Miramichi and the North Shore.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETINGS are to be held to-day.

DRIVING was freely indulged in yesterday, the sleighing being excellent on both road and river.

THE "TORCH" continues to shine. It has some capitally conceived hits in No. 3, each successive issue being well sustained.

FOR EUROPE.—Hon. Mr. Muirhead is now on his way to Great Britain.

J B. Snowball, Esq., leaves for England to-night.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF KENT had a special meeting on Tuesday, and adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 29th inst., when the annual meeting will be held.

THE KENT COUNTY COURT will meet at Richibucto on Tuesday next, His Honor Judge Botsford presiding. There will be quite a large list of civil cases to be disposed of.

RICHIBUCTO BRIEFLETS.—Thermometer at Richibucto on Tuesday, 24° below zero. The roads are first class; Business is dull; Money is reported by merchants scarce; Weather is bracing.

INJURED BY A HORSE.—A few days ago Augustin C. Johnson, son of Urbain Johnson, Esq., M. P. P. of St. Louis, Kent, was kicked on the head by a horse and seriously injured.

LEG INJURED.—Mr. Simon Graham, a merchant of Kingston, Kent, recently had a bone of one of his legs broken by slipping from a ladder while descending a hay loft. He is recovering.

M. C. CLARK, DENTIST, can be found in Newcastle at Mrs. McAllister's residence every Friday and Saturday, where he will be prepared to attend to those desiring his services, commencing Friday, Oct. 5th. '77.

SERIOUS FALL ON ICE.—Jas. Burns, Esq., a prominent magistrate, who resides at St. Nicholas River, Kent, recently slipped on the ice and in falling his head came in contact with a hammer inflicting serious injuries.

"THE PENNY DIP" is the name of a new St. John paper, the second number of which professes to give a plain statement of the Mitchell sermon plagiarism. The *expose* is in the form of a Fredericton letter and is a remarkably bold production.

"THE CANADIAN SPECTATOR" is the newest periodical that has reached our table. It aims above party politics and apparently beyond orthodox creeds. On the whole, however, its contents are interesting and display no little ability on the part of both editors and contributors.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—Our Richibucto correspondent informs us that Mr. James Irving's infant son fell into a tub of lye on New Year's day. It was thought the child would lose the use of his eyes, but under the treatment of Dr. Moody the eyesight has been partially restored.

ELECTRO PLATING.—We have much pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to the advertisement of R. Hendery, Montreal, who is entirely reliable and prompt in doing the class of work advertised by him. He will give information sought in connection with his businesss, on being addressed by mail.

PERSONAL.—Hon. Peter Mitchell is among his constituents and is said to be determined, during his present visit to talk with every supporter he has in the country. We believe the hon. gentleman will do that, besides meeting with many personal friends who cannot see their way clear to be his supporters—politically.

MR. WILLIAM CRIMMEN.—We are much pleased to hear that Mr. William Crimmen, of Chatham, is competing with much promise of success for the gold medal at McGill College, Montreal. Mr. Crimmen is a young gentleman of extraordinary talent and much industry, who is sure to make his mark as a brilliant barrister in the near future.—St. John *Herald*.

FIRE.—The corner loafers and a few of the industrious citizens of Richibucto were startled on Friday last by the cry of "fire." It proved to be in a room on the upper flat of a building occupied by John T. Caie, Esq., as a dwelling and law office. The damage done was trifling and occasioned by some clothes being placed too near a stove pipe.

PROTECTIONISTS FROM CHATHAM.—John Rogers and wife, from Chatham, sought protection at the Portland Police Station last evening. They walked from Chatham to twenty-five miles on this side of Moncton where they took the train for this city. On arriving here they were penniless, and found it necessary to seek shelter. *News of 5th inst.*

NOT IN CHATHAM.—The Halifax *Chronicle* is in error when it credits us with saying that the Inspector of Fisheries got himself into an unfortunate difficulty in the Chatham Post Office. The affair referred to took place in Newcastle. The Inspector was guilty, in Chatham, of conduct as provoking as that for which he was punished in Newcastle, but was let off easily because those who know him best pay the least attention to his abusive tongue.

