

Cold and foggy weather, but the sun is shining brightly. The wind is from the north-east, and the temperature is about 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The snow is falling fast, and the ground is covered with a thick layer of white. The trees are bare, and the leaves have fallen. The children are playing in the snow, and the dogs are running and jumping. The birds are singing, and the bees are flying. The sun is shining, and the world is beautiful.

Local and Provincial

NEW SIDING

Workmen are engaged putting a new siding at Moncton.

CALENDAR RECEIVED

The Advocate has received a beautiful calendar from the Miramichi Hotel.

HEAVY SNOW

Lumbermen report snow to be three feet deep in the woods. This will interfere with the lumber output.

TO SEE SANTA CLAUS

Many passengers came to Newcastle yesterday and today to see Santa Claus and take presents home to the little ones.

MANY PASSENGERS

The trains from Fredericton to Loggieville Wednesday and Thursday were crowded with passengers, many men returning from the woods to spend Christmas at their homes.

REPAIRING BRIDGE

A large number of men are employed on the working train, loading stone at the Indian town quarry. The stone is being used to repair the I. C. R. bridge on the main river at Blackville.

DEATH OF MRS. WM. ALBERTON

News was received to-day of the death at her home in Jacksonville, Carleton county, of Mrs. Wm. Alberton, a sister of the late Sir S. L. Tilley. Mrs. Alberton on the 8th of this month celebrated her 90th birthday. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. T. B. Hanington, of this city, and Mrs. Harrison, wife of Rev. George Harrison, of Quebec, also by a large family of children and grand children. Mrs. Alberton for the past twenty years has made her home with her son-in-law, Mr. Samuel Harper, at Jacksonville. She is remembered by a few of the older citizens of St. John, but in the section where she lived Mrs. Alberton was held in the highest esteem.—Globe.



The only baking powder from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar—made from Grapes—
Royal Baking Powder
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Gift Books.

Our Stock of Gift Books was late in arriving, but we have some choice numbers for young and old.

We have Chatterbox, Chums, and The Child's Own Magazine, in the Annuals.

Here is a partial list of the Books in the regular line:

Deeds of Daring Valor and Victory Hearts of Oak Won at Last
In Ships of Steel A Girl Among Girls Dorothy's Story Caught by the Tide
Hillside Farm David Elliott

and a list too lengthy to enumerate.

Remember that we are emphatically the postcard people of the Town, and also excel in our selection of Papeteries, Calendars, and Confectionery.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICE

In St. Mary's Church the morning Christmas Day service will be held at 11 a.m. At both services the organ music will be rendered. Vespers will be sung at 7 p.m.

ST. ANDREWS
On Christmas Day Holy Communion at 10 a.m., Children's Service at 11 a.m., and Morning Service at 12 p.m. Holy Communion at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. Christmas hymns as usual.

RESIGNS FROM STANDARD
Mr. James H. Crockett, managing director of the Standard, has resigned. Mr. Crockett has gone to Fredericton and will devote his whole time to the Fredericton Gleaner.

TWO FINE CLYDESDALES
The Provincial government will keep in New Brunswick the two Clydesdale stallions, "Ace of Spades" and "Southwick" recently imported. They are at St. John West.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR'S MEDAL
The Lieut.-Governor's medal for general excellence in Grade VIII in the county of Northumberland won by Miss Nellie Stohart of Chatham, was presented to her at the Grammar school last week.

TEACHER WANTED
Teacher wanted for the Eel Ground Indian school for next term. Must be qualified. Salary \$300. Apply, stating qualifications to R. E. Irving Indian Superintendent, Bouctouche, N. B., Dec. 11.

HARD TIMES AT RESERVE
A resident of the Eel Ground Indian Reserve reports to the ADVOCATE that the Indians will have a hard winter. The smelt fishing has been a failure with them and quite a number of the residents are too old to work in the woods.

NEDEF THE STRONG MAN
In the Opera House last night the wonderful feats of strength advertised to be done by Nedef, the Syrian wonder, were performed, and the wrestling match between Nedef and MacDonald resulted in a victory for the former.

RECITAL IN OPERA HOUSE
The recital to be given by Miss Gunn in the Opera House Dec. 31st, promises to be a success. Mr. Wadsworth Harris will assist Miss Gunn. Read what the Chatham World has to say:
"Mr. Wadsworth Harris' Recital at the Y. M. C. A. Hall was a great success, financially and artistically. Lieut. Gov. Tweedie introduced Mr. Harris as a dramatic artist of continental reputation. Probably no reader was ever more popular with a Chatham audience."

INDIAN SCHOOL CLOSES
The Eel Ground Indian school closed on Wednesday for the Christmas holidays. Miss Mary Isaac of Restigouche, who has been teacher for the past term, severed her connection with the school and has returned to her home. The Indians on the reserve regret very much the departure of Miss Isaac, she being able to teach the children in English, French and Micmac, besides acting as organist and choir instructor of the church. Miss Isaac has endeared herself to both old and young and the people hope, if there is no way of inducing her to return that her sister might come and take up the work that has been so successfully carried on.

