

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

OAKVILLE.

Our Wednesday evening prayer meetings are very well attended and a lot of good is resulting. Mr. Blewett, a preacher who was at one time a Catholic, spoke in the Methodist church on Sunday evening, the 24th of Jan. He spoke here on the evening of the 25th.

Our school is prospering under the care of Miss Price, of Richmond.

Mr. Dewett, who cut his foot badly some time ago, is able to be about again.

Your scribe of some time ago, must have allowed his mind to wander somewhat. That wedding of which he spoke, has not yet taken place.

This place has become infested with tramps who work for lodgings, and trouble people in numberless little ways.

Mr. G. London is home from the woods to the delight of his many friends.

Haven't seen any of our fast horses out of late.

Hay is going briskly here, some of our people are having it hauled away from their barns without its being pressed.

MCKENZIE CORNER.

The many friends of Mr. Thomas Lawrence will be glad to know he is convalescing.

Our school is successfully taught by Miss Hattie Comben.

Mr. Herbert Graham is visiting friends at Benton.

Mr. John Guy, of Greenville, is attending school here.

Mr. George Wilson spent Sunday in this place.

Miss Mary Montgomery is staying with her sister, Mrs. J. Blue, who has been seriously ill, but we are glad to know she is recovering.

Heal is towing wood to Houlton for J. Lawrence.

Mr. James H. Forrest, D. M., and Mr. C. E. Johnson, Lecturer of L. O. L., 109, attended the annual meeting of the County Lodge at Lakeville on the 2nd.

NICTAU, FAULKNER'S CAMP.

As our last batch of items was not consigned to the waste basket or to the criticism of that wicked Imp of yours I will try and write a few more items and hope they will be looked upon favorably by our generous and long suffering editor. We are all well as usual only a few of our men are suffering from colds.

We have with us tonight the company scaler Harry Jackson who is a genial sort of a fellow who is well liked by all with whom he comes in contact.

We have been hauling out of the snow but are now hauling from the yards. The large load which was hauled by Charlie McGinley scaled 1335 feet this was hauled from the snow. Our teamsters are a fine lot and have good teams though not overly large.

The largest weigh 1350 and the smallest 1100 pounds. Our cook was sick a few days and our boss had to box the dough which wasn't too bad considering.

The teamsters are not afraid to wood up well, and are doing satisfactory work, you can hear bells most any time in the night the boys are so anxious to get to their work.

The road monkeys, consisting of Mr. Best, Mr. McGinley, Jack Ring and Frank Ryan are a source of annoyance to the teamsters so much so that more than one of them has to carry a gun to defend himself with.

Our crew has been somewhat reduced since I wrote last and a few more expect to go out before long, which will leave us two landing men Bobby Sutherland and Clarence Cliff. Jack Ring, Mr. Best, Mr. McGinley will act in the capacity as road men.

Jack McGinley (our comedian) James Kelly, Ben Squirrel and Nelson Burlock will attend to the yards and load the teams which are driven by Charlie McGinley, Jarvis Turner, Chipman Giberson, Samuel Crawford and Stanley Burke.

That fellow on Mirimachi didn't seem to think much of my last items I judge from his lingo that his love has been carried on, on a bob sled plan more than any other. If he will call or write to me at our camp I think there are enough young men here who will tell him the proper way to conduct his love affairs here after.

He can address his letters to "Newell Bear, Little Cedar Brook, which will reach me all right.

AVONDALE.

Not seeing any items from this place, perhaps a few will not come amiss.

Snow has come and teams are busily engaged hauling lumber to and from the saw mill.

One of our young men who lost a "dear" a few months ago is anxious to replace it with one of a gentler disposition. It must also be a roe, well domesticated. There are a number of that kind in this place, but their owners are loath to part with them.

Enoch Laskey, who has been pressing hay for D. L. Pitt, has returned home and is now engaged in getting sleepers for the W. & C. railroad.

Mrs. D. W. Kyle, of Bath, is visiting friends in this place; also Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Baker, of Hartland.

Our teachers have all secured schools for the present term. J. A. Drake has charge of the school at Lower Bloomfield; Celia Shaw is teaching at Palmer Settlement, while C. Shaw has charge of the school here.

