

Miramichi and the North Shore

March 21st and 22nd (Sat. & Sun.)
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THE "GRIN"—For beauty and speed the little steamer yacht Grin, owned by Messrs. Miller, of Derby, is ahead of anything in New Brunswick. Her propeller was unfortunately broken last week, but a new one has been procured and the little craft can steam "around" the fastest boat on the river.

FRESH SCHOONERS FROM E. ISLAND.—On Monday evening the schooner Hannah G. from New London, P. E. I., arrived here with cargo of fish, pork, and butter. She was followed on Tuesday morning by the Adeline, Nichols, from Summerside, with a similar cargo which went up to Newcastle.

ACCIDENT TO THE TWO ST. PATRICK.—On Monday morning as the tug St. Patrick was down at Ecumaine, approaching the locality where the pilot schooner was being launched, she struck some break of substance with her propeller, which broke off three or four of the blades. She is now being fitted with a new propeller.

POLES ON THE TRACK.—On Friday last as the Intercolonial mail train, conveying the English mail, was within three miles of Chatham Junction, the engine driver noticed, by the light in front of the locomotive, that two poles were lying across the rails. Fortunately they were not fastened and the cow-catcher knocked them out of the way.

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Votes of thanks were passed to the Ladies' Executive Committee and Lady Officers, and also to the Choir.

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Executive Committee.—L. J. Tweedie, W. S. Loggie, J. D. McKay, William Anderson, G. I. Wilson, George W. H. Frecker, Robert Sinclair, George Rothard.

Ladies.—Mrs. Tweedie, A. D. Shirvell, Leishman, Nicol, P. Anselm, Wm. Sinclair, J. A. Mison, Sarah Nicholson, Bessie Bain, E. Stapleton.

Marshals.—John Bell, Shephard, Geo. Loggie, R. Stapleton, W. Rae, John McLoughlin, G. Gunn, Alex. Cantley, R. Murray, C. Bernard.

Visiting Committee.—Robt. Blake, Jas. Firth, Jas. Nicol, J. Templeton, Chas. Bernard, Thos. Wright, John Bell, Alex. McLellan.

Misses.—Misses Maggie Johnston, M. J. Leishman, Mary Davidson, Mary Johnston, Sarah Marshall, M. J. Gordon, M. McLoughlin, and Misses.

RECORDS.—The Secretary's Report showed an increase during the quarter of 174 members, 52 of whom were ladies. The number reported was 6, and the total membership 1806.

The Treasurer's Report showed that the receipts during the quarter had been \$265.18 and the expenditure \$288.55, leaving a balance in hand of \$176.63.

The Executive Committee's Report stated that two new societies had been formed during the quarter, one at Tabusintac and the other at Lower Napan, both of which were in a flourishing condition.

The Directors' Committee of the South-west Boom Company made a visit of inspection to the boom on Thursday last, accompanied by some other gentlemen.

The French class read and translated several extracts from the "Complete French Class Book" and afterwards presented some portions, showing their acquaintance with the construction of the language.

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Verdict of jury—"Found drowned." [The knife found on deceased was two-thirds of an inch long, and the point broken off the large blade.]

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—THE GRAMMAR AND HIGH SCHOOL.—On Monday morning at 10 o'clock, the examination of the Grammar and High School, in charge of Mr. I. B. Oakes, took place, the school room having been very prettily decorated by the pupils with heavy festoons of evergreens hung round the walls near the ceiling.

Two of the Trustees, Messrs. W. Murray and J. B. Snowball, were present, as was Mr. S. Benson, Secretary of the School Board. The Rev. Messrs. Wilson, McKown and McEain, and a large number of ladies were also in attendance.

The school having been opened with devotions, the exercises consisted of the singing of the "Spring Carol" very nicely, Miss Annie Shirvell presiding at the organ, which also did during the day.

The 2nd and 3rd Arithmetic classes, composed of pupils of both sexes, were first called upon, the exercises consisting of questions in Proportion, Square Root, and other parts of the subject.

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Each, and the pupils had to do the work themselves. Miss A. Brown, Harry McKown, R. Anderson, and J. Patterson, and Charles Blair then gave demonstrations on the black-board of the 17th, 19th, 42nd and 48th propositions.

The geography class now came up, Mr. Oakes stating that they had been studying Asia. Miss B. Ferguson, Ernest McKay, Miss Bessie Carmichael and Miss Ada Johnston drew maps of Asia on the black-board, from memory.

The class then selected the map of Miss Ada Johnston as the best and were requested to fill it in with the tracing of rivers, and mark the positions of towns, cities, mountain ranges, etc., the work being supervised by mutual criticism.

There were shown also numerous well executed maps drawn by the pupils. A spelling contest followed, by the whole of the pupils, who wrote the words on their slates, which were then examined, after which those who had no mistakes again controlled.

The Rev. Mr. McKown by request now proceeded to distribute the prizes as follows, accompanying each with a short address:—

Reading—Miss Flora Kelly, "Longfellow," presented by Mr. Wm. Murray. Spelling—Miss E. Kerr, a box of Mathematical Instruments, presented by Mrs. Snowball.

Writing—Albert Morrison, Writing Case, presented by Mr. Isaac Harris. Latin—Roman History, Bessie Ferguson, "Milton," presented by Mr. Wm. Murray.

