

**LOCAL TOPICS.**

THE new skating rink is being pushed forward rapidly, and will be ready for Christmas all right, apparently.

WHILE out Xmas shopping look in at Garden Bros. Queen Street store, all Xmas sundries going cheap.

THE Fancy Sale and Supper under the auspices of the women of St. Luke's church passed off successfully and about \$80 was made.

OLD COPIES WANTED.—Will some of our subscribers kindly send us issues of THE DISPATCH of September 13 and 27 and Oct. 4, 11 and 25th.

THERE'S a best of everything; and of course there's a best in Tea. We can't help thinking that it is Union Blend. You'll think so, too, if you try it.

THE excellent skating on the river was interfered with by the snow of Thursday last. Before that there was a clear course to the foot of Bull's Island.

A. E. JONES has a large stock of Axes, Cross Cut Saws, Peavies and Peavie stocks, Tarred Paper especially for lumbermen. Wholesale and retail.

MR. WM. M. SMITH was presented last week with a handsome chair by a number of friends who organized a welcome surprise party at his residence.

DON'T wait for cold weather. Order your storm windows from the Woodstock Woodworking Factory. They take the measure and fit them if required.

LINDSAY.—The basket social recently held in aid of the F. Baptist church was a great success. The receipts were \$38.30. There was a large attendance and everything passed off well.

FIFTY women wanted at Miss L. E. Fitzgerald's millinery store to buy the balance of trimmed hats on hand, going at prices away below zero, from now until Xmas. Come quick and get the best.

THE nature of the investments made by "The Temperance and General" may be judged from the fact—that it has never had to foreclose a mortgage—nor has it had a dollar of interest overdue December 31st, 1894, 95, 96, 97 or 98.

AMONG the Fredericton quota in the New Brunswick South Africa contingent, is George Polkinhorn. He was head waiter at the Carlisle hotel during the past summer. Since arriving at the seat of war he has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

HERB N. CONNELL of Auburn, State of Washington, a member of the executive committee of the Odd Fellows Thanksgiving Bill and Banquet, held in Mystic hall in that city on Thursday evening, Nov. 30th, kindly sent the DISPATCH an invitation to the grand affair.

THE weather continues uncommonly mild for this season of the year. So far the thermometer, in town anyway, has not dropped below zero, and the first sharp days have been followed by periods of almost spring-like weather. This is a striking contrast to last year which gave us a bitterly cold December.

THE members of Hipwell L. O. A. Lodge intends having a Xmas tree and Peanut Social at Middle Simonds Saturday evening Dec. 2rd. A fee of 10cts will be charged at the door which will entitle the person to a fine treat and a vote for the most popular young lady in the hall, to whom a suitable prize will be given, to be decided by the most votes.

C. M. SHERWOOD offers at about half price one new cook stove, first class in every way, one second hand single harness as good as new. His trade in Fur goods, Ladies' Jackets especially, has grown as nothing else in this line has ever grown since he adopted the new process of manufacture, rendering the fur untearable. Unmanufactured samples open to inspection. Ladies' Cloth Jackets booming. Best values on earth.

DANIEL MURPHY, who was convicted of murdering his father at Mars Hill and whose counsel appealed on the verdict which was rendered at the trial has since that time been an inmate of Houlton jail patiently awaiting the decision of the law court, which has lately been received by the clerk of courts to the effect that the appeal has been dismissed and the motion for a new trial denied. Judgment having been rendered for the state, Murphy will be sentenced at the April term of court and until that time he will continue to be confined in the Houlton jail.

MAYOR MURPHY has received the following self-explanatory letters from Mayor Sears of St. John:—Yours of the 1st inst to hand with cheque enclosed (122.00) the amount of your citizens' subscription to the New Brunswick Africa contingent fund. I thank you on behalf of the committee for it. The brave soldiers of our Queen are having no inferior foe to contend with in the Boers, and whilst they and their mates of the British navy march to victory or death for dear old England and Freedom, these contributions in a small way show to the world the great reserve force that binds our race, and that must eventually establish throughout the earth, the principles of Liberty, Fraternity Justice and Truth.

A. M. BELDING of the St. John Sun Staff has published a very pretty and tasteful pamphlet entitled a Transvaal Souvenir. It is exceedingly attractive, the letter press in prose and poetry being most creditable and the cuts, throughout, something far above the ordinary. In the inside of the covers are names of the members of the New Brunswick contingent. Besides officers the 62nd batt, has 25 men, the 3rd Regt C. A. 23, the 74th batt, 12, the 71st 10, 12th Field Batter 5, 73rd batt, 4, 8th Hussars, 3, 78th, 1, Royal Scots 1, R. C. R. I. 23. So New Brunswick is generally well represented. This neat little pamphlet sells for 10cts and is worth a good deal more. Moreover it is a real souvenir of an important event.

COX AND GIBSON have a large stock of Fancy Slippers and Fancy Moccasins, Prices away down.

A SEASON ticket to the Ice Rink would make a good Christmas Present for any of your friends.

