

LOCAL TOPICS.

STORM WINDOWS at the Woodstock Wood Working Company's factory.

PAINLESS extracting, at Dr. Manzers, by his celebrated Itdonthurt, only 25 cts.

GENTLEMEN'S Leather Travelling Cases from \$1.75 up at Garden Bros. Drug Store.

ANTI-FREEZE STRIPS can be had of Fields & Turner. They keep out the draughts from your houses.

REMEMBER the chicken supper at Chas. A. Long's, Good Corner, on Wednesday, Dec. 21st, in aid of the Baptist church at that place. Supper 25cts.

THERE was one of the largest crowds ever seen in town on Saturday afternoon last. Main street was crowded, and a fair business done by the merchants.

THIS is generally considered the shortest day in the year. As a matter of fact there is little difference from the middle of December till after the first week in January.

CHAS. McLEAN, J. P., has been very ill for some weeks and on Sunday there was great anxiety as to his recovery. On Monday a considerable change for the better was reported.

THE Woodstock W. C. T. U. request that all contributions for the annual distribution of provisions to the poor, will be sent to the W. C. T. U. rooms on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 23rd.

THE OLD INFANTRY KNAPSACK can be bought from Atherton Bros., Harness Makers, King street, Woodstock, for 50 cents. It makes a grand thing for a hunter to carry grub in.

THE two essential things to be considered by a man when selecting the Co. in which to place his insurance, is—first security—2nd profit earning powers; in both of these respects "The Temperance and General" is unexcelled.

STEPHEN BURDEN of Bear Island, dropped dead at his home Thursday morning. He had been in poor health for some time but arose as usual. At about 8 o'clock he suddenly expired. Heart failure is given as the cause of his death. He was about 80 years of age, and leaves a widow and family.

THE WEATHER took a peculiar turn on Sunday. After a week of very severe weather, the thermometer being some of the time 20° below, it moderated on Saturday and on Sunday was warm and thawing. It turned cold, however, at night, and was down below zero with a high wind on Monday morning.

SUITABLE XMAS presents for all at C. M. Sherwoods. Prices advanced on Turkeys, Geese and Ducks. Three lots furniture just arrived including some beautiful goods for the holiday trade. The tea fever is gradually becoming more and more acute, as the 25 and 30 cent linas in lead packets are better known.

BE SURE and call at Keith's Photograph Studio before making sittings elsewhere. He has a special line of Xmas Photo Mounts. They are beautiful, besides he gives away a nice present with every full dozen of Cabinets ordered between now and Christmas. Call and see, and enquire at studio over Noble & Trafton's store, Main street.

EVERY DAY is our busy day at the Woodstock Business College. We have a new department for non-resident members. Young people from the country who can attend at least once a week are admitted to this class. The work is so arranged that they can do part of it at home. Our students are delighted with the new Actual Business Method that we are now using. Evening classes are held every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

THE PEOPLE of Canterbury station were aroused at two o'clock Tuesday morning the 13th by the alarm of fire, which was reported to have started at the western end of the village in the store occupied by James Gould. In a few minutes the store was in flames, and the building next, lately occupied by H. N. Grant was in flames. Those who had gathered to the scene succeeded in saving a greater part of the furniture in the Grant building, but the Gould property, including store and stock, were completely destroyed. The loss will be about \$3,000; little or no insurance.

THERE came near being a ruinous conflagration in Hartland on the evening of the 12 Annie Davis, who lives with Mrs. G. W. Boyer, retired leaving a lighted lamp on the table beside her bed. Miss Davis who is visiting Miss Annie entered the room at a later hour, and there was burning oil all around the burner, while the little girl was fast asleep. The elder girl tried to blow out the blaze, when the lamp exploded, sending burning oil all over the room and bed. Annie was snatched from the flames and with the aid of water and a bed spread the fire was put out. Excitement was rife for awhile and Mr. Boyer, in giving the Advertiser the story, thinks the escape from disaster was miraculous. Had not Miss Davis entered the room just when she did the lamp would have exploded and Annie might have lost her life. The only damage was a ruined carpet.—Advertiser.

