"POOR EARNIE."

THE "ADVANCE" WRIGGLING.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—The "Advance" comes to the rescue of "Poor Earnie" in this week's issue, and as a matter of course he must necessarily abuse Mr. Adams. I had thought he stated in a former issue that "Mr. Adams, Gillespie and Hutchison voted in a constitutional way." He then was surely defending Mr. Adams on *this* vote at least. But, Messrs. Editors, the explanation is so much the worse for my friend "Earnie." The "Advance" states Mr. Hutchison moved and voted for an amendment which clearly set out that the resolution of Hon. P. A. Landry was not one of such a character that the Legislature should interfere. Was not his amendment then moved for the purpose of defeating the original resolution, and if so was it not an expression averse to the Temperance body. No one thanks Mr. Hutchison in voting for the original resolution when his amendment was defeated. If "Earnie," as Mr. Smith calls him, was a consistent Temperance man, he should not have allied himself with his two other colleagues. The people know they are not Temperance men, make no professions of being in favor of the Act, but "Earnie" is, and Earnie went back on his record. The "Advance" must not imagine its usual bluff game of misrepresentation can clear his friend Earnie of the fact, that his vote went to establish the idea that our County was against the Temperance Act. I do not desire to defend the other Members holding them equally responsible, and Mr. Smith must not try and wriggle out of a square vote, by defending Earnie, and condemning Messrs. Adams and Gillespie.

Yours,
TEMPERANCE.

Chatham, 9th April, 1881.

THE SOUTH WEST BOOM BILL.

To the Editors of the Union Advocate:

Since writing to you on the above subject, I obtained the "Advance" newspaper of date 31st March last, and I notice in one of its local paragraphs that our member, Mr. Hutchison, is characterised as deserving of great praise in having successfully carried the Boom Bill in spite of the opposition of the other three Members from this County. Well Sirs, if by betraying the people maliciously a man should receive praise, then Mr. Hutchison, our Member, deserves all that the "Advance" can lavish upon him. Had Mr. Hutchison thought the interests of the people were one half as important as *his own*, he would have treated the large petitions with some degree of respect and courtesy. At the last election Mr. Hutchison received a fair vote on our Main River and its Branches, and he has repaid the voters well. He has scorned them, treated their representations with the greatest indifference, denouncing their conduct because they asked the Legislature to preserve the rights they held for centuries, and blindly carried out the instructions of the Corporation, and of which I have now heard he is a *Stockholder* or *Director*, and thereby must share in the extra profits that this Boom Company will take out of our pockets. It is well at least to find the "Advance" defending Mr. Hutchison in this, the issue is a square one. Will the electors on the Main South West and its Branches support Mr. Hutchison and the South West Boom Company, or stand by our three Members who fought against this powerful combination, which has helped to ruin many of our people and now grasps at the exclusive right to raft to the "old Squaw Rock," against every settler or small or large operator on the river.

I am not mistaken in saying Mr. Hutchison will find he has missed his game, that the people will not forget his action in this matter, and if the South West can relegate him to his native home it will surely be done. A representative acting as the Attorney of a Corporation, one of its Stockholders, a Director, &c., and then ask for justice. Shame upon the man who did this—Mr. Hutchison has shamefully betrayed us.

PETITIONER.

South West, 12th April, 1881.

The Union Advocate.

Established 1867.

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI, N. B.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1881.

THE IRISH LAND BILL.

ON Thursday afternoon last in the British House of Commons, Hon. Mr. Gladstone rose to introduce what he declares to be "the most difficult question he ever had to deal with in the course of his political life," and expressed satisfaction at exchanging the dreary work of repression for legislation of an improving and reforming character. "The grounds which induced the government to deal with the land question," he said, "were not that the Irish landlords are bad, not that appeals to the passions of the Irish people have been made by persons whose wild proposals are little removed from schemes of public plunder, but because the Irish land laws contain peculiar provisions which prevent the prosperity of the Irish tenant. According to the report of the Bessborough Commission, the Irish people declare that they do not desire expropriation of the landlords, or the confiscation of the property of others, but they do desire to cultivate in security the land of the country and enjoy the fruits of their labor, paying a fair rent for the land. These being the views of the Irish people, we have a broad basis on which we may proceed to found legislation. It is not just to say legislation is necessary because of the faults of the Irish landlords. They have stood their trial and, as a rule, have been acquitted, though the proceedings of a limited number of them have been arbitrary, harsh and cruel. This is partly, but not solely, the reason for the necessity of the legislation we are about to introduce." Mr. Gladstone introduced the bill in a three hours speech. The bill itself covers twenty-seven closely printed folios, and provides the tenant's right to compensation for improvements; the institution of a Court to take cognizance of Rent, to which Court tenants may apply to fix a fair rentage; tenants to receive loans for the purchase of their holdings; advances to be made for reclaiming land and for agricultural improvements; and for providing for emigration from Ireland. The bill provides for the appointment of a permanent Land Commission, to consist of three persons, one being the Judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland, the central commission to be established in Dublin, with power to appoint sub-commissions, the Land Commission to be the final court of appeal in all land questions. Mr. Gladstone, in his speech introducing the measure, expressed the hope that by continuing to do justice Ireland would become reconciled to England and would gradually acquire self-government. This significant allusion was warmly cheered by the Irish party, who had preserved a reserved attitude during the evening. Mr. Gladstone, not wishing to be misinterpreted, said that what he meant was that Ireland would be granted the same kind of self-government which Scotland enjoyed.

In conclusion he said:—"Justice is to be the principle to guide England in regard to Ireland."

The Irish members met directly after the delivery of the speech. The general opinion was, that if the bill passed, there could be little cause left for complaint on the part of Ireland.

It is feared the House of Lords will alter the bill.

County Restigouche.

CAMPBELLTON NOTES.

A correspondent under date of Campbellton, April 11th says:—

The Methodists of Campbellton intend holding a Bazaar in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 19th inst. Tea will be served in the evening.

Horse racing comes off to-morrow 12th.

Rev. Mr. Houston, of Bathurst, preached in the Presbyterian Church here on Sunday last.

A special train left here on the evening of the 10th, taking a number of men to work on the Canada Pacific Railroad.

Snow is disappearing fast. The last skating of the season was held in the Rink on Thursday last.

Another correspondent favors us with the following:—

The semi-annual examination of the School at Head of Tide, Restigouche, was held on Wednesday, 6th April. There was a large attendance on the part of Parents, Trustees and others interested in educational matters, including several from the Quebec side of the river. The exercises were conducted in a very satisfactory manner throughout. Some of the classes, for example in spelling, were especially creditable, while the neatness of the writing exercises and the general order and method observable, both in the behaviour and training of the pupils, were matters of favorable comment. Miss McCormick, the teacher, intends to leave at the close of the present term. That her work in the School has been both painstaking and successful was evident to all present at the examination. The school owes not a little of its prosperity to the interest taken in its affairs by the Chairman of Trustees.

JACQUET RIVER ITEMS.

Dear Advocate.—Mr. John Culligan would like very well to know who "Hiram" is but not knowing his identity need not keep him from explaining this matter to the satisfaction of the public. It is not "Hiram" alone that wants an explanation, but the majority of the ratepayers of this parish. Certainly there are some persons satisfied, especially the gentleman who, at the request of the Supervisor, penned the challenge to "Hiram" dated March 31.

I shall now briefly explain the plan of selling the bridges, as performed by the Supervisor of the present day. Early in the fall some favourite (who assisted him at his election for Councillor) is informed that some bridge is to be sold the coming winter and he had better get the material required for the repairs of said bridge. The sale is announced to take place in March or April, when it is impossible for any other person to procure the required material. On the day of the sale this person bids in the bridge, no matter at what figure, and when the job is completed he receives a couple of hundred dollars extra. If Mr. Culligan has any other explanation to offer I will gladly meet him at Mr. Barney Hachey's on April 14th to hear what he has to say. At all events, I remain,

Youry Truly,
HIRAM.

Jacquet River, March 11, 1881.

How the Exodus Thunder is Worked up.

The following is a telegram from Halifax to the St. John *Globe* of 1st inst.:—

Schr. "Nava" left Port Mulgrave for Boston, on Wednesday, with 140 passengers, making the third or fourth cargo of passengers shipped from that locality this season, and aggregating between 300 and 400. One or two other vessels are expected to sail shortly with proportionate numbers.

A gentleman who was in the shipping Masters' office, (which is also the Custom House) Port Mulgrave, when the list of passengers was being made up on Wednesday informs us as follows:—

1st. There were not 140 passengers, but 113 exactly.

2nd. This was not the third or fourth cargo of passengers, but the second.

3rd. The first cargo consisted of *twenty-three*.

4th. The total number from Port Mulgrave was therefore 136 and not 300 or 400.

5th. The passengers were not ordinary immigrants, who dissatisfied with the country, under the N. P., are settling abroad, but fishermen, on their way to Gloucester where they go every spring and from which they return in the fall. Thus ends another of the Exodus Crow stories.—*Chignecto Post.*

Sons of Temperance.

The following officers were installed in Newcastle Division, on Thursday evening last:—

Rev. Mr. Steel, W. P.; M. Russell, W. A.; H. H. Johnstone, R. C.; Miss Sarah Reid, A. R. S.; John Russell, F. S.; D. McGruar, Treas.; W. Gremley, Chaplain; Jos. Russell, C.; H. Wyse, A. C.; P. McKernan, I. S.; W. McMaster, O. S.

H. H. JOHNSTONE, R. S.

The following have been elected Officers of Northumberland Division, No. 37, S. of T., for the ensuing quarter.

S. J. Frost, W. P.; Robert Murray, W. A.; D. P. MacLachlan, R. S.; George Johnston, A. R. S.; Lemuel Abbott, F. S.; James Firth, Treas.; W. J. D. Lobban, Chaplain; Alex. McLellan, Sr., C.; H. P. Marquis, A. C.; Albert Bell, I. S.; Alex. McLellan, Jr., O. S.

Northumberland County Court.

Alexander Morrison *vs.* A. H. Gillis. An action for rent claimed to be due, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for full amount claimed, $33.33.

His Honor Judge Botsford, who attended Court to try the criminal, John Shaw, but which was allowed to stand over till next term, presided over the case of Carlyle *vs.* Bell. S. Thomson, Q. C., Counsel for Plff., L. J. Tweedie, atty. for deft. Verdict for plaintiff for $24.00.

His Honor Wm. Wilkinson in order to save time and expense to all parties concerned, took up the last case, Loggie & Anderson *vs.* Murray, and proceeded with it in the Grand Jury Room, Wm. A. Park, Esq., appearing on behalf of the plaintiffs, and A. H. Johnston, Esq., for deft. Verdict for plaintiffs for amount claimed.

Court adjourned on Monday last.

False as Usual.

The Manager is noted for making false statements, and thinks nothing of doing so if he can thereby make a point against an opponent. Some weeks ago he stated that the lowest tender for the Bay du Vin Bridge, that of Mr. Williston, was thrown out and a much higher one selected. We are informed that there were several lower tenders than Mr. Williston's one of which was accepted.

Escuminac Gleanings.

Spring is returning down here and the "hum" is already begun. The Summer is bright with promise—already coming events cast their shadows before.

Mr. Fleiger and Mr. Wilson are making extensive preparations for preserving lobsters, a number of hands will be employed at this work.

Mr. A. Wilson is building a large barn.

Mr. John Lewis is fitting up his boat and intends to avail himself of the first opportunity of catching fish.

We are also happy to inform you that our people have decided to build a new school house during the summer. A site has been secured in the centre of the district and the contract for completing the building has been awarded to Mr. J. Brandsfield. We are proud to know that the people in this locality have taken hold of this work with such enthusiasm, and are manifesting such an interest in the welfare of the rising generation. Miss Annie Brown of Lower Newcastle, has had charge of our school for the past year. We are informed that she is about to retire from the profession, in consequence of which we will have to have a change of teacher. We regret this very much—Miss Brown is a general favorite. She is an excellent teacher, and by her zealous deportment and genial disposition has endeared herself not only to the scholars but also to all who have made her acquaintance. We feel assured that she will carry with her the good wishes of the entire community.

From,
MA PLUME.

S. S. Entertainment.

The entertainment given in the vestry of the Methodist Church, Chatham, on Thursday evening last, was a grand success. Rev. Mr. Teed occupied the chair. The Magic Lantern was managed by S. C. Wells. The views exhibited were choice and added greatly to the interest of the evening. The views being exhausted the lights were turned up and a musical and literary treat was conferred upon the audience. Mr. Teed gave an appropriate reading which was well received. Mr. Whittaker gave a most pleasing address, in which he referred to reminiscences of his boyhood days and contrasted the educational advantages of the present time with those of twenty years ago. Misses Mary Gillis, Mary Ann Irvin, Irene Strang, and Master Robt. Irvin gave recitations, all of which were well rendered and called forth hearty applause. Mr. James Tait read "The five bachelors," a most humorous piece, which brought down the house. Miss Gammon presided at the organ, and aided by the S. S. Children, furnished excellent music. Miss Ella Haviland rendered several pieces of instrumental music, in a style that would have done credit to a professional.

When the programme was completed the children were treated to apples and confectionary, after which, the audience dispersed, and repaired to their homes, feeling perfectly delighted with the evening's entertainment.

Natural History Society.

At the monthly meeting of this society held in St. John on Tuesday evening the 5th April, the *Telegraph* reports that Mr. G. U. Hay read a paper written by Dr. G. M. Duncan, of Bathurst, on Medicinal plants. The doctor treated his subject in a very interesting manner. He first took up the wood-sorrel, (*Oxalis acetosella*), a common plant in our Province, and referred to what the early colonists wrote respecting it—its *habitat*, peculiarities and medicinal properties, all of which he described in choice language, and in a pleasing and poetic vein. The wood anemone, (*Anemone nemorosa*,) another of our native plants, scarcely less interesting than the wood-sorrel, was next described. This plant has long been a favorite with botanists in Europe and America, but its medicinal qualities have not been generally known. Two or three species of crow-foot (*Ranunculaceæ*) with the sun-dew (*drosera rotundifolia*) and eye-bright (*euphrasia officialis*) were also described. The sun-dew is perhaps the most interesting plant of New Brunswick being what Darwin has called carnivorous in its habits, having the power of destroying insects.

Mr. Hay illustrated the paper by appropriate botanical specimens, and Mr. Chalmers also exhibited some of our commonest medicinal plants.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Duncan, for his well written and interesting essay, was passed, and a committee appointed to see about having it published.

Sausages.

Lovers of these articles of food will no doubt relish the following information in reference thereto. It appears that a fertilizer factory just out of St. John, where dead horses and bones were manufactured into a fertilizing compound was complained of by people in the vicinity for the stench and unwholesome effluvia about the place, and the Inspector of the Board of Health visited the place. The *Globe* says the Inspector found, besides a quantity of decaying offal, the carcasses of three dead horses, which had been exposed to the spring showers and burning sun, evidently for a long while. There were also on the premises seventeen fine, bouncing hogs that seemed to get good living somewhere. Reed was summoned before Dr. Bayard, of the Board of Health, and Judge Watters, and gave testimony in the matter, which was taken down. The place was shown to be kept in a very filthy state, and Reed was fined $20 which he paid. He admitted that the hogs fed on the carcasses of the horses and told that a number of hogs that he raised in the same way last year were disposed of to a city dealer who manufactured them into sausages and sausage meat which was sold about the city.

Handsome Donation.

The following will explain itself and may be a reminder for others to go and do likewise:—

Dalhousie, 6th April, 1881.

Geo. Haddow, Esq., M. P.

DEAR SIR:—Be good enough to accept the enclosed twenty dollars as my subscription to the building fund of the Presbyterian Church of this town.

The entertainment given last evening by the young people in aid of this fund and which I had the pleasure of attending, did the performers great credit.

Permit me, however, to say that the effect was greatly marred by the Hall being insufficiently lighted and poorly seated. It appears to me that a community who could afford to provide such a very nice building, should be able to have it properly lighted and seated, and in the hope that this be done before the next entertainment shall be given.

I am, dear Sir,
yours respectfully,
WILLIAM O. N. PARKER.

Wholesale Clothier,
40 & 43 St. Joseph St.,
Montreal.

Slow but Sure Method.

The Toronto *Globe* of March 28th says "The bill to abolish the New Brunswick Legislative Council was thrown out by that body, though it was a Government measure. The Government, if it is sincere in its wish to effect the proposed change, can set about the accomplishment of that end by nominating to the Upper House as vacancies occur, only members who are favorable to its abolition. It may take time to bring about the desired retrenchment in this way, but, supplemented by awakening public opinion, the plan has the merit of being a sure one."

Personal.

Cable advices state that Sir Charles Tupper is much better and expects soon to be all right again.

While handling a chisel one day last week, Rev. Howard Sprague inflicted a severe gash on his left hand. The wound bled copiously for a time and the Rev. gentleman became rather faint, but succeeded in overcoming the feeling. The wound is progressing favorably.—*St. Croix Courier.*

Rev. Mr. Parker, of Bathurst, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist Church, Newcastle, on Sabbath next, morning and evening, and at Nelson in the afternoon, provided the ice is fit to cross.

Rev. Mr. Steel will take Mr. Parker's usual appointments at Bathurst on Sunday next.

Ex-Sheriff White has been elected for Sunbury County, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Covert.

Sir Charles Tupper is at present the guest of Mayor Cameron, R. A., at Newbridge, County Kildare, Ireland. A cablegram received last evening states that his health continues to improve.

Mr. W. Moore Kelly, son of Hon. Wm. M. Kelly, was entertained by a number of friends at the Canada House, Chatham, on Wednesday evening last. He leaves for Toronto, where he takes a position in an extensive dry goods house.

Kennedy F. Burns, Esq., and Mr. Richard Fairey, of Guy Bevan & Co., were among the passengers by the last English mail steamer at Halifax.

The English Budget.

In the House of Commons on the afternoon of April 4th, Mr. Gladstone made his budget statement and was loudly cheered. He said the gross revenue for the past financial year was £84,041,000, which showed the considerable increase of £1,341,000 over the estimate, but a million of this amount did not arise from the incidence of taxation. The total increase from taxation was £378,000. Mr. Gladstone proposes to somewhat ameliorate the brewers' licenses in favor of private brewers and to reduce the duty on foreign beer about a shilling and a penny, thus placing it about on an equal equality with English beer, and also to augment the duty on imported spruce beer.

Mr. Gladstone said the expenditure last year was £83,108,000, which was $614,000 less than the estimate. The surplus of revenue over expenditure was £933,000. The time had now arrived, he said, for proposing the conversion of the short annuities into larger annuities, with a view to the reduction of the debt. He proposed to pay off £60,000,000 in twenty-five years.

Mr. Gladstone estimates the expenditure for the year just commenced at £84,705,000, and the revenue at $85,990,000, which would leave a surplus of £1,285,000. He proposes to take a penny off the income tax and to apply a small sum to the construction of barracks.

The University Boat Race.

London, April 8.—The great event of the year for fashionable London has transpired. The University boat race between Oxford and Cambridge has been rowed and Oxford has again won, the time being 21 minutes and 51 seconds, which is a few seconds slower than last year.

Oxford got the best of the start and led for a short distance, but nearing Hammersmith bridge, Cambridge, who were evidently working very hard, made a strong effort and drew nearly on a level amid great cheering. The Oxfords did not seem much distressed, but quickened their stroke slightly, and passed the bridge a clear length ahead. As soon as the boats were through the bridge Cambridge again made a bid for first place, but Oxford shook them off without difficulty, and increased the gap to nearly two lengths. The Oxfords evidently felt that they had the race in hand and were rowing strongly and steadily.

Oxforn won by fully four legths; time, 21 minutes, 51 seconds.

There was neither hitch nor accident, and both crews rowed magnificently. Cambridge rowing a splendid race for three miles, but for the other mile and three-eights the race was evidently in the hands of Oxford.

N. S. Legislative Council.

The Halifax *Herald* of Saturday last says that the Hon. R. M. Cutler, of Guysborough, having attained the remarkable age of 97 years, for 43 years of which he has been a member of the Legislative Council of this Province, has recently tendered his resignation of his seat in that body, and the Government has seen fit to accept it. The vacancy thus created has been filled by the Hon. William H. Owen, Q. C., of Bridgewater, who was sworn in and took his seat in the Legislative Council yesterday. Hon. Mr. Owen is one of the best known and most highly respected members of the Nova Scotia Bar, having been for several years one of the leading barristers on our western circuit. He will thus, by his legal knowledge and training, bring to the body to which he has been appointed a very necessary assistance and support, which no legislative body should be without. He also will worthily represent his native county, one of the most important in the Province, in a body which, since the death of the late Hon. Mr. Creighton, has had no representative among its members. Hon. Mr. Owen, like all the members appointed to the Legislative Council under the present regime, is in favor of the abolition of that body, believing with all other sensible men that it is both useless and expensive.

That Amendment.

The manager of the *Advance* has taken E. Hutchison, Esq., under his wing to protect him from some danger which so far has only existed in the Manager's imagination. He says that "The *Advocate*, acting under instructions, no doubt is belaboring Mr. Hutchison," &c. The Manager, our readers will see, has *no doubt* about the matter, but this is only another of the home made falsehoods he is so famous for setting afloat. The remarks we made applied to all the members for this County then present in the House of Assembly, and going further than we did then we now say that the temperance people of this County expected better of a temperance man as Mr. Hutchison professes to be, than that he would introduce such an amendment, which, if carried, would make it appear that the sympathies of the majority of voters in this County were against the enforcement of the Scott Act, which would not be in accordance with the facts.

Items from the "Star."

The ice from the lower end of Fox Island out, has gone out. Several days ago not a particle of ice could be seen in Northumberland Strait, and it is the opinion of old pilots that there will be no ice in the Strait this spring.

Messrs. Boss & Southwood have closed a contract for fitting up six Allen Line steamers with freezers for carrying fish and meat across to Great Britain this spring. These gentlemen fitted up two steamers the past winter, with freezers, for a firm in Amherst for the same purpose.

Mr. John Noonan, of Chatham, has been hurt in the Pennsylvannia lumber woods.

The ice on Barnaby River is commencing to break up.

Mason & Hamlin Organs.

We believe, why Beebe Bro's are now selling the Mason & Hamlin Organ through the Dominion of Canada on such favorable terms and at factory prices, is because of the unpretending way in which the Instruments are handled they being sent to customers from the factory direct, and so saving a great deal of expense handling and passing them through ware rooms, as was customary by dealers previously.

South West Miramichi Driving Co.

A Fredericton correspondent of the St. John *Telegraph* writing from that city on Friday last says:—A meeting of the South West River Driving Company, for the purpose of organization, was held at the office of the N. B. and N. S. Land Company, on Wednesday afternoon. The company was incorporated by an Act passed at the last session of the Legislature, and its object is to facilitate the driving of lumber on the South West Miramichi by giving one company control. The stock of the company amounts to $3,000, divided into 300 shares of $10 each, and all but twenty shares are disposed of, the stockholders being William Richards, John Fairley, L. L. L. Bevan, T. Lynch, R. Swim, C. E. Smith, M. Welsh, John Stewart and Harry Beckwith. At the meeting on Wednesday a constitution and bye-laws were adopted. The following were chosen directors (as already published): Wm. Richards, John Fairly, C. E. Smith, L. L. L. Bevan, M. Welsh, T. Lynch and R. Swim. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. Richards was elected president and Mr. Beckwith secretary and treasurer. The company intend commencing operations this spring.

