

LOCAL TOPICS.

REV. JAMES CRISP, Jacksonville, preached in the Methodist church Sunday evening.

MR. TAPPAN ADNEY who has been at Cape Nome all summer is back in New York again with plenty of literary material.

ROY HARVEY, the veteran coachman of Woodstock, has recently added to his establishment a couple of very comfortable booby sleighs.

HON. C. H. LABILLOIS, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, is calling for tenders for a steel superstructure for the Narrows bridge, Victoria County.

MISS McCORMAC has resigned her position as teacher of grades 1 and 2 in the College building. Her place will be filled by Miss Minnie Milmore.

J. NORMAN W. WINSLOW presents THE DISPATCH with what is one of the most valuable calendars of this year, put out by The Standard Life Insurance Co. It is so arranged as to make a convenient diary.

A PUBLIC meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering what form the reception to be given our returning soldiers will take. Everybody, especially the ladies, invited to attend.

THE MEMBERS of Richmond L. O. L. No. 109 intend holding a basket social in their hall, Richmond Corner, on New Year's Eve. All are cordially invited to come. A pleasant evening may be expected. J. H. Hay, per order committee.

THE BIGGEST YET.—John A. Lindsay, of Lindsay, killed a pig last Thursday and brought it in town on Friday, which weighed 562 when dressed. The dealer who bought the pig says it is the largest he has purchased this season. This pig is of the Durock or Red Jersey breed.

G. ELTON DAVIS, Gabe Poitras, Archie Pelletier and Barney Craig, C. P. R. men who are well known in Woodstock, returned on Thursday last from Brownville Junction where they had been taking a course in the air brake, air whistle, steam heat and other things that the modern railroad man has to know.

A PATRIOTIC meeting will be held in the Orange Hall, Middle Simonds, on New Year's eve. The programme will contain addresses, music and recitations. Among the orators of the occasion will be J. K. Fleming, M. P. P., Rev. Allan A. Rideout, of St. Mary's and County Master George S. Wiggins. Everybody invited to attend.

THE Reformed Baptists of Carleton and York Counties will meet this week with the Reformed Baptist church at Greenbush opposite Esplanade for their Quarterly Meeting. All the clergymen of these two counties are expected and also delegates from most of the churches. The meetings will begin Thursday evening, 27th inst., at 7 o'clock and will continue over the Sabbath.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Adventist Christian Conference will be held in the church at Woodstock commencing Thursday evening, Dec. 27th, and continuing over the following Sunday. Three sessions each day. Ministers and laymen of other denominations are cordially invited to attend these services. We trust that all will come filled with the spirit, ready for work.—President.

THE CLOSING exercises of the village school at Meductic were of an unusually interesting character. Visitors among whom were clergymen and parents of the school children were present to the number of one hundred. A bright and exceedingly entertaining program was rendered by members of the school. The whole affair was exceedingly creditable to the school and the retiring teacher Mr. F. Patterson.

H. V. DALLING, jeweller, has just received a new engraving machine. It is the latest thing out in this line. When manipulated by the skillful hand of Mr. Dalling it will engrave on any kind of surface, flat, convex or concave; it will make hair lines or shaded lines and broad letters or long letters. Mr. Dalling can engrave with this new machine anything from Old English to Script letters and can make any combination of letters in a monogram.

GOLF CLUB.—At the meeting of the Woodstock Golf Club, held in the office of the President F. C. Denison, on Thursday evening, there were present F. C. Denison, William Diblee, Dr. Sprague, Dr. Rankin, Dr. Hand, H. Paxton Baird, Rev. G. D. Ireland, Roy Watt, Carey Hayes, B. M. Macleod, George Mitchell, Charles Appleby, J. S. Creighton, A. D. Holyoke, Arthur H. M. Hay, and Norman Loane. The club is in a healthy condition. B. M. Macleod, Treasurer, announced a small balance on hand. The committee on grounds reported that they were in a fair way to get a lease on satisfactory terms. A committee was appointed to confer with ladies of the Club as to the advisability of building a small club house, and to make plans and specifications of such a house and receive estimates for its erection.

