

LOCAL NEWS.

WOODSTOCK'S MAYOR.—Hugh Hay and W. T. Drysdale are candidates for the mayoralty of Woodstock and are carrying on a vigorous canvass.

AT NORMAL SCHOOL.—The student teachers have been undergoing an examination at the Normal school and now they are ready to begin their holiday which begins on the 15th.

MIXING LICENSE.—The Royal Gazette of the 9th contains among other notices of mixing licenses that of Alex. Gibson, for lands on McLean Brook and Nashuaak and along the Douglas-Stanley parish line.

BRIDGE BUILDING.—Government engineer Beckwith, accompanied by Thos. Collier, M. P. P., is now located at the bridge across the river at Springfield. The work of building will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible.

LABOR DEAR SKIN.—Horatio Grant, merchant of Canterbury, displays a bear skin, one of the largest known in this province, being over seven feet in length. The bear was shot in the dooryard of a farm house. It is worth twenty-five dollars.

CHAIR OF DATE.—The meeting of the show shoe club, announced for the 17th inst., will be held on the 15th at the Queen hotel parlors; the change being made on account of the entertainment on the 17th at the city hall by the mission band.

RETIRES.—Wm. Cameron has sold out his best business to his clerk, Mr. Kellner and Peleg Smith. During Mr. Cameron's long career of 32 years as a butcher in this city, he has done business in a straight forward manner and received a large patronage.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—A quarterly meeting will be held at the Baptist church, Canterbury on the first Saturday in January, when a silver collection will be taken up to help pay of the church debt. Preparations are now being made and a large gathering is expected.

SCHOOL CONCERT.—The pupils of the superior school, E. E. River, intend having a concert in Grosvenor's hall at that place on Christmas night. A programme consisting of dialogues, tableaux, music and readings has been prepared and the children have had a thorough drill.

NEW HALL.—The new hall at Morrison's mill, will be opened by the Tilley branch of C. E. temperance society on Monday evening, the 14th inst. All are invited. A fine programme of readings, music and recitations will be presented, and a very enjoyable evening promised.

THE CANADA EASTERN.—In Canada Eastern affairs it is reported that Mr. Shaw, of Moncton, takes Mr. Waycott's place as auditor, conductor McLean will succeed Mr. Wetmore as passenger and ticket agent, while A. Alcorn, of Chatham, will become mechanical superintendent.

TO THE ASYLUM.—Frank McLean, second son of John McLean of Mangroveville, was taken to the lunatic asylum last week. Over a year ago he had a severe attack of la grippe which left him in a weak state, and although attending church the Sunday previous, became so violently ill Monday that his removal to the asylum was necessary.

BAK BUSINESS.—Despite the low price for hemlock bark the farmers, along the river, are getting out quite a quantity. The price is four dollars per cord. The bark hardly pays at this price for the work of getting it to market, but the logs are in demand and bring a fair price and the New Brunswick farmer would be lost should he stay out of the woods in the winter.

THE MAYORALTY.—Despite the urgent solicitations of his numerous friends Mayor Allen has decided not to offer for the mayoralty. The list of names is as follows: Harry Beckwith and John Richards are mentioned as probable candidates. During Mayor Allen's incumbency civic affairs have been well managed and the meetings of the council have been pleasant and profitable.

LOS BROKEN.—Dr. McLaren was called on Thursday evening to attend a gypsy named A. Williamson, who had a leg broken, being thrown from a wagon nearly opposite the Normal school. He has his domicile at present at St. Mary's, where he was taken. His horse was unmanageable and bolted causing the accident. It is supposed that the injured man had been imbibing too freely.

SHOW IS NEEDED.—The roads are in fine shape, it present being frozen smooth, but hard and should the people express their views pretty plainly as regards the way in which the said railway has been handled. It was agitated before the late election, but as soon as the contest was decided the matter dropped out of sight. Now that it is being unearthed suspicion is aroused. It is plain to all observers that the people will not be caught napping this time, that they will put men at the head of affairs who will look after their interests instead of their own, and who will have the railway built. It is advanced by opponents that the road would not pay; it will pay as well as any other, the farmers are in a unit on it and by holding together and voting together expect to force it to a successful issue.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—At this time of the year, the chief thought of all is what will be the most suitable Christmas present to buy and where will be the best variety of novelties to be found. A glance at the windows of R. Blackmer's jewelry store, almost opposite the market, will be convincing that one can be suited to the most beautiful gift in the shortest possible time. All his goods are new and embrace some of the latest novelties of the year. In clocks there is a range in price from two to fifty dollars, from the beautiful ivory, marble, iron, bronze and various ornamental wood cases to nickel watches. No better place can be found to get a fine watch; all varieties are kept in stock and each is guaranteed both for time keeping and for value. In brooches, hair pins, plaques and sets rings, chain and charms there is a large stock to select from, the finger rings being especially a choice lot. In table ware there has been great pains taken to get the best at the lowest rates, and some of the services are beautiful beyond description. All old patrons will be better pleased than ever when they inspect this year's stock, and new customers will be delighted at the choice presented to them for the first time. All goods are of guaranteed quality and purchasers may be sure of getting an article that will be just as representative in its watch repairing and engraving very neat work is done, and those purchasing presents may have names or initials engraved at a very small cost. Take a look at the goods if you do not want to buy, it will be pleasant to see them if you cannot own them. Christmas gifts for everybody beautiful and novel, everything at low rates and of the most fashionable style. Call at R. Blackmer's, nearly opposite the market, when you are in the city for your Christmas goods and see his fine display.