Mrs. S. G. Barker, who are sorry to say, is in poor health; S. C. Shaw is also ill.

Collie Drake, of Mount Pleasant, spent a few days in this place.

Rev. Mr. Greenlaw preached in the hall Sunday evening Jan. 31st. Rev. Mr. Spargo preached Tuesday evening. Both ministers were well received. It is sincerely hoped that ere another year passes a more suitable place in which to hold meetings will be erected.

The members of Court Coleman are talking of a hall in the near future this will be a move in the right direction.

Mrs. J. E. Barter is visiting friends in Bristol and vicinity.

Harvey Laskey, Richmond, paid a flying visit to this place one day last week.

J. E. Barter is getting lumber on the ground for a woodworking factory which he intends to build in the spring. Jim is a popular fellow and we wish him every success.

Should these few lines escape the Imp you may hear from this place again.

FARMERSTON.

Robert Bell has bought Robert Anderson's farm. Mr. Anderson intends to move to Lakeville.

Our school has been closed for two days on account of Mr. McCready's illness, but it is now open again.

Miss Maud Anderson has returned from her visit to Jacksonville.

There was a surprise party at Mr. R. Anderson's on Tuesday night, the crowd being mostly young people from Connell. Plays and games were indulged in until the small hours of the morning, when they all returned to their homes well satisfied.

Mr. Fred Anderson is doing a big business making railroad ties.

Mr. Lawlor paid the settlement a flying visit Monday.

Mr. Will Fewer has gone to the woods.

JACKSONTOWN.

The Sewing Circle met at Mrs. Fred Burpee's last Wednesday night. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

There was a concert in the hall here on Sunday. It was largely attended.

A number of young folks from Upper Woodstock gave Mr. George Mallory and family an agreeable surprise Tuesday evening. At twelve o'clock oysters were served.

Rique Mallory has a crew of Italians working in the woods for him. He makes a fine walking boss.

Mr. W. Burt is visiting in Centreville.

Edward Everett and Elmer Ray have purchased the Palmer farm.

Bro. Blunt is with us again. A good time is expected.

LAKEVILLE.

The special services closed Thursday evening. Rev. George Sellar formed a young people's class meeting at the close of the service. Sunday evening, three candidates were baptized, and a number received into the church.

Rev. Mr. Watson preached to us Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. His sermon Tuesday from the words "Where art thou?" and Wednesday, "Behold, here am I," were very practical and much appreciated. Mr. Watson is travelling in the capacity of home missionary and colporteur.

The County Lodge met in the Orange Hall on Tuesday afternoon and evening. About sixty brethren were present.

Rev. Mr. Blunt lectured in the Orange Hall Wednesday evening to a small but highly attentive audience. The majority of our people have had their attention taken up with the Revival, and this accounts for the small audience. Should the rev. gentlemen ever give us a call again, we hope he will get a warmer reception.

The Wilmot Parish convention met in the Methodist church on Friday afternoon and evening.

The afternoon was largely taken up with the reports from the Superintendents of the various schools, and in the evening Rev. Mr. Lucas gave an address in which he emphasized the necessity of having a Home Department, to every school, he also gave us a brief outline of a Normal Lesson.

Addresses were also given by Revs. Ives, Watson, and Dystant.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Baker were visiting their many friends here last week.

BATH.

We are having lovely weather. Roads are excellent and the folks are taking advantage of them.

Mr. Amos Giberson is expected home he has been away about seven months getting treatment for his eyes by his nephew Dr. Frank Milbury of New York.

Colds are so common to be an epidemic in this place Miss Dora Barker has been sick but am glad to say is better now and able to take charge of her school again.

G. W. Perry who has been working with one of our leading blacksmiths left for his farm at Havelock last week.

Stanley Barker came home on Friday being the happy possessor of a handsome beard and a good lot of gum.

Seth H. Keith our popular teacher has been sick but is better now.

Harry Giberson went to Bridgewater, Me., to visit friends.

Elliot Barker of Bridgewater, Me., is visiting friends at Bath.

Mrs. S. E. Giberson has gone to Perth to visit friends. Our teamsters are a fine lot and have good teams though not overly large.