Grammar and Analysis—Miss Bessie Ferguson 1st, Miss Mary Davidson 2nd, Books presented by Mr. D. Davidson.

Reading—Willie Snowball, Chas. Kelly, G. Spiller, A. E. Patterson, H. McKown, R. Anderson. Writing—Miss F. Kelly.

Mr. Wm. Murray agreed with the Rev. Mr. McKown's remarks as to the progress of the pupils. He had served as a School Inspector for some time, but had seen no examination like this. The decoration of the room was also something new to him, and he thought they had every reason to feel that the Schools were progressing.

Mr. Oakes announced that pupils intending to enter this department would be examined on Wednesday morning at 9.30 for examination.

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Northumberland as Mr. Snowball has done P. H. "Tom Cod" resides at Chatham, then he must know that Mr. Snowball did not build a Freeseer at the Chatham Depot. What is his object in writing statements that are untrue? The whole of "Tom Cod's" letter is bristling with falsehoods, particularly that portion of it, in which he alludes to the Bay du Vin fishermen. I only write this letter in defence to Mr. Snowball who has done all he could for the fishermen of Chatham at all times.

Without convicting "Tom Cod" of any more falsehoods I will leave him to his own conscience, which I fear, however, does not trouble him very much. If Mr. Snowball puts up an ice-house, the canvas against him must be a pretty low ebb when that is brought up against him, and in the dirty, mean and despicable manner, in which it is done.

By publishing the above, Mr. Editor, you will oblige Yours, respectfully, A. G. WILSON.

MARRIED.—By the Rev. J. A. F. Melvin, at the residence of the bride's father, 7th St., Mr. David McEain of the Parish of Gloucester to Miss Agnes P. McLaughlin daughter of Mr. Samuel McLaughlin of the Parish of Chatham.

On the 2nd inst., by the Rector of Chatham, Mr. Thomas A. Deacon to Miss Georgina Melvin, all of Douglasdale, Chatham. At Campbellton, Restigouche, on the 20th ult., by the Rev. J. C. Herdman, B. D., Mr. John Stevenson to Mrs. Ann McLaughlin, both of Campbellton.

DIED.—At Kingston, Kent Co., on the 17th ult., Captain Simon Graham, aged 82 years, a native of Ekfordsville, Restigouche, and for many years a highly respected inhabitant of that place. At Victoria, British Columbia, on April 1st, Mr. John Macdonald, in the 74th year of his age. At Napan, on Tuesday, 20th ult., John Jardine, aged 73 years.

At Black Brook, on Monday, 28th ult., Philip Brown, aged 72 years. At Napan, on April 2nd, John Fenton, in the 66th year of his age. At the Rock House, on the 24th ult., Margaret Macdonald, in the 74th year of her age. At the late Robert Brown, 19th, in the 74th year of his age. (British papers please copy.)

It has been a very favorable winter here for the scholars and they attended very well. We have 27 on the Register. There are only eight in the district who did not attend school last term.

We have the temperance movement down here also. The people have all joined it with few exceptions. I am not a teetotaler, myself, but next thing to it. We hold our meetings every Wednesday evening. Thanking you for your valuable paper, I remain, yours, A. TRUSTEE.

Red Bank Detachments. LITTLETON, April 29, 1878. To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

DEAR SIR.—On Saturday evening last the Red Bank Detachments, notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads, gave another of their favorite entertainments, so highly appreciated by the public, and were crowded by a fashionable and appreciative audience.

The programme, which is appended, was a judiciously selected one and it is scarcely necessary to say it was rendered in an effective manner.

The Choir sang "It will come by and by." This was followed by a speech from W. R. Brown, Esq., who, in the course of his remarks, said it gave him great pleasure to see so many gathered to forward the cause of temperance. Miss Mary McKendrick recited "The three glasses of Gin," which was well received. The Choir sang "Hold the Fort," after which Miss Abigail Somers recited "The Falling Girl," which was well rendered. Mr. Frank Shagreen recited "Deaf as a Post," which was applauded. Master Eddie Somers then recited "The good time is coming" in a style which gained him loud applause. Master Willie Somers recited "Hohenlied" in a masterly manner evoking hearty applause. Miss Edith Blackmore recited the "Village Teacher" and Miss Sophia Somers recited "The Black Valley Railway." Miss Addie Somers recited "The dying Isabella," each of the above being highly applauded.

A song by Miss Phoebe Toner and Mr. Alex. Toner, Sarah's young Master was most admirably rendered and received a well merited encore. Mr. Hugh Gillis followed with a recitation "Full five thousand Strong," which was well rendered. A song by Misses Bertha and Sophia Somers, "I'll wear a smile to night," was sung with effect and was most enthusiastically encored.

The pledge book was then opened and strangers invited to sign the pledge. During the signing Mr. Brown related a very striking incident. President, Mr. White made a few remarks, in which he spoke in very complimentary terms of the youths who had taken a part in the Dutchess meeting (applause). The Choir then sang "Good Night" and the meeting adjourned.

Yours sincerely, LITTLE S' WRITER.

Mr. A. G. Williston on "Tom Cods" Fallacious. BAY DU VIN, 7th May, 78. To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.