

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 The names will not be published, but The Dispatch must know who is accountable for everything that is inserted in its columns.

DEBEC.

J. Y. Flemming, who represented the Debec Agriculture at the Amherst fat cattle show returned home Friday evening.

Chas. Crawford is home from the Fredericton Normal School for the Xmas holidays.

George Johnston who has been seriously ill for the past few weeks, is slowly recovering.

UNION CORNER.

Christmas passed off very pleasantly, about a hundred persons and about forty or fifty teams assembled on Green's Lake and enjoyed themselves, some skating, some driving, others spinning their horses. Burnham Grant's bay horse Dennis kept the lead.

J. A. Sullivan has one trouble after another. He has an attack of pneumonia now. His brother from Nova Scotia is with him.

Milton J. Green attended the Maritime Winter Fair at Amherst. He enjoyed both the fair and trip very much.

The invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Mabel Lincoln to Robt. Dickinson, brother of Dr. Dickinson of Houlton, Maine, to take place at her parents. Mr. and Mrs. L. Lincoln, on January 7th.

Dr. H. A. Greene, of Centreville, took Christmas dinner at his native home.

Mrs. (Dr.) Green and family were at her parents' Mr. and Mrs. Archie Carpenter for Christmas dinner.

BIGGAR RIDGE.

School closed Friday, the nineteenth. A pleasant examination took place under the management of Mrs. Wheeler who has had charge of the school for the past few terms and who has proved herself a very capable and instructive teacher. A satisfactory programme was rendered by the children and a bountiful treat of fruits and confectionery was partaken of by the teacher, pupils and the many visitors.

Mrs. Alfred Biggar went to Coldstream recently to spend a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Austin Belyea.

Geo. Bailey the mine prospector again shows his smiling countenance among his many friends here.

Stillman Huggard and Hazen Biggar who have been in Houlton, Maine, for some time returned home recently.

Harvey Biggar, sen., took a business trip to Woodstock on Monday.

Charles Bell, jr., of Bristol, has returned to his home after having spent a few weeks at the home of his grandfather, Asa Bell, of this place.

A very pleasant home gathering took place at the residence of C. W. Hayden Christmas day. About fifty guests were present. A bountiful feast was spread. Those seated at the table represented four generations on either side of the family. Mr. Hayden's grandfather, C. F. Rogers, of Florenceville, and Mrs. Hayden's grandfather, James Harrington, of Biggar Ridge, both being present. A short but appropriate and well rendered programme took place in the evening after which Santa Claus appeared in a jolly costume with a pleasant greeting, and much to the delight of the little ones distributed the presents among the company from the beautiful and well laden Christmas tree. Following this remarks were made by C. F. Rogers, D. B. Jones and others. Games and music concluded the events of the evening.

BRISTOL.

Miss Alice Merritt has returned from Lowell.

Rev. W. H. Smith, who has been spending his Christmas at his home in Elgin, Albert county, preached in the Baptist church on Sunday evening.

Mrs. James Carr, and her daughter, Miss Eka Carr, of Fort Fairfield, are visiting friends in Bristol.

The Christmas tree entertainment on Christmas eve was a pleasant affair, and was well attended. The young people in the different exercises acquitted themselves very creditably. The tree which was erected in the form of an arch was beautifully trimmed, and well laden with presents made a very pleasing sight.

The Sunday school was reorganized last Sunday and officers and teachers chosen for next year. They are D. V. Boyer, Supt.; G. H. Boyer, A. Supt.; Duncan Rogers, Sec'y; Charles Estabrooks, Assistant; Miss Eva Colwell, Organist. The teachers are John Farley, G. H. Boyer, Miss Annie McLean, Mrs. J. Farley, Mrs. J. Rogers, Mrs. D. V. Boyer and Miss Luella Boyer. The Secretary's report showed the school to be in a good condition, the average attendance for the year was 49, the receipt \$39.55, and the expenditures \$34.70.

The Parish Sunday School Convention will be held in the Baptist church here on Monday, January 12th, afternoon and evening.

TEMPLE.

Our day school closed with an examination on Wednesday December 12th, and our teacher, Miss Elva Manuel, of Hawkshaw, who has taught in this vicinity for a year and a half having resigned was presented with a cheque and the following address:—

Dear teacher,—We deeply regret that you have to leave us. During the time you have been among us we have learned to love and respect you; and through your untiring efforts we have a beautiful flag and many other improvements in our school apparatus.

We sincerely hope that you may be happy in your new vocation of life whatever it may be. We feel as if we could not let you go from our midst without some token of our esteem toward you so we ask you to accept this small gift in remembrance of us.

Wishing you the "compliments of the season" We remain Your Scholars.