W. D. Kyle of the firm of Shaw & Kyle took in the County Orange Lodge.

Rev. S. J. Perry is home again after making a visit of about three weeks on the Tobique.

The Sunday services here are as follows Rev. A. E. LePage, morning; Rev. Mr. Greenlaw, afternoon; Rev. S. J. Perry, night.

T. Lynch is a daily visitor or nearly so of Bath. Mr. Sloat of Tracey Mills visited friends at Bath and addressed the Sabbath school which is excellent under the judicious management of Mrs. Stephen Barker.

Mrs. John Bohan with her daughter, Miss Jennie, are at present visiting friends in St. John and Fredericton.

Rev. Father Gallagher of Silver Falls, St. John, was here last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gallagher.

Perley Giberson, of this place, has lately become engaged in a novel but apparently lucrative business. He is a diligent worker and deserves the success which we all wish him.

We have noticed with interest the movements of the citizens of Woodstock in the direction of inducing summer tourists to visit this section of the province. We are satisfied that the idea is very praiseworthy and unselfish, because not only will Woodstock be benefited, but also her smaller neighbours, ourselves, for instance. The pleasant and beautiful scenes which the valley of the St. John presents at any season are much preferable and more generous in this locality. Therefore we expect some patronage from any tourists to Woodstock, and we assure them without hesitation, that we have the best equipped hotel in the county outside of Woodstock. The proprietor, Mr. J. Tracey with his wife are exceedingly fine entertainers.

RICHMOND.

Miss Jennie Campbell is visiting friends in Lincoln.

Mrs. Robert McIntyre has been visiting in Houlton.

Mrs. Geo. Guy spent a few days in Richmond Corner last week.

Lieut. J. Jarvis Bull, Northampton, is visiting friends and relatives here.

There will be a basket sociable at Mr. John Kirk's Thursday Feb. 11th.

Mr. Clifford is about to take a course at the Fredericton Business College.

Mr. Thomas Shannon has returned from Ashland.

Mrs. John Guy, who has been confined to the house for some days, is now convalescent.

Mrs. Lizzie Bull and Mrs. Dr. Nevers of Houlton, spent Saturday with Mrs. Wm. McIntyre.

Miss Susie Williams, Woodstock, is visiting her friend, Miss Bertha Stephenson.

SIMONDS.

Our roads are good the weather beautiful and as the saying goes the farmers are getting a move on some hauling wood, lumber and etc., others their produce to market, prices ruling very low.

C. B. Colwell our contractor, builder and jobber has his new factory about ready for business and can turn out anything from a butter tub to a snow plow. His plainer saw and etc. are run by horse power. Boys when you break the cross bar of your sleigh give him a call.

Mrs. Daniel J. Shaw is growing weaker.

Our old friend Wickliffe Gurrier who was called home so unexpectedly of late will remain a few weeks with friends before returning West.

Miss Viola Ingraham we are glad to learn is much better and will soon be out again.

Elder Barnes of Worcester, Mass., will hold meetings in the Advent Chapel every evening this week.

The residence of W. N. Raymond brother of the bride was the scene of a very pretty wedding on the evening of the 4th inst., when Clinton H. Gray of the superior school at Jacksonville and Cassandra M. Raymond of the same place (formerly of Simonds) were united in marriage. Rev. J. Denton assisted by W. H. Spargo officiated. Only the immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present. The bride looked charming in a dress of pearl grey trimmed with lace and ribbons. The groom's present to the bride was a beautiful muff. From the bride's mother and brothers, cheques; from the groom's father and mother handsome rug, dozen silver knives and forks; pickle castor, from groom's brother and sister. Besides these many other useful articles were received. The groom was kindly remembered by friends at Hartland.

BRISTOL.

Rev. A. Giberson has been holding special meetings in the Free Baptist church during the past three weeks. Four were baptized and added to the church membership. Rev. Messrs. Worden and Fiske have been present at a number of these meetings.

Rev. P. Gross gave an interesting lecture in the hall last Wednesday evening. The subject being his native land, Denmark.

Mr. T. H. Noble is seriously ill at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Phillips.

Dr. Osmond Gordon will give a lecture entitled the "Tramp Actor" in the Orange Hall, next Wednesday evening.

