

LOCAL TOPICS.

THE REV. G. A. ROSS preached in the Free Baptist church on Sunday morning.

THE Loyal True Blue Lodge of Woodstock will meet on Tuesday instead of Thursday, next week.

THE Carleton County Teachers' Institute will meet in the opera house tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

THE REV. G. D. IRELAND is ill with bronchitis. There were no services in St. Paul's church on Sunday.

THE Richmond Corner Brass Band held a basket social at Debec on the 12th. About \$17.00 was realized.

DEPUTY SHERIFF FOSTER took Woody Truman of Centreville, to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum on Monday.

GREAT BRITAIN and Germany are engaged in collecting a little cash on back subscription from Venezuela. They have my moral support.

AT THE evening service in the Methodist church the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered and twenty candidates for church membership were received.

HARRY D. BAIRD held the position at H. A. Connell's Electric Light Station that John McCarron held for eleven years. Mr. McCarron has just vacated the position.

MISS MAUDE McADAM, of Woodstock, was appointed by the board of School Trustees on Monday evening to succeed Miss Ella Smith on the staff at the college building.

R. B. JONES has secured the services of a first class cutter from St. John to take the place of Mr. Cogger, who is ill with typhoid fever at the hospital for a couple of weeks.

DIVINE worship will be held in the A. M. E. church on Sunday, December 21st, at 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend. Rev. T. J. Duncanson will conduct the services.

ON Wednesday of last week Drs. Rankine and Sprague performed a very successful operation on Mrs. Milligan Rogers, of Northampton. Mrs. Rogers is getting along as well as could be expected.

AT THE Free Baptist church on Sunday morning the Rev. W. B. Wiggins of the Reformed Baptist church baptized five persons and in the evening at his own church received five candidates into membership.

AMONG the men who went to the fat stock show at Amherst were David Curry, of Tobique River, J. F. Tweedale, of Arthurette, Charles Roberts, of Red Rapids, W. S. Tompkins, of Grand View, Charles F. Rogers, Northampton, J. Frank Tilley, Woodstock.

THE Toronto "Mail Empire" says:—and "That success has placed the stamp of approval on the amalgamation of the Manufacturers and Temperance and General Life assurance Companies is evidenced by the statement presented at the annual meeting. The showing is a remarkable one."

RUPERT HUTCHINSON, of Bath, returned last week from a visit to Boston, Salem and Lynn, where he was making arrangements for the sale of hay. He will pay seven dollars a ton for number one hay and five dollars for number two. He thinks that through pure carelessness a great deal of hay was spoiled this year that might have been cured in first class condition.

THE ladies of the W. C. T. U. request that all those interested in providing the poor of Woodstock with good Christmas dinners will send in their contributions to the W. C. T. U. hall on Wednesday next, as soon after dinner as possible. The ladies of this order in Woodstock have been providing the poor with a Christmas feast every year for about eighteen years.

AMONG the promising horses in Woodstock are a yearling filly by Pure Wilkes, owned by Coun. A. E. Jones; a yearling filly and a two year old gelding by Pure Wilkes owned by W. B. Nicholson. These last two are full brother and sister whose dam was by Almont Eagle, 2-27. Frank Thompson drives a three year old gelding by Pure Wilkes, that is showing all kinds of speed. C. W. Dugan has one of the best in a Pure Wilkes yearling. Any horse fancier who is looking for speed can find plenty of it in the young stock here.

RICHMOND L. O. L., No. 109 held their annual meeting and election of officers on the 9th inst. The following officers were elected: W. M., Osborn Toms; D. M., Benj. Springer; Chap., D. H. Purinton; R. S., Henry Hay; F. S., Albert Ray; Treas., J. T. Montgomery; D. C., Edward Kirkpatrick; Lect., Jas. Forrest; Com., W. Elise Foreman, John Carrigan, Guy Purinton, Herbert Flemming, William Kirk. Finance and Auditing Com., D. H. Purinton, Benj. Springer, Jas. Forrest. The officers will be installed at the next regular meeting.

Picture Framing In All The Latest Styles Done at KEITH'S Photo Studio, Main Street, Woodstock.