EVERYBODY

Is thinking just now about Christmas Presents. We have a few Fancy Cabinet Size, which would make a very nice present.

Also, a few other nice things in our line. Call and see them.

G. A. KEITH, PHOTOGRAPHER,

Main Street.

ICE RINK, New Year's Day.

THE Century Ice Rink will be open New Year's Day.

George E. Phillips, who has been in Boston for some weeks, returned to Woodstock on Monday.

THE AROOSTOOK PIONEER is to be congratulated on a Christmas number made in excellent good taste.

GEORGE WOOLHAUPT, Agent of the Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada, is presenting his policy holders with a large and valuable calendar.

J. J. GALLAGHER and wife have moved to Grand Falls where they have purchased the Leslie residence. Mr. Gallagher's law office will be at his residence.

THE suburban was over two hours late on Saturday night. The locomotive blew out a cylinder and had to work along on one cylinder during the rest of her trip.

T. W. EBBETT and wife have gone to Andover, N. B., to attend the funeral of his uncle, Ezekiel Hutchinson, and expects to remain over Christmas.—Aroostook Pioneer.

C. H. INGRAHAM of Littleton and Miss Annie Huggard of Tracey Mills, N. B., were married last Wednesday at the M. E. parsonage in this town, by Rev. D. B. Phelan.—Aroostook Pioneer.

MRS. WILLIAM R. SNOW died at her residence, Rosedale, on Wednesday evening. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon at one o'clock. The deceased leaves one son and one daughter and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

C. M. SHERWOOD, Centreville, is having more trouble, old Santa, while making his late visit with him, hooked nearly all his fancy goods. The poor fellow has concluded to pay strict attention to staple goods, for a while, and is now exerting every effort to make all lines of goods complete in every department.

THE Roller Rink, under the management of James Augherton, opened for the season on Saturday evening with the band playing good music and a fair crowd in attendance. Mr. Augherton was disappointed in not getting some new skates he had ordered. Now that his new skates have arrived everyone can be assured an opportunity of a crack at the floor. The rink is in better condition than ever it was and is under excellent management.

C. M. SHERWOOD has the finest assortment of turkeys, chickens, geese and ducks for the holiday trade. This poultry has been selected with the greatest care and its quality is absolutely guaranteed. He also has a fine assortment of fancy crockery, suitable Christmas and New Year presents. His Raisins and confectionery are positively the best to be had in the land. You will miss it if you don't examine this stock before making purchases.

Very few indeed are the subjects which do not leave room for different opinions, but we can give one instance in which there is no room for argument, and that is the surpassing excellence of the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal and the two premium pictures, "Christ in the Temple," and "Home from the War." Both pictures are perfect gems, and, as to the paper itself, it leaves nothing to be desired, it is simply incomparable.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—In the last monthly examination (December) of the pupils in the advanced department of the college school, the following pupils in grade 8 each made an average above 60. Edith Seely, Jean Garden, Nellie Brown, Guy McLaughlan, Gordon Munro, Chester Seely, Aggie Dent and Roy McLaughlan. Those making above 60% in grade 7 are:—Charlie Jones, Bliss Brittain, Walter Sprague, Roy Brewer, Guy Payson, Arthur Glidden, Clarence Sprague, Harold Trafton, Harry Crawford, Waldo Payson and Sandy Ganter. In each case names are arranged in order of merit.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

St. Paul's Church.

MORNING.

Voluntary—"Religioso," Weber.
Hymn—"Joy to the World."
Anthem—"Glory to God in the Highest."
Voluntary—"Cujus Aiman," Rossini.

EVENING.

Voluntary—"Andante," Gurlitt.
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds."
[Beirly.]
Anthem—"Glory to God in the Highest."
[Earle.]
Voluntary—"Gloria," from Mozart's [Twelfth Mass.]

Methodist Church.

MORNING.

Anthem—"Brightest and Best"
"Fear Not," E. S. Lorenz.
Solo—"Rejoice" from The Messiah.
Miss Higley.
Anthem—"To Bethlehem Hasten."
E. L. Ashford.

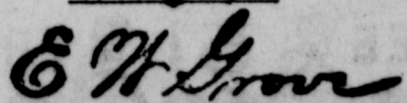
F. C. Baptist Church.

