

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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Messrs. J. Covert and R. W. Hewson, of Moncton, spent their Christmas in Dorchester. Mr. Covert the guest of Mrs. Hanington, and Mr. Hewson of Mrs. G. W. Chandler.

Mr. G. N. C. Hawkins, agent of the Merchants' bank, preferred Moncton to Dorchester on Christmas day. I know the reason, too.

Mr. F. C. Chandler, late of the Ship railway, is engaged in engineering on the Short Line, near Chipman, Queens county. Mr. Chandler is expected home for the New Year.

Dr. J. F. Teed, of Moncton, spent Christmas at his father's home here.

Mr. A. K. Neales, who has had charge of one of the departments of the Dorchester superior school, is about to leave Dorchester to take a school in Woodstock. During his short stay here Mr. Neales has made himself popular with every one whom he has met, both pupils and others. Last evening he was tendered a farewell supper at the Dorchester house by the young men of Dorchester. At 10 o'clock about 40 guests sat down to the feast prepared by Mr. Wallace for the occasion. Among those present were Hon. P. A. Landry, Hon. D. L. Hanington, H. R. Emmerson, M. P. P., Sheriff McQueen, Deputy Sheriff Wilson, Messrs. E. V. Tait, W. W. Wells, W. B. Chandler, A. J. Chapman, Thos. Colwell, P. Kinder, J. A. Lyons, W. D. Wilbur, G. N. C. Hawkins, A. N. Charters, H. C. Hanington, J. W. Y. Smith, R. W. Hanington, Chas. S. Hickman, J. R. Campbell, Dr. A. H. Chandler, A. B. Tait, W. Lawrence, B. B. Teed, M. Atkinson, S. Patterson, G. M. Fairweather, Stanley Chandler, Geo. J. Oulton and W. L. Dobson. Dr. Chandler presided, with Mr. Neales at his right. The health of the guest of the evening was proposed by the chairman in a happy speech, and was feelingly responded to by Mr. Neales. After this a number of toasts were drunk, with speeches from Hon. P. A. Landry, Hon. Mr. Hanington, Mr. Emmerson, and others. The party broke up shortly after midnight.

Dr. Pugsley, Speaker of the House of Assembly, was in town yesterday.

Mr. W. Campbell has returned from King's college, Windsor, for his vacation.

BORDER JOTTINGS.

ST. STEPHEN, Dec. 26.—Such a Christmas day! "My young remembrance cannot parallel a fellow to it," and, indeed, the oldest inhabitants would have some difficulty in recalling many such. The weather was perfect, the sleighing was perfect. In the morning service was held in the various churches. Trinity looked especially well in its festive garniture, the tasteful and elaborate trimmings bearing testimony to willing hands and ready skill. Christ church was also rejuvenated with a dress of Christmas green and appropriate services held. In the afternoon the streets were thronged with every description of turnout with an unusually large number of matched spans, and noticeable among the many fine horses was Mr. W. H. Todd's celebrated *Lumps*.

At the residence of Mr. Jas. Murchie a family party of 45 gathered for Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Todd entertained a similar party, and in the evening gladdened the hearts of the children by a handsome Christmas tree.

Christmas has brought the absent ones who were fortunate enough to receive a few days rest, back to their homes.

Mr. Harry Webber is enjoying a few days stay among his friends. He returns to Boston tomorrow.

Mr. J. W. Grant of the firm of S. S. Sleeper & Co., Boston is spending a brief vacation at home.

Mr. Harry Moran, another St. Stephen boy who is doing well at the hub, is making a short stay among his friends.

Mr. Clewley Stevens, who left us a short time ago for Boston, is in town, and I am told is soon in company with another St. Stephen man, to commence business in the state of Ohio.

Saturday night last Miss Jennie Lyle left for Boston to spend a two weeks vacation.

Mrs. Mowatt of St. Andrews was in town last week.

Miss Bina Henry, at present a student at the U. N. B., is at home for the holidays. Mr. Fred Andrews is in town, the guest of Mr. L. A. Mills.

Mr. George Anderson has been registered at the Queen for some days past.

The announcement has been received of the marriage of Miss Johanna Hill, sister of Hon. George Hill, in Albany, N. Y.

Rev. O. S. and Mrs. Newnam celebrated the 20th anniversary of their wedding day on Christmas day.

Mr. Grass, son of Dr. Grass, formerly of St. Stephen, is the guest of Mr. J. B. Robinson.

