

FISH AND GAME.

The Miramichi Crowded With Sportsmen.

GREAT SUCCESSES

The Crawford and Symmons Parties Have Fine Sport--Others Coming.

The Miramichi is fast becoming the happy hunting ground of America. Sportsmen of the 'sporty' type are beginning to realize that there is no place like Northumberland County for salmon and trout and moose and caribou. The Miramichi is already the mecca of the game and fish seeker. They are coming from far away St. Louis, from New York, from Boston, and in fact from every place in America that boasts of a lover of camp life. It is here they find their dreams of boyhood days realized, here they find as much adventure as the British soldier does on the African veldt; here, the eye beholds for the first time, nature in all its beauty and extravagance and here the angler and gunner are kings of all they survey. Yes, and above all here, you find the ideal camp life, as pictured by the writers of fiction.

A large number have been up river already this summer in search of the finny tribe, in fact the number surpasses that of any previous season.

The Crawford party, including Mr. R. H. Armstrong of Newcastle, returned on Friday from the grounds of the Miramichi Fish and Game Club. They had one of the most successful trips of recent years. Salmon were as plentiful as flies on the back of a "skinny nag" on a midsummer's day. Messrs Symmons came down from the game grounds on Saturday. They say they had one of the best outings they ever had.

Caleb Saunders, and Charles E. Horn of Lawrence, Mass., left here last Wednesday night for a two weeks trip on the Tabusintac with the veteran Jack Connell as master of ceremonies.

Mr. B. Douglas, Jr., and party came down from the "Big Hole" last week after landing some great fish. Mr. Douglas had an invitation from "Joe" Jefferson to visit his waters on the South West. The veteran angler himself will not be down this way this year. Mr. Douglas has secured the "Big Hole" from Miss Quigley for next season.

Among those who have signified their intention to Mr. Armstrong, of visiting the Miramichi this fall in search of big game are:—George A. Peters of The Peters & Herron, Dash Co., Columbus, Ohio, and party including three ladies; H. McK. Kirkland, New York and I. W. Morton and daughter of St. Louis.

E. K. Lyman of Holyoke, Mass., will be here shortly on a fishing trip.

Ernest Houston and W. C. White of Houlton & Henderson, Boston, have employed guides Ned Menzies and George McKay for a moose hunt, in September on the Tomogonops and Little River country.

ASHORE AT MILL COVE

Steamer Ameland in a Precarious condition.

The Steamship Ameland, with a cargo of deals, is ashore at Mill Cove. With the tug, St. George, and Pilot McLean aboard, the Ameland left Flett's wharf yesterday afternoon about 2.30. When about opposite the Mill Cove the steering gear would not work, and despite the efforts of the tug to keep her in mid stream she headed for the shore. She ran into the quarry wharf, tearing away derricks and otherwise damaging the wharf. The amount of damage done to the steamer could not be ascertained last evening, but is believed she is in a bad state.

An effort is being made by the St. George and other tugs to get her off.

The Ameland was bound for Liverpool with 1233 standard of deals.

MARRIED

On the 2nd inst., at the manse, Redbank, by the Rev. J. D. Murray, David Mutch to Eliza, second daughter of Robert Matchett, all of Southesk.

On the 11th inst. at the manse, Redbank, by the Rev. J. D. Murray, William A. Russell of Derby, to Mary Alice, eldest daughter of Allan Matchett, of Southesk.

On the same day, at the residence of the bride's father by the same, Gregory Dunnatt of Northesk to Henrietta Hubbard eldest daughter of Jeremiah Blackmore, jr. of Southesk.

On the same day, and by the same at the residence of the bride's mother Mrs. James Dunnatt, James E. Matchett to Margaret A. Dunnatt, all of Northesk.

A DARK CLOUD

Hovers Over the Situation in China.

SHOCKING REPORTS

Russian Ambassador Thrown into a Kettle and Boiled to Death.

The harassed public of Europe and America has been enlightened but little during the past week on the situation in China. Plenty of reports are received, but in every case they lack confirmation.

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Daily Mail says the following story regarding the position in Pekin emanates from Chinese official sources:

"The two remaining legations, the British and Russian, were attacked in force in the evening of July 6, Prince Tuan being in command.

"The attackers were divided. Prince Tuan commanded the centre, the right wing was led by Prince Tsi Yin and the left by Prince Yin Lin. The reserves were under Prince Tsin Yu.

"The attack commenced with artillery fighting, which was severe and lasted until 7 o'clock in the morning, by which time both legations were destroyed and all the foreigners were dead, while the streets around the legations were full of the dead bodies of both foreigners and Chinese.

