

Business Notes. The ADVANCE office is open for business from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. every week-day.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc. SHEPHERD, Mr. Flett's adv. CANADIAN on the Nile—See fourth page.

COLLECTING OFFICERS are interested in an order of the Municipal Council advertised in another column.

ENTERTAINMENT.—An attractive entertainment, the date of which was incorrectly announced last week.

The Toronto Globe says.—The Rev. E. Walker Watts, of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N. B., has declined the invitation from Westminster, Chicago.

LARGE HOOS.—Mr. Johnston of the Canada House, Chatham, killed two large hoos, one weighing 639 lbs. and the other 415 lbs. They were Berkshire half breeds.

DEATHS.—The next three days P.A. Noonan will give his lectures in all lines of goods. Cash purchasers should not fail to take advantage of this cheap sale, as goods will be sold at cost and bargains given in every line.

SUSPENDED.—Cable messages received here announce the suspension of Sutherland & Muller, timber, ship and iron brokers at Liverpool, G. B. No. St. John parties are interested, but it is understood some Rostigouche operators will be affected.—St. John Globe 28th Nov.

PERSONAL.—Messrs. H. O'Leary, of Richibucto, and E. P. B. Joyce, of Miramichi, were passengers by the "Sardinian," which arrived at Halifax on Saturday.

Mr. A. P. Rolph, formerly of St. John, now of London, was also a passenger to Halifax by the same steamer.

Hon. Atty. General and Chief Commissioner of Public Works are visiting Miramichi, accompanied by A. G. Beckwith, Esq., Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department.

A STEAMER MIDWAY.—The schooner "Emma C." from Spoon Island to New York, with a cargo of granite and lumber, arrived at that port about two weeks ago, after a stormy passage. She was now partially under construction. Several stockholders said they had no knowledge of any such work going on.

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THOS. HALL, Petit Rocher, N. B., Dec. 1st, 1884.

LETTER FROM THE FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY. To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.—As foreman of the Grand Jury at the recent session of the Gloucester County Court, I am constrained to notice the several articles which have appeared in your paper for two weeks past. No one could suppose, after His Honor's very laudable charge in the case of the Queen vs. Fabian Hache for the maiming and the wounding of a cow, that the offence charged could be denied on the part of the defendant, or that the dragon had swallowed it, at all events it seemed to be in a dormant state. He proceeded to refer to the achievements of Englishmen, Irishmen and the Western world, he felt impelled to make a really excellent speech, at all events it seemed to be in a dormant state. He proceeded to refer to the achievements of Englishmen, Irishmen and the Western world, he felt impelled to make a really excellent speech, at all events it seemed to be in a dormant state.

Hon. T. F. Gillespie responded for St. Patrick and in doing so he laid there, thought was capable of being a great country if peace was only secured to it. Mr. Nelson told a story.

Master Gray, a little fellow of eight years, next gave a correct solo which was received with applause.

Mr. Tweedie referred to what previous speakers had said in praise of Scotland and Ireland and England, which was all very well in its way, but he felt impelled to stand up for Canada. He proceeded in a jaunty vein to enquire why it was, if Scotland was such a glorious place, more of them should be sent to the United States, or they should have come to it. He concluded by reciting "Maid Muller" in excellent style.

Rev. Mr. Chapman spoke briefly. Mr. A. D. Smith moved a vote of thanks to the Ladies' Benevolent Society whose members had done so much in making the dinner a success, which being tendered, the celebration of St. Andrew's day was sung by "The Lad Lang Syne," and "God Save the Queen."

Cent County Notes. RICHIBUCTO, N. B., Dec. 2nd, 1884. Henry O'Leary, Esq., returned from England on Sunday morning. During his absence he succeeded in the purchase of all his lumber at remunerative figures.

Capt. James M. Foster is quite ill at his residence. A worthy citizen in the person of Mrs. Robert Mitchell departed this life last evening. She was one of the oldest residents of Richibucto and was highly esteemed by all with whom she was acquainted. Her age was eighty-five years. Her funeral on Sabbath was largely attended.

The Collector of Customs and Cleb Richardson, Esq., left by train this morning for Montreal.

The Solar "Ely," 31 tons, of P. E. Island, has been sold by Capt. Joshua R. Allen to Capt. Henry Jorgensen, for \$150.

Oswald Smith, Esq., of Kingston, has purchased a half interest in the steamer "Mary Ann" of Pictou, N. S. This little tug has been of good service, and proved a success, financially, the past season on the waters of the Richibucto.

