

Local Items.

Crowded out. Editorial, acknowledgments and other matter crowded out.

THE PARLOR CAR SERVICE between Halifax and St. John and Halifax and Sydney was discontinued the first of this week.

CALENDAR WATCHES, indicating the time, day of the week, day of the month, and moon phases, warranted correct. At J. R. Hellyer's.—Adv.

CARNIVAL.—The only carnival of the season will occur on Tuesday evening next at the Skating Rink. It will be under the management of the band.

HAMS AND BACON.—Just arrived from P. E. Island, a large lot of choice sugared hams and bacon. For sale low, Haley & Chisholm.—adv.

HORSE RACE.—The race advertised in last issue to take place next Saturday, has been postponed, owing to the ice on the harbor being unfit for the purpose.

BUTTER WANTED.—Persons having good butter for sale will find a ready cash market at the College. The College takes only a good article but pays a good price.

HEAVY CATTLE.—A milk cow and bull, owned by Donald Chisholm, of Briley Brook, were brought to town and weighed on last Saturday. The cow weighed 1590 pounds, the bull 1510.

THE ASSESSMENT APPEAL COURT.—The appeal of J. McMillan, agent of Ipswich Insurance Company, to have Court rectify a mistake, was the only matter of business. The mistake was rectified.

BUTTER SCARC.—Owing to the large amount of milk consumed by the cheese factories, last season, butter is a scarce article in the County now, and the prices are better than in former years.

TOWN ELECTIONS.—The election to fill the vacancy in the Council caused by the resignation of D. G. Kirk, will be held on Saturday next. Mr. Kirk, on the requisition of a number of the citizens, published in another column, will again be a candidate. Mr. Dickson will be his opponent.

OUR THANKS are due Mr. A. Kirk for several packages of late English papers and magazines. Mr. Kirk reports his trip across the Atlantic a very quick one, with exceedingly fine weather.

MR. JOHN A. McDONALD, of Duluth, Minn., has our thanks for late Duluth papers.

LOTTERY DRAWING.—The following were the lucky ones in the drawing of the lottery in aid of the erection of a dwelling house: D. Gillis, Sydney Mines; A. E. Beaton, Mabou Coal Mines; Chas. W. McDonald, Grant Seminary, Montreal; Hugh Boyd, Morristown; H. C. McGillivray, New Westminster; R. J. Muldoon, New Westminster.—adv.

PERSONAL.—His Lordship, we regret to state, has been confined to his room for the past few days by a distressing cough. As we go to press we learn that he is somewhat improved.

D. J. McIntosh, P. P., North Sydney, was in town on Tuesday.

MR. GEO. MORROW, of D. G. Kirk's hardware establishment, started on his annual tour through Guysboro and Cape Breton Counties on Tuesday.

MR. R. HALE, of the Central House, left for Boston yesterday for a few weeks visit.

CURLING.—The Sydney and New Glasgow Curlers arrived in Antigonish on last Friday. Matches were played with Antigonish curlers by each of the visiting teams, and they also faced each other with the following result:

Table with columns for SYDNEY and ANTIGONISH, listing rink numbers and names of players.

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Table with columns for W. R. McKenzie and J. D. Copeland, listing rink numbers and names of players.

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The Sydney team was at a disadvantage owing to their stones not being adapted to the soft ice.

Obituary.

On Saturday the 18th of February, instant, one of the oldest and best women of Mabou paid the final debt of Nature, the exemplary wife of Angus Cameron (deceased), is dead. The immediate cause of death was bronchitis, superinduced by an attack of la grippe. She was an exceptionally strong and healthy woman, who was never known to take any medicine and her last illness was the daughter of Finlay Beaton, late of Mabou Coal Mines. Mr. Beaton came to the Coal Mines from P. E. Island in 1809. He had a family of seven children. The deceased was the youngest of them but one, and her father, Mrs. Beaton, was born in P. E. Island in 1780. There was a large family between her and her husband, who is now deceased.

charity and splendid christian example. They were workers and eye-witnesses in the conversion of Mabou from a frowning wilderness to its present fine and fertile fields. We who have fallen upon a later time have but little idea of the perseverance and patient toil involved in the production of that vast change. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron settled at Mabou Bridge in 1833, where they made for themselves a comfortable home which was always open to the poor and needy. It is scarcely correct to say that they settled near the Bridge, because at that time there was no Bridge, and scarcely any sign of human life where now reposes the quiet and quiet village of Mabou. They raised a family of twelve children, eight boys and four girls, six of whom are dead, and six more living in comfortable circumstances. The deceased lady was the grandmother of Rev. Donald Cameron, P. P., of River Bourgeois, who was at her bedside in her last moment, and also attended her funeral. A venerable and devoutly christian woman is gone to her reward, and if we are permitted to judge from external signs she but retired from a wicked and troublous world directly to "enter into the joys of the Lord."

