

LOCAL TOPICS.

**We wish all our readers a Very Merry Christmas.**

A CHICKEN supper and fancy sale will be held this evening at Glassville.

CHARLES MCKLEN, who has been confined to his bed for a week is somewhat better.

RICHARD CLUFF is able to be out again after being laid up four weeks from the effects of a heavy fall.

MRS. HENRY R. BAIRD is ill with pneumonia at the residence of her son, Harry D. Baird, Chapel street.

A GOOD deal of attention is attracted by the train of cars drawn by a strenuous locomotive that careers round the window of Noble and Trafton's grocery store.

WILLIAM FITZPATRICK, son of the late John Fitzpatrick of Watson Settlement who has been in California for some years, came home on Saturday afternoon.

MR. JOHN J. HAYWARD, proprietor of the Bristol woodworking factory, is adding materially to the value and efficiency of his plant by the introduction of a new boiler and some improved machinery.

WHILE THE MANUFACTURERS LIFE shows an increase of 50 per cent, in surplus it shows a decrease in expense ratio. Consequently for absolutely safe insurance and large profits insure in company.

A dispatch from Rome says that the wealth left by the late Pope, amounting to \$9,000,000, has been formally handed over to his successor, and that an electrician has discovered in the walls of the Vatican \$1,850,000 in gold.

MRS. W. B. WIGGINS left on Saturday for Peniac to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Herbert Wade. Mr. Wiggins left yesterday afternoon to join his wife. They will spend Christmas with Mrs. Wiggins' relatives there.

ALL charitably disposed persons who are contributing to the poor of Woodstock at this season through the medium of the W. C. T. U. are requested to send their offerings to Young's hall, Main Street, as early as two o'clock this afternoon.

AN event of interest to the people of Woodstock took place at Cambridge, Mass on Thursday the 17th inst, when Miss Minnie Collins, daughter of J. T. Collins of Woodstock was united in marriage to Claude Augerton son of James Augerton, also of Woodstock.

AT the convocation of Woodstock Royal Arch Chapter in the Masonic hall on Thursday night the following officers were elected: High Priest, E. L. Hagerman; King, J. McKenzie; Scribe, F. C. Danson; Secretary, J. A. Lindsay; Treasurer, D. McLeod Vince; Tyler, Geo Robinson.

ON SUNDAY night Mrs. Sydney Bragdon, of Hartfield Corner, York County, was brought up to the Carleton County hospital suffering from appendicitis. Dr. Rankin, assisted by Drs. Sprague and Hand operated at once. The operation was successful and Mrs. Bragdon is doing as well as could be expected.

MRS. HARLEY CLARK died at Woodstock on Tuesday night, December 15th, of consumption. The funeral was held from Mr. Clark's residence Victoria Street, on Friday afternoon. Interment was made in the Methodist cemetery. Services at the house and at the grave were conducted by the Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B. A. Mrs. Clark leaves a husband and two little sons to mourn.

OUR GUM PICKERS HEADQUARTERS.—This is the title of a very pretty forest scene exhibited in the windows of Garden Bros. popular drug store. The scene is in the form of a real old fashioned log cabin surrounded by fir and hardwood trees, a little lake with its mossy banks etc., set with artistic care makes the prettiest and most original window display that we have seen for many a day.

HENRY WILLIAMS, aged 21 years, eldest son of Councillor John F. Williams, of Lakeville, while working on one of the hay presses of B. Frank Smith, M. P. P., at the barn of John Smith, Williamstown, on Wednesday the 9th, was badly injured. He was feeding the press when his foot was caught in the machinery and badly broken. Drs. Bearsto and Curtis were called to dress the foot. Mr. Williams will not be able to do any work for three months.

D. W. HAMILTON, M. A., was in Woodstock last week attending the Teachers' Institute. Mr. Hamilton has been on the staff of the Provincial Normal School for some weeks. Before leaving that institution he was waited on by the members of class III, and presented with a travelling companion as a token of their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him as instructor. Mr. Hamilton left Woodstock on Friday evening for Houlton where he will spend Christmas with his mother and brother.

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MONDAY the 21st was the shortest day of the year. The days have not as yet become perceptibly longer.

THE REV. L. A. LOCKHART, of Bristol, has sold his property in that village and will move to British Columbia.

CLARENCE HAMILTON has opened a new barber shop on Emerald street next door to Gallagher Bros. stable.

THE morning service in St. Luke's church on Christmas day will be taken by Rev. Wm. Basten, of Temperance Vale.

HAROLD S. WAITE, son of S. P. Waite of Ancover has been taken on the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia here.

MR. JOHN MCCORMAC has been appointed caretaker of the two steel bridges at Woodstock in place of W. R. Hanson resigned.

REV. A. LUCAS, field secretary of the Provincial Sunday school Association, will labor in Carleton County the first fifteen days in January.