Kent parish Sunday School Convention will be held in the F. C. B. church, Beechwood, on Monday the 22nd inst. Rev. A. Lucas and other clergymen will be present.

Mr. William Kinghorn, H. C. R. of the I. O. F. is making a tour of the county. He will officially visit Court King Richard, at Florenceville, this evening.

The Woodworking Factory which has been doing a profitable business, is now closed down for a short time.

Mrs. Elkins, widow of the late John Elkins, of Greenfield, died at the residence of her son, Wm. Elkins, on Friday last at the advanced age of 83 years. She leaves three sons and four daughters. The funeral was on Sunday, and the services were conducted by Rev. D. Fiske.

John Giberson, one of the oldest and best known residents of this parish, died at his home, Bath, on Saturday. He was about 84 years old, and had been in comparatively good health until recently. His death was caused by paralysis.

UPPER WOODSTOCK.

Our school is running along nicely with Mr. Crawford and Miss Smith as teachers.

Rev. Mr. Neales has service here every second Tuesday. Mr. Belliss shows views here Thursday evening. It will be the second of those very interesting entertainments, he had a very large audience the first evening.

Mrs. Lewis Wiggins of Canterbury has been visiting at Mrs. Woodford McCluskey's for some weeks.

Mr. Hazen has been sick for a number of days this last week.

We had a very largely attended service last Sunday evening when the Rev. M. Corey preached very acceptably to those present. He purposes to continue for a while those services.

Our Sunday School is getting on finely. There is a teachers' meeting and a normal class meeting each week at the homes of different members of the Sunday School.

India Relief Fund.

The following letter was received last week by Mayor Hay.

Government House Fredericton, N. B. February 3rd, 1897.

My Dear Mr. Mayor,

Re India Relief Fund.

You may have observed, as published in the newspapers, a letter on this subject from His Excellency Lord Aberdeen addressed to the several Lieutenant Governors; and I know you will pardon my directing your attention to the pressing urgency of the appeal on behalf of many thousands of our fellow subjects who are suffering from starvation and attendant evils in India, while we in Canada are in the enjoyment of a large degree of prosperity.

We recognize that Her Majesty is Empress of India, and among other methods of signaling our loyalty and attachment in this "The Queen's Year" nothing, I feel sure, will be more appropriate than a generous response by the people of New Brunswick, as indicative of a desire to share with their Sovereign in her great sympathy for her suffering subjects.

I beg to express the hope that your great influence may be promptly applied in this direction in such ways as you may deem most efficient.

I am, Dear Mr. Mayor, Your obedient servant,

A. L. McCLELLAN, Lieut. Governor.

The Mayor at once communicated with the clergymen in town requesting them to make some reference to the Indian Famine and suggesting the advisability of appointing a committee in each church to solicit subscriptions from the church members for the fund.

Many of the churches have already appointed committees and others have arranged for the collection of funds by other means. Subscriptions will be received by Mayor Hay at his store, by the Merchant's Bank, the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Carlisle Hotel.

Miseries of an American President.

The passion of ambition must be strong, indeed, when it can make a man go through fire and mud to win the presidency of the United States. Mr. McKinley's life, at present, worried as he is by conflicting claims and cabals, is, we may be sure, purgatorial; yet, it is heaven to what he will have to undergo after inauguration, when the White House will be crowded with office-seekers, and the delegations which they bring with them, to back their importunities. The forecasts of the Cabinet, so far, have not promised much strength. Thoughtful Americans deplore the apparent decline in the calibre of statesmen. The calibre of statesmen is sure to decline in proportion as the stump gains the ascendancy. Mr. Sherman, who has been nominated to the most important post, that of Secretary of State, enjoys an authority derived from extensive knowledge, long experience, and a judgement which, when it has acted freely, has probably been right. But he is now old and manifestly failing. What is worse, he is and always has been a reed shaken by every puff of the popular gale. But yesterday he was voting with Mr. Cameron, in defence to what he supposed to be public feeling, for recognizing the independence of Cuba. To-day seeing that the feeling has subsided, and, being made Secretary of State, he veers round, and declares that the Government of the United States is in no way called upon to interfere in Cuban affairs. What confidence can be placed in such a man?—Toronto Sun.

