist friends of C. T.

Hendry had a surprise party at his house, after partaking of a sumptuous repast prepared by the ladies of the church, they made him and his wife a

Murray Hume, who has been in British Colurbia for several years, is at home visiting his

The quarterly scholars have returned to school. Mr. Thomson, the insurance agent, has been at the Hotel for several weeks. S. D. Hamilton leaves shortly for Houlton. We

wish him success, There is a young man in this town, who from appearances we would judge, has become an agent for the Baird Co.

visit to St. Stephen. Miss Riley, our dress maker, has gone home, no folks from Wicklow now),

Miss Hattie Wheeler has returned from her

I am glad that our sporting Editor is going to join the church, he will be a great addition to any

EDMUNDSTON.

We need more snow, the roads are awful icy at present and sleighing is very dangerous. John F. Tilton popular traveller for W. H. Thorne & Co., St. John, was in town yesterday. Frank S. Murchie and wife have gone to Montreal for a visit this week

I. E. Cornwall, of St. John, was in Ed'ton last week representing the Welland Vale bicycles.

Lumbering operations are booming there will

e an immense cut this season.

Mr. S. Burpee station agent C. P. R. here has moved. They are living over Murchie & Burpee's

J. E. Marchand station agent of the Temiscouta Ry. here has an assistant to help him as there is too much work for one man alone. John M. Stevens is back from St. Stephen and

Montreal after a pleasant visit. We regret very much to hear that Mrs. Richard Hodgson has resigned her position as organict in the Church of England here. I understand that her place has not been filled yet. We hope to secure one that will take her place in the near

I understand that Dave Cormier one of our popular barbers intends moving to Ashland, Me., o open a barber shop there we wish him success Albert Herbert son of Teddy Herbert did not

return to the Van Buren College this term. W. W. Clarke was in town recently.
Miss Mary Richards is home again after a leng-

thy visit out west-The church of England Sunday school intend giving a concert in the near future, all are cordially

BRISTOL.

Mr. G. A. White, Woodstock, was in Bristol on

Thursday.

Rev. W. C. Corey, Upper Woodstock, was here on Friday and Saturday, on his way to Andover.

The C. A. Phillips estate including his stores, has been transferred to E. D. R. Phillips, Bath. The dwelling house of Mr. Andrew Elkins, situated about a mile back from the village, was burned early on Thursday morning. The fire caught in the upper story, probably from a defec-tive flue, and before it was discovered, had gained such headway that it was impossible to control it. Mr. Elkins' loss is quite heavy as there was no insurance, Mrs. Elkins was sick in the bed at the

time, having been very poorly for some time.

Rev. D. E. Brooks is holding special meetings

Mr. H. Risteen, Lowell, spent a few days in Bristol last week, the guest of Mrs. I. N. Boyer. The District Orange Lodge met in the Orange Hall here last Thursday, and there was a good attendance of members. During the year a new lodge has been organized at Bath, there are now in the district 11 lodges, with a total membership in the district II lodges, with a total membership of 295, showing an increase of 28 for the year. The following officers were elected and installed:—Harrison Rideout, District Master; J. R. Fowler, D. D. M.; G. H. Boyer, D. Chap.; D. W. Kyle, Sec.; W. W. Melvilie, D. F. S.; Harry Carvell, D. Tr.; Wm. Simpson, D.D.C.; John Farley, D.L. To the officers and members of Carleton District

BRETHREN, -It is with pleasure that I rise to make my first annual report to this third annual meeting of the District Lodge. Pleased that so many of us are spared and have health and strength to engage in this noble work of advancing our association and more than gratified at the measure of success that has attended our efforts in the past. association and more than gratified at the measure of success that has attended our efforts in the past. Our membership has increased during the past year at a steady healthy pace. The increase is most noticeable in Flewelling Lodge No. 71 which is proof positive of the zeal and energy of its members. The order in general throughout the district is progressing and I am pleased to be able to say that the wrong impression formerly existing in the minds of many as regards the L. O. L. is entirely removed. One new lodge has been organized during the past year at Bath with a very efficient staff of officers which I hope in the near future will be one of the leading lodges of the district. The District Lodge has met quarterly during the past year and has held public meetings at the close of the sessions at Bristol and Simonds which were productive of much good. I must express my appreciation of the help rendered by the ladies of the Loyal True Blue of Bristol on the occasion of our public meeting at that place. The Twelfth of July was observed by various lodges in attendance at Divine worship on that day in regalia I regret that the condition of my health debarred me from that privilege. Nearly all the lodges attended the County Association at Mount Pleasant which was in a measure a success. Grand Master H. H. Pitts, M. P. P. assisted by Bro. D. Pleasant which was in a measure a success. Grand Master H. H. Pitts, M. P. P., assisted by Bro. D. G. M. B. A., A. J. Armstrong, G. C., J. E. Flewelling and other prominent Bros. visited East Florenceville, and dedicated their beautiful hall to

the uses of our association, during the past autumn.