MASONIC.—The following are the names of the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge No., 16 F. & A. M., Richibucto, for the current year:—

Allan Haines., W. M.
W. H. McArthur., S. W.
David Palmer., J. W.
James McDougall., Trea.
T. W. Bliss., Sec'y.
James Murray., S. D.
Wm. Scott., J. D.
Thos. McNeil., S. S.
Thos. Haines., J. S.
Wm. Brown., D. of C.
John Johnston., Tyler.

MASONIC FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late Mr. Wm. Casey, of Newcastle, took place on Thursday last. The interment was at St. James' Churchyard. Deceased was buried with Masonic honors, the beautiful funeral service of the Craft being performed by W. A. Park, Esq., Master of Northumberland Lodge, of which Mr. Casey was the oldest member. Rev. Mr. Jenkins, Chaplain of the Lodge, offered the closing prayer. The attendance of Masons from both Chatham and Newcastle was the largest ever seen on a similar occasion on the Miramichi, while citizens generally were present in large numbers to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of an esteemed fellew-citizen.

A CLERGYMAN'S GOOD FORTUNE.—Rev. I. N. Parker, Methodist clergyman at Richibucto, was recently presented with a handsome fur cap, valued at $15 by the good folks of Kingston and vicinity. On Friday last a committee consisting of Messrs. B. S. Bailey, K. B. Forbes and John Robertson waited on the Rev. Mr. P. and presented him with a fur coat valued at $40. It was through Mr. Bailey's instrumentality that the latter presentation was made. On Christmas day Mr. Parker received a purse containing about $30 in money; and, quite recently, the same gentleman found in his sleigh, on his arrival, home from Buctouche, a quantity of poultry, besides some excellent samples of canned goods. Donations of this nature testify how the Rev. Mr. Parker is appreciated by the people of his own as well as other congregations.

A SPLENDID ORGAN has been purchased from Messrs. Landry & Co., St. John, through Mr. Timothy Harrington, for the use of St. Michael's Total Abstinence Society and the Reading Room Club. It is an Estey instrument, constructed on a new principal and from a new design, its chief points of excellence being round, full and powerful pipe tones, which are given out at a point opposite the organist, who faces the audience. The price was not higher than that of a parlor organ, while the instrument secured has undoubtedly no equal of its class on the North Shore. Messrs. Landry & Co's great success in their business is, no doubt, owing to the fact that they aim to give people the worth of their money.

MORE BEARS.—An obliging Weldfield correspondent writes us the following account of a bear capture: On Friday, 28th ult., four Napan men, having heard that a bear had sallied out to get "something good for Christmas armed themselves with guns, knives and tomahawks and took the track of the animal. For a long time they followed the trail without much encouragement, when, at last, a cry from their dog warned them that the time for action had come. A minute's consultation on the best mode of attack was followed by an advance to the fray by the leader of the party, Mr. Jas. Hannah, jr., who, on account of his great strength was conceded the honor of having the first shot. Elated by the idea of finishing the bear with one shot, he started towards it on the run, rifle in hand, tumbled over a large hemlock log that lay in his course, and while he was recovering himself the gun was taken from his grasp by John Nicholson, who lodged the contents in bruin's body. J. Fitzpatrick followed with a similar dose, while that experienced bear hunter, Mr. Wm. Brown, put in shot no. 3. The latter took the bear off his legs and, thinking the animal was dead Mr. Brown ran in with his gun club style and gave it to him on the nose. This awakened the bear from his stupor, and brought him once more to his feet; and now Mr. Brown and Mr. Bruin engaged in a rough-and-tumble fight. The deep silence that prevailed during the fight, was at last broken by Mr. Hannah, who from behind a large poplar sung out "Go in, Billy, strike him on the nose!" and a few moments more and the bear was on top of Mr. Brown and with one stroke of his mighty paw split that gentleman's pants from end to end, thus leaving the poor fellow in need of a new pair. The next shot brought the bear to his untimely end, and set our party congratulating themselves on their success. He was carried on poles to Mr. O'Hern's, the nearest house, and here the settlers crowded to see the trophy.

