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CALENDAR FOR APRIL, 1880.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	2nd.,	at	1.49. a.m.
New Moon.	9th.,	"	10.43, a.m.
First Quarter,	17th.,	"	2 50. p.m.
Full Moon,	24th.,	"	6.26, p.m.

		Sun Rises.		Sun Sets.		Moon Rises.	
		h.	m.	h.	m.	h.	m.
1	Th.	5	44	6	24	1	1M
2	Fri.	5	42	6	25	2	0
3	Sat.	5	40	6	26	2	41
4	Sun	5	39	6	27	3	11
5	Mo.	5	37	6	28	3	38
6	Tus.	5	35	6	29	4	1
7	Wd.	5	:3	6	31	4	24
8	Th.	5	31	6	33	4	47
9	Fri.	5	29	6	34	Sets.	
10	Sat.	5	28	6	35	7	59 A
11	Sun	5	26	6	36	9	4
12	Mo.	5	24	6	37	10	1
13	Tus	5	22	6	39	10	56
14	Wd.	5	20	6	40	11	45
15	Th.	5	19	6	41	Morn.	
16	Fri.	5	17	6	42	0	26
17	Sat.	5	15	6	43	1	2
18	Sun	5	13	6	45	1	33
19	Mo.	5	12	6	46	2	0
20	Tu.	5	10	6	47	2	24
21	Wd.	5	8	6	49	2	50
22	Th.	5	7	6	50	3	14
23	Fri.	5	5	6	51	3	39
24	Sat.	5	4	6	52	Rises.	
25	Sun	5	3	6	53	8	40 A
26	Mo.	5	0	6	55	9	53
27	Tu.	4	58	6	57	11	3
28	Wd.	4	57	6	58	11	57
29	Th.	4	56	6	58	Morn.	
30	Fri.	4	55	6	59	0	39

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

DENTISTRY: — Dr. Clark will be in Chatham about 25th inst.

CROWDED OUT :—Our Legislative telegrams and some other matter are crowded out this week.

"ROYAL ARCANUM" : — The Semi-monthly communication of the Miramichi Council, No. 441. R. A., will be held in their Council Room this evening at 8 o'clock.

DEATH OF FRANK KELLY :—Information has been received by Mr. Henry Kelly of Chatham, of the death of his son Frank, aged 18. It appears that he was engaged in stream driving at Madoc's Run, Penn., when last heard from, but, so far, it has not transpired whether he died from illness or was drowned.

PERSONAL :—Capt. Boucher of Newcastle, has just returned home from a trip to British Columbia *via* San Francisco. He gives a very discouraging account of the country, and we shall endeavor to refer further to the matter in a another issue.

The Irish Relief Movement.

It is gratifying to know that the continued efforts being made to collect funds for the relief of the prevailing distress in Ireland are meeting with success. We learn that rumors were recently set afloat to the effect that the need of such efforts had ceased, but those engaged in the work of administering the different relief funds amongst the suffering people are constantly expressing the fear that after all that has been and is being done, there will yet be wanting sufficient to meet the demands upon them during the months of May and June.

In Northumberland the different collectors are doing their duty well, and meeting with much encouragement in their disinterested work. Among the contributions that have come in during the past week, are those collected by Daniel McLaughlin, Esq., of Renous River, aggregating $95, 50. It is our intention to refer more particularly to the contributions and contributors when the work in the hands of the Committee is closed.

The Relief Concerts.

The first of the concerts announced last week in aid of the Fund came off in Chatham on Tuesday evening. It consisted of Vocal and Instrumental Music and Tableaux. Many of the leading singers of Chatham, Newcastle and Nelson were on the programme, the vocal soloists being Miss Anderson, Mrs. Goggin, Miss Fairey, Miss Sutton, Miss Burchill, and Mr. Waddleton. Duets were sung by Mrs Thomson and Mr. Fairey of Newcastle, Mrs. and Miss Connors of Chatham, and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Gardner of Chatham Quartettes were sung by Miss Loggie, Miss C. Johnstone, Mr. Nicol and Mr. D. B. Gardner; Mrs. Goggin, Mrs. Connors, Mr. D. G. Smith and C. G. D. Roberts of Chatham, and Mrs. Harley, Miss Lillie Thomson, Mr. S. Loggie and Mr. Chas. Sargent, of Newcastle.

