

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

BEDELL SETTLEMENT.

The weather continues fine and cold. William and James Montgomery are busy hauling wood to Woodstock. Edward Kirkpatrick and George Kennedy are home from pressing hay. Miss Jennie Kennedy spent a few days of last week with her sister Mrs. W. Montgomery. The social at Mr. John Kirk's proved a grand success. The baskets were auctioned off by Messrs. Montgomery and DeLong. Miss Hunter spent last week with her sister Mrs. James Montgomery. Some of our young men are going to school this winter. Miss Aggie Kirk of Woodstock spent a few days at her home. Miss Becca Guy spent Sunday with Mrs. J. W. Montgomery. What happened the Richmond poet that he did not get to the social?

BIGGAR RIDGE.

The past week has been very fine, just snow enough to make good sleighing. William Huggard has returned home from the woods, where he has been for five months. Wedding bells—John Baxter and Miss Mary Burlock, of an adjoining settlement, were united in marriage on the 27th of January, after a short acquaintance. Rev. Mr. Bearisto, of Glassville, made the happy couple one. The epidemic is spreading and we hear of another happy event to take place in the near future. Who can beat that in the back woods? The roads are in a fine condition at the present and many are taking advantage of the fine weather to enjoy a sleigh drive. I noticed a fine pair of greys pass through the village last week.

NORTHAMPTON.

Our roads are excellent and the farmers are availing the opportunity to have their wood and lumber to market. Rev. Mr. Spargo has commenced a series of special services in the Methodist church here. It is understood that the next week's meetings will be held in the Kirk at Greenbank. Service was held in the school house on Feb. 4th by Rev. Mr. Belliss, the last Thursday in January being stormy. The next service will be on Feb. 25th.

Minnie the eldest daughter of Moses Grant who lost the power of speech as a result of a recent attack of diphtheria, is we are pleased to say, gradually recovering the same under the skilful treatment of Dr. Turner of Eel River. James Rosborough of Prince William has been spending a few days here, the guest of his sister Mrs. William Ives. Judging from the numerous and growing broods of lumber on the bank of the river, one is apt to conclude that this winter's cut will greatly exceed that of other winters. A number are also putting into Gibson's Creek.

Justice Gill met with a painful accident while engaged in his duties as engineer in Mr. Fraser Richardson's mill. He got a quantity of steel dust into his eyes, necessitating medical aid and an enforced repose for a few days. He returned to his work on Thursday.

Messrs. Geo. Phillips and Woodbury Raymond are doing quite a business sawing and slabbing wood of the farm of the former. They have been sawing about a week, with both the drag and circular saw, and have yet three or four more days work.

Harrison Rogers and Newton Dow are at present the recipients of many congratulations, occasioned in the case of the former, by the arrival of twins, a boy and a girl; and in that of the latter, of a boy.

Mrs. Alfred Dibblee, who has been ill for some days with a severe swelling in her face, is, we are pleased to say, recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Steeves, of Gagetown, are visiting the latter's cousin, Mrs. C. P. Bull.

Mr. William Miller was thrown from a load of lumber recently and sustained painful injuries to his side. Medical aid was summoned.

The thoroughfare through the woods from Wright's Brook to Mr. D. S. Gibson's camp, familiarly known to our lumbermen as the "Peo-ple's Road," is in a very rough state owing to the scarcity of snow, and smash-ups are frequent. This is a regrettable fact as the farmers have a good deal of hauling to do, some of them working two teams. It would appear that the aroma of the woods was very exhilarating to town sports judging from the frequent appearance of parties with rifles on their shoulders. Of course they never intend to shoot anything, it being the close season, but would just like a squirt at some big game, that's all.

UPPER WICKLOW.

We were pleased to see our superintendent back with us again.

Mrs. Samuel Wormwood is at present visiting friends at Blaine. She expects to return to Wicklow in two weeks.

Hugh Tweedie came home with a lame horse. His brother, Frank, has taken his place in the woods.

The Blackie and Tweedie Brothers are busy hauling their hay up the Tobique river. They make one trip a week.

I was glad to see Eva Smith out to Sunday school again, as she has been poorly for two or three weeks past.

Rumor says Josephine Smith has about made up her mind to go West the coming winter.

BATH.

John Giberson, a well-known and highly respected citizen of this place has lately passed through an experience which must have been anything but a pleasant reminder. He read an account of his very sudden death from paralysis, in THE DISPATCH last week, he also received a few mourners who came to his funeral and announced to them that he had decided to postpone the event for some time yet.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kearney, of Florenceville, paid a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. John Bohan on the afternoon of the 14th inst.

Mr. P. P. Brennan, of St. John, called at Bath last Friday and stopped over night with his parents in Johnville.

Mr. Wolhaupter of St. John, was here all last week in the interest of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Co., and did a very good business.

