Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

X'MAS BOOTS:—See Nicol's advt.

ST. LUKE'S:—Next Sabbath morning the pastor will conduct a children's service at the usual hour.

X'MAS PRESENTS:—Wm. Wyse offers a great variety of holiday goods at the Emporium. See advt.

BARK EMELI, Capt. Johansen, which sailed from Newcastle, Aug. 20, for the Mersey (before reported overdue), has been posted at Lloyd's as missing.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR of Hotel Dieu, of which particulars are advertised in another column, promises to be very attractive. Remember the days:—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next.

SLEIGHS:—Mr. Robinson gives everybody a chance to obtain sleighs to suit their taste. He has the Gladstone and other new designs and his work is very reliable, besides presenting a handsome appearance. See advt.

SEASONED HARDWOOD:—Householders who require a good article of seasoned hardwood for stoves, furnaces, etc., will be interested in the advt., of Mr. W. R. McCloskey of Bolestown who offers it at $2 per cord in carloads.

TIMES PRINTING COMPANY.—Messrs H. A. Powell, Edward C. Cote, F. W. Sumner, L. H. Higgens and D. I. Welsh have been incorporated under the name of "The Times Printing Company" for the purpose of carrying on general printing and publishing business. The capital is placed at $15,000 divided into 600 shares.

SHE FOUND HIM OUT AT LAST:—Mary M. Seeley and Jason Hodges, of Provincetown, Cape Cod, were engaged to be married for forty-three years. The engagement was broken last Thursday because Jason pulled a corkscrew out of his pocket along with his handkerchief. Miss Seeley says she is glad the discovery was made, because she had her suspicions for thirty-five years.

THE CYPRESS CLUB'S second anniversary celebration took place on Wednesday evening of last week and consisted of a musicale and supper. Mr. Fred Benson, president, made an excellent chairman, and the proceedings were of a most pleasant and enjoyable character. Honorary members and other honored guests made speeches, and there were some fine songs and instrumental music.

C. E. RY:—A slight accident occurred on the Canada Eastern train from Fredericton last Thursday morning. At Goodspeed's Crossing the driving rod of the engine became disconnected, and while whirling around it burst a hole in the boiler. An engine was sent from Fredericton and pushed the train to Cross Creek, where it was sidetracked to await the arrival of an engine from Chatham.

FAST TIME.—In speaking of fast time on the I. C. R., the attention of a Times representative has been called by a railway man to the quick run made between Moncton and Campbellton on Sunday last by the special bearing the steamer shaft for Quebec. The train was in charge of conductor C. Atkinson and driver Geo. Anderson, and the distance, 186 miles, was covered in 5 hours and 23 minutes.—[Times.

THE KEEWAYDIN IN TROUBLE.—Schooner Rebecca J. Douglas arrived at New Bedford on Tuesday morning of last week, with the schooner Keewaydin in tow. The Keewaydin was run into at 1 o'clock, Tuesday morning, off Block Island, by the Douglas and had her port bow stove in and lost foretopmast and flying jibboom, also foresail and had her jibs torn. She was bound from Chatham, N. B., to New York with laths. The Keewaydin will be repaired at New Bedford.

A BUCTOUCHE MAN told a Sun reporter yesterday that smelt were being caught in immense numbers in nearly all the Kent county rivers. He said very often there would be from half a ton to a ton of fish in a net. Every fisherman was busy and the men in the packing houses have their hands full to take care of the fish as fast as they are caught. The fish are sold for two and two and a quarter cents a pound. A. & R Loggie, W. J. Emerson and W. S. Loggie & Co. are the largest buyers. Some of the fishermen are making from $30 to $50 per day. [Sun 7th.

THE LITTLE CASE.—The case of Rev. Mr. Little, rector of Sussex, who is charged with falsehood and misappropriation of church funds was opened at Fredericton yesterday in the church hall. The following are witness in the case: John Bartlett, Edwin Hallett, F. W. Arnold, Jas. Ashton, Joseph Hornbrook, Rev. J. Roy Campbell, Major W. Montgomery Campbell and G. E. Fairweather. The court, which is called a court of triers consists of Revs. John Parkinson, W. J. Wilkinson and Thos. Neales and Messrs. C. N. Vroom and E. J. Wetmore, with T. C. Allen as Assessor. Mr. C. N. Skinner, Q. C. has been engaged by those making the charge against Mr. Little, to look after their interests.

PERSONAL.—Fishery Overseer Abbott has sufficiently recovered from his late attack of typhoid fever to enable him to be about out of doors and hopes, in a few days, to be entirely well again.

P. E. Neale, Esq. of Chatham, who has been paying a short visit to England, returned home, arriving here on Monday morning.

Dominion Steamboat Inspector Waring was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. C. F. McLaggan paid a welcome visit to Chatham this week.

We are glad to see Mr. R. B. Bennett out again, after his recent illness.

OBITUARY:—Mr. James Henderson, of Douglastown, died of pneumonia on Saturday last. He was one of the oldest and most respected men of the County, a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church and a leader in temperance matters. His integrity and consistency of life won for him the respect of all who knew him. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, the interment being in St. James' Church burial ground. The attendance was large. The members of Caledonia Division, Sons of Temperance preceded the hearse in carriages and were joined some distance below Newcastle by a number of members of Newcastle Division S. of T. on foot, who walked ahead of the procession.

A QUIET WEDDING.—Mr. John Haviland, a well-known resident of Chatham came into town this morning by the I. C. R from the North, and he goes out at five o'clock with a bride. At three o'clock this afternoon he was married to Miss Rebecca Irvine, daughter of the late Robert Irvine, of Milford, at Queen Square Methodist Church, by Rev. Mr. Marshall, in the presence of relatives and immediate friends of the bride. Mrs. Haviland is much esteemed in the circle in which she is known, and her friends testified their good feeling by giving her some very pretty presents. [Globe of Tuesday.

Mr. Haviland and bride came home to Chatham on Tuesday evening's train and were welcomed by a family party at his residence and a feu de joie was fired in celebration by other friends. The ADVANCE joins in the general felicitations of which the happy pair are the recipients.

MOCK PARLIAMENT:—In response to the invitation of the Educational committee of the Y. M. C. A. a fairly well attended meeting was held in the association parlor on Tuesday evening to consider the question of organizing a mock parliament. Mr. W. B. Snowball was called to the chair, and in stating the object for which the meeting was called said that it had been thought that a great deal of information might be derived and much entertainment had by filling in some of our long, and often dull and lonesome, winter evenings, by having a mock parliament, free to the public. It was for the meeting to decide if the scheme was feasible and desirable. Following a favorable expression of opinion from several gentlemen, Mr. J. Nicol moved that the formation of a mock parliament be proceeded with. This was unanimously carried. Mr. Geo. Watt and Mr. S. U. McCulley were appointed party whips, to secure the enrollment and attendance of members of the parliament.

Messrs. J. L. Stewart, J. J. Pierce and W. B. Snowball were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and, submit it at the next meeting.

The meeting was a successful one, and with the increased interest and attendance of many others who will be glad to go into the parliament, its success seems assured.

The meeting adjourned until next Tuesday evening at 8.30 o'clock.

The meetings are perfectly open and free to all men.

The mock parliament will, we hope be educative in the true sense. If it will address itself in a practical way to the politics of the country—being a mock Dominion parliament at one session and a mock New Brunswick parliament at another—taking up such subjects within the range of each as the members may be able to bring before the respective bodies, it will serve an excellent purpose, and make the meetings interesting to many to whom the scope and functions of a mere debating society might not be att active.

Fishery Matter.

The Telegraph says:—

Fishery Inspector Chapman, of Westmorland Co., went north, Friday morning, in view of preparing his final report for the last fishing season. He says there will be upwards of $5,000,000 worth of fish caught during the season within his jurisdiction, viz., the five northern counties. Out of this there will be about $300,000 brought into the province for smelt alone.

The Telegraph intended, no doubt, to place the value of the catch in Inspector Chapman's district at $500,000 instead of $5,000,000.

C. M. B. A.

Branch No. 130 C. M. B. A. Bathurst elected the following officers for 1895 at its regular meeting held in their Hall on Tuesday 4th Dec. inst.

President, John E. Baldwin.
1st Vice Pres., Jno. J. Harrington.
2nd Vice Pres., Henry White.
Recording Secy. Wm. J. Laplante.
Ass't Recording Secy. David Leahy.
Financial Secy. Joseph J. Meahan.
Treasurer, James J. Power.
Marshall, Edward Hall.
Guard, Thomas Kennah.
Trustees, A. A. Melvin, James C. Howell, P. J. Baras, Henry White and Richard Sutton.

Rainbow Sale and Tea.

The Rainbow Tea and Sale held by the ladies of St Mary's congregation in Masonic hall on Tuesday evening was a great success. The place was handsomely decorated with evergreen, rainbow effects and flags and the well attended sales and refreshment tables looked very tempting to the eye and appetite. A portion of the hall was partitioned off as a tea room and here the scene was a rich and brilliant one. There was beauty everywhere. The tables presented a very tasteful appearance, with their different colored settings and furnishings and fine dishes, cutlery, etc., while the ladies who acted as waiters were simply perfect in appearance and the attention they gave to their guests. The tea furnished was worth twice the price charged for it. We hope the ladies realised a good round sum by their well-conducted enterprise and judging by large number of patrons it may be assumed that they did so.

Chatham Parish S. School Association.

The annual meeting of this association will be held in St. Andrew's S. S. Hall, this, Tuesday, evening, at half past seven. Embraced in the various subjects of importance to be submitted to this meeting for its consideration, will be the extending of an invitation to the Provincial S. S. Association to hold its convention next year in Chatham. The officers of the association ask that all S. S. workers will make a special effort to be present. The public are cordially invited. As there are some expenses in connection with the work of the association for the current year, we trust that the friends will give a liberal silver collection.

PROGRAMME.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. Jos. McCoy.
Statistical report of Sabbath Schools.
Appointing credentials and nominating committee.
Report of committee on house to house visitation.
The claim of the Evangel.
Conference on county and parish association work, led by Rev. Neil McKay.
Election of officers for ensuing year.
Reading, by Miss Wright.

The "Neophyte" Case.

The case of Lovitt vs. Snowball was concluded yesterday morning. The judge charged the jury and submitted a number of questions, among others whether the ship Neophyte arrived June 24 and was ready to receive cargo on that day and had a proper berth. The jury answered the first part in the affirmative, but said she was not in her loading berth. In answer to the question they said she was ready July 2nd, 1892. To the question as to whether Mr. McLauchlin refused the bill of lading the answer was in the affirmative. A verdict was entered for the plaintiff for $354, the full amount, but an order was posted to bring the question before the full bench. C. A. Palmer for plaintiff and Weldon & McLean for defendant.—[Telegraph, 7th.

A. O. U. W.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen has been in operation here for over a year. Chatham Lodge No. 12 has a membership of thirty-three. Mr. A. Woods, Grand Organizer, is in town and has been hustling in new members. In the last week the lodge held three meetings and conferred the degrees on six new candidates. In fact, Chatham Lodge No. 12 can boast of holding an afternoon meeting and putting through three candidates, a thing that perhaps no other lodge in the maritime provinces has done, and perhaps the whole Grand Lodge.

The Workman is a society that has been before the public for nearly thirty years, and has grown to be one of the strongest fraternal benevolent associations in the world. At the present time there is a membership of about 350,000 and $37,000,000 has been disbursed among the widows and orphans of deceased members.

All male persons between 21 and 45 years of age can join, each member has $2,000 protection at the small cost of about $15 per annum in the Grand Lodge. The cost is so small that few may remain unprotected, and no one can imagine the blessing that $2000 is to a family when the bread-winner is taken away.

The A. O. U. W. has the reputation of being among the most economical and best managed fraternities in existence, and can, therefore, be confidently recommended.

If the hair has been made to grow a natural color on bald heads in thousands of cases, by using Hall's Hair Renewer, why will it not in your case?

Large Shipments of Smelts.

The smelt fishermen are having unequalled success this year. The catch at the present time is something enormous and the employment which is afforded to others in the manufacture of boxes, packing and hauling and otherwise in the shipement of the fish not only creates a hum in business but causes a large circulation of money among those who would doubtless experience much difficulty in being able to earn a dollar by any other means. Since the season opened—on Saturday last—the shippers have been rushing consignments to the United States markets. Already this week it is said that 13 carloads have been forwarded by rail from P. E. Island, Shediac, Chatham and other points north. [Telegraph 6th.

Blackville Notes.

"Carpenter," writing from Blackville to the Advocate says:—"Mr. James Carter, of Chatham, has been up to Blackville and has repaired the Hutson Underhill bridge. He took off the old covering and a portion of blocks and made all new again. It took two hundred and sixty-eight pieces of new cedar logs, new curb pieces and new rail. The bridge is over three hundred feet long. Mr. Carter has made a very fine job of it, although he had a hard time getting cedar for it.

"There is a young gentleman from Italy here and he is going to take one of the fair ones away with him.

"The new mill is all shingled. It took one hundred and twenty-five thousand shingles to shingle it all over, including the engine house. The new mill has twenty-four windows in the west side with sashes and glass, seven in the south end and seven in the north end.

"Mr. Gibson has been having a track graded from the railway line into the new mill."

Judge Kerr's Good Luck.

The following appeared in a Minneapolis, Minn., newspaper a day or two after the recent elections in the United States: "It very seldom happens that Cupid takes a hand in politics for the benefit of his captives but such was the case in the campaign just closed. Besides playing for the stakes of honor, affluence and position, one of the municipal canditates on the Republican ticket played a game for a far richer prize, the lady of his choice and won.

"W. A. Kerr, candidate for special judge on the Republican ticket, was the fortunate man, and there is probably no happier citizen of Minneapolis to-day than he. The story of his romantic wooing and success is a pretty one and partly explains the unceasing vigor and nervous energy which he displayed in securing the nomination and later in conducting his campaign.

"Many months ago, he met the young lady of his choice, an estimable young woman of good family, residing in this city. The tender sentiment arising from friendship, soon had both in its thrall, and mutual pledges of love were exchanged, with the understanding that the next special municipal judge should do something out of the ordinary to show his affection. His election to the bench was the greatest victory to be attained, and it was the one decided upon.