SPECIAL FARES
XMAS HOLIDAYS
The cheap fares prevailing on the Intercolonial Railway for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays ought to prove a boon to those who find it necessary or convenient to travel at this festive season of the year. The regular return rate to Montreal from Newcastle is \$20.65 but from December 21st until January 1st a one way fare will prevail, and on these dates the fare will be \$13.75 good for return until January 3rd, thus effecting a saving of over \$6.00. The fares will be correspondingly low to all other stations on the line. With these low rates and the excellent train service in effect, there ought to be a big rush of holiday travel.

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SUNDAY X'MAS SERVICES
The Christmas services Sunday, for the Methodist church are as follows:
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At 7 p.m.—"The World without Christmas and the Christ."
At 2.30 p.m.—Sunday School Lessons
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E. L. Ashford.
"Let us go unto Bethlehem"
E. S. Lorenz.
EVENING—"Hail Thou Long Expected Jesus"—Carrie B. Adams.
"The Christmas Song"—Ira Wilson
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SPECIAL MUSIC

In addition the special Christmas music, the choir of St. James' Church will render a beautiful cantata at the close of the evening service.

WANTED

A 1st or 2nd Class Teacher for District No. 8, Halcumb. Apply stating salary, to Daniel Mathews, Silliker P. O., Little South West, N. B.

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The Union Advocate, the oldest newspaper on the North Shore, is published twice-a-week. Send in your subscription to-day. Only \$1 a year.

TEACHER WANTED

A Second-class Female Teacher for District No. 1, North Esk. Apply stating salary, to Samuel Kingston, Secretary Trustees, North Esk, Dec. 24th.

TEACHER WANTED

A Second or Third-class Teacher for School District No. 3, Parish of North Esk. Apply, stating salary, to James L. Urquhart, Secretary to Trustees, Weyerton, N. B.

THE WEATHER

While Halifax, Sydney, Glace Bay and St. John have little or no snow, there is from one to four feet of it all along the I. R. C. from New Glasgow to Newcastle and further north. In Doaktown there is two and a half feet. The ground in the woods is not well frozen. The Miramichi is still open.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Northumberland Co. Agricultural Society, No. 9, Chatham, have elected following officers for ensuing year:

Pres.—George E. Fisher.
1st Vice—Pres. Sheriff O'Brien.
2nd Vice—Jas. M. Falconer.
Sec'y—A. G. Dickson.
Treas.—Geo. Watt.

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HARCOURT NEWS

The closing exercises of the Superior school took place in both departments on Friday afternoon. After being examined in the regular subjects of the course, pupils and visitors assembled in Principal Mitchell's room where the following interesting programme was successfully carried out, before a large number of visitors:—Opening address, Jessie Buckenfield; Song, Christmas Greetings, by the School; Recitation, Lady Hildegrade, Janie Lamkey; Dialogue, Going to Chicago, by five pupils of Mr. Mitchell's room; Recitation, Being polite, by ten little boys of Miss Buckley's room; Song, The Chinese, the school; Recitation, The Two Stockings, Doris Buckley; Dialogue, The Christmas Dolls, seven little girls; Recitation, The Boys That are Wanted, Carman Wathen; A Sleighing Song, the school; Recitation, A Surprise for Santa, by Warren Buckley; Recitation, A Letter, to Santa, Burton Wathen; Dialogue, The Train to Mauro, Annie Warren, Morton McMichael and Harold Chandler; Dialogue, The Revolt of Santa, by seven little girls; Song, Santa Claus is Coming, by the school; Recitation, The Prince of Peace, Jennie Warren; Recitation, Watching for Santa, Mercedes Saulnier; Christmas Tree Drill, by twelve little girls; Recitation, In a Looking Glass, Jean Buckenfield; Song, Merry Christmas, school; Closing Address, Jean Wathen. At the close of the programme short addresses were given by Messrs. Jas. N. Wathen, W. W. Cumming and Kirby Wathen. Among the many spending the holiday season at their homes here, are Misses Ethel, Blanche, and Mabel Wathen, Ruth Thurber, Drusilla Smallwood, Rubina Dunn, Helen Buckenfield, and Messrs. S. M. Dunn, and K. B. Wathen. Rev. R. H. Stavert returned on Saturday from a visit at his home in Wilmet Valley, P. E. I. Mr. Ivan Duvay of Alberton, P. E. I., is the guest this week of Mrs. E. B. Buckenfield. Miss Alethea Wathen of the Manual Training Department staff of the Normal school, is at home for the holidays. Mr. Albert E. Wellwood, who has been for the past month in Newcastle superintending some I. R. C. construction work, spent Friday at his old home here on his return to his home in Sydney. Miss Sophie Ferguson of Main River, was in the village on Saturday on her return from Moncton. Miss Ferguson will shortly leave for Vancouver, where she will join her brother. The funeral of the late Mrs. Charles Lyons whose death occurred on Thursday last at the home of her son James Lyons, Millerton, was held on Saturday afternoon from the residence of Mr. John Beattie. Rev. Dr. Cousins accompanied the remains to Harcourt Cemetery, Grangeville.

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