EAST FLORENCEVILLE.

Watts Tompkins, of Houlton, has been spending a few days in town.

C. H. Jameson, of Portage Lake, has been spending the Christmas holidays at home.

Miss Jennie McNeil spent Christmas at Andover with Miss Allie Sisson.

Remember the Ball in the opera house New Year's night.

WEST GLASSVILLE.

Mrs. John McLachlan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Byron Brown, of Lower Brighton. Mr. and Mrs. David Brewster spent Christmas at Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jones and family spent Christmas at Biggar Ridge.

Miss Ella Releeder, of Harland, spent Christmas at her home here.

Harry and Harden Crain, Misses Violet and Emma Giberson, of Bath, and Miss Giberson, of Fort Fairfield, were the guests of Miss Ella Releeder Christmas day.

David Brewster, sen., was in Woodstock last week on business.

A number of our young people attended the concert and pie social which was given at Glassville Christmas evening. The proceeds, which amounted to seventy dollars, go toward the completing and furnishing of the new Presbyterian church there. A sacred concert was also given Sunday evening. A silver collection was taken which joins the funds of the former entertainment.

MIDDLE SOUTHAMPTON.

Christmas passed very quietly here on account of no snow.

The mission band of Campbell Settlement, gave a concert Christmas evening in aid of missions. A fine programme was well rendered.

Alfred Schriver has gone to Brunswick, Me., to attend medical college.

J. F. Grant, our enterprising merchant, has sold his steam mill and lumber land situated on Greer's creek, to J. M. Scott, of Hawkshaw, for the sum of \$5000. Mr. Scott will commence running the mill about the 1st of March.

The Agricultural Society, of Southampton and Canterbury have reorganized with the following officers: F. R. Brooks, president; P. A. Dunham, vice-president; F. C. Brown, secretary treasurer; J. N. Grant, depositor; A. J. Way, auditor. They have decided to hold an exhibition in the autumn of 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Grant entertained a number of their friends at dinner Christmas. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Hilman, Temple; Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Greenbush; John Feero, Mrs. F. Fox and Herbert Fox, Miss Lucy and Mr. Chipman Grant.

Extra Grant, who has been suffering with a relapse of fever, is improving again.

Henry Farnham, who has been spending a few weeks at his home, left for Bridgewater Centre on Monday.

KIRKLAND.

Ada, daughter of Thomas Slater sr., has returned home from Lawrence, Mass.

Mrs. William Nicholson is visiting her daughters and other relatives in Lawrence, Mass.

Robert Scott and family from Debec Junction spent their Christmas with his sister Mrs. John Bunting.

Hedley Dykeman is recovering from an attack of measles.

A number of the schools in this section are to remain vacant during the winter months.

Mabel McAnarlin, our popular dressmaker has been very busily engaged at her trade.

Joseph and Wallace Crawford are visiting their parents.

Willie Kennedy, who has been attending school in St. John is visiting his parents.

Objected to the Change.

When an old farmer's daughter first left her good old country home, with its quiet, simple ways, for a year at a fashionable boarding-school she signed her name "Sarah Jane Smith" and took no offence at being called "Sally."

Three months later her letter came home signed "Sadie J. Smith."

Six months elapsed and she had become "S. Janie Smith."

Time rolled along, bringing its wonderful changes, and when June came she blossomed forth as "S. Jeannie Smythe."

Then her father hitched his old, blind horse to the vegetable cart and said: "I'm going to bring that there Sal home, and let 'er know that she can't bring ojeum on the good old name o' Smith by ringin' in any more 'y' and 'e' changes on it. There can't nobody say a word o' harm agin my branch o' the Smith family. I'm proud o' it, an' glad I'm one o' 'em. I reckon a month o' hard work in tatter-time 'll let Sary Jane know that 'J-a-n-e' don't spell no 'Jeannie.'"

A Curious Suit.

Mr. W. S. Gilbert himself hardly ever conceived any more Gilbertian situation than that the Treasury should be the plaintiff and the British Museum the defendant in an action—to be tried in the London courts next term—the object of which is to determine whether certain prehistoric gold ornaments found in Ireland should not be handed to the Dublin Museum by the British Museum. The gold ornaments were found in an Ulster bog, were bought by a Munster antiquarian, and sold by him to the British Museum. The matter has been in debate for a considerable time, and the Prime Minister has now informed Sir Thomas Esmonde, M. P., that the legal aspect of the case is to be tried, as stated, in the next term. As to the result, whoever secures the gold ornaments the taxpayers must bear the whole cost. The Treasury, it may be worthy of note, favors Ireland in the matter of the gold ornaments. —[Westminster Gazette.]