"A woman's heart dictated the steps that should be taken to win the victory, and a woman's interest directed the steps of many recalcitrant voters to the polls to ballot for a fond lover.

"The wedding bells, it is said, will ring out before the first of the new year, and when Judge Kerr ascends the bench to administer his first dose of justice, he will not be in the state of single blessedness that he is today."

Mr. Kerr is a New Brunswick boy whose home was formerly in Chatham. He attended the university at Fredericton, graduating with the class of '87. After finishing his course he entered the law office of Weldon & McLean, in St. John, and remained a year, when he went to Minneapolis. He has since completed his legal education—or that part necessary for admission to the bar—has been practising for some time, and, as will be seen, has made a successful debut in politics. Ordinarily, a nomination on the Republican ticket in Minneapolis means an election, and it was in securing that, that Mr. Kerr, or "Billy," as he is still popularly known, made his fight. There were 10 candidates for the nomination which the New Brunswicker managed to take down. The position to which he has been elected, corresponds to the office of police magistrate in St. John, with the exception, or rather addition, that there is a civil branch to the court, which tries cases involving any amount up to $300. The judges are required to handle the business, and they alternate month about with the civil and criminal cases. Mr. Kerr's term of office is six years. As to cupid's part of it there may be some question, but there is no doubt but that Mr. Kerr has secured a creditable and remunerative place.—[Telegraph.

Smelt-Fishing Extroordinary.

Richibucto Review: Saturday, 1st Dec., was the time appointed for the opening of the smelt fishing season, but owing to the favorable weather, the fishermen were permitted to set their nets a couple of days sooner. Although the spring tides were almost done before any nets were set, some of the catches were the largest ever made in the history of the industry. Owing to want of ice, however, not more than about half the nets could be got out—and these far up the river, where, by the way, the bulk of the fish seem to gather in the first part of the season, but all these were uniformly lucky in their catches. From one half ton to a ton per net was quite common, and in some cases two or three tons were taken in one tide. Not on the Richibucto alone was the catch unprecedented, but on the Buctouche, Cocagne, Kouchibouguac, Kouchibouguacis and all their tributaries large hauls were made. Mr. Dennis Daigle, of St. Charles, caught two and a half tons with one net in one tide; Mr. P. Blanchard, of St. Louis, got two tons; Mr. Robert Lawson, of Main River is said to have caught five tons in three days; and Mr. Lazar Guimond, of St. Louis, who operates a number of nets, had eight tons in the market on Saturday. He says that he never saw such quantities of fish taken. The most conservative estimates place the catch in the different rivers in this county up to Saturday night at one hundred and twenty-five tons, and they still continue to be caught, though in smaller quantites. This is owing to the tides neaping off. The next springs will, in all probability, bring the fish in even greater quantities. The roads and streets are almost blocked with teams and the buyers can scarcely weigh the fish as fast as they are brought in. All the men and boys that can be procured are busily engaged packing and preparing the fish for market, and every packing establishment is a veritable hive of busy employes. The price paid ranges from two cents to two and a quarter per lb., according to quality and condition of fish. It is estimated that fifty tons were bought in town on Saturday, and three thousand dollars were drawn out of the bank at Kingston the same day. This amount has no doubt been distributed among the fishermen. Messrs. A. & R Loggie, W. J. Emerson, G. W. Robertson and W. S. Loggie & Co., are the principal buyers. These firms all have agents in Kingston, Buctouche, Kouchibouguac, St. Louis and other places, and scouters with teams are on the go from morning till night. A healthy oppositionis thus kept up. Every pound of fish is paid for as soon as weighed, and fishermen get the best of satisfaction.

Altogether the smelt fishing is a bonanza to the people of Kent county as well as to those of the North Shore counties of New Brunswick.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The statement which recently appeared in most of the newspapers that an instructor had been killed in the gymnasium of the Boston Young Men's Christian Association while attempting a somersault from the shoulders of a companion was untrue in so far as the Y. M. C. A. is concerned. The awful accident occurred in a gymnasium not under Y. M. C. A. control, and should be a warning against dangerous trick work in all gymnasiums. In referring to this accident Mr. R. J. Roberts, physical director in the Boston Y. M. C. A. says "Twelve years ago I took the stand that *I would not* teach dangerous gymnastics. Such things either kill a man outright or shorten his life. In taking up this work I asked myself 'what kind of gymnastics would Jesus Christ have taught had He taken up that line of work.' I have tried to interpret the answer as it came to me."

Mr. Roberts was the first instructor to introduce mass class work, in which all members of the class are upon an equal footing. The success of Mr. Roberts' work is proven by the fact that it is now taught in gymnasiums all over the country. The "Roberts' Dumb Bell Drill" and "Apparatus Work" is taught in the Chatham Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The class meets on Thursday evenings. More of the young men should avail themselves of the gymnasium privelegea.

The regular members' meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held on Monday evening last. Reports from every department show progress. The religious work committee's report states that an average of 36 persons attended the 4 Sunday afternoon meetings last month. The committee has under consideration the holding of a song service for men on Sunday nights. New hymn books being needed the committee were authorized to procure them, and a collection will be taken at the Sunday meetings to pay for them. The Wednesday evening Bible class has an attendance of 17.

Physical committee reported that a mattress for gym. use had been purchased, and paid for. An Indian club class is held on Saturday nights, and a gymnasium class for beginners on Thursday evenings. Flying rings are to be put in the gymnasium. Great interest is taken in basket ball. A lady will start a gymnasium class for girls if they will be allowed the use of the gymnasium for an hour two days a week. This matter, after discussion, was laid over for further consideration.

Membership committee reported the present paid up membership as 74, an increase of 4 during November, with 21 elected who have not yet taken out tickets. A circular headed "Y. M. C. A. Cathchism" has been sent to 368 different young men. The committee said that it is too soon to estimate the value of this effort, but we believe that it will be found to bear fruit in directing the attention of so many men to the association and its work, and in bringing in many members.

Mr. S. McLean submitted an enthusiastic and encouraging report from the junior department. 30 boys attended a meeting on Thanksgiving day. The Saturday morning boy's meetings have an attendance of 16. 2 gymnasium classes each week with 18 boys attending. The boys are preparing a gymnasium exhibition to be given early in the new year. 17 paid up members in junior department at present with several others partly paid. New members constantly coming in. The boys are not allowed at the rooms after 8·30 p. m. nor on Saturday evenings.

The general secretary's report covered the work done by him during the past month. In addition to the home work he has carried on a vigorous correspondence with Campbellton relative to starting a Y. M. C. A. there. Mr. Payson had been requested to go to Campbellton for a few days. Would the association allow him to do so? Efforts to stir up Newcastle along Y.M.C.A. lines has no definite results as yet. The report urged the co-operation and assistance of every member. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 to meet again next Monday night to consider the finance and educational work, and other matters.

The girls who had such a successful bazaar last summer are preparing for another of a somewhat similar character, to be held on Christmas eve.

If your lung trouble is of scrofulous origin, Ayer's Sarsaparilla will cure you.

A COLONY'S COLLAPSE.

Newfoundland Bankrupt! Political and Commercial Ruin of the Province!!

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., December 10.—This has been Newfoundland's "Black Monday." A financial panic took place to-day and the people have gone temporarily crazy. The disaster is due to a number of causes and its shadow has been hanging over the city for some time. For two years after the fire, the rebuilding of the city caused a great boom. An immense amount of money from insurance companies, for relief purposes and mortgages on new buildings came to the city. There was an abundance of work, and, notwithstanding the great losses by the fire, unprecedented prosperity. But when building operations ceased, work ceased, the bottom dropped out of the boom; with the bitter winter weather came hard times and

TO-DAY 6,000 IDLE MEN ARE WALKING THE STREETS

of the city without work, without money and the great majority without sufficient food or hope of getting it for the winter. Added to this condition of affairs, was the partial failure of the seal fishery last spring, the almost total failure of the Labrador fishery this fall, the fact that in many parts of the island the shore fishery is below the average; the enormous debt of the colony piled up within the last dozen years, the gigantic railway undertakings to which this handful of 200,000 people have committed themselves, still further adding to their annual burdens and the recent political agitation and unrest. But

THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF THE PANIC

was the failure of Prowse, Hall & Morris, of England. This firm has been doing a very large business with Newfoundland, not only in actual products, but in accepting drafts. The latter are believed to have often been in excess of prudence and legitimate business. Ten days ago Mr. Hall, the senior member of the firm of Prowse, Hall & Morris, died. The anxiety created by this announcement was temporarily allayed by a cable which stated that the firm would continue business as usual. But the fears of the London and Westminister bank, through which the drafts were passed, were aroused as to the safety of that firm and of its business connections in this city, and on Saturday the bank refused to accept further drafts from the Commercial bank of Newfoundland.

THIS PRECIPITATED THE CRISIS.