The instrumental pieces were piano solos by Miss Winslow and Miss Griffin of Chatham, and Duets by the Misses Hall of Newcastle and by Miss Wilkinson of Chatham and Miss Burchill of Nelson. Messrs. Matthews, T. Harrington, J. Harrington and R. Waddleton contributed the Orchestral Music. The Tableaux were "The Wrestlers," "Faith Hope and Charity" and "The Gladiators." They were excellent. The house was crowded in every part and the affair was a success in every way—reflecting credit on all concerned. The *net* proceeds were $120 —the largest ever realised at any local entertainment in the Chatham Masonic Hall.

The Concert is to be repeated this evening in Newcastle and it is expected that it will be greeted with another bumper house. To those who wish a hearty laugh we can promise the worth of their money in the duet between Miss Thomson and Mr. Fairey and Mr. Waddleton's inimitable solos.

Tickets for the Newcastle Concert are for sale at Messrs. Sutherland and Creaghan's and Mr. E. Lee Street's stores. Reserved seats for adults are 35c, for children 25c. Admission tickets for adults 25c—for children 15c. Children to be under 12 years and must be accompanied by their parents or other adults.

We are requested to ask the Chatham ladies and gentlemen who are to take part in the Concert to-night to assemble at the residence of the Chairman of the Fund—Mr. Winslow—at 5.30, preparatory to starting up river. A punctual attendance at the time named is essential.

St. Patrick's School Entertainment.

The pupils of St. Patrick's School gave a grand musical and literary entertainment at St. Patrick's Hall on Thursday evening last. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity by the parents and friends of the pupils, and they frequently testified their appreciation of the efforts of the youthful performers by rounds of applause. After some excellent instrumental music by Prof. Harrington's orchestra, and a song of welcome by the pupils, Master H. McQuinn stepped upon the stage and neatly delivered a well prepared address, in which he paid a high compliment to the Rev. Father Bannon, thanking him on behalf of his classmates, for the deep solicitude which he has always manifested in their welfare. It was, indeed, a beautiful testimonial of the esteem and reverence with which the boys regard their beloved Pastor.

The address was followed by a "Greeting" by Master A. McEachern. It was in the form of a humorous recitation, and the talented young gentleman's manner of treating it, placed him, at once, on the best of terms with his auditors.

A dialogue, in two parts, entitled "William Tell" was admirably executed by Masters J. Palmer, J. Stapleton, N. McQuinn and W. McIntosh, Master Palmer successfully assuming the character of the Swiss Hero He also delighted the audience, particularly the younger portion of it, in another part of the programme, with an amusing Negro oration. The "Gallant Sixty Ninth," a song and chorus, was excellently rendered by the pupils in full uniform. It was evident, from the manner in which they handled their little muskets, and the skill with which they performed the various movements required of them, that considerable pains had been taken with their training. An amusing dialogue entitled "The Nasal Merchant" by Masters W. Delaney and J. Barnett, was also greatly enjoyed.

Master W. Ronan recited a selection entitled "An Angel's Visit" in a manner that called forth the unbounded admiration of the audience. Master McCarthy and his pony also merited the applause with which they were received. Masters Whitton and A. J. McPherson also distinguished themselves during the evening.

The programme was concluded with a beautifully executed tableau representing "The Martyrdom of Cyril." The whole performance reflected the greatest credit, not only upon the pupils, but upon the good Brother Denis by whom they were so carefully instructed.

At the conclusion of the tableau, His Lordship Bishop Rogers addressed a few words to the boys, congratulating them on the excellence of their entertainment and wishing them the greatest success in their future efforts. He also thanked the ladies and gentlemen present for the encouragement which they had given the pupils by their presence

Reverend Father Bannon also made a few remarks. The orchestra then played "God Save the Queen" after which the audience dispersed, highly pleased with the rich treat which they had enjoyed at the hands of their young friends.

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The Northwest Bass Fisheries.

A correspondent, whose letter appears to have been a long time reaching us, makes statements concerning the Northwest bass fishery which show that the regulations are regularly and almost openly broken there. He instances one case in which a young man was in the act of fishing with an unregistered, illegal-meshed net, when the local officer came along. The latter asked—

"Have you your net registered?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"Is she lawful and have you your name on the pole?"

"Yes," said the fisherman.

"Haul the net out and let me see it," said the Officer.

"I will not," replied the young man.

"Well, I'll have to seize your net if you don't show her to me"—and the Officer, says our correspondent, walked away and did not trouble the young man after. The latter fished the net as much as he liked all the season.

"Overseer Hogan," continues our correspondent, "gave the fishermen notice, two or three months ago, that they were to cease fishing on 1st. March. Since that time he has not been seen on the ice. The fact is the fishermen became so defiant that they piled the holes around with stones and declared they would stone him if he came amongst them. Like a brave fellow, he concluded not to run the risk of being stoned. The consequence has been that thousands of pounds of undersized bass, weighing from a half pound to a pound and a half were caught and the buyers sent them off to the United States quite openly—a few seizures being made from well selected parties, more for show than anything else."

