

LOCAL NEWS.

New J. P's.—Queens—Samuel C. Weston to be justice of the peace. Sunbury—Geo. Kimball to be justice.

Got THEM ALIVE.—John Campbell, Jr., of Kingslear, captured two live deer in a field near his home at that place on Wednesday.

IT IS A GIRL.—Capt. H. Montgomery Campbell who is in the city, is receiving congratulations on an event which occurred in his home at Apohaqui on Saturday.

DEDICATED.—Large congregations attended the dedication of the new Baptist church at Gibson, on Sunday last. Rev. Dr. McLeod preached the dedicatory sermon at 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Saunders at 3 p.m. and Rev. Mr. Howie, Methodist, at 7 o'clock. M. S. Hall, of this city, led the singing.

LEGAL.—Attorney General Blair, L. A. Curry and W. H. Fry were at Calais Thursday, taking the evidence of John C. Brown in the case of the Joggins Railway Company against the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, under a commission appointing Mr. Fry a commissioner to take such evidence.

RENEWED THEIR VOWS.—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. M. J. celebratory the 25th anniversary of their wedding on the 22nd inst., and were presented by their friends with a beautiful silver tea service, and on Tuesday evening Dr. and Mrs. M. J. celebrated their tin wedding, a number of friends assisting in the event.

PUBLIC RECEPTION.—The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Fraser will hold a reception at their new residence, "Farraline Place" on Monday, January 22nd, from three to six o'clock. Mrs. Fraser will be at home on Tuesday the 23rd of January, and on the Tuesday of each week from three to six o'clock, and not on Saturdays as formerly.

DINNER.—The prospective Judge Barker was dined at the Union club, St. John, Wednesday evening, by fifty members of the club. John McMillan presided, with J. D. Hazen, M. P., in the vice chair, and among the prominent guests was Hon. A. G. Blair, who responded to the toasts of the Lieut. Governor and the Rev. Dr. Barker is popular with both political parties in St. John, and the company who honored him with the dinner represented both liberals and conservatives.

Crown Land Sale.—The usual weekly sale of crown lands took place Wednesday morning at the crown land office. There were only 11 miles of land offered for sale at the usual price of \$8 per mile. The names of the applicants and the territory purchased by each are as follows: Alfred West, 3 miles; W. S. Loggie, 2 miles; Geo. Burchill, 2 miles; Knowlton & Co., 2 miles; F. H. Hale, 2 miles.

A Brutal Attack.—A number of drunken ruffians, mostly from Bartholomew Row, on Saturday afternoon, attacked William Alexander, in the store of Alex. Gibson, at Blackville. After vainly endeavoring to drive the ruffians from the store, Mr. Alexander fled to the home of Mr. Brian McCarthy, where the whole number, foremost among whom were Bernard McCormick and Constance Benjamin Walls, fell upon Alexander, beating, kicking and jumping upon him. When at last he was allowed to make his escape he was in a fearful state of mind and condition. His wounds were, however, well attended to and he is now going home.

A Popular Teacher.—Wallace Broad, until recently a member of the St. Stephen's school, is now at the Courier, has good words for Miss Clara Bridges, of this city. He says: "Very general regard was expressed when it became known that Miss Bridges had resigned her position on the teaching staff of the St. Stephen's schools. Her departure from St. Stephen was keenly felt, especially by the parents of the children under her charge, and it may be some time before the trustees succeed in securing the services of a teacher so well qualified to instruct little children as she has shown herself to be."

Officers Installed.—The officers of Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M., installed by F. M. Alex. Burchill Wednesday evening, are as follows: John Black, W. M.; J. H. Hawthorn, P. M.; M. Tennant, S.; W. S. Loggie, W.; Geo. Todd, chap.; A. P. Smith, T. Alex. Burchill, S.; F. J. John, S. D.; H. B. Bridges, J. D.; R. Barker, S. S.; William Kichen, J. S.; F. C. Bristow, organist; Harry Beckwith, D. of C.; Wm. Lockhart, G.; R. M. Pinder, Tyler.