REV. F. S. TODD, recently of Lubec, has commenced his work as pastor of the Berean Baptist church, Brunswick, under very hopeful prospects. He takes the work at East Brunswick as a part of his field of labor. Sunday the meetings were full and deeply interesting, and two churches which were well-nigh disheartened, are greatly encouraged. The Lord seems to have sent the man whom, we trust, he will bless. A reception was given the new pastor on Thursday evening, Dec. 1. A large company were present and a pleasant evening was passed. The cosy church parlors were decorated and arranged to resemble a drawing room and the guests were made to feel perfectly at home. A nice musical entertainment was offered consisting of both vocal and instrumental selections. The clergymen of Brunswick were present and many ladies and gentlemen outside the parish.—Zions Advocate, Portland Me.

CHAS. G. CONNELL, druggist, has put in a handsome new cash register.

THE Woodstock Woodworking Co. are waiting for your order for storm windows.

EXCEPTIONALLY good value in Ladies Purses at Garden Bros. Drug Store. Call and see.

REMEMBER the Xmas concert to be held in the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening the 27th inst., at 7.30 o'clock. A silver collection will be taken to be added to the library fund.

IT IS NOTHING NEW for R. W. Balloch to be in a position to supply the public with a fine selection of Xmas goods, and his stock, this season, is in no respect below the average, he cannot fail to please. Call and see for yourselves.

THE new Baptist meeting house at Linton Corner commenced on the twenty-fifth of August, under the wise management of Rev. J. W. S. Young is now completed and will be dedicated on the twenty-fifth of Dec. The building is a fine structure and will add greatly to the beauty of the community in which it is situated. All are cordially invited.

GEORGE McAVITY and G. G. Ruel of St. John, J. D. Chipman, of St. Stephen, Hon. F. P. Thompson, of Fredericton, and Joshua Peters, of Moncton, have given notice in the Royal Gazette, that they will apply for the incorporation of the New Brunswick Cold Storage Co., Ltd., with a capital stock of \$250,000 and head offices at Rothesay, Kings Co. The operations of the company are to be carried on in New Brunswick and elsewhere in the Dominion.

MR. J. INGLIS STREET, son of the late Rev. Lee Street, rector of Woodstock, died in Boston, recently. Death is supposed to have been due to apoplexy. He was born in Woodstock and was 57 years of age. At one time he carried on a drug business in St. Andrews. From there he removed to St. Stephen and from St. Stephen to Boston. For several years past he has been carrying on a successful drug business in Malden. The deceased was unmarried. He has three brothers in this province, Rev. Thos. Street, of Bathurst, Alfred Street, collector of customs at Fredericton; E. Lee Street, druggist, of Newcastle, and one brother, Warwick W. Street, residing in Boston. The remains were brought to Fredericton for interment.

THE death of Mrs. Michael McDade today (Saturday) was quite sudden and unexpected. Her little child was attacked by diphtheria lately and she nursed it into health. Then she was attacked herself by the disease. Serious results were not anticipated, but this morning the disease took an unfavorable turn and death quickly followed. Mrs. McDade was a daughter of Mrs. Mary McWilliams, Coburg street, and leaves a husband and seven children, the youngest not more than a year old. Her death will be deeply lamented by a large family circle and numerous friends throughout the province, and a great deal of sympathy will be extended to her bereaved husband.—St. John Globe. [Mr. McDade is well known in this county and will have much sympathy in his trouble.—ED. DISPATCH.]

A VERY peculiar accident happened at Perth one day last week. As every one who has been there knows the railway runs parallel with the main road, near the bridge, and that the railway bridge and the team bridge are close together. The express was just pulling out of the Perth station to cross the bridge to Andover, when a run-a-way team rushed by and instead of taking the team bridge dashed on to the railway bridge and ran for between fifty and seventy-five yards, on the sleepers before the horses legs caught between them. Then, they soon tangled up. The train stopped and the hands with other assistance went to the rescue. They got ropes and other material and finally got the horses out, and on their backs, and thus off the bridge. They were badly cut. Mr. Porter is the owner.

EX-COUN JAMES A. GOULD passed away at his home at Canterbury station Friday morning, after a protracted illness from consumption. He was about 30 years of age and leaves a wife and five children to mourn their loss. Deceased was elected as a councillor for Canterbury in the fall of 1897, and served his parish in that capacity up to a short time ago, when ill health compelled him to resign his seat. He had a large circle of friends to whom his untimely death will cause regret. Isaac G. Vanwart of Calgary, N. W. T., is making application to the Senate of Canada for divorce from his wife Annie May Tibbitts of Oakland, California, on the grounds of desertion. The lady in question secured a divorce from Mr. Vanwart some years ago, and is now the wife of H. LeBaron Smith of California, formerly of this city.—F'ton Herald.

