

The night before Christmas.

'T was the night before Christmas, when, all through the house,  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads  
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap—  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter;  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash.  
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,  
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below;  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nich.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name:  
"Now Dasher! now Dancer! now Prancer! now Vixen!  
On Comet! on Cupid! on Dancer and Blixen!  
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,  
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away, all!"  
As the leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,  
So up to the house top the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas too,  
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof,  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my head, and turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a pedlar, just opening his pack:  
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.  
He had a broad face, and a little round belly,  
That shook when he laugh'd, like a bowl full of jelly,  
He was chubby and plump; a right jolly old elf;  
And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself,  
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings—then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose,  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down off a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

**SUPPRESSION OF THE SLAVE TRADE AT GALLINAS AFRICA.**—The following letter has been received by a gentleman of Philadelphia, from President Roberts, of Liberia, relative to the probable suppression of the slave trade between Sierra Leone and Cape Palmas:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE MONROVIA,  
Sept. 18, 1849.

I wrote to you a few days ago, announcing the probability that in a few weeks the slave trade would be completely annihilated at the Gallinas. I have the satisfaction now to inform you that my expectations have been fully realized. The chiefs have consented forever to abandon the traffic, and have actually delivered to Capt. Dunlop of her Majesty's ship Alert, all slaves collected for transportation, and have turned the foreign slave traders out of the country. The slavers have availed themselves of the captain's kindness, and also taken passage in one of H. M. ships for Sierra Leone, having first solemnly promised Capt. Dunlop that they would never again attempt to revive the slave trade at Gallinas, or that neighbourhood. Our negotiations are still going on for the Gallinas, and I think now will soon be closed to our satisfaction. The principal obstacle is now removed, and our jurisdiction will soon comprehend that territory. It will then be impossible ever again to revive the traffic of slaves at any point between Sierra Leone and Cape Palmas. I am happy to inform you that our public affairs are going on smoothly. Though our late efforts for the suppression of the slave trade, and some considerable amount we have to pay for new territory, have rather embarrassed us pecuniarily, I think we have great cause for encouragement. Our relations with the natives are of the most friendly character. Commerce is increasing, and our citizens are giving more attention than ever to agriculture. I am, dear sir, respectfully your obedient servant,

J. J. ROBERTS.

**RIOT IN SANDUSKY.**—Sandusky was, on the evening of the 12th inst., the scene of a disgraceful riot. The celebrated Monk of La Trappe had announced a lecture on Priest craft, &c. Just as he was entering he was surrounded and seized, dragged into the street, and severely beaten with bludgeons. He was eventually rescued by the Mayor and others. One or two others were injured, being taken for the "Monk." It is reported that some pistols were fired. No arrests.—Cincinnati, Gaz.

**BERMUDA.**—Charleston, Friday, Nov. 23.—By an arrival from Bermuda, we have accounts of a serious riot which broke out at Hamilton, in consequence of the Legislative Council having introduced a clause into an ordinance, by which debtors are subjected to the same discipline as criminals. Some lives are said to have been lost in the melee.

THE CARLETON SENTINEL,  
AND  
FAMILY JOURNAL.

WOODSTOCK, DECEMBER 25, 1849.

We wish all our good friends a merry Christmas this morning; and if we may judge of the facilities for having a merry time, by the abundance of turkeys and similar requisites which have been in market for some days past, we think they may be as happy as a full stomach can make them.

We may now consider the winter season fairly set in. The river closed at this place on the 15th inst., and the sleighing is now good. On Tuesday morning the mercury stood 13° below zero, being 9° lower than it has been before this season.

The Bishop of Hereford has just ordained five Dissenting ministers for the ministry of the Church of England; The bishop of Chester has ordained two, who came over with their congregations, deeply impressed with reading "The Primitive Church in its Episcopacy." The Bishop of Lichfield has received nearly sixty applications from Dissenting preachers to be ordained Ministers of the Church.

Above will be seen a short but rather remarkable statement, purporting to be taken from the *Church and State Gazette*. It was handed to us by a gentleman some days ago, in manuscript, with a request for its publication. It was too late to come out in our last number, but we now most cheerfully give it a place.

