Local and General News.

WILD GEESE are on hand.

BUY THE BLOTTING RULER.

GENERAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS is crowded out this week.

REV. MR. TAYLOR, of Ontario preached in St. John's Church, last Sunday.

MAYNARD AND HATTON'S concerts in Chatham and Newcastle were very successful.

THE "NEW ERA" made her first trip between Newcastle and Chatham yesterday afternoon.

WORKINGMEN—Contributed article on the Premier and the workingmen will appear next week.

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

COMPLIMENTS fall thick and fast upon A. Chip. Smith, Esqr. the outgoing Mayor of St. John, and he deserves them all.

THE "RELIEF"—Messrs. Guy, Stewart & Company's steam tug *Relief* was the first to make a trip on the river this year. She went to Newcastle yesterday afternoon.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—Rev. Mr. Wilson and Rev. Mr. Anderson exchanged pulpits on Sunday last. Mr. Anderson gave the usual citation for St. Andrew's Congregation to appear for their interest in connection with Rev. Mr. Wilson's resignation, which is so generally regretted.

THE FAREWELL PARTY given to Prof. Colby, at Newcastle, on Monday evening was very enjoyable and largely attended, there being about fifty couples present. At the conclusion of the affair "Auld Lang Syne" was sung and three cheers given for Prof. Colby.

SUNDAY SERVICES.—We are requested to state that there will be services in Immanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, Chatham, Rev. T. L. Smith, Rector, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and at 3 o'clock, p. m.; all are cordially invited; a hearty welcome to strangers. Subject of the afternoon sermon "Confessing Christ." Seats free.

PERSONAL.—L. Almon, Esq., of St. John, is after wild geese in the Tabusintac lagoons.

Sheriff Phillips of Restigouche and R. J. Dickson, Esq., of Dalhousie, were in town on Tuesday.

Hon. E. Hutchison has returned from England, he came by the *Germanic*.

SUDDEN DEATH.—A man named Cornelius O'Brien living in the upper part of the town died very suddenly on Friday night last. He had been ill a few days before, but seemed to have quite recovered and on that evening retired to bed about ten o'clock in good health, but in about half an hour he became violently ill and expired before a doctor could be summoned.

"A WHALE."—A Sydney despatch to the Halifax *Chronicle* says:—

"A ninety-six feet whale came into Schooner Pond with the ice and was taken [illegible] After fifteen cart loads of [illegible] had been removed the whale was [illegible] deep water by the ice going [illegible] about the bottom in twenty-[illegible] feet water."

[illegible]—The following were elected [illegible] the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. held on 9th inst.

A. W. Paterson, President.
W. A. Loggie, Treasurer.
W. Simpson, Librarian.
J. Nisbet, Secretary.
W. S. Loggie, & Samuel Irvine, Vice-Presidents.

SCHOOLS.—The Semi-Annual Examination of the Public Schools in District No. 1, Chatham, will take place as follows:

Primary Department, (Miss Alexander) on Thursday forenoon, 26th April. Intermediate Department, (Miss Haviland) on Thursday afternoon, 26th April. Advanced Department, (Miss Williston) Friday forenoon, 27th April. High School, (Mr. Oakes) Friday afternoon, 27th April.

SUPREME COURT.—The following are among the late Supreme Court judgments:—

Kitchen vs. Chatham Branch Railway,—motion to set aside attachment refused with costs.

Craig vs. Chisholm, Nevins vs. Chisholm, appeal from Northumberland County Court; non-suit ordered with costs of appeal on verdict of horse; new trial with costs of appeal in the other case for killing of cow.

GASPEREAUX SEINING.—The petitions against the Order-in-Council of 19th ult., which prohibited Gaspereaux seining, have been signed by more than six hundred of the principal residents of the County in the Parishes of Chatham, Nelson, Newcastle, Derby, Alnwicke, Hardwicke, etc. The fishermen who carried the petitions around for signature inform us that they met with no refusals, excepting in the case of one person—a fishery Overseer. The names on the petitions are those of clergymen, merchants, fishermen and other citizens.