NEWCASTLE ECHOES.

NEWCASTLE, Dec. 26.—Christmas day passed off very quietly. The roads being so bad, very little driving was done. The rink opened in the evening, with the brass band in attendance, and the number of skaters and spectators was quite large. Among the strangers in town were: Capt. and Mrs. Babbitt, of St. John; Dr. and Mrs. Bishop, of Bathurst; Mrs. Stavert and Mrs. Butcher, and Mr. Pethick, of Moncton.

Mrs. J. Maltby, who has been residing in Winnipeg for the past six years, is in town, visiting her relatives.

Mr. McKenzie, of the Merchants' bank, spent Christmas at his home in Picton.

JACK.

CHATHAM BRIEFS.

CHATHAM, Dec. 26.—Miss Kate McLean of Boston, formerly of Nappan, is on a visit to Mrs. D. Chesman.

Mr. R. H. M. Williams is spending his Christmas vacation in St. John.

Miss Minnie Morrison has gone on a visit to Sussex.

Dr. Sproul is visiting friends in Sussex.

Mrs. Charles Drew, of Sherbrooke is visiting her sister, Mr. Thos. Flanagan.

Mr. David Ward is visiting friends in Derby.

Chairs Caned, Umbrellas Repaired, at 342 Union street, Wm. Peters' Building.



ALL GOT SOMETHING.

SOME GOT PRESENTS AND SOME GOT LEFT.

But Nobody was Quite Neglected—Christmas Gifts That Were Made to Prominent Citizens—and Others That Ought to Be, "Progress" Thinks.

"What's the matter with Santa Claus?" "He's all right."

He feels pretty tired, though. Monday was a hard night for sleighing, and the reindeer pulled Santa's load over a good many miles of bare ground. He got there just the same.

Santa Claus is a moral individual and he left a good part of his variety-shop in and around the churches. The ministers especially fared well. Rev. L. G. Macneill of St. Andrews got \$200 in gold. Rev. W. W. Brewer, of Centenary, received a roomful of gifts, including a substantial sum of money and a silver cup and saucer from his Workers' band. Rev. W. O. Raymond, of St. Mary's, was remembered with a writing case from his choir, and from the Mission church choir Father Davenport received a substantial token. Rev. Thomas Marshall's library is larger than it was, thanks to the young people of the Carleton Methodist church. Rev. Dr. Macrae will henceforth wear new pulpit robes presented by St. Stephen's ladies society. A counterfeit presentment of himself, in crayon, came to Rev. J. A. Gordon from the people of his former charge, Leinster street church. Rev. John deSoyres carries a gold-headed stick, the gift of the boys' association of St. Mark's parish. Rev. B. F. Nobles of the Portland F. C. B. church wears an Astrachan coat, since Tuesday. Rev. Father Oates of St. Peter's looks at a new silver watch when he wants to know the time, and thinks of his Sunday school. Rev. William Lawson thanks many individual donors belonging to his Carmarthen street church. Members of St. David's gave Rev. George Bruce a Christmas box of \$150. Very Rev. Thomas Connolly, V. G., received an inkstand, Rev. Father Wyse a set of furs and Rev. Fathers Walsh and O'Donovan were both honored with valuable testimonials. Rev. Canon Brigstoeke was presented with a purse of \$53 by the ladies' Bible class of Trinity church. Rev. G. O. Gates was given an easy chair.

All the presents to ministers? No, not half. Every clergyman in town was remembered, more or less liberally, though in the unmentioned cases the presentations were of a more private nature.

Nor were the choirs and Sunday school teachers left out in the cold. Centenary church choir had the pleasure of dividing \$300. Prof. Morley of the Mission church, was given a silver-headed malacca cane, and Mr. C. D. Smith, of the Portland F. C. B. church, a set of furs. Miss Jennie Stuart, organist of the Fairville Baptist church, received from the congregation a purse well filled with gold coins. Nearly every teacher in the two cities received something handsome or useful from his or her class.

Employees in many manufacturing establishments showed in gifts appreciation of their employers or superintendents. Mr. Thomas Collins, of Harris's machine shop, smokes a new meerschaum thus obtained; and so does Mr. B. F. Holt of Hazelhurst's foundry. Foreman Sinclair, of the I. C. R. round house, was not forgotten. Mr. William Corker, of the Maritime saw works, got a seal cap and collar, meerschaum pipe and tobacco pouch. Mr. E. A.