The Polymorphians

intend having a grand turn out in St. John on the 24th May. The *Globe* says that the organization is called a "Tribe" now numbers about one hundred strong, and its charter extends to about the end of May. "Every Polymorphian possesses an individuality that seems to be the centre of an unraveled mystery, and a great number of these strikingly independent beings form one whole that everybody laughs at because it is so awfully mysterious. The very word "Polymorphian" posses an individuality so peculiar that it is prohibited from having a place in the Dictionary. Of the *real* character it should be said, "No man can tell from whence he cometh or whither he goeth." Each one represents, generally, "many kinds," and the tribe is made up of a great multiplicity of kinds—fearfully ecentric; odd fellows; about as queer as they make 'em!"

Bank of Nova Scotia.

A correspondent of the St. John *Sun*, writing from Newcastle under date of April 6 says:—

It is currently reported on the streets to-day that a branch of the above Bank will be established in this town. Should the report turn out correct, great credit is due to our enterprising merchant, James Brown, Esq., who, I have heard, suggested to a gentleman in connexion with the institution the necessity of a branch here. J. S. McLean, Esq., merchant of Halifax and President of the Bank, and Mr. Fyshe, the manager, have had several interviews with our merchants in reference to the matter. It is stated that they intend purchasing the Williston brick building.

Condition of the Ice.

The ice at and above Newcastle is getting unsafe, the sharp frosts of the past two weeks making the crust strong, and when this crust is broken through there is little else than slush under it. On Friday evening last while Mr. James Parker was proceeding home from Newcastle, and when off Crocker's shore at Derby, his horse and sled suddenly broke through and disappeared, and the driver had a narrow escape. Mr. Parker had on the sled a plough, harrow, bbl. flour and some small parcels, all going down with the team. The horse was a young and valuable one and is a heavy loss. Dragging was going on on Saturday for the purpose of recovering the sled, harness, plough and harrow, but we have not heard of the result.

On Monday morning about ten a. m., a team belonging to Mr. John Forean broke through the ice just outside the Public Wharf, but was rescued without difficulty. In the afternoon, about three o'clock a horse belonging to Mr. Noah Mullen broke through off Fishs' mill, but was soon dragged out.

Point du Chene.

The Moncton *Times* reports as follows:

The heavy blow of Saturday, Sunday and Monday, has cleared all the heavy ice from the mouth of the harbor, as far as can be seen from this point. There is no ice in the Straits. A few days of warm weather will clear the harbor ice, when navigation will open for the season—probably by the 15th of April.

A large gang of men are at work fitting up the steamer City of St. John. She runs between Campbellton and Gaspe this summer, as last year.

P. Schurman, Esq., has resigned the postmastership of this place. A successor has not yet been appointed.

The business prospects for the coming season are good. The lumber shipments will be far in excess of last year.

Resignation.

The Duke of Argyle, Lord of the Privy Seal, has resigned. He expressed his deep sorrow at leaving the Cabinet. He said he did so because of land bill alone. Although not opposed to extension of the ownership of land by peasants he was opposed to a bill which would destroy ownership of land by other classes.

Lord Carlingford, formerly Mr. Chichester Fortescue, has accepted the office of Lord of Privy Seal, vice Duke of Argyle, and will take charge of the land bill in its passage through House of Lords.

Holy Week.

Services in St. Andrew's Church during Holy Week.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Evening Prayer at 8 p. m.

GOOD FRIDAY, 10.30 a. m., Morning Prayer; 2.30 p. m., Meditations on the last seven words from the Cross; 7 p. m., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

EASTER DAY, 8 a. m., Holy Communion; 11 a. m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; 6.30 p. m., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The Kennedy Family.

The St. John *Globe* of Monday has the following:—"A Halifax despatch to the *Globe* says a gentleman who came out in the "Moravian," yesterday, confirms the truthfulness of the painful report published some days ago—that three members of the Kennedy Family perished in the burning of the Opera House at Nice. Their names are James, Lizzie and Kate. James will be remembered as one of the members of the family on their last tour of these Provinces.

Our Steamers.

Work is progressing rapidly on the *Andover*, and she will be ready for her route in a week or ten days if the river is open by that time.

The *New Era* is having the usual necessary repairs made at the wharf of the Miramichi Foundry, Chatham, where she was taken last fall. She is to be ready by the opening of navigation.

The steam ferry boats at Newcastle and Chatham are being got ready for their season's work.

St. John River open.

The *Capital* of Saturday last reports:—The ice on the river made a grand start yesterday. The main body at the islands, seven miles above the city, has disappeared, and there is now clear water in front of the city and up and down stream, with slight exceptions of drifting floes, as far as the eye can reach. There is considerable ice half way between here and Woodstock. There is no doubt that a steamer will be here on Monday.

Funeral.

The remains of the late S. R. Thomson, Esq., arrived at Halifax on Saturday last, were expected at St. John on Monday evening, and the funeral was announced to take place yesterday afternoon at two o'clock.

Concert.

A correspondent informs us that a very successful Concert and Social was given at the English School House, at River du Loup, on Wednesday the 30th ult. A long and interesting programme was presented to an appreciative audience and the proceeds handed to the school trustees to aid in purchasing furniture for the school room.

Accident.

