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WITHIN THE WEEK

The past week has been more or less given up to Christmas festivities, and family reunions. Many welcome faces have been seen in town for the merry season, and very many families have been made happy by such visitors. Snow came rather late to help out business, but, in spite of the un-Christmas-like Christmas eve there was a good trade, and the merchants are by no means down cast. Now, that snow has come in good quantity, we may look for a good business winter. Before the DISPATCH again visits the homes of its subscribers a New Year will have entered and 1910, will have become a back number. Elsewhere is published a bit of poetry, which has been pronounced exquisite, written by a Toronto Canadian who has long adopted the nom du plume of "The Khan." The title is unique and the poem itself contains some very striking verses. No matter how full of levity we may be, there is something that calls us all to seriousness at the coming of new year. It may mean so very much for any one of us. To some of us, it is bound to be the last year we shall see, for many it will mean great happiness, for many untold grief. And whether we wish it or not, we must sit up and take notice.

The year past has been an eventful one in many ways. For one thing it has been a year with the world as much at peace as it has perhaps ever been in its long revolving history. Briefly passing over the most important events, we dwell at first, on the death of King Edward, perhaps the greatest sovereign who has filled the throne of England. How much he was beloved we all know, for it was no empty mourning over his death. Then, in England we have seen two elections, with results almost identical and we earnestly watch to see what will be the outcome over the proposed constitutional changes in the mother land. Portugal, we have seen pass by the simplest and most bloodless revolution from a monarchy to a republic, and in far away Russia, the peasants and common people mourn the death of Tolstoi one of the great men of this or any age.

The United States, our great and we believe friendly neighbor has taken to itself a democratic government, or a congress which means democratic government, of course, using the term democratic in contra distinction to the republic policy.

In this country, we see an unparalleled progress on every side, our farmers, even getting even better prices for their product than their American fellow tillers of the soil. It has been a year singularly free from elections of the kind, and there have been no other very serious epidemics. To be sure a good deal of excitement arose over the Nationalist movement in Quebec, with M Bourassa as chief high priest, but, the busy people of the Dominion are not worrying themselves very much much over it, except, in so far as they are sorry to see certain of the French Canadians acting in such a way as to justify those who have always said that they are an ignorant unenlightened peasantry. An event of importance to Canada is the establishment of the naval policy and the manning of the first ships of the new Canadian navy. Also, we must remember this year as one of great railway construction and the practical completion of the national transcontinental through Eastern Canada and a great portion of the west. Coming to New Brunswick, we would say one of the most important deeds of the present government was the carrying into practical effect the scheme of giving pensions to the school teachers, a reform long talked of and too long neglected.

Not so pleasant is it to refer to the disastrous Campbellton fire, whereby in a few hours one of the most prosperous towns in the province was desolated. But, like all great calamities, this may prove a blessing in disguise, for towns must look better to their protection from similar disasters, remembering that they have not only their citizens to consider but the business holders who lend them money.

This county will remember 1910, with its new and beautiful Court House opened and used for the first time, which stands a credit to one of the best countries in the Dominion. As a people, speaking in a general sense, we have much to remember in 1910, for which to be thankful, and, we may at least hope that in the words of the Khan:

The new, sweet year shall know more joy and laughter,
 Than all that went before.

Shiloh's Cure
 quickly stops coughs, cures colds, hoarseness, sore throat and leads to a permanent cure.

Pokiok and Hawkshaw

Mr and Mrs Nehemiah Gilman, Mrs Hanford Burden spent Xmas with Mr Gilman's daughter, Mrs Alfred Merrithew, Houlton Road.

Mrs Robert Pickard and daughter, Miss Fannis of the Barony, spent Xmas with Mrs Pickard's brother, David P Gilman.

Miss Laura Clare who has been ill with rheumatic fever is able to be out again.

Doctor Vernon Coffin, of Canterbury Station, spent his Xmas with friends here.

Miss Amy Sharpe, who has been teaching school in Blackville, is spending her vacation with her father, Alexander Sharpe.