"Upon hearing of the attack Prince Ching and Gen Wang Wen Shao went with troops to the assistance of the foreigners, but they were outnumbered and defeated. Both Prince Ching and Gen Wang Wen Shao were killed.

"Two foreigners are said to have escaped through the gates, one with a heavy sword wound in his head.

"Prince Tuan in celebration of the victory, distributed 100,000 taels and large quantities of rice to the Boxers."

A despatch from St. Petersburg states that the Czar has received the particulars of the Russian Ambassadors death from Admiral Alexieff, who is stationed at Port Arthur.

The admiral declares that the Russian envoy was dragged through the streets by the Boxers, insulted, beaten and tortured and then thrown into a great kettle and boiled to death. Then his remains were thrown to the dogs. While M. DeGiers was disposed of the fanatic mob danced around the cauldron. Madame DeGiers, Admiral Alexieff's advice declares, suffered a fate worse than death, and was beaten and tortured with sharp sticks until life was extinct. The legation officials are said to have been tortured fendishly until death ended their sufferings.

LONDON, July 12.—Lord Roberts reports to the War office, under date of Pretoria, July 12, as follows:

"The enemy having failed in their attack upon our right rear, as mentioned in my telegram of July 9, made a determined attack upon our right flank yesterday and, I regret to say, succeeded in capturing Nitrals Nek, which was garrisoned by a squadron of the Scots Greys, with two guns of a battery of the Royal Artillery and five companies of the Lincolnshire regiment.

The enemy attacked in superior numbers at dawn and, seizing the hills commanding the Nek, brought the heavy gun fire to bear upon the small garrison. Nitrals Nek is about eighteen miles from here, near where the road crosses the Crocodile river. It was held by us in order to maintain road and telegraphic communication with Rustenburg. The fighting lasted, more or less, throughout the day, and, immediately on receiving information early this morning of the enemy's strength, I despatched reinforcements from here under Col. Godfrey of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. Before, however, they reached the spot the garrison had been overpowered and the guns and a greater portion of the squadron of the Greys had been captured, owing to the horses being shot, and about ninety men of the Lincoln regiment. A list of the casualties has not been received, but I fear they are heavy. Simultaneously an attack was made on our outposts near Burdette, north of the town, in which the 7th Dragoons were engaged. The regiment was handled with considerable skill by Lieut. Col. Low, and kept the enemy in check until they retired on their supports, and would probably have suffered but slight loss had not one troop mistaken some Boers in the bushes for our men.

LONDON, July 13 A news agency report says that an unofficial message received in London states that all the foreigners in Pekin were murdered July 6.

The Singapore correspondent of the Express says: "Two Japanese recently made a determined attempt to murder Kang Yu Wei, the exiled leader of the Chinese Reform party, who is here under British protection. Kang Yu Wei is always accompanied by four Sikh guards, and these foiled the attempt and arrested the assailants, but their master was badly wounded. There have been many attempts to murder Kang Yu Wei by poison in order to gain the price set upon his head by the Chinese."

ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Northumberland Co. S. S. Association.

EYCELLENT PROGRAMME

Donvention Opens in St. Luke's church, Chatham Thursday Evening.

The Northumberland County Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention in St. Luke's church, Chatham, on Tuesday and Friday, 19th and 20th inst., commencing with the evening session on Thursday. Delegates from all the Sunday schools in the county are expected to be present, and an interesting programme of addresses, conferences, reports and normal lessons has been arranged. The meetings of the convention are open to all, and all who are interested in Sunday School work are invited to be present.

The following is the programme—

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 19, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

7.30 Praise Service, led by Mr. Andrew Burr.

8.00 President's Report.

8.15 Appointments of Committees, Credential, Nominating, Audit, Resolutions.

8.20 Address, "The Teachers' responsibility for the spiritual side of their work," by Rev. Mr. Matthews.

9.00 Address, "How can our Sunday Schools best aid the Temperance movement," by Rev. A. W. Lewis.

Collection.

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 20, 10 O'CLOCK.

10.00 Prayer Service led by Rev. D. Henderson.

10.20 Minutes.

10.30 Statistical Report, and Conference on "Our Sunday School conditions" including our Parish and County Work.

11.15 Report of Nominating Committee and election of Officers.

11.30 Conference on—"Our need of securing home Bible study for non-attendants of the Sunday School, and how far we have succeeded," led by the Home Department Superintendent, and including report.

Collection.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 20, 2.30 O'CLOCK.

2.30 Bible Reading, led by Mr. Thos. Clarke.

3.00 Minutes.

3.10 Normal Work, Superintendent's report and Conference, 1 Results attained in the County, 2 Needs recognized, and our aims for the future.