Conductor Berry was thrown off his train by the breaking of a wheel while crossing Folly River Bridge. He was badly injured about the head, but it is thought he will recover.

Appointments.

The following appointments are Gazetted:—W. J. O'Brien, Esq., of Bathurst, to be Notary Public in this Province; Patrick Ultican, Durham, Restigouche, to be Labor Act Commissioner.

Easter Beef.

Mr. James Falconer has some prime Easter Beef on hand and requests orders to be sent in as early as possible. See advertisement.

Stationery.

The Chief Commissioner of Public Works advertises for tenders for stationery and other contingencies for Government and departmental uses for one year.

Good Friday.

Service will be held in the Methodist Church, Newcastle, on Friday evening next at 7.30 o'clock.

☞ We have received a copy of the Annual Report of the Library Commissioners and Librarian of the Joint Libraries of the Legislature of Nova Scotia and the N. S. Historical Society.

Brevities.

Joseph Cook is lecturing in Scotland.

The heaviest snowfall of the season occurred in Iowa on Friday last.

Thurlow Reed heads the subscription list for the Chio sufferers with $500.

Capt. John Allen of the steamship "Rhinwidda," died in Brooklyn yesterday.

The English Commons has adjourned until 25th inst., House of Lords until 5th May.

Three buildings were destroyed by fire in Hillsbrough on the 4th inst. No insurance.

Work will be commenced next week on the new wing to the Penitentiary at Dorchester.

The "Citizen" contradicts the rumor that Sir John McDonald is suffering from Bright's disease.

Seventy-eight American women took out patents last year, and not one of them was for a kitchen utensil.

Extensive preparations are being made to carry on the sturgeon fishery on the St. John river during the season.

The London "Morning Post" says that Archbishop McCabe will shortly be appointed Papal Legate in Ireland.

An earthquake at Malaga has caused the death of eleven sailors and soldiers, and the overthrow of numerous houses.

Mr. Foster in the House of Commons on Tuesday night said that 215 tenants had been evicted in Ireland during the past month.

An Ottawa despatch says advices have been received there from England that slaughter is not compulsery on landing Canadian Cattle at Liverpool.

The *Daily News* Vienna despatch announces that thirty villages in Scio were destroyed by the earthquake, and forty thousand people left destitute.

At an auction sale of the Brinley collection of books, in New York on Thursday night, the Guttenberg Bible was knocked down to Hamilton Cole for $8,000.

The rolling mill of the Union Pacific and Atcheson Topeka Railway companies was burned; loss $100,000. Two to three hundred men are thrown out of work.

Although Emperor Dom Pedro of Brazil is a Catholic, he is such a believer in missions that he offers to pay the expenses of Protestant missionaries in his country.

A despatch of the 30th ult. from House Harbor, Magdalen Islands, says that ten vessels left for the ice on the 25th, one on the 26th; and four are back with no seals.

It is said the Government have received about a dozen tenders for supplying 100,000 gallons of oil per annum for a term of years for the lighthouses of the Dominion.

Stephen N. Stockwell, for many years connected with the editorial and reportorial management of the Boston *Journal*, has died from complication of diseases, aged 58.

A despatch from Toronto says that the American Consul at that place, during the past quarter, has only granted three emigrant tickets to persons leaving Canada for Dakota.

Three rumsellers were recently brought up together at Alberton, P. E. I., and fined fifty dollars each and costs. About forty bottles of liquor were also seized under the Scott Act and destroyed.

There are twins, girls, who live at the Chaudiere, whose weight has not materially changed since the time of their birth, seven years ago. They have only gained a quarter of a pound each.

The *Post* says that much sympathy is expressed for an Amherst editor who met with an *extensive* loss at the Rink fire. His boots were stored in a waiting room and were a total loss. No insurance.

Count Hamilton, Chancellor of Exchequer of University at Upsal, Sweden, has been arrested on a charge of forgery to the amount of £40,000. Names forged include those of the King and Queen.

A double experience—"Shall I read you a pretty story, Effie?" "Has it got a moral to it?" "Yes, darling." "Then Mumsey, I'd rather not. A story with a moral is like jam with a powder in it."—*Punch.*

At Charlottetown, P. E. I., lately, Mr. William Brummacomb sold four pigs weighing seventeen hundred and sixty-eight pounds, for which he received the handsome sum of one hundred and thirty dollars and sixty cents.

A fisherman on the Tay experienced a curious adventure. He was endeavoring to land a salmon, when a large otter seized it, and held on so obstinately, that, on being dragged to shore, it had to be beaten off.

Two of the elephants belonging to Forepaugh's show died in Baltimore the other day. They were both valued at $12,000. It is supposed that the exposure to the cold weather during the street parade caused their death.

In its St. Patrick's Day issue, *Cuckoo*, the new London paragraph daily, said: "St. Patrick was a Scotchman and a Presbyterian. Like all the best Scotchmen, he left his native country early in life—and never returned to it—to stay."