The roads have been elegant for hauling on, and each day loads upon loads of oats, hay, straw, timber, etc., form a continuous procession through the streets of the town from daylight till dark.

HARTLAND.

The carnival in the roller rink was a grand success. The costumes were both beautiful and original. The gallery was well filled as was all available space with spectators. The Hartland band rendered excellent music, and all went merrily as a marriage bell. The judges were Dr. Richards, Wm. Long and Raleigh Gillen their task was not an easy one. The prizes were given as follows:—From Hartland and vicinity hand-somest gent Granville Nevess, hand-somest lady Miss Katie McAdam, most original gent Joe Blizard, most original lady Miss Ella Harmon. For outsiders, hand-somest gent Ed. Manzer, Woodstock, hand-somest lady Mrs. Geo Lee, most original gent, Currie Nason. Many costumes deserved mention besides those who won prizes among them the "Dutchman" and "Topsy" and many others.

The rink is well attended and the band plays every Friday evening. Next Friday evening the chief feature of amusement will be an obstruction race three boys being competitors who will be required to go under boards placed at certain heights and through barrels each claims to be an amusing race.

The temperance meeting held in the Methodist church on Monday evening (1st) was well attend-

ed. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Mr. White of Houlton who gave a very interesting lecture. The band played in front of the church before the meeting opened. Music was rendered by the white ribbon choir.

Death has visited our community and removed from life Miss McKee. She had been sick for some months with consumption and kept gradually failing until she passed away on Friday morning. The funeral which took place on Sunday was one of the largest seen in the village. Rev. John Perry assisted by Revs. Barnes, Shaw, Orner and Downey conducted the funeral ceremonies which were held in the F. C. B. church. A large procession followed the remains to the cemetery at Victoria Corner where the body was interred.

A large crowd came up from Woodstock to visit the carnival. The following were at the Commercial: J. M. Flewelling, Warren Lindow, Guy Flagg, Geo. W. Lee, J. M. Williamson, M. S. Saunders, W. Saunders, J. F. Jones, J. Parkins, N. Brown, C. S. Baker, Fred Reed, Will Cox, Sam Hull, Tim Fields, Annie Cole, Maude Allen, Lucy McLean, Mrs. Williamson, Annie Allen, Maggie Brewer, Gertrude Tilley, Willie McDade, Annie Troy, Mary Bowles, Sadie Gibson, Kate Phillips, Mrs. W. Cox, Mabel Phillips.

The first issue of the Hartland Advertiser which should have come out on Friday came out on Monday. The delay was caused by various provoking mishaps. It is a newsy paper and everyone should take it.

Edwin Morgan arrived home on the 6th after having spent seven weeks in the lumber woods. Wm. Long Principal of the Superior School at Centreville spent Saturday with his sister Mrs. Dr. Estey.

Miss Mabel Phillips, Woodstock, spent Sunday in Hartland the guest of Miss Keswick. Commercial: J. M. Flewelling, Warren Lindow, Guy Flagg, Geo. W. Lee, J. M. Williamson, M. S. Saunders, W. Saunders, J. F. Jones, J. Parkins, N. Brown, C. S. Baker, Fred Reed, Will Cox, Sam Hull, Tim Fields, Annie Cole, Maude Allen, Lucy McLean, Mrs. Williamson, Annie Allen, Maggie Brewer, Gertrude Tilley, Willie McDade, Annie Troy, Mary Bowles, Sadie Gibson, Kate Phillips, Mrs. W. Cox, Mabel Phillips.

Mrs. Geo. Lee and Harry who were visiting friends in the village returned home on Monday.

Restless Crete.

The condition of unrest which is characteristic of the Cretans gives occasion from time to time for very sensational headlines and a good deal of misapprehension as to facts. Here, as elsewhere, Turkish misgovernment is responsible for the most abominable atrocities, but for the most part the troubles in the island have arisen not between Greek and Turk,—but between Greek Christians and Greek Mussulmans. It need hardly be pointed out that this condition does not tend to make the political situation easier. The population of this fine island of some three hundred thousand square miles area is probably about three hundred thousand, and of this number it is unlikely that the Turks—soldiers, officials and citizens—form more than one-twelfth. The Christian population is estimated at four-fifths of the whole, the remainder being Mussulmans. The curious complication of race arises from the fact that these Mussulmans are the descendants, to a limited extent, of Venetians, who at the conquest of the island by the Turks became converts to Islamism in order to preserve their property and commercial privileges; but the great majority are of Greek origin, descended from those who became Mohammedan in order to escape persecution. At the present time conversions to Islamism are unheard of, and the Mussulman population is gradually but surely decreasing. The Christians are more energetic, industrious and prosperous, with a talent for commerce and also for the acquisition of land. Greek is the language of Christians and native Mussulmans alike. Only where the latter are gathered into exclusive communities do they to some extent speak the Turkish language, and in a few villages of Albanians descended from Armat soldiers a distinctive dialect is used. Since 1878 the Christians have had a direct share in the administration of the island.