I regret that the beautiful halls of Farley Lodge No. 59 and Hipwell Lodge 57 were not the seene of a like ceremony. At the annual session of the County Lodge notice f motion was made for a rebate of dues to this district which at the biennial session was carried into effect. This will very much assist the new executive in the discharge of their duties. In view of the fact that the Grand Lodge meets in Wood-stock in a few weeks and that it is the intention to have the provincial celebration in Woodstock on July 12 it behoves us to do every thing in our power to make both the meeting and the celebration a success. As regards our present meeting it requires the united efforts of all present to make it the success it should be-Let us then be united in our work and make this the best session we have ever held so that it will infuse new life into all attending, that they in turn will carry that energy with them to their primary lodges and thus benefit and advance our glorious association. In conclusion I beg to thank all the brethren for the hind against a polar way and or over the place, and he led his kind assistance rendered on every occasion during my term of office and in retiring it is with the hope that my successor may receive the same cor-

and that during his term of office our association may enjoy greater prosperity than in the past. Yours in Union, Love and Truth, Weldon W. Melville, Dist. Master.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

dial support you have rendered in the past year,

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day in each month. Farley L. O. L. No. 59 have elected and installed the following officers; David Phillips, W. M. B. R. Clark, C. M. Samuel Crandlemire, Chap. A. W. Clark, R. S. C. W. Crandlemire F. S. Fred Crandlemire Trea; David Philips jun. D. C. H. E. Pideout, Lecturery, Lohn Clark, G. G. L. L. H. E. Rideout, Lecturer; John Clark, Geo. Lund, Edward Grear, Wm. Caldwell, Marshall Donnely, committee. The officers were Installed by P. M. B. R. Clark.

Moncton's Sensation.

The trial of John Sullivan for murder and arson is now being held in Moncton. The great interest has centered around the little girl, Maggie Dutcher, who was rescued from the flames, and who, in spite of the general opinion that she would not pull through, has about quite recovered. Solicitor Gen. White is representing the crown and Mr. Barry Smith, the prisoner, Maggie Dutcher's evidence as given on Saturday morning and reported in the Globe is as follows:-

The solicitor General asked her if she knew it was wicked to tell lies.

Answer-Yes. Have you gone to school?

Do you know where good little girls go

Yes; tc. Heaven Here the Judge asked: "Do you know you must tell the truth when you are sworn?"

The Judge in a kind voice impressed upon Maggie the importance of being sure of what

Examined by Solicitor General: Did you formerly live in Meadow Brook?

Do you remember the last night you were there with your mamma and Harry?

Did you sleep together?

Who went to bed first?

Harry and I.

Were you awake when your mamma went

Where did you sleep? Harry at the back, mamma in front and me in the middle.

Were you awakened by a noise that night?

What did you see? There was a man in the room. Mamma said 'John, don't hit." The man had hold of mamma. He struck mamma two times. Mamma laid back on the bed still. The man

hit me two times. Solicitor General-Do you know who the

hit Harry. He then hit me and I cried. He

Who was it?

John Sullivan. Do you see him in court?

The prisoner stood up. Is that the man?

Maggie pointed to the prisoner with her inger and said: "That is him." The prisoner was unmoved.

Maggie continued about as follows: That s the last I remember about Meadow Brook. remember going to Moucton on the train. do not remember being at Hugh Green's

after that night. I was sick. I have been with Miss Croasdale a long time.

Cross-examined by Mr. Smith: I have been very sick. Miss Croasdale has been room. I heard mamma say "stop." He hit her two times and she fell back on the bed. She did not fall on me. She never spoke again. The man lit the lamp. It was not dark. I knew John Sullivan well. He was often at our house. I liked him. He used to nurse me often. That night he hit me on the head. I cried. He hit me again. We

had a dog I did not see him that day nor the day before. I don't know what money mamma had. I did not see John Sullivan take any. There was no person in the house that night when we went to bed. The dog never stayed in the house at nights. The doors were locked that night; I saw mamma lock them. There were two other beds in the house-one in a big room and one in a

To Solicitor General—I am sure mamma and Harry were struck two times. I did not see anything in John Sullivan's hand.

CUBANS WIN AGAIN.

Spaniards Attack a Rebel Stronghold. Boston, Jan. 18 .- A special to the Herald from Key West, Fla., says: "One of the most brilliant victories achieved by the Cubans since the beginning of the revolution was won last Wednesday at Gabuquito, near Manzanillo. According to the advices received by steamer Olivette which reached here from Havana last night, General Calixto Garcia, with a strong force of insurgents, has made his headquarters at Gabuquito for some weeks. General Segura, with 4,000 Spaniards, was operating near Manzanillo, and deplan was to storm the place, and he led his men in person, but the Cubans greeted the Spaniards with such a deadly fire from rifles and Hotchkiss guns that they retreated in great disorder. Segura rallied his men and another charge was made, but the fire of the Cubans did such execution that the Spaniards were again driven back. Segura was unable ness is dull.

Lately, Hymen's bonds have been more or less satisfied, and two young couples were made one of King William Loyal True Blue Lodge No. 56 Mt. Ple sant, Mrs. Benj. Kent, W. M. Mrs. Geo.

The following were elected and installed officers of King William Loyal True Blue Lodge No. 56 drew. It is reported from Cuban sources drew.

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my brothers since I was sick, but have not talked to them about what happened that night. Harry and I went first and mamma came before we went to sleep. I woke up. It was daylight. I saw a man come into the room. I heard mamma say "stop." He his

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that the Spanish loss was nearly 300 killed, it is said, there were many Spanish officers, and Segura himself is reported slightly wounded. It is also said that 5,000 Cubans under Carillo, Trungeaere, Acosta and Juan Delgado are operating near Havana. Some of these insurgents are said to have entered a suburb of Havana on Friday. They talked freely with the inhabitants and said they were anxious for the Spanish troops in Havana to attack them.'

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