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A Kitchen Maid and House Servant Wanted Immediately.

☞ None but competent servants need apply.

APPLY AT THIS OFFICE.

Local and General News.

KENT NOTES are crowded out.

"WANDERING WILLIE" will have attention next week.

"ANOTHER NAPAN MAN'S" letter crowded out this week.

BELFORD'S MAGAZINE for May at the Miramichi Bookstore.

ADVERTISERS' favors must reach the office not later than Monday.

EGYPTIAN DARKNESS on Sunday night and none of the Street lamps lit.

SERVICE.—There will be service in St. John's Church, Chatham, on Sunday next at the usual hours.

DR. J. H. ARNOLD, may now be consulted at his office, over Mr. Street's Drug Store, Newcastle.—*Advt.*

MR. HAVILAND'S steam ferry boat was launched on Friday morning last and commenced running on Monday.

PROPERTY SALE.—We hope our readers will not forget the sale of the "Rectory" property which is to take place on Monday next.

PERSONAL.—Hon. Wm Muirhead has returned from Ottawa.

Hon. Messrs. Kelly and Young have returned home from Fredericton.

HIS LORDSHIP, Bishop McIntyre, of Prince Edward Island, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. He was the guest of His Lordship, Bishop Rogers.

ICE IN THE BAY.—Pilot George Savoy, who returned from down river yesterday morning, reports no clear water below Escuminac light-house and ice jammed in hard and fast.

THE REV D. TAYLOR has been appointed by the Presbytery of Miramichi to preach in St. Andrew's Church, Campbellton, on Sabbath next, 6th inst., and on the following Sabbath.

PRESBYTERY MEETING.—The Presbytery of Miramichi will meet at Kingston, Kent Co., on Thursday, 17th inst., at 4 p. m. to take into consideration the present and future circumstances of the congregation.

MR J. R. EURWOOD, who has been instructing choirs and giving singing lessons here during the winter, was to leave Chatham last night for Quebec to assume the duties of choir Master and music Director of St Matthew's Church, of that City, a situation he is, doubtless, well qualified to fill.

CHATHAM RAILWAY.—At the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Chatham Branch Railway Co., held in the Secretary's office on 1st inst., the following were appointed Directors:—J. B. Snowball, Esq., Hon. William Kelly, Hon. R. Young, Alexander Morrison, Esq., F. J. Letson, Esq. At a meeting of the Directors J. B. Snowball, Esq., was appointed President, and A. D. Shirreff, Esq., Secretary.

NOT GOING AWAY.—A rumor to the effect that Dr. J. S. Benson intended returning to Newcastle having gained circulation, we are authorised to state that it is altogether without foundation. While it would be a capital thing for our Newcastle friends, were Dr. Benson to again take up his residence in that place, we are glad that he is to remain at Chatham where his acknowledged skill has rendered him so deservedly popular.

SINGULAR CASE:—An inquest was closed at Boiestown last week on the body of Wm. Johnson, who on 17th ult. had interposed in a quarrel at Mr. Jas. Fairley's camp, Stanley, between two men named James Carey and James O'Neill and fell dead after being in contact with the latter. The cause of death does not seem to have been arrived at and it is attributed by some persons to heart disease while others believe it was a kick received in the *melee*.

KENT ELECTION.—The Sheriff has issued his proclamation required by the Municipal Act. The polling places in the several parishes are to be as follows:—Dundas, at John Dysart's; Wellington, at George Irving's store; St Mary's at Oliver J. Leblanc's; Harcourt, at Andrew Dunn's farm house; Weldford, at Robert Brown's store (shipyard); Richibucto, at the Court House; St Louis, at John B. Richard's; Carleton, at the Temperance Hall; Acadieville, at Dominick Gallant's.

A SINGULAR CASE.—About two months ago—or, perhaps, more—a lad named Dennis McGuire, of St. John, was stabbed in the arm at the elbow joint by another lad. He was attended by a Portland Doctor at the time, and although the arm was a little sore he came to work at Snowball's mill. After being a short time at work the arm swelled and became painful, and on being examined by one of our surgeons the discovery of a portion of the knife blade fixed in the bone was made. When removed it was found to be seven-eighths of an inch long.

