

## Debec Items.

Dec. 25, 1889.

Our able singing master gave the public an A 1 concert in the new Music Hall, last Wednesday night. Rev. Mr. Baker, M. A., gave an address on music. The public are delighted to hear that he will continue to aid another term in the development of that "divine art" with his improved methods of vocal instruction.

Shun, shun, shun the rum, rum, rum.

Under the skill of our new Dr. Mr. Jas. Crawford's little girl is well again.

Our Station Agent has been setting a somewhat strange example by taking a bracing plunge into the icy waters of our Tiber. May his strength develop to the Roman perfection.

Misses Arey and Morehouse are here visiting. \$30 was obtained at the S. S. Sociable. Crowd was small, the weather bad. Miss May's basket brought \$3 the highest amount, from a N. B. R. young man.

Dr. Best is the best hand to pull teeth in this town or any other.

Mr. Thomas Dickinson of the N. B. University, and Adam Dickinson of the Woodstock Grammar School, arrived at this station last week to spend their Xmas days at home.

In a leading editorial of a late issue of the "Debec Times," the "Fox question" is discussed in the most *stuggy* language. The new *Baker*, the *Best Doctor* and the *Putocrat King*, of our little town are the subjects of deep and profound consideration. Our station master and editor fastens his knots of ridicule secure and flings his darts of satire with unerring aim.

Mr. Daye's school held its public examination the 20th inst. Rev. Mr. Baker aided the teacher in reviewing the subjects of Reading, Geography, History, Composition, Arithmetic, and Algebra. After an able address on Education by the rev. gentleman present, and a practical speech by Mr. Thos. Henderson, the treat furnished by the Sec. Mr. Dickinson, was passed around. Mr. Daye took the train the 21st inst. for St. John, and will return it is said, after vacation.

Mr. Benn's school also held an examination and gave an entertainment the same day. Mr. John Laverty questioned the Grades on the different subjects of the "course." After the review about 24 select and varied recitations were listened to with great interest. Next came two readings and lastly two dialogues. Mr. Laverty was then appointed by Sec. to present the prizes. The prizes, winners and marks were as follows: First, an elegant copy of Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton's "Pelham or the Adventures of a Gentleman," complete in 402 pages to H. B. Hemphill, with 95 per cent. Second, Hilt's Edition of Benjamin Franklin's Autobiography, 333 pages, to Furg. Hemphill, with 89 per cent. Third, Murdock's Edition of Thomson's Poems, 332 pages, to Annie Hemphill, with 84 per cent. Previous to the award a tabulated and detailed statement of the standing of each pupil was handed to Mr. L. by the teacher, who read aloud the Grand Total Marks. The marks were kept in pairs of 100, and attendance was considered  $\frac{1}{2}$  conduct,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and scholarship  $\frac{1}{4}$ . The above named prize books were printed from new plates, good type and paper in extra cloth, embossed in black and gold and look handsome. The presenter in his usual happy and logical style, urged the pupils to strive and aim to obtain by the same qualities the more beautiful and lasting prizes of life, in the larger school of the world. He made an eloquent and solid plea in favor of school reaping the advantages of carrying out the directions of Reg. 34 and Section 118 of the Act. After remarks, the treat furnished by the Sec. Mr. David Hemphill, was enjoyed. The pupils were dismissed at 4 o'clock and the uncommonly large attendance of visitors expressed themselves as greatly pleased with their 4 hours visit.

A basket sociable will be held at Mr. Harron's Hall, Monday night the 30th inst. Baskets will be auctioned. Bring your best girl and basket, and you may count on a good time.

Mr. Chas. Manzer and wife took the train on a holiday trip to his home at Aroostook. Mr. Clifford Kirkpatrick takes his place in the office.

M. Meigher is at St. Croix making arrangements to haul his contract for Shaw Bros. of 2,000 cords of bark to Vanceboro.

Just opened Ladies' Astrachan Jackets, all sizes, very low, at Hugh Hay's.

## Grafton Items.

Dec. 26, 1889.

The saw mill, so we are informed, will resume operations shortly after the beginning of the new year.

Efforts are being made by some of the young people to organize a lodge of Good Templars. We have no doubt but that there are plenty of persons of sufficient calibre to keep running a temperance lodge that might rival in fame and good works old "Crystal Tide."

On last Friday the closing day of school for Christmas vacation, a public examination of the school was held. There was an attendance of forty-five children out of an enrolment of fifty-five. The visitors present, who evinced much interest in the exercises of the day, included Col. and Mrs. W. T. Baird, Mrs. J. D. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rankin, Miss Rankin, Mrs. C. E. Brackett, Jere. Bragdon, Louis C. Young and A. D. Shea. Classes in standards I. to VI. were examined in Reading, Composition, Grammar, History, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography and Chemistry. The careful training and excellent progress made during the past term was indicated in the proficiency of the pupils in the different branches taught, and their ready answers. The routine of lessons was interspersed by an essay on "Education" by Katie Tweedie which deserves special mention, and recitations nicely and distinctly rendered by Jennie Bull, Katie Rankin, Hattie Shea, Ethel Shea, Ella Sharp, Ada Bowles, Lizzie Miller. Appropriate remarks were made by several of the visitors present after which a handsome bible was presented to Miss Jessie Moores, the teacher, and an address complimenting her on her past success and assuring her of the good will of both pupils and parents, and the unanimous approval of her determination to teach here for another term.

