

The Country.

An Epitome of Events
Gathered by
ADVOCATE Reporters.

BATHURST.

How quickly time flies. Here is a fourth of 1904 gone and although the snow is nearly up to the top of the fences there is a slight feeling of spring in the air. Parties of lumbermen are appearing on the streets of the town coming from the woods after what they have no doubt considered a long winter's work, and a good winter's work, we hope in most cases, for the principal part of the season was very favorable to them. The lumber dealers who are anxiously waiting for favorable news from the English markets, are yet without anything positive regarding prices as far as we can learn, and many of them admit that they are slightly anxious. No particular reason is given by the usual buyers on this side, why they are not ready to make contracts but the general impression seems to be that the markets are unsettled owing to the agitation caused by the contemplated changes in the tariff. The elections in Great Britain come on next summer and it is hardly likely there will be a revival of business until they are decided. There is no concealing the fact that this stagnation in the selling branch of the business is a serious matter particularly to the men in New Brunswick who have such an immense amount of capital locked up in logs, and if it is certainly a good thing for them that the result of previous years business has been so favorable as to allow them to hold their lumber on hand pending a decision as regards prices. If the trade had not been so good for the past few years they would be selling at any price obtainable in order to keep their operations alive. As it is, there appears to be a general decision to hold on to their stocks until they secure at least as good prices as last season.

The Carquet Railway people have been working steadily for over a week at the opening of their roads and by the time this goes to press they should be running trains to Carquet at least. The unfortunate accident which deprived them of the use of one of their engines just at the time it was most needed has been a source of much expense and annoyance not only to the Company but to shippers along the line who were depending on the Railway for supplies and to get out their produce. Fortunately hauling on the post roads was practicable and the roads continued fairly good during the time the railway was hung up.

We have no progress to report concerning the agitation to have the town and village of Bathurst incorporated, although there seems to be an unrecurrent of feeling both in favor and opposed to the measure. The only way the thing can be approached properly, in our opinion, is by calling a meeting of the ratepayers, and laying the advantages to be gained by incorporation before them. In this way those who are afraid of the measure may learn some things they do not know which might materially change their opinions. Any other kind of talk or meetings amount to nothing, for after all it is the people themselves who have to decide the matter, and unless those who cannot see the good to result from it are convinced, they will, when the time comes, vote against it.

We notice by recent newspapers that a constant stream of emigrants is passing through St. John and Halifax bound for the West. The Dominion Government appears to be leaving no stone unturned to settle the Western country, and as far as we can see nothing is being done, or at least very little, to induce any of these settlers to remain in the Eastern Province. While it is true, and probably always will be true, that the Star of the empire settles in the West still we think the government should endeavor to help the eastern provinces to some extent. There are thousands of acres of the very best land in New Brunswick unsettled, and when we see as many as four thousand emigrants land and pass through the province in one month it appears strange that none of them have been shown the advantages of remaining in New Brunswick. Now we

notice that there is likely to be a large immigration into America from Finland, and it is said the natives of that country make good settlers. We should think the climate of certain parts of the Eastern Provinces suitable to these people, and why not endeavor to get a colony of them settled in Northern New Brunswick. They are a thrifty and fairly clean people, and second generation of the settlers would probably make excellent farmers.

Some time ago we noticed that the people of Charlotte County and southern Nova Scotia were taking measures in the way of petitions to the Government to have an Act or regulation passed putting a bounty on the killing of dog fish. We have heard nothing of any agitation among our fishermen in Gloucester County concerning this matter, which we think should be of interest to them. Possibly something may have been done however, and we do not hear about it. By the way we noticed a short time ago an article in some newspaper claiming that dogfish cured in a certain manner can be used as food. We hardly think this possible, but it is worth consideration. At least something should be done regarding this pest or our great and important cod fishery will suffer. In fact the loss to the fishermen last season cannot be calculated.

We are glad to see such an interest taken in our Lobster trade by buyers from the United States and elsewhere which argues good prices for canned lobsters next summer. We hear of some excellent contracts having been made by the owners of factories in this county.