OBJECTS OF CONTEMPT.—"Shoemakers" are very contemptuously spoken of by the Fisheries Inspector, because a few of them signed a petition with which he does not agree. The *Advocate* also expresses its contempt for "Millmen, Blacksmiths, "tailors, shoe-makers, lumbermen, labor-"ers, and children," who, it says, were the signers of the petition. No children signed the petition but citizens of the callings mentioned—persons who honestly pay their debts and taxes—did so and have a right to a voice in matters affecting the interests of the communities in which they live. Neither Mr. Venning, nor his allies of the *Advocate* can afford to despise classes of people who worthily fulfil their obligations as good citizens. The contempt of those authorities, however, is of a piece with the Inspector's abuse of the fishermen of the county in the press last winter.

Double Edgers.

Machines for edging both sides of deals, boards, etc., were introduced into New Brunswick only a few years ago by J. B. Snowball, Esq., who has done much towards improving them. He was the first to overcome the difficulties in the way of making them of practical utility in the manufacture of spruce lumber and they are now coming into general use on the Miramichi at least. Mr. Maguire, of Mr. Snowball's mill, Mr. Rice of Messrs. Guy, Stewart & Co's mill, and other practical engineers have made a number of improvements in the machines and many of these have been patented by parties in the upper provinces. Mr. Jas. Neilson of Chatham has altered and improved upon the plans of his predecessors and Messrs. Norman and Wilkinson of the Miramichi Foundry have taken a step in the same direction. Mr. Neilson has turned out two machines, the first being placed in Hon. Richd. Hutchison's mill and the other in the Cunard mill, owned by Hon. Wm. Muirhead and others. Mr. Fraser proprietor of the Miramichi Foundry has just placed a machine in Messrs. Fish & Hamilton's new mill at Newcastle. The main advantage of the newer machines lies in the facility with which the saws can be put on and taken off the spindle. Those turned out by our Chatham Machinists are of superior workmanship and material, and being just what our millowners require for their work, we presume importation from abroad will not be necessary hereafter.

The Weldford Inquest.

The inquest at Weldford was brought to a close Monday afternoon. Mr. Thomas Kingan, a brother of the deceased, testified that he had had his brother's head examined by a surgeon in New York, and that he had found a wound in the crown of the head, under which, on the top of the brain, there was about a tablespoonful of congealed blood. This blow had been given when alive, and also was sufficient to cause death. The surgeon also said that the deceased could not bleed in one spot to the extent of two or three pints, after having the carotid artery cut half way through. He said that Mr. Kingan could not walk 50 feet after having had the main artery cut in two places, and he further said that a man could not haggle his throat by repeated cuts; that he had never known a man to cut the main artery twice in a case of suicide, and that a man could hardly take off his coat after having the main artery cut. Another witness, Peter Dagle, was examined. His testimony was unimportant. The Jury returned a verdict "that the deceased, James Kingan, came to his death by the act of some person or persons unknown."

Kent Items.

The following were mailed to us on 10th but did not reach the office until 12th:

SALE OF A SCHOONER.—Mr. Richard McLaughlin, Jr., has sold his schooner, the *Lucity Ann*, 31 tons register, to Mr. Donald McKay, of Richibucto. The price is understood to be $400.

PERSONAL.—Henry O'Leary, Esq., M. P. P., and Mrs. O'Leary are on a visit to St. John, where they will remain for some days. R. Hutchinson, Esq., is also visiting St. John.

SPORTING MATTERS.—Wild geese made their appearance at Richibucto last week, for the first time this season. The most lucky sportsman, so yet, is Capt. Thomas Michenu who bagged five good specimens of geese on Saturday.

TRAVELLING on the ice has been abandoned for this season, the ice being considered too unsafe to run any further risk. The mail carriers to and from Weldford are performing their trips with fair regularity considering the state of the roads which cannot be much worse than it is.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS are not receiving much attention from the English portion of the ratepayers of the County. The French under the leadership of Johnson, M. P. P., in the north, and Renaud in the south are actively engaged in organizing with a view to elect their men in the French Parishes. If the elections should be delayed the friends of one of the aforesaid leaders might find it necessary to remove their General to the St. John Lunatic Asylum, as his actions show that the magnitude of the work is weighing heavily on his mind.

Northumberland County Court.

BEFORE HIS HONOR, JUDGE WILLISTON.

[*This was among the matter held over last week.*]

WEDNESDAY, April 4.

Chaplin *vs.* McLaughlin was resumed this morning, John McLaughlin was called for the defence.

Mr. Davidson called Wm. Dunn to rebut certain testimony of defendant.

M. Adams, Esq., addressed the Jury on behalf of the defendant and A. A. Davidson, Esq., on behalf of the plaintiff. The Jury found for the plaintiff and assessed the damages at $86.32.

The next case on the docket, McEvoy *vs.* Landry was moved for trial by Mr. Thomson. This was an action on a promissory note to which the defendants pleaded set-off and payment before to plaintiff. M. Adams, Esq., was the only witness called for the plaintiff. A. A. Davidson, Esq., opened for defendant and called defendant and his wife to prove the payment, etc. Messrs. Thomson and David son addressed the Jury on behalf of parties and the Jury found for the plaintiff and assessed the damages at $31.55.

Court adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 5TH.

Dunn *vs.* McLaughlin was moved for trial by Wm. A. Park, Esq. This was an action for the price of certain telegraph poles sold to defendant by plaintiff and was a case similar to that of Chaplin *vs.* McLaughlin, to which the defendant pleaded that the poles were not according to agreement, etc. The following witnesses were called for plaintiff, Wm. Dunn, Murdock Sutherland, Thomas Keyes, and James Gilles. M. Adams, Esq., opened for defendant and called D. McLaughlin and J. J. Davis. Messrs. Adams and Davidson addressed the Jury on behalf of parties and after His Honor's charge the Jury found for the plaintiff and assessed the damages at $115.35, the full amount claimed.

Last term a rule *nisi* was granted in the case of McDonald *vs.* Southwood to show cause why judgment as in case of a non-suit should not be entered up against plaintiff for not proceeding to trial according to the practice of the court. On motion of Mr. Adams the rule was made absolute.

Letson *vs.* Morrison—settled.

Fish *et al vs.* Jardine—settled.

FRIDAY, 6TH.

Simpson *vs.* Loggie was made a remanet.

Murphy *vs.* Dawson was moved for trial by M. Adams, Esq. This was an action for work done, money lent, and goods sold, etc. The defence was that the parties were partners, etc. Murphy was the only witness called for plaintiff—defendant and wife were the witnesses on behalf of defendant—verdict for plaintiff, damages $45.00.

Court adjourned *sine die*.

St. Michael's Commercial College.

A very interesting examination of the pupils of "St. Michael's Commercial College," Chatham, took place at the College on Wednesday evening last in presence of His Lordship the Bishop of Chatham, Rev. Mr. Dickson of Newcastle, Rev. Mr. Joyce of the Chatham Cathedral, the Rev. Superior of the order of Christian Brothers, Brother Tobias, recently of St. John, and others of the Chatham Brothers, Dr. Benson, Mr. Oakes of the Chatham Grammar School and about five hundred visitors—parents of the pupils, members of the Cathedral congregation and other citizens. We regret that an invitation to be present came to the editor only two or three hours before the examination, when an important previous engagement prevented its acceptance. We therefore take from an editorial notice in the *Freeman* what appears to be a faithful sketch of what took place, which we are enabled to supplement by information kindly furnished by friends who were present:—

"The pupils were examined in Christian doctrine, Reading, Sacred History, History of Canada, Mental and Slate Arithmetic, Mensuration, English Grammar, (including parsing and analysis), English Composition and Rhetoric. Book-keeping, Linear Drawing and French. As the hour was rather late, the examination in Geometry and the higher Mathematics, Latin and Greek was omitted. The young men all answered plainly, loudly and distinctly. It was quite evident all through that the examination was not a cooked affair. The gentlemen present were invited to examine, and some of them kindly consented. His Lordship put several questions all through the examination. Dr. Benson examined in reading, Mr. Oakes examined in Geography, Brother Tobias made a very critical examination in English Grammar, Rhetoric, and Linear Drawing, Brother Oliver made a searching examination in History, Brother Joseph, the Director of the College, and his co-laborers examined in the other branches. The boys' copies of penmanship and book-keeping were shown. The first copy each boy wrote on his entrance into the College last September and the last were shown together, and indeed, were this not done no one would believe that so much improvement could be made in the space of seven months. The Book-Keeping, copies and the thorough knowledge the boys manifested in their examination on this specialty, really show that St. Michael's is deservedly called a "Commercial" College. The Drawing sheets were not less neat. One drawing particularly attracted our notice; it was a front view of St. Michael's Commercial College, the vestry of the Cathedral, and the Episcopal Residence, all forming but one building."