We may remark that we have almost given up hope of witnessing any adequate attempt on the part of the Fisheries Department to prevent the threatened extinction of the valuable Bass Fishery of the Northwest river. The present Minister will, we think, never be allowed to interfere in the matter. We will not, however, abandon the hope that another Minister, under whose rule such miserable apologies for officers as Inspector Venning, Overseer Hogan and their subordinates, will be cleared out of office, from one end of the country to the other, will set himself to the work of establishing sound regulations and enforcing them. When that time comes it is probable that the Bass Fishery will be prosecuted all along the Miramichi—from Portage River to Barnaby Island and Red Bank—under officers whose intelligent comprehension of their duties and just regard for the true interests of the fishermen will command respect for the law and its officers, instead of the contempt into which both appear to have fallen under the Venning-Hogan *regime*. At the present time, however, there seems to be no immediate prospect of redress. The Inspector assumes that he is Minister and Department, also, on the Miramichi. Backed by the parties to the "Russel House surrender," he feels independent of everybody but the local gentlemen who give him his instructions, and while he hardly dare venture among our fishermen, himself, he is content to do as he is bidden—issue his official instructions and confidential directions—pocket his salary and travelling expenses, and await removal from the office on which he has brought reproach and discredit.

Bathurst Notes.

April 12th 1880.

LECTURE AND SUPPER :—The Rev. Mr. Steele of Newcastle lectured in the new Methodist Church on Tuesday evening last. Subject, "Daniel, a Model." Admission was free but a silver collection was taken up at the close. After the lecture a bountiful supper was laid out in the old church, which was well patronized and had ample justice done to it. The proceeds amounted to about $50 and were applied to the Building Fund of the New Church.

REPAIRS WANTED :—About fifty feet of the sidewalk on the Bathurst Basin Bridge is giving way and threatening to carry the railing of the main bridge with it. A little timely attention on the part of those in charge would probably prevent more serious damage.

CONTRACT :—Mr. Perry J. Commeau of Petit Rocher has obtained the contract for repairing the Nepisiguit Bridge, at $2 300.

ESCAPED :—The prisoner, Joseph Roy, sentenced to six years in the St. John Penitentiary for shopbreaking, made his escape from Gaol on Friday evening last and has not yet been recaptured Sheriff Vail is making every effort to effect a recapture and hopes are entertained that he will be successful. A significant fact as to his whereabouts is that the store of Burns, Adams & Co. was again broken into last night and goods stolen. The entrance was effected the same way as before and the same kind of goods taken.

KILLED ON THE RAIL : A man named John Miller was killed by the down freight train this afternoon about four miles below town. He was lying on the track under the influence of liquor. D.

Serious Railway Accident.

HARTLAND, N. B., April 10.— The express train going south on the N. B. Railway, to-day—consisting of passenger and smoking cars—left the track about six miles below here, the engine only escaping. Both cars capsized and were dragged along on their sides for a few yards. The passenger car is nearly destroyed, the side on which it fell being entirely torn away. The smoking car is in a condition not much better. W. B. Mills is severely injured. He is here at Riverside Hotel, with Dr. Nevers in attendance, who has hopes of his recovery. A. R. Hallett, of Grand Falls, and John A. Miller, of Caribou, Me. are slightly bruised. There were a number of other passengers on the train including several ladies, all of whom escaped uninjured. The cause of the train leaving the track is not certainly known.

The Legislature.

The Provincial Budget was disclosed on Wednesday last in the Legislature by Hon. Provincial Secretary Weldenburn. He referred to the matter of public debt in the abstract, stating that every Budget in Europe showed increase in that respect. This led to reference to the hard times still being experienced at home and abroad. He said notwithstanding the loss of revenue from the Crown Lands, this Province occupied a better position than any other in the Dominion, with the single exception of the great Province of Ontario. Referring to the financial statements of the Provinces of Quebec and Nova Scotia he said he would cast no reflections on the management of the finances of those Provinces. New Brunswick's credit had been kept upand its expenditures reduced. The net amount of Dominion Subsidy for 1880 was placed at $427,500. In reference to the expenditure, under the head of administration of justice, which exceeded the estimate by $3,698, he would say that the excess was for jury fees, as would appear from an examination of the details in the report of the Auditor General. The jury fees in the Osborne case alone were $2,872. The excess for reporting the Supreme Court was caused by the fact, that the work had previously been about a half year behind hand, and it had been brought up to time. The increase for bar bounty was caused by the fact that more bears were killed this year than the year preceding. The expenditure for the Legislature exceeded the estimate, but hon gentlemen would remember that the increase was occasioned by committees and otherwise, the Government not being responsible. There was a large item for telegraphing, but it must be remembered that the Government was flooded daily with telegrams on business of no particular importance. The Government had tried by advertisement in the *Royal Gazette* to break up this system, but had not succeeded. It was the intention of the Government to put the prepaid plan in operation and thus compel correspondents to prepay their messages or use the mails. The Government had issued an order which he expected would have the effect of reducing the expenditure for stationery very much. In the item of Education it would be seen that the expenditure exceeds the estimate $13,889. Gentlemen might ask why this over expenditure? Some journals had stated that the Government of its own motion had made this over expenditure, when the fact was that it was according to law. The development of Educational machinery was causing the expenditure to increase, and it would be the duty of the Government to ask the House to adopt some measure for reducing the expenditure without lessening the efficiency of the educational system The expenditure had been made by the law, under the law and according to the law. The Government had no control over it whatever, and yet they had been charged with having deliberately exceeded the estimate in this particular. He had been charged with having purposely under-estimated the expenditure for this purpose. There was not a shadow, not a title of foundation for such a charge. It would be well for persons to find out the facts and not delude the press with such false statements. He hoped his voice would reach some representative of this scurrilous school of scribblers who had been hounding him down with this false charge. The expenditure for the last year was a decrease, not an increase. Take the Board of Works department for instance and compare its expenditure with that of the preceding year, and it would be seen that there was a considerable decrease. There had been an over-expenditure in that department for the last few years, varying from $35,000 to $24,000, while last year the over-expenditure was but $5,034. He expected soon that the Government would not have to ask for any appropriation under this head. The item Office Contingencies had been steadily reduced, as well as other items. His hon. colleague could claim the commendation from the Legislature of well done. Had he reduced the expenditure by paring down or by starving the services of his Department? Not at all, as would be seen by examining his report. His reductions had been made, notwithstanding the unexpected outlays in consequence of the storms which had swept away bridges. And so with regard to the Crown Land Department. He hoped the Surveyor General would not think he was trespassing on his prerogative.

Hon. Mr. Adams—I am not proud.

Hon. Mr. Wedderburn—Well if he wasn't proud he ought to be, as under a jaunty air and careless humor, he concealed the greatest possible degree of industry and devotion to the affairs of his department. It would be found, by referring to the report of his honorable friend, that there had been an increase of Free Grant settlements. The Surveyor General had opened up lands to the sufferers by the St. John fire and aided them to occupy them. The Government had co-operated with the Relief and Aid society, and he had a letter from the president acknowledging the aid which the Government had rendered and reporting favorably on the situation of the settlers. He had a list of the people settled in this way. No one would question the great amount of zeal and energy the Surveyor General had displayed in visiting the free grants settlements and promoting their prosperity; these settlements would expand and become a credit to the munificence of this Legislature. There were 55 agricultural societies in the Province. He referred to the Agricultural School and other loans of the Province, and to the well known fact that they could not be repaid at maturity in all cases; also to the importations of beet seed etc., for the benefit of agriculture in the Province. In reference to beet seed he said it was still hoped that the experiment would prove to be a success. The loss on the stock and seed which had been imported and sold was only about $5,000. The Government would bring in a bill to give the agriculturists a direct voice in the management of agricultural interests. They would give the farmers a direct and intelligent voice in the management of these affairs without shifting any responsibility from the Government or heads of departments. Members had overdrawn over $13,000 on by-road account. It might be said that the Government should refuse advances of this kind, but he fancied he saw the storm that would burst upon any Government that would refuse. But why refuse? Why not advance the money if it was in the treasury. The day of settlement would arrive. This amount was practically an investment by the Province in the by-roads of the country. The claims of the Province on the Dominion had been presented at Ottawa and he might almost be justified in putting something for Eastern Extension in the estimates. No human being could reasonably doubt that we should receive the $150.000 which we had expended on the work, over and above the amount received from the Dominion. The Penitentiary matter should be referred to the courts. The expense of entertaining the Governor General had been denounced as scandalous, but he had obtained a statement of the details of expenditure for the reception of the Prince of Wales, which members might see, showing a very much larger expenditure on every item. A great deal had been said about the small sum paid for travelling expenses of the members of the Legislature, but three or four times as much had been paid under the same head on the other occasion. It had been held by some that the Legislature should have been called together, but the Government had thought it better simply to pay the travelling expenses of members. If the normal expenditure on Government House were deducted from the total outlay, there would be but $10,000 for the cost of the reception of the Governor General and the Princess. The expenditure for wine, as he had said on a previous occasion, was the result of a mistake on the part of a gentleman who had been entrusted with the duty of making preliminary arrangements. The Government had no control whatever over the expenditures at Reed's Castle. The Vice Regal party managed for themselves. Whoever they wanted, they invited. No member of the Government had any entree to the presence of the Governor General or the Princess except by special invitation of the Governor General.

The Government would pass its Fishery Award Claim. The lumber revenue must decrease and the fisheries grow more important.

The manufacturers might langish, the shipping interest might decline, agriculture might fail, but the everlasting seas around our shores teemed with wealth. This wealth should not be taken from us and given to others. This claim had been pressed upon the Dominion Government, which had been given to understand that this Province would insist upon receiving its fair share of the fishery award.

There was an increase under the head of Executive Government, owing to a change in the system of keeping accounts. It was the intention of the Government, as rapidly as possible, to gather in the county school loans. This amount had been placed in the estimates as a distinct notification to the municipalities of the Government's intentions. The time had come for collecting these sums. The debt of the Province had been incurred by investments in necessary public works. It had been said that the Province was bankrupt. He was prepared to take up this issue, and show that such was not the case. It had been said that the Government was not in a position to erect Legislative buildings at Fredericton or elsewhere, but he would show the contrary when that question came up. He saw no reason why we should not look for better times. The great Ruler of the Universe would not be always chiding. We would have a return of good times, and Governments would no longer be as embarrassed as they had been. He could show the people of the country that the accounts stood in a better position than for years. When the Government should go to the polls they would be able to show the people that they had improved the finances of the country. He challenged anyone to show that there had been any manipulation of the accounts, any intermingling of balances, or any postponement of payments. All was as clear as the noonday sun. If the Government had not been so lenient to its debtors—our own people—it would not be able to show a good balance in their treasury. Others might take a gloomy view of the situation, but he would not give up his hope in the future and his confidence in his God and his country. (Applause.)

Mr. Blair said it was a rather thankless task to show the reverse side of the picture. It was of little importance to us whether Great Britain or the United States had deficits or not. He was at a loss to understand why the honorable gentleman had thought it necessary to dwell so much on the depression, as he supposed we were in the position of one who lived on a fixed income. Did his hon. friend think to blind the House to the mismanagement of the finances by dwelling upon the hard times? He would accept, with pleasure, the challenge which had been thrown out. He would show that the Provincial Secretary had not given a full and prompt account of the financial situation. It was no evidence of the proper management of the finances that the Government was able to erect new Legislative buildings. The Legislature must have a proper place to meet in, whether the finances were mismanaged or not. The Provincial Secretary had failed to meet the just expectations which had been raised in reference to the Government's intentions on the subject. He (Mr. Blair) was surprised at the absence, in the financial statement, of an explicit declaration on the subject, and at the doubt which had been thrown upon the location of such buildings when they should be erected. He wanted to know if there was in the breast of the Government, or any portion of them, an intention to go contrary to the expressed wishes of the House. It was due to the House and the country that the intentions of the Government should not be left concealed, but that they should be given to the House at the earliest moment. The Provincial Sec. had exhausted the adjectives in the language, in praise of the Chief Commissioner of Board of Works and the Surveyor General and he (Mr. Blair) had wondered whether any one could be found to supply the places of those gentlemen, if the country should be deprived of them.

Hon. Mr. Landry—Haven't you selected their successors?

Mr. Blair did not name his children before they were born. He would wait until the time came. He had no doubt the Government would hold on as long as they could.

Hon. Mr. Adams—*I* will hold on as long as *I* can.

Mr. Blair had no doubt, judging from the way the hon. gentleman obtained office, that he would resort to every possible expedient for keeping himself in. The Provincial Secretary had made high-sounding promises when he took office. He had promised economy. In his speech, he had boasted of having made a clean breast of their financial situation. In his last budget speech he said the time had come for calling in the school loans. Now he said the same thing. Then he said the Government were devising a plan to lessen the school expenditures without marring the efficiency of the system. Now he said the same thing. When the Provincial Secretary, last year, estimated the lumber revenue, he (Mr. Blair) and other gentlemen had pointed out that it was too high. The revenue had fallen short in almost every item. Why should the Government every year estimate the Supreme Court fees at twelve or fifteen hundred dollars more than experience showed they had any reason to expect? The harm that resulted from these over-estimates was this, the Government based their expenditures upon the estimates. The explanation regarding the jury fees was not satisfactory, as it was known when the estimates were brought down that the Osborne case would cost a very large amount. The Government should have taken that into consideration. The Government were presenting an exaggerated estimate of the receipts and a minified estimate of the probable expenditure. He was glad to hear the Secretary state that the Government would take charge of the furnishing of stationery; contingencies were hard to control, and amounted to a large amount. There could be enough saved on that item alone to pay the interest on the cost of a new Parliament building. He entirely agreed with the Secretary, that the expenditure for education was not under the control of the Government so long as the present law remained on the statute book. It was not a very grievous matter. The Secretary was not justified in growing so warm over the criticism of the press upon the expenditure, but he had, in this way, drawn attention from other items, which were not so defensible. The cost of public printing should be reduced. The Secretary had passed gingerly over the item of unforeseen expenses. He had well called some of these expenses extraordinary. But they were not extraordinary in the sense of this word as applied to financial questions They were not extraordinary and proper, but extraordinary and improper. Many of the items could have been foreseen and should have been provided for. Was the Toronto delegation expenditure not foreseen? Why was it that the House, last session, had not been given the items of this expenditure? Was it to be understood that the Government whenever it wanted to give any of its members a pleasure trip, was to do so at the public expense? Could such an expense be justified? If it cost $750 for these two gentlemen to go to Ontario their expenses must have been five times as great as those of gentlemen travelling on their private business. And what was there to show for the trip? What information had these gentlemen obtained for the Government or the House that might not have been obtained without sending a delegation to Toronto? There were other items in this unforseen expenditure that must have been anticipated by the Government when the estimates were brought in last session.

It being six o'clock the House took recess to assemble again at 7.30.

[We hold remainder of this debate until next week, when we will give the remainder of Mr. Blair's speech and the report of other gentlemen's remarks.]

Parliamentary Notes.

SPRING HERRING FISHERIES.

On 5th inst.—

Sir A. J. Smith asked whether it was the intention of the Government to require parties engaged in spring herring fisheries in the Maritime Provinces to take out a license for the purpose.

Mr. Pope—It is not.

LOBSTER FISHERIES.

Mr. Robertson (Shelburne) asked whether it was the intention of the Government to make any change in the Order in Council now in force regulating the prosecution of the lobster fishery, either upon the south coast of Nova Scotia, or in the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence; and if so what change was proposed.

Mr. Pope—It is not the intention to make any change with regard to those on the south coast of Nova Scotia. With regard to those in the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the matter is under consideration.

Useful Post Office Hints.

A pair of onions will go for two cents.

A stamp of the foot is not sufficient to carry a letter.

Old maids, feather beds, and inflated balloons are unmailable.

Alligators over ten feet in length are not allowed to be transmitted by mail.

Parties are compelled to lick their own postage stamps and envelopes; the postmaster cannot be compelled to do this.

It is earnestly requested that lovers writing to their girls will please confine their gushing rhapsodies to the inside of the envelope.

Eggs are not mailable unless they are fresh; and should they become chickens on transit they become the property of the Post Office Dept.

Spring chickens that are old enough to vote, when sent by mail, should be enclosed in iron bound boxes to save their tender bodies from injury.

Nitro-glycerine and dynamite must be forwarded at risk of sender. If they should blow up in the postmaster's hands he cannot be held responsible.

When letters are received bearing no direction, the parties for whom they are intended, will please signify the fact to the postmaster, that he may at once forward.

It is unsafe to mail apple or fruit trees with the fruit on them, as some of the Postmasters have a weakness for such things. Bottles of whiskey should be well corked.

When candy is sent through the mails it is earnestly requested that both ends of the package be left open so that the employees of the Post Office may test its quality.

Ducks cannot be sent through the mails, when alive. Their quacking would disturb the slumbers of the clerks on the postal cars. This rule, however, does not apply to a "duck" of a bonnet.

The placing of stamps upside down on letters is prohibited. Several postmasters have recently been seriously injured while trying to stand on their heads to cancel stamps placed in this manner.

If you see the driver arrive with the mail, rush at once to the Post Office and crowd in. It does'nt take any time for those inside to open the mails for a whole town. It will facilitate the delivery of the mails from the window if you get up a racket, so that the postmaster cannot hear his assistants speak. Besides if you try to annoy the Post Office Officials, it will put them in the humor to be exceedingly good-tempered and polite when you ask for your letters.

