

Augusta, Me., Items.

January 1, 1895.

Once more we have to dispose of the old calendar that has served us so faithfully for the past year, and start anew. While we usher in the new year, we cannot but look back on the calamities of the past, and hope it will be a more successful one in every way.

The general remark was heard around everywhere that we would have a mild winter, but how much the tunc changed when on the 27th it came on to snow, till the 29th ult.; everything being blocked up solid.

Mr. G. W. Holmes and daughter Bertie, who have been visiting relatives in this city, left for their home in Woodstock, N. B., on Dec. 27th.

There is a strong movement in Bath, Me., against the sale of liquor. The local clergy have taken hold of the matter and demanded of the Mayor that he enforce the liquor law. Meanwhile the deputy sheriffs are doing all they can to stop the sale of liquor. The new movement has been kept very quiet, and the idea is to get a club of 100 members, who will pledge themselves to throw aside party ties at municipal elections and to work and vote only for such candidates as will do all possible to enforce the liquor laws. No new member will be admitted except in case of death, or removal from them, of one of the original 100 and great care will be exercised in selecting the 100. The promoters of this idea believe that their vote and power with the 100 voters will be enough to have a great influence at local elections.

There is every indication that the coming session of the legislature, which convenes here next Wednesday, will be a short one. The commission appointed to prepare a general law for special legislation, will report as near the opening of the session as possible. The report will be prepared and in readiness. In this manner it is expected that the law will be enacted in season, to take care of special matters which heretofore have occupied so much valuable time. The proposed Insane Hospital at Bangor will engage the attention of the law makers for a considerable time. Every effort will be made to defeat the bill. Work has already begun on individual members, and the argument is being used that the Insane Hospital at Augusta, if relieved by the removal of many in the institution, who are really town paupers, is plenty large enough for some time to come. But the State already owns the land at Bangor, on which it is proposed to erect the building; an effort will be made to have a State almshouse built there. The central portion of the State is divided opposed to another Maine Hospital at Bangor.

Every State in the Union has its favorite singer as well as everything else, and surely Randolph, Me., can boast of its tenor—Orel Turner is the one, and a favorite among them all. Mr. Turner is a student of Luigi Vanucini, Florence, Italy. Mr. Turner has for the past season been compelled to lay off on account of ill health; but has so far recovered that he will soon be seen behind the footlights once more. He will visit Fredericton and St. John the coming season. B

Andover Items

Jan. 3, 1895.

Mingled with the Merry Xmas Chimney, Wedding Bells and the lively jingle of sleigh bells, has been the solemn knell of the death bell reminding us most impressively of the fact, that in the midst of life we are in death. Last Sabbath all that was mortal of the late Mr. Joseph Stratton was deposited in its last resting place, in the Episcopal Graveyard.

On Monday afternoon in another funeral procession was seen wending its way to the same place, following the remains of the late Mrs. Faulding, of Kilburn, who leaves a husband and children to mourn their sad loss.

The Council of Royal Templars of Temperance which was organized here a few weeks ago is doing remarkably well, there being initiations at every session. The regular meetings for the winter months are fixed for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The officers for the ensuing term, as nearly as we can ascertain, are as follows:—Select Councillor—S. P. Waite; Past Councillor, Joseph Porter; Vice-Councillor, Dr. Welling; Chaplain, Rev. W. R. Pepper; Recording Secty., Myrtle Waite; Financial Secty., Wilnot Porter; Treasurer, Howard Porter; Herald, Frank Stevens; Sentinel, Wm. R. Pepper, Junr.

The select degree has also been taken by several, and we hope in course of time to have a goodly number of members in it also. About 24 persons have taken the royal degree and 8 or 10 the select to the present time.

Mr. Jas. E. Porter's saw mill has just shut down till Spring.

Mrs. Sheriff Tibbitts and Mrs. Edward Howard left here last Wednesday for a trip to Boston.

Our enterprising Post master, E. H. Hoyt, Esq., has introduced a new Gas light into this town, which appears to be very good, and gives a softer light than the ordinary oil lamp, and is expected to be both better and cheaper than the old time lamps so long in use. The fluid is converted into gas by the heat of the burning gas, so after once getting it lighted—which can be done by holding to the burner an ordinary lighted match—the gas is produced as fast as required, until the fluid is exhausted.

Lilly Lake, Kings Co., Items.

Holidays are nearly over, but owing to the inclement weather much of the anticipated pleasure has not been realized.