Abolished the Band.—After the installation the brethren dined together at the Barker House, and enjoyed a pleasant evening in speech and song.

On Saturday last just when the officers and men of the R. C. Infantry stationed here, were making preparations for a merry Christmas, an order was received from Gen. Herbert at Ottawa, regarding the abolition of the fine band of the corps. The order was read to the band by Col. Mann sell, and each member was called up to hand over his instrument. Subsequently the instruments were packed up and sent to the capital, accompanied by many maledictions from the corps. Bandmaster Hayes took great pride in his organization, which had a provincial reputation, and there is general regret throughout the city that the General's "cussedness" should deprive the corps and the city of its services. When the corps marched off, it will be to the music of the ear splitting bagles.

Brave in Theory Only.—Brother Stewart, the bachelor editor of the Chatham World, has published a slashing article, condemnatory of the General of those who alleged that marriages could be legally solemnized during the vacancy of the governorship, and advised lovers who were anxious to enter the matrimonial state, not to be deterred by legal quibbles. Brother Stewart gives it as his sage opinion, that marriages without licenses of any kind are legal, but we bet dollars to doughnuts that if he were going to be married he would not risk it. We go further; we will bet the oysters against a car-load of Miramichi smelts, that Editor Stewart is afraid to enter the matrimonial condition, license, or no license, and the opinion of a rascally frame of mind on the legality or no legality of marriages is not a valuable contribution to the discussion. Let Brother Stewart first prove that he is not a doughnut, and we will give him credit for his opinion in the other direction.

The Civic Elections.—Probably there was no less bustling in the majority election next week, but at the present time the contest is decidedly flat. There will be only some seven hundred voters to poll, out of an assessment roll of 1560, and the candidates who get 300 is going to be elected. Mr. Jordan, we believe, does not count on receiving that number. The nominations for mayor will be made on Friday next before 4 p.m., and polling takes place on Monday, January 22nd, at the county court house and the city hall. The returning officers will be appointed at the county meeting next Tuesday evening. Now, then, Mr. Beckwith and Mr. Jordan, get a move on yourselves. The aldermanic elections will take place on January 22nd, and already there is some stir in connection with them. The only new feature are the formal announcements of Ald. Walker's retirement, and the candidature of Fred Quartermain, who seeks to succeed Walker. Ald. Block and Duffie and Wm. Rossborough are industriously canvassing Kings ward for the two seats, and there is no sign of opposition in Queens, DeLorain and Wellington wards, but you can never tell what may develop before polling day.

A POLITICAL PLOT.

A Happy New Year. Now for good resolutions. The old year dies to-morrow. Does Barry want to marry again? Skating at the rink New Years night.

The enemies of Charles B. Harrison, the popular and respected member for Sunbury in the House of Assembly, are endeavoring to make capital out of the fact, because of his connection with the Foss note, which is alleged to have been endorsed by Foss with means to assist in Harrison's last election. The Herald, having heard the version of the matter opposed to Mr. Harrison, sought out that gentleman when he was in the city Thursday, and learned his side of the affair, which is given below. Mr. Harrison's word is respected and believed wherever he is known, and the public will accept, without hesitation, his statement of the facts.

Here is his recital as it was taken from his lips: "On the night before the last local election, John Foss came to my house, and drew up for \$50, and said to me: 'If you'll endorse it I'll send part of it for your election.' I said: 'Don't you spend one dollar for me in the election.' Before endorsing the note, I added: 'I've seen this note matured up to me and I will be prepared to take it up.' He said: 'I have a joke of oxen to sell, and before the note matures, I will turn them into money to take up the note.' With that understanding, he endorsed the note, and it was cashed by Thos. McElroy of Oranmore.