THE Century Ice Rink will be opened as soon as ice can be made.

LAST week was the longest period of coldest weather this part of the country has shivered under for some years.

ALL those who are interested in hockey are requested to attend a meeting held at W. B. Nicholson's tailor shop at 9 p.m. Friday evening 19:th inst. for the purpose of reorganizing the club.

C. J. TABOR of the Carlisle Hotel, left on Monday afternoon for the Pacific Coast. He will be away a month or two. In his absence the hotel will be run by the popular clerk, Merrill Jones.

THE wedding is announced to take place next Tuesday, at the residence of the bride's parents, Bath, N. B., of Velma M. Jones daughter of James A. Jones, to James W. Peters, Florenceville.

SOME days ago the customs authorities at Woodstock received an envelope containing the sum of five dollars, with a memorandum saying that it was due to the customs. No name accompanied it.

MR. AND MRS. WIGGINS left on Monday for Peniac, where they will attend the Reformed Baptist Quarterly meeting which will be held on the 18th to the 21st of this month. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins will remain there at Mrs. Wiggins' home until after New Year.

The Candor of Pepps.

No man has ever yet succeeded in painting an honest portrait of himself in an autobiography, however sedulously he may have set to work about it. In spite of his candid purpose he omits necessary touches and adds superfluous ones. At times he cannot help draping his thought, and the least shred of drapery disguises it. It is only the diarist who accomplishes the feat of self-portraiture, and he, without any such end in view, does it unconsciously. A man cannot keep a daily record of his comings and goings and the little items that make up the sum of his life, and not inadvertently give himself away at every turn. He lays bare his heart with a candor not possible to the self-consciousness that inevitably colors premeditated revelation. Unknowingly he wears his heart upon his pen for daws to peck at. While Mr. Samuel Pepps was filling those small octavo pages with his perplexing cipher he never once imagined that he was adding a photographic portrait of himself to the world's gallery of immortals. We are more intimately acquainted with Mr. Samuel Pepps, the inner man—his little meannesses and his generousities—than we are with half the persons we call our dear friends.—[T. B. Aldrich in the December Atlantic.

SENSIBLE GIVING

Some of the best holiday goods are every day goods; goods that enable you to show both good will and excellent judgment. High grade hair brushes, cloth brushes, toilet articles, leather goods, and fine perfumes. We have an especially fine line of Hair Brushes in Ebony, Fox wood and other woods. Prices range from 50 cents to \$3.00. All of these brushes are of thoroughly dependable quality, are all bristle, securely fastened in a solid back and guaranteed not to shed. They are none the less perfect gifts because of every-day usefulness. These are gifts you can buy at fairest possible prices by buying them here.

Garden Bros., Druggists, WOODSTOCK, N. B.

THE SAN-TOY IRON

Has a device for carrying the heat around the buttons and ironing as smoothly as if there were no buttons on the garment. For sale at SEMPLE'S Cash Hardware Store, East Florenceville. Do you want a Cook Stove or Heater? We have them.

PERSONAL.

Geo. A. Blewth, Toronto, was at the Aberdeen Friday.

J. W. Adams, Tracy Mills, was in Woodstock yesterday.

Judge Stevens of St. Stephen was at the Aberdeen last week.

John L. Fawcett, Hartland, registered at the Aberdeen last week.

Don Campbell has returned from a business trip to Edmundston.

G. Fred Plummer, of Fort Fairfield, spent Sunday at the Victoria Hotel.

R. W. Balloch and family, of Centreville, are spending the winter in Woodstock.

J. M. Queen and John Hastie, of St. John, were guests at the Aberdeen over Sunday.

G. A. Houghton and J. A. White and wife, Portland, Me., were at the Aberdeen Thursday.

Donald Burpee of St. John, is visiting his grandfather, T. J. Boyer, at the Victoria Hotel.

Miss Clara Venora Bess, of Maricott, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Speer, Ferryville, Carleton Co.

Donald Hall, operator for the W. U. Telegraph Company at Fredericton, but formerly of this town, spent a few days here last week.

