

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY

The record of 1909 is nearly complete and the book will soon be closed. Remember its joys and forget its sorrows.

May the New Year be the Brightest & Best ever for all.

We approach the New Year with a determination to make our stores more than ever, the Best Clothing, Hat, Cap and Furnishing stores in their localities.

THE JOHN McLAUCHLAN CO., Limited,
WOODSTOCK AND HARTLAND.

Now is the time to select your Christmas GIFTS

Why not buy something useful as well as ornamental. We have both. Call and see our stock.

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QUEEN STREET.

Woodstock, N. B. A. C. DAY, Manager.

A MERRY XMAS TO ALL

By the way! You have but little time left in which to do your shopping for Christmas.

Get busy; don't leave every thing till the last minute. If you have some men folks to buy for come here we'll help you out in a manner that will be entirely satisfactory.

New fresh stock. Right prices. And your money back if not satisfied.

For the Man

A Suit, an Overcoat, a nice pair of Trousers, Shirts, Ties, Suspenders, Armbands, Mufflers, Garters, Fancy Hose, Sweaters, Cardigans, Caps, Underwear and lots of other good things. Buy what he would buy himself and you strike him right.

And Then The Boy

Don't neglect him He's an important item and he likes to be comfortably and stylishly dressed. Bring him to us and you'll not regret it. It may be an Overcoat, a Suit, a Suit, a pair of Pants, or perhaps something in the furnishing line, we have them. Suits \$2.00 to \$9.00. Pants 50c to \$1.50. Overcoats \$3.00 to \$9.00

Also Shirts, Ties, Handk'fs, Sweaters, Gloves in Wool, or Mocha, underwear etc. Don't buy till you see us. No trouble to show goods. Again we wish one and all.

A MERRY XMAS

FRASER, FRASER & CO

WOODSTOCK, N. B.

Clothing and Furnishings for Man and Boy.

WANTED.

A capable girl to do Dining Room work at the Victoria Hotel. Apply to T. J. BOYER, Woodstock, N. B.

FOUND.

On Wednesday, a black cloth overcoat between Meduxnekeag Bridge and lower corner. Apply to ROBERT FOREST, McKenzie Corner.

James F. Sutton.

James F. Sutton, who has been ailing for the past year with Bright's Disease and suffered a stroke of paralysis a few months ago, passed away on Thursday, it being his 71st birthday. Mr. Sutton was a native of the County of Wiltshire, England, and came to New Brunswick with the 15th Regiment in 1862, with the rank of Corporal. He bought his discharge in 1864 while stationed at Lower Woodstock. He shortly afterwards married Cordelia Taylor, daughter of the late John Taylor. He is survived by his wife and five children, two sons, John, of Oregon and William, of the Woodstock Woodworking Company, and three daughters, Mrs. George Green, of Mass., Mrs. A. F. Baker, New Westminster, B. C., and Pearl at home. The recent death of his youngest son, Stanley, was a great shock to him, and no doubt hastened his end.

He was a deacon of the United Baptist Church, and his kindly genial manner won for him many friends who will be sorry to hear of his going out.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the Rev. H. G. Kennedy officiating. The pall bearers; C. R. Watson, H. E. Burt, Jarvis Watson and Wm. Clark.

Wants Her Daughter Released From the Good Shepherd Home.

Case Being Argued Before Mr. Justice McKeown; in the Courts Yesterday.

The case of Barton vs Mother Superior of the Good Shepherd Industrial Home was taken up in the supreme court chambers last week. His Honor Justice McKeown presiding. This case was brought on at the instance of L. A. Currey, K. C., who in behalf of the mother of Ethel May Barton, who is detained in that institution, had a writ of habeas corpus issued on Tuesday last calling upon the mother superior to show cause for the girl's detention. The case is creating considerable interest due probably to the fact that it is only on rare occasions that the court is called upon to deal with anything of this nature. The facts are as follows: The girl who is thirteen years old, belongs to Woodstock and was committed to the home on Sept 24 by warrant of Judge Carleton at the instance of Reverend Bamford Colpitts, of the Reformed Baptist church, special agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Children. The act provides that any Roman Catholic girl under the age of fourteen years who by reason of this neglect, drunkenness or other vices of her parents is suffered to be growing up without salutary control lead an idle or dissolute life being committed to the institution.

