

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 The names will not be published, but The Dispatch must know who is accountable for everything that is inserted in its columns.

Tobique River.

Miss Rogers, of Carlingford, is visiting the Misses Gendall.
Mrs. L. Goucher was visiting Mrs. A. H. Larlee, not long since.
It is said the coldest weather recorded for a number of years prevailed last week.
Miss Lily Jenkins has returned to Fort Fairfield having spent several weeks at her home here.
A few of the farmers are talking of starting a fish pond on one of the adjacent brooks.
Miss Annie Armstrong, of Perth, was visiting Miss Mary Walker.
Mrs. W. J. and daughter Maggie, spent a day at D. Curry's last week.
Kerby Larlee, of Lincoln, spent a few days with his parents here during the holidays.
E. E. Bloodsworth was visiting in this vicinity not long since.
D. Curry and G. K. Gendall made a business trip up the river not long ago.
Mrs. K. G. Gendall is reported much improved in health.
James Hafford, an old and respected resident is very ill and not expected to recover.
Gendall Bros. are loading a car with oats at Curry for J. C. Manzer.
Wm. Milne is hauling lumber to the siding for J. B. dam to be shipped to Muniac.
Gendall Bros. are hauling lumber expecting to saw it in their own mill, now partly erected.
Jerry Hafford is lumbering on the Quaker. He has four teams hauling from the yards. Some of his men have come out of camp.

Richmond Corner.

A fish peddler has been staying at the corner for the last few weeks.
Mrs. Charles Jamieson who has been ill is better.
Miss Amy McLean is ill.
Hazel, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haines, has been seriously ill. An abscess formed in her throat about six weeks ago and was lanced. It seemed all right for a while but penetrated in to the windpipe and formed again. Dr. Rankin was called and after giving ether operated on the throat. After cutting in about an inch and a half a sack of pus was removed. The child is doing as well as could be expected at present.
Miss Jane Guy died at the home of her brother, George Guy. She was buried Saturday.

West Glassville.

Mrs. George Brewster is visiting relatives in Windsor.
Charles Wilson who for the last few months has been in Amherst, N. S. has returned to his home.
Mrs. Daniel Jones is quite ill at present.
A few of our young men who have been in the woods returned home, while others are going in with teams to haul off the yards.
Miss Katie Ronald who has been working at dress making in Florenceville is spending a few weeks at her home here.
Wesley Reeder lost a valuable horse last Wednesday. It met with an accident some time ago and died from the effects.
Most of the men who still remain in the place are busy making and hauling square timber.

Red Rapids.

We are glad January is nearly out as it has been a stinger.
Every body seems to be hustling around the hurried mill at present. Those that are not around the mill are on the Red Rapids Bridge. Dave Boone has charge and they are putting on the top layer now.
Miss Lizzie Roberts visited Mrs. W. Crawford at the camp last week.
Mrs. Mary Merrithew went to Fredericton last week.
Alex. Crawford was at Perth on Saturday.

East Florenceville.

A few people from here went to Woodstock last Thursday to attend the liberal convention.
Last week the town water works were frozen up most of the time. It kept the people busy thawing out branch pipes.
D. M. Campbell, insurance agent, of Woodstock, was in town a few days last week.
The people have commenced cutting ice to pack away for summer. If it keeps on as cold as this there will be a short summer. Ten degrees below zero is counted warm this winter. Any one in need of wood would do well to call at any resident on Maple St.
There was a party at Ed. Saunders last Friday night when the young folk enjoyed a pleasant evening. There was also a party at Mrs. D. Semple's on Thursday night where a good crowd were present. The evening was spent in playing games and in dancing.

Central Southampton.

H. C. Grant's house had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire last Wednesday, the fire caught from a defective flue.
Mrs. C. F. Tabor spent a few days at Meductic last week visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. Marsten.
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and children of St. Stephen are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Grant.
Miss Daisy Farnham has accepted a school at Deer Island and has gone to assume her duties there.
Councillor F. R. Brooks and Burns Akery went to Fredericton last week to attend the county council.
Mr. Sherwood representing the Imperial Packing Company of Woodstock passed through here last week.
Rev. C. N. Barton, who has accepted a unanimous call from the Canterbury and

Benton churches, was making pastoral calls throughout last week.
We are glad to see Headley Patterson who has been very sick, out again.

Gordonsville.

Our roads are in a poor condition for travelling. Most of the traffic goes over the winter road through the swamp.
Wason Bridges lost a valuable colt this week.
R. Stickney has finished yarding logs on Miramichi and expects to be done hauling to the stream about the 1st of February.
Our knitting circle met at Mrs. S. Derrah's on Friday.
By the looks of the lumber yard the mill should be running. Something over a hundred thousand feet of lumber lies waiting for the saw. The owner expects to have it running by the 1st of February.
Our school still remains without a teacher.
We are quite well supplied with telephones here. We have two lines, the Union and the M. Welsh line.
We have had some very cold weather of late.
Geo. Cambell, who met with an accident on Tobique sometime ago has so far recovered as to be able to drive out.
Walter Thayer passed through here on Friday on his way from Tobique.
Stephen Derrah, has somewhat recovered from his recent sickness.
The home of J. A. Drake was made glad on January 6th by the arrival of a daughter.
James Scarrah is engaged in quite an extensive lumbering operation. He purposes putting in Seventy-five thousand feet of spruce beside a large quantity of hardwood.
Norman Craig is also busily engaged in the logging business. He intends building a large barn in the spring.

Meductic.

