

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

WHAT OUR CORRESPONDENTS HAVE TO TELL US.

The Tidings From Various Points in Eastern Ontario—What People Are Doing and What They Are Saying—The Events of Interest to all Classes.

JOYCEVILLE, Nov. 26.—The cold snap of last week has given place to the greatest rainfall of the season. The snow has entirely disappeared, which is a blessing to many farmers, who, owing to scarcity of fodder dread a long winter. The concert in the school house here on Friday evening promises to be a decided success, as an excellent programme is being prepared. Visitors:—Mr. and Mrs. E. Revell, Kingston; Rev. John McFarlane, South Mountain.

WILBUR, Nov. 26.—Winter is fast approaching. We have about six inches of snow here now. A. M. Currie preached here Sunday. S. Jackson was employed last week laying a floor for W. W. Roche. J. McDougal is at present moving into his new dwelling house at Lavant Station. S. Jackson's baby is walking. D. Ferguson spent a few days here visiting friends. W. Lee, Renfrew, paid Lavant and Wilbur a flying visit Thanksgiving day. W. W. Roche returned home last week.

Washburn Wafts.
WASHBURN, Nov. 26.—Joseph Veness lost two children last week by diphtheria and another is still very ill with the same disease. The tug Maggie May and a barge loaded with freight for Seely's Bay and Newboro are frozen in above the lock. Some of the young men of this locality intend going to Newboro to work on the canal this winter. Salvation army meetings will be held at the house of Mr. Babcock every two weeks. Rev. John McFarland and bride attended service at Sand Hill last Sunday. They are spending their honeymoon at the home of Mr. McFarland's parents. His many friends at Washburn wish them many happy years of married life.

Captured a Bear.
CLARENDON, Nov. 26.—No doubt the campers who were disturbed by a bear, on Happy Island, in Crotch lake, last October, and especially D. E. Seese, who was so nearly hugged by bruin, will be glad to learn that John and James Crain tracked and shot a huge black bear, near Crotch lake, on Monday last. After disabling the brute, which was in his den, it took almost an hour to make fire extinct. They could not lift the animal, and judging from the size of its hide, it is no doubt the largest bear captured for years in this locality. Our sleighing is nearly gone again. Times are looking up in the mining sections. Jobbers in lumbering woods have little to do this winter. Z. Veness has moved into site village.

Westport Wafts.
WESTPORT, Nov. 26.—We had a heavy fall of snow on the 22nd; sleighs were out. Mr. Cawley, shoemaker, is on the sick list. M. J. McCann sold fifty pairs of rubbers last Saturday. That's the place to go for rubbers and fine boots. W. Russell, barber, has moved in M. J. McCann's block, Church street. H. W. Lockwood, after a three months' visit in Alberta, N.W.T., is home again. He sold a number of cattle while there. He considers he got good prices. Hay is scarce here, it is selling from \$13 to \$15 a ton. All our cheese factories shut down on the 23rd. Our lakes are almost frozen over. E. G. Adams and James Barker, reeve and deputy-reeve, have gone to Brockville to attend the counties council.

Glenvale Gleanings.
GLENVALE, Nov. 26.—The thanksgiving service held in the Presbyterian church was well attended. The Catorqui church choir has been engaged to furnish music for the tea-meeting on the 3rd of next month. If one should judge from the appearance of things the farmers of the neighborhood are going to engage extensively in the lumbering business, because we find in their possession a large number of newly-made cant hooks. Dehorning cattle has been the order of the day. On Wednesday last two wagon loads of our jolly school children drove out to Mr. Cowdy's residence, Harrowsmith, and spent an enjoyable evening. Our string band was in attendance and furnished excellent music. J. Cramer has purchased a thoroughbred Berkshire pig from Mr. Shibley, Harrowsmith. Mrs. Ashley, Kingston, is renewing old acquaintances here.

Ticborne Topics.
TICBORNE, Nov. 26.—Our night school has re-opened for the winter, and owing to the time-table of the K. & P. being changed Mr. Shibley thinks he will have to instruct his pupils in the station. Mrs. J. Harris, who has been suffering from a severe attack of grippe, is recovering. R. Hempton, absent for some time, has returned home to spend a year among his many friends. Mrs. T. Bridgen left for Renfrew to-day to meet her son, who is en route for Southern Africa.