NINE NOVGOROD FAIR.—The great market of the eastern world has been held at this junction of the Volga and Olga Rivers, in Russia, every summer for hundreds of years. Here the nations of Europe and Asia meet with their products for trade. Cossack, Chinese, Turk and Persian meet the German and the Greek with every variety of merchandise that mankind employs, from sapphires to grindstones, tea, opium, fur, food, tools and fabrics, and last but not least, medicines. J. C. Ayer & Co.'s celebrated remedies from America were displayed in an elegant bazaar where the Docter himself might sometimes be seen. They are known and taken on steppes of Asia as well as the praires of the West, and are an effectual antidote for the diseases that prevail in the yaourts of the North as well as the huts and cabins of the western continent.—*Lincoln (Ill.) Times.*

Fatal Accident on the Renous.

On Monday last a sad and fatal accident occurred about seven miles up the Renous River at a brow of logs owned by Mr. James Mansfield. The latter was being assisted by Mr. John Bogie, to get his drive ready, and while working at the lower part of the brow a log came rolling over, which struck Bogie on the head killing him instantly. Deceased was twenty-eight years old, was much esteemed, and leaves a wife and four children, the youngest of which is scarcely two years old.

Kent Driving Park.

There will be a running and a trotting race at Kent Driving Park on Thursday 24th inst. The amount offered in prizes is $75, divided as follows:—

Purse of $50 open to all trotting horses owned in the County of Kent that have never beaten 2.57; four to enter, four to start. Prizes $20, $15, $10, and $5.

Purse of $25 running race, open to all horses owned in Kent; half mile heats, best two in three; four to enter, three to start. Prizes $12, $8, and $5.

The trotting race is to be mile heats, best three in five, unless otherwise specified. All horses entered must have been owned in the County three months previous to 26th April. The enterance fee is 10% of purse in each race and must accompany entry. Entries, which must specify the name, color and sex of the animal, will close with the Secretary A. J. Girvan, Esq., on the evening of Wednesday, 23rd of May at 9 o'clock.

Miramichi Ice Record for 47 Years.

Hon. Richard Hutchison, who has noted the time of the opening and closing of the river ever since his arrival in the country, in 1830, kindly furnishes us with the dates. Some of them are a little different from the opening dates published by us last week, and we incline to the belief that the figures of Mr. Hutchison are the correct ones. Although partially repeating what we gave last week we present the list, as it embraces the opening and closing days for the last 47 years—nearly a half century:—

Year.	Opened.	Closed.	Year.	Opened.	Closed.
1830	———	Dec. 20	1854	May 2.	Dec. 8
1831	April 16.	" 4	1855	" 1.	" 14
1832	May 3.	" 30	1856	April 23.	" 3
1833	April 14.	" 1	1857	" 16.	" 4
1834	" 12.	Nov. 29	1858	" 17.	" 1
1835	May 5.	" 22	1859	" 16.	" 4
1836	April 26.	Dec. 14	1860	" 21.	" 5
1837	" 16.	Nov. 27	1861	" 16.	" 12
1838	" 20.	" 25	1862	" 22.	" 2
1839	" 24.	Dec 19	1863	" 25.	Nov. 25
1840	" 18.	" 2	1864	" 26.	" 31
1841	May 2.	" 22	1865	" 8.	Dec. 6
1842	April 25.	" 6	1866	" 20.	" 11
1843	" 26.	Nov. 29	1867	" 28.	Nov. 30
1844	" 18.	" 23	1868	" 28.	Dec. 10
1845	" 20.	Dec. 3	1869	" 22.	" 3
1846	" 1.	" 7	1870	" 13.	" 23
1847	May 6.	Nov. 30	1871	" 15.	Nov. 28
1848	April 23.	Dec. 7	1872	" 25.	Dec. 5
1849	" 11.	" 11	1873	" 29.	Nov. 21
1850	" 19.	" 10	1874	" 20.	Dec. 1
1851	" 23	" 6	1875	May 4.	Nov. 28
1852	May 1.	" 15	1876	April 24.	Dec. 9
1853	April 29.	" 3	1877	" 16.	

New Advertisements, etc.

SEE THE NEW "Victor Hugo" adv't.

HO FOR DOAKTOWN! See "Andover" adv't.

READ THE ANCHOR LINE S. S. Co's adv't.

AWNING STRIPES.—See Everitt and Butler's adv't.

BAKERY—Mr. John Wyse advertises his bakery again.

NEW NOVELS are advertised by Messrs. J. & A. McMillan.

WM. WATERBURY, St. John advertises a line of spades, etc.

MILL FILES, CUTLERY, etc, are advertised by Z. G. Gabel of St. John.

SEEDS are advertised by E. Lee Street Esq., of the Newcastle Drug store.

JOHN W. NICHOLSON, Esq., offers the clear thing in Highland Malt Whiskey.

