

CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR



OUR Christmas Neckwear is just—well its—wish we could think of some big long word that would do its elegance justice. Come, see it at any rate; New Weaves in Silks fresh from the looms—the Latest Shapes from the best makers.

Neckwear Perfection, and not expensive either. Whatever else you give him for Christmas, be sure to give him a Tie. One or a dozen, it makes no difference; he can wear every one of them and will be glad if he has got them.

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The John McLauchlan Co., Ltd.
Woodstock and Hartland.

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Our Big Soda Fountain is again in operation with a wonderful and varied line of the Finest Syrups, the Choicest Fruits and the Purest Cream that money can buy.

It has taken the public by storm because it's simply delicious.

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This is what we have every day. Better than ever. Our stock this year is above the average. The bottoms are made of very heavy, firm stock and are worth two pairs of the common kind. Come in and see them.

All new stock.

GIBSON & ROSS,
Young Brick Building, Main Streets.

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Furniture Upholstered

At a reasonable price and all work guaranteed. Carriage and Pung Trimming.

A Stir Among C. P. R. Employees

In sympathy with the general business depression felt here and elsewhere, the C. P. R. officials on this division have been instructed to retrench in every possible manner. As a result of this a number of brakemen, trackmen, assistant agents, etc., were laid off last week for an indefinite period, and several conductors and engineers have been set back to firemen and baggage-masters, respectively. Among the train hands and enginemen there has been a general change. Hitherto the extra train crews were given preference in order of their seniority but now they have formed what is known as a pool, where all have equal chances, the first crew in to take the first train out. The "home station" as it might properly be called, is Woodstock, and in the pool are six crews, the conductors being H. S. Colwell, W. D. Davis, Charles Taylor, Eldon Davies, Samuel McKibbin and W. A. Britton. Among those who have been spare conductors and are now baggage men are Charles Dow, Fred Logue and Percy Gallagher.

The Presque Isle freight that has been running from Woodstock to Aroostook Jct. in two sections, one crew doing the "shifting" along the route, the other handling the way freight, is now consolidated and the whole of the work put on one crew.

R. M. Dow and Jerry Holt now run alternately the St. Stephen-Edmundston express up as far as Aroostook, where they change trains, taking the run in to Presque Isle. Charles Henderson and William McClusky run the trains on the Grand Falls branch and stay over night at Edmundston.

A further change is in the Tobique train will be run by one crew, instead of as at present, by two; Conductor Don McKendrick and Geo. McClusky. This crew, McKendrick's, will spend every night and Sunday at the charming resort up the Tobique.

All these changes do not in any way effect the service rendered the public but is interesting to people all along the line who have watched the upward climb of those whose names are mentioned. It is as though the machinery of promotion was turning backwards, but only temporary, all hope. Some of the higher officials, whose duty it has been to convey the sad intelligence to the men lower down the ladder, have been heard to express the wish that they themselves were back where their present positions looked the far-off shining goal of their ambition.

Notwithstanding all this order of retrenchment construction and improvement work goes on apace.

It is expected further changes will soon be made.

Creighton-Titus

The home of Mrs. Dr. Baxter was the scene of a very pretty wedding at 4.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 10th, when her sister, Miss Eleia Titus, daughter of Mrs. Harriet A. Titus, became the wife of Frederick O. Creighton, of the Woodstock branch of the Frost & Wood Co.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. B. Cohoe, pastor of Brussels street Baptist Church, and Miss Helen Bailey presided at the piano.

The happy couple were unattended and the bride, who was given in marriage by her mother, was attired in a pretty travelling costume of blue chiffon broadcloth, with hat of the same shade and trimmings of Alice blue.

The ceremony was witnessed by relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties, the only outside guest being Miss Sadie Calhoun of Calhoun's Mills, a cousin of the bride.

At the conclusion of the ceremony luncheon was served in the dining room, which had been tastefully decorated with white and pink carnations and smilax, and the newly married couple left by the evening train for a wedding trip to Montreal, Toronto and Niagara, after which they will take up their residence in Woodstock.

The bride has been the recipient of many beautiful gifts, among which may be mentioned a set of mink furs the gift of the groom, a Limoges china tea set from the bride's mother, and a chest of silver from Mrs. Creighton, mother of the groom.

The Stability of a Bank is Reflected in the Confidence of its Depositors.