Owing to our first snowfall on Saturday the merry ringing of sleigh bells is heard on all sides. M. Storms, Wilton, paid us a flying visit on Sunday last. One of our villagers is thinking of taking a load of fresh pork to Kingston market on Saturday. A number from here will attend the K. & P. ball on Wednesday. Visitors: Mr. Kingston, Miss Conway, Miss Fleming and Miss Barker.

Arden Announcements.
ARDEN, Nov. 26.—The fine Indian summer weather has enabled the farmers to get their fall ploughing done. It turned colder on Wednesday last, and on Saturday the snow fell to the depth of three or four inches; yesterday it got milder and rained heavily all night. The snow is going fast. The complaint of shortness of water is now over.—Peter Brown, station agent, and wife, have returned from their trip west.—James Williams and wife have been visiting friends in Crocyden, returned home on Saturday.—Minnie Clark and George Gendron intend going west for the winter.—J. Lowery has fitted up a shop for sleighs, cutters, etc., on Queen street.—Thursday last a honey social was held in the town hall, for the benefit of the Methodist church; there was a fair attendance.—Walter Clark, from Ernestown, and others, were in the village last week, going back from deer hunting.—Charles Hawley, who has been sick for some time, is now better.—There has been no English church services held here for some weeks.

Delta Doings.
DELTA, Nov. 25.—We had snow here on Friday and snow and rain on Saturday, but not enough snow for sleighing. Joel Copeland proposes selling his farm and leaving here. Wm. Johnson, Wm. Gain

ford, John Knapp and R. Green returned from a hunting expedition last week with five fine deer. Alex. Vanalstine went to Gananoque on business last week. Our cheese factory is running yet. George Pratt is home on the sick list. He has been in Ogdensburg all summer. F. Bush has opened up a shoe shop in this village. Alex. Stevens has three wood workers at work building cutters. Frank Reynolds, Westport, and staff are doing the painting and Mr. Putman, Easton's Corners, is the trimmer. A. J. Flood is going on the road again, selling cutters for Mr. Stevens. Erastus Warner is still on the sick list and no hope of recovery. Capt. M. L. Day is improving his foundry premises. George Haskins is preparing to build. Miss Carrie Hill is still attending the Athens high school. Miss Effie DeWolf gave a birthday party to her young friends last Tuesday night. Mostly all the little boys and girls of the village were present and enjoyed themselves very much. Thanksgiving day passed off very quietly. The young people here have organized a glee club and meet once a week in rooms over the post office.

Doings of The Athenians.
ATHENS, Nov. 26.—The Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists held a union service in the Baptist church on Thanksgiving day. Rev. J. M. Hagar conducted the service and a collection in aid of the Brockville hospital was taken at the close. On Friday evening last in the Methodist church, under the auspices of the women's missionary society, Mrs. Hartwell, who with her husband escaped from the riots which took place in China some months ago, delivered a lecture on the Chinese and their customs. The lecture was interesting and instructive and was enjoyed by all present. On Saturday, 16th inst., the Athens football team and the Brockville team played their second match, which resulted in favor of Brockville. Score 1 to 0. On Sunday last fire broke out in Slack's bakery. The flames spread quickly, and it was with difficulty that the store which stood close at hand was saved. Slack's bakery and Hickey's blacksmith shop were burned to the ground. On Monday evening last, in the Methodist church, the Salvation army held a lime-light entertainment, consisting of over one hundred views of the work which is being done by the army. The Presbyterian church held its anniversary services on Sunday last. On Monday night Rev. Mr. Knowles, Ottawa, delivered a lecture on "The Sunny South; or Life Among the Darkies." In spite of the rain many attended and every one thoroughly enjoyed the lecture.

Milford Personals.
MILFORD, Nov. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. F. Welbanks visited D. D. McKibbin's on Sunday. Rev. S. Ferguson, Picton, spent Thursday and Friday with his daughter, Mrs. R. A. Knox. Rev. A. K. Scott, Albert college, Belleville, spent Thanksgiving and Sunday with his parents. W. Metcalf, Michigan, is visiting in the village. W. Dainard and family, Salmon Point, spent the winter in the village. The choir of the Methodist church and several other young people were entertained at the home of W. N. Scott on Saturday evening. The Misses Tonkin entertained a few friends on Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. P. Scott, Port Huron, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Scott. Miss Addie Loff returned to her home at South Bay on Sunday. Miss Cassie Welbanks, Picton, spent Sunday with Miss Blanche Lowry. Mrs. J. Hudgin and daughter, of Main Dicks, are visiting at R. A. Knox's. The bible society will hold a meeting in the Methodist church on Friday evening. Rev. Mr. McPhail, of Picton, will be one of the speakers.