When the case came up Wednesday afternoon J. D. Hazen, K. C. appeared for the mother superior and claimed that in the interests of justice the girl should be detained in the Industrial Home. The mother, he said was not a fit person to look after the girl and it was only for her own moral good and well being that she is being detained.

Friday morning the matter came up for further hearing but the Attorney General read a letter from Dr. Curry in which the latter asked to have the application withdrawn. His Honor then dismissed the matter and the child will be confined in the Good Shepherd Home until she is sixteen years of age. Detective Killen and the girl were in court and Mr. J. King Kelly appeared for the Woodstock S. P. C. A., who laid the information in the first instance.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

If the "Rambler" were the verselle composer of that gem of poetical composition entitled "Famed Whatsan," that appeared in the last issue of this paper, knows no more about B. C. fruit land than he (or she) knows about poetry then his opinion of the land in the Whatsan Valley don't count for much for taking it as a whole we think it about the worst poetic "doggerel" that we ever saw in print.

We are of the opinion that the "Rambler's" knowledge of fruit land and his poetical instincts are about on a par.

A STAY-AT-HOME.

Officers Elected.

At the regular meeting of Woodstock Division, No. 1, A. O. H., last week, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President—R. P. Dunphy. Vice President—James Brown. Secretary—Charles J. Sullivan. Financial Secretary—R. F. Waddleton. Treasurer—John P. Malaney. Sergt-at-arms—John Thibedeau, jr. Standing Committee—Clarence Dunphy, Alex Beaton, James S. McManus, William Keays, I. E. Sheasgreen.

Mrs William Dickinson

Although it had been expected for some time, the shock to her many friends and the community generally was none the less severe when the death of Mrs. Dickinson, wife of William Dickinson, Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, was announced on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Dickinson came to Woodstock with her husband and young son, in January, 1905, and during her five years residence in this town, she won her way into the hearts of all with whom she came in contact. She possessed a disposition that was more than ordinarily kind and lovable. Her many friends who knew her well, deeply grieve on this sad occasion, and even those who were only slightly acquainted with her feel that the mantle of gloom has been cast about them.

Mrs. Dickinson, whose maiden name was Isobel Ranwick Smith was a daughter of William J. Smith, now a resident of Rexton, N. B., and was born at Richibucto, Kent County, 40 years ago.

Sympathy is everywhere expressed for the husband and the young son, Thomas, who are mourning the loss of a wife and mother. Mrs. Holding, sister of the deceased, and Miss Margaret Smith, half sister, were with her at the time of her death.

The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Service will be held at St. Luke's church, Rev. H. G. Alder officiating. Interment will be made in the lower cemetery.

Sale of Horses.

The sale of horses, imported by the Provincial Government, which took place, in Woodstock on Friday afternoon last, was well attended. The horses disposed of were sold as follows:

Rosie Ronald, to Elsmere Robinson, Northampton, \$175.00, Dollie O'Neil, to J. N. Harper, Jacksonville, \$260.00, Lady McCall, to Thomas C. Strong, Lindsay, \$205.00, Jeanie Wallace, to Charles A. Simonds, Royalton, \$265.00, Mall of Bourque, to G. W. Shaw, for the Car. Co. Agricultural Society, \$200.00; this mare is one of the best in the importation and is held for sale, and can be seen at any time at Johnston's stable, Connel St.

Mrs. Adney's Recitals.

The recitals given by the pupils of Mrs. Adney in the Hayden-Gibson Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were very largely attended and much enjoyed. Mrs. Adney has under her instruction a large number of pupils not only in town, but from the outside districts, and it is pleasing to note the success which is attending her efforts along the lines of musical development. In connection with the recitals, a collection was taken at the door for the benefit of an ambulance for the town, and the sum of \$92.44 received. Following is a statement of the monies received for the fund:

Joseph Gans.....	\$ 1.00
Rev. Mr. Ireland.....	1 00
A friend, desiring name withheld.....	5 00
Balance general collections taken at door, Dec. 21st and 22nd.....	85.44
Total cash this date.....	\$92.44

The following definite subscriptions can be announced;

Master Francis Glenn Adney.....	\$25 00
Mrs. C. R. Watson.....	10 00
Mrs. H. H. Lockwood.....	10 00

Total paid and subscribed.....\$137.44

The Royal Bank will accept and credit directly any contributions to the Carleton County Ambulance Trust Account.