The Rev. C. N. Barton has taken the pastoral duties on this circuit again.
J. H. Gerow who spent the last two weeks with friends at the Barony has returned home.
Mrs. H. F. Grosvenor who has been quite ill during the past few weeks is able to be about again.
A party was given on Wednesday last by Mrs. I. W. Marsten for her son, Harold, who left Tuesday the 26th instant for Winnipeg.
Miss Zella Lounsbury on her return from Boston, where she spent Christmas spent a few days with friends here.
The concert given by the Rev. Mr. Coffin Saturday night was much enjoyed by all present.

Green Bush.

The cold weather is almost more than we can stand. The mercury has been to 40 below zero.
J. C. Young is home from the woods for a few days.
Hilman Bros. have several teams hauling lumber to the bank.
Saunders Young has home from Riley Brook.
Miss Dela and Alice Fox were visiting at Mrs. A. H. Brown's last week.

Baby's Danger.

The fact that so-called soothing medicines put children to sleep is no sign that they are helpful. On the contrary they are dangerous and distinctly harmful—the little one has been merely drugged into temporary insensibility, the seat of the trouble has not been reached. Never give a child an opiate except under the watchful eye of a competent physician, and remember that all "soothing" medicines contain opiates. When your little one is not well, when it has any little stomach or bowel trouble, or any of the minor ailments of little ones give it Baby's Own Tablets, and it will be safe. This medicine is sold under a guarantee that it contains no opiate or harmful drug. Ask any mother who has used this medicine and she will tell you how her little one has thrived and grown well and strong after taking the Tablets. Mr. T. B. Mitchell, the well known druggist, Oshawa, Ont., says:—"I can safely recommend Baby's Own Tablets from the splendid results they have given my customers and from having used them in our own home." You can get the Tablets from any druggist or by mail from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 25 cents a box.

Garrison the West Indies.

The decision of the Government to decline to raise a Canadian battalion for service in India is satisfactory. Apart from all other aspects of the matter, it is gravely to be doubted whether a sufficient number of men could be recruited in Canada. The pay of British soldiers in India is pitifully small. It is difficult to get men to serve for three years in our Permanent Force for forty cents a day. It would prove almost impossible to get many men to bind themselves to spend six or eight years in India for thirty or thirty-five cents a day. It would be impossible to grant a higher rate of pay to the Canadian regiment, for the presence of a favored corps would impair the harmony of the army. On this ground alone, then, Mr. Arnold Forster's suggestion must be rejected.
But that does not end the matter. India is not the only portion of the Empire which needs garrisoning. An Imperial battalion of infantry and Imperial artillery are kept in Canada, in our own seaport of Halifax. It is a national reproach that this should be the case. For a time the Dominion replaced the Imperial battalion by the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment, and it is greatly to be regretted that it disbanded this regiment, and reverted to the old arrangement. It is true that it proved difficult to keep the garrison battalion up to strength. That, however, could have been remedied had the Government been in earnest. For one thing, the pay could have been raised; forty cents a day and a certain proportion of

one's clothing and food free is not a living wage. Even if it had continued difficult to obtain men, the Canadian Government could have recruited the regiment to the British Isles. The Infantry corps now in Halifax is a battalion of the Royal Garrison Regiment. The corps is composed of men of the old soldier type, who after service in the army, find themselves indisposed to settle down to civilian life, and are glad to find a place in a sedentary regiment. It would be easy for our Government to maintain at its own expense a regiment recruited from this source. In that event Canada would be in the position, infinitely more dignified than the present, of footing the bill for the defence of her own fortress and seaport.

The West Indies and the Bermudas absorb two or three British infantry battalions, and some artillery and engineers. Formerly the islands were studded with little garrisons. About twenty years ago the Imperial troops were concentrated in a few stations, St. Lucia, Barbadoes, the Bermudas and Jamaica. In some respects, it is a greater tax upon Great Britain to maintain these troops in the West than it is to keep the same number of troops in India. The British Regular Army should be a field army, ready to fight anywhere. Those regiments which are kept outside of the British Isles are supposed to be ready for instant service. Few things are more injurious to the efficiency of a field army than to be dispersed in small detachments. In India the scattering of the troops over the country, regiment by regiment, has been abandoned, and the army is concentrated at a comparatively few important centres. Only when grouped in large bodies can troops practice the combined exercises which are essential to the training of a field army.

Principal Grant in 1900 strongly urged the Government to take over the garrisons of Halifax and the West Indies. The advice was wise and timely. It should be followed now. The Canadian permanent troops do not constitute a field force, but are maintained partly for garrison purposes. By raising three additional garrison regiments, and several additional companies of garrison artillery and engineers, Canada could relieve the British War office of the financial burden of the defence of British America, and would liberate for service in India or elsewhere two or three battalions and a considerable body of artillery and engineers. The relief to Great Britain would be substantial. The placing in India of one additional battalion raised under somewhat special conditions would fall far short in actual value of the releasing for service elsewhere of two or three line battalions.

The political advantage would be great. Canada would assert her leadership in British America. She would turn the eyes of the West Indies to Ottawa, and to the Canadian market. She would show to the Americans that she has the definite place upon the continent which they are disposed to deny to her. She would take her place in the British Empire as the dominant partner in British America, North and South.

Liberal Convention.

At a convention of the Liberal party held in the opera house on Thursday afternoon of last week John F. Harper, President of the Liberal Association of this county presided. N. Foster Thorne was chosen secretary in the place of the late James Watts.
Frank B. Carvell was unanimously chosen as the candidate for the coming federal election.
Addresses were made by the newly chosen candidate, and by J. R. Murphy, K. C., W. P. Jones, M. P. P., Joseph Merrithew, and Frank R. Shaw.

George Francis Train.

George Francis Train died in New York on January 18th, of heart failure.
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