"Mother, what shall I do for this dreadful cough?" Take Puttner's Emulsion, my dear, it always helps our family.

General News.

Parliament meets to-day.

Diphtheria is raging at Margaree Forks, C. B.

W. L. Temple, tea merchant, of Halifax, has assigned.

A Digby correspondent of one of the Halifax papers says that hay is exceedingly scarce in that county. In the rural districts what little can be had is selling at \$18 a ton.

An application will be made during the present session of the Dominion Parliament for incorporation of a company to build a railway from the Strait of Canso to Sydney via St. Peter's and Louisburg.

There have been many severe snow storms in England during the present winter. That of last Thursday night was particularly severe. In the south-western part of the country the snow is several feet deep and traffic is greatly interfered with.

A despatch from Toronto says that Premier Mowat will introduce a bill absolutely prohibiting the sale of cigarettes, cigars or tobacco to any one under the age of 18, and further, making it an offence for such youths to be found smoking in public or having tobacco in their possession.

The revenue from the water works of the town of New Glasgow for the past year exceeded the expenditure by a few hundred dollars, the figures being \$5915.31 and \$5640.31 respectively. The water is pumped into the reservoir from the river. Almost the hundred millions of gallons were used during the year.

A German farmer in Kansas who recently revisited his native land was arrested for deserting from the German army thirty years ago. The United States minister at Berlin failed to secure his release, but a letter from his little daughter in Kansas to the Emperor obtained for him his freedom, and he is now on his way home.

Electors were held on Saturday in South Ontario and East Hastings, both of which returned Liberal members at the last general election. On Saturday the Government carried both seats, the former with a majority of 157, the latter with nearly 400. On Tuesday Hon. J. C. Paterson-Secretary of State, defeated M. C. Cameron in West, won by a small majority. Mr. Cameron's majority at the general election was 379.

A large number of the employees of the Intercolonial Railway were dismissed from the service last week, owing, it is said, to the decrease in business. Twenty-two were dismissed at Campbellton, two at Newcastle, ten at Stellarton, sixteen at Truro, twenty-five at Richmond (Halifax), and one hundred at Moncton. Among the latter is John A. DeBassio of Salt Springs, Antigonish County. It is thought that more will follow, as a result of the new Minister of Railways' policy of economy.

Ten of the largest of the local savings banks of Sydney, N. S. W., stopped payment during the last fortnight, and many of those remaining are likely to follow. These societies only a few months ago paid at their annual meetings 12 to 25 per cent. dividends to shareholders, but after a couple of days' run were unable to repay depositors. Many of whom are people in poor circumstances. Members of parliament, magistrates and ministers of the crown headed the lists as directors and shareholders.

The wholesale destruction of a number of lives by asphyxiation was narrowly averted in Boston on Saturday night last. Early in the morning it was discovered that both sewer and illuminating gas was escaping in a large basement on East Canton Street. The occupants were speedily aroused, and it was found that nearly 100 persons were under the influence of the gas. Physicians had difficult work to resuscitate several victims. But for the timely discovery of the trouble many lives would have been lost.

Admiral Sir Prevo Wallis, G. C. B., died at London on Feb. 13. He was a Nova Scotian by birth, having been born in Halifax on April 12, 1791. He was within two months of being 101 years old. His father was chief clerk of the navy yard at the time of his birth. Sir Prevo Wallis entered the navy at the age of 14. He was actively engaged in several naval battles at the beginning of the century. He it was who "Chesapeake" into Halifax after the "Shannon" on June 1, 1813. In Broke had been seriously wounded. From his great age in this fleet he was styled "the British navy."

Mr. Balfour introduced his Irish Local Government bill in the House of Commons on the 18th. As it stands at present it provides for the establishment of county and borough councils for the administration of local affairs, the members of which are to be elected for a term of three years. In the county councils, however, there are to be four ex-officio members, including the Lord-Lieutenant and the Sheriff of the county. Illiterate persons are to be excluded from voting for councillors. The provisions which the bill contains for preserving the ascendancy of the ruling class are numerous and unique. Under one of them twenty rate-payers may apply to a judge for the removal of the councillors and their replacement by nominees of the Lord-Lieutenant. The bill has met with a perfect hurricane of opposition, such, it is said, as has never been encountered by any other measure. Mr. Balfour, Mr. McCarthy, Healy, Harcourt, Redmond and Labouchere denounced it in the most emphatic terms as a sham and an insult to the Irish people. The Government is said to be much disconcerted by the vigor of the opposition, and it is believed that the most objectionable features of the bill will be modified before its second reading, which is fixed for March 3.

Be a well man, a free man, a happy man, by taking K. D. C.—the great restorative for all stomach troubles.

COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH.

NO. XXXI.

The District of St. Andrews.

The first priest who visited the people of St. Andrews was the Rev. Alexander MacDonald of Arisaig. He settled in Arisaig in the year 1802. From thence he made occasional excursions to Antigonish and St. Andrews. The old people, some years ago, pointed out a tree on the farm of the late Angus MacDonald (Mac Bride) where on one of his visits he said Mass and gave the people communion. There is also a spot on the farm of Archy McIsaac, South River, where he performed the same sacred functions. The earliest record that I have been able to trace is the following receipt from Father MacDonald:

Received in full from Colin Chisholm, Manchester Road, payment prior to this date. "REV. ALEX. MACDONALD." "June 10th, 1809."

About the year 1815 the Rev. Remy Gauhin had charge of the parish of Antigonish and from thence attended to the spiritual wants of the people of St. Andrews, as the following receipt shows: "Received from Colin Chisholm, Manchester Road, the sum of twenty shillings, being the tithes for the present year." "E. GAUJIN, P. P." "Dorchester, 22 Sept., 1816."

When the late Rev. Colin Grant came out from Scotland in the year 1819, he remained for a year in Antigonish and from thence attended for that period to the spiritual wants of the people of St. Andrews. Then the late Rev. James Grant was settled as pastor in Antigonish and for two years visited St. Andrews. In the year 1822 the Rev. William Fraser (afterwards Bishop) came out from Scotland. On his arrival the people of St. Andrews assembled and appointed delegates to visit Bishop McEachern on the Island with the view to secure Father Fraser as pastor in Antigonish and St. Andrews. The delegates were: Archy Chisholm, Alexander's son, Ewen Cameron, Ewen Boyd, Donald Chisholm (red) Harbor, Colin Chisholm (Buidhe), and Alexander MacDonald, Morristown. As Bishop McEachern had no jurisdiction in Nova Scotia proper, he could not grant the prayer of the delegates; but as he had jurisdiction in Cape Breton, he ordered Father Fraser to take charge of Christmas Island and the country round about in Cape Breton. In the fall of 1822 Father Fraser succeeded Father Dollard (afterwards the first Bishop of New Brunswick) on Christmas Island. He returned to St. Andrews in the summer of 1823.

Late in that year Vicar General Carroll, residing in Halifax, who had succeeded Bishop Burke as administrator of the Vicariate Apostolic of Nova Scotia, ordered Father James Grant of Antigonish to take charge of Manchester or Guysboro, and appointed Father Fraser pastor of Antigonish and all the surrounding Scotch settlements. We have already seen Father Carroll's letter to Messrs. Neil McKinnon and Hector Macdonald informing them of that appointment. The late Alexander Chisholm (stonehouse) being at the time on a business visit to Halifax, conveyed to Father Fraser the Vicar General's letter appointing him pastor of Antigonish.

Father Fraser was at the time in full vigor of life. He was a man of noble and striking features. In the College of Valladolid, in Spain, he was noted for strength of arm and vigor of intellect. His surroundings in Scotland in an intensely Protestant district must have, more or less, affected his character. On his arrival in this country he looked in lay dress more like the general of an army or some great man of the world than a priest. The salute given him one day on the street of Antigonish by old Donald Sharp was full of meaning. Donald, a sharp-tongued but eccentric character, who had served for some years in the Nova Scotia Militia, met the Bishop as he strode along the street and like one of Oisein's heroes shaking the very ground under his tramp. Doffing his bonnet, Donald exclaimed: "How do you do, first Field Marshall of Nova Scotia." Somewhat stern in look and abrupt in speech, his big heart overflowed with the purest benevolence for all. For years while he labored in Scotland he had a longing desire to follow his kinsman to the woods of America; but the voice of authority in the persons of his relatives the Bishops Chisholm kept him at home until after their death. It was no wonder that he was hailed on his arrival in Antigonish with grateful joy. The Gaels now had a true father and wise guide who, like another Moses, would lead them forward in the paths of duty and destiny. All the clans gathered around him; the joy of the country was unbounded. Duncan Chisholm

(Buidhe) gave voice to the grateful feelings of the whole country in Gaelic verse. All this is said without the slightest reflection upon his predecessor Father James Grant who was a good priest, but who could not speak the only language the people at the time knew.

It was about this time that the first parish house was built at St. Andrews. It was near the present Church. Father Fraser was the first priest that lived in it; he used to come up from Antigonish and live in the house for some days. The first Church, 50 feet long, was built about this time; it was near the old graveyard, where Duncan MacIntosh's house is now. In the summer of 1829 Bishop Burke administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in the house of Angus MacDonald (Mac Bride). The Bishop was accompanied on the occasion by Fathers Geary and Dunphy of Halifax and Father Grant of Antigonish. A few months afterwards the Bishop died in Halifax.