BUSINESS in Woodstock is good. The stores look excellently well, and the Christmas things are choicely good.

A. B. CONNELL K. C., Col. Vines and J. C. Hartley went to St. John on Monday on business connected with the suit of Stewart vs. Freeman, in the Equity Court.

A REAL BARGAIN.

W. B. JEWETT is offering Real and Imitation EBONY GOODS at greatly reduced prices. See his window.

SPECIAL SALE

Trimmed and Untrimmed MILLINERY.

In order to make a speedy clearance we have reduced our entire stock of Untrimmed Hats to 25, 35 and 50 cents. Also, Trimmed Hats reduced to \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and upwards. The above are all the latest and most fashionable styles. This is a rare chance to secure a bargain.

MISSIS GALLAGHER.

For a Fine Line of

Christmas Candy

In Bulk or in Fancy Boxes, suitable for presentation, call on us.

A new consignment of

Rowntree's English Chocolates JUST ARRIVED.

W. S. SKILLEN, MAIN STREET, WOODSTOCK.

C. E. VAIL, JEWELLER, CENTREVILLE.

Wishes to call the attention of the public to his store, where he has a fine line of new and up-to-date Jewelry and Xmas Gifts, including some beautifully rich Cut Glass.

He also thanks the public at large for their very liberal patronage in Watch and Optical work.

Call and have your Eyes Examined FREE and with pleasure.

CHEAP SALE

GROCERIES

COMMENCES TO-DAY.

I am selling out my stock of Groceries BELOW COST, because I am going out of the grocery business.

Absolutely everything must be sold at once.

GROCERIES

CHINA, Glassware & Crockery.

JOHN CONNOR

MAIN STREET, Woodstock.



Santa Claus Is nearly Due Now,

And cold weather is here. You see your need for a Heavy Overcoat. If you want an overcoat that is swell in style, fine fitting, and of well wearing and elegant material, we are the people that have the proper goods at the popular prices of the day, from \$15.00 up. What a beautiful present for Christmas a coat, suit of clothes, a pair of trousers, or a fancy vest.

Geo. W. GIBSON,

Merchant Tailor, Queen St.

APPROPRIATE,

USEFUL, BEAUTIFUL.

What better present for Father or Mother than a pair of

SPECTACLES

OR EYE GLASSES.

EYES SCIENTIFICALLY TESTED by our Graduate Optician, Glasses bought for Xmas Presents will be properly fitted afterwards without further charge.

W. B. JEWETT,

Marriage Licenses and Wedding Rings.

Woodstock, N. B.

Houlton, Me.

Santa Claus

At the MANCHESTER HOUSE.

We have everything in the line of

Gentlemen's Wear

You can think of, and no Christmas Present is appreciated so much as a useful one. If you are in search of a gift for Grandfather, Father, Brother or Charlie, come here, and we will show you many things to please you, and will help settle the troublesome question of Christmas Gifts in a satisfactory manner.

Neckwear in all makes and styles, Gloves, Fur Caps, Fur Collars, Hosiery, Shirts, Underwear, Silk, Cashmere and Wool Mufflers, Dress Suit Cases, Valises and Grips, and Clothing Galore.

R. B. JONES, MANCHESTER HOUSE.

Opera House.

Three Nights, commencing

Thursday, December 25th

PATTEN & PERRY'S

COMEDIANS.

Uniformed Band and Orchestra.

HARRY W. LEE, Musical Director.

Popular Prices.

FOUND.

A fur coat, on the Kelly, hill, about a couple of weeks ago. Apply to Milton McBRIDE, Lindsay.

Ladies' Emporium

New Christmas Goods.

Fancy Handkerchiefs, Fancy Stock Collars, New Wrist Bags, Ladies' Silk Mittens, Protection Collars, New Silk Waists, French Flannel Waists, Dressing Jackets, Cashmere Tea Gowns, Flannelette Wrappers, Kimonos, Belts, Ties, Ribbons, Etc.

A. M. BOYER, CONNELL'S BLOCK.

PRODUCE WANTED.

All kinds of farm produce bought at highest market prices.

B. A. EVERETT, Woodstock. Dec. 10 th.