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Chatham, Aug 30, 1880.

Local Matters.

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Notes From the Capital.

The Capital has appeared and as is usual always with the first issue of a paper, or like a bride appearing out for the first time, it was at its very best.

The editor and proprietor as I predicted, intended having the people of the Capital go largely into manufacture. It is not stated what sort of industries they will have started, as there is a difference of opinion as to which would be most profitable, between Mr. Laurin, and Mr. Cropley. The paper is to be sent up as far as Caribou, and sold there tri-weekly. The people of Caribou are much interested in Fredericton, and are a very great reading people. Besides the town now can't be much smaller than Danzig. Mr. A. Sterling, gives a statement of what he sells his groceries for and Mr. Cropley, uses it as a market report. The Editor is much "impressed" he says with the "all pervading feeling of uncertainty" in business circles; he is also worried that lumber has "fallen or is quantity."

The poor proverb has fallen rather off in quantity too, don't you think so? They publish a sort of the parliament buildings something very novel. It might be taken to represent a village, or a town, or a city, or the result of contact with the looking of a society. I do not say if they do not mean the parliament buildings, for it may. The engraver knows best. The most remarkable part of the view, is that it represents a night when there is not a star in the sky.

On the afternoon of the 10th, Willie Clark, son of Henry Clark, was drowned while bathing at the Flats opposite the city.

The water is so low that Mr. Ruel will likely have to take over the next summer's high water. On the 28th of this month, the day you go to Andover on that "fishing trip" there will be a fair held at Stanley. We must note that crooked hemlock on the way which you remarked last year, would make such a good monument for a certain crooked politician in St. John.

The Methodist folk held a tea meeting in the church, Covered Bridge, the 16th instant.

The University, the first time, the next Assembly will be held on Thursday, 16th inst. Admission to the full undergraduate course, students will be examined in the Greek and Latin Grammars, the first book of Ovid's Commentaries, the first book of the Horace, the first book of the Odes of Horace, and the first book of Euclid; in English Grammar, Latin Composition, History and Geography, Capital.

A Fashion Gazer was held at Dr. Rank's some evenings ago. Mr. William Wilson and Miss Annie Richards, Mrs. B. Currier and Miss Marie Hackett, charmingly well dressed.

A number of parties have been held here of late for violation of the Canada Temperance Act, viz., John Jameson, fined \$50; Thos. Hackett, \$50; Patrick Bradley, \$50, and Andrew Holland, \$50. Jameson and Holland left town quickly and forgot, so as to pay the fine.

There is no doubt but either of them thought of it, they would not have left without paying it. As to these fines I am glad those who violate the law are brought to light and punished. But as to the law, it is better early in the observance than the breach.

Newcastle Local Items.

The Steam Dredge St. Lawrence has been here the last few days undergoing some slight repairs.

Clement Ryan the boy who was injured by the bursting of a gun is improving.

The Cricket Match between the Intercolonials of Moncton and our town club was decided on the result of the first inning, owing probably to the lateness of the hour when Newcastle finished their second innings. The playing of the latter club in this inning was considered somewhat better than in the former, although the score was not a very high one. Special mention should be made of the magnificent batting of Fahey in the first inning when he rolled up his score of 30. Currie of the Intercolonials was the batsman first run up a score of 15, in which he showed some fine hitting. In the evening the "Globe" with a few friends sat down to a supper after the table was cleared, speeches, songs, etc., filled up the time until the arrival of the Express. The visitors spoke highly of the manner in which they had been treated. They are probably to be a challenge for a return visit to Fredericton at Moncton this fall.

While many of our citizens blame the Police Commission for the delay, all parties agree that our police force to-day is inadequate to cope with the rowdiness of our young bloods. It is unreasonable to expect one policeman to be in half a dozen places at one and the same time; yet he could do much more than he has been in the habit of doing. I would suggest the following course to Mr. Cassidy—Don't arrest unless you find it to be absolutely necessary; but in all cases of drunkenness, profanity, noise on the public streets, coming under your police eye take the offenders names, make complaint before the magistrate, and if you can prove the charge, let the fine be enforced.