FOR A SCYTHE HE GOT A MOWER.—A peculiar case from a business of view happened about the first of May. It may be a little late but is worth relating. A farmer came to the city and after numerous purchases, wanted a scythe. As he had run out of cash and could not pay down, he could not get the article. He tried several places, but being almost ignorant, failed to get the scythe on credit. Imagine the surprise of the merchants when they saw the same farmer going home that evening with a mowing machine, and they knew he might have had another had he wanted it.

BOARD OF TRADE.—At the special meeting of the council of the Fredericton board of trade, the vice president, J. S. Neill, reported that he had not received sufficient information as to the cost of a steamer suitable for traffic between this city and Woodstock, but thought a steel one could be procured for a sum in the vicinity of \$8,000 or \$10,000. A committee consisting of J. S. Neill, A. E. Randolph and secretary McCready, was appointed to deal with the necessity for a fast freight and passenger line of steamers between a Canadian port and Great Britain.

The Parliament Buildings.

Extensive repairs are going on at the parliament buildings under the supervision of Wm. Scar. Some of the cornices had to be repaired, and it was found on inspection that there had been but little care exercised when they were put up, as the whole ceiling was in a dangerous state, liable to fall at any time.

The general plan of putting in nails or screws to hold the plaster had not been followed, and as a consequence the weight of the material was such that it became detached from the wall. A piece six feet long, over the clerk's desk, had to be taken down. A complete job has been made, and now it is as safe as it is possible to make it. Alterations are being made in the gallery. It will be made two feet wider and lowered in front so that a better view of the house may be had.

The entrance to the gallery will be changed, the door coming in at the centre instead of the side, and as before, a part of the gallery will be reserved for members. The reporters' seats in the gallery will be opened for the public, the reporters will have seats on the main floor, where they will be nearer the speakers. The work will be done in the best shape, and when painted and completed, the room will be far in advance of what it has been.

In Rymen's Fetters. Mrs. Gertrude F. Dykeman, daughter of Capt. Dykeman of this city, was married on the 9th inst. to Byron Brewer of Keswick. Rev. F. C. Hartley performed the service. The contracting parties have many friends who extend best wishes for the future.

The Salvation army barracks was profusely decorated on Thursday evening when the marriage of Herbert Logan, sergeant-major, and Miss Lizzie Jarvis, sergeant, took place. The ceremony was witnessed by the citizens through the building till there was no even standing room. The Rev. Mr. Payson performed the service. The contracting parties are favorites with the comrades and have many well wishes outside the ranks.

On Wednesday evening at the residence of A. H. Vanwart, Miss Janette C. Mitchell of Keswick Ridge, and Alex. L. Haining, head clerk at Lemon & Sons, were united in nuptial bonds by the Rev. Mr. Haining, resident pastor of the Baptist church. The bride during her residence in the city has made many friends and the groom is one of our favorites. The young couple embarked on the sea of married life with the best wishes of all.

A very pleasant wedding took place on the 9th inst., when Miss Lavina A. Ferguson, one of the city's popular young ladies, was married to John W. Lilley, proprietor of the Fredericton oyster saloon, York street. The Rev. Mr. Weddall, pastor of the Methodist church officiated, and the residence of the bride's mother, where the ceremony took place, was thronged with the friends of the happy couple. Numerous presents attested the popularity of the bride and groom, and hosts of good wishes are theirs.

On Friday Mrs. Howard, of Gibson, was laid away to rest in the cemetery at that place. Deceased had spent most of her long life in the village and was universally esteemed. She was ill but for a few days. She was the mother of Turner Howard and an aunt of Dr. Currie of this city.

Geo. Clinton, a well known resident of the city died on the 7th inst. at the age of 97 years. He at one time sat at the council board as alderman for Carleton ward. Rheumatism was the cause of death. His remains were interred at the hermitage. Deceased was born at St. John but spent most of his life here where he carried on a bakery for many years.

The funeral of Mrs. Miles, of Mangroveville, took place on Monday afternoon last at the family burying place, lower St. Mary's, and was largely attended. Deceased had been in her usual health on Friday of last week and after partaking of a hearty supper and doing some household duties, complained of a pain in her chest, which soon passed away. The pain however shortly returned when her son, Arnold, who was in the city, was sent for; but in less than fifteen minutes she expired. Mrs. Miles was seventy-four years and eight months old, leaving eight sons, two daughters and twenty-three grandchildren to mourn their sad loss.

One outcome of the late meeting of the St. John railway company at Woodstock, is quite an excitement in the river parishes and the general opinion is that an election is about to be held. As a consequence the people express their views pretty plainly as regards the way in which the said railway has been handled. It was agitated before the late election, but as soon as the contest was decided the matter dropped out of sight. Now that it is being unearthed suspicion is aroused. It is plain to all observers that the people will not be caught napping this time, that they will put men at the head of affairs who will look after their interests instead of their own, and who will have the railway built. It is advanced by opponents that the road would not pay; it will pay as well as any other, the farmers are in a unit on it and by holding together and voting together expect to force it to a successful issue.

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The lodge starts out on the new term under most favorable circumstances and with prospect of making a good year's showing.

The election of officers for the current year in Graham lodge, No. 20, took place on Friday evening, 4th inst. There was a good attendance of the members. The following were elected: W. M., H. G. C. Wetmore, D. M., J. H. Smith, Chap. R. Doane, Rec. Sec., Frank Haviland, Fin. Sec., Jos. Walker, Treas., Wm. Lapsett, Dir. of Cer., Wm. Knox, Lecturer, J. M. Chapman, Foreman of Com., F. J. McCannell, Committee, J. W. Colwell, I. Burden, John Good, Odour White.

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