On Christmas the rain fell in torrents, keeping all except the most sanguine in doors; on New Years it snowed from early morn until late in the evening, again preventing any out door amusement.

The local sports who have fast horses had planned celebrating the New Year with a trotting match on the river, but the storm prevented.

On Wednesday evening of last week the people of this and adjacent places met at the house of Mrs. Holder and spent a very enjoyable night.

The Church people are practising for a concert and social in the near future, while the Baptists intend having theirs in a few days.

The revival meetings at New Jerusalem, conducted by Rev. Mr. Foster (P.O.B.) still continue. A large number have been converted and baptized.

Mr. Geo. Machum has finished his new house in time for the New Year.

Mr. W. A. Machum has returned from the West, where he has been teaching school. His many friends are glad to see him back.

Wishing the SENTINEL and all its readers a happy and prosperous New Year, I throw down the quill.

One thing is certain, that if you want to clothe yourself in a good, warm and comfortable Fur Coat, Cape or Jacket, you should call on B. B. Measer.

Arthurette Items.

Jan. 7, 1895.

Schools re-opened again to-day. The only schools running in this Parish this term, as far as I can learn, are Arthurette, No. 1, St. Elmo No. 5, and Birch Ridge No. 8.

The effective teaching staff in this County has been reduced of late by the ravages of that "rascally cupid," the school-marm preferring the married instead of the single blessedness state.

The SENTINEL has lost a faithful correspondent from the Tobique in the departure of "Lazarus." The writer will have to hustle to gather all the interesting items now, to keep the Tobique well to the front.

Mr. Phillips, representing Messrs. Randolph & Sons, made the regular trip up this way on Friday last.

Messrs. Tweeddale and Ryan, Chancellors, go to the semi-annual session on the 15th inst.

Mr. McNair has now over 160 men in the woods getting out lumber.

The F.V.R. closed operations for the winter before Christmas.

Rev. J. R. Hopkins preached here last night. Text, Job VII, 6: "My days are swifter than a weavers shuttle."

The way Fraser's men are piling up the logs on the Olaf is a "caution." In Christian's camp, the week before Xmas nine teams yarded 2 643 pieces. Two hundred and ninety three pieces per team per week, or about 50 trees per day to a team.

Stanley Gallop, on Beaver Brook, will have a million to drive down Wapasky.

Rain is falling very fast at present writing. A.

Dyspepsia seldom causes death, but permits its victims to live on in misery. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures dyspepsia and all stomach trouble.

Lower Brighton Items.

Jan. 8, 1895.

As our regular correspondent has failed to inform your valuable paper as to the everyday topics of our industrious community, his rival has resolved to be more punctual.

Sandy Claus has made his annual visit once more, but he has proven himself to be just as partial as ever, by his unequal distribution.

David Noble has purchased an extensive lumber privilege near Nackawick, and has several camps under his energetic control.

One of our apparently successful young men, who has made regular visits south, has resolved to go north, if no more than "trial trip."

Miss Sadie Hammond, of Richmond, has charge of our school this term.

Rev. G. B. Trafton has returned from the lumber woods much improved in health.

Miss Bartie Tracey, of Hartland, who has successfully taught one quarter in instrumental music here, has, by special request of her pupils, returned for another quarter.

One of Brighton's progressive farmers, who has become quite famous for harvesting large crops, has as usual had another excellent turn out.

The young Licentiate who returned to his home for a much needed vacation, is about to return to his regular Newburg appointments.

J. F. Richardson is home from the lumber woods for a few days.

Tobique River Items.

Jan. 7, 1895.

As the two scribes who have heretofore chronicled the events and happenings on the Tobique have for some unaccountable reason failed to record some recent occurrences, your correspondent thought to fill in a little blank time by slinging some ink, in order that this important section may not fall into oblivion.

And first to account for the silence of the scribes, by way of conjecture, will surmise that Lazarus has returned to spirit land and the other gone into a state of lethargy for the winter.

The lumber woods in this section is inhabited with as many able bodied men to the square mile as any section of wilderness in the Province. The total output from Tobique and its tributaries this winter will be in the neighborhood of twenty million feet of sawlogs.

The many friends of Mr. E. Hutchinson, of Andover, will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his severe illness.

Mrs. John W. Campbell, of Arthurette, has been troubled with a pain in her right

breast; Dr. Wiley made a diagnosis of the case, pronounced it cancer, and advised that she go at once to the hospital and have a surgical operation performed. She has decided in consequence to go to Victoria Hospital next week.