On Monday last Messrs. Colin Fraser, Sam'l Kingston and John Buckley came across two bears on the side of Bay du Vin River, opposite Graham's mills. Having discovered the existence of a den they dug into it thinking that but one bear had taken up its residence there, but on their firing at one which poked its nose out, and looking in to ascertain the state of things, the eyes of a second and smaller one were seen, and formed a guide for a deadly shot. The first bear killed was very large and the second quite small.

Newcastle Dutcher's Temperance Reformers.

At the earnest and repeated request of leading citizens of Newcastle "The Dutcher Temperance Reform Society of Chatham" paid a professional visit to that town last Thursday evening. About 70 earnest men and women there resolved to inaugurate a similar association in the shire town. They had a delightful drive on the ice and, on their arrival, were courteously entertained at the "Waverly House" and comfortably warmed before the hour of meeting. At 7.30 they proceeded to the Masonic Hall, which they found filled to the door. Every available spot was occupied. On entering the delegation from Chatham was received with applause. In a short time the meeting was opened by the Chatham Band playing "Titus March."

The chair was taken by D. Davidson, Esq., President of the Chatham Society, at whose request the Rev. J. Anderson of Newcastle offered prayer. The President then called upon the "Chatham Dutcher Choir" to favour the meeting with music, when they sung with much spirit, "Rule Britannia."

The Vice-President of the Chatham Society, L. J. Tweedie, Esq., M. P. P. explained the object of the meeting clearly and in earnest sentences. He said the object was to secure total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks as a beverage; that the organization consisted of all who signed the pledge and aided in the work; that all the meetings were public; that the society had a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary Treasurer, Chaplain, a Marshall, and Assistant Marshall, besides an Executive Committee of six persons who prepared the programme for each meeting, a Ladies' Executive Committee, who furnished the music and a Visiting Committee of twenty-six person—thirteen ladies and thirteen gentlemen. His exposition of the association and its object was received with applause.

In the course of the evening, lucid, earnest and telling addresses were delivered by Rev. J. A. F. McBain, J. R. Goggin Esq., Rev. J. C. Herdman and Wm. Sinclair Esq., each in the order mentioned. These addresses were alternated with music by the Choir and Band, and solos by Mrs. Goggin, Miss Sadie Gillis and Miss Templeton, Mr. Harvey Thompson and Mr. L. Desbrisay, all of whose efforts were thoroughly appreciated.

During the proceedings opportunities were afforded to persons who wished to do so to sign the pledge. Much enthusiasm prevailed throughout the evening which will be fully manifest to all when the fact is stated that about 470 persons—men women and children— signed the pledge before the meeting closed. Those who signed were requested to appoint a committee who should retire and select officers for the Newcastle Society, when the following gentlemen were chosen, viz., Charles Sargent, Samuel Thomson, Q. C., Richard Davidson, Allan Ritchie, J. M. Troy, M. Russell, George Brown, Thos. Mullans, Wm. Park, Charles Bourne, Timothy Crocker, and C. C. Watt.

These gentlemen retired and after due consideration submitted the names of officers who were severally confirmed by the audience, as follows:—

President, Charles Sargeant.
1st, Vice-President, Samuel Thomson.
2nd, Vice-President, C. C. Watt,
Secy., C. F. Bourne.
Treasurer, Thos. Mullans.
Marshall, M. Russell.
Assistant Marshall, R. Davidson.
Executive Committee; George Brown., J. M. Troy., T. W. Crocker., A. C. Atkinson., and R. Gitchall.
Executive Committee of Ladies; Mrs. R. Davidson., Mrs. Wm. Park., Mrs. S, Thompson., Mrs. J. M. Troy., Miss Ella Parker and Miss B. Brown.