The first resident pastor in St. Andrews was the late Rev. William B. McLeod. He came there from East Bay in the summer of 1827 and remained for a little over two years, when he was sent to Arisaig. The late Rev. John Chisholm was settled in St. Andrews as pastor in the year 1832, and remained for two years. Then the parish was attended from Antigonish by Bishop Fraser for four years. The parish Register shows that the late Rev. John Quinan made many pastoral visits to the parish in the year 1836. In the year 1837, the late Rev. Colin Francis McKinnon took charge of St. Andrews. The first baptism he made in the parish was Colin McIntosh, son of Colin McIntosh, on the 22nd November, 1837. The last baptism he made in the parish was Daniel William Fraser, son of Donald and Janet Fraser, on the 29th April, 1853. He was then Bishop and shortly afterwards went to reside in Arichat. On the 10th of May 1853, the late Rev. Alexander MacKae, who shortly before arrived from Scotland, took possession of the parish of St. Andrews. The last baptism made by Father MacKae at St. Andrews was on the 15th Dec., 1853. He was then sent to Bisdale in Cape Breton, where he died a few years afterwards. At the beginning of the year 1854 the late Rev. Ronald McGillivray arrived from Arisaig in St. Andrews as parish priest. His first baptism in St. Andrews was on the 24th January, 1854, and his last on the 13th September, 1876. The late Rev. J. V. MacDonell succeeded him as pastor of St. Andrews. His first baptism was on the 1st November, 1876 and his last on the 23rd June, 1887. The present incumbent, the Rev. James Fraser, arrived in St. Andrews on the 5th July, 1888. S. A.

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Duanag Do'n Mh.

McL. Sinc.

Saibh blum do'n nasal ghriinn, Sa do dhuag nach b'fhastach leinn; Leinneag ghasa, bhlasda, bhinn, Do na sinis air oifheice Chiallainn. Gum bu faillean bhios na seoid 'Thug a farrum air a chomhl', 'S naireadair is dhon de'n or Chuir na'd dhorn le deoin each cairid. Tha thu pricil aig do shalagh; Tha thu siobhalta le steuin, Tha thu firinneach, 's bu dual; 'S lion'or buaidh a th'ort nach ca. Tha thu direach, tha thu suaire, mi. Tha thu fhealtach gu uail; Aghaidh fialthail as glan 'S cha luidh gruamach enigh, Fhuair thu saib' ort no suailn. Fhuair 's fhuair leannan tha chaidh, 's tu talantain in bard. Fhuair thu lionsachadh ro air, 'S an sa Ghallig tha tu ro-mhath. 'S beagh an t-ionnagh tha bh' coir, 'S cairdeach thu do'n Fhine mhoir. Leathnach na bratach stroll, Dheanadh stioicadh ann sa charraid. Ri uclh casairt bha iad cruaidh, Bha iad sgaitheach ann an ruag; 'Siad bu tric a choinn bhuidh. Ait na Tuathach 's air na Gallabh.

DEATHS.

McPhee.—At Mabou Harbor, on the 15th instant, Donald McPhee, one of the oldest residents of that place. He was a good man, and died a good death. R. I. P.

Dow.—At her father's residence, St. Ninian St., Antigonish, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., in the 24th year of her age, Mary, the beloved wife of David Dow, and daughter of John J. McNeil, leaving a sorrowing husband, two children and many friends to mourn their loss. R. I. P. [American papers please copy.]

McKinross.—At Bell Cove Coal Mines, Inverness Co., in the 64th year of his age, Hector McKinnon (operamaker), after an illness of two months which he bore with Christian patience. Having been fortified by the consolation of holy religion death found him prepared. His early demise is sincerely and deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was a sincere Christian, a true Catholic, a good neighbor and an honorable citizen. Gu'n dianadh Dia treuir air anam. R. I. P.

Campbell.—At Back River, on the 18th instant, of la grippe, the young wife of Malcolm Campbell (Finlay son). Her death is a particular sad one, as she was only ten days married before her death. She was a daughter of John McIsaac of Big River, Broad Cove, and was married in the Catholic Church, at Broad Cove, on Tuesday, the 9th of February. On the 21st of February she was carried into the same Church, a corpse to be buried. She was but 22 years of age, and was an estimable young woman. May she rest in peace.

Beaton.—At Glengora Falls, Mabou, Inverness Co., on the 14th day of January, Beaton, aged 25 years and 5 months. Deceased though young had added many warm friends to the great many by whom his parents were held in high and well-deserved esteem. The bereaved parents and family are sincerely sympathized with by all who enjoy the pleasure of their acquaintance. In death he will live forever in the memories of all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace.