

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 The names will not be published, but The Dispatch must know who is accountable for everything that is inserted in its columns.

East Florenceville.

S. M. Carle went to Grand Lake last week to see his father who is very sick.
\$35. was raised at the Burnham Hall Christmas Eve. If the district was half as anxious to keep the side walks in repair as the Comedy Co. is to build them, why imagine what lovely walks we would have.
Miss Ina H. Semple of this place and Daniel Baird of River de Chute were married last Saturday the 26 inst.
Christmas passed off quite brisk in town. Christmas Eve was quite well celebrated after the concert and Christmas afternoon was very sporty on the ice, all the fast trotters being on hand.

Waterville.

Leon and Arnold Jewett are here spending their vacation.
Mr. and Mrs. I. S. G. VanWart of Calgary are here visiting relatives.
Plummer brothers of Fort Fairfield spent Christmas with relatives here.
Leonard Kinney is here visiting friends.
Christmas afternoon is always the occasion of a good horse race on the ice here and this year was no exception.
There were about 150 horses on the ice and some good races were pulled off. H. M. DeWitt won first place with Tiger Blend and G. F. Plummer of Fort Fairfield won second place with Bess.

Andover.

Miss Flossie Porter is home from Mt. Allison Academy.
Bert and Edward Hoyt of St. John are spending their holidays with their father Ernest Hoyt.
Hiram Murphy of Aroostook Jet, has gone to Rat Portage, Ont. to visit his brothers.
Maggie Currie has returned home after a visit of several months in Manitoba.
Miss Louise Burpee of Gibson is visiting Miss Laura Hopkins, Aroostook Jet.
Mrs. Peter Anderson of Perth spent Christmas with Miss Martha Kinney, Greenville, Carleton County.
Miss Hall who has been in A. L. Green's store for the past six months has returned to Woodstock.
Mrs. Jerry Holt and daughter spent Christmas with Mrs. D. B. Hopkins.
Miss Mattie McCollum and Miss Matheson of Hartland are visiting in Andover.
A very successful concert was held by the Perth Sunday School on Wednesday evening under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. McPhail and Mrs. James Anderson.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burden of Fredericton are spending a few days with Mrs. Brewster, Perth.
Rev. Mr. Hayward took Mr. Demming's appointments last Sunday.
Mrs. Y. H. Manzer and son of Aroostook Jet. are visiting Mrs. Manzer's old home in Woodstock.

Lakeville.

Christmas is past, with all the many joys of giving and receiving gifts, family reunions and merry making. In many of the homes there were Christmas trees and family gatherings.
A large crowd assembled on the lake Christmas afternoon to show the speed of their horses. A prize was offered to the owner of the fastest horse and a free for all race ensued. Topsey, owned and driven by Geo. Smith won the prize coming out first in nearly every heat.
In the evening the Hall was the chief attraction. In 20 minutes after the doors were opened the hall was packed to the doors, and many double team loads unable to gain admittance were sent away. The concert was a grand success in every way, each actor performed his or her individual part so admirably that the entire play was well received and Ferguson of Troy will be long remembered as a leading feature in the merriment of Christmas night 1903 at Lakeville. The proceeds \$90.00 will be used by the Orangemen in liquidating the debt incurred in the extensive repairs and equipment of their Hall. For the benefit of those who were turned away Christmas night and many who wish to hear it again, the company will repeat the play in the Orange Hall here on Saturday Jan. 2nd.
Mrs. Wm. Gillis and family, and Havelock Wilson and his son Henry, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baker at Woodstock.
The Smith connection's had their Christmas with Mrs. Ann Savage, Pioneer.
There were family reunions at the homes of A. B. Carvell, Hanford Tracy and John A. Watters.
Messrs John S. MacBride, Easton, Neal McKendrick, Woodstock and Frank Giberson, Artherette, were guests at J. R. Fowler's on Christmas day.
Mr. and Mrs. Asa Webber, Houlton, spent their vacation with John Watters.

Bristol.

Frank Boyer, who has been spending a few months at Fort Fairfield, arrived home Thursday.
S. E. Estabrooks arrived home from Colorado after a year's absence.
Miss Ella Tompkins is spending her vacation with friends in Boston and vicinity.
Rev. D. E. Brooks preached a Christmas sermon in the Primitive Baptist church on Christmas day.
A large number of our young people attended the Christmas tree and concert at East Florenceville on Christmas eve.
Mrs. Thomas Bell and her son Lee spent Christmas with her brother, M. A. Tompkins.
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dickey, Shediac, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs.