However much we may differ from that gentleman in theological matters, we shall always feel but too happy to extend to him all the courtesy which our columns can offer. There are few good offices which are more easily practised, and more kindly received, than a liberal treatment of those whose creeds happen to be opposed to our own, and who are anxious to promulgate their peculiar views by means of public lecture, or to make known the apparent propriety of their cause by access to the pages of a newspaper.

The General Assembly is prorogued to Thursday Feb. 7th 1850, so says the *Gazette*.

Poverty, sickness, disgrace, slighted love, perjured friendship, the oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely—any, or all of these—are trifling ills, compared with the tortures of dying without paying the printer's dues.

We clap the above from an exchange. Those of our non-paying subscribers who are sick, and those who are not, will please take warning, and fork over the change 'instanter.'

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R.—English, Esqr., AGENT. J. Grover, Esq., CASHIER.

PRICE ONE SHILLING.

CHUBB'S New Brunswick ALMANAC, and REGISTER for 1850, can be obtained at the Store of JOHN D. BAIRD.

Woodstock, Dec. 21st, 1849.

GROUND PLASTER.

The above article can be obtained at any time of the Subscriber, on application at the Store of JOHN D. BAIRD.

Woodstock, Dec. 21st, 1849.

LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION.



WOODSTOCK DISTRICT LODGE, No. 1.

The Officers and Members of District Lodge, No. 1, (comprising the present Officers and Senior Committeemen, and all the last past Officers of Private Lodges Nos. 38, 41, 51, 57, 59, 61, 73, 85 & 95) are hereby summoned to attend in the Orange Hall, at Woodstock, on MONDAY the 14th day of January next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the transaction of business and the election of officers for the ensuing year. All ABSENTEES will subject themselves to the penalty prescribed by the Book of General Rules and Regulations. The different Lodges are expected to pay their Grand Lodge and District dues, as well as to have their returns made out preparatory for transmission to the Grand Lodge.

By order of the W. D. M.

N. B.—Companions of the *Royal Scarlet Chapter*, under Warrant from the Grand Lodge of N. B. and N. S., are requested to meet in the Orange Hall immediately after the close of the District Lodge above mentioned.

By order of the W. C. C.,  
J. H. B. JACQUES, C. S.

Woodstock, Dec. 24th, 1849.

THE SCOTCH KIRK,

At the Upper Village, being nearly finished, and temporarily fitted up, will be opened for DIVINE SERVICE by the Rev John Hunter on SABBATH the 30th inst., at 4 o'clock, P. M. A Collection will be taken up for the benefit of the Society.

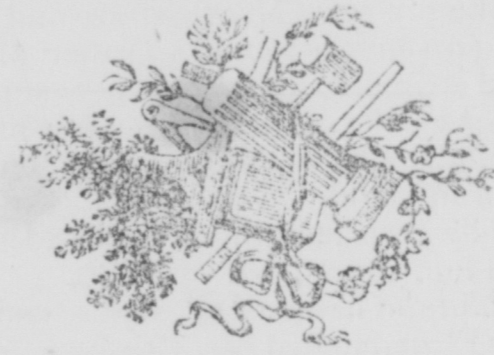
Woodstock, December 18th, 1849.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,  
St. John, Dec. 11th, 1849.

In order to obviate the inconvenience existing under the present Arrangement which requires the Postage of Letters and Newspapers to be paid in advance, His Lordship the Postmaster General has been pleased to direct that hereafter the Postage on correspondence passing between New Brunswick and Newfoundland may be prepaid or not, at the option of the sender.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.



A Meeting of Woodstock Lodge, No. 811, will be held at Rice's Hall on THURSDAY the 27th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M.  
By order of the W. M.  
Woodstock, 17th December, 1849.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday 8th March, 1849.

RESOLVED, That no Bill of a private nature, or Petition for Money or relief, shall be received by the House after the fourteenth day from the opening of the Session, both inclusive; and that the Clerk of this House do, one month previous to the meeting of the Legislature, cause fifty printed copies of this Rule to be sent to each of the Clerks of the Peace in the several Counties for distribution, and cause the same to be inserted in the Royal Gazette, and two Newspapers in such County where Newspapers are published.