Business generally in the stores of Bathurst and the Village is steadily improving as spring approaches. There appears to be a good deal of cash in circulation just now, caused perhaps by the fact that a good many men who have been working in the woods have returned and been paid off. Besides this, a great quantity of railway sleepers are being got out at different points along the Intercolonial railway and as the makers get paid promptly in cash this puts considerable money in the hands of the store keepers during the dull season of the year. The sleeper trade is a constantly growing industry and as the wood suitable for them is getting very scarce in the southern part of the province the North Shore counties will sooner or later be the only suppliers besides Quebec, in Eastern Canada.

PERSONALS.

P. B. Hanson, Esq., Principal of the Grammar School, is absent owing to the death of his father which occurred last week.

Mrs. R. N. Dunn formerly of Bathurst Village, is visiting Mrs. A. N. DesBrisay.

Mrs. Henry Bishop and one of her children have been quite ill with the prevailing grippe.

Mrs. R. D. Southwood has also been ill with this disease, and in fact in nearly every household in town and village one or more have been suffering.

N. O. Landry Esq., left on Friday last to attend his duties as clerk in the House of Assembly.

Messrs. Fred Robertson, late of South Africa, and W. A. Robertson of St. Paul, Minn., are at the Robertson House.

Mr. Arthur Barry of Campbellton spent Saturday in Bathurst.

Mr. Oscar Fenwick has removed with his family to Sackville where he will conduct the branch of the business of Fenwick Bros., at that place. Wm. Fenwick remains in Bathurst.

The friends of Rev. A. Read, Presbyterian Minister at Bathurst Village, are glad to learn that he is recovering from his recent severe illness.

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Has There Been an Extensive Contraband Business?

A correspondent writing from a North Shore centre makes some rather startling statements which indicate that the Customs people need waking up at Bay Chaleur ports.

It appears that there have been large quantities of contraband liquors landed at different points from Bathurst northward, including places in the Province of Quebec along the Bay Chaleur coast.

Schooners are reported as having left certain places laden with lumber and to have returned with coal or some other legitimate non dutiable article of freight. Coal cargoes, especially, failed to bring the craft down to the accustomed depth brought about by such a heavy article of lading, while the celerity with which it would be taken out as the wharf was the subject of wondering comment by the observant.

All up along the shore, and on Heron Island, nocturnal landings at unusual places, are said to have been observed last summer, and the movements of the craft engaged in the activities of the traffic, although mysterious, are said to have in no way resembled those of the Phantom ship of the Bay Chaleur.

It is even said that vessels which have sailed with lumber for certain ports never reached them, but rendezvoused with other craft by pre-arrangement and exchanged their dry cargoes for wet ones, in which friends around the coast were interested, with the result that retail liquor dealers not in the syndicates were amazed at the low prices at which they could buy gun and other "strong waters" from "the trade" in Gloucester and other Northern Counties, in comparison with the quotations obtainable through those legitimately in the business in St. John, Quebec and Montreal.

If the ADVOCATE's correspondent is right in his information and conjectures, a competent customs inspector or detective could, no doubt, spend some time in certain quarters in Gloucester, Restigouche, Bonaventure and Gaspe counties making inquiries which would lead to interesting developments and not be without the result of increasing the future customs revenues of that important range of the Quebec and New Brunswick coast.

Lumber Contractor Fails

And Men Loose Winter's Wages.

Mr. John R. McConnell, of Marysville, York county, the well-known lumber operator, has made an assignment to Mr. D. E. Paradis, of Quebec. Particulars of his liabilities have not been received, but it is thought they will be heavy. Mr. McConnell has been lumbering in Quebec province. He was involved in the Kilbuck failure last year.—Globe.

The ADVOCATE understands that it was for this operator that the McCormicks and Brophy's of Blackville hired men last fall to go to the Quebec woods. These men to the number of about one hundred arrived home some time ago, many of them having to send home for enough to pay their fare to Chatham Junction, from where they footed it home. Blackville loses a large amount by this failure.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made at the next meeting of the Local Legislature, for the passage of an Act to empower the Highland Society of Miramichi, to sell their real estate in the Town of Chatham.

Dated this 23rd day of Feb., A. D. 1904.
R. T. D. AITKEN,
Secretary.

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1904

SPRING OPENING.