The appointment of a Business Committee of 13 ladies, a Chaplain, and the selection of a name for the Club were severally postponed and left to the Executive Committee.

The Chatham Vice-President, Mr. Tweedie, read the constitution and the names of newly chosen officers. The "right hand of fellowship" was given to the latter and they were duly installed in their positions of trust and responsibility.

The Rev. J. A. F. McBain offered solemn prayer on behalf of those entrusted with the oversight of the temperance cause in Newcastle and for the Divine blessing to rest upon the good work inaugurated in the town.

After the National Anthem was played and sung a very cordial vote of thanks was tendered to "the Dutchers" of Chatham by the audience for the interest taken in them and for the work of the evening. The meeting then closed. Before the Chathamites returned to their homes a bountiful lunch was provided for them by Mr. Stewart of the Waverly Hotel who seemed determined to show his appreciation of their visit in a substantial manner. A movement so successfully begun promises well, and we hope to hear of its good results from time to time.

The Week of Prayer.

The week of Prayer in Chatham commenced on Sunday last, when Sermons were preached in different Churches, on the prescribed subject, "Christian union perfected," Rev. VII, 9-10

On Monday evening, the meeting for Prayer and Praise took place in St. Andrews Church, the subjects being "Rememberance of personal and relative mercies; prayer for the Divine blessing on past privileges, and for a humble and contrite spirit." The meeting was well attended and during its continuance short addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. McKeown and McBain.

On Tuesday evening the meeting was held in the Methodist Church and was conducted by the Rev. Mr. McKeown, Superintendent of the Circuit. After prayer by the Rev. J. C. Herdman, the Rev. T. L. Smith briefly dwelt upon the subjects of prayer for that evening, viz., "For the Church of Christ in all lands; for its deliverance from error; for its increase in faith, and holiness, and in power, as a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ, and for the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit."

The meeting, which was well attended, was chiefly occupied with prayer.

On Wednesday evening the meeting for prayer was held in the Reformed Episcopal Church, the subjects being as follows—"For Christian families, for sick and afflicted members; for children at school, and for all youths in our colleges and seminaries of learning; for young men entering upon the active business of life, and for those abroad, for our sons and our daughters openly confessing Christ."

This, Thursday, evening a meeting for prayer will be held in St. John's Presbyterian Church, the subjects being:—

"For nations, for rulers magistrates and statesmen; for the army and navy; for all benevolent and philanthropic institutions, for religious liberty and the opening of doors 'wide and effectual,' for publishing the Gospel, and for the reign of righteousness and peace."

On Friday evening the meeting for prayer, will probably be held in St. Andrew's Church; the subjects are as follows:—"Prayer for the circulation of the Bible; for the observance of the Sabbath; for the removal of intemperance; for the rescue of the fallen; for the safety of those who travel by land and by water."

Noon Prayer Meetings were commenced on Monday last at the Rooms of the Y. M. C. A., and will be continued throughout this week.

On Sunday next, the subject of the sermons in the different churches which have engaged in the services of the week of prayer will be "Christian Life," "Let your light shine."

Curling.

The Chatham Curlers are still keeping up their play with great enthusiasm, the Rink being occupied by them every day. The first match game of the season came off on Monday afternoon. It was between two Rinks of five curlers each and was the result of a challenge emanating from a member of the club, who offered to play Dominion men against natives of Great Britain. Owing to mishaps on the ice subsequent to the challenge, three Scotchmen, in practicing for the event placed themselves *hors du combat*, and on Monday the "old countrymen" were allowed by their opponents to make up the required number from the whole club, irrespective of nationality.

At about half past two play commenced and was kept up until a quarter to five when "time" was called by the Umpire, Wm. Whittaker, Esq. of St. John. The result was as follows:—

DOMINION.	GREAT BRITAIN.
Daniel Ferguson,	John Brown,
James W. Fraser,	Thos. F. Gillespie,
John Johnston,	Sam'l Habberley,
A. F. Macdonald,	G. H. McAndrews,
D. G. Smith—Skip, 14	James Neilson—Skip, 4

"The oysters" were, therefore, easily won by the Dominion men.

