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NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents must send their names with each week's contribution, or their matter will not be printed. The names will not be published, but The Dispatch must know who is accountable for everything that is inserted in its columns.

PERTH.

Charles L. Olmstead has built himself a fine large pair of stores with dwelling overhead, just opposite his tailor shop.
Enoch Lovely has this summer completed an extension on the upper side of his hotel and painted the whole building. He has added very much to the appearance of his place.
Mayberry and Rodgers are running a most comfortable hotel here, a bath-room with hot and cold water, and the lighting of the house with Acetylene gas add materially to the convenience of the place.

ANDOVER.

J. J. Kupkey, Deputy Sheriff, was kicked by a horse on Saturday the 9th. The horse struck him on the legs just above the knees. Mr. Kupkey has been confined to his bed ever since.
Mr. Hoyt has moved the post office into the new building just across the street. This building was built by A. E. Kupkey, Dr. Wiley, W. H. Watson and William Currie, for this purpose.
Hon. John Costigan returned on Dec. 9th from a three months hunting trip up the Tobique and he brought down with him three moose heads, twenty-seven sable skins, one otter. Two men by name of Matthew were with him as guides.
The Victoria County Farmers' and Dairywomen's Association met in Beveridge's Hall, Andover on Wednesday last. Donald Innes was re-elected president; D. W. Pickett, vice president; C. E. Pickett, secretary; David Currie, treasurer; F. E. Henderson, parish president for Andover; Wm. McPhail for Perth, F. A. Turner for Grand Falls, A. J. Jensen for Drummond, J. E. Berryman for Gordon, John Everett for Lorne. G. L. Corey and G. H. Ervin were elected auditors. The delegates to the Provincial Farmers' and Dairywomen's Association are David Currie, E. Sisson, Donald Innes and Wm. McPhail. At the evening meeting, J. C. Manzer made a proposition to the farmers about a creamery. He undertook to build and operate a creamery in Andover with five skimming stations if the farmers would guarantee him 100 cows to each station and an increase of 30 cows a year for two years at each station. Mr. Manzer is very much in earnest. He has secured the option on a place near the C. P. R. station, where he would place the creamery. It was resolved by the meeting that the County Council be asked to exempt from taxation for ten years all flour mills, creameries, canning factories and such other industries as might be started in the county. J. C. Manzer, F. W. Stevens and C. E. Pickett were appointed a committee to see if the number of cows required by Mr. Manzer could be secured. The sum of \$15.00 was voted to prosecute the inquiry. M. S. Sutton, hardware merchant and tinsmith, had set up and running in the room a high speed separator for which he is agent. Mr. Dillon of St. John, an agent for another separator was present and addressed the meeting.
George E. Baxter is doing a good business here fattening poultry for the English market. With his present facilities he can handle 200 chickens at a time. He buys them for 6 cts per lb on foot and will not take a chicken weighing less than 4 lbs. He had already shipped 12 dozen to England and 50 to Montreal but has not heard from the shippers yet. Hereafter, instead of shipping through Montreal the shipments will be made from St. John. The lot at present fattening will be ready between Christmas and New Year.
Charles Straton died at the residence of his daughter Mrs. A. E. Kupkey in Andover on Monday morning December 11th in the 86th year of his age. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. S. B. Hillock conducted the services. Mr. Straton was born at Kinross-shire, Scotland and was educated at Montrose Academy and Edinburgh University, where he was first prizeman in Civil Law in the year 1834. He practised the profession of solicitor and was in his day regarded as one of the best conveyancers in Edinburgh. He came to Canada with his family in 1873 and since 1887 he has lived in Andover. He leaves a widow, four sons, Charles who lives in England, James of Ottawa, Alex. of Andover and John of Presque Isle and three daughters Mrs. W. B. Hoyt, Andover, Mrs. Bruce Truro, and Mrs. A. E. Kupkey, Andover. All the sons and daughters were present at the funeral except Charles Straton and Mrs. Bruce. The Pall bearers were Hon. Senator Baird, Adam Beveridge M. P. P., Thomas Lawson M. P. P., and James McQuarrie.