A FEW Dolls, Dolls heads, Testaments, Prayer-books, Neckties Cases at cost at Garden Bros. Queen Street store.

R. W. BALLOCH's stock is full and complete for the Xmas trade. Fancy goods are new, prices are right, and he will be glad to have your patronage.

ARE you looking for a Christmas present for a friend or a member of the family? What is the matter with a season ticket to the Ice Rink. They will be sure to appreciate it.

A GOSPEL temperance meeting was held in the Methodist church on Sunday evening after the regular service. Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Clark, Wiggins, Todd and Mr. James Watts.

Conductors Edward Ervin and John Flight, and brakemen Harry O'Hearn, C. Greely, Henry Powers, John Jones and R. M. Daly were in town Sunday visiting the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen's Lodge.

A BRASS band, composed of eight pieces, has begun practice and will play in the ice and roller rinks this winter. The practices so far have been successful, and the patrons of the rinks may expect good music.

THE following is one of many letters received by W. B. Nicholson, Merchant Tailor:—"St. John, N. B., Oct. 20th 1899. Dear Sir:—Goods arrived all right and suited the gentleman perfectly? Never was better satisfied. Many thanks to you." Yours, etc.

THE roller rink will be opened for the season Saturday, the 16th, with the band in attendance. The management have secured a lot of ball bearing skates, and with the floor in good condition, many should take advantage of this opportunity to have a skate on rollers.

JOHN TROY has moved into his new quarters, the old Lee-Williamson stand on Main street. The entire building has been repaired and repainted and is now in first class shape. Mr. Troy is a popular and competent caterer and no doubt will make the business an entire success.

THE Literary Society met last Thursday evening in the basement of the Presbyterian church. There was a good attendance. Mr. Ireland read and interpreted "My Last Duchess" and a part of "Saul." On Thursday evening of this week he will finish "Saul" and interpret "In a Spanish Cloister" and "The Bishop Orders his Tomb."

W. F. DIBBLEE & SON'S display of lamps and other useful gifts for Christmas are worthy of inspection. When you are passing the store look at their display in the windows, and then step into the store, and look their immense stock over. You will be sure to find appropriate gifts for both old and young, and at prices that will fit your purse.

THE WOODSTOCK CARRIAGE CO. is doing a fine business in sleighs and pungs this winter. Last week they sold a fine Dexter pung to Rev. Wesley Clark, another to Gallagher Bros., a two seated pung to C. F. Hall who has lately returned from the Western States, and a sleigh to C. J. Tabor. These were all first class articles, the only kind turned out by the company.

A MEETING of young men interested in the game of hockey, was held last week with the result that a league was formed, consisting of four clubs, viz: Bankers, A. O. H., Utopiac and Wellington. Officers were entitled as follows: Geo. Mitchell, pres.; J. P. Malaney, vice pres.; A. D. Holyoke, secy., and Arthur Hay, treas. Some interesting games may be looked for the coming winter.

THE Press says:—The tender of Mr. Albert Brewer of Upper Woodstock for building the Hartland bridge has been accepted by the government and the company, and contract signed. There were three tenders of which Mr. Brewer's for \$27,945 was the lowest. The next highest was for \$28,897 from a contractor in York county. It is expected that work will be started at once; and that the bridge will be completed within twelve months.

At the annual election of officers of Royal Orange Lodge No 38 Woodstock, on Tuesday the 5th, the following were elected and installed by the Grand Master David Hipwell. D. O. McIntosh, W. M.; Judson Shea, D. M.; G. J. Brittain, Chap.; S. H. Clark, Rec. Sec.; T. H. McKinney, Fin. Sec.; H. Cox, Treas.; J. J. Rogers, D. of C.; William Rolston, Lecturer; Jarvis Watson, First Com.; David Hipwell, Second Com.; Arthur Gibson, Third Com.; H. N. Grant, Fourth Com.; James Brewer, Fifth Com.; Audit Committee, D. Hipwell, J. R. Watson and G. J. Brittain. Sick Committee, D. Hipwell, J. C. Blakeney, Wm. Estabrooks.

MISSIONARY CONCERT IN THE FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.—There are several reasons why all who can should attend the concert to be given by the "Mission Band" of the Free Baptist Church, on the evening of Tuesday the 19th inst at 7.30. The audience is sure to be delighted with the renderings of music and readings by the Mission Band whose selections will be made with taste and judgment. Following the Concert, refreshments, consisting of curry and rice, served in the native fashion of India together with coffee and cake will be served. Admission to concert including refreshment, 20 cents. Children 10 cents.

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I have an option on 25,000 shares and am prepared to sell part of them at 1 1/2 cts. per share.

J. T. GARDEN.

**PERSONAL.**

C. J. Murray, Presque Isle, registered at the Aberdeen Saturday.

Jabez Flight, of Newfoundland, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. M. Dow.