This morning the doors of the Commercial bank were not opened and a notice was posted that payments had been temporarily suspended. This was followed immediately by the announcement of the suspension of the house of Duder, one of the largest merchants in the city, and probably the largest customer of the Commercial bank. Then the great mercantile houses of Goodridge & Sons, (of which the premier is a member) Goodfellow, Steer, Job Brothers and others went under, and chaos and pandemonium prevailed. Immediately there was a run on the Union bank, the only other commercial bank in the colony. For two hours the demands of the excited crowd which surrounded its doors were satisfied, principally in gold; but the crowd increased so rapidly that it soon became a mob, struggling and fighting to get inside the building. In view of the threatening condition, the directors of this bank decided to close its doors also. But

INSTEAD OF ALLAYING, THIS ONLY INCREASED THE EXCITEMENT

and the scenes along Water street in the neighborhood of the banks and the big mercantile establishment were indescribable. There are no militia here and the handful of colonial police were powerless to control the excited populace. At the hour of writing it is not possible to ascertain the actual condition of the affairs of the banks; but the fact that they have suspended is no evidence of collapse or of failure. These banks enjoy privileges accorded to no others in this financial world. Their charters permit them to suspend payment for sixty days at anytime and then to resume if they are able. Whatever may be the ultimate fate of the Commercial, there is no doubt but that the Union will be able to meet all demands upon it as soon as it can realize its balances due by other banks, which represent nearly two-thirds of its total deposits.

The St. Johns, Nfld., Herald says:—The situation is very grave. At the same time it is not so much so that some means cannot be found of ensuring our recovery from the apparently overwhelming disaster which faces us. At the present moment nearly $200,000 worth of fish, oil and other products of the colony's industries are in the stores of the mercantile community on Water street. If means can be found of shipping this fish and carrying on the current business, and helping to preserve the solvency of our commercial and financial institutions it ought to be done if we fully appreciate our situation and refrain from any course which will tend to needlessly aggravate it."

The holding out or the Union Bank is the key to the whole question. If it survives the rain will be only partial; if it fails this will be a bankrupt colony. The directors hope to have assistance guaranteed them from abroad to-day and the principal survivors are so far accepting its notes at face value in trade. It is regretable that party politics are being dragged into the question. Each faction is blaming the other for bringing the crisis about. A reasonable, unbiased observer, one conversant with the whole situation, estimates of twelve firms which control the export of fish, ten will suspend certainly, another is doubtful, and only one will ride out the storm. The Union Bank's temporary suspension will last about a week unless the worst comes. The executive sends two delegates, one to England and one to Canada, to day to try to arrange some compromise. If nothing else can be done the British government will probably make Newfoundland a crown colony and administer its affairs by a commission of financial experts. Next week will be one of profound apprehension, as starvation stares thousands in the face.

LATER.

Excitement over the financial trouble is intense. The Commercial Bank will not open again; the Union Bank is likely to resume payment in a few days.

The Goodridge ministry asked Whiteway to take charge of the government, but he declined in view of the present condition of affairs. The general public blame the administration for the crisis, and the feeling against them is intense.

The business houses involved are John Steer, Edwin Duler, Goodridge & Sons, Blane & Johnstone, Job Bros. & Co. No statement of liabilities or assets is yet obtainable.

Most of the newspapers comment temperately on the subject and urge calmness and unity among political parties as a means of restoring confidence in trade. Only one journal attempts to give a political complexion to affairs.

Steamer Corean, booked to leave for Glasgow to-day, was delayed until tomorrow, to meet any emergencies that may arise. It is very likely the government will send a representative to Europe to negotiate a loan.

HALIFAX, 11th Dec. The outlook in St. Johns grows, if possible darker. It is believed that only one of the dozen big mercantile concerns of the city will survive the crash. The Savings Bank, with $3,000,000 deposits, has suspended payment.

Lines in Memory of the late Mr. R. Godfrey, of Black River, who Died suddenly on Nov. 24th 1894.

A good father, the departed
By his children was beloved,
A kind husband—tender hearted
Ever "leal and true" he proved.

Aged, lame, a man of labour,
Working, toiling to the end,
Much respected as a neighbour,
And much valued as a friend.

But O! thought the most conseiling,
Hope the brightest and the best!
He was one who faith controlling,
Has in heaven his blissful rest.

He has left us all in sadness,
But we hope to meet again
In the home of heavenly gladness
Free from sorrow, sin and pain.

May the sudden call remind us
That in midst of life is death,
And may death, when coming find us
In the strength and peace of faith.

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Dec. 6th, 1895.

December 18th. 1894.

This is the date fixed for the next monthly distribution for the New Brunswick Royal Art Union.

Remember One Dollar may win you the capital prize, valued at $18,750.00.

There are also 3431 other prizes in every distribution, the aggregate value being $65,115.00.

Address: The New Brunswick Royal Art Union, St. John N. B., for tickets, etc.

Young Men's Christian Association of Chatham N. B.

Rooms in Hocken-MacKenzie block, open daily from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

General Secretary in charge.

Gymnasium privileges, cosy parlor, with organ, well furnished, light—and—bright reading-room, games and social intercourse.

Boarding house register. Correspondence facilities.

Strangers Always Made Welcome.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, "Springfield," Chatham N. B. on the 5th Dec. by Rev. Joseph McCoy M. A. Mr J. George Forrest of Boston, Engineer, and Miss Mary Minnie only daughter of Mr. Alexander Morrison.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

President Casimir-Perier is an early riser, being at work on his letters and despatches every morning at 6.30. Nevertheless he often reads till one o'clock at night.