RICHMOND.

Messrs. Beardsley and Hearst have erected a fine wind mill on the Beardsley farm, as it catches the rays of the rising sun it can be seen for miles.

A small brown hand-bag was lost on Dec. 8 between Woodstock and McKenzie Corner containing a small sum of money and other articles. Finder please leave at Post Office Richmond or Post Office McKenzie Corner.

A party of young folks from McKenzie Corner and Houlton spent last Thursday evening in Campbell Settlement.

Clifford Campbell has been home a few days suffering from a slight attack of Jaundice.

Mr. and Mrs. Lombard of Houlton spent Sunday with her parents in Richmond.

The L. O. L. 109, met for election of officers on Tuesday Dec. 12th and decided to have an Oyster supper on the Thursday after Christmas Dec. 28th.

FORESTON AND BIGGER RIDGE.

We have had a few days good sleighing, and times seem quite lively.

The snow has spoiled our good skating for a while.

Miss Katie Graham Millville is visiting friends here.

Frank Staten of Lowell Mass., is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Staten.

Our teacher Miss K. Tweedie will soon be leaving us. Much joy is wished her in the near future.

The many friends of Miss Ella Biggar was sorry she did not stay longer at home. She is very much missed here.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. Wm. A. Biggar also of Mrs. Justus McKay, hope they will soon gain recovery.

Mrs. R. W. Scott, of Glassville is paying a visit to Mrs. J. W. Huggard.

Miss Ida Bacon, of Bloomfield, who teaches in Beaufort and Miss Blanchie Brooks, North Ridge, and Seenie Bell, of Bristol were the Guests of Miss Ella Biggar last Sunday.

An eloquent sermon was preached here last Sunday by Rev. Mr. Calder.

H. B. Biggar is doing good work with his sawing machine.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Biggar and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Haydon are receiving congratulations of new arrivals in their homes, (Christmas presents).

EVERETT.

Roads are in a bad condition again as the snow has all gone leaving the roads very rough.

John Jenkins of B. L. B. gave his hand a bad cut while working in the wood. He came to the settlement and had it properly dressed by Robert Clyde and put up at the Larchwood over night starting for home the next morning.

We are grieved to report the death of Mr. Robt. Lockhart of Millville, which took place at Nictau this morning. He had been in the employ of J. Hale and was brought from the camp Monday but was unable to come any further than Mrs. Vanderbecks.

Dr. Weaver was summoned at a late hour last night but it was too late. Death's messenger had entered before he arrived and was waiting to wait his soul to eternity and he passed away peacefully at seven this morning.

Disappointments seem to be the order of the day. One of our young ladies has met with a bad one tonight.

Thomas Porter is spending a few days at his home, from the lumber camp.

Fred Sandler has been occupied in this place last week pressing hay.

Quite a number of men passed through here on their way to the woods for Jim McMarr and A. McCollum. Among them was Mr. Tweedie looking very happy hauling his sleds on bare ground.

Fred Watters spent Sunday at his home. He has been in the wood for some time.

We hope that the concert and Xmas tree will prove a success.

WATERVILLE.

The long wished for snow has come at last, and we are trusting that it will remain till spring comes with fresh flowers to put in its place.

On Friday the 14th a south east snow storm raged all day and considerable snow fell.

The Free Baptist Sunday School intend having an entertainment on Christmas night at the Creek church. An invitation has been extended to the Methodist Sunday School to join them on this occasion.

The day school is to be taught by L. H. Huggard.

Miss Cross of Meductic is visiting at G. S. Wiggins.

The L. O. L. No. 95 of this place elected the following officers on the 15th.

Edward Lipsett, W. M.; G. Fred Jewett, D. M.; H. Kimball, R. S.; G. S. Wiggins, F. S.; A. E. Plummer, T.; H. M. DeWitt, C. H. Gardner, D. C.; H. Kearney, Fred Culberson, C. H. Gray, C. Miller committee men.

The Lodge meets the second Thursday evening in the month.

Eletha Kimball is confined to her home by illness.

THREE BROOKS.