LOGAN LINDSAY & Co, of St. John offer new goods to their numerous North Shore customers.

A THIRD CLASS TEACHER is advertised for by the Trustees of No. 6 District, Tabusintac.

NO TRIMMING is required on dress goods advertised by Messrs. Manchester, Robertson and Allison.

SEE THE NEW ADV'TS of Messrs. L. H. DeVeber & Sons, St. John. The house is a very old and reliable one.

COMPLETE FYLES of Harpers' *Magazine, Bazar* and *Weekly*, from 1st of January to date, for sale cheap at the Miramichi Bookstore.

MR. NIDDRIE, of the late firm of Niddrie & Wilson, announces, this week, the continuance of the business by himself at the old stand. Mr. Niddrie's experience and well known taste will ensure satisfaction to purchasers.

School Examinations.

MISS ALEXANDER'S SCHOOL.

The usual semi-annual examinations of the Public Schools in No. 1 District, Chatham, commenced on Thursday last, in the Primary department, taught by Miss Alexander. A large number of visitors was present, including Wm. Murray, Esq., of the Board of Trustees, Rev's. W. Wilson and Thomson L. Smith, Messrs. D. Ferguson and A. D. Shirreff and a number of ladies. The exercises were in Reading, Spelling, Word-building, Simultaneous repetition of Poetry from memory, Arithmetic, Definitions of Lines, component parts of Circles, &c., and Freehand Drawing.—Recitations were given by Misses Fanny Gillespie and Annie Loudoun and there was also one by Misses Bessie Sadler, Bessie Coigley, Alice Jackson, Bessie Carter and Laura Haviland together; Masters LeBaron Shirreff, Thos. Kingston, and Addie Shirreff, also recited short selections and two others were given by Masters Willie Coigley, James Simpson and John Kingston and Gordon Gray and Miss Nina Benson together. This examination, like the former ones of Miss Alexander's department, exhibited great proficiency on the part of the pupils in all the branches and showed the results of the care and zeal with which that lady prosecutes her work. In Drawing, particularly, the classes gave evidence of having received very faithful instruction from their teacher.

MISS HAVILAND'S SCHOOL.

In the afternoon the Intermediate Department, presided over by Miss Minnie Haviland, was examined. Wm. Murray, Esq., and Dr. McCurdy, Trustees, Rev. Messrs. Wilson, Crisp and Smith, and a number of the parents of the pupils were present. The pupils were examined in Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography and Drawing. This was the first examination of this Department since it was separated from the Advanced Department and it was, consequently, more thorough than when the pupils were examined with a number of others. In all the branches the pupils acquitted themselves well and drew words of approbation on their efficiency and compliment to their teacher from Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Crisp. The visitors generally expressed themselves well pleased with the progress the children had made under Miss Haviland's charge, specifying several branches, more particularly the Reading, which was, indeed, excellent for such young children.

MISS WILLISTON'S SCHOOL.

The examination of the Advanced Department (Miss Williston's) was held on Friday forenoon in presence of William Murray, Esq., of the Trustees, Rev. Messrs. Forsyth, Wilson and Smith and a large number of other visitors, ladies and gentlemen. The following are the branches in which the pupils were examined:—Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography and French. In the first three the pupils acquitted themselves very well answering all questions put to them rapidly and accurately, the Reading, particularly, receiving much praise. In Arithmetic, the exercises were not so good, but this was owing to the questions given, being in advance of what the children had been taught. In Geography, in which two classes were called, the lost ground was regained, the examination being thorough and the answers given with great readiness, showing that the pupils' knowledge of the subject was thorough and well grounded. The members of the French class also acquitted themselves well during their brief examination. Master Ernest Blair and Miss Rita Kelly took their parts in a dialogue very well, and recitations were given by Master Willie Snowball and Miss Eliza Letson. Recitations were also to have been given by Masters Harry Shirreff and Ernest Murray but they were unintentionally overlooked, the visitors thereby, no doubt, missing a treat. Two original essays on "The Dominion of Canada" by Misses Laura Winslow and Bessie Fowler were much above the average of such compositions. A prize was awarded to each of the writers of these essays. At the conclusion of the exercises several gentlemen present expressed themselves highly pleased with the exhibition and congratulated Miss Williston on the high state of efficiency of the pupils under her charge.

MR. OAKES' DEPARTMENT.