Dorchester Notes.

An obliging correspondent, "F" sends us the following from Dorchester:—

The new Skating Rink will be opened about the 8th Jan., an interesting time is anticipated.

A Catholic Chapel is being built at Dorchester.

The Baptist Church at Centreville, four miles from Dorchester, will be finished in May.

The Bridge across the Memramcook is to be completed next summer.

J. E. Flaherty, now in jail, is to be tried the 8th Jan. on a charge of forgery. His accuser alleges that at Flaherty's request he signed his name to a recommendation so as to leave a space; but that Flaherty cut off the recommendation and wrote a joint note over his signature. The prisoner asserts his innocence and has many sympathizers.

General work on the Maritime Penitentiary has stopped for the season. A number of men, however, are still engaged in hauling and dressing stone. The second storey of the main building is mostly laid, and several cells are completed. These, of course, are objects of special interest to visitors and elicit various remarks.—Some, in expressing their peculiar feelings describe them as 'ugly' while others, less sensitive or less sentimental, 'pick their cells' with seeming levity. In size these dormitories resemble small horse-stalls, and are about four feet by seven.

Surrounded by solid stone, shut in by an iron door, the prisoner will here find himself secure beyond the possibility of escape, and night after night when vainly striving to inhale, "Nature's sweet restorer' have to exclaim—

'Sleep, innocent Sleep
Macbeth hath murdered Sleep!

The building occupies a splendid site on a hill and when completed will be a rather imposing structure.

Considering its extent, Dorchester is doubtless the wealthiest town in the province, and it is gratifying to know that this wealth has been, for the most part, acquired by its owners while resident of this place. The names of Smith, Chandler, Wilson, Hickman, Palmer, Chapman, etc., are well known in political and business circles. Several of these men have proved beyond a doubt that shipbuilding can be made a lucrative business. One shipowner recently received from a vessel a remittance of $4,000. This should encourage others to avail themselves of the facilities for shipbuilding which many points in the Province possess.

Law still continues to be a distinguishing feature at Dorchester, there being at present at least seven Barristers resident in the place.

It is to be regretted that the great social evil, intemperance, prevails at Dorchester to an alarming degree. Shameful scenes are enacted in and around the hotels—disgraceful both to the proprietors and their unfortunate victims. There are indeed many earnest temperance men and women, but the opposite element is so strong that their best efforts can do little more than counteract the fresh mischief done daily by the saloons.

Correspondence.

[We invite correspondence on all local subjects and will be glad to publish anything that will advance the interests of our readers, individually, or in the communities in which they live. Local News Items, Notices of Improvements—either moral or physical—Reports of Meetings, Agricultural, Lumbering, Fishing, Mechanical and other Industrial notes are especially welcome. We do not expect that all who desire to assist us in the above way are good writers, but that should not deter them from sending along their favors. We want the news and will see that it goes into the paper in proper shape.]

Letter from Mr. Scofield.

MR. EDITOR:—In a communication in the last ADVANCE, D. McLaughlan asserts that in a letter to the *Adevocate* dated Dec. 20th, I used Mr. Wm. Whalen's name without his knowledge, or consent; and he also publishes, a statement from the said Wm. Whalen, confirming what he says. Now I ask is this not a rather singular proceeding considering the fact that I never used Mr. Wm. Whalen's name, either directly or indirectly? What I stated was that "when I signed the petition in favour of site No. 2, I promised Mr. Whalen, I would write a letter to the *Adevocate* in favour of said site; and I also stated, that Mr. Whalen informed me, that the length of the settlement was fifteen miles. These statements I am prepared to prove. I, therefore, advise D. McLaughlan, if he again attempts to prove that any statements of mine are false, not to take a "leap in the dark," and again exhibit himself before the public in the ludicrous position he now occupies. As I cannot possibly see, how any stretch of the imagination can construe what I said to mean Mr. Wm Whalen, it is a genuine case of *barking* up the wrong tree. Your correspondent proves that I was correct in my statement concerning the saving in distance, by asking "why do people having business to do with Fairleys and Scofield come around by my place, a circuit of fourteen miles, when it is so much shorter to go across if the road is passable as he says?" Now, any person who reads my letter will see that I did not say the road was altogether passable, as I excepted the White Rapid Brook Bridge, which I said could be repaired for less than $50; and if this was done all the travel between Upper Renous and Blackville would come that way. A settler on this road has just informed me that he could, leaving out the White Rapid Brook Bridge, make the remainder of the road passable for a wagon, in two hours. Yours truly.