The three months expired, and he came to me to renew it. He said that his boys, who were working in the woods, would be home with \$50 or \$60 before the renewal expired. I endorsed the renewal and he paid the interest both times. The note was renewed a second time with my endorsement, and after maturing the last time, Foss came to me and wanted me to make some arrangement with James Kenny, Supervisor of Roads in Burton, whereby Mr. Kenny could draw on me the usual grant to retire Foss' note with. I of course absolutely refused to do that, and he then wanted me to speak to Wm. Jones, bye road commissioner, to give him work to do on the roads, that he might earn money to retire the note. I absolutely refused to be a party to any such transaction. Then he let the note go to protest. Later, without my knowledge, he asked McElroy to endorse the note, paid the amount of the note and interest, and sued Foss. At his examination before Raymond, J. P., Foss tried to create the impression that the last note was forged, but that the note was very deep, and that it was the note prepared for Foss to bring to me for my endorsement, and my son saw Foss sign the note. Previous to the note passing out of McElroy's hands, I received a letter purporting to be signed by Foss, stating that McElroy wanted his money as soon as possible, and for me to attend to it at once. I saw McElroy, and he said he had never authorized Foss to make such a draw on me. He did not want his money then, only wanted it secured.

I may say that when I endorsed the note I thought Foss owned the farm he occupies, but afterwards learned that it is his wife's name. To return to the trial before the magistrate, Miles got judgment, and a capias was issued against Harrison, and McElroy's hands, who arrested Foss and brought him to me, to go his bail. I said the matter was out of my hands, and advised the constable to go to his bail, and advised the constable to go to the magistrate. Foss failed to get bail and was taken to jail. The point was then raised whether or not a jury could be made on Foss' property while he was in jail, and he was released.

After the jury, the constable was putting up some grain, and according to Wm. Foss' son, Rainsford, who threatened to put the pitchfork into him if he attempted to remove anything. Young Foss alleged that everything about the property belonged to him. The constable emptied out the grain he had put up, left the place, and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Rainsford Foss, who was apprehended, had an examination before Charles Hays, J. P., at Westport, and was committed for trial in the county court, giving bail for his appearance.

In the meantime the constable completed his levy, and the sale to take place Saturday to satisfy the amount of the note and costs. These are the simple facts as they are personally known to me, or have come to me from the mouths of reliable men, and I am prepared to substantiate my statement by affidavit as to the circumstances under which Foss obtained my endorsements and his propositions regarding the payment of the note.

Mr. Harrison, in closing the conversation, expressed his sincere belief that the whole business was a scheme engineered by his political enemies to make capital against him, and injure him in the eyes of the people.

The Bangor and Aroostook Railway. Messrs. Simmons and Burpee, of Gibson, were here to spend Christmas. They have about completed their contract with the Bangor and Aroostook contractor, C. P. Treat, and have during the season built twenty-eight bridges, of treble work, on that line, the largest and best ever built on their nearly forty feet high. They have been built to carry heavy trains until the iron is in position. David C. Burpee had charge of the work and gave entire satisfaction to the contractor. The track layers were not able to overtake him though at one or two points they were in eight when the bridge was completed. The most of the timber (native) was taken from the forest along the line. About 200,000 feet of southern pine had to be hauled ahead of the tracklayers, to be used as stringers, etc., on the bridges, and to be put on before the tracks reached those points, so to prevent delay, some of it a distance of nine and a half miles. The firm have a job this winter driving piles for foundations for four five stone bridges, and are using a steam pile driver near Brownville.

Wedding Bell. Mr. P. Payson officiated at the marriage of A. Price and Edith Scott of Boston in this city Wednesday. Dr. Weldon, M. P. for Albert county, was married at Halifax Thursday to Miss Louise Hall of Dartmouth.

The marriage ceremony was pronounced over by Wm. Wilson and Mrs. McCray at Marysville on the 13th inst. by the rev. J. T. Parsons.

Rev. F. O. Hartley said the marriage ceremony in this city, Dec. 20th, for Robert L. Noble and Annie J. Phillips, both of Lincoln, Sunbury.

Richard Hutchison, son of Ernest Hutchison, ex-M. P. for Northumberland, and Miss Kate Benson, daughter of Dr. Benson of Chatham, were quietly married at St. John, Tuesday evening.