They Fear the C. P. R.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 4.—At a special meeting of the directors of the Maritime Exchange yesterday there was a lengthy discussion on the "Discriminating Duty Bill," now before Congress, and its probable effect of the shipping interests of the country. As a result it was decided to send a memorial to the United States Senate protesting against the passage of the bill.

The memorial in part says: "In the opinion of the Philadelphia Maritime Exchange the provisions of this bill, if enacted into law, would be disastrous to American shipping, and instead of having the effect sought to be accomplished, would destroy, rather than build up, the American merchant marine. The discriminating duty would encourage importations into the United States by rail, and thus not only build up foreign lines running to Canadian and Mexican ports, but also by shutting up foreign steamers at San Francisco, traffic from the American transcontinental railways to the Canadian Pacific railway."

Good Clothes may not make a man a saint, but they certainly will make him a very attractive sinner.

This is the season for social functions, and you want to appear in good form. You need a Dress Suit of Worsted or Broadcloth, perhaps a White or Fancy Vest. I can give you such a suit for \$25 up. The Best Goods. The Latest Style. The most experienced workmen and a perfect fit.

W. B. NICHOLSON.

Hold Up a Minute.

And read this if the FURNITURE in your home is beginning to approach a condition that it is necessary for you to look around and see about refurbishing. I want your trade, not for one time only but permanently. If I can sell you one article I am confident that you will buy all you want from me.

WHY?

Because you will find in my store the BEST FURNITURE that can be procured, the best workmanship that can be had, and prices are, well, a good deal lower than some dealers ask you.

MARCY.

CONNELL STREET.

Carnival.

The fancy dress carnival at the Roller Rink on Wednesday night last was well attended. The judges were Thomas Lynch, Woodstock, A. A. Rideout, Hartland, and a gentleman from St. Stephen.

The prize winners were:

Miss Karnes, handsomest costume.

Miss Lizzie Day, original costume.

Ed. Manzer, gent's handsomest costume.

Bart Lint, gent's original costume—as Dutchman.

Mable Blake, girl's prize.

Harvey Lee, boy's prize.

Miss McCann received honorable mention for fancy costume.

LIST OF COSTUMES.

Mrs. Geo. Lee, America.

Aggie Dent, Stars and stripes.

Mamie Buck, Summer Girl.

Mamie A. Karnes, Fancy Dress.

Mable Nugent, Snow Flake.

Elsie Kelly, Snow Flake.

Lydia Blake, Flower Girl.

Mamie Glew, Fancy Dress.

Maggie Tapley, Gypsy Girl.

Annie Derrah, Flower Girl.

Beatrice McKinley, School Girl.

May Weeks, Silver Hair Daisy.

Ethel Derrah, Summer Girl.

Lisetta Tapley, Summer Girl.

Mable Blake, Fancy Dress.

James Montgomery, James Troy, Kip Glew, Pud Craig, Four Clowns.

Bert Lint, Dutchman.

Cecil Watson, George Vaudeville.

Wilfred Embleton, The New Woman '97.

Hedley Ketch, Night.

Brock Kinnear, Free Silver.

Harry Lee, Fancy Dress.

George McFarlane, Colored Sport.

Edwin B. Mauzer, Half a King.

Stephen Wetmore, Tourist.

Gordon Connell, Robert Corbett, Boys' Brigade.

Winslow Watt, Paper Hanger.

Fred. Stephenson, Buffalo Bill.

George Dent, Little Baker.

Fred. Scovill, Western Bandit.

Warrie Lindow, Guy C. Flagg, Representative Oak Hall.

A. J. Grey, Fancy Dress.

Dennie Blake, Horse Jockey.

Gordon Lowe, Tailor Boy.

W. Walker, Dinky Town Sport.

Murrie Scribner, British Soldier.

Henry Smith, Negro Dude.

Jack Ketch, Sambo.

Henry Derrah, Dinah.

Shepard Derrah, Snow Flake.

Donald Donnell, Jester.

Arthur Glew, Newburg Style.

Sandy McCrea, Hartland Sport.

The mind of the scholar, if you would have it large and liberal, must come in contact with other minds.—