On Friday afternoon Mr. Oakes' Department, the High School, was examined. Among those present were Wm. Murray, Esq., and Dr. McCurdy, of the Board of Trustees, Rev. Messrs. Forsyth and Wilson and others. The following was the programme:—

Music—"School Bells."
Virgil.
Arithmetic.
Music—"Rock beside the Sea."
Reading.
History of Canada.
Music—"Hurrah for Canada."
Recitation—"These black Crows," Minnie Thompson.
Geography.
Chemistry of Common Things.
Latin Fables and Algebra.
Music—"Glorious Apollo."
Recitation.—"Rienzi to the Romans," Charles Kelly.
Recitation.—"Education," Albert Patterson.
Music—"Spring."
Essay—"The Price of Excellence," Edith Shirreff.
Do. "Amusements," Mary Anderson.
Recitation—"The Removal," Ernest McKay.
Do: "The Land where I was born," A. Templeton.
Recitation—"Barbara Fretchie," Barbara Woods.
National Anthem.

The examiners were well satisfied with the exercises in Virgil and Arithmetic, especially in the latter. In Reading, two classes were called up, the members of the first not impressing their hearers very favorably with their efforts; the next class however, read with care and expression which could only result from careful training. The class examined in History of Canada were questioned by Mr. Oakes, and gave accurate and ready replies without exception; as did, also, those examined in Geography. Two members of this class pointed out localities, named by their fellow pupils, on the maps with great accuracy, but it would, perhaps, be invidious to mention them when all evinced confidence in their abilities in this branch. In Chemistry of Common Things, also, the exercises were most satisfactory. Latin Fables came next on the programme, but did not occupy much time as it was getting late. The exhibit in this, however, was very creditable. Mr. A. Templeton executed and explained an Algebraic exercise well. Both the essays by Misses Edith Shirreff and Mary Anderson were good and showed a great deal of originality and careful thought in their composition.

After the examination Rev. Messrs. Wilson, Forsyth, and others of the visitors made some remarks on the manner in which the pupils had gone through their exercises, noting very great improvements during the past year in all the branches, and praising the excellent order kept by the pupils throughout. After these gentlemen had concluded, Mr. Oakes made a brief *resume* of the work since he had been in charge, stating the average attendance during the term to have been 33, and especially mentioning the following as first among his pupils:—In Deportment—Miss Edith Shirreff, Miss Annie Brown. Most regular in attendance—Master Albt. Patterson. A prize, given by one of the lady visitors, was awarded to Master Albert Patterson for general proficiency, regular attendance and good deportment.

The condition of all the schools is satisfactory. It would be more encouraging, however, to Teachers as well as pupils, if parents and others would evince increased interest in the work from time to time. Occasional visits all through the term and a few words aptly spoken might be productive of much good, and we feel quite sure that there are many who seem to take but little interest in the schools who would do so if they fully appreciated the preponderance of benefit that would result in comparison to the effort such visits would require.

Presbytery of Miramichi.

The quarterly meeting of the above Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church in this town on Tuesday. Present, Rev. James Anderson, Moderator, Wm. M. Wilson, Clerk, with Rev. Messrs. Johnstone, Nicholson, Robertson, Houston, and M'Cullagh, and Wm. Scott and Hugh Cameron, Elders. Rev. David Taylor, of Ontario, who has been supplying St. John's Church for some Sabbaths, being present, was asked to deliberate.

The first business taken up was the proposed demission of Rev. Wm. M. Wilson of the charge of St. Andrew's Church. A large number of the people of the congregation were present who watched the proceedings with deep feeling. Mr. Anderson reported that he had preached by appointment and summoned the congregation to appear for their interests. On the congregation being called Mr. Tweedie presented the following document:—

CHATHAM, 28th April, 1877.

"At a meeting of the Trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, held this day in the Secretary's Office, present, William Wyse, John Galloway, Thomas Vondy, Jr., A. S. Templeton, L. J. Tweedie, and Wm. Johnstone. On motion Wm. Wyse was appointed chairman *pro tem.* Minutes of former meeting read and approved. The Chairman then read the following letter received from the Rev. William M. Wilson on the 25th inst.

MANSE, CHATHAM, April 10th 1877.

To the Trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg respectfully to inform you that in accordance with what I told my session on Sabbath, March the 4th, I laid my resignation of the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, in the hands of the Presbytery on the tenth day of the present month for the reason that after a pastorate of nine years in the large and important congregation of St. Andrew's, Chatham, I feel that I require a *change* and rest from mental and physical work. I intend to return to Scotland in June next.

I am, your obedient servant,

WM. M. WILSON.