Miss Helen Sharpe who has been teaching school at Lower Southampton, is home for her Xmas holidays.

Teddie Burden, who has been in Fredericton, attending Business College, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr and Mrs Geo Burden.

Miss Edith Mooers, Lowell Mass, spent Xmas with her parents, Mr and Mrs James Mooers.

The friends of this village presented Miss Mable Sharpe on Xmas night with a beautiful sterling silver mirror and brush.

Thomas Brewer has purchased the store and stock from Sharpe and Gilman.

Miss Annie Palmer, Boston, is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Moses Palmer.

Samuel McKay who has been in the west for the past nineteen years is visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs Geo McKay.

Lewis Heustis is in Ruth, York Co, looking after the engine in a mill in that place.

Cook Hall, Woodstock, spent Xmas with Alexander Sharpe and family.

The community was very much shocked to hear of the death of Mrs Harry Fraser wife of the Rev Harry Fraser Presbyterian pastor of Grand Falls on Saturday of last week Mrs Fraser was Miss Lulu Ross of daughter of the Rev William Ross, of Dunfries now living in Vancouver she came from Vancouver over a year ago met Mr Fraser in Montreal and were married she was 28 years of age.

JACKSONVILLE

The services in the Churches here were full of Christmas thought Peace good will to Men was emphasized in the earnest sermons preached by Rev Mr Johnson and Mr Ayres and bright hymns were rendered by the respective choirs to suit the day.

Rev George Tilley B A arrived on Monday morning from Penobscot to celebrate the holiday with his parents.

Mr and Mrs Charles Crawford with Master Crawford were also guests of Mrs Crawford's parents, Mr and Mrs Tilley where a large gathering of the family with their children enjoyed a bountiful Christmas dinner.

Mrs W C Good accompanied by Master Percy Townsend spent Christmas with her parents Rev J C Berrie and Mrs Berrie Marysville. This year Mr Berrie celebrated his 70th birthday on Christmas Day so it was an occasion of special interest to all the family who were present to congratulate the reverend gentlemen upon his attainment of so many useful years.

Miss Edna London was married to Mr Clinton Foster of Fort Fairfield on Tuesday Dec 27th at the home of her parent Mr and Mrs Albert London. The large company of guests from many places partook of a delightful lunch after the wedding ceremony when the young couple left on the afternoon train for their future home carrying good wishes of many friends. The beautiful gifts were a slight evidence of the esteem in which Miss London was held by relatives and her large circle of friends.

Miss Jeannette Barlett of Temperance Vale who has been spending some with Mrs W C Good is spending the holiday time in Vanceboro.

The school closing exercises given by the pupils of Miss Deborah Clarke of the Upper Jacksonville school were particularly good.

It was a great surprise to the young teachers when one of the children very daintily presented her with a pretty jewel case. All regret that Miss Clarke will not return after the Christmas holidays.

At Jacksonville the closing exercises were finely rendered. The school has been attended and the pupils have made a splendid progress under the direction of Miss Long and Miss Helen Harper in the Primary and advanced Department.

Foreston

Transferring some of home cares to other shoulders, I got off on Saturday p m on my mission to the lumbermen. A brief visit was made at Bristol to my old friend Issachas Boyer. How severe, for a year, has been his fight with sickness, his distress from dropsy, at times almost indescribable. His appreciation of my visit was, in itself, an aspiration, and the thought of imparting some cheer to my sick friend was a joy. His desire and resolve to live the rest of his life for Jesus Christ were almost touchingly noticeable.

The interview I had later in the evening with Mrs Winnie Phillips, the zealous secretary of the lumberman's mission was satisfactory and stimulative. Mrs Phillips is taking a deep interest in the work, which is new

to her. Her messages to the twenty-five local unions of the W C T U throughout the province have brought from a goodly number of them encouraging responses and others are expected to be heard from at early dates. St John, Fredericton, St Stephen, Sackville, Woodstock, Campbelltown, Harland, Perth, Bristol etc; have their unions. The Mission to the lumbermen is one of great possibilities, and full of interest. Mrs Phillips gave the missionary a generous supply of parcels of papers, and right here, let me say that the number of friends who have given parcels of papers, magazines, etc. is truly gratifying. My sleigh was heavily laden, when I started, and the load received a goodly number of additions as I proceeded. Mrs Phillips had just had a message from Mrs S Hayden Shaw of Hartland, former faithful secretary of the mission, and who now renders invaluable aid as assistant.