A social gathering met at the Parsonage, Birch Ridge, on Xmas eve, and after partaking of a glorious supper consisting of all the delicacies of the season provided by the ladies, the contestants (four young ladies) for a quilt made by the sewing circle of the Episcopal Church, handed in their several collections, which, together with the proceeds from the supper and other donations, amounted in the aggregate to the handsome sum of \$92 50. The money was handed to Rev. J. R. Hopkins, who expressed his thanks and appreciation to the ladies for the efforts put forth in his behalf and in the interest of the church; who will now say that the inhabitants of the Tobique are uncivilized?

Recent snow storms facilitate the hauling of lumber supplies and give an aspect which takes on more the appearance of a New Brunswick winter. OBSERVER.

"The Bridge of Sighs"—(Six)

To the Editors of the Carleton Sentinel:

As I did not have the privilege of attending the opening of the big bridge, nor of listening to the speeches of the evening, will you permit me through the columns of your valuable paper to take up the challenge thrown out by Hon. Mr. Emmerson, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, also to review the location of the bridge, and the work done thereon. Hon. Mr. Emmerson's challenge was this—"he had heart some one say the superstructure had cost from \$30,000 to \$40,000 over and above what it should have cost, he was prepared to dispute that statement, prepared to challenge any man to discuss the question of the cost of that bridge."

Hon. Mr. Emmerson said in defence of the location—"The government had located the bridge where the engineer in whom they had reason to put confidence, reported was the proper site." He also said in speaking of the mistake made in building the piers. They had sent here an engineer of good repute to inspect the bridge. That man stood high in his profession as an engineer of undoubted skill and there was no one for a moment doubted his honesty. Now then in looking at the location of the bridge I look at it in this way; the money used in building bridges is the people's money, the officers of the government are the custodians of it then in building a bridge it is their place to build where it will best accommodate the public, and at the same time as cheap as they can and make a durable structure. Now in building the present bridge it looks to me as though the government tried to save now much they could make it cost, also how much they could inconvenience the travelling public.

I see by the Hon. gentleman's figures the bridge is 2025 feet long, has twelve spans, and cost about \$135,000, that would be an average of \$11,250 a span. Now then the bridge could have been built nearer to the old site, where the length would only be 1000 feet with five spans at the same cost per span, would give a total of \$50,250, then as three piers would have to be built in deeper water we will add the \$7000 wasted in taking down and rebuilding the piers for extra cost, that would give a total cost of the bridge of \$63,250, take that from about \$135,000 would leave \$71,750 wasted on a bridge on account of location. Hon. Mr. Emmerson and the honest engineer to the contrary notwithstanding. Why did not the hon. gentleman deal honestly with his hearers? why did not he say the bridge cost \$150,000 instead of saying it cost about \$135,000? He says we accepted the lowest tender that was \$62,400, then paid \$7000 for tearing down and rebuilding the piers that makes \$69,400 for the piers; the superstructure cost \$42,500, with one per cent added for extras which would be \$425, now all added together gives a total cost of the bridge of \$112,325, take that from the about \$135,000 and it leaves \$22,675 not accounted for. He ought to have told the simple facts of the case and said we gave Kitchen nearly \$10,000 extras and that is the way we do business, we gave \$40,000 extras on the Fredericton bridge, we also gave \$20,000 extras on the Departmental Buildings at Fredericton, we also gave \$14,000 extras on a \$19,000 bridge at Miramichi and others too numerous to mention.

Our leader is a Liberal and he deals the people's money with a liberal hand. He might have said while the bridge cost a sum equal to one-fifth or nearer one fourth of the provincial revenue not one cent of it comes out of the revenue, the whole sum is borrowed and added to the debt of the province, and the interest in the neighborhood of \$6,000 will have to be paid for all time to come, and that interest every four years would build a bridge like the Florenceville bridge; it makes ones head dizzy to think of it. Now Messrs. Editors a word about those engineers, the hon. gentleman speaks very high of them, well the one that located the bridge said in public print he located it where Hon. Mr. Blair told him to locate it and that honest engineer could not tell other than the truth. We will now look at the building of the piers under the inspection of the before mentioned honest engineer, no spiling driven, stones loosely laid up, so little cement used that it was of no use at all. Hon. Mr. Blair was notified that the work was being slighted and that the way the piers were being built they would not stand one spring freshet. No notice was taken of it until High Heaven spoke in language not to be misunderstood as of old to the waters of the mighty deep: "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther." What was the result? As of old we see a little cloud arise like a man's hand, it spreads over the heavens, the sun is hid from view, finally the rain descends, the earth is refreshed, everything looks beautiful, the surplus water runs off into the