The following statement showing the result of the labors of the Assessors of this Parish, in taking the County valuation in August last may interest some. The Parish of Northampton is divided into 256 farms and parcels of land containing in all 60,244 acres of land, of which 9,072 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres are under cultivation. The assessable value of the real property is \$218,434, and personal property \$38,700. The total value of personal property however is \$69,000. In the

way of buildings there are 195 houses, 344 barns, 3 churches, 9 school houses, 3 mills and 5 shops. The inhabitants number about 700, of whom, under the Provincial Franchise Act, 320 are entitled to vote.

Gents fur coats and ladies fur jackets and prices that will suprise you, at R. B. Belyea & Co's.

## Poll Hill Items.

Dec. 24, 1889.

In reading the items from the different places it seems a few words from this place would not come amiss.

Our school which has been so well taught the last three terms by Miss Beatrice Richardson, has been closed for the winter months and the loss of our teacher is regretted both by young and old. The last day of school was well attended by scholars and parents, as well, and passed off in a way that did credit to both pupils and teachers. Besides listening to the lessons and recitations, we had the pleasure of listening to some excellent singing by the school. A few words of praise was spoken by Rev. S. Shaw and others that showed the teacher had done her duty well.

Some of the men are home from the woods anticipating the pleasure of eating the goose with their better and bigger half.

Miss Maria Jackson, who has been for some months in bed with hip disease, is improving under the careful treatment of Dr. Smith.

Read R. B. Porter & Co's advertisement in to-days' issue.

## Hartland Items.

Dec. 25, 1889.

Christmas, like any other day, has passed, and no doubt will be welcomed again as cordially on its arrival as the one already past.

The day passed quietly. Several young men were noticed a shade off their base; steps should be taken to compel those who deal out this stuff in this place to change their quarters. Toward evening, teams from the suburbs, loaded with happy people, and making the air resound with their shouts of joy, were seen making their way to the F. C. B. Church to participate in the Xmas Tree. The house was crowded. A tree stood at each end of the aisle, well loaded with handsome gifts. As the trees could not hold all, a number were laid on table and stands, all presenting an attractive appearance. The meeting opened by singing, Mrs. J. T. G. Carr presiding at the organ. B. N. Shaw, Esq., chairman, after making a few introductory remarks in his usual off hand manner, called upon Mr. William R. and who made a few remarks suitable to the occasion, singing by the choir; W. J. Doucette was the next speaker and, as remarked by the chairman, no meeting or entertainment of any kind was complete unless graced by the presence of this gentleman; singing by choir; A. McNinch, as the next speaker, made a few appropriate remarks; singing; a recitation from Burt Morgan. The chairman then called upon M. Matheson, Esq., who on coming forward was presented with a handsome silver water pitcher, the citizens of the place having taken this opportunity of making this gift, showing how highly they esteemed this gentleman both in his business and social relations. His reply showed he was taken by surprise. The presents were then distributed. The meeting closed by singing.

Just opened Flannels, Horse Blankets and Carpets in great variety, at Hugh Hay's.

## Jacksonville Items.

Dec. 24th, 1889.

The Baptist quarterly meeting closed Sunday evening. Saturday afternoon, the regular conference meeting was held and largely attended; also the missionary meeting in the evening, was well attended. Rev. Mr. Todd, who preached the sermon, was followed by Rev. Mr. Irving, Rev. Mr. Harvy, and Rev. Mr. Charleton. Each gentleman spoke strongly for the cause of missions, both home and foreign. Rev. B. N. Nobles preached the quarterly sermon Sunday morning to a large congregation. The afternoon session was taken up by addresses to the S. School, the speakers being Revs. J. Harvy, B. N. Nobles, Irving, Blakney and Jewett. The Church was more than comfortably filled, S. S. workers from all the different churches in the place being present. Rev. Mr. Blakney occupied the pulpit in the evening, after which the meetings closed with a social service.

Sacrament was administered Sunday in both the Methodist and Episcopal churches. Rev. Mr. Young was presented with a fur overcoat last Friday evening, a gift from his friends on this circuit.

## A Valuable Colt.

Last week we briefly referred to the fact that Mr. Murphy had imported a fine colt; since then we have gained the following particulars of this promising animal:—

Lord Dufferin, standard, registered in Wallace's American Trotting Register 11,443. Brown colt, solid color, foaled July 18th, 1888; stands 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  hands high; bred by S. A. Brown & Co., Kalamazoo Stock Farm, Michigan, and foaled the property of C. H. Nelson, Waterville, Maine.