Election of Officers,

The following officers of Woodstock Lodge No. 11, F. & A. M. were installed by Donald Munro, P D G M, assisted by Bro. John McLauchlan, acting as director of ceremonies, on the evening of St. John's Day. After the ceremonies of installation the members partook of refreshments at the Royal Cafe.

Bro Chas A Peabody, W M;
" Raymond Gabel, S W;
" Albert G Fields, J W;
" Hubert A Seely, P M, Chap;
" Williamson Fisher, Treas;
" Donald Munro, P M, Secy;
" E K Connell, S D;
" Wallace Gibson, J D;
" W S Skillen, S S;
" Frank L Atherton, J S;
" Dr M G McLean, P M, D of C;
" Geo A E Howard, Organist;
" Thomas R Gabel, I G;
" E L Hagerman, P M, Tyler.

THE annual Christmas treat for the children was held in the Reformed Baptist church on Monday evening. There was a large attendance.

GUY TURNER and Miss Effie Bell, of Watson Settlement, were married on December 15th by Rev. Mr. Ramsay.

DIED.

LUNN—at the residence of his son-in-law, W. G. Hopkins, Wakefield Centre, Dec. 11th, 1909, Leonard Lunn aged 86 years, 4 months 13 days.

Steeves-McElroy.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Steeves, Grafton, on Wednesday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, Miss Minnie M. was united in marriage to Mr. Harry D. McElroy. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. G. Kennedy. The bride was prettily attired in cream crepe de chene, and she received many beautiful presents. The groom's present to the bride was a large sable rug muff, and from her father she received a fur-lined coat with sable collar. She was also nicely remembered by the choir of the Main St. Baptist church, of which she is a member, by a silver cream and sugar.

Mrs. Harry McElroy will receive her friends, on Thursday afternoon of this week at her home in Grafton, and on Friday afternoon and evening at Mrs. Clyde B. Watson's, Main St.

Mrs Alterton

The death of Mrs. Elisabeth Ann Alterton occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Harper, Jacksonville, Wednesday morning last at five o'clock. Only a few of her large family were present. The aged lady was conscious of her surroundings until the last, and left loving wishes for the absent children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Alterton was Miss Tilly and was born in Gagetown. Her brother was the late Sir Leonard Tilly and her sisters Mrs. (Rev) George Harrison of Quebec, and Mrs. T. B. Harrington of St. John are still living. Her husband the late William Alterton died about eighteen years ago.

The deceased was 90 years of age on the 8th of December and had several great-grandchildren besides a great number of grandchildren. Her family of eight all survive, save one who predeceased her mother one year.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. C. Turner and was well attended, despite the severe storm of wind and snow. A beautiful wreath adorned the casket presented by Mr. and Mrs. Harrington of St. John. Four stalwart young men, her grandchildren, were the pall-bearers.

Space will not permit us to speak at length of the virtues of the deceased but the sincerity of expressions in regard to her and the real feeling of loss at the departure of one so old is enough evidence of her sterling worth and well merited popularity.

Such a noble life as that of the late Mrs. Alterton, with the heritage of Christian example which she has left to her large posterity, must if truly followed, made for a grand influence in the present and for years to come. It was remarked by many at her funeral service how tinged with hope was the grief of all knowing that she made an "abundant entrance" and would spend her ninetieth birthday in the Heavenly Kingdom.

THE work for the new C. P. R. divisional point of Aroostock Jct. goes merrily on notwithstanding the report of our Woodstock contemporaries to the contrary. Mr. Post expects to have his contracts on the hotel and bunk house about all finished in about 10 days or a fortnight. The engine house which is a very fine one will be finished along the first of January and the cottage will also be finished about the same and in all probability some of the employees will move there at once and the new work of the station commenced "almost immediately" and no doubt but within a very few years Aroostock will be quite a little boom place.—Victoria Co. News.

HOTEL FOR SALE.

I have for sale a first-class Hotel in one of the most thriving villages on the St. John River. The buildings are all in first-class condition. All modern improvements. The hotel has hot and cold water throughout, with bath rooms and excellent plumbing. It has a big patronage from the travelling public, as well as a good local patronage. Everything in connection with the property will be sold with it.

This is a money making proposition; and will be sold at a bargain.

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