Growth of deposits of The Royal Bank of Canada since incorporation:

1870	\$ 288,000
1875	870,000
1880	1,230,000
1885	1,750,000
1890	3,280,000
1895	6,200,000
1900	12,000,000
1905	26,500,000
1906	28,000,000
1907	35,000,000

In the savings department accounts may be opened with deposits of one dollar or more on which interest will be credited or paid four times a year.

The Produce Market.

Owing to the continued bad state of the roads comparatively little produce is coming to market. The snow that fell on Sunday was a considerable help but the roads were in such a terribly rough state that at least a foot is needed to make good sledding.

Hay was shaky last week and the price wavered considerably. Oats at 40 cents were none too steady.

The tone of dressed pork was firm and several cars were shipped. This will be "poultry week" so the demand for Christmas fowls is now on.

At the shipping points along the railway the dealers began this week by paying prices follows:

Hay, loose	\$10 00 to \$11 00
Straw, loose	2.50 to 3.50
Oats	40 to .43
Potatoes	90 to 1.00
Eggs	23 to .25
Butter	22 to .24
Chickens	8 to .10
Ducks and Geese	10 to .12
Turkeys	14 to .16
Beans	2.50
Buckwheat meal	1.50 to 1.60
Wood \$3.50 for cord wood, slabs	4 00 to 4 50

As usual higher prices are in some cases obtained in a private dicker between two parties.

Up in Aroostook potatoes bring out \$1.35 to \$1.50 and the Caribou Republican says: "The potatoes buyers throughout Aroostook are beginning to curtail somewhat in expense. Several have let men go from their store houses as there was nothing for them to do. Some of the more extensive dealers have closed their houses in some of the smaller places as there did not appear to be potatoes sufficient to pay for keeping them open."

Among the Churches.

The financial statement of the Methodist church at Jacksonville was issued last week. It showed a marked increase in the givings to ministerial support and a reviving interest in the work all over the circuit, which includes Northampton, Rosedale, Waterville, Upper Woodstock and Jacksonville.

Rev. A. F. Baker, pastor of the United Baptist churches on the Hartland circuit, has had a call to the Pacific Coast. It now is settled that he will remain at Hartland until March 1st. On Monday evening there was a circuit meeting to discuss the matter of engaging a successor.

Rev. Gideon and Mrs. Swim celebrated the twenty-second anniversary of their wedding Thursday evening, when the congregation of Waterloo street church, St. John, presented to them a well filled purse.

At a meeting of the quarterly board of Queen Square Methodist church, St. John, a unanimous invitation was extended to Rev. H. D. Marr to remain another year. Mr. Marr accepted.

The Rev. Prof. Fraser, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, will occupy the pulpit of St. Paul's church next Sunday at both services.

At the Primitive Baptist church at Hartland on Sunday baptismal services were held and several candidates were immersed in the river.

THE Methodist will hold services in the class room of their new building beginning next Sunday.

Light in Darkness.

If you want a POLICY that will light your DARK MOMENTS,

A POLICY that will make your family comfortable in case of CALAMITY or DISASTER.

A POLICY that will give you a nice INCOME in a case of SICKNESS or ACCIDENT.

A POLICY that will protect your HOME from FIRE, no matter how it originates.

A POLICY that is MODERN and UP-TO-DATE.

A POLICY with a COMPANY that is able and willing to pay.

I HAVE IT. Drop me a card or call up 161-11.

J. W. ASTLE,
The Reliable Insurance man,
Woodstock, N. B.

Her 88th Birthday.

Mrs. Wm. Alterton, widow of the late William Alterton, celebrated her 88th birthday at the home of her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harper, Jacksonville, on Sunday last. Mrs. Alterton is a sister of the late Sir Leonard Tilley and is a woman of superior qualities. Her faculties are well preserved. One sister, Mrs. A. H. Hanington, lives in St. John, and the wife of Rev. George Harrison, Methodist minister, Newcastle, is another sister.

Mrs. Alterton has a large family, most of whom are still living. It was a representative gathering of the community, all her relatives, which met to congratulate the aged lady on the celebration of her natal day.—Sun.

Death of Hedley Grosvenor.

Word of the death of Mr. Hedley F. Grosvenor at his home at Meductic Sunday evening about six o'clock came as a distinct shock to his many friends in this city as the fact that he was ill was not generally known.

During the first week of the present month Mr. Grosvenor was seized with an attack of what he thought was la grippe. The first of last week typhoid fever developed and on Tuesday last complications of bronchial pneumonia also set in. Everything possible was done to help Mr. Grosvenor through his attack but he passed away last evening after a hard fight for life.