In country places it is the correct thing to be very friendly with the postmaster. Of course it is against his instructions to allow you to read papers waiting for delivery to subscribers, but by inducing him to break the rules in this respect, you may get the news without subscribing to any paper. This is almost as noble a proceeding as for country postmasters to encourage their family in steaming letters so that they may ascertain the contents before delivering them to the rightful owners. Aged postmasters should keep a sharp eye on their young folks or else resign their offices.

SEEDS :—Messrs. D. M. Ferry & Co. of Detroit, Mich. and Windsor, Ont. are very large dealers in seeds of all kinds. They put seeds up in any quantity desired —from the largest to the smallest packages—and forward them by either mail or express. Their mode of putting up seeds ensures safe carriage and every packet contains information in reference to planting, situation, care necessary, etc., which is especially valuable. This firm have just erected the largest seed store on this side of the Atlantic, It is 300 ft. by 120 ft., four stories high, besides the large basement under the whole building. The area of the combined floors is nearly *five acres*. They do an immense business, growing on their own Seed Farms a large proportion of the seeds they sell. Their Seed Annual for 1880 is a beautiful book, as large as a magazine and containing a wonderful amount of information. It is given away *free* to any one who will apply for it. Send to them for your Seeds and you may depend upon it you will get the best that the market can supply.

A HEAVY LOBSTER MERCHANT.- Mr. John Windsor, of Petit Rocher, Gloucester Co., was in the city Thursday. Mr. Windsor has just returned from England *via* New York, having during his visit to Europe visited many portions of England and Scotland. Mr. Windsor (who is a large canner of lobsters) while in England contracted for the sale of a large quantity of lobsters—say from 6,000 to 10,000 cases of 4 doz. each—or from 300,000 lbs., to 500,000 lbs., at a remunerative price. Mr. Windsor expects to carry on the business extensively this year. Besides owning many factories in the County, Mr. Windsor last year erected a salmon freezer—say 100x25 feet—and will, no doubt, endeavor to secure his share of the salmon that are taken by the fishermen.—*Sun*,

THE BIDDULPH TRAGDY :—On Wednesday of last week the Grand Jury of the County of Middlesex, Ontario, found a true bill for the murder of John Donnelly by the Biddulph men previously committed for trial on that charge. On Thursday, doubtless, a true bill against the same parties for the murder of old man Donnelly, wife, niece and son Thomas was reported. A change of venue for the trial of the case has since probably been demanded and granted. It seems certain that a fair trial cannot be had in the county in which the crime was committed.

THE GRAND SOUTHERN RAILWAY BILL was defeated on Saturday afternoon on a motion for three months hoist. The House divided as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.
The President,	Hon. Mr. Young,
Hon. Mr. Hamilton,	Hon. Mr. Hibbard,
Hon. Mr. Jones,	Hon. Mr. Flewwelling
Hon. Mr. Beveridge,	Hon. Mr. Beckwith,
Hon. Mr. Lindsay,	Hon. Mr. Hannington.
Hon. Mr. Robinson.	—5.
Hon. Mr. Ryan,	
Hon. Mr. McIne ney,	
Hon. Mr. Kelly,-	
Hon. Mr. Lewis,	
Hon. Mr. Harrison, —11	

LADY DUFFERIN AND THE BEAR :—A despatch from St. Petersburg of 9th says Lord Dufferin and Lady Dufferin with several persons belonging to the Imperial Court were hunting in a forest the other day, when suddenly a ferocious bear, which had been concealed in the under bush, sprang out upon Lady Dufferin. She would undoubtedly have been killed, had it not been for the gallantry of Lord Hamilton, an attache of the Embassy, who came to the rescue, and fired several shots from his revolver into the bear and eventually killed it.

DIED.

At Chatham, April 8th, Matilda Graham, third daughter of Alexander and Ann McFarlane, aged 6 years and 6 months.

Farewell Tilly, mild and gentle,
Life's young morn was sad to thee,
Thou didst close thy patient eyelids,
In the midst of agony.

We miss thee! oh, we miss thee!
And our hearts are sad and lone
When we think we'll never meet thee,
Till the Resurrection morn.

We know that thou art now at rest,
We will not weep for thee,
For thou art now where oft on earth
Thy spirit longed to be.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in thy grave so low,
Thou no more will join our number,
Thou no more our songs must know.

Yet again we hope to meet you,
When the day of life is fled,
And in heaven once more to meet you,
Where no parting tear is shed.

CONCERT!

In aid of the Northumberland County Fund for the Relief of the Sufferers by the

FAMINE IN IRELAND,

TO BE GIVEN AT

Masonic Hall, Newcastle.

ON

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

PROGRAMME:

PART FIRST.