Prince Krapotkine, the most distinguished living refugee, has resided in England since 1886. His family held high rank in Russia befor the days of the Romanoffs.

Prof. Virchow, the most versatile of the living savants, filled up his summer vacation by attending five great international congresses. Yet he is seventy-three years old.

The empress of Austria has to give a written receipt for the state jewels every time she wears them and her majesty, as a result, usually contents herself with a private collection, which is worth about one million five hundred thousand dollars.

Persons who have met Mr. Gladstone say that his pictures give his face the appearance of a ruggedness which is foreign to it. He really looks feeble, but his clear complexion and the color in his cheeks indicate that his health is good. His hair is white.

An instance of the German emperor's kindly thought is shown in his sending a costly locket, symbolically embellished, to a little girl, the daughter of the station master at Freisack, who on his recent visit to that town presented him with a poem and a bouquet of wild flowers.

The Rothschilds smoke the most costly cigars that are made—the "Henry Clay Sobranos," which cost a dollar and a quarter apiece. These are wrapped in gold leaf and packed in little inlaid cedar-wood cabinets. These millionaire princes buy three cabinets at a time, containing forty-two thousand cigars.

FLOTSAM OF ANTIQUITY.

Roman ladies had safety pins closely resembling the modern article.

The British museum has coins or medals of every Roman emperor.

The Chinese claim to have specimens of writing dated from B. C. 2200.

Many Roman bracelets had the form of serpents coiled about the arm.

Plates for table use are among the articles dug from the soil of Rome.

Breastplates inlaid with gold were found in an armorer's shop in Herculaneum.

Ancient needles were all of brass, and in size approximated our darning needles.

Several dozens of wooden and metal spoons have been found in Roman graves.

An onyx seal ring, belonging to an ancient Athenian, was lately dug up near Athens.

Needles of bone, very delicately made, have been found in the Swiss lake dwellings.

A drum of wood, with one drumstick, was not long ago found in a royal tomb near Thebes.

Blacksmith's tongs and pinchers, together with hammers, have been unearthed at Pompeii.

Many pairs of sandals have been recovered at Pompeii. The soles are fastened with nails.

Schliemann found at Troy three silver vases, each six inches high and beautifully engraved.

Over six hundred breastpins in the shape of shields have been dug up in various parts of Rome.

EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCE.

Denmark has determined to thoroughly examine the Greenland and Iceland seas during the summers of 1895 and 1896. Commander Wandell will have charge of the expedition.

Artificial whalebone is now being made from leather, which is soaked for two or three days in sulphate of potassium, then stretched, slowly dried, subjected to a high temperature and then to a heavy pressure, which makes it hard and elastic.

A short time ago a physician recommended that cologne water be inhaled through the nose and mouth for curing short colds in the head and chest. Fifty drops on a handkerchief inhaled four or five times a day is said to have a good effect.

Two guinea-pigs were born at Oxford recently, each of them with a well-marked droop of the left upper eyelid. They were the offspring of parents in whom the defect had been produced artificially to test the theory of the inheritance of acquired characteristics.

FOREIGN PERSONALS.

Grimaldi, the clown, is to be kept immortal by having a street in London named after him.

"Blind Aleck," an old beggar of Sterling, Scotland, knew all the Bible by heart. If a person named chapter and verse of any part, he could from memory give the passage.

Mlle. Pauline, of Holland, is probably the tiniest woman on the planet. She is eighteen years old, weighs less than nine pounds and lacks four inches of being as high as a two-foot rule.

A first cousin of the grandfather of the new president of France, Mme. Duchesne (Perier), came to America in 1817 and founded in this country the Order of Ladies of the Sacred Heart.

The mother of Abdul-Aziz, the new young sultan of Morocco, bids fair to have as much sway as does the empress of China. She is a woman of great talent and boundless tact, and her son is said to consult her before taking any political step.

THE WORLD DO MOVE.

Gun cotton is the basis of the new smokeless powder invented by Prof. Munroe.

Women are forbidden by ordinance from wearing divided skirts in El Paso, Tex.

Playful juvenile wags have taught the monkeys in the Jardin des Plantes, Paris, to smoke cigarettes.

According to statistics women to-day are two inches taller on an average than they were twenty or thirty years ago.

A thin parchment called "glassine" has just come into use as a protection to the covers of books. It is glossy and transparent and very durable.

A Frenchman has invented a street car or omnibus driven with gearing from a treadmill attached to the rear of the vehicle and supported on wheels. The horse therefore rides while he works.

The death rate among little children in New York city, which has been steadily increasing, has shown a decrease of more than ten per cent. since the inauguration by Nathan Straus of his sterilized milk charity.

INDUSTRIAL AND STATISTICAL.

Raising peppermint is the leading industry of Wayne county, N. Y.

The coal production of 1892 in the United States was valued at $27,566,000.