4.00 Conference on Primary work, led by the County Superintendent, 1 The condition of Primary work in our County, 2 What steps can we take to improve it? Questions and collection.

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 20, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

7.30 Praise Service, led by Mr. S. McLeod.

8.00 Minutes.

8.10 Address by the Field Secretary, "The relation of our County to the Provincial Work."

8.45 Reports of Credential, Audit and Resolutions Committees.

9.00 Address, "Our people and their relation to the Church," by Rev. J. M. Maclean.

9.20 Questions and Collection.

Closing Exercises.

NEW YORK, July 13.—Every white missionary and every native preacher in the Tien Tsin district hitherto unaccounted for has reached Che Foo, according to a cable the Journal and Advertiser from the latter city.

CHICAGO, July 13.—A special to the Record from San Francisco says: Orders have come for the camps at the Presidio to be put in order for five thousand men. A pack train of one hundred mules will be shipped to Seattle to-day for transportation to China. The quartermaster department is also buying a large number of cavalry horses.

SHANGHAI, July 13.—The foreign consuls are offering large sums for the production of the letter which a Chinese merchant is said to have received from Pekin, dated June 30, and saying the legations had been demolished and the foreigners killed. The merchant, however, declines to show it, alleging that he fears punishment from the Chinese officials. Rioting is reported to have occurred at Hing Po, but no confirmation of the reports have been received.

BERLIN, July 13.—According to a semi-official telegram from Canton, dated Thursday, July 12, Li Hung Chang on July 6 received a written imperial edict, dated June 17, and sent overland, in which all the governors were urged to dispatch troops with the utmost speed to help against the rebels, among whom Prince Tuan was clearly indicated. Acting on this edict, which was said to be undoubtedly genuine, Li Hung Chang is sending some thousands of troops to Pekin, and the other governors are probably doing the same.

LONDON, July 13.—In the House of Commons the parliamentary secretary of the Foreign office, Mr. William St. John Broderick, said that little news had been received from China. Her Majesty's government had been unable to communicate with the British naval officers in China, as the land lines between Che Foo and Shanghai had been cut. A despatch, supposed to have been sent from the Emperor of China to Her Majesty's government, was received yesterday, but the secretary was unable to promise to make its contents known.

MGR. FALCONIO

The Apostolic Delegates Visit to Newcastle.

A GRAND RECEPTION

Speaks Highly of the Miramichi--Went to Bathurst.

In charge of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Barry, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate accompanied by his secretary and several priests visited Newcastle on Wednesday last, having got on board the Nelson at Chatham at 11 o'clock, a.m.

The distinguished party expressed their admiration of the Miramichi in no equivocal terms. For them the river had few rivals. They might have justly thought so; for nature appears to have vested herself in her best attire along its banks.

His excellency and suite were met at the public wharf by the Revs. F. Dixon and Power who bade them welcome. Alderman Hennessey having been introduced by Father Dixon spoke for the town, greeted the distinguished visitor who for the first time landed within its precincts, expressing a hope that the visit though necessarily of short duration would not be without pleasant memories. Mgr. Falconio acknowledging greetings so incensively manifested on his arrival, thanked the gentlemen who represented the community, saying that although the visit should be of comparatively brief duration, the remembrance of it would be lasting. Meanwhile the C. M. B. A. band, whose members dressed themselves in papal colors, were enlivening the surroundings with strains of sweetest melody.

Preceded by the band, the Apostolic delegate, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Barry and Rev. Father Dixon in the first carriage, followed by other carriages containing visitors and citizens, passed through the immense concourse of people on their way to the presbytery. Papal colors were everywhere fluttering in the breeze, evidencing the good will and the active faith of which such manifestations were the interpreters.

On the way to the presbytery, the Apostolic delegate, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Barry and clergyman present called at the convent where they remained for some time inspecting the school rooms and different departments, all of which pleased and impressed them very much.

An immense flag on which were painted the symbolic keys, occupied the space above the front entrance. Around it the red, white and blue, with the flags of other nations, dipped and waved in the breeze. The effect was striking. Having visited the different departments, His Excellency and suite proceeded by the brass band continued on their way to the presbytery where dinner was served in the host's best style. Mgr. Falconio with His Lordship Bishop Barry and several of the clergymen took the accommodation train for Bathurst where a reception of an elaborate nature is being given.

Mgr. Falconio resides at Ottawa and, in official parlance, is known as the Apostolic delegate. Having by request of the Pope resigned the archiepiscopal see over which he ruled, the Delegate represents the Pope, acts as his agent in matters purely spiritual.