THE paragraph in last week's DISPATCH announcing the marriage of Miss Jennie Wetmore, of Houlton, should read Jessie instead of Jennie.

THE drawing for George A. Chase's colt, Benefit, will take place on Christmas night in the firemen's rooms. Go and see who has the lucky number.

MISS LENA McLEOD, while driving at Lakeville on Monday had the misfortune to have an upset and was badly hurt. Dr. Bearsto attended her.

HECTOR NADEAU has been appointed registrar of deeds and wills for the county of Madawaska, in place of Cyprien Martin, elected to the legislature.

TOM GREEN, son of Harper Green, who was cut in the arm at Dickinson's Tannery, was taken to the Hospital yesterday. The physicians are afraid of blood poison.

A man driving down Main Street Saturday night on his way home had an upset and spilled the contents of his pung on the street. A jug of molasses was the only thing that broke.

GEORGE A. CHASE's little boy Jake met with a painful accident on Saturday by getting his fingers crushed in a cog wheel while playing around a leather roller in Mr. Hull's shoe shop.

THE Union Holiness Convention of Aroostook County was held at Fort Fairfield last week. Among the ministers present were, Revs. W. B. Wiggins, B. A., S. A. Baker, A. H. Trafton, G. B. Trafton. The convention closed on Sunday night. The meetings were largely attended.

THE evening service in St. Luke's church was taken Sunday evening by Rev. Mr. Koon, rector of Houlton. He preached an instructive and practical Advent sermon, dealing with the present condition of the departed, the resurrection of the dead and final judgment. On Christmas morning the service will begin at 10 o'clock, and consist of Matins and Holy Communion. Rev. Mr. Basten of Southampton will officiate.

JAMES H. DICKEY, aged 74 years died on Wednesday, Dec. 16th at his home on Connell St. Mr. Dickey was born at Cornhill near Sussex. For sixteen years he was a resident of Woodstock and followed trucking for a living. He has been poorly for the last few years. He was an honorable man and an excellent neighbor. His widow survives him and there are several boys all of whom are away from home. Rev. Z. L. Fash conducted the funeral service on Friday afternoon.

THE Lakeville Dramatic Company are hustling things in readiness for the concert on Christmas night. A new set of curtains has been provided with beautiful scenery. The stage will be resplendent in decorations the night of the play, and every actor so well trained that "Ferguson of Troy" is bound to delight the audience. Up to date and latest songs will be given between the acts by local soloists. Don't forget the reigning attractions at Lakeville on Christmas night.

PERSONAL.

Archibald Scott, Glassville, was in Woodstock yesterday.

Mrs. Joseph Estey, of Jacksonville, who has been ill is improving.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Saunders, Lower Southampton, spent Sunday in town.

Messrs W. B. Jewett and Fred Harrison, of Houlton, spent Sunday in Woodstock.

E. Ken. Connell and Mark Gillin have returned from the St. John Law School for the holidays.

Miss Laura Balmain arrived from Sackville Ladies' College last night to spend her vacation at home.

Miss Gertrude O'Brien, teacher of manual training, is spending the holidays with her parents in Fredericton.

Charles Gardem, C. E., and Mrs. Garden, Ottawa, arrived in town Thursday last to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Helen M. Good left on Saturday for Fredericton, where she is the guest of her cousin, Mr. Frank A. Good.

Mr. Perry, principal of the Charlotte School, Fredericton, and Mrs. Perry, are spending the holidays at Tracy Mills.

Mr. H. B. Logie, B. A., left for his home in Chatham on Saturday last, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Misses Mary Hipwell, Vita Brewer and Mary Wetmore, students at the Provincial Normal School, are spending the holidays in Woodstock.

Mr. Edmund Dibble, a student at the U. N. B., Fredericton, is in town, spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. F. Dibble.

Miss Katie Baird, daughter of H. Paxton Baird, who has been attending the Royal Victoria School, Montreal, arrived home Saturday last to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. William Gallaupe, who has resided with Mr. and Mrs. James Drysdale for the past two years, left for Boston Wednesday last, where he will reside with his son.

Miss Alexandra P. Comben, of the teaching staff at the College building, has been granted leave of absence for six months and will take a trip to the old country to visit friends.

**Xmas Folly.**

It is folly to delay purchases too long, to wait until assortments are broken. Choosing gifts while there are plenty to choose from results in satisfaction for everybody concerned.

This is the week to buy. Every day will count—every day articles will be leaving the store that would have suited you exactly. Our goods will go rapidly because we have put attractive prices on them.

Perfumes, Purses, Pocket Books, Pipes, Toilet Sets, Atomizers, Mirrors, Cigar Cases, Shaving Cases, Shaving Mugs, Cigars, Confectionery, Etc.

(See our advt. next week.)

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