On motion of Mr. A. S. Templeton, seconded by Mr. J. Galloway, Resolved—That the Trustees regret that the Rev. Wm. M. Wilson the pastor of St. Andrew's Church, has determined to resign the charge of the congregation for the reason that he requires change and rest from the pastoral duties as set forth in his resignation.

Further Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to attend the meeting of Presbytery in St. Andrew's Church, on the first day of May next on behalf of the congregation and to make the Rev. W. M. Wilson an offer of four months' vacation and that his stipend be continued during said vacation. The Trustees also agreed to fill his Pulpit as far as possible during his absence; and,

Further Resolved,—That Messrs. L. J. Tweedie, Thomas Vondy, Jr., and John Galloway be said Committee.

Extracted from Minutes.

JOHN ELLIS, Secretary.

The members of Committee were then heard in succession. They expressed in the strongest terms the regret they had felt and still feel for the contemplated loss of Mr. Wilson, that they were prepared to go any length to retain him. They spoke at length of the success that had attended Mr. Wilson's labours and the great difficulty so far as they could see of filling his place. Messrs. Edgar and Creighton, members of Session and Messrs. Tweedie, Ferguson, Sinclair and Johnstone, members of the congregation, all spoke in similar terms and with the same feeling. All the members of the Presbytery spoke at length, referring to the personal loss they would suffer if Mr. Wilson should leave, to his social qualities as well as those of his highly esteemed partner in life, his extensive knowledge of the field and its wants, to his business qualities, as well as to the loss to St. Andrew's congregation with which they sympathised so much. All said that they were prepared to cooperate with the members of the congregation in doing their utmost to retain Mr. Wilson in his present charge.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, who was deeply affected, then rose and said that he felt at that moment more than he could express. The very kind words spoken by the Commissioners and the bretheren, were the most gratifying possible. His resolution to resign his charge and return to Scotland was formed after long and earnest thought. He had often felt discouraged and alone in his work, and desired a sympathy and cooperation such as his large and important charge required, to carry on the work successfully. He loved his people dearly and was ready to make any sacrifice for their good. But the earnest appeals made by the Commissioners and members of the congregation had made a strong impression on his mind, and he asked leave till the afternoon to re-consider the matter.

In the afternoon there was again a large attendance of the commissioners and members of the congregation. Mr. Wilson stated that after earnest prayers and serious reflection on the whole matter, he felt constrained to withraw his resignation and yield to the wishes of the congregation. He said he would take the offer of three or four months' leave of absence into consideration.

This decision of Mr. Wilson elicited the warmest and most cordial applause, and the members of the congregation and others went up and shook him heartily by the hand.

The members of Presbytery were as joyful over the issue as the people were, feeling that a burden was lifted off their minds by the withdrawal by Mr. Wilson of his proposed demission.

A letter from Rev. J. P. Bryant, formerly of Kouchibouguac, was read, asking to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Albany, U. S. It was granted, and Rev. John Robertson was appointed to preach on the third Sabbath of May and declare the pulpit vacant.

Mr. Robertson's demission was then taken up. On hearing Mr. Robertson as to his intention to adhere to his proposed demission it was agreed that it be accepted, said demission to take effect at the end of June.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Patterson regarding the recommendation of Presbytery for aid to Mr. Fowler, from the aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, was read, to the effect that members of the Committee had expressed an opinion that the fund was not intended for those laid aside temporarily. Whereupon it was moved and agreed to—That the Presbytery hears with astonishment, the opinion that the fund was not intended for temporary relief, it being the solemn conviction of this court and especially of those who took part in the organization of that Fund that one of its main objects was to give temporary relief. Further—The Clerk is hereby instructed to apply again to the committee, and if a favorable answer be not given, the representative this day to be appointed to the General Assembly be instructed to bring the matter before that venerable court as to the intention of the fund.

Mr. Keans' report of work done in New Carlisle and New Richmond was read. He had given eighteen weeks to the former and two weeks to the latter and got in the former a very meagre amount, and the latter full payment for his services. The Clerk was directed to write to New Carlisle urging the people there to do themselves justice in the premises.

In the afternoon a report was presented by a Committee that had been appointed to examine Session and other records, which were found to be regularly kept so far as presented.

The portions of the Assembly Remits left over from last meeting were now considered and disposed of.

The following were appointed representatives to the General Assembly:—Ministers, Thomas Johnstone, Wm. M. Wilson, and Samuel Houston. Elders, Hon. Wm. Hamilton, of Dalhousie, John Nicholson, of Newcastle and Dr. Alex. Gordon, of Halifax.

A petition from the congregation of Campbellton was read asking to be received under the care of the Presbytery. The prayer of the petition was cordially granted. Supplies for the month of May were arranged for. The reception of this congregation into the United Church ends opposition to Union in this Province.

The Rev. Wm. Murray, late of Campbellton, at his own request received appointments for some weeks at New Richmond and New Carlisle.

The applications for supplement for the ensuing year were then carefully considered and recommendations were made to the Board.

A letter was read asking for further leave for Mr. Law. It was agreed to hold a meeting of Presbytery in Richibucto on the 17th of this month, the Rev. William McCullagh to preach.

The next regular meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Bathurst on the first Tuesday of August.

TO DOAKTOWN BY STEAM.

A Fine Trip Up-River—The White Rapids, etc.—Salutes along the River and at Doaktown—Reception, etc.

Steam navigation on the Southwest Miramichi as far as Doaktown is an accomplished fact, Messrs. Call & Miller's steamer *Andover* having reached that point on Tuesday afternoon, and made the return trip yesterday. The event is one demanding especial notice, for it marks the beginning of an important era in the history of our splendid river, and we regret that we have not time this week to do it justice.

The steamer left Chatham about half-past four o'clock, Tuesday morning, and after taking in a number of passengers and some freight at Newcastle, the start for the up-river trip was made from that place at half-past five. R. R. Call, Esq., managing owner of the boat was on board, having a general superintendence of the trip, Captain Beattie being at his accustomed place in the wheel-house, under the piloting directions of Robert Swim, Esq., to whom belongs the honor of taking the first steamer up the Miramichi to Doaktown.

Our readers are generally aware of the fact that the attempt made last week to accomplish the trip failed on account of the water being too high to admit of the boat passing under the bridge at Bartholemew River, but, on leaving the wharf on Tuesday, Mr. Swim said he would guarantee the run to Doaktown that day—a guarantee he had not felt justified in giving before, for several reasons.

The run to Indiantown gave those on board an opportunity of having a good view of the Southwest Boom, and they were afforded abundant evidence of the enterprise of the Company, whose managing Committee have succeeded in providing new works which promise to be effective preventatives against the recurrence of those heavy jams in the river which have heretofore impeded navigation. A large number of new piers are extended up river from the upper end of the old boom and two jam piers have been placed inside of them, just opposite the spot where the logs used to pile up and close the river. The boom seems to be of the most substantial character and, although the logs are coming down quite fast there seems to be a good prospect that they will all be taken care of conveniently, provided due attention is paid to filling up available space in the "grab all" and leaving no more open water than is necessary in the boom itself.

The White Rapids, a mile or two above Indiantown, was a point of considerable interest and, we believe, had proved too heavy a down current for former steamboats to stem successfully. The ability of the *Andover* to run up them, however, had already been proved, but as the water was rising, swollen by the previous night's rain, there was such a strong and heavy current as to promise a test of her mettle. The matter was being discussed by the group of novices and river sailors forward and many of the former began to think they were at the interesting point when they saw a heavy break and swirl just on the starboard bow (by the way, a river sailor is not supposed to know starboard from port) which, however, they were informed was only the "Old Squaw," to whom every novice in river-navigation must raise his hat, as surely as the tar who first crosses the equatorial line must be keel-hauled by his shipmates or shaved by Neptune. The customary salutes being given the boat passed on and soon entered the Rapids. The effect of the rushing water was observed in a slacking of speed to, perhaps, 1½ or two knots by the land, as it increased by the water, with steam raised from seventy to eighty lbs. for the occasion, and the vibrating and tremulous decks and saloons seemed to give evidence of and exult in the victory that was being gained over the powerful element. The struggle was only a brief one and when it was finished those on board appeared to be in a kind of "I told you" so humor and gave their undivided attention to Mr. Maltby, of Newcastle, who explained the principle and practically illustrated the power of the hydraulic Jack, by raising the combined weight of Messrs. Griffin, of Chatham, and James Doak, of Doaktown, the latter being, perhaps, the most interesting person on board, chiefly because he prevented others from talking too much by talking all the time himself.

The water was nearly two feet lower at the Bartholemew River, or Blackville Bridge than on the preceding Wednesday, when the boat failed to pass under the structure, and after a short stay at Blackville Landing, where some freight was put out, the *Andover* passed onward and under the bridge for the first time, the event being greeted with cheers aboard and ashore. What was heretofore a *terra incognita* to steamboats was now entered upon. The banks of the river are well settled, and at every farm the peonle seemed to make the progress of the boat an occasion for demonstrations of welcome and gladness; handkerchiefs and hats were waved and guns fired. Though there was no announcement of the coming of the steamer, save by her whistle as it echoed along the intervales and among the hills, heralding her approach, there were even attempts at flag raising, the intention to honor the occasion being abundantly apparent, even though the means of doing it were often inadequate to satisfy the celebrants.