Lord Dufferin is by Eudymion 4594; record 2:23 $\frac{1}{4}$  in the sixth heat in a race; has trotted halves in 1:08 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and has to his credit fourteen heats all trotted better than 2:29 $\frac{3}{4}$  in hotly contested and prolonged races before he was six years old. He was sold for \$15,000, and went to South America, where he died when but seven years old. Eudymion is by Dictator 113, sire of Jay Eye See 2:10, Phailas 2:13 $\frac{3}{4}$ , Dictator 2:17, and thirty others with records better than 2:30. Dictator by Rysdyk's Hambletonian. Eudymion's dam is Annie Easton, a winner of many first prizes in Kentucky, and had considerable speed, although not much trained, by Mogan Rattler, son of Hale's Green Mountain Boy. She is the dam of Golden Rod 2:20 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Eudymion 2:23 $\frac{1}{4}$ , Dolly Davis 2:20, Albert 2:26 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Aaron Talber 2:28 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Lord Dufferin's first dam is Jessica, standard, 2:24 $\frac{1}{2}$ , last half 1:09, by George Wilkes 519, record 2:22, sire of the N. B. Government horse Harry Wilkes and sixty more with records better than 2:30, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian. Jessica's first colt Queen Wilkes, has a three years old record of 2:29 $\frac{1}{2}$  to a road cart in a race, and trotted in 2:25

to a road cart in a three years old race at Lexington, Kentucky, last fall, although she did not win the heat. Jessica's dam is Dutchess 2:20, by Amo's, C. M. Clay 21, sire of American Girl 2:16 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

This very valuable colt has been purchased from C. H. Nelson, of Sunnyside Farm, Waterville, Maine, by N. R. Colter, M. D., and J. R. Murphy, Esq., of this town, for a large price, and has by them been placed in the hands of that well known and highly successful and competent horse trainer, D. M. Atherton, in order to have his speed developed. Dave says this colt is a trotter sure, and will be certain to produce trotters, and the owners have every confidence in his judgment, knowing that when he pronounces a colt or horse a good one and a trotter, they can rely on it.

C. H. Nelson has offered to guarantee this colt to trot in 2:30 or better as a three years old, barring accidents.

## Suggestive.

The Hon. Atty. General may find something suggestive in the following from London *Truth* in reply to Lord Rosebery's statement that no one had ever explained to him how the House of Lords was to be abolished. Hitherto our Legislative Council has occupied somewhat the same relative position to the people that the House of Lords does. There is the charter and hereditary rights under which they may claim existence and the power to outvote any measure aimed at their destruction. In either case the vote of the body itself having been secured and that vote being in accordance with popular opinion, the other difficulty might speedily be overcome. The suggestion made by *Truth* is one, just now, that may readily be applied to our Legislative Council, provided the agents employed could be relied upon. We know that gentlemen who formerly had been in favor of the abolition of the council, have when elevated to that body soon found reasons for a change of opinion, and here comes in a difficulty, but one surely that may be met, if the atmosphere of Legislation is not entirely demoralizing.

*Truth* says:—

A Bill having passed the House of Commons would go up to the Lords. A sufficient number of persons would be made Lords to swamp all opposition. This creation would do no harm, for both new and old Lords would lose all legislative functions, and our experience of human nature leads us to the conclusion that a sufficient number of Liberals would be ready to sacrifice themselves on the altar of their country, and so assent to the prefix of Lord. The Reform Act of 1831 was carried by the threat of a large creation, and if the threat had not proved successful, the creation would have followed. Does Lord Rosebery really imagine that we should permit a few hundred Peers to impose a *non possumus* on the declared will of the nation? It would require, he says, a Cromwell to end the Lords. Possibly, but in the declared will of the nation we have a force stronger than any Cromwell. Any scheme to strengthen the Upper House, and yet to leave in it one single hereditary legislator would be opposed by all sound Radicals. Whether we have one or two Legislative Houses is one thing; that we will not have any persons in either who do not derive their legislative rights from the people, is another.

## Our Own the Best.

Dr. Bourinot of Ottawa, who recently lectured in New York, pointed out very clearly the difference between the United States constitutional system and that of Canada, showing in what respects that of the latter is superior. There is, as every one who is in the habit of meeting representative men of the Republic must know, a singular lack of information on these points among our neighbors. Dr. Bourinot showed that—

"The application of the elective principle to the judiciary was a grave departure from the wise British practice, which Canada has carefully avoided with great advantage to the administration of justice. The United States has no Executive like that of Canada, working in unison with and dependent on Parliament, ready to inform the Houses and country on all matters of administration, initiating and controlling all measures of public policy and directing generally public legislation."

It was also shown that—

Canada has also among other political superiorities a better electoral system, which, however, the States are now rapidly adopting. She is free in large measure from the great social evils resulting from a lax and demoralizing divorce system, or rather multiplicity of systems. The great contrast between the two countries in regard to this vitally important social institution is strikingly shown by the fact mentioned by Dr. Bourinot that from 1867 to 1886 there were only 116 divorces granted in the Dominion against 328,613 in the United States during the same period.

The popular impression in the United States is that their constitutional system is by far superior to any other under which contemporary nations are governed, but when the British Canadian system is explained intelligently Americans readily admit the mistake under which they have labored as regards many important items of the respective systems.

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