JOHN L. SCOFIELD.

Blackville, Jan. 8th, 1878.

Temperance at Little Branch, Black River.

LITTLE BRANCH, Dec. 29th, 1877.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

SIR:—I take the liberty to enclose a short report of a temperance meeting, held in the Little Branch School House, on the 27th Dec. under the title of the Little Branch Dutcher Reform Society. Notwithstanding the state of the roads there was a large attendance. After a few very touching, and most appropriate remarks by Mr. Hugh Cameron, V. P. of the Black River Association, of whom we have to make special mention for the valuable services he rendered us on this occasion, the meeting was opened with prayer. The pledge was then presented, on which there were fifty-six names enrolled, each one seeming to vie with the other in their zeal for the cause. The following officers were then elected:—

Mr. George Fowlie, President.
" James Fowlie, jr. Secretary.
" Kenneth McKnight, Chaplain.
" Alex. Cameron, 1st V. P.
" Allan McKay, 2nd V. P.
" Kenneth McDonald, 3rd V. P.
" Hugh Kelley, Marshall.

An Executive Committee of six—three ladies and three gentlemen—was also appointed. After the association was duly organized and things put in working shape we were entertained for about fifteen minutes with an eloquent address from Mr. H. Cameron. There was then some singing. A vote of thanks was tendered to the speaker, and after singing the Doxology the meeting adjourned to meet again on Thursday.

We shall be most happy to see any of the brethren from the town who may honour us with their presence or favour us with a speech at any of our meetings.

I am, Sir, yours, most respectfully,

ALEX. CAMERON, V. P.

The Ludlow Election.

BOISTOWN, Jan. 5, 1878

MR. EDITOR,—As one of our Councillors for Ludlow resigned, a new writ was issued for the election of a Councillor. We met on Jan. 4th in the School room near the residence of John Pond Esq., Parish Clerk, who at 10 o'clock opened the meeting.

John Campbell was elected Chairman, who, after taking the necessary oath, called for nominations when Ernest Hutchison, Esq., was nominated by Messrs. Justice Fairley, Kenneth Cameron, Wm. McKay and a number of others. Aaron Hovey was nominated by Mr. Walter B. Price and a number of others. Any person who saw our friend, Justice Fairley, Esq., employing himself in acquainting others with the requirements of the occasion, would have known at once that he was bound Hutchison should be elected. The result was that Hutchison polled 37 votes and Hovey 9, which is quite a good vote, for at this season of the year the ratepayers are mostly engaged in the woods.

Ludlow is to be congratulated on having a gentleman so well qualified to represent it at the Municipal Council Board.

LUDLOW.

THE BAIT QUESTION IN NEWFOUNDLAND.—In consequence of supplies of bait obtained by American fishermen on the coast of Newfoundland, it is said they are enabled to make three trips a season, instead of two. This matter is attracting considerable attention in Newfoundland.

Provincial Notes and News.

FIRES AND ALARMS IN ST JOHN for 1877 amounted to 73.

THE "BORDERER" has the jacknife now, as the champion obituary poetry paper.

YARMOUTH SHIPPING.—The increase in Yarmouth shipping during 1877, amounts to 67 vessels of 8672 tons.