The Bridge at Donald's, or Dunphy's, was somewhat lower than that at Blackville, but there was a good foot of open air between the tops of the hog-frames of the boat and the pendents of the truss-work of the bridge, and the passage under it was made in fine style, amid the cheers of quite a large number who had gathered to witness the sight. Here Mr. Maltby and his workmen went ashore with facilities with which to raise the bridge. He is to put the north span up two feet higher than at present, after which he is to raise the north span of the Blackville Bridge to the same height, so that the steamer may pass up and down at any freshet-time. A detention of about an hour took place at Donald's, owing to the wheel of the boat having received some slight damage. All being again repaired the trip was continued against a pretty steady down current of from five to six miles an hour, the *Andover* behaving well in the experienced hands of her wheelsman, directed by pilot Swim. Much amusement was caused by the behaviour of horses, cattle, sheep, dogs, geese, hens, etc., all along the route from Blackville upwards. In most cases the dogs ran for the woods as if they never intended to return, geese flew high and far, horses showed their heels in splendid form, cattle straightened out their tails and scampered away, anywhere out of the sight of the smoke and steam and as far from the sound of the whistle as possible, while hens cackled and flew away, leaving the ducks to tumble over each other in wild dismay. Some of our readers may think we exaggerate the facts, but while many of the animals named stood their ground fairly many more did as above stated and the fact is, no doubt, entered in the log of the *Andover.*" If it is not it ought to be.

The number of guns fired as the boat passed along was very large, and we hope the saluting parties may never want powder. We have a good deal of faith in the people who make such hearty demonstrations as those along the Southwest on Tuesday, and we hope the enthusiasm which raised the impromptu flags at Mrs. Murdoch's and Mr. Jacob Layton's, that prompted the lady at Mr. Nat. Morehouse's to fire a salute, that brought Mr. Thomas Taylor with his flag in his hand when he had not time to erect a staff, and produced a general fusilade by the inhabitants, will turn out to be but the earnest of a determination on the part of the people to create and encourage a traffic which will justify the Government and the enterprising owners of the steamer in continuing an accommodation which ought to produce the best results along the whole line traversed.

We are obliged to pass over many interesting matters and incidents of the trip and speak of the arrival at Doaktown, which took place at six o'clock in the afternoon. As the boat, steaming slowly against the strong current, came within sight of the covered Bridge at that place, small guns were fired, and a heavy report conveyed to the minds of the excursionists the idea that a field-piece had been planted on the river bank for the occasion and the citizens were using powder, regardless of the cost. Tht hurrahing ashore and on board, the screaming of the whistle, the reports of the guns and "field-piece," and the waving of handkerchiefs, hats, etc., presented a scene that was very gratifying as the steamer touched the shore just at the mill of Samuel Freeze, Esq., who with Dr. Pedolin, R. Attridge, Wm. Carrol and others, led in the demonstrations. Among those present to greet the visitors and hail the arrival of the steamer were also Wm. Swim, Esq., M. P. P., Messrs. David Betts, Charles Betts, Enoch Bamford, David Bamford, John T. Bamford, R. H. Doak, and a hundred others, including a large representation of ladies. Mr. Freeze and his friends deserve credit for the ingenuity of their "field-piece." It was made by turning an anvil bottom upwards and loading the hole usually found in the bottom of such useful articles. This done another anvil was placed on top of it as a "wad," and when the match (or torch, in this case) was applied the effect was quite regular and equal to the detonation caused by a six pounder of modern construction.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the hospitality of the people of Doaktown. They vied with each other in welcoming and entertaining the excursionists. Wm. and Robert Swim and Samuel Freeze Esqrs., Mrs. Doak and others opened their doors and the only regret seemed to be, on all sides, that the desire to extend hospitality far exceeded the number of persons to be entertained. We can only say to our friends who have a day to spare that they cannot do better than take a trip to Doaktown on the *Andover* next, or some other Tuesday. They will enjoy the beautiful river scenery and meet agreeable friends at Doaktown, besides getting an enlarged and improved idea of a portion of the country that is not yet sufficiently known to be fully appreciated. We confess that we had no idea of the extent of the intervale and fine agricultural uplands which lie along the Miramichi through Blackville and Blissfield and there is no good reason why a large traffic should not be built up for the Steamer. The people along the river should—as they, doubtless, will—look upon the longest possible maintenance of steam communication between the towns of Chatham and Newcastle and the upper settlements each year, as a matter of the highest importance to themselves, and as we have not time this week to deal with the question as fully as we wish, we shall take occasion to return to it next week in the hope of making some suggestions or presenting some points which may assist our friends in making the best of the facilities afforded them.