It is estimated that there are 75,000,000 dogs of all kinds in the United States.

The knife of the assassin in Italy closes the career of 30 persons out of every 10,000.

The manufactured products of Great Britain amount to about $4,000,000,000 a year.

According to a French authority, the proportion of killed to the number of travelers is in France 1 to 19,000,000; England 1 to 28,000,000, and in this country 1 to 2,400,000.

The Brooklyn bridge cars carried 128,741 more passengers during September than the same month in 1893. On account of the recent reduction in fare the receipts were $3,009 less.

In England there are 114 widows to every 54 widowers. In Italy the relative numbers (per 1,000 women and 1,000 men) are 136 and 60; in France, 130 and 73; in Germany, 130.5 and 50; in Austria, 121 and 44.

BOOK WRITERS.

Zola has been pleased to remark, in nice French, that Kipling has shown evidences of talent. This will strongly incline Kipling to return the compliment, after battering it up a bit.

Charles Dickens' Gadshill collection of forty-eight prints by Hogarth, which he left by will to the late Edmund Yates, was recently sold at Brighton for $1,150 in an auction sale of Yates' personal effects.

Mr. J. P. Wallis, editor of the state trials and reader in constitutional law to the inns of court, is now writing the constitutional history of the British colonies, from the date of the earliest settlements in America to the present time.

New Advertisements.

CHRISTMAS FAIR.

A CHRISTMAS FAIR WILL BE HELD ON

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,

the 17th, 18th and 19th Dec., instant, at and in aid of

The Hotel Dieu, Chatham,

The fair will open at 2 p. m., on

MONDAY AND TUESDAY,

AND AT 6 P. M., ON WEDNESDAY.

Tea Will Be Served

on the first two evenings. On Wednesday,

An Entertainment will be given

beginning at 8 p. m. Accommodation for this being so limited

A MATINEE FOR CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN,

at 4.30 p. m. of the same day.

DRAWING OF PRIZES WILL TAKE PLACE EACH EVENING.

ADMISSION TO FAIR	10C.
" CONCEBT	20C.
" " FOR CHILDREN	10C.
TEA TICKETS	25C.

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I HAVE ON HAND THE

Best Stock of Sleighs,

ever offered for sale in this county. I have

Several New Designs,

I GUARENTEE ALL MY WORK. I AM PREPARED TO SELL AT

PRICES AND TERMS TO SUIT

The Hard Times.

ALEX ROBINSON.

GRIST MILL!

Parties wishing to have grain of any kind ground at our mill are requested to bring or send the same thereto at once as we intend to shut down in a week or two for a short time.

We are now grinding buckwheat.

RUSSELL MCDOUGALL & CO,

BLACK BROOK.

GRAND HOLIDAY DISPLAY AT THE EMPORIUM.

I am now making a varied and extensive exhibit of artistic furniture in every style and practical utility, at low prices. My last arrivals from Ontario, include new designs from reliable manufacturers there.

THE EMPORIUM BASEMENT

30x100, has its chair department, the goods come K. D., and our new assistant is putting the pieces together rapidly and will have his job of 1000 pieces together this week and ready for inspection.

THE FIRST FLOOR.

30x100 contains a promiscuous variety, such as sewing machines, stoves, chairs, lounges, bedroom sets, rockers, single and double bedsteads, side boards, wire mattresses, Bureaus with and without drawers, spring rockers, hat trees, easels, hobby horses, tricycles, oak bed sets, oak side boards, 16 century side boards, bamboo cabinets, book shelves, whatnots, oak card tables, etc.

THE SECOND FLOOR.

30x100 contains parlour furniture, bedroom sets in antique and 16 century, extension tables, in oak, elm and birch 8 to 10 feet long, lounges, easy chairs, mantle-mirrors, wardrobes, centre tables, iron bedsteads, wire mattresses, toy waggons, carts, horses, wheelbarrows, flock and excelsior mattresses, cribs, cots, swinging cots, swinging chairs, bedroom chamber chairs, ladies work tables, small table stands, tables of all sizes with and without leaves.

The above is the finest exhibit in northern New Brunswick to-day. During the holidays I will sell low for cash or approved paper. A golden opportunity for house furnishers to buy cheap, young married people or those contemplating marriage. I can supply furnish them with furniture for bedroom, dining room and kitchen for $50.00, who would be left in the cold shades, at these prices. Call and see our exhibit, all are welcome, cash or no cash.

Remember Emporium, Muirhead building, Water Street.

WM. WYSE.

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Christmas Boots,

Christmas Shoes,

Christmas Slippers,

Christmas Overshoes,

Christmas Moccassins,

Christmas Shoe Pacs,

" Overstockings,

Christmas Portraits,

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C. E. RAILWAY,

500 cords seasoned wood, (split,) consisting of

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which he will dispose of in carload lots or more at

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