MISS FANNY H. CHURCH gave readings and Costume Impersonations in the Derry, (N. H. Lyceum) on Wednesday last.—*Torch.*

FREDERICTON'S CONTRIBUTION TO ACADIA COLLEGE.—The amount raised in Fredericton in aid of rebuilding Acadia College has reached over $3000.

NOT THE MAN.—Corey, who was arrested in Campbelton a short time since for alleged forgery, etc., at Richmond, P. Q., proved to be the wrong man and has been discharged.

THE MAYORALTY OF FREDERICTON.—Two candidates are in the field for the civic chair of Fredericton, Mr. Fenety the present occupant, and G. F. Gregory, Esq. It is expected to be a sharp contest.

LARGE EXPORT OF FROZEN FISH.—Steamer *New Brunswick*, which left for Boston this morning, had, among her cargo 98 bbls. and 84 boxes of smelts, and 40 bbls. and boxes of bass.—*Tel.* of 8th.

RESIGNATION OF NOVA SCOTIA MEMBERS. Messrs. Vail and Jones, members respectively for Digby and Halifax, have formally resigned their seats in Parliament. Nomination day in Digby is 12th inst., and in Halifax 17th.

LIFE OF THE REV. J. E. DUNPHY.—Miss Nannary, one of the teachers of the public schools of Carleton, known as the Catholic Schools, has written a life of the late Rev. Mr. Dunphy of Carleton. The book is well got up and is issued from the press of the weekly *Herald*.

HIGHLAND PARK, ST. JOHN.—There was a meeting of the Highland Park Company Directors on Saturday afternoon, at which the Secretary presented a financial statement, showing that there was a small balance to the credit of the Company in the Maritime Bank.

DIVIDENDS IN HALIFAX.—The Halifax Fire Insurance Company has declared a dividend of seven and a half per cent. for the half year, the Bank of Nova Scotia, four and a half per cent., and the Merchants' Marine Insurance Company a dividend of $12.50 per share.

"FREAKS OF FORTUNE."—A comedy by Messrs. Clay M. Greene and A. Slason Thompson, (formerly of Fredericton) of San Francisco, which recently has had a successful run at the Grand Opera House in that city, has been secured by J. C. Williamson, and will be produced during the Boston engagement of the Williamsons. *Torch.*

MR. BROWNE'S RESIGNATION.—Rev. J. D. H. Browne has formally tendered his resignation as Rector of Dorchester and Sackville, in consequence of a state of health which will preclude him, for a time at least, from active clerical duties. The resignation is to take place in April, but Mr. Browne will leave sooner if a successor can be found before that time.

A $10,000 FIRE IN PETICODIAC.—On the evening of the 2nd inst., about seven o'clock, a fire broke out in George Connors' sash and door factory, Peticodiac, and notwithstanding the great exertions made to save it, the building was burned to the ground in a short time. By a great effort a small adjoining building was saved. The loss will not be less than $10,000, and it is feared there is little if no insurance.

A PORTLAND SHOOTING AFFAIR.—Portland boys are eccentric; at times they do the most unaccountable things. James Collins and Thomas Richardson were lately playing together, when the former, who had a pistol, asked Richardson to hold up his hat to be shot at, and upon his refusal, shot him in the back, giving a serious wound at the base of the spine. Collins was about 11 years old, and was duly arrested.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE I. C. R. AT SUSSEX.—On Friday last a man named Daniel Campbell, of Campbell Settlement, Sussex, was instantly killed by the train going east on the I. C. R., about a mile below Sussex station, near Aiken's crossing. The unfortunate man was known to be in a pitiful state of intoxication. He must have been lying on the track when the train struck him.

THE DIGBY, N. S. ELECTION.—It appears that the Minister of Militia who has resigned in consequence of having violated the Independence of Parliament Laws, is to be opposed in Digby by the Hon. John C. Wade, a former Speaker of the House of Assembly. In his card Mr. Wade merely states that he has consented to become a candidate, and that on the 12th inst., the day of nomination, he will explain his views. It is quite clear that the opposition to Mr. Vail is, under the circumstances, only vexatious.