Tableau (Statuary) ..... "The Wrestlers."
Quartette, Miss Loggie, Miss C. Johnstone, Messrs. James Nicol and D. B. Gardner.
Solo ..... Miss Anderson.
Duet, ... Miss Thompson
Selection, ... Orchestra.
Solo, ... Miss Burchill.
Solo, ... Mr. R. F. Waddleton.
Piano Solo, ... Miss Winslow.
Duet, ... Mrs. and Miss Connors.
Piano Solo, ... Miss Griffin.
Tableau, (Statuary) "Faith, Hope and Charity."

PART SECOND.

Quartette, Mrs. Harley, Miss Lillie Thomson, Mr. S. Loggie and Mr. Chas Sargent
Solo, ... Mrs. Goggin.
Instrumental Duet, ... The Misses Hall.
Solo, ... Miss Fairey.
Quartette, Mrs. Goggin, Mrs. Wm. Connors, Mr. D. G. Smith, Mr. C. G. D. Roberts.
Selection ..... Orchestra.
Solo ..... Miss Sutton.
Solo ..... Mr. R. F. Waddleton.
Instrumental Duet, Miss Wilkinson and Miss Burchill
Duet, ... Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Gardner
Tableau, (Statuary) ..... "The Gladiators.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The Orchestra will be led by Mr. Stewart.

Doors open at 7.30. Curtain rises at 8.
Admission, - - - - 25cts.
Reserved Seat, - - - 35cts.

☞ Reserved Seat and other tickets will be sold at Mr Street's Drug Store, Messrs. Sutherland & Creagan's, and at the door, Newcastle, and also, at the Stores of Messrs. Muirhead, Snowball, M. Connors and A. & J. Loggie, and at the Miramichi Bookstore, Chatham.

Children's Tickets will be sold as follows:—
Reserved Seats - - - - - - 25 cts.
Admission - - - - - - - 15 cts.
for children under twelve years in company with their parents or other adult persons.

New Advertisements.

FARM FOR SALE.

The farm, formerly owned by the late John McInnis, situate on the south side of the Richibucto Road, in the parish of Chatham, and adjoining the R. C. Church lands. There is a good house and barn on the farm, which contains 100 acres more or less.

For terms and other particulars apply to MRS J. McINNIS, Chatham, or to JNO. J. HARRINGTON,

Chatham, April 9, '80. tf

To Farmers.

IN STORE AND TO ARRIVE:

30 Bushels Fife Seed Wheat,
10 " Black Sea " "
10 Bushels Choice Timothy Seed,
8 " " Clover "
6 " Round Seed Peas.

—and a complete assortment of—

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W. S. LOGGIE.

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Chatham, April 14, '79

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This is an improved Mop and Wringer, a labor saving Machine. Acts like a charm. Lye and boiling water can be used without hurting the hands. For sale at

CARMICHAEL BROS., Chatham.

Teacher Wanted.

A Third Class Female Teacher wanted in No. 6, District, Bay du Vin river, by 1st May next.—Apply stating salary, to

SAMUEL KINGSTON,
Sec. Trustees.

Bay du Vin River, April 15, 80.

To Let.

That desirable dwelling over the shop of Mrs. George M. Johnstone, on Water street, opposite Commercial Block, containing 8 rooms, with pantries and closets; water and sink in connection. All Modern improvements. Apply on the premises to

tf A. H. GILLIS.

LOST.

Between the Dominion slip and Mrs. Roberts' yard—a parcel containing a new dress. The finder will be rewarded on leaving the article at the ADVANCE Office.

Chatham, April 12th '80.

Plasterers' Hair.

THE above in either large or small lots for sale by the Subscriber.

*2y6 ENOCH FLETT, Nelson.

Notice to Pilots.

The Secretary's Office at Newcastle will be open at 10 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday the 20th day of April, instant, for the Examination of, and issuing licences to Pilots on the Miramichi River.

WILLIAM PARK, Chairman. Pilotage Authorities.
H. R. CALL, Secretary.

Newcastle, April 13th '80.

Herring! Codfish! Pollock!

JUST RECEIVED:

1000 BOXES Smoked Herring,
90 Qtls. Choice Retailing Codfish.
30 " Bright Pollock,
20 Bbls. Bay Herring,
20 Half bbls. No. 1 Shad.

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HARDING & HATHEWAY,
17 & 18 South Wharf, St. John, N. B.

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All orders shall have prompt and careful attention.

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Tenders.

Sealed tenders for the erection of a Class Room 16x24 to the Black Brook School House, will be received by the undersigned until Thursday, April 8th Specifications to be seen at