A Siamese 'Yellow.'

The Siamese descriptive reporter, when he writes English—doesn't, so to speak.

Here is an extract from the report of a murder which comes to hand by the latest exchange from Siam:

'Shooting Outrage. O! Fearful Agony. Khoo Tong, one of Phya Song's staff, was on a mission to Lampoon, and on his return instantly shot dead by some miscreants, scoundrels. O! untimely death. O! fearful. All friends expressed their morae'. The cowardice dog is still at large. 6 soldiers and six policemen were at once despatched.' —London 'Express.'

Wonderful Growth of Seeds.

The extraordinary resuscitating power of light received a very curious illustration a few days ago in the silver mines at Laurium. A mine had been abandoned more than 2,000 years, and the seeds of some poppies were found beneath the slag, of a species which had disappeared for twenty centuries. The slag being removed, in a short time the entire space was covered with the most gorgeous show of poppies. After their twenty centuries' rest they had bloomed as vigorously as ever without air or a single drop of water.

Insurance Notice.

Carlton Co-operative Fire Insurance Association Incorporated by the Legislature of New Brunswick, A. D. 1902, an absolutely mutual organization relying solely on securities deposited by its members.

Applications for insurance having been received by the above association to the amount required by law \$40,000. Policies will be delivered or mailed to all whose application are approved on the fifth day of January next and thereafter in like manner to any who may apply.

JOHN MCCORMAC, Secretary. Office Winslow building, Main St. second flat. 2d. Dec. 24.

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.

Fancy Goods, Stationery, Ladies' Wear.

An entirely new stock of the Latest and Most Fashionable Ladies' Wear.

You are invited to call.

MISS S. L. TURNER, Main Street, Woodstock.

NOTICE.

THE ELECTION OF

MAYOR

—AND—

TOWN COUNCILLORS

for the Town of Woodstock will be held on

Monday the Nineteenth 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 PLACE 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.

Nomination 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 fifteenth day of January next. Blank nomination papers can be had on application at the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated this 18th day of December, A. D. 1902. J. C. HARTLEY, Town Clerk.

Nothing is as pleasant As a Happy Home,

And Christmas is the time to add to its happiness.

A Beautiful Dining Table and Set of our Lovely Chairs will ensure you a Happy Christmas.

Dinner well served is half the meal, and the. Elegant Table and Chairs are half the service.

Parlor Rockers,

Hall Racks,

Chamber Suites,

Mattresses,

Carpets,

Tables,

Arm Chairs,

Spring Beds,

Iron Bedsteads,

Rugs, Etc.

Every one suitable for a Christmas Present.

The A. Henderson Furniture Company, Limited, Queen Street, Woodstock.

Why Postpone

Purchasing your

No time like the present.

Christmas Presents.

We have just opened up our Christmas goods, consisting of

Hanging and Banquet Lamps,

Carvers in Sets,

Silver Plated Knives & Forks,

Table and Pocket Cutlery,

And other Plated Goods.

Hockey Skates, Sleds, etc.

All for the Xmas Trade.

Don't forget that you can purchase at our stores both at

WOODSTOCK AND CENTREVILLE.

Useful and Ornamental Presents at the lowest prices.

W. F. DIBBLEE & SON.

MEN'S CLOTHING.

Rare Chances for Saving.

This is the clothing harvest time. We are in the midst of clearing up stocks—and everywhere the pruning knife is cutting a wide swath. A third to a half of regular prices means something when you remember that as makers who retail our regular prices are acknowledgedly the very lowest. You can pick up some very big bargains now. Don't wait until the last minute before taking advantage of this sale. Come today.

\$6 Men's Suits, - - \$3.75

If we offered good dollars for 80 cents you wouldn't get a better bargain than this. Striped Cheviots, Striped Cassimeres and Checked Cassimeres.

\$10 Suits at \$7.00

Fashionable Pattern, Sterling Quality, Perfect Fit, and a wonderful bargain.

\$12 Suits at - - \$8.00

Here you are offered the choice of Striped Flannels, Check Worsteds, Striped Cheviots and Fancy Cheviots.

\$16 Suits at - - \$12.00

These suits are all of the very Latest Style and Finest Making, including Striped Worsteds, Check Worsteds, and Fancy Cassimeres in neat striped effect.



SAUNDERS BROS. MAIN ST.

The Best Stable.

We can learn from the Japanese a thing or two about stabling horses. In Japan horses are backed into their stalls, then a door is closed at the head, which has a grain and

hay-rack conveniently constructed, to which the nag is secured. When needed the door is swung back and the horse led forth. No one gets kicked, no refuse matter is visible to the visitor, and it seems to be a sensible way to construct a place for any horse.