Small fishing commenced yesterday in real earnest. One of the boats, the Daigle, of the North West, caught six teen barrels. Many others also did good work. Few fish have been shipped, as yet.

Mr. James Grattan, of the "Kington Hotel" was married on Saturday to Mrs. Clark, formerly of Point de Chene. "Jimmy," who is a popular hotel keeper, left for Montreal yesterday to assist in giving him and his bride the customary chivari.

The weather to-day is bright, frosty and pleasant. No snow. Skating good and safe.

The Valley Railway. ("The Observer.") It will not be very long before we can take a ride on the cars to Cross Creek and perhaps a little farther. About Chatham time the management hopes to be able to send a passenger train twenty-five or thirty miles.

ON THE ROAD TO BOSTON.— This will be a good thing for Stanley, and it will be a good thing for Fredericton. It will enable the farmers to ship their potatoes and other produce direct to every market in the country, no matter what the weather is like. They will not have to wait any longer for a day which is mild enough to permit them to haul their potatoes a distance of twenty-five miles, but they can take them to Cross Creek or the end of the line, and there load them in barrel cars and send them to St. Francis, or if they wish, not having their hands on the journey. This will add something to the value of every bushel of potatoes raised in Stanley. They can also market the hardwood growing upon their farms. The Railway Company will probably go to work on business principles, and give rates of freight which will develop business. It is possible that they will make such a figure on hardwood that it can be sold at \$100 per cord, and if they do, every household in Fredericton will be glad of it. The competition between the N. B. Railway and the Northern and Western will, at least, have a tendency to give the people of Fredericton cheaper fuel than they have had for some time. This fuel trade is capable of a great development, and it is not impossible that a market might be found for large quantities of first-class hardwood in Boston and elsewhere. The experiment might be worth trying next season. Good hardwood retails at \$12 a cord in Boston, and it can be delivered at \$10 per cord, or \$2.50 ought to be a margin enough to pay for handling it, and the duties besides, though we are not sure there is a duty on cordwood. If a market could be found for large quantities of wood a great impetus would be given to the clearing of new land and ultimately to the prosecution of agriculture. The demand for hardwood at the Iron Foundry built up in Jacksonville.

From the Women's Christian Temperance Reform.

Gains of the Temperance Reformation. Daniel Dorchester, D. D., in an article on the above subject in the New York Independent says:— After the bill of fare—which was a capital one and included "haggis" of different degrees of strength and flavor—had been fully partaken of, toasts were proposed and responded to, songs sung and resolutions given. The chairman led off with a capital speech, which he followed by giving "St. Andrew and all who honor him," to which Messrs. Wm. Gray, Sinclair and Jas. Nelson responded. Mr. Nelson being particularly happy in his remarks, but inclining to the opinion that a little of "the barley brew" would be

permissive prohibition, it is being agitated. It is upon the Anglo-Saxon brain, and is highly wrought up. It is evidently there to stay until it obtains its just demands. A troublesome intruder, indeed, is regarded by the politicians; but it seems to be no way to help it, so long as the heart-breaking necessities of society cry out for a laque protection. Unwieldy there doubtless is sometimes in the temperance politicians; but even their unwieldiness is better than the vicious tempering policy of the social problem. No man who legislates for the good of society can ignore the liquor problem. It is a living question which threatens itself into the political life.

The greatest and best forces of modern society are gradually and steadily marshalling themselves. The finger of God is pointing against the dramshop, and pointing to its coming indictment as a nuisance, a reproach, and an outlaw. We shall not reach this point at once. There will be stout and fierce resistance. But we are advancing toward it. Indifferent reformers may embrace the word politicians may hinder us; secretly indulgent appetites may weaken the action of some; spasms of timidity may distract others; but there is too many great forces at work, direct and indirect, human and divine, to allow the defeat or long postponement of the ultimate result.

The indictment has been drawn up. The case is on trial. The index finger of the centry points to the coming verdict. The witnesses are testifying with clearness and emphasis. The great and beneficent agencies of the times all appear against it. Civilization declares there is nothing in the dramshop which society can afford to cherish; medical science that it is not worth it to approve, but much to condemn; political economy, that it finds nothing in it which it can endorse; civil jurisprudence, that it can be vindicated by no just principles of law; pure philanthropy, that it cannot tolerate the prolific source of its woes; the noblest of the noble; and Christianity proclaims its stern condemnation of the dramshop as "the greatest crime of crimes against humanity." The coming verdict is that the social and moral evil of the commonwealth must either protect or associate the dramshop.

THE B. O. Church in Canada. MONTREAL, P. Q., Nov. 24, 1884.—It is stated that the creation of a Roman Catholic Archbishopric of Montreal has been decided upon by the Holy See, and the elevation of Mgr. Fabre to the higher dignity is also said to be a certainty. New bishops, it is believed, have been determined upon for Hull, Joliette, St. John and Beauharnois, but the names by which they will be designated are not yet known. It is also believed that Mgr. Taschereau, the Archbishop of Quebec, who is now in Rome, will return to this city as a Cardinal.

In THORNTON.—A Montreal despatch says.—W. W. Beckett, hardware merchant, of Sherbrooke, one of the leading business men of the Eastern Townships has assigned. Mr. Beckett's direct personal liabilities are in the neighborhood of \$40,000 or \$50,000, but his indirect liabilities will reach double that amount. He is a heavy investor to the extent of over \$30,000, of G. G. Beckett & Co., of Beckettville, N. B., in whose habbin factory he is a partner. The assignment has been brought about by banks calling on him to pay up what he is liable for on the habbin factory paper and which he declares his inability to do. The failure will also be feared, involve the Boston Factory business, which lost heavily a short time ago through a disastrous fire which did great damage to the property. Among the largest creditors are the Banque Nationale and the Eastern Townships Bank, the former being interested in a paper discounted for the New Brunswick business and the latter in the personal business of Mr. Beckett. An inventory is at present being taken of the affairs of the firm.

MARRIED. At the residence of the bride's father, Campbellton, N. B., on the 26th Nov., by Rev. J. C. Hurlston, B. D., of the Rev. T. J. Johnson, Assistant of Messrs. K. F. Burns & Co., Bathurst, the Rev. Mr. Beckett, of the Rev. Mr. Kerr, Esq., Merchant, Campbellton.

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DIED. At Bay du Vin, on 26th ult., Alex. Taylor aged 75 years.

1884, X'MAS. 1884. USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. SPECIAL REDUCTIONS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. Commencing December 1st, and will continue until January 1st, 1885.

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CENTRE TABLES, AT LOW PRICE. ONE ONLY HAIR CLOTH PARLOUR SUITE Very low for Cash.

BALANCE OF MY STOCK OF FURNITURE AT COST, FOR CASH.

DRY GOODS. Ladies' Linen, Silk and Cambric Handkerchiefs, very cheap. Ladies' Gloves, reduced in prices. Dress Goods, very cheap, a few special lots at tremendous bargains.

Ladies' Ulsters and Jackets from \$1.85. LADIES' FELTRATS, all reduced to very low prices.

WOOL GOODS, HOSIERY, AT SWEEPING REDUCTIONS, Cash only.

B. FAIREY, - - - NEWCASTLE. Newcastle, Dec. 1, 1884.

MERCHANTIZE GIVEN AWAY. Blankets, Flannels, Home-spuns, Cotton Warps, Dress Goods, Mantles, Cotton, Winceys, Clothing, &c. &c.

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At prices that will startle competitors. Store Keepers and traders look out for Bargains in Wholesale Lots of Smallware and Christmas Novelties.

Sutherland & Creaghan. NEWCASTLE, Dec. 1884.

SMELT SHOOKS! ON HAND AND— Constantly Making Smelt Shoos. PARTIES REQUIRING SAME—APPLY TO

JOHN FLETT, N.B., Dec. 2, '84.

WANTED, A SPECIAL AGENT for the sale of Life and Labor Insurance. "Straits Arab" and "Life among the Living" Both books respectively illustrate a grand chance given to the right man. D. I. Grant, Publisher, Boston, Mass.

NOV. 1884. LANDING, Dried Apples, New Crop, Very Cheap Wholesale.

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GENERAL BUSINESS. LAURANCE'S SPECTACLES. Ground scientifically from clear and pure Pebbles, or optical glass especially manufactured for the purpose, they are without exception best adapted to restore the ravages of age, and to retain perfect vision; they are especially recommended by the most eminent of the Faculty.

READ EXTRACTS FROM CANADIAN TESTIMONIALS: CHIEF JUSTICE MONTGOMERY, N.S. I have experienced great relief from their use. They give a clearer and purer vision than any other I have worn. Carefully constructed, good defining power and glasses of the most perfect quality. I have experienced very little strain upon my eyes after using them. They find them superior to any previously used. Using one pair of Laurance's spectacles for 12 years with great satisfaction and benefit to my eyes. They are more than satisfied with the selection made. The glasses suit admirably and give every satisfaction. Of the great comfort and relief found in the wearing of them. He is greatly pleased with the selection made. Thousands of other residents of Canada, including the Faculty, have also testified to their value as a vision.

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