Bibles, testaments and hymn-books form parts of the missionary's outfit. The men make levies on these by purchase and orders for new supplies become necessary at intervals.

Arrived at Dow Boyer's, a most hospitable reception awaited me. There is an unique blessedness in a while of fellowship spent with him and his consecrated wife. The acquaintanceship of years has become enriched and intensified. The naturalness, spontaneity and enthusiasm of Brother Boyer's religion are truly infectious. His being is electric with the life of Christ within him.

But the lure of the West today fascinates him. His heart roots have penetrated the Western land. Three of his children are at Olds, Alberta. Frank is teacher, there, leader of a choir and a homesteader. His brother Bert is prospering industrially, his sister, Lina, has the privilege of teaching music and helping in the good work.

Arrived at friend, Frank Tompkin's camp, near Foreston, a warm greeting awaited me. Frank is an old friend, eight years ago, I was welcomed by his then friendly crew. Today with a larger crew of 34 men, besides himself he is doing fine work for Mr Welsh. He has his million, contracted for, nearly yarded and purposes yarding for quite a while yet. Fine lumber he has gotten too. He is an experienced woodsman. Twenty two years he has been busy in this line, since he was 14 years of age, and now at 36 years he knows how to use eye, mind and hand in efficient work. He has too much to do, however, having to file the saws for the four yarding crews; John Foster's, Jud Rideout's, Geo Clarke's and Stanley McLellan's, besides all the other duties that devolve upon a camp boss; but in his quiet way he does his work. His cook is Herb Clarke, of Peel. Herb is a success, pleasant and efficient he is, no noise, every step or move, seems to tell, and the boys like him. He is ably assisted by a young Mr Ricker, of Wickham, Queen's Co. There are several Queens Co men in the crew.

Frank's men made a big levy upon my stock of Bibles and Testaments. All my highest priced ones soon were taken, besides some of my hymn books. Both on Sunday and Monday evenings we had interesting meetings, and acquaintanceship with the men was promoted by visiting each of the yarding crews in their different sections in the woods. Your missionary was cheered by his visit. Other experiences at other places must be left at present unrecorded.

Kirkland

I wish all the readers of the Dispatch a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

We are having very fine weather at present the roads are fine in the Country districts.

May Bunting has returned come from Smyrna Mills and thinks she will go back to Philadelphia after Christmas.

The Misses Susie and Laura Kennedy have gone to Boston.

A young daughter arrived at the home of Mr and Mrs Ezra Spinney of Maxwell recently Florence McNeilin has arrived home from teaching School at McKenzie Corner.

F B Drake was in this place recently taking orders for Estey Curtis Co.

Mr Leonard Gould of North Lake is married to Mrs Matilda Murchia, for many years a resident of Kirkland and a daughter of Adam Dickinson.

The school in Monument Settlement will be vacant during the winter term

A young son arrived at the house of Mr and Mrs Andrew Grey of Maxwell quite recently.

Rev A W Teed of the Anglican Church Richmond was calling on friends in this place Dec 21

George Jackson, general agent from Woodstock was in this place on business trip Dec 21

Robert Bull and Herbert Jameison customs officers, were in this place on a business trip recently

COBBLER-SEXTON MINING COMPANY

MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS and all others interested

A meeting of the Stockholders of the Cobler-Sexton Mining Company, and all others who may be interested in the development of the Minerals of this County will be held in the

TOWN HALL Woodstock, N. B.

ON

Tuesday, Jan'y 3rd 1911 At Four o'clock in the afternoon

It is now up to the stockholders to furnish the funds to thoroughly test the ore bodies on their property. Now that the drill is at work they are liable to strike a body of ore any day, and of course that would mean that the stock could not be purchased for the small sum of 5 cents a share.