D. W. Green and F. P. Clark, Houlton, were at the Aberdeen Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Estey, Florenceville, left on Monday for New York to visit relatives. They will be there five or six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Bull, Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Shaw child and maid left Thursday for a visit to Boston, Newport, New York, and Philadelphia.

A. Neville Vince of the Brighton Engineers returned on Monday from the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., where he has completed a course in military engineering.

At the Aberdeen.—W Hawkes, Hamilton, Ont; W A Burden, W Cooper, Fredericton; S Arscott, Benton; C J Murray, Presque Isle; Mrs D Gibson, Miss E Gibson, Southampton; J H Scribner, P P Brennan, J W Wetmore, R A Sinclair and wife, N R Donahoe, St John; G E Protais, Grand Falls; A O'Donnell, R Kirkpatrick, Debec; D W Green, F P Clark, H Rogers, Houlton; J A Lindsay and wife, Miss Lizzie Baker, Lindsay; W I Taylor, Bangor; Geo F Burden, Pokioik; Jas A Swan, Sherbrooke; J A Carpenter and Son, Bloomfield; E Donoran, Canterbury; F H Pichutte, Quebec; Sanford Irvine, Millinocket; B Kierstead, Caribou.

Arrivals at the Carlisle are,—A B Robb, Brockville; H S Crogby, Yarmouth; Lt Col J F Wilson, Mrs J F Wilson, Quebec; J W Jenkins, Dr. N. R. Colter, J S Knight, Charles Lilley, Thos J Dillon, Geo P Trites, Major Grant, H T Codner, P S McNett, T J Stafford, H Peters, St John; J S Campbell, W D Gilson, Fredericton; H B Sneek, Truro; E A McCurdy, Newcastle; E J King, Bangor; A G Lindsay, New York; R A Marsh, Hampton; P Graham, Hartland; H B Potter, S G Crevier, E J Doutre, Fred Russell, Montreal; J C Bachelor, J Watson, Henry Thorn, J O Jones, L W Ervin, S M Rose, M E Somerville, F J Kelly, J C Jerow, J A McLain, Geo Shea, Houlton; A Mackinnon, Amherst; E H Brannen, C E Thompson, H E Rogers, McAdam; Harford Irvine, Millinocket; W W Hubbard, Sussex; A R McKenzie, Walter V Moore, St Stephen; A O Lambert, W McConnell, Toronto; A W Hay, Lower Woodstock.

**Resolution of Condolence.**

At the last regular meeting of Division No. 1, A. O. H., Woodstock, the following resolution was passed:—

WHEREAS it has pleased the Omnipotent God to call from this earth our well beloved brother James J. McCartin, and,

WHEREAS this division has sustained in his death an irreparable loss. Be it therefore

RESOLVED, that we, his sorrowing brother members place upon record the expression of our sorrow and bereavement and be it further

RESOLVED that we extend to the deeply bereaved and afflicted parents and family our heartfelt sympathy. Praying that the Heavenly Father may comfort them in the hour of their affliction. And be it further

RESOLVED that these resolutions be entered on the minutes of this meeting and a copy forwarded to family of our deceased brother and also inserted in the local press.

M. McMANNUS, Pres.  
W. COGGER, Rec. Secy.

Woodstock, N. B. Dec. 6th, 1899.

Miss Ellen Terry and Mrs. Payne are entitled to the honor of having formed the first ladies' cycling club in London twelve years ago.

The most gorgeous yacht ever built—the Livadia—which belonged to the Czar, is now used as a coal hulk in the harbor of Sebastopol.

The skin on our heels becomes so hardened and modified that in time its composition becomes the same as that of nails, horns and hoofs.

Signatures are being added in thousands to the British address of sympathy with Madame Dreyfus. It has now received 126,000 names



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Our work gives brilliance to any occasion, makes the wearer conspicuously clean looking and pleases in many ways. Pave the way for a perfect Christmas by sending your laundry to us.

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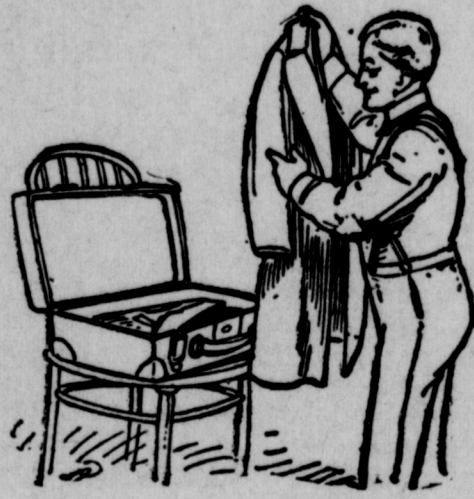
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For the Month of DECEMBER.

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Solid Gold 10kt Frames,.....\$2.50  
Gold Filled 10kt guaranteed ten years, no better manufactured,..... 1.50  
Finest Alumino Frames, 75c.; Finest Nickel in the world,..... 50  
Finest Lenses fitted by the latest scientific principle,..... 1.00  
I also have the Finest and Best \$1.00 Spectacle in the world.

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