In this way you could do something in the line of duty—and perhaps cause the roughs to be afraid of you—and at the same time not be disgraced yourself. Last Sunday night the shouting and swearing of some of the roughs on the streets was disgraceful. Such a state of affairs should not be tolerated.

Communications.

THE BIBLE AND THE PRESBYTERY.

To the Editor of the STAR.

Since our Minister denies that over he said in the pulpit that the scriptures were inspired, I will not trouble you with any proofs, it being so well known and said in the hearing of the whole congregation, and lengthily commented on. Those who believed his word before his bible, will in this denial have a bitter pill to swallow. We will see how they get it down.

I said as little about him as I could. To justify my own character, I feel compelled to give some more reasons for my opinion, from his teaching. He told us from the pulpit that it was not necessary to observe the Sabbath of old. He said no harm when we went to get to talk over our words of faith, etc., etc., and with many more strange expressions that I shall not trouble you with.

I may mention that before Rev. Dr. Jardine and a number of others in the church, he said he had told the Dr. of our differences and the Dr. fully agreed with him in his still maintained charges, and those were the Doctor's views. I would not come to hear either him nor the Doctor.

A day or two after he called at our house and told me before a stranger that the members of the Presbytery agreed to discuss the question of inspiration, and that he wrote out his views fully and clearly and that they were highly approved of by the most learned and talented of the presbytery. He said to be candid, that if the vote had been taken, they might have been in the minority, but it was to be left to the presbytery to decide.

He said that a man of common education could not know what was inspired, and what was not inspired; it required one who knew Greek and Latin. Now, Sir, with all these facts and many others which I could mention, which are well known in the community, would any sane man say that he never said anything about inspiration?

Yours, very truly,
O. W. BELLEVES IN THE BIBLE.

DR HOUGH IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE MYSTERIOUS EAST UPON OUR SPRUCE FORESTS EXPLAINED.

The United States Forestry Commissioner, Dr F. B. Hough, who is connected with the Department of Agriculture at Washington, has been in Fredericton for a few days, collecting information as to the terrible pest that is ravaging our spruce forests, and which has fair to annihilate this valuable wool.

Dr. Hough visited Mr. Gibson's mills, and premises with the general appearance of which he was much pleased. In company with Messrs Pugh and E. Jack, he went up to the pond and on the boom, where he remarked that nearly 25 per cent. of the logs appeared to be from dead trees. Lifting up the bark adhering to the logs, he found the remains of beetles between it and the solid wood. The insect which is doing so much damage works between the bark and the tree, and attacks trees which are apparently healthy and sound, while the ordinary borer attacks only the dead or dying. Dr. Hough left Fredericton on Saturday morning for Caribou, whence he will proceed to all the information which he may require to indicate the exact location on the head of St. John River where the spruce trees are either dead or dying, and we may expect to have further information on this subject. Canada will occupy more than 200 pages of the "The Forestry" Forestry report, which will be published at Washington early in the approaching winter.

A few weeks ago we published in the Fredericton Star an account of the mysterious pest that had been upon our most valuable spruce forests. In portions of the Nashua's stands you might trace, for several miles in length, and of a great width, this mysterious disease, which seemed to paralyze and kill every sound tree in its track. And, as if its mission were merely to destroy what was healthy and serviceable, it passed without contact with these "trees" from other causes. This strange disease appeared only a few years ago, but since that time it has puzzled our lumbermen, many of whom have told us of the blasted districts which run through the forest land. Now however the cause is known if the knowledge of the case.

A Street Concert.

A party of not less than 20 took charge of the lower end of town Monday night. They sang songs, etc., and the police were polite enough not to disturb them.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Northumberland Circuit.

(Special to STAR.)
NEWCASTLE, Sept. 15.
Col. Murray and Sailer vs. Union Insurance Company. Verdict for defendants. J. B. Wilson, vs. Scott Fairley, has just been settled on.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF NEWCASTLE.

Sept. 8—H. H. H. 121. Halvorsen, Greenock, R. A. & J. Stewart.
H. G. 117. R. R. Newry, R. A. & J. Stewart.

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