"The singing was excellent; it is quite evident by the exercises the students went through in vocal drill that music is a specialty in this College. The students form the choir of the Cathedral. The Gregorian method of chanting is followed. The declamation was good for youths who have not been accustomed to appear on the stage. We must say that the examination reflected much credit on Brother Joseph and his zealous and hard working assistants. His Lordship, at the close, in his usual and eloquent style, complimented the boys on their success, the Brothers on their labors, and the whole audience on having such an excellent educational establishment in their midst."

We have seen the copy books, book-keeping forms and Linear drawings, which cannot be too highly spoken of. There are also books containing exercises in mensuration of surfaces and solids, which are very creditable. The drawings are of a practical class, being almost entirely of architectural subjects in the Orders most utilized at the present day. These studies give the young men a good groundwork for experimental progress in mechanical and business pursuits, and cannot fail to be of service in almost any condition of life.

In the studies above referred to the general proficiency was good, but some of the lads deserve special mention. Thomas Griffin, Peter McAdam and Michael Martin excelled in Mathematics; Jas. Delany in Geography and History; Robert Allen and Peter Duffy in Elocution; Wm. Como in Drawing and Book-keeping.

At the end of the year there is to be a distribution of Prizes and Medals for the different specialties taught at the College. This will present an excellent opportunity for the leading friends of the Institution to make effective contributions for the encouragement of the pupils. Brother Joseph will, no doubt, be very glad to give all necessary information respecting the prices and styles of the medals and the mode of obtaining them.

New Advertisements, etc.

READ the Base Burning Boiler adv't.

MUSIC.—See Horace Waters & Son's adv't.

"EYES FRONT!" and read the Military College adv't.

NEW SPRING goods are advertised by W. S. Loggie.

MR. TRAER, who is a practical gardener, is to the front with a seed adv't.

SEEDS for the Farm and Garden are offered by Mr. Ramsay.

WM. RENNIE is a well known Seedsman of Toronto and we can recommend him as reliable.

THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES of No. 1 district publish a notice to which attention is directed.

BOARD.—Persons requiring first class board with a private family can hear of a good chance. See advt.

H. A. BLACK's creditors are notified of a meeting in their interest at Richibucto, by Jas. A. McDougall, Esq.

MR. LETSON advertises seeds, including timothy, clover and turnip; also agricultural implements, general goods, flour, etc.

ANYBODY who wants to make long range investments at 10% may find something to interest them in D. S. B. Johnston's advertisement.

HOUSES AND ROOMS.—People are looking for houses and rooms for the summer and winter, too, perhaps. Landlords prepared to rent premises can find tenants by advertising in the ADVANCE.

MARKET FARM.—The value of Farming property near the Town of Chatham is gradually increasing on account of the good prices which farm produce brings. On this account it is expected that the Old Rectory property, which is to be sold next month will bring a good price.

DWELLING, FURNITURE, ETC.—A capital chance to purchase a first rate dwelling, together with furniture, etc. is offered by the advertisement of F. J. Letson, Esq., who is authorized to sell the property of Mrs. Edward Williston at private sale, or by auction on 1st May next.

BUILDING NOTES.

The new building on Water St., on the site of the old *Gleaner* Office, which is being built by Mr. John McDonald under contract for Alex. McLeod, Esq., of Halifax, is approaching completion. The dimensions are 54x42, including the present *Gleaner* Office, which has been connected with the new building. The building is two and a half stories in height, containing two shops on the ground floor, each 19x54, running the whole depth of the building, with walls 11 ft. high. The shops have one window each, the side-light of the recess being 5 feet and the main or front part of the window 11 feet wide, and will present, when completed, handsome fronts. A stairway four feet in width runs up between the shops to the second floor to a hall, off which open four very nice sized rooms, which are designed with a view to their being occupied as offices, for which they are very well adapted. These rooms have a wall of about 9½ ft.

The cellar is 42x32, and 7 ft. deep, with stone walls built by Mr. Joseph Forrest. Mr. John Bell, the painter, has the painting on the outside part of the building nearly finished. The plastering is being done by Mr. Wm. Burbridge.

By his contract, Mr. McDonald was to have the building finished August 15th, but the stores will be ready for the occupants, Messrs. Alex. J. Loggie and Geo. Wilson, about May 10th, and the rest of the building completed about June 15th.

MR. BAIN'S STORE.