His presence obviates the necessity of personal appeal to the Pope, and thus facilitates matters. The authority which Bishops by divine right exercise in their dioceses over those committed to them, is in no way affected by the presence of such an official. The Bishop's status is precisely what it always was. But as differences of opinion may at times arise, and as all may not be in a position, nor possess the means of making long and expensive journeys, the Catholic church providing for the common welfare, appoints special dignitaries whose learning, wisdom, experience and high moral character eminently fit them for positions of responsibility.

They are easily reached. Taking a survey of the surroundings, the solution of problems otherwise somewhat complicated becomes easy. Apostolic delegations are not uncommon in the Catholic church. Her history speaks of them everywhere. To princes and peoples the popes have in every age spoken through their representatives; and everywhere with true Catholic instinct have such representatives been received.

Individuals otherwise well informed become somewhat confused when naming the dignitaries occupying such official position. A Delegate Apostolic acts for the Pope and practically decides all questions within his competence. An ablegate merely reports, is sent to examine a question on the spot, returns and gives his impressions. Such was the position occupied by Mgr. Mery Del Vall who came to Canada a few years ago in connection with the Manitoba school question. Ablegates are also sent at times to convey the cardinal's hat to some distinguished prelates. A cardinal appointed to fill a position somewhat similar to that of an Apostolic delegate, is known as a Legate a latere; because living with, or moving at the side of the pope, when sent on important missions, he is said to come from his side—a latere. A nuncio represents the Pope in a diplomatic sense, is a civil ambassador.

HUBERT SINCLAIR.

An Interesting Letter From the Newcastle Soldier

WITH THE 2nd CONTINGENT

Has seen Lots of Fighting-- Tibbits and Rutter were in a Hospital.

The following letter was received from Hubert Sinclair by his mother:—

CAMPBELL, S. A. June 9th.

Dear mother:—

I received your letter yesterday and was as anxious to hear from home as you say you are to hear from Africa. When we line up to receive our mail it is not very nice to go away without any. I was glad to learn that you are all well and that the drives are coming O. K.

We have chased the rebels up to here but I suppose you know all the facts as they have doubtless been published in the Canadian newspapers. At the engagement at Faber's Putts we lost one killed and eight wounded. We, however, didn't have as good luck as the left section, which was left at Douglas after we had driven the Boers from that place; and we had to place our guns on a hill, built entrenchments of stone and sand and sleep or rather lie there three nights with a company of Dukes to cut off the rebels, or rather guard the ammunition and town. The Boers were led in at Faber Putts by a traitorous scout and started firing at an hour before sunrise from an orchard within forty yards of Padgett's Horse. There were only eleven of them there at the time the Sergeant lined them up and nine of them dropped in their tracks. The bullets came like hail and it is a wonder more of our men were not killed, there being only 23 killed and 45 wounded in all. The dead Boers picked up after they retreated numbered 64, so you see they didn't have it all their own way. Old (Gen.) Charlie Warren was walking around as unconcerned as if somebody was throwing peas at him. His coat was "punched" in several places and Col. Sam Hughes of Canada had two horses shot under him as did many of the others. There were six picked shots, (well they were all picked shots) told off to shoot our general but missed him. The Col. of the Dukes and two other officers were killed. Our Major O'Leary had his body riddled but fortunately none hit him. As soon as our guns began to fire at the enemy they retreated. They are very much in dread of an artillery and at Douglas when we put a shot in their larger they hoisted a white flag. We however opened battery fire and the man holding the flag and many others were killed. We didn't know exactly the number of their casualties as they carried many of their killed and wounded away with them but we buried 25 dead Boers. We shelled them again near Faber's Putts and killed some 8 or 10.

Dick Tibbits and Rutter are in hospital at Orange River. We also left four in the hospital at Douglas. Tibbits and Rutter must be nearly well by this time by reports that reached us.

Many Boers are coming in daily and surrendering their arms and we can soon expect to see the end of the war. We think we will be through by Sept. 1st. Of course we don't know for sure.

Our kits were all left at Belmont and we can't change our clothes. The nights are very cold. We only have two blankets and they were covered with ice this morning.

There will be a great boom at Johannesburg. We have already had offers. Johnston and McLeod are thinking of staying but I guess we all will go back when the time comes. I would like to stop off in England and go over to Paris to the Exposition. It would be a chance of a life time.

We lost a great many horses and our gun wheels were riddled. The General complimented our fellows on their shooting and coolness. The first shell fired out of our gun at Douglas killed four and wounded nine men, so we didn't take long finding the range. We have two men with instruments for finding the range and they can use them. We passed many battle fields on our march, including Sunnyside, where the first contingent charged the Boers.