E. H. Freeze, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Phillips.
Kant Parish Sunday School Convention meets in the Bristol Baptist church, on Thursday, January 7th.
Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers spent Christmas with Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Doucette at Knowlesville.
Rev. Mr. Wetmore, of Hartland, exchanged pulpits with Rev. W. H. Smith on Sunday.
An interesting session of the Sunday school was held on Sunday afternoon, and officers were chosen as follows:—D. V. Boyer, supt; William Simpson, Asst. Supt; Charles Tinker, sec'y; Charles Estabrooks, Asst. Sec'y; Miss Viva Davis, organist.

Upper Kintore.

Sixteen below zero Sunday morning.
Alex. Martin and Miss Timie came home Thursday to spend Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Armstrong, of Perth, visited Mrs. James Hafford on Saturday.
Mrs. William Patterson, of Lower Kintore, spent Christmas with her sister-in-law, Mrs. James Patterson.
Harry Robertson, of Fort Fairfield, was in this place on business on Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Lila Smith are spending Christmas with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Winter.
Miss Millie Bosence, of St. John, is spending Christmas at the home of R. G. Gendall.
Mrs. John Connou has been under the care of Dr. Moffat for the past week is improving slowly.
Friday night several of the young people attended the Christmas tree and dance at Upper Kincardine and all spent a most enjoyable evening.
William Winter, of Easton, Me., is spending Christmas at home.
Miss Ethel M. Shaw, a student of the Fort Fairfield High school, is spending her vacation at her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Innes.
Mrs. R. G. Gendall, who has been sick for some time, we are sorry to say, is still very poorly.
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson are receiving congratulations on a young daughter.
On Christmas eve a Christmas tree and concert was held in the school house. After the concert supper was served by the ladies, after which the tree was stripped of its presents for old and young. On account of the disagreeable weather and the icy roads the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been but everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

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By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution will be made this season of samples of the most productive sorts of grain to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution is of the very best and has been secured mainly from the excellent crops recently had at the branch Experimental Farm at Indian Head in the North-West Territories. The distribution this spring will consist of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, Indian corn and potatoes. The quantities of oats, wheat and barley to be sent this year will be 4 lbs. of oats and 5 lbs. of wheat or barley, sufficient to sow one twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn and potatoes will weigh 3 lbs. as heretofore. Every farmer may apply, but only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley or potatoes, and applications for more than one sample for one household cannot be entertained. These samples will be sent free of charge through the mail.
Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time before the 1st of March, after which the lists will be closed, so that all the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing should mention the sort or variety they would prefer, and should the available stock of the kind asked for be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent in its place.

Summers and the "Yellow."

It was in one of those thriving small Western cities. The newspaper boys had finished for the day and were seated in genial Charley Bartley's place, "The Keg," swapping incidents of the twelve hours just past. Some one mentioned Jimmie Boyd's name. A week previous Jimmie had left for New York to accept a position on one of the big dailies, and his old comrades missed his cheery voice. They all predicted a bright career for him, but Summers seemed rather dubious about Jimmie's future.
"You don't seem enthusiastic about Jimmie's advancement," said Greer.
"Oh, Jimmie's all right," answered Summers.
"Yes, but you don't seem to think so," retorted Greer.

"Well, I know more about New York than you do," said Summers. "I worked on a newspaper there."
The boys were taken by surprise. They weren't aware that they had a real live New York newspaper reporter among them. They didn't know much about Summers, except that he was a big, good-natured, clever chap.
"Tell us about it," said little Bates. "How did you ever come to leave?"
"There ain't much to tell," replied Summers, calling for a fresh stein. "I got a chance to go to New York when the yellow Journalism craze was at its height. I lived in a little city and was dead crazy to get down to Park Row. Well, I got there. The first day I reported I didn't have anything much to do, but to look wise. The second day I went out on an assignment that didn't pan out, and I telephoned the office. The city editor asked me to hold the wire a minute till he saw if he had anything to be looked after in the section of the city I was telephoning from. He was a snappy little fellow and didn't waste words. In a moment he blurted over the telephone. 'Summers, a prominent, wealthy young fellow named Stuart was up in the West side Police Court this morning for drunkenness. He pleaded to have his name kept out of the newspapers for fear that his mother would hear of it. She has heart trouble, and he says the shock would kill her. Go over to her house at—West Seventy-second Street, and tell her about it. See if you can kill her. We need news.' Click. He hung up the receiver."
There was a general gasp from the boys, and Greer blurted out: "Did you kill her?"
"No," said Summers, "but it wasn't my fault; she was in Syracuse. But that was enough New York journalism to suit me. Let's have another."—[Newspaperdom.

Apples as Stock Food.

Apples, says Country Gentleman, contain about 20 per cent. of dry matter, which is not far from the proportion found in fairly good ensilage. This dry matter has undoubtedly food value, but apples should be fed with caution to milk cows, both on account of the danger of bloating and because of the effect on the milk flow. A small quantity may be fed at first, and gradually increased without injury to 15 or 20 pounds a day. For sheep, apples have about the same feeding value as turnips or mangels, if fed in reasonable quantities in connection with other foods.