Dr. Weaver called in this place today. Last night he was summoned to Riley Brook to attend R. Lockhart of Millville who was seriously ill with pneumonia. He expired a few minutes after the doctor's arrival.

Mrs. Chas. Morehouse of Keswick passed here today en route for Riley Brook.

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JEWETT'S CORNER.
W. B. JEWETT.

Our temporary Tobique bridge took its departure Wednesday morning.

Why that smiling countenance of our Ridge postmaster? Oh, a boy!

Mrs. Gallop of Sisson Ridge recently spent the day in this place the guest of Mrs. Linton.

FLORENCEVILLE.

The Methodists of this village and congregation intend holding a Chicken Supper on Friday evening the 22nd in the Temperance Hall. Proceeds to go to help furnish the parsonage. Supper 25 cents.

Our school will be taken charge of next term by Thomas Allen. Miss Dorcus will still teach in the Primary Department.

The stores are commencing to put on a Christmas like appearance, but everything is very quiet.

The Foresters social held in their hall on Saturday evening turned out a success.

HARTLAND.

The investigation was continued on Thursday evening last in the hose house before Thane M. Jones. A large crowd gathered and a number of witnesses were called but no direct evidence was deduced. One of the commissioners who was believed by one former witness to have set the fire, succeeded in completely proving an alibi.

The snow storm of last week made good sleighing and trade was brisk in the village. The stores are looking well and are well stocked with seasonable goods.

School opened last Monday with a good attendance. The two advanced departments have had a vacation of four weeks. The same staff will continue next term, Allan Rideout, principal, Miss Mamie McNally, intermediate, Miss Mabelle Baker, primary.

The new building is certainly a credit to the place. The rooms are large, light and airy. Two furnaces heat the building.

The Baptist Quarterly Meeting convened in the church here. Beginning on Friday evening they closed on Monday. A large crowd was in attendance on Sunday. The house was filled in the evening when Rev. Mr. Barton preached.

Miss Susie Gray has engaged to teach the Lower Brighton school for the coming term.

B. W. Morgan who has taught with good success at Salt Springs, Kings Co., will be home in a few days to spend his vacation.

BRISTOL.

F. A. Phillips went to St. John on Friday last. Othnel Merritt has returned home to spend his vacation, and on Sunday evening he preached in the Baptist church.

Mrs. I. N. Boyer arrived home on Wednesday last from New Hampshire, where she had been visiting her daughters.

Miss Ethel Derrah, Woodstock is visiting her friend, Miss Dora Davis.

A concert and Christmas tree will be held in the hall next Saturday evening, by the members of the Sunday school, and the young people are anticipating a visit from Santa Claus.

The schools in the village will close on Thursday, and the regular examinations will be held the day before. The same teachers will continue the charge another year.

At the annual meeting of Court Sterling, I. O. F. on Saturday night, the following officers were chosen: Chalmers W. Brittain, C. R.; A. B. Gaines, V. C. R.; A. J. McLean, F. S.; G. A. Brittain, N.; George Caldwell, S. W.; Howard Parker, J. W.; Tynley Rogers, S. B.; E. W. Bell, J. B.; Dr. Somerville, C. P.; John Farley, C. D.; Fred Phillips, P. C. R.

MEDUCTIC.

Do not forget the concert of Xmas night.

Milburn L. O. L. No. 12 held its annual session on Tuesday evening when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—A. E. Pearson, I. P. M.; G. W. Porter, W. M.; E. Higgins, D. M.; John W. Scott, charter; E. C. Olts, R. S.; D. W. Olts, F. S.; W. O. Porter, treasurer; G. W. Olts, D. of C.; A. J. Best, lect; A. W. Hay, Wm. Slaney, Frank Tompkins, Alonza B. Cummings, and Geo. Hemphill, committee. The officers were then installed by Past Master Pearson.

J. J. Bull, of Northampton, spent Sunday in Meductic.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grosvenor and Miss Eva W. French leave for Mass. on Wednesday.

The river froze over at this place on Saturday, people were crossing on foot on Sunday.

Rev. G. W. MacDonald, of Calais, visited his son last week.