Robert Bain, Esq., has had a new front put into his store on Water Street by Mr. P. Connors. The new windows which flank a recessed door are large and afford a fine opportunity for the display of goods. The proprietor believes in "blue glass," which is worked in as ornamentation in the corners over the circulars at the top of the sashes.

MR. MUIRHEAD'S BUILDINGS.

Besides the new buildings erected by Hon. Mr. Muirhead last autumn on his wharf property, he has made extensive repairs, including a new front in the shop and premises lately occupied by Mr. P. H. Anslow. The shop is to be occupied by Mr. W. S. Morris as a Tailoring and clothing establishment, and a portion of the upper flat is to become a dwelling for the foreman Mr. Stewart.

PAINTING.

J. B. Snowball and Wm. Murray, Esqrs. have been painting their stores inside and out and a good many of our other enterprising merchants are pursuing a similar course.

A HANDSOME NEW BUILDING.

The finishing touches are being put on a handsome building on the corner of Water and Duke Streets—nearly opposite the ADVANCE office. It has a frontage of 45 feet on Water street and 41 feet on Duke, and measures 35 feet in the rear and 27 ft. on the side next the office of Jas. T. Griffin, Esq., being rectangular only at two corners. It is two storeys high and surmounted by a Mansard roof. The walls are clapboarded, and the lower front almost entirely of glass. The upper storey and roof are pierced by Lutheran windows and the cornices are heavy that over the lower front being ornamented with corbels and the eave cornice with brackets. There is a frost proof cellar the full size of the building. The lower storey is divided into two commodious stores, 12 ft. 6 in. high, one of which has a front 24 ft. wide and is 40 ft. deep, being about fifteen ft. wide at the back; the other about 20 ft. front and 30 ft. deep. The glass in the front is 26x42, the front doors are recessed and the shops are to be fitted up with iron bracketed, box-topped counters of the most modern style. The second floor is divided into four spacious rooms and like the third and fourth floors, it is reached by stairs leading from a door on Duke st. The height of the ceiling of the second storey is 11 ft. 4 in., that of the third or first roof storey, 10 ft. 4 in., and that of the fourth loft, 7 ft. 4 in. The second and third floors will afford excellent accommodation for those in need of offices or for manufacturing purposes. The light throughout the whole is ample and the means of ventilation good. The only drawback is the fact that there is not an inch of yard room connected with the building. This, however, is partially overcome by the ample cellar accommodation. The owner of the building is Mr. Simon Nealis of Fredericton and the contractor is Mr. Amos Mott, of the same city, who has pushed the work through very rapidly. He commenced on 16th January, when much of the frame was still on the stump and, under his contract, was to have finished the work by to-morrow (20th). Present indications are that he will come nearer to fulfilling his agreement than most builders do under similar circumstances, although by some paradoxical notion of the owner the plasterers are allowed until 27th to do their work. Mr. Mott's contract included all the woodwork and the painting, the mason's and plasterers' work being separate contracts. The painting is being done by Mr. Forest.—The foundation was done by Mr. John Patterson of Chatham, under the superintendence of Mr. Lawlor, and the plastering by Mr. Hogan. The stores and other parts of the building will doubtless find eligible tenants and the whole structure is a credit to the owner and the Town.

We shall notice other improvements in future issues and, in the meantime builders and others interested will oblige us very much by either calling our attention to any facts they may have on the subject or writing them down for us.

Complimentary Banquet to a Miramichi Gentleman.

We take the following from the London, Ont., Daily *Free Press* of Wednesday of last week, 11th inst.:—

Colonel James Johnson (Sunnyside), who has been for many years an esteemed citizen of London, was tendered a complimentary banquet at the Revere House last evening, at which upwards of 100 gentlemen of the city and neighborhood were present. His Worship Mayor Pritchard presided, and Hon. John Carling and Mr. Jas. Durand the vice-chairs. The Guest of the evening sat on the right of the Chairman, and amongst those who sat round him were:—Mr. Tooley, M. P. P.; Ald. Sutherland, Messrs. James Ferguson, Registrar; Jas. M. Cousins, Lionel E. Shipley, President of the Agricultural and Arts Association; John Taylor, H. Vivian, Wm. McBride, James Smith and others.

After an excellent repast the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given in due form.

Mr. Tooley, M. P. P., replied for "the Local Legislature," at the same time giving a mede of praise to Mr. Johnson, whose services in connection with agricultural, and more particularly his efforts in connection with the Provincial and Western Fairs, he was sure the residents of London, and the West generally, would ever gratefully remember.