John C. Gilman, the well known market gardener near Springhill, and brother of alderman Gilman of this city, was married Wednesday evening to Miss Elizabeth Edgar, daughter of John Edgar of Kingslear, rev. William Macdonald solemnizing the ceremony at the bride's home.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

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BUDGET FROM YORK.

Burt's Corner. Dec. 23.—Miss Laura Hanson has been very sick, but is recovering. All are pleased that she is getting better. The lumbermen are having a very hard time this winter. The snow is very deep and a good prospect for more. Jeddie Brewer lost his buildings by fire last Thursday. Mr. Brewer who was residing in his easy chair, fell asleep, and awoke about noon to find the stove pipe, jumping to the chamber, red hot. She leaped and made a start for the chamber when the flames met her face. They spread about everything. She fled standing a short distance away from the house, did not take fire then, but caught somewhere near midnight, which cannot be accounted for.

The folks of this place are getting up a pie social for the benefit of the family of the deceased Elias White, who died a short time ago. Mrs. White has a large family to care for and needs some one to assist her in a time of trouble. The long talk of concert has passed over and was quite a success. It was gotten up expressly to raise money to pay for an organ purchased by the Baptist church of this place. The concert took place in Lawrence's hall on Christmas night. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather and bad condition of the roads \$25 was realized. It was gotten up on a pie principle. One man sold the tickets and another collected them at the door. After the concert was over, the tickets were counted and everything kept straight.

The Rev. Mr. Parkin was the guest of Rev. Mr. Whalley, of this place, on Tuesday last. The Rev. Mr. Parkin was the guest of Rev. Mr. Whalley, of this place, on Tuesday last. The Rev. Mr. Parkin was the guest of Rev. Mr. Whalley, of this place, on Tuesday last.

THE NEWS IN QUEENS.

Johnston. Dec. 15.—The Baptists of Salmon Creek purpose holding a basket social on the 25th to aid in the building of their new church. The funeral of the wife of W. H. White, merchant at the narrow, took place on Wednesday. Mrs. White has been an invalid for years but continued to do as much work for her church as its most active members. She was much interested in missions and was well missed by a wide circle of friends.

Dr. MacDonald sprained his ankle and was obliged to call in Dr. Armstrong. R. W. Hetherington and Miss Maria Thorne were quietly married at Sussex Nov. 23. The Baptist quarterly meeting is to be held at Cole's Island Jan. 10th. Much satisfaction is expressed over the princely manner in which Mr. Blair has treated Ontario.

While Mr. Pitts was referring to anniversaries he might have referred to the triumphal entry of the attorney general from the fair county of Queens with the convincing majority of 800.

Gaspar's Station. Dec. 30.—Christmas-tide is over, and the people have settled down to regular business again. The merchants have done a rushing business in this vicinity for the past two weeks. The farmers have left the employment of T. B. Roberts and is learning telegraphy at Hoyt Station. His place has been filled by Burton L. Hoyt.

The funeral of cordwood is annually held at this station for shipment to the St. John market. Miss C. Emily Washburn is working with Mrs. Robert Johnston. John Moorey, who has his store well stocked at this season of the year. Miss Taylor, peddles in this vicinity for the energetic firm of Ford, C. Taylor, of Blainville Corner.

White's Cove. Dec. 27.—Christmas passed away in the usual quiet manner. Seldom do we have great displays of merriment at Christmas. The Rev. E. P. Foss preached his Christmas sermon from the words, "Unto us a Son is born, unto us a child is given." There were a goodly number of people present despite the heavy snow and bitter cold.

G. W. Gunter, F. D. White, W. M. Wright, Gordon B. Knight, school teachers, are home spending their Christmas holidays. The school at White's Cove to be taught by Miss D. A. Gunter. The school has been taught the preceding term by Miss D. A. Gunter, who held her semi-annual examination on Dec. 22. It was largely attended. All expressed themselves well pleased with the progress the pupils had made during the term.

The Methodists of this place intend holding a basket social in the hall on New Year's Eve. Wallace Ferris, of St. Martins, seminary, is home spending his vacation.

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