CHAS. P. WETMORE, Clerk.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 7th April, 1849.

WHEREAS the number of applications to this House from School Teachers for Grants of Money have been from year to year increasing; and whereas it is desirable that such information should be furnished as would enable this House to arrive at just and equitable conclusions; therefore

RESOLVED, That this House will in future sustain no application for allowances to Teachers of Common or Parish Schools, unless it shall be certified by at least two Trustees of Schools for the Parish where such School has been taught, shewing the time actually taught—the Teacher to be Licensed—the cause why such Teacher was not certified to the Sessions in the ordinary way—and that such Teacher was not compelled to discontinue his or her School on account of any improper conduct.

CHAS. P. WETMORE, Clerk.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office Woodstock, 15th Dec., 1849.

Brown Aaron	Grimmerson James	Power Captain E.
Bubar Catharina A	Green Wm	Prescot John
Bubar Mr.	Hart W D	Porter Samuel
Clark John Junr	Ingram Charles	Russell Thomas
Conner Ann	Kell Patrick	Ramsford A W
Caldwell John	Light Mrs	Still Wm
Currie Jane	Mills Charles	Sisson W. H.
Currie Robert	Monahan Arthur	Skinner William
Caisey Wm	Magee Michael	Shearman Robert 2
Coombs A L	Moon James W	Smith Israel
Doherty Charles	McPherson Robert	Smith Patrick
Dondy Patrick	McGirr John	Suel John
Deheriy Wm E	McElroy Daniel	Sheald Patrick
Doherty Hannah	McKeen Calvin	Sewall Milton
Egan Martin 2	McNaughton Michael	Sheppard James
Faulkner William	McGrath James	Thomas James
Faulkner David	McIntosh Donald	Taylor William
Fitzpatrick Anthony	Niles Miss	Woolhaupter Charles
Fisher Wm H	O'Hanlin Patrick	White Jeffrey
Falin Wm	Payson W E	J. GROVER, P. M.

Boots, Shoes, and Leather.

The Subscriber would inform the inhabitants of Woodstock and the surrounding country, that he has opened a shop at the Creek Village, in W. Q. Shaw's building, where he intends to keep constantly on hand men's coarse and fine BOOTS & SHOES, boys and youths do., women and children's do., Upper Leather and Calf Skins, all of which articles were manufactured at his father's establishment and warranted. Together with Pigs, Peg Awls, Sparrow-bills, and Shoethread, which articles will be sold cheap for Cash, Oats or Hides. Also, a quantity of best American Sole Leather for cash only.

E. R. PARSONS.

IMPORTANT!

ALL Persons indebted to the Subscriber by note or book account are requested to call and settle the same, on or before the 15th day of January, or He will be under the necessity of calling upon them.

OATS taken in payment.

STEPHEN PARSONS.

Woodstock, Dec. 10th, 1849.

P. S. My books are left with F. R. Parsons at the Creek Village, who is authorised to settle the same. Persons indebted to me will govern themselves accordingly.

S. P.

NOTICE.

HAVING received her Majesty's precept commanding me to do certain matters and things, and to summon Jurors for a Court of General Sessions, to be holden at the County Court House, in and for the County of Carleton on the first Tuesday in January next, and enjoining on me to proclaim the same publicly throughout my Bailiwick; Notice thereof is hereby publicly given, of which all Justices of the Peace, Coroners, Constables and Bailiffs within my Bailiwick, and all other persons concerned, will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. Dated at Woodstock this 11th day of December, 1849.

JOHN F. W. WINSLOW, Sheriff.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having any demands against the estate of William Upham, late of the Parish of Woodstock, in the county of Carleton, Farmer, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested, within one month from this date; and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

ELIZABETH UPHAM, Executrix.  
CHARLES FERRIS, } Executors.  
RALPH KETCHUM, }

Woodstock, Dec. 8th, 1849.

FURS!! FURS!! FURS!!!

CASH and the highest prices paid for Furs, by the Subscriber.

Woodstock, Nov. 22nd, 1849.

Sms.

J. T. ALLAN.