Powers, printer, wears a finger ring that reminds him of his happy helpers. Mr. A. O. Skinner's employees gave him a silver service. Mr. G. F. Simonson's a fur cap, and Miss Duffy, who has charge of the dress-making department in Messrs. Macauley Bros. & Co., was made the recipient of a beautiful album from the ladies who work there.

Hotels are not manufacturing establishments, but they mustn't be omitted. Proprietor Raymond of the Royal received a gold-headed cane, proprietor McCormick of the Victoria a silver water pitcher, proprietress McCoskery of the New Victoria a diamond pin, and Miss Prince's boarders gave her a substantial purse. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, of Elliott's hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie, of the Queen, and Mrs. W. J. Parsill have also to thank their guests for many gifts.

On the other hand, turkeys were given their employees by the Bolt and Nut company, Haley Bros. & Co., John Kimball & Son, and Mr. J. E. Sayre, chief engineer Kerr gave a goose to each of the permanent men of the fire department, and Messrs. C. & E. Everett capped the climax by making each of their men happy with a \$5 gold piece. It ought to be added that Messrs. John Kimball & Son gave their foreman, Mr. Horatio Lawson, \$100.

Harrison's orchestra and invited guests met in its handsome rooms, Monday, and paralyzed Mr. Harrison by uncovering a fine crayon of himself, by Martin. He had reason to be proud of the compliment conveyed—and he was. So was Mr. C. H. Williams proud of the fur collar given him by the City Cornet band.

Aside from the classes mentioned above, many Christmas boxes deserving of notice were given and exchanged.

Capt. R. W. W. Frink, of the Salvage corps and Fire police, presented the driver, Wm. Taylor, with a pair of driving gloves, and Mr. John Bond presented the drivers of Portland S. F. E. Co., No. 2, and hose cart, with whips. Chas. Laird, messenger in the customs house, was presented by the clerks with a well filled purse. Friends of conductor Fred McLellan of the N. B. R. gave him a gold breast-pin.

Anything in the house wasn't too good for a visitor at the Queen, Fredericton, Tuesday. "Jack" Edwards has a gold-feruled meerschaum, and the entertaining hostess Marguerite and Faust, in Rogers' statutory. Both come from the grateful employees, who also presented an address, through their spokesman, clerk Nicholson.

"Fred" didn't fare badly, either. Twenty-five dollars in cash and a diamond pin are not looking for owners these days.

Editor Fraser of the *Critic*, Halifax, went to Kentville for his Christmas box, and now his friends are wishing him long life and happiness, etc., and the compliments of the season. Mr. Fraser was wise. Life is short, and his was an excellent idea to combine the congratulations of the season and the event.

Editor Macnutt, of the *Fredericton Farmer*, receives his visitors since Wednesday morning in an immense easy chair. It has all the modern improvements and will bounce bores on sight.

Did Progress say that everybody got a present? That, alas! is untrue. Some prominent citizens were altogether neglected by Santa Claus. They hung up their stockings but found nothing in them next morning—except the usual holes. Unhappy men!

There is still time, however, for their

friends to make up for the saint's delinquencies. New Year's day is almost here and that will be an appropriate season for gifts. Let then the slighted ones receive: Chief of Police Marshall—A clew, painted red, with lantern attached.

The managers of the bucket shop—Some more suckers.

Clerk Lynam of the country market—A dynamite gun, (for loaders.)

Mr. John V. Ellis, M. P.—A lock of President Cleveland's hair.

Mr. R. F. Quigley—All of Father Davenport's ditto.

Lieut.-Col. James Domville—Less wind and more muscle.

Rev. H. S. Hartley, B. A.—A cake of ice.

The Poet Phillips—Ditto of soap.

The *Evening Gazette*—More dead advertisements, to "force an enlargement."

Messrs. Scott, Berry and Belding of the *Sun*, Armstrong of the *Globe*, and Jones of the *Telegraph*—Reporters' badges bearing the inscription, "I am something of a liar myself."

The Portland Council—Gags.

Trinity church corporation—Sand for its sidewalks.

The Amateur Minstrels—A new joke.

Alderman Lantulum—A coal contract, with a string tied to it.

The *Telegraph* job office—Some of the city printing that Ald. Robertson turns in to the *Globe*.

The Owens "art" institution—Picture of the last dollar of the Owens fund.

Mrs. Mahoney—More old clothes.

The Provincial Lunatic asylum and the Dorchester Penitentiary—Commissions of investigation.

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