river, it raises a flood, so that a log lying on the shore is floated off and starts a-ailing down the placid bosom of the noble St. John, not an uncommon occurrence, but this log has a mission, onward it goes, its mission to accomplish, nothing seems to impede its progress, it finally passes the ancient piers of the old bridge. Now it seems to head for one of the noble stone piers built under the inspection of the honest engineer. No one would for a moment stop to watch it strike—nothing of any importance in so small occurrence. But on it goes, as unerring in its course as the little stone from a David's sling. It strikes. What, do my eyes deceive me! No, that noble structure is ruined. One large stone is displaced and the log resting in the gap, its mission accomplished and saying to passers by, "I did it," also fulfilling the saying of Holy Writ: "Some men's sins are open, going before to judgment, some follow after." Those men's sins were so glaring they went before to judgment. They were suddenly checked, consternation was in the camp, the honest engineer was fired out; another engineer sent for, the work condemned, the piers must come down and spiling driven first to make a foundation and the piers built up again. Why was not the contractor fired also? Oh, that would not do, for he is a jolly good fellow in election time. So he gets the job to pull down his own work and build it up again, thus giving him a premium on his own dishonesty. Now, in the face of all this, Hon. Mr. Emmerson and his colleagues come to Carleton county and save vote for the government. "Wonder, Oh heavens and be astonished, Oh Earth," Dr. Atkinson said in his letter, "thank God the bridge is done." I think the people of this noble county may well bow their heads and say, thank God we have a bridge for it is very evident if Providence had not interfered the work would have gone on. The superstructure would have been put on; the snout would have went up the bridge is done. But the first ice frost, yes long ere this, the whole structure would have gone down, and now now lying in the bottom of the river, the province \$100,000 added to the debt and the money worse than thrown away and Woodstock forever without a bridge.

Messrs. Editors, comment is needless, by their works ye shall know them.

Yours truly,  
A VOTER.

Brighton, Jan. 1, 1895

Have just received a full range of sizes of the Genuine Jackson Waist, the most popular waist manufactured, at B. B. Measer's.

Economic and Moral.

The Liberal party stands pledged, if they come into power, to abolish the protective system both because of the popular objections to it on economic grounds—the masses being taxed for the benefit of classes—and as well because of its demoralizing effects. On this latter point, *Harper's Weekly*, discussing the principle as applied in the United States, has the following:—

We do not pretend that the protective system is the only source of political corruption. But we do affirm that we cannot, by legislative favors, enable industrial interests to make great profits without suggesting to enterprising and greedy persons that such legislative favors are worth buying; and you cannot encourage men sent by the people into legislative bodies to bestow favors of such pecuniary value without suggesting to them that a price might be put upon them. Thus the protective system offers every imaginable inducement and opportunity for corruption on the one hand, and for being corrupted on the other. Therefore we affirm that while, indeed, the protective system is not the only source of political corruption, it is in a Republic (and clearly in any country under popular government), the most systematic and the most powerful promoter of it. The longer the protective system lasts, the more systematic and powerful will its corrupting influence become, until at last, as the American people have now witnessed, to their consternation and shame, it grows strong and insolent enough to defy with its arrogance and to baffle with its power even the expressed will of the people.

Just opened a fine line of Parasols, at Hugh Hay's.

A Treaty of Arbitration.

Three hundred and forty-five members of the British parliament have signed a document declaring in favor of a permanent treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and the United States, and one of the signers is now on his way to Washington for the purpose of presenting copies of this paper to President Cleveland and each member of congress. The mission of this ambassador of peace constitutes one of the most remarkable events of the century. Even the Geneva and Paris arbitrations were not so important, because these settled only the disputes which gave rise to them, while the offer now about to be made is intended to provide for a settlement of all misunderstandings that may arise in future. The action now being taken is also noteworthy from another point of view. It has resulted, not from the action of any government, but represents the desire of the British nation, and is at the same time sufficiently official to ensure that full effect will be given to it in England if the Americans accept the proposal favorably, as they no doubt will. As the *Toronto News* says, the long looked for reunion of the whole Anglo-Saxon race—the reunion that will be a pledge of peace to the world—is daily drawing nearer.

Ladies, ask for the latest novelty, The Aberdeen Skirt Closer, guaranteed to prevent the opening or tearing of the Placket Hole of a lady's dress, whether stooping, sitting or standing—at B. B. Measer's.