MORNING.

Opening Response—J. Tibbells.
Hymns 149 and 154.
Anthem—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."
[C. S. Burdette.]
Anthem—"Hark Those Holy Voices."
L. O. Emmerson,
Hymn 152.
Closing voluntary—"Procession March"
S. Clarke.

EVENING.

Opening Voluntary—"Chapel in the Forest."
Hymns 155 and 157.
Anthem—"A Christmas Hallelujah."
E. S. Lorenz.
Solo—"The Holy Night," C. B. Watson.
Hymn 160.
Closing Voluntary—"Silver Trumpets."
Rimbault.



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Laxative Bromo-Quinine
the remedy that cures a cold in one day

WANTED.—250,000 feet of pine and basswood, either in logs or sawed. Anyone wishing to contract can call at the office of the Woodstock Woodworking Company.

THAT "The Temperance and General" is becoming deservedly popular, is evidenced by the fact, that for some years past, it has done more business in the Maritime Provinces than any other Canadian Company.

A QUARTERLY conference will be held in the Advent church here commencing Thursday evening and over Sunday. Rev. A. W. Taylor of Rockland Maine, and others will be present to preach the word. Public cordially invited.

WE HAVE the nicest lamps ever shown in Hartland also a nice display of other fancy goods for Christmas we will sell low for pay down, we do not wish to carry over any Christmas goods, please look over our stock, Shaw & Dibblee.

C. M. SHERWOOD, Woodstock, has received a Consignment of Java and Pure Mocha Coffee. He confidently recommends this to his customers. If you buy the Union Blend Tea from him you may get the lucky key that entitles you to \$20. Every purchaser of this tea stands an even chance of winning \$45, in prizes. Prizes drawn on December 1st 1900.

R. W. BALLOCH is selling off his large stock rapidly. He has still on hand a great variety of seasonable goods which must be sold by the 1st of Feb. Amongst other things a small stock of gold plated jewellery consisting of gents watch chains, charms and lockets, ladies' brooches, infants bib pins, and a few rings for ladies and children, all of which will make nice Xmas gifts and can be had at cost.

CENTREVILLE, CENTREVILLE.—Come to Centreville for your Santa Claus and don't fail to call at the millinery store and see for yourselves the lovely Hats for Christmas trade and prices that will make you full like buying two or three in case you never get such a chance again. If you have already bought, come just the same so you will know where to come next season. Miss Fitzgeralds is the place where you will always get used right, in both styles and prices.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Groves's signature is on each box.

FOUND.

A purse containing a sum money was found in Woodstock on Saturday Dec. 22nd by Jesse Carpenter of Bloomfield Corner. The owner may have it by applying at this office and proving ownership.

To the Electors of the Town of Woodstock:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

I shall be a candidate for the office of Mayor of the Town of Woodstock, at the approaching election, and I respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

If I should be honored with your confidence, it will be my aim to see that the affairs of the town are administered with care and prudence. As considerable discussion is going on in reference to the law suit which the town has brought against the County of Carleton, and which is now pending, I think it proper to state my views in reference thereto.

For many years past the County of Carleton has had the care of enforcing the Scott Act. They have appointed an Inspector, paid his salary, and paid all bills and expenses attending the same.

During several of those years the costs and expenses were largely in excess of the receipts from fines, yet the county paid all the bills.

Now the Town of Woodstock sues the County of Carleton, and seeks to recover a large sum of money, which it alleges it is entitled to, being a portion of the fines paid into the County.

I have always been, and I now am opposed to this law suit which, in my opinion, has not been brought in the interest of temperance nor in the interest of the town's finances.

Furthermore, this law suit is having the effect of stirring up hostile feelings in the County against the Town, which it should be the duty of every citizen of the town to allay.

I am, respectfully yours,

H. E. GALLAGHER.

NOTICE.

The Election of

MAYOR

—AND—

TOWN COUNCILLORS

For the Town of Woodstock,
will be held on

MONDAY, the Twenty-First
Day of January Next,

At the following places:

POLLING PLACES FOR DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

All Ratepayers whose surnames commence with any letter of the Alphabet from A to L, both inclusive, who reside in District number one, comprising Kings and Queens Wards, shall vote at or near the Council Chamber in the Town Hall.