The Vali, or governor, must be a Christian nominated by the Sultan, and two of the four sub-governors must belong to the same religion. The General Assembly, the members of which are elected by universal suffrage, consists of forty-nine Christians and thirty-one Mussulmans. The advisory council of the Vali consists of six members, three of one religion and three of the other. Prima facie, then, Crete enjoys greater autonomy than any other strictly Turkish province, but while ostensibly this is so, the impotence and incapacity of the officials selected, the brutality and insubordination of the soldiery, and the utter disregard of equity inseparable from Turkish misrule nullify all constitutional or treaty safeguards. To these must be added the bitter religious animosity existing between Christians and Moslems, none the less because the two factions are sprung from the same race. As, except where under the immediate protection of the military, the Mussulmans have most to dread from the constantly recurring riots, there is probably much truth in the significant statement respecting the present disturbance, that the Christians were as much to blame as their opponents for its commencement. Moreover, it is well to accept most intelligence from Crete with a good deal of caution. The islanders are believed on good authority to be as untruthful in this nineteenth century as they were reputed to be when St. Paul referred to the proverb which declared them to be "always liars." Indeed, for over two thousand years they have been pilloried before the world as "Greeks among Greeks, liars among liars." Travellers and merchants do not appear disposed to dissent from this opinion at the present day. One redeeming feature, however, the Cretan undoubtedly possesses. He is intensely patriotic, and this patriotism he has heroically exhibited on a hundred battlefields in every part of the island, and in his manifold struggle for freedom he has freely shed his blood during hundreds of years of oppression, persecution and foreign conquest, but not subjugation.—Montreal Witness.

NOTICE.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Woodstock Carriage Company, Limited, will be held at the office of Grant, Birmingham & Co., in the Town of Woodstock, N. B., on Saturday the sixth day of March next at 8 p. m., for the purpose of organizing the company, electing directors, and such other business as shall come before it.

Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 16th, 1897.
J. T. ALLAN DIBBLEE,
H. PAXTON BAIRD,
DANIEL A. GRANT,
C. FREDERICK CARPENTER,
J. CHAPMAN HARTLEY.

BORN.

NEALES.—At Woodstock on Feb. 6th., to the wife of G. F. Finnis Neales, Birch Ridge, a daughter.
EAGLES.—At Woodstock, on the 6th inst., to the wife of John S. Eagles, a daughter.
HOLYOKE.—On 7th inst., to the wife of G. T. Holyoke, Houlton, a daughter.

Personal.

P. E. Heine, Moncton, is at the Carlisle.
Dr. Hyman, Beechwood, is at the Carlisle.
Dr. E. O. Steeves, Moncton, is at the Carlisle.
W. H. Berry, Quokuk, was at the Carlisle on Sunday.
W. W. Loane, Ashland, Me., was in Woodstock last week.
Col. J. R. Armstrong, St. John, is at the Carlisle.
H. H. Pitts, M. P. P., Geo. Fowler, M. P. P., are at the Carlisle.

Charles Kearney, Florenceville, was among the visitors to the Carlisle on Monday.

C. Roach, L. A. Keith, W. K. Morrison, St. John; Thos. Campbell, Salisbury; are at the Carlisle.

Major A. J. Armstrong, St. John, Deputy Grand Master L. O. L. B. N. A. is staying at the Carlisle.

Charles H. Emery who has been visiting his friends in Jacksonville the past few weeks left for Colorado yesterday. John Irvine of Jacksonville went with him.

Among the arrivals at the Victoria—James Crawford, Van Buren Me; S. E. Robinson, A. J. Martin, J. H. Kitchen, Houlton; J. R. McConnell, W. A. Gibson, Fredericton; L. H. Cohoon, Geo. J. Estabrooks, G. F. A. Anderson, St. John; A. Pettigrove, Sheridan Mont; G. L. Cronkite, Royalton; G. W. White, Edwin Long, Centreville; J. R. Ronald, Glassville; K. H. Munro, Pictou, N. S.; Geo. M. Parks, Hawkeshaw; Jack Martin, Chas. White, Montreal; Chas. J. Doran, Niagara Falls; Harry Tompkins, Rock Island, Vt.; J. W. Noble, Boston; Frank Carpenter, Houlton; W. C. Power, Toronto; Harry Shaw, Bridgewater, Me; W. R. Gillen, J. E. McCollum, Hartland; J. Fred Boyer, Victoria; Andrew McCain, A. Kilpatrick, Florenceville.

MILK AND THE SOIL.