The lowest assays were 6 p c and they went as high as 20 p c. It is only a small matter for each to put in a small sum and the results may be most beneficial.

Several mining experts, who have visited the mine, have given us every encouragement that this is an excellent proposition.

Our funds are so low on account of the cost of bringing here and placing the Diamond Drill on Palchell's Mountain, that there is not sufficient to continue the work, and unless the Stockholders, or any others interested, are willing to invest a small sum each, the Diamond Drill will have to be removed.

Now that we have the Drill it is a chance of a lifetime.

Stock is now selling at 5 cents per share.

To Intending Purchasers,—Stock Certificates can be obtained from B B Manzer during the absence from home of the Secretary.

B B MANZER, President

I DRAPER, Secretary

Union Corner

Miss Ruby Barton, daughter of F A, Barton of East Hodgdon, and Eben Merritt Son of E Merritt of Hodgdon Mills were married at Houlton Me, on the 14th inst by the Rev Mr Irving, pastor of the Baptist Church, Houlton Me.

These young people expect to make their future home at Woodland, Washington Co Maine

Most of the people who have been away at school or in the woods are home for Christmas vacation

Our neighbour Samuel Potter who has had a lingering illness of five years or more continues to be very poorly

Mr and Mrs C O Grant Houlton Me were the guests of Mr and Mrs J E Chase quite recently

Mrs W I Gildard who has been sick some three years or more, passed away early Monday morning Dec 19 and was buried the following Wednesday afternoon The Rev C Currie gave a very interesting and appropriate discourse from the words And the mother of Jesus was there found in John ii i The funeral was largely attended She leaves her husband two sons Miles and Fred one brother Fred A Barton of East Hodgdon five sisters Mrs J E Chase of this place Mrs John Reese Wash Mrs D Erving and Mrs Brook of W Vi.ginnia and Mrs Young of Idaho

Plaster Rock

Mrs Donald Fraser left town on Thursday to spend Christmas in St Marys.

Miss Inez Smith spent Christmas in Caribou.

The new Ice Rink which has been started on the river by Frank Sherwood is being well patronized.

William McFarlane spent Christmas at his home in York Co.

Mr and Mrs William Post are spending the holiday at summerfield.

Jack McDonald has just returned from a successful trapping trip. He reports the marten and sable as being plentiful.

F E MacLardy spent Christmas holiday at his home in Woodstock.

The Baptist S. School are holding a concert and Christmas tree on Friday evening many are looking forward to Santa.

Miss Green of St Marys spent Christmas at her father's Mr Jesse Green's.

Mr Brown is running Green's hotel which until this week was under the management of Lincoln Giberson.

Alex Thompson is spending a few weeks at Newcastle.

T Lindsay of Woodstock was a visitor in town last week.

G H Lunn and Miss Clara Alexander of our teaching staff left on Wednesday for Woodstock to attend institute.

Mr and Mrs V S Wickwire who have been here for some time have moved to Perth.

Chester

Miss Lillian G Shaw of the senior class at Normal School is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs Otis Shaw.

Mrs Samuel Cain and children returned from Presque Isle on the 20th.

Miss Gladys H Estey, teacher at Bairdsville, is spending her vacation with her parents Mr and Mrs Charles Estey, Wicklow.

There were a number of visitors in Wicklow last week attending the Patterson-Estey wedding they included Mr and Mrs Beechey Hutchinson, Mars Hill Me; Miss Alice Patterson Salisbury Misses Katherine and Ruth Appleby and Mr Harold Patterson Woodstock.

Mr and Mrs A R Kilpatrick, North Mayaville Me Mr and Mrs William Tweedie and Mrs Samuel Cain and children spent Christmas at Mr Gideon Estabrooks.

The many friends of Miss Maddox are glad to see that she is able to be out for drives and as

Mr and Mrs Bruce Tompkins Mr and Mrs Gideon Holmes and the Misses Turney spent Christmas at Mr H H Estabrooks.