The return trip of the steamer which was commenced at half past five yesterday morning, was made in less than six and a half hours under easy steam, several stops—including one of nearly half an hour being made.

On Tuesday next a second trip will be made, as announced in another column. We may mention that passengers are supplied with meals by the Stewardess, Mrs. Petersen, at very reasonable rates, and the fare required by Purser Copp is an equally reasonable one.

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School Examination at Bay du Vin.

Our Bay du Vin correspondent writes as follows:—

The semi-annual examination of the Bay du Vin School District No. 5, took place on Friday, 27th April. There were present Councillor Williston, also a trustee, one other Trustee, most of the parents of the pupils present, and a number of visitors. The pupils were examined in the various branches usually taught in country schools. The teacher, Miss Mary J. Dixon, daughter of Jonathan Dixon, Esq., of Napan, certainly deserves great praise, as the pupils acquitted themselves in a manner that reflected a great deal of credit on themselves and their young teacher. Miss Dixon has taught in this school since last August, and as this was her first trial as a teacher, she deserves more than an ordinary share of credit usually given to young and newly tried teachers. The first prize was given to Bridget Carroll. The other pupils that succeeded in getting prizes were Alice Carroll, John McLeod and Fred Williston, the prizes were given by the Secretary of Trustees.

School Examination, Nelson No. 2.

NELSON, April 29th, 1877.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

DEAR SIR:—The semi-annual examination of the school in the Parish of Nelson, District No. 2, taught by Miss Maggie McDonald, came off on Friday, 27th inst. There were 27 pupils present and a large number of parents and other visitors.—The pupils were examined in Reading, Spelling, Writing, Composition, Grammar, and Analysis, British History, Geography, and Arithmetic, in which they acquitted themselves well. A number of Dialogues and select pieces were given by the pupils which received great applause, and several maps were also shown. Great credit is due to Miss McDonald for the very able and efficient manner in which she has conducted her school all through, and we can judge from the improvement of the pupils since the last examination that she has spared neither time nor labour for their advancement. On the whole the examination proved very satisfactorily to all present.

GEO. MCKAY,
JOS. BATEMAN,
WM. VYE, } Trustees.

BIRTH.

At Richibucto, April 27th, the wife of A. Girouard, Esq., High Sheriff of Kent, of a son.

DIED.

On Thursday, 26th ult., Catherine L., aged 3 months and 18 days, daughter of Richard and Sarah Jane Burbridge.

At Richibucto, April 29th, Arthur, infant son of A. Girouard, Esq.

At Black River, on Wednesday, the 18th ult., Isabella, the beloved wife of T. G. McKay, aged 37 years, leaving a husband, four children and a large circle of friends and relations to mourn their sad loss.

Shipping Intelligence.

Foreign Ports.

BAILED.

April 9—Barque Agia, Lind, Greenock for Miramichi.

Memorandum.

Captain Child, of the schr. *Charlie H. Dow*, from Fernandina at New York, reports:—April 13th, off Body Island, Charles McLain, seaman, of Miramichi, fell from the jibboom and was drowned; a boat was lowered, but he sank before he could be reached.

From Chas. H. Colgate, Esq.,

Of the firm of Colgate & Co., Manufacturers of Flavoring Extracts, 21 Blackstone St., Boston.

Somervile, Mass., Dec. 6, 1876.

Messrs. Seth W. Fowle & Sons:—

Gentlemen—Last Spring my little daughter aged five, became very much emaciated with loss of appetite, and great prostration of strength, so much so that we were obliged to take her out of school. This continued through the Summer and caused us much anxiety. After trying various remedies without deriving any benefit, our family physician recommended the use of PERUVIAN SYRUP. After using it one week we saw a marked improvement in the child's condition, and in a month she was rapidly gaining in health and strength, her appetite being excellent. At this date she is perfectly well, with round, plump cheeks, and healthy color, and is again attending school regularly. I consider her restoration to health entirely due to the PERUVIAN SYRUP, and feel that I cannot too highly recommend it as a tonic.

Very gratefully yours,
CHAS. H. COLGATE.

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JOHN WYSE.

Chatham, 1877. tf

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