Annual Gathering of the Farmers' and Dairymen.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's association of New Brunswick was convened in Fredericton on Thursday last. Upwards of 150 delegates, representing nearly every part of the province, were in attendance. President Tompkins was in the chair. Delivering his annual address he said:—That in the exchange of ideas, through discussion of the various subjects on the program, and the general result obtained in making personal acquaintance with men engaged in the same vocation, in his opinion a convention of more commercial importance than the Farmers' association did not meet within the precincts of the city of Fredericton. True, they could not make as many flashy pretensions as other bodies, but nevertheless their parliament represented the stamina of our commercial activity. Not only were they called together to study what would best promote the farmer's interests, but also to educate themselves for a higher degree of perfection in every department of their work. The intelligent farmer of today is not only familiar with the farm, fertilizer and market prices, but he is qualified to fill any office in his parish, county or province. In proof of this statement he pointed out that our best statesmen have tilled the soil, and have adhered in their office to the lessons of integrity and sturdy independence taught them on the farm.

Quite a discussion ensued over the present highway act. A point was made by Elisha Slipp who thought that either the old or new highway law would be all right if properly carried out; the trouble was with the councillors, who appointed men to look after the roads to suit their own purposes, regardless of their efficiency for the positions.

Charles L. Smith, M. P. P. was called upon. His remarks were short but to the point; he said the farmers in this province were behind some of the other provinces, but they were being wakened up, and he hoped that instead of following Ontario in the march of progress, our farmers would soon be the leaders instead of the followers.

A paper on stable management of cattle by Mr. Parent, of Greenbury, was read and discussed. Fruit growing was taken up at an evening session and very practical addresses bearing on the question were delivered by C. S. L. Raymond, of Woodstock, George E. Baxter, of Andover, and Saxby Blair, of the Maritime experimental farm.

The executive committee recommended that instead of importing stock the government assist private farmers, agricultural societies and stock breeders by giving them a bonus, say 10 per cent. on their importations, first examining the pedigree of proposed importation and giving assent thereto; bonds to be given that male cattle be kept in the province three years and females eight years; male sheep three years, female five years; male swine two years, female three years.

W. B. Fawcett moved an amendment, the text of which was that the interests of the farmers could best be served by the government expending the amount of the appropriation in purchasing a number of bulls of breeds suitable for beef purposes and distributing them throughout the counties of the province. The discussion was unfinished at the hour for recess.

Prizes for the best exhibit of butter were awarded as follows:

Series 1—Byron Kilburn, Kingsclear, first; J. F. Clark, Macnaquie, second; W. A. West, Albert, third.

Series 1—C. N. Goodspeed, Penniac, first; S. L. Peters, Hampstead, second; Luther Goodspeed, Penniac, third.

On Friday the nominating committee recommended as officers: C. S. L. Raymond, Carleton County, president; Henry Wilmot, Sunbury, vice-president; Joseph Taylor, Westmorland, recording secretary; Major H. Montgomery Campbell, Kings, treasurer; W. W. Hubbard, Kings, corresponding secretary; county vice-presidents: Restigouche, D. W. Duncan; Gloucester, F. J. McManus; Northumberland, George Fisher; Kent, P. H. Legere, M. P. P.; Westmorland, Adam Simpson; Albert, G. R. Smith; Charlotte, Howard G. Trayner; St. John, S. Creighton; Kings, W. D. Fenwick; Queens, S. L. Peters; Sunbury, Murray Gilbert; Carleton, James Good; York, John Atkins; Victoria, G. E. Baxter; Madawaska, W. Martin, M. P. P.

The Fredericton Herald says:—"Among the gentlemen attending the Farmer's and Dairymen's meeting and a guest at the Queen hotel, is Conn. G. L. Cronkite of Royalton, Carleton county, one of the most prominent men of the Parish of Wicklow. Mr. Cronkite has been a member of the municipal council for forty-eight years, a record we venture to say, cannot be beaten in New Brunswick, and he has given faithful service to his constituents."

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SPEAKING of the death of Hilari Peltier, one of the best known citizens of Edmundston which occurred on the third inst., a correspondent to the St. John Telegraph says:—Mr. Peltier came to this county (then Carleton) when only 10 years of age, clerked for a number of years for different merchants, then operated largely in lumber for himself. When the County of Madawaska was organized he was appointed registrar of deeds and wills and registrar of probates, which latter office, as well as coroner and justice of the peace, he held at the time of his death. He was also county auditor for a number of years. He was of very methodical habits and of striking integrity and the duties of his different offices were always performed to the satisfaction of the public. He has probably written more letters for the poor and illiterate of this county than any other man in it, as nearly all went to him for help and advice, which he never refused. He leaves a widow and three daughters, viz: Mrs. Golding, of St. John, Mrs. J. E. Stewart, of Andover, and Miss Lillian Peltier, of Edmundston. He was interred in the Church of England burying ground.

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