The New York *World* says when the *Globe's* whiskey-hunting commissioners return from their mission to the "Prohibition" States the chances are they will be seized on by the temperance crusaders as "dreadful examples."

Eight hundred men are digging out the Chicago & North-Western Railway. It is stated that the Company has expended enough money shovelling snow on this line this winter to have constructed a new road.

It is a fact not generally known that Mr. Parnell was at one time a regular attendant at the religious services of the Plymouth Brethren. Several members of his family belong to the section of that body commonly called "The Exclusives."

The Thanksgiving Fund of the Wesleyan Methodists of Great Britain has risen to £295,000, of which £187,600 have been paid. The amount proposed to be raised was 300,000 guineas. It is expected that the balance will soon be procured.

Sixty-nine lives are now reported to have been lost by the fire at the Nice opera house, the roll of victims, however, including no Americans or Englishmen. The charred remains of such of the bodies as have been recovered were interred.

The fishery dispute between Great Britain and the United States is, it is said, in a fair way of settlement, England proposing either the reference of the matter to arbitration or the payment of a lump sum as indemnity to the American fishermen.

Mr. Tingley, Nurseryman, at Harvey, Albert County, lost his dwelling house by fire on Sunday the 3rd. He had $9,000 worth of trees and shrubbery stored in the cellar, which were destroyed. $3,000 insurance on the trees but none on the house and furniture.

Mr. Parnell at Birmingham, yesterday, said he would consult with his colleagues and give the League's view of the Land Bill, in a speech at Cork, on Sunday. Though the bill fell far short of the abolition of landlordism he would, he said, welcome any amelioration of the lot of the tenant farmers.

The Toronto *Telegram* says one of the causes in producing so many failures in Canada has been the high rate of interest charged. The banks held out for the last penny, and the consequence was that when the day of reckoning came, the borrower could not meet his engagements.

Mr. Forster, replying to a question about the circulation of the New York *Irish World* in Ireland, said it was difficult to stop the circulation of papers published abroad. If, however, the *Irish World* contained such articles as were cited he would feel called upon to ask the advice of law officers.

Queen Victoria's gold and silver plate which is kept at Windsor is said to be worth $15,000,000. When the Queen entertained the late Czar shortly after the marriage of his daughter to the Duke of Edinburgh, gold plate to the value of $10,000,000 was used. The custodianship of the gold pantry at Windsor is considered an office of great trust.

A remarkable feature of Mr. Gladstone's recent budget speech is the proposal, under a converted system of annuities, to provide for a reduction of $300,000,000 in twenty-five years. This is the first attempt that has been made for a great many years to reduce the public debt—a policy which Mr. Gladstone has often insisted upon

A new invention is reported from Turin. It consists in the application of light-giving materials to printing ink, by which print becomes luminous in the dark, so that in future it will be possible to read at night, in bed or during a journey, without the assistance of candle or lamp. A new daily paper, in which this luminous material will be used, is, it is said, about to be published in Turin.

A Toronto despatch says: The Hebrew citizens are preparing for the celebration of the feast of the Passover by importing large quantities of matzes, or unleavened bread, from New York. It is not made in Canada and a duty of 20 per cent is imposed on the imported article. This is considered unjust by the Jewish importers, who claim that it is a necessity in connection with the proper religious observance of the Passover.

An unknown disease has broken out among the cattle in East Watertown, N. Y. The stock attacked are blooded animals in the best condition. Several have died; they are taken first by intense coughing, followed by loss of appetite and shrinkage of milk; when let out they appear almost crazy bite themselves, tearing out chunks of flesh, and appear in the greatest agony. The attention of the State authorities has been called to the matter.

Died.

At Southesk, on Sunday, 3rd inst., of Scarlet fever, ELMIRA E. MCIVER, eldest daughter of Neil and Kate McIver, aged 4 years.

"An angel come at early morn,
And soothed our darling into rest;
And now beyond the hills of Dawn
She smiles upon us pure and blest.
Our hearts *must* mourn and yet we know
He loveth whom he chasteneth;
Through sorrow deep our souls must go,
And find the way to life through death."

At Grand Anse, on the 26th March, at the residence of his son Joseph Poirier, Esq., HUBERT POIRIER, aged 87 years. The deceased possessed his mental faculties unimpaired to the last, and a few minutes before he died was relating incidents connected with the early history of the country. He resided in Grand Anse for over sixty years and was deservedly held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. R. I. P.

General Intelligence.

Dead Cattle.

Denver (Col.) Tribune.

Drawing a line fifty miles east of the mountains, from the north to the south boundary of the State, running parallel with the foot hills, Capt. Wetzel, Secretary of the Board of Cattle Inspection, presented a diagram of the dry section, or that portion of Colorado rendered barren of pasturage by the drought of last summer. Within this belt there were, before winter set in, 300,000 head of cattle. Upon the approach of cold weather 100,000 were s