We have just received from England, several cases of Ladies' shower proof coats made in the very latest styles, and of grey mottled tweeds with the new Collar and Cape. Prices ranging from \$5.50 to \$12.00.

DRESS GOODS.

Cashmere, Voile, Satin cloth, Knicker cloth, Nun's Veilings and Broad cloths in all shades.

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Silk Gimp, Silk Appliques, Persian trimming and the new wool-fiber trimming, also Black, White and Cream colored laces.

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Taffeta, Tannaline, Chine, Pate de Soie, also Satins in all shades and at all prices.

HOSIERY.

Black Cashmere Hose, plain, ribbed and Embroidered fronts. Prices ranging from 25 to 75 cents per pair.

MEN'S CLOTHING.

Men's suits in Tweeds, Serges and Black worsted, square and round corners.

OVERCOATS AND RAGLANETTES.

We have a very large range of these goods in new designs and the latest styles, prices to suit all.

MEN AND BOY'S SHIRTS.

This is one of our special lines and have made it complete from boys size 12 to men's size 18, in plain white and very pretty colors.

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We have a complete range of these goods in Scotch wool, Standie's unshrinkable and several other makes. Prices ranging from 25c to \$2.50.

Besides our regular stock of English and American Hats this season, we have purchased the samples of John H. North & Co., one of the largest and best Hat manufacturers in United States, at 25% reduction and are offering them for sale at the same reduction.

J. D. CREAGHAN.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY
CONCERT.

On Thursday,

17th of MARCH

In the

New Orange Hall,
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A concert, literary, musical and dramatic, will be given by the members of St. Mary's Church Choir and other distinguished amateurs.

For children and others of the general public who may not conveniently assist at night, a Matinee performance will be given in the afternoon, commencing at 3 p. m.

With a spacious and up-to-date hall, artistic performance, and very select matter, an enjoyable time may be anticipated.

Tickets can be had at the stores of Messrs. Hennessy, Creaghan, Bannan, and Dalton's Drug Store.

Doors open at 7:30 p. m. Performance will commence at 8 p. m.

Entrance 25c. Reserved Seats 40c.

Matinee, Adults 20c. Children 10c.

Newcastle, March 7th 1904.

BARGAINS.

Beginning to-day we will sell at reduced prices all boots and shoes that we have left over from last season to make room for spring goods.

GOOD GROCERIES.

Selling as cheap as can be bought anywhere in town.

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Jan. 26th 1904.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders as it is both soap and disinfectant.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

All persons having just claims against the estate of the late Thos. G. Johnstone, late of Newcastle, are requested to file the same forthwith, duly attested, with me the undersigned executor, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

Dated this 16 day of Feb., A. D. 1904

D. MORRISON,

Executor of the last Will and Testament of Thos. G. Johnstone.

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Notice of Bill.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made at the next session of the Local Legislature for the passage of an act to empower the Town of Newcastle to issue debentures up to the amount originally provided by the said Legislature for Waterworks and Electric Light for the purpose of completing the installation of same and providing for extension; and for fixing the amount of valuation on real estate in certain cases.

Dated this 23rd day of Feb. A. D. 1904.

R. T. D. AITKEN,

Town Clerk.

Property for Sale.

In incorporated Town of Newcastle, fronting on the Miramichi river, containing nearly 100 acres of land, 8 ready for crop; Dwelling House, Woodshed and Barn. Also a Back Lot on rear of said property, containing 110 acres of well preserved woodland. Address

JOHN CROCKER,

March 23d, 1904. South Nelson, N. B.

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Tenders for Stock.

Tenders for the entire stock of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, etc., etc., belonging to the estate of the late James Brown, addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tenders for Stock" will be received at his store in Newcastle, up to 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, the 15th day of March next.

The Stock List can be seen at any time between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. of each day, at the said store.

The Lowest or Any Tender not necessarily accepted.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque of 4% of the amount of the said Tender.

For further information apply to the undersigned or at the store. Terms cash.

Dated the 25th day February A. D. 1904.

MARGARET ADAMS, Newcastle,

JAMES ROBINSON, Derby.

Administrators of the Estate and effects of the late JAMES BROWN.

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MECHANICS INSTITUTE.

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JAN. PALMER,

President.

Feb. 23rd.

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