Rev. C. N. Barton did not hold his regular services here Sunday as he was attending the quarterly meetings at Hartland.

A number of young folk took advantage of the moon and good roads for a sleigh drive to Benton. Evangelist Gaskin held services there.

E. Moore left Saturday for Halifax and other Nova Scotia places.

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THE WAR.

The past week has only brought us bad news of the war. Where we looked for victory we have had to read of defeat. More cruel than all, the telegram announcing that General Buller had relieved Ladysmith, over which all rejoiced, was found to be a sharp trick by unscrupulous stock brokers. Not only was this found to be the case, but after reading of Methuen's set back at Modder River, of Gatacre's repulse at Stormberg, like a bolt from the blue sky comes news that Buller, in whom everybody relied had been repulsed, at the Tugela River, with a loss of nine or ten large guns, and over 1000 men, killed, wounded and missing. General Buller's despatch in part is as follows:—

CHIEVELY CAMP, Dec. 15, 6.20 p. m.—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from the camp near Chieveley at 4 o'clock this morning. There are two fordable places on the Tugela River, and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them. They are about two miles apart, and I intended to force one or the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. Gen. Hart was to attack the left drift, Gen. Hilyard had the right of the road. Gen. Lyttleton was in the centre to support either. Early in the day I saw that Hart would not be able to force a passage, and directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry. His leading battalion, the Connaught Rangers, I fear suffered a great deal. Col. Brooke was severely wounded. I then ordered Hilyard to advance, which he did. His leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge. At that moment we heard that the whole artillery I had sent back to that attack, namely the 14th and 66th field batteries and six naval 12-pounder quick firers, the whole under Colonel Long, were out of action. It appears that Long in his desire to be within effective range, advanced close to the river. It proved to be full of the enemy, who immediately opened a galling fire at close range, killing all the horses, and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns. Some wagon trains got shelter for the troops on a donga. Desperate efforts were made to bring out the field guns, but the fire was too severe. Only two or three were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Shortly before midnight the following notice was posted at the War Office:—
“As the campaign in Natal, in the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, is likely to require the presence and undivided attention of General Sir Redvers Buller, it has been decided to send Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Waterford as commander in chief in South Africa, with Lord Kitchener as chief of staff.
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.
LONDON, Dec. 17.—The War Office today issued the following announcement:—
“Acting on the advice of military authorities, Her Majesty's Government has approved the following measure:—
“All the remaining portions of the army reserve, including section D are called out. The seventh division which is being mobilized, will proceed to South Africa without delay.
The commander-in-chief in South Africa has been authorized to continue to raise at his discretion local troops mounted.
“Nine battalions of militia, in addition to

two battalions which have already volunteered for service at Malta, and one for service in the Channel Island, will be allowed to volunteer for service outside of the United Kingdom; and an equivalent number of militia battalions will be embodied for service at home.

“A strong force of volunteers, selected from the Yeomanry regiments will be formed for service in South Africa.

“Arrangements are being made and will shortly be announced, for the employment in South Africa of a strong contingent of carefully selected volunteers. The patriotic offers which are being received from the colonies will, so far as possible be accepted, preference being given to offers of mounted contingents.”

Gen. Lord Roberts was born in 1832. He is thus 67 years of age. He served with distinction through the Indian Mutiny campaign. In later life he had chief command of the army in Afghanistan and annihilated the power of Ayooob Khan. In 1881 he was appointed to succeed Sir George Colley in the command of the troops in Natal and Transvaal, but peace was concluded before his arrival in the colony. After this he was commander in chief of the troops in India. His son a lieutenant in the army was killed at Tugela river last week.

Of Gen. Lord Kitchener we all know. He conducted the successful campaign leading to the annihilation of the Khalifa and the conquest of the Sudan. He displayed unusual ability in strategy and generalship. His promotion is entirely due to his own ability.

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Harmony's pedigree will show for itself that he is one of the best bred stallions that ever came to this county. As for color, style and action he cannot be out classed. He will be kept in this county through the season of 1900.

W. C. BULL, Owner.