Echoes From Elgin.
ELGIN, Nov. 26.—Norman Merriman has purchased W. T. Singleton's farm.—Rev. G. S. Reynolds, Dr. Coon and P. Halliday have returned from their hunting trip with fourteen fine deer. S. Chitman, Ottawa, who has spent the summer as foreman on his father's farm, has returned home for the winter. H. J. Ripley had the misfortune to break his leg recently. Rev. S. and Mrs. Sheldon, of Delta, paid their many friends here a farewell visit before leaving for Texas, where Mr. Sheldon will engage in missionary work. Thanksgiving service was held in the Methodist church on Sunday last. Our Sunday school library has received an addition for the little folks. There is a visitor at W. A. Coon's. It's a boy. The cold wave has struck these parts with rain, hail and snow. Dominion cheese factory has closed for the season. The cheese makers are beginning to return home. Visitors: Rev. W. Seed, at his father's; R. Eaton and Miss Ruth Eaton, Seely's Bay, at J. Daney's; J. Sexton, and Mrs. Sexton, Gananoque, at Z. Sexton's. George Sexton is spending a few days at Vennachar, the guest of W. Pennock. C. Halliday, who is attending high school at Gananoque, spent Sunday at his home. Miss Abbie Derbyshire is visiting at P. Alford's. Mrs. W. Sheldon, Chantry, at her father's (G. Brown) residence.

Petworth Pointers.
PETWORTH, Nov. 26.—The heavy rain of last night was a welcome visitor to many, as a number of wells in the neighborhood had gone dry. The death of Miss Amelia Hamilton, of Oak Flats, on 18th inst., was heard with regret by many. Miss Hamilton's early days were spent in this locality, where she was well known and universally liked. Ira Smith has sold his blacksmithing business here to Charles Davy, Harrowsmith. Many regret his departure. Mr. Smith has been a resident for nearly thirty years. Some days ago a bear visited the residence of Edward Whitty, Pleasant Valley, carrying away six months' old pig. A portion of the carcass was found several days later in a swamp near Mr. Whitty's residence and the bear tracked for some distance. Several of our local hunters are reported to be looking for bruin, but so far have failed to capture him. Large quantities of fish are being caught in the lake near here. It is reported that some of our residents who claim to have license for fishing in above waters and catch large quantities assert the catch leaving the smaller fish on the ground where they perish. Several of our young men have started for the shanties in rear of the county. A wedding, in which several of our young people will figure most prominently, is reported to be coming off in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. A. Tryon, Kingston, at J. Lakens', have returned; A. Smith at Thomas Bradford's; Mrs. Lillie at Westbros has also returned; M. Hutchins, Moscow, at S. Clark's.

Cushendall Chronicles.
CUSHENDALL, Nov. 26.—"Changeable as the weather" is a proverb true but true. For the past few days we have heard the music of sleigh bells, and have been preparing in earnest for winter, but the recent heavy rain has done away with all that, and there is every probability of open weather, and plenty more fall plough-

ing before Christmas. The annual cheese meeting, with its customary social accompaniments and usual flow of eloquence, was to have taken place last night, but it was postponed on account of unfavorable weather. Much produce went to Kingston market from this locality last week, but the vendors found prices very low on account of the over-supply in nearly every line. The receipts from the recent school concert were \$21.10. Expenses amounted to about \$12. The balance, between nine and ten dollars, will be utilized in purchasing prizes for the school children, to be distributed at the close of the term. Several persons from this vicinity express their intention of attending Joyceville concert. The school was closed on Thanksgiving day; the day passed off much the same as usual. W. J. Franklin recently sold a horse to W. Reid, butcher. Agents are continually passing through here on the lookout for cattle, but they offer such starvation prices that few owners feel inclined to sell. Rev. A. B. Johnston is away from home visiting. Miss Ethel Ward is spending a few weeks with friends in Cobourg. Mrs. Simpson and children are at Charles Martin's. Miss Dawn and Edwina Scammell spent a few days at home, returning to town yesterday. Robert Hunter's face wears a smile; it's a girl.

BATTERSEA BRIEFS.