CHANGE IN THE ST. JOHN FIRE DEPARTMENT.—At a meeting of the St. John City Council on Friday last, the special Fire Committee reported that they had received the resignation of Thomas Marter, Chief Engineer of the department, and recommended its acceptance, as well as that he be appointed at a salary of $300 per annum, Inspector of Stores of the department. It was recommended that A. Chipman Smith, Esq., be appointed Chief Engineer at a salary of $1,500 per annum. After some discussion the motion was carried by a vote of 13 to 5.

LUMBERING ACCIDENTS.—A correspondant of the Woodstock *Sentinel* writes to that paper from Argyle, Carleton County, that on the 31st ult. a man named Rockland, belonging to Jacksontown, attending the landings in Mr. Phillips' lumbering operations on the Miramichi, was found lying at the "Landing" to all appearance dead; he was quite senseless till 3 o'clock; when he was carried through Glassville, about 9 o'clock that night, he was still alive, but not able to speak. Another man, in the same crew, had his leg broken and ankle put out of joint, about the same time, and was carried out of the woods on the same sled that conveyed Rockland. Two men in Mr. Bell's crew, on the Nashwaak, cut themselves on the same day. Mr. John Smith, also on that day, had his ankle very badly hurt while loading logs in the woods.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—A correspondent of the Halifax *Reporter* makes some quotations on the use of corporal punishment in Public Schools, urging its necessity. After quoting Henry Kiddle Esq., City Superintendant of New York, he says the Rev. John May, an Inspector in the Province of Ontario, recently addressed the teachers and students of the Carlton County Model School, and, speaking of discipline, says: "I am as far as possible from sympathy with those who would banish the rod. It will be, to our schools, a day pregnant with disaster, when the Legislature or the Department (Educational) condemns the rod. It will open the floodgates of license and youthful riot. Let the rod remain. Give it a conspicuous place. Use it in extreme cases, with evident reluctance, but unmistakable effect."

THE ATLANTIC AND NICTAUX RAILWAY. Mr. Murphy, N. S. Government Engineer, condemned a certain portion of the work done on the Nictaux and Atlantic Road, and was supported by the abstract report of Mr. Light, the umpire engineer sent down by the Government. Mr. Murphy estimated the acceptable work at $66,000, and Mr. Light substantially agreed with him. The Company agreed to alter the objectionable features of the work and comply with the requirements of the law, and they desired to obtain $33,000 subsidy on the basis of the engineer's estimate of $66,000 work. But here a new and important question arose. The Government found that the $66,000 worth of work did not represent an *actual expenditure* of that amount, the fact being that the laborers and suppliers were unpaid and the company were looking to the $33,000 to pay them. The N. S. Government have determined, within the limit of the amount that would be so due, to pay the laborers and, if there is enough left, the suppliers also. It is not probable, however, that all can be paid, as it is understood that the claims against the Company amount to upwards of $40,000. The Halifax *Chronicle* warns the men who work on Railroads that this is not a precedent, and that henceforth they will have to look out for themselves.

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Highland Society Notice.

THE General Annual Meeting of the HIGHLAND SOCIETY of New Brunswick at Miramichi, will be held at the WAVERLY HOTEL, Newcastle, at 11 a. m., on MONDAY, 14th January, 1878.

A. D. SHIRREFF.
SECRETARY.

Chatham, Jan. 11th, 1878.

Miramichi Tract Society.

THE Annual Meeting of the Committee of the MIRAMICHI TRACT SOCIETY, will (D. V.) will be held at 3 o'clock, p. m., TUESDAY, the 15th inst., at the office of John Ellis, Esq., Chatham.

JAMES ANDERSON,
SECRETARY.

The MANSE, Newcastle, Jan. 4th, 1878.

NOTICE!

THE Annual Meeting of Ratepayers of School District No. 1, Parish of Chatham, will be held in the High School Room, in said District on THURSDAY next, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

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