I have lost some of weight, but am still presentable. The biscuits we get are made of oat meal and flour, and are as hard as iron. We got bread occasionally until about five weeks ago, we haven't seen any since. We had a high feast the other night on Boer ducks. We hardly knew when to stop. You are allowed to steal anything you can so long as you're not caught. We have goat cutlets occasionally and chickens, but you have to watch sharp. It's not as easy as hooking Mrs. Simpson's apples.

One of our fellows was bitten by a scorpion but fortunately the doctor was on hand and the poison extracted. They are very plentiful among the rocks but can't bite through our boots. There was one in the blankets the other night. I was washing at the brook today where a large snake was lying in the grass looking at me.

'WELCOME HOME'

Private Letson Arrives from South Africa.

THE PICTURE OF HEALTH.

Accorded a Grand Reception at Chatham--His Experience.

"Welcome Home", were the words that suggested themselves to the hundreds of persons who gathered at the depot early Monday morning to meet the train conveying the brave Canadian lads who fought the Boers on far away Africa's sands. The fact that there were not any Newcastle men aboard did not deter the crowd from making a demonstration. Loud and prolonged cheering greeted the returning soldiers as the train pulled up at the depot. It was a sight to kindle enthusiasm in the dullest heart. It was a sight that demonstrated beyond a doubt the intense loyalty of the shire town of Northumberland County.

Such looks and such looks of keen enjoyment among the crowd clearly showed the gratitude our residents felt for the valiant lads who had upheld the honor of Canada, who had made Canada famous for its sterling sons and who had united Canada and the Mother Country more closely than ever. There was a Miramichi man among them however, Mr. Joseph Letson, a name which will be held in reverence on the Miramichi forever, a name which will be synonymous of valour and a name, which Northumberland is justly proud of.

Mr. Letson's home is in Chatham, so he left the train here to take the Miramichi for his native town. He was attired in the winter Khaki uniform and was the picture of health. Major Maltby met him at the station and conducted him to a carriage in waiting.

Mr. Letson was conveyed to the Major's residence, where he breakfasted. He afterwards walked to the steamer Miramichi and amid lusty cheering he left Newcastle for Chatham. He was accompanied by Major Maltby.

Mr. Letson brought home a number of souvenirs. He presented the Major with a number among which was a piece of a shell picked up after the battle at Paardeburg, two leaves taken from a tree at Table Mountain and a button from the coat of a British soldier who was wounded at Paardeburg.

(Special Correspondent of Advocate.)

CHATHAM, N. B. July 16.

Private Joseph Letson of the first Canadian Contingent arrived at Quebec on the steamer Parisian Saturday morning. He was one of the twenty eight Canadian soldiers who have been invalided home. Letson arrived in Newcastle by express Monday morning. When the news reached Chatham that Private Letson was in Newcastle and coming to Chatham in the early boat preparations were at once begun to give him a grand reception and hearty welcome home. The citizens and merchants immediately decorated their houses and different places of business and by eight o'clock the town had put in a grand holiday appearance.

Flags and bunting were flying from every conceivable spot. Horses, carts, bicycles and boats were decorated with the national flag and colors. Long before the boat arrived an immense throng had assembled on the wharf. When the boat came in sight the crowd began cheering, waving flags, bells were ringing and everyone using his best to welcome one of Chatham's heroes. The Citizens band had arrived and played "Soldiers of the Queen" and "Home Sweet Home."

In the absence of Mayor Loggie, Ald. Maher on behalf of the Mayor and citizens said he was proud to welcome to Chatham one of her sons who volunteered, went and fought for Queen and the Empire and did it nobly too.

Private Letson after several hand shakes entered a carriage in waiting and accompanied by Aldermen Burr and Maher, amid wild cheers, driven to his home. The citizens, headed by the band paraded Water street to Joe's home. There he was met by his mother, who, probably, was the proudest of all. Again the band played a few more selections and cheers for Letson and Boles were indulged in.

In an interview with an Advocate representative (Continued on page 4)

They are not very plentiful, however, in this part of the country. We have lots of honey; the bees don't seem to mind you at all, they light on your hands and face, but so long as you do not hurt them they won't sting you.

We have heard that the first contingent leave on the 22nd of this month.

I haven't felt the least bit out of sorts since I started, only when we drank the poisoned water, that was, however, too strongly dosed and came up almost immediately.

I guess I will have to close for this time as "stables" will sound in a few minutes. Love to all.

HUBERT.