Mr. Grosvenor was about 43 years of age, was a grandson of the late Senator Temple and was well known in York county. After attending the regular schools he was a student at the high school in this city. His home at Meductic was one of the finest along the river and he was an extensive fruit grower.

The late Mr. Grosvenor was a son of Mr. Clarence Grosvenor and is survived by his parents, his father being in California, while his mother is at Meductic, two sisters, Mrs. Voight, residing at Benton, and Miss Violet Grosvenor, of St. Paul, one brother, Percy, residing at Brownville, Me., besides his wife and a step-daughter, Miss French.

In municipal politics Mr. Grosvenor had taken an active part. He was first elected councillor from the parish of Canterbury in October 1899, and took his seat at the county council in January, 1900, for the first time. In January, 1903, he was elected warden of the county which position he held for the regular term of one year. At the last municipal elections Mr. Grosvenor retired and was not a candidate for reelection. In politics he was a Conservative. The late Mr. Grosvenor was a director in the Central Telephone Company before its absorption by the New Brunswick Telephone Company and was interested financially in commercial enterprises in Woodstock. Mr. Grosvenor was also a director of the Paxton Baird Co., Ltd., of Woodstock.—Fredericton Gleaner.

The funeral takes place today at Meductic.

Social Events.

Mrs. D. Newcomb gave a small dance for her daughter Eva on Saturday evening. The guests were Misses Nan Dibblee, Margaret Dibblee, Jean McLardy, Mary Wright, Helen Woolverton, Helen Dibblee Messrs Roy McG. Watt, Clarence Sprague, Frank Woolverton, Beresford Connell, Sutherland.

Mrs. John Stewart gave a Bridge party for her nephew Beresford Connell who is to leave soon for Halifax. The guests were:—Misses Margaret Dibblee, Helen Woolverton, Mary Wright, Helen Dibblee, Messrs. Frank Woolverton, Roy Watt, Beresford Connell, Clyde Camber.

Mrs. F. C. Denison was hostess at a whist party on Friday afternoon. There were ten tables. Mrs. White won the first prize, Mrs. Connell the second and Mrs. Richards the consolation. Among the guest were:—Mrs J R Brown, Mrs W M Connell, Mrs G L Holyoke, Mrs J S Creighton, Mrs H Seely, Mrs E W Mair, Mrs L B Miles, Mrs Geo Tracy, Mrs W W Hay, Mrs D W Newcomb, Mrs A G Bailey, Mrs Langacroth, Mrs (Dr) Prescott, Mrs W S Skillee, Mrs W Dibblee, Mrs A B Connell, Mrs A D Holyoke, Mrs A C Day, Mrs F B Carvell, Mrs G Newham Mrs C J Tabor, Mrs C D Richards, Mrs G A White, Mrs R N Loane, Mrs N F Thorne, Mrs T F Sprague, Mrs P Graham, (Hartland) Misses Calhoun, Griffith, (Boston) E Bull, M D Clarke, B K Dibblee, Nan Dibblee, Stewart, L Smith, H Bourne, I Watts, M A Clark, Nora Dibblee.

Mrs. F. C. Denison also gave a five o'clock tea on Wednesday. The guest were:—Mrs (Dr) Sunder, Mrs H G Alder, Mrs R G Fulton, Mrs A R Carr, Mrs Shea, Mrs Stokes, Mrs F Harrison, Mrs W W Hay, Mrs H I Smith, Mrs T Duncan, Mrs E S Kirkpatrick, Mrs C Watson, Mrs A Pole, Mrs I Watts, Mrs J McLaughlin, Misses H. V Harrison, E Henderson, G Henderson.

Woodstock Still Cursed With Rum.

Any person having business about the streets cannot help seeing the evidence, of the plentifulness of the ardent, the pocket pedler is much in evidence, men stand about waiting for him, after his arrival they will go into a stable or in some corner and drink, men of a higher class can have it delivered to them at their places of business. We don't wish Moncton any harm but we would like to borrow Magistrate Kay for six months. So that a lot of our rum-sellers would have comfortable quarters for the winter months, and it would be much cheaper to entertain them in the County Jail than in their present quarters. We have no personal grudge against these men but for their own good, and the good of their victims, the men who drink and their families, and for the well being of the town we would like to see them take quarters in the County Hotel, and be given the fare that many of the families of their customers live on, and a taste of the humiliation that some innocent ones suffer because of their business.—The King's Highway.

W. S. SKILLEN has in stock a splendid line of chocolates in Fancy Boxes, suitable for Christmas Presents, the best in town.