All Ratepayers whose surnames commence with any letter from M to Z, both inclusive, who reside in the said District number one, shall vote at or near the Town Hall (up stairs.)

POLLING PLACES FOR DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

All Ratepayers whose surnames commence with any letter of the Alphabet from A to L, both inclusive, residing in District number two, which comprises Wellington Ward, shall vote at or near the Brunswick Hotel.

All Ratepayers whose surnames commence with any letter of the Alphabet from M to Z, residing in said District number two, shall vote at or near William Karns.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS.

Nominations of Candidates for Mayor and Councillors shall be filed with the Town Clerk at the Council Chamber in the Town of Woodstock between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon and the hour of twelve of the clock, noon, of Thursday, the Seventeenth day of January next. Blank nomination papers can be had on application at the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated this Eighteenth day of December, A. D. 1900.

J. CHIPMAN HARTLEY, Town Clerk.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that in virtue of The Act of the Dominion Parliament, 63 and 64 Victoria, Chapter 103 and Chapter 104, the name of THE MERCHANTS BANK OF HALIFAX will be changed to

"The Royal Bank of Canada,"

from and after the second day of January, 1901.

E. L. PEASE,

General Manager.

Halifax, 1st November, 1900.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

—consisting of—

Watches, Clocks, Sterling Silverware, all kinds of Jewelry, Gold and Silver Chains, Brooches, Chains, Pins of all kinds. What more Charming, Useful or Ornamental Presents can be made?

You make presents to those you respect, and you should make good ones. I have them, good in quality and looks, and can give them to you at the lowest prices consistent with our goods.

You probably need a Fountain Pen. If not, your absent friends will be pleased to receive one, and by daily use will remember the sender.

Glasses—Your parents, grand-parents, or relations need them. Why not call and purchase here? Remember I test eyes free of charge. If the glasses you wish to present do not fit I will test the eyes and change the lenses at any time. Remember I am the oldest jeweler in town and have the largest and richest stock.

My stock of Engagement and Wedding Rings is the best ever shown in Woodstock. My line of Stone Rings is pronounced by the ladies "simply elegant."

Coats of Arms in Belt Buckles, Hat Pins, Stick Pins, Brooches, Chattelaine Pins, Cuff Links, Call Bells and Souvenir Spoons. You should see them.

All goods engraved free of charge either by hand or machine.

Watch and Clock repairing done in first class shape.

Don't buy until you see my stock and have prices quoted to you.

H. V. DALLING, Jeweller and Optician.

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We do our part to make your appearance all that it should be.

Our styles are correct, and our fit is what your form requires.

Only our assortment of Woolens could afford full play for our sartorial skill. The number, variety and quantity of our suitings make our establishment as the one place where good dressers never look in vain for first choice fabrics. A large range of Coatings. Prices right.

Coat, Vest and Pant Makers wanted at once—steady employment.

GEO. W. GIBSON,

Opera House Block.

Queen Street.

Merchant Tailor.

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CANADA'S LEADING CO.



For some years the North American Life, is shown by the Government records to have the largest percentage of net surplus to liabilities of any home company. This proud position is maintained in spite of the fiercest competition, but not until this year was it that the North American Life attained to another first position in the ranks of life insurance companies in this country, that is for new business.

The preliminary Government Report, just received, places the North American Life, for new business taken in Canada, ahead of all competitors British, American or Canadian. We give the figures of a few of the leading home companies:

1.—North American Life, Gen'l Business,	\$4,651,306.0
2.—Ontario Mutual,	3,965,506.00
3.—Confederation Life,	3,839,469.00
4.—Canada Life,	3,800,917.00
5.—Sun Life,	3,602,209.00

A. D. HOLYOKE, District Manager, Woodstock, N. B.

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Seven years old, bay in color, perfectly sound, weighs 13 hundred. ALBERT A. A. BULL.
Ball's Creek, Woodstock, N. B.

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Upper Woodstock, Nov. 24th 1900.

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