We don't want

to carry over any Xmas goods this year. We marked our stook so low that we expect to clear everything out. Don't put off your shopping any longer, but pick up, come to the **bar-gains** we are offering **today**. A few prices:

Dressing Cases from.....	90c	Pocket Knives from.....	15c
Hdkf Boxes ".....	25c	Purses ".....	10c
Mirrors ".....	30c	Perfumes ".....	10c
Photo Frames ".....	15c	Hair Brushes ".....	25c
Atomizers ".....	25c	Pipes ".....	25c

The following lines at **cost**:

Dolls, Doll Heads,	Albums, Moustache Cups,
Xmas Tree Decorations,	Tool Sets, Children's Tea Sets,
A B C Block,	A few Testaments and other
Sheet Celluloid,	Books.

Don't miss this opportunity to get Genuine Bargains.

GARDEN BROS., Druggists.

DON'T FAIL to attend the concert at Lakeville on Xmas eve.

NORRIS & TRAFTON are presenting their patrons with a very nice calendar.

GEORGE W. GIBSON presents a couple of calendars one of which bears the British flag.

REMEMBER, 3 lbs. of candy for 55 cts. All kinds of nuts and Christmas fruit at Noble & Trafton's.

EIGHTEEN teams were counted on the river oridge at one time on Saturday afternoon, all coming to town.

JAMES S. McMANUS has been appointed to the position in the Woodstock Custom House rendered vacant by the death of Thomas Lynch.

DON'T FORGET to go to the Roller Rink Xmas afternoon and evening. Music will be furnished by the 67th Batt. Band. The new management will see that everything is in first class order.

KENT PARISH Sunday School Convention meets at Bath on the 29th. A large attendance is expected. Two sessions, 2 and 7 p. m. An invitation is hereby extended to all Sabbath school workers to be present.

THERE will be a ball in Graham's Opera House on Wednesday evening next. The committee are Charles E. Jubien, Geo. W. Gibson, Norman R. Loane and E. W. Mair. The chaperones are Mrs. J. N. W. Winslow, Mrs. W. P. Jones, Mrs. Geo. Anderson and Mrs. W. L. Carr.

DON'T forget that the great reduction in prices of Millinery still continues at Miss L. E. Fitzgerald's. Come while you can buy \$2.00 worth with \$1.00. Lots have taken advantage of these profitable prices, and there is still room for as many more. Centreville is the place to trade to save your money.

THE HADLEY BARLOWE COMPANY, are now in Houlton. They will play in Graham's Opera House, Woodstock on Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings the 29th, 30th, & 31st, and will give a matinee on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hadley very kindly gave up Wednesday evening to the Woodstock boys for a dance.

LAST WEEK THE DISPATCH had an article based on a letter received by a Woodstock man from a party who proposed to start an excelsior factory in this locality. On Saturday a resident of Nackawick was in town laying before the recipient of the letter the advantage of that location for the excelsior factory. He meant business.

KENT PARISH S. S. Convention will meet at Bath nothing preventing on the afternoon and evening of Thursday the 29th inst at 2 and 7 o'clock. Very important subjects are in the topic for treatment the discussion of which will likely be found gratifyingly helpful to all friends of the work who will conscientiously manage to be present.

MISS MARY CLUFF died at the home of her niece, Miss McCann, on Friday last. Deceased was one of the oldest and most respected residents of Woodstock. At the time of her death she was upwards of 80 years of age. She had been in poor health for some time. She leaves one sister and a brother, Mr. Richard Cluff, formerly of this town, but now of Lewiston, Me., who arrived here on Monday. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, Archdeacon Neales officiating. The remains were interred in the parish church burying ground.

Price of Meat.

The following prices will rule until further notice:—

Pork 5 cents.
MEDUCTIC MEAT CO.,
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WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY of thanking our many customers for their very liberal patronage during the past year and wishing you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

This Holiday Season we are prepared to give you better bargains than ever before, for the simple reason that we are going out of business and wish to dispose of our stock.

In Men's and Boys' Ulsters, Overcoats, Suits, Reefers, Pants, Hats and Caps, we have a large range that you can buy at the first cost.

We have the best line of Neckwear we have ever offered to the public in Four-in-Hand, String Ties, Puffs and Made Knots, at prices away down. Men's Silk Mufflers, Initial Handkerchiefs from 25 cts. to \$1.25. Also, Collars, Cuffs, Braces, Socks, and a variety of other goods for Christmas Presents cheaper than you can buy them in the county.

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