"The Army, Navy and Volunteers," was replied to by Mr. John Taylor, who added that the Guest of the evening would be missed at many a festive board, where his excellent story-telling propensities ever made him a welcome guest.

The Chairman then gave "The Guest of the evening," which was most enthusiastically responded to. He thereafter presented Mr. Johnson with an elegant Gold-headed walking stick, provided by a few of his admirers, together with an address, which, in very kindly terms, referred to Mr. Johnson's services to London and Western Ontario, and stated that he carried with him the best wishes of his many friends in this section.

Col. Johnson, in reply, said he was completely taken by surprise by the kindness which had been heaped upon him. He had intended to slip quietly away to New Brunswick, and enter into his retirement, and therefore he could hardly find words to express his gratitude. Since he came to London, nineteen years ago, he had ever been treated with the greatest kindness by the people of London and neighborhood; and his object had ever been to foster the natural products of the country, so far as his ability permitted him. He had tried to do his duty, and had been rewarded by seeing the city progress and Western Ontario agricultural interests prosper. He had been for sixteen successive years Chairman of the Local Exhibition Committee, and had the high honor of being advanced to the Chairmanship of the Provincial Exhibition. The knowledge he had obtained whilst occupying these positions had enabled him to take a greater interest in the inauguration of the Western Fair, which had been so flatteringly laid to his credit by Mr. Tooley. He would carry many happy remembrances with him of the friends he had left here.

Mr. Wm. McBride, Secretary of the Western Fair Association, then read the following address from that Association:—

James Johnson, Esq., London, Ontario:—

DEAR SIR AND FRIEND.—We, the Board of Directors of the Horticultural and Agricultural Society of the Electoral Division of the City of London, in view of your departure from among us, and your expressed intention of taking up your residence in a distant part of the Dominion, cannot permit the present occasion to pass without giving expression to the feelings of respect and esteem we entertain towards you, and also of the loss the interests we represent will sustain in no longer having the benefit of your experience, counsel and assistance.

For a period of many years you have taken in this Province, and more especially in this section of it, a deep interest and a leading and prominent part in the promotion and advancement of agricultural societies, and have been zealous in carrying out the objects contemplated by their organization, and, as the result of your labors and that of others associated with you, you have seen, year after year, a marked progress in the amount of science and intelligence brought to bear in the cultivation of the farm, in the improved breeds of stock, and in the manufacture of labor-saving machines, implements, and all articles intended for and best adapted to the farmers' use.

Your labors in connection with the Provincial Agricultural Association, of which you have had the honor of being President, and more particularly your energetic endeavors in 1861 to make the holding of the annual exhibition of the Association in this city for that year a great success, sparing neither your time, your labor, nor your money in securing the means necessary to provide suitable buildings for the occasion, is not forgotten by us. To you also is the City of London, East Middlesex, and all interested, indebted for the inception and practical workings of the Western Fair, an institution of which you may feel proud, seeing that the management thereof by yourself and others has been so successful that in several parts of the Province similar associations have been formed.

Your departure from among us is to us a source of regret; at the same time we sincerely wish you happiness and prosperity in the new relations of life upon which you may enter, and trust that during the remaining years of your life, which we hope may be many, you may enjoy peace and comfort, and that some, at least, of your reminiscences of London may be pleasant ones.

On behalf of the Board,
JAMES M. COUSINS,
President

London, Ont., April 10, 1877.

Mr. Johnson having again suitably replied—

Mr. Durand (Vice Chairman), gave "The Mayor and Corporation of London," to which His Worship and Alds. Williams and Sutherland replied.

Mr. Durand (Vice Chairman), gave "The Provincial Exhibition and the Agricultural, Commercial and manufacturing Interests."

Messrs. Shipley, Tooley, Hon. John Carling, I. Waterman, S. McBride and James Cousins suitably replied, all duly regretting the departure of their respected guest.

Amongst the other toasts given were "The Professions," "The Press," "The Ladies," and "The Host."

The banquet was a decided success, and the evening was spent most enjoyably. The following gentlemen contributed to the happy state of feeling which existed by singing excellent songs:—Hon. John Carling, Ald. Williams, Messrs. De la Hooke, G. Owens, D. Currie, Smith (from England), and the veteran Charles Rudd. The company departed at a late hour, all regretting the occasion which had brought them together.