Death of a Former Resident in Lowell, Mass.—General Items.
BATTERSEA, Nov. 20.—Everybody has been thankful for the fine warm weather we have been having; not even our wood and coal dealers grumbled. On Thursday night a meeting will be held in the Methodist church to make arrangements for the annual Christmas and New Year's entertainments. Rev. Mr. Plets does not intend to be outdone by his predecessors but will put forth every effort to make the coming events successful. The revival services started in the Advent Hornerite church last week have been discontinued because of there being too many vacant chairs. The people don't seem to take to those chairs as well as they used to.

Last Monday Mrs. W. J. Anglin received a telegram from Lowell, Mass., announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. G. Arthur, of that place. The deceased formerly resided here and was much esteemed for her good qualities as a citizen and a Christian. Her many friends here regret to hear of her sudden demise. J. Abbott, sr., confined in the general hospital for some time with a serious illness, recovered sufficiently to permit of his returning home last Saturday.—B. Knapp, ill with typhoid fever, is now convalescing. Edward Burnside, buyer for Reid, of Kingston, passed through here on Monday, buying "skim milk calves," offering one dollar a head. He was also offering from four to five dollars for dry cows to grind up into sausage meat. He did not quote prices on cats and dogs, but we suppose they would be proportionately fine.

Our deer hunters returned with but two deerly earned deer. These were captured by the Millers, the Lakes "were not in," except in their dreams. Mrs. Craig and family left a short time ago for Scotland, where she will join her husband, who returned there a few years ago. Frank Holder, after an absence of ten years, returned to his home here yesterday. Frank has seen considerable of Uncle Sam's territory, for the past two years having been living in Montana. An unusual amount of fall moving has taken place this year in and around our village. H. Knapp and family have moved to Elgin; W. Wiley has moved to Bath; R. Jamieson and W. Hartley have moved to the village; R. McIlroy and J. Jarrels have moved up on the Sleeth farm at Round Lake.

O. Sears left on Monday to engage as clerk in F. Sears' new store on Gordon street, Kingston.

Sharpton Sayings.
SHARPTON, Nov. 25.—Farmers have finished threshing, and the grain crops yielded excellent returns. The fine weather of the long autumn has afforded good opportunities for ploughing, and as much land has not been ploughed for years as this fall. Fall grain has not been above an average crop. This year's grass and clover has been a failure, and most of it will be ploughed up. The cheese factories have closed, and the patrons have not realized as much from this source as they have in former years. Milch cows can be bought for \$10 each. The scarcity of feed, in some measure, accounts for this. Hay commands a good price. The pressers offer \$10.50 a ton for hay in the barn. Farmers are holding their grain for a rise in prices. Potatoes have turned out a splendid crop, but still it does not pay to handle them at 30c. to 35c. a bag. Mrs. E. Taylor has returned after spending a week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wood, of Camden East. It is said that Davis and Rankin may be contestants for the reeveship. W. Scott is employed with D. Hamilton, Catarqui. Francis Shannon, who has leased the Shannon homestead, had fifteen teams at his ploughing match on Wednesday last.—Visitors: P. Karin, city; J. Manion, Yarker; J. Keon, Missouri; the Misses and Mr. McKeown, Erinville. W. Walker is home after his season's work with G. Ferguson. The tax collector has begun work. The township and county rates are exactly the same as they were last year. Arthur Patterson has finished his season's work with A. Glassford, Glenvale.

Odessa Occurrences.
ODESSA, Nov. 25.—Thanksgiving evening was appropriately celebrated by a charity concert in the town hall, under the auspices of several benevolent ladies, for the benefit of some poor families in the place who are not provided with proper clothing and bedding to withstand the approaching cold weather. An admission of ten cents was charged and receipts netted \$19.50. A pleasing programme was rendered, considering the short notice, little Genevieve Aylesworth's elocution being especially appreciated. Mr. Stewart, of Catarqui, rendered some acceptable selections on the violin. Mrs. Rogers, an aged lady, died at the home of her son-in-law, John Cairns on Wednesday (20th). The remains were taken to Centerville for interment.

Harry Asselstine's little daughter Edith, is seriously ill with typhoid fever. The Salvation army has brought the Bath barracks to Odessa and is erecting the building on Centre street, nearly opposite the town hall. It will be quite an addition to that part of the village.

A. Scobell, of Kingston, has moved into the hotel property of John Storms. A couple of travelling colored artists entertained a fair sized audience in jubilee hall on Saturday evening. Visitors:—Miss Maud Burley, at Mrs. Bredon's; George Woodruff, at William Woodruff's.

