

Christmas.

Let the fire of love be replenished and the frost of distant distrust be dispelled; for 'tis Christmas once more—Christmas with its wealth of joyful recollections and domestic bliss. We cordially wish our readers

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Then and Now.

On the 20th of March last, the Patriot contained a glowing account of a political meeting held at Bonshaw the Saturday evening previous to that date. The article was headed:—

"BONSHAW OPENS THE BALL."

"THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY DISTRICTS—W. D. STEWART ENTHUSIASTICALLY NOMINATED."

"Mr. Stewart" of course "was loudly applauded when he spoke and fairly demolished his opponents." The latter only "convulsed the audience with merriment at the absurdity and wild incorrectness of their statements;" and a resolution "that W. D. Stewart be nominated as a fit and proper person to represent this district" was carried without a division.

Another meeting was held at Bonshaw on the 25th of March. last, at which W. D. Stewart again appeared, "made a telling speech, and was enthusiastically received."

This was the state of things at Bonshaw in March last, and of course these reports were true, because the Patriot's special reporter was present, and they were from his pen.

On Thursday last, another meeting was held at Bonshaw; and, happily, the same Patriot reporter was present to chronicle the result. But what a change! Of course W. D. Stewart made a great speech. He fairly demolished his opponents. But it is remarkable that neither his profound philosophy, his truthful statements, nor his elegant English, had any effect on the Bonshawites on the present occasion, in the way of exciting the immense applause which greeted him in March last. And what is still worse, the resolution which he no doubt drafted and carried with him from Charlottetown, was ignominiously rejected by the men of Bonshaw. We can imagine our Island Parnell, returning from the field of his attempted agitation, meditating on the mutability of all things human—public opinion among the rest.

Potato Starch.

The following information obtained from Woodstock, N. B., is placed at our disposal.

The cost of buildings, with a capacity for 6 to 8 tons of starch per day, will be from \$6,000 to \$8,000, exclusive of power. It requires from 16 to 20 horse power to run a factory of this size, and 10 to 15 men. The factories run from potato time to 10th or 20th November, night and day, and Sunday.

A fair average for potatoes to yield is four tons to the two thousand bushels, or 8 lbs. to the bushel. Actual cost of labor per ton will be about \$3 00 Casks, 3 00 Freight and Commission, - - -

The party furnishing the information runs five of the largest factories in the Aroostook district, and paid this last season 20 cents per bushel for potatoes. With starch at four cents per lb., he says the margin is too small to induce many to put their money in the business. P. E. Islanders would be under the additional disadvantage of paying duty on starch sent to the United States. But, perhaps, this could be met partly by cheaper freights. The freight on starch from Fort Fairfield to Boston is \$8 per ton by the car load—distance 436 miles.

Our farming friends will be able to form some idea from the above figures of the suitability of the manufacture of potato starch to this Island. It would seem to require careful consideration and close figuring. If a market could be found for it in England in preference to the United States, the question of duty could be got over, and the freight to England we do not think would exceed the figures given above, from any station between Summerside and Charlottetown, as no doubt the Railway authorities would quote a low rate of freight for casks of starch, in quantities—tending, as it would, to foster an industry which would largely benefit the railway. Eighty-one car-loads of starch, representing nearly 900 tons, were forwarded from Woodstock station in one month.

We would recommend some of our leading farmers to place themselves in communication with some leading Liverpool commission house, with a view of ascertaining the price of the article there, charges, commission, &c.

The City Schools.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR TEACHERS AND PUPILS.

L. H. DAVIES, Esq., has announced his intention of offering as a prize at the Midsummer Examination to the boys in Mr. Miller's Department, for reading, McAulay's works.

DR. TAYLOR has offered a prize for competition in Miss E. Lawson's department, for recitation.

PRESENTATIONS—ADDRESSES AND GIFTS.

Among the teachers who received Christmas presents from the pupils are:—Miss McKinnon, an address with several presents. Miss Fennessy, Miss E. Lawson, Miss Smith, Miss Snaddon, Miss Moore, Miss Barr, Miss Gregor, Miss Maria Lawson, Miss Mitchell, each, were presented with several presents, some of them quite valuable in another sense than the good will existing between teachers and scholars, which they all showed. Mr. Millar, Principal of the East Kent School, was presented with a silver cake basket and an address. Mr. Seaman received an address and several presents. Mr. Duncan received a present.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY MR. A. A. MCKENZIE.