Col. Johnson, the honored Guest of the occasion above reported, who many of our readers will remember as the senior partner in the old Chatham firm of Johnson and Mackie, has returned to Miramichi and is now the guest of his relative, Wm. Wilkinson Esq., at Bushville. His old friends are glad to welcome him amongst them again and to find that while he has been absent from them other communities have been benefited by his presence and labors in their interests.

ELECTRICITY! THOMAS' EXCELSIOR ECLECTRIC OIL!—WORTH TEN TIMES ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD.—Pain cannot stay where it is used. It is the cheapest medicine ever made. One dose cures common sore throat One bottle has cured bronchitis. Fifty cents' worth has cured an old standing cough. It positively cures catarrh, asthma and croup. Fifty cents' worth has cured crick in the back, and the same quantity lame back of eight years' standing. The following are extracts from a few of the many letters that have been received from different parts of Canada, which, we think, should be sufficient to satisfy the most sceptical: J. Collard, of Sparta, Ont., writes, "Send me 6 dozen Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, have sold all I had from you, and want more now; its cures are truly wonderful." Wm. McGuire, of Franklin, writes, "I have sold all the agent left, it acts like a charm—it was slow at first, but takes splendidly now." H. Cole, of Iona, writes, "Please forward 6 dozen Thomas' Electric Oil, I am nearly out, nothing equals it. It is highly recommended by those who have used it." J. Bedford, Thamesville, writes, "Send me at once a further supply of Eclectric Oil, I have only one bottle left. I never saw anything sell so well and give such general satisfaction." J. Thompson, Woodford, writes, "Send me some more Eclectric Oil. I have sold entirely out. Nothing takes like it." Miller & Reid, Ulverton, P. Q., write, "The Eclectric Oil is getting a great reputation here, and is daily called for. Send us a further supply without delay."

BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.—Ask for Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. See that the signature of *S. N. Thomas* is on the wrapper, and the names of Northrop & Lyman are blown in the bottle, and *Take no other*. Sold by all medicine dealers. Price, 25 cts. NORTHROP & LYMAN, Toronto, Ont., Proprietors for the Dominion.

NOTE.—*Eclectric*—Seleeted and Electrized.

MARRIED.

At Blackville, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. T. G Johnstone, Mr. John Carroll, of Blissfield, to Miss Catherine McCormick, of Blackville.

DIED.

Suddenly, at Chatham, on Thursday, 12th inst. Ann T., wife of David Manderson and daughter of Angus and Jane Ramsay, aged 34 years.

[St. John papers please copy.]

At the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. J. M. Wright, Tobique, Andover, Victoria, N. B., on the 14th inst., Edward Lobban, in the 74th year of his age, deeply regretted. The deceased was the father of Mr. W. J. D. Lobban, of this place.

At Douglasfield, on Saturday, April 7th, of inflamation of the brain, Melvin Hedley, infant son of James R. and Christina Irving, aged 7 months and 21 days.

Thou art beyond the shadow,
Why should we weep for thee,
That thou from care and pain and death,
Art set forever free.

Shipping Intelligence.

Foreign Ports.

SAILED.

From Holyhead, 27th ult., Clifton, Jones, for Miramichi.

From Liverpool, 9th inst., bk. Jardine Brothers, Neilson, for Miramichi.

From Belfast, 9th inst., barks Fanny Atkinson, Mann, and Harold Haarfager, Haloorsen, for Miramichi.

From Gloucester, 9th inst., bark James Kenway, McDonald, for Miramichi.

CLEARED.

At Liverpool, 29th ult., Waldimir, Larsen, for Miramichi.
do. do. Blackwall, Cole, for Dalhousie.
do. do. Cuba, Killeson, for Richibucto.

New Advertisements.

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Clover and Timothy Seeds.
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Military College, Kingston.
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All necessary information may be obtained upon application to the Adjutant General at Ottawa, or to the Deputy Adjutants General of Military Districts. Applications for admission must be sent to the Adjutant General not less than one month before date of examination.
By Order,
W. POWELL, Colonel,
Adjutant General.
HEAD QUARTERS, Ottawa, 11th April, 1877.

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In order, therefore, to prevent confusion of grades, and to provide necessary accommodation, applications for Permits are required to be made to the undersigned prior to the First of May.
By order of the Trustees,
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