William McNeil and Miss Blanche Cross were married by justice of the peace Bronson Babcock, at Oswego, Friday. The bridegroom resides at Windsor Beach, N. Y., where he is a school teacher, and the bride lives at Felt's Mills.



CASTORIA
for Infants and Children.
MOTHERS, Do You Know that Paregoric, Bateman's Pepp, Godfrey's Cordial, many so-called Soothing Syrups, and most remedies for children are composed of opium or morphine?
Do You Know that opium and morphine are stupefying narcotic poisons?
Do You Know that in most countries druggists are not permitted to sell narcotics without labeling them poisons?
Do You Know that you should not permit any medicine to be given your child unless you or your physician know of what it is composed?
Do You Know that Castoria is a purely vegetable preparation, and that a list of its ingredients is published with every bottle?
Do You Know that Castoria is the prescription of the famous Dr. Samuel Pitcher. That it has been in use for nearly thirty years, and that more Castoria is now sold than of all other remedies for children combined?
Do You Know that the Patent Office Department of the United States, and of other countries, have issued exclusive right to Dr. Pitcher and his assigns to use the word "Castoria" and its formula, and that to imitate them is a state prison offense?
Do You Know that one of the reasons for granting this government protection was because Castoria had been proven to be absolutely harmless?
Do You Know that 35 average doses of Castoria are furnished for 35 cents, or one cent a dose?
Do You Know that when possessed of this perfect preparation, your children may be kept well, and that you may have unbroken rest?
Well, these things are worth knowing. They are facts.
The fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Pitcher* is on every wrapper.
Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

WELLINGTON WAVES.

What There is to Say From a Prince Edward County Point.

WELLINGTON, Nov. 25.—James Redmond, of the fourth concession, was taken with a pain in his left knee last week. It continued to work up to his body, and in twenty-four hours reached his heart, which caused death. Boyd Bros. have surveyed the front of their farm into lots and streets. Soon that part of our village will no doubt be built up with some fine residences. J. F. Brown is enlarging his dwelling, which will add greatly to its appearance. The cheap John man has removed his stock to Milford. The Kingston WEEKLY WHIG and Picton Times are looked upon as two of the best weekly papers in Ontario. Pity that more of our citizens did not take a DAILY WHIG. Those who do take it speak very highly of it. A great many of our farmers are erecting windmills upon their premises.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fox, of Demorestville, were the guests of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Garratt. A. A. Mordon has erected a new dwelling on his farm this fall. Silas Searls purposes taking his father's farm to work next season. Carey Scott has moved in the dwelling next to the Campbell storehouse. Miles Pellet is negotiating for the sale of his property in Wellington.

The Boyd Bros. have the contract to erect two buildings for the Wilder Bros. They propose also to erect two more adjoining them. Prince Edward has been highly favored this fall; delightfully warm, although the season has been dry, the rain came in time to enable the farmers to finish up in good shape their fall ploughing. The frost has kept off up to Nov. 20th, although Manitoba has had severe cold snaps, the thermometer showing from 8° to 14° below zero, and Chicago nearly the same, with between four and five inches of snow, and on the evening of Oct. 19th snow fell in Oswego to the depth of fourteen inches, and in Ohio and along the Pacific coast a snowstorm is raging up to Nov. 20th.

Jonathan Hutchinson is convalescent; inflammation of bowels. Harry McDonald also recovering from an attack of cholera morbus, Dr. Broad being in attendance. Cornelius Clapp's residence came near being burned on Thursday last, from stove being too close to partition.

Milburn Matters.
MILBURN, Nov. 20.—Farmers have finished taking in their root crop and their cellars, notwithstanding the early frost, are as well filled as in former years. Frank Dixon had a large crop of turnips, one of which weighed eighteen and one-half pounds, the largest ever known. George Sands is busy getting out stone for his new brick residence which will be erected in the spring. James Dixon has completed his new drive house. G. Richards has improved the look of our school by putting a new foundation under it. Hartley brothers are dehorning cattle. William Sands has returned home after spending a few days with his daughters in Kingston. William Hanley has purchased a portion of W. B. Spike's property. Pig killing seems to be the order of the day. Visitors: James Robb and daughter and Mrs. H. Jackson, at H. Scott's; Robert Ritchie and Charles Clark, at Mrs. G. Hanley's; Frederick Koeler, at G. Waldron's, Sanbury; William Hanley, at Joseph Lucy's; George Thompson, Woodburn, at John Hanley's; Miss Fannie Patterson, at Mrs. C. Hanley's; Oscar Holmes, at Inverary.