"A gift is a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth it prospereth."

To the Misses Araletta Dingwell, Sarah Taylor, Josie Toombs and Louisa Henry:—

MY DEAR PUPILS,—I meet with a most agreeable surprise on last Tuesday when I returned home from school and opened the parcels which you placed on my desk as Christmas Gifts. The handsome and useful piece of industry executed by Miss Dingwell's own hands, is in excellent taste. The gift is not only suitable and valuable in itself, but also evinces superior judgment in its selection. Long may the donor be able to use her expert fingers in working up articles with so much good taste and of so much utility. Miss Taylor's gold fasteners are very handsome and useful, and indicate a correct taste as well as a good heart. May Miss Toombs be always as flourishing and blooming as the fine chromo which she so kindly presented to me. Miss Henry's well designed motto, which she worked so skilfully and neatly with her little fingers, I shall ever keep as a pleasing souvenir.

Congratulations Miss Dingwell on the suitable impromptu couplet which accompanied her welcome present. May I not hope that her name may yet appear among the distinguished poetesses? In conclusion, I sincerely thank you all, my little Misses, for gladdening my heart with your much-valued Christmas presents. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all; and may we meet again after the Holy Days, merrier than ever.

Your affectionate teacher,
ALFRED A. MCKENZIE.

Since giving the presents elsewhere mentioned, some of his pupils presented Mr. McKenzie with a large illustrated Bible. This speaks a volume for both teacher and pupil.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION TO MR. SEAMAN.

At the close of the public schools for the Xmas holidays, Mr. Seaman was presented with a copy of Moore's Poems, a Silver Napkin Ring, Gold Cuff Buttons and Pocketknife, by his pupils, accompanied by the following address:—

DEAR TEACHER,—At the close of another "school term," we desire to tender you our hearty thanks for your untiring exertions for our intellectual improvement.

If we have failed in our duty and not made the progress that you and others had a right to expect, the fault is ours, and not yours, for as a teacher you have been both kind and faithful.

Soon we shall enter upon another term, which, we hope, will be marked with closer application and more success on our part, and with greater satisfaction to you as our teacher.

We beg your acceptance of the accompanying small tokens of our esteem for you. And wishing you a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Xmas, 1879.

The following prizes were awarded in Mr. Seaman's department:—

G. Arthur Laird, "Tennyson's Poems," for General Proficiency. Gay Smallwood, Writing Desk, for Writing.

Christmas Fare.

GEESE, pheasants and turkeys have long helped to furnish English tables at Christmas-tide. But there was one national dish—neither fish, flesh, fowl, or good red herring—which was indispensable. This was "furnety"—connected, according to the most ancient formula extant,—in this wise:—"Take clean wheat and bray it in a mortar, that the hulls may be all gone off, and seethe it till it burst, and take it up and let it cool; and take fresh broth, and sweet milk of almonds or sweet milk of kine and temper it all and take the yolks of eggs. Boil it a little and mess it forth with fat venison or fresh mutton." Venison was seldom served without this accompaniment; but "furnety" sweetened with sugar was a favorite dish of itself. We seldom hear of furnety now-a-days. And yet we might have it.

Mince pies were popular under the name of mutton pies so early as 1596. They were also known as shed and Christmas pies.

Without the door let sorrow lie,
And if for cold it hap to die,
Will bury it and Christmas pie,
And ever more be merry.

Selden tells us mince pies were baked in a coffin-shaped crust, intended to represent the manger in which the Hold Child was laid. But this statement is doubted.

As to plum pudding, we know not when it was introduced. In Addison's time it shared the honors of porridge; for the *T. ter* tells us: "No man of the most rigid virtue gives offence by an excess in plum pudding, or plum porridge, because they

are the first parts of a dinner." Times change. Now the plum pudding is regarded as the best part of the Christmas Dinner.

Scatter Your Crumbs.

All have to spare, none are too poor
When want with winter comes;
The loaf is never all your own,
Then scatter out the crumbs.

Soon winter falls upon your life
The day of reckoning comes;
Against your sins, by high decree,
Are weighed those scattered crumbs.

A BENEVOLENT WORK.—The Methodist Church of New York is constantly engaged in providing for the increase of its borders. To a separate organization has been committed the work of extending the influence of the church. Rev. W. P. Corbitt, the famous revivalist, is chairman of this committee of extension—and he used to be a martyr of neuralgia. His cure he ascribes to Giles' Linctum Iodide Ammonia. Giles Pills cure Jaundice. Sold by W. R. Watson. Send for pamphlet. Dr. Giles, 120 West Broadway, N. Y. Trial size 25 cents.

BIRTH.

On Sunday, the 21st inst., the wife of John McIntyre, of a son.

DIED.

On the 23rd inst., of diphtheria, Willie Evers, youngest son of Newton and Maggie Large, aged four years.

CHRISTMAS, 1879,

—AND—

New Year, 1880.

RAISINS, Currants, Citron, Lemon and Orange-Peel, Flavoring Essences, Ground Spices, (pure); Preserved Ginger, Orange and Lemon Marmalade, Pearl Sago and Tapioca, Macaroni and Vermicelli, Cream & Blackwell's Mixed Pickles and Sauces, Durham Mustard, (in tin's and bottles), Newman's Port Wine, and Hennessy's Brandy.

W. R. WATSON.

Dec. 24, 1879.—1w pat

JUST OPENING.

A NICE and well assorted lot of Layer Raisins, Loose do., Currants, Ground Allspice, (cloves, Nutmegs, Ginger, Pepper, Mixed Spices, (all sorts); Rice, Cream of Tartar, B. Soda, Coffee, Raspberry and Lemon Syrup, Crushed and Leaf Sugar, Best Tea, Tobacco, (in twin bar, solace, little giant, and twist); White Beans, Cheese, Table Salts, Confectionery, (all sorts); Pickles and Mustard, Toilet Soaps, Laundry and Queen do., Buckets, (assorted); White and Blue Starch, Brooms, (all sorts); C. L. Potash, Shoe, Stove and Scrubbing Brushes, Wash Boards, (cheap); Indigo, Candles, Salt-petre, Rope, (different sizes); Apples, Oranges, etc., and more opening.

All of which will be sold cheap for cash.

J. B. HARTY.

Store in Newson's Building opposite Post Office.
Dec. 24, 1879.

A SOUP KITCHEN

IN connection with the Women's Temperance Union and Benevolent Society, will be opened for the winter if sufficiently assisted by the charitable public. In order to distribute judiciously, only those will be relieved who identify themselves with the Society, which will enable the committee to look particularly into each case. In view of the present pressing demands for help, the friends of the poor are urgently requested to send donations immediately and as regularly as possible, which will be received by Mrs. W. KENNEDY, Confectionery. Clothing will likewise be very acceptable.

E. McRAE,

Secretary of the Women's Benevolent Society.
Dec. 23, 1879.

The "Northern Light."

PARTIES expecting goods by "Northern Light," via Georgetown, must advise Railway Agent at Pictou Landing to deliver.

WM. MITCHELL,
Agent of Dep't.

Dec. 23rd, 1879.

OPENING

OF THE

Citizen's Skating Rink.

THE CITIZEN'S SKATING RINK will be opened on

CHRISTMAS DAY,

ice permitting. The Band will be in attendance from eight till ten o'clock.

Tickets for sale at the Apothecaries Hall, at the following prices:
Gentlemen's \$4.50. Boys, (afternoon) \$2.50.
Ladies, 3.50. Girls, 2.00.
Promenade, 1.00. Single Tickets, .25.
Single tickets to promenade 10 cents.
Shareholders to promenade free.

W. C. HOBKIRK,
Secretary.

Dec. 22, 1879.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

—OR—

ANY OTHER TIME.

W. R. BOREHAM

Has on hand, and coming, per steamer *North ern Light*, a large stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Overshoes and Slippers, all styles and prices to suit all ages and pockets. Come along to

W. R. BOREHAM,
South Side Queen Square.

Dec. 23, 1879.—3mostaw

PERKINS & STERNS

Invite the attention of buyers

to their large, well as-
sorted, and

CHEAP STOCK,

of the following goods:

MANTLE CLOTHS,

ULSTER CLOTHS,

TWEED SUITINGS,

WORSTED COATINGS,

WHITE FLANNELS,

SCARLET FLANNELS

SHIRTING FLANNELS,

FRENCH TWILL FLANNELS.

DRESS GOODS.

A large variety of the

Newest Materials,

and Trimmings to suit.

Plain, Checked & Plaid

WINCEYS,

of the best value.

FUR MUFFS,

COLLARS & TIES,

in Seal, Mink, Astrachan, &c.,

GREBE MUFFS,

AND

Grebe Trimmings.

KNIT WOOL GOODS,

of every describing from a 5c

pair Bootees to a "PEG WOFFING-

TON" combination Scarf & Hood.

Black Silk Fringes,

a very large variety good & cheap

All of the above extra good value.

Perkins & Sterns.

Ch'town, Nov. 4, 1879.

Musical and Literary.

THE Prince Street Methodist Sabbath School will give one of their Popular Entertainments in Basement of the Church, on

Friday Evening, 26th inst.,
to commence at 8 o'clock.

Admission only Ten Cents.
Dec. 16, 1879.—4i

TO LET.

THE SHOP on Upper Queen Street, now occupied by Simon W. Crabbe. Possession given the 1st June, 1880.

ARCH'D. WHITE,
Ch'town, Dec. 22, 1879.—law
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NUTS, ORANGES,

GRAPES, Figs, Dates, Pound and Fruit Cakes, &c., at

Dec. 17, '79.

BEER & GOFF'S.

S. S. "NORTHERN LIGHT,"

WILL MAKE DAILY TRIPS between Georgetown and Pictou, until further notice, (Sundays excepted) leaving Georgetown at 6 a. m., and Pictou at 1.40 p. m., weather permitting.

WM. MITCHELL,
Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1879. Agent of Dep't.

WANTED TO BORROW,

\$850.00,

BY the Trustees of Spring Park District School, for one or three years. Offers stating lowest rate of interest, for all or any part thereof, will be received by

WM. HEARD,
Ch'town, Royalty, Dec. 19, '79—1w
Chairman of Trustees.

FURNITURE.

12 New Lounges,
2 Smoking Chairs,
3 Feather Beds, at only 25 cts. per lb
2 Meat Safes,
2 Sewing Machines,
A lot of second-hand furniture, bedsteads, chairs, book-cases, washstands, tables, mattresses, and last but not least wanted, 1 bath tub.

dec. 17, '79.

H. COOMBS.

Valuable Property for Sale.

TO BE SOLD, all that part of Town Lot No. 74, in the first hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown; having a front of 67 feet, Dorchester Street, and running back 80 feet, together with the buildings thereon erected. For further particulars apply to Messrs. HONGSON & McLEOD Charlottetown. Sept. 18, 1879.

Pure Confectionery.

A GRAND ASSORTMENT for Christmas, at

Dec. 17, '79.

BEER & GOFF'S.

COAL. COAL.

300 TONS Gowrie Mines Fine Coal; also a quantity of Sydney Large Coal, at

Ch'town, Dec. 16, '79—3i

KOUGHAN'S SCALES.

COAL. COAL.

ROUND COAL for sale by

Ch'town, Dec. 15, 1879—6i

F. S. HANFORD.

APPLES.

100 bbls. No Baldwins, } American.
100 " Russets, }

Dec. 18, '79—3i

CARVELL BROS.

MINCE MEAT.

ALL READY PREPARED, for 20cts. per

Dec. 17, '79.

BEER & GOFF'S.

TO LET.

FOR ONE OR MORE YEARS the House and premises recently occupied by Mr. W. W. Clarke, situate on Great George street, two doors above the office of Messrs. Longworth & Hazard, attorneys, nd near the head of Steam Navigation Co's. Wharf. For terms etc., apply to

JOHN INGS,
Ch'town, Dec. 15, 1879.

CORDWOOD.

THE undersigned will receive tenders up to 1st of JANUARY next, from parties willing to supply 500 CORDS of dry SOFTWOOD, to be delivered at the Charlottetown Brick Company's yard in the Royalty.

The wood to be 4 feet in length, and not over eight inches in diameter.

Further particulars can be obtained from he undersigned.
FRED. W. HYNDMAN,
Ch'town, Dec. 1, 1879. pat 2w Agent.