A Yorkshire socialist, who was explaining to a friend the principles of socialism, remarked that all possessions should be shared equally. "If you had to horses," said the friend, "would you give me one?" "Of course," replied the socialist. "And if you had two cows would you do the same?" "Of course I should." "Well, supposing, now," said the friend, slowly, "you had two pigs, would you give me one of them?" "Eh! That's gettin' ower near home," said the other shyly; "tha' knows I've got twa pigs."

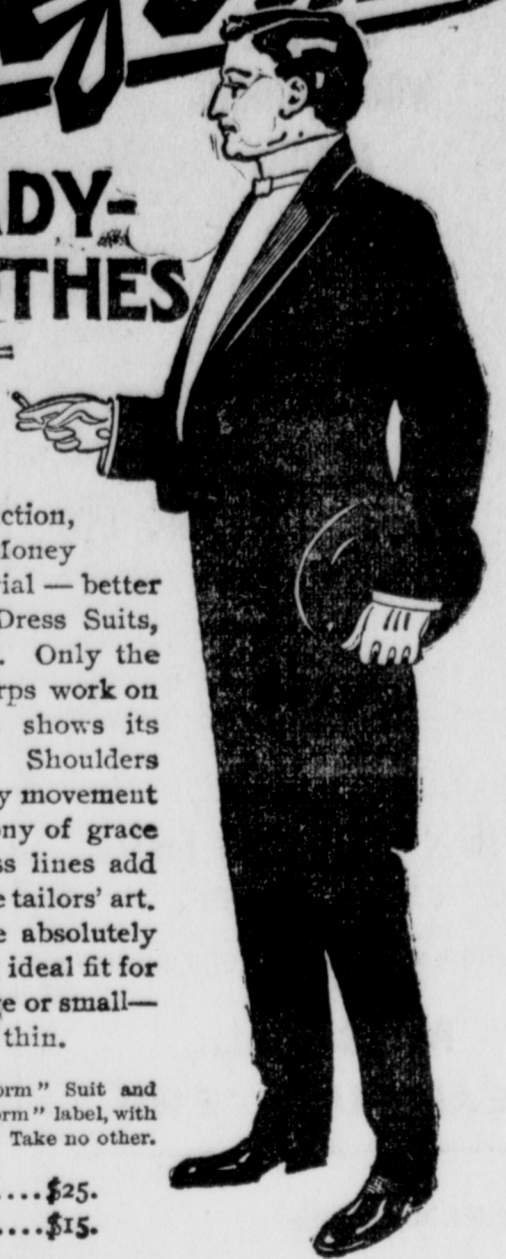
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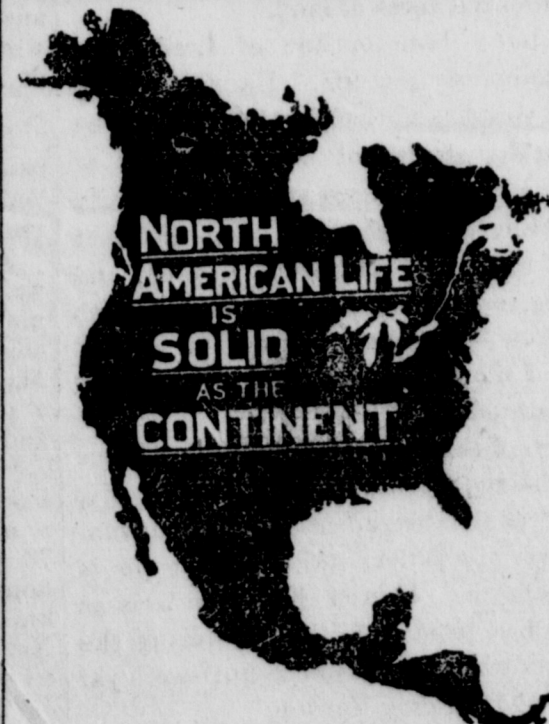
During the last few years the North American has made marvellous strides in all Departments tending to its up-building, which can readily be seen by the following figures, showing a comparison:

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Year.	Cash income.	Assets.	Policies in force.
1881	\$39,613	\$88,768	\$1,221,712
1888	263,691	666,919	7,927,564
1895	581,478	2,306,518	15,778,385
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NEW BARBER SHOP.

Clarence Hamilton, the barber, who has been in the employ of Ludlow Wise for two years, has opened a barber shop of his own on Emerald Street, next door to Gallagher Bros. Livery Stable. The public are cordially invited to call.

Still Room for Improvement.

The Fruit-Grower, an Old Country publication, says that despite all that has been heard of the close inspection of Canadian fruit intended for export some flagrant cases of false packing have still been seen on the arrival of our fruit in England.

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