Northern New York Notes.
Watertown was beaten at football at Canton, 20 to 0.
Antwerp, N.Y., borrowed its money for its water works at three and three quarter per cent.
The Cape Vincent brewery is practically closed, but the lawsuits about it will go on forever.
First water and then milk was in trouble at Watertown. If typhoid germs are discovered in beer the town will go stark mad.
Wilson, the Brownville, N.Y., preacher, hunted down a few months ago, has become reconciled with his wife, and she wants all proceedings against him stopped.
Hose company four, Watertown, N.Y., had a dance for the benefit of Mrs. Price, the widow of the suicide. This isn't exactly dancing at a wake. It is only enjoying a dance because a man took himself suddenly out of the way.

THE COST OF NATIONHOOD.

A Kingstonian is Writing Articles on Canada in the Empire.

Montreal Star.
Principal Grant, in the first of a series of articles in the Week, discussing the relations of Canada to the empire, points out that it costs a nation something to reach and fulfil its manhood. Canada has now come to a point where this cost must be borne; and, as Principal Grant tersely puts it, "the only questions to be considered are: 1. Will it cost us less to incur the responsibility alone or in alliance with the wealthiest empire in the world? 2. Will it be more natural to share the cost with our mother country or with a foreign nation?" This appears to be the situation in a nutshell. At present Britain supplies us with a diplomatic service backed by the most potent prestige on earth. To declare a sentimental independence would be to throw this unspeakable advantage away and replace it with an infinitely inferior national armament, for which we must pay through the nose. Such conduct would be but freely paralleled by the man who should give up a practically free passage in an Atlantic "greyhound" and then build an open boat with his own hands in which to cross the ocean.

Some idea of what it would cost us to assume all the responsibilities of nationhood may be had from a comparison of our condition with that of the United States, made by Dr. Grant. He says:
"What is the United States now paying for the necessary expenses of nationhood? Its annual military and navy expenses are \$80,000,000, and it also pays out \$140,000,000 to some 900,000 pensioners, though more than thirty years have gone since Lee surrendered his army and Jefferson Davis tried to escape in petticoats. No one seems to think the amount excessive either. If we were part of the United States what would our share of this expenditure come to? To \$17,000,000 annually, as we are one-thirteenth of their population. As it is, a Canadian pays about one-seventeenth of what his neighbor considers necessary for national unity and national honor."

Yet the United States has no armed and powerful neighbors to keep at a respectful distance and is not at all in such a position as we would occupy if we now cut loose from Britain. "The disproportion is actually greater than seventeen to one," says Dr. Grant, "because every state in the union has, in addition, a militia force, in some cases admirably equipped, whereas in Canada the whole military outfit is borne by the federal government." There can be no two opinions about it—British connection, as it stands, pays us handsomely. Dr. Grant is of the opinion that the present condition of things cannot last, and he proposes in his series of articles to tell us what he thinks should be done. The result of the thought of so ripe a man on this topic will be valuable; but there seems to be no sufficient reason for expecting any considerable change in the near future. The very best way that the colonies can help build up the empire is to develop themselves. When we constructed the C. P.R. we performed a work of imperial defence which is an admirable parallel to the great Russian military railroad across Siberia. Indeed, so fully does the British government realize this that, instead of asking that Canadian money be used to build ships for the navy, it proposes to employ British money to strengthen Canada commercially.

Emerald Episodes.
EMERALD, Nov. 25.—Our mail carrier, J. Baker, met with what might have proved a fatal accident, on Wednesday last. Shortly after leaving Bath a squall struck his boat, upsetting it and precipitating Mr. Baker into the water. Fortunately he escaped with little worse than a cold bath. Through several sources we have learned that J. Roberts has purchased the Royal hotel at Stella from J. McDougal, the present proprietor. He intends changing the name into the rather quaint one of "The First and Last." Charles Fowler has left for Kingston, where he intends completing the course he commenced last winter at the business college. Miss Rose Gibson, of Kingston, spent several days of last week visiting at the home of her father, John Gibson. As the Hero will soon lay up many from the island went to Kingston on Saturday last. The attendance at our school has considerably increased this month, many of the larger boys having commenced attending for the winter.