

THE MIRAMICHI RAILWAY.

It is talked of pretty freely around the town that the Miramichi Valley Railroad has again become a live issue, and that men of means and enterprise are giving thoughtful consideration to the subject.

There is a gentleman, not belonging to our county but belonging to New Brunswick, who has also taken a very active interest in the matter; and there is still another gentleman, also not of our county, who undoubtedly will take an interest in the movement, if indeed he does not become the moving and the foremost spirit; and both these gentlemen have ample means, and no less enterprise.

It is more than we could do, and more than would be advisable at this early stage of the scheme to enter into details: we have only to say, that all we want here is to have the railroad built, no matter who builds it.

The country between here and Fredericton is well worth opening up, even at a heavy cost; but the Miramichi and Nashwaak Road would by no means be dependent on the local traffic.

THE CRUMBS.

Since the Heteroimers seem so jubilant over small favors, we shall explain to our readers just the extent of their triumphs, lest they might mistake Grit smoke for fire.

The Government have taken six seats from the Opposition, the Opposition have taken one seat from the Government.

The Liberals, to which party Mr. Anglin and his Freeman have consecrated themselves raised the "no popery cry," and the war was carried to every hamlet and town, yes to every farmers door.

and stab the peoples' preachers and recitatives, burn down their churches, and once more fill up their schools with "heathen toys."

"from the dome of Peter" thundered out something like a funeral dirge over the waters of the Tiber.

The Government has lost a member, but Holy Religion has gained a champion, so that if the Freeman and the Grits in general rejoice, we see no reason why we ought to mourn.

TOWN AFFAIRS.

(No. 7.)

Our fire department in 1879 cost the town \$1,283.46. The receipts that year were \$1,616.10, so that there was a balance in hand of \$332.64.

The published accounts do not give the details of the expenditure of the \$1,015.41, so we can not tell whether it has been judiciously spent or not.

As to the management of the fire engine we will not say much just now. The gentleman who had charge of it up to a recent period was thoroughly competent and we trust his successor is equally so.

While speaking of fire matters we may say that the steam fire pump in connection with Mr. Snowball's mill is of great benefit to that establishment, and to that portion of the town.

We presume that the balances in hand are invested in some institution at interest; but the published accounts do not say so, and we find no credit for any interest from the \$362.64 on hand last year.

The blundering of the War Minister in the case of Col. Maunsell's removal from Fredericton is unexplainable. The necessity for the proposed removal in the first place was hard to see; and the justification to allowing a gentleman to rent a house in Ottawa, break up his household in Fredericton, and then tell him he was to "await further orders," in the latter place is still harder to see.

AN UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR.

It is our painful duty today to inform our readers that our contemporary the Advocate is displeased with the Northumberland members for voting against Hon. P. A. Landry's sentimental resolution.

The Advocate's love for humanity, it loses sight of the "point." Mr. Landry brought in a resolution. That resolution dealt with a matter over which the House had no control, over a question it could not influence in the slightest degree.

On the temperance question the Advocate is very influential in this county. It got in its "temperance man" at the last councillors' election at the head of the poll!!

The untruthful satirist who furnishes Ottawa news to the Telegraph says that Sir Leonard Tilley is to be appointed Governor of the Fiji Islands, an Imperial appointment.

"Proud Northumberland weeps at her position today in the Commons," is the truthful and well expressed remark of a correspondent.

Another falsehood furnished the Government press from Ottawa is that Sir A. T. Galt is soon to return and be Finance Minister.

Mr Parnell proposes to convert the various Home Rule elements in England into a land league.

The Sultan and the Shah of Persia, has some mysterious correspondence between them.

Count Pecci, the Popes brother, is dead.

EDITORIAL GLEANINGS.

Wilkie Collins' latest contribution to second class literature, is "The Black Robe," a novel now being published in serial form in the Canadian Monthly.

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NICHOLAS BARDEN. Chatham, March 30, 1881.

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speeches. You would think he says, listening to these two gentlemen, that they were entirely innocent of ever having read a book, their speeches being utterly wanting in literary tissue.

Mr Davins essay is all so good, we tear ourselves away from it with reluctance. It is so good, so true, so well timed, so home-striking, that it cannot but bear the fruit intended.

We commend the letter of "A." our Alnowick correspondent to our readers. We shall refer to it more fully in another issue; for it takes the ground completely from under Mr. Snowballs Session's work!

Mr John Costigan, M. P., leaves in a few days for the North West, where he is likely to remain during the summer. Hon John O'Connor still continues to draw his pay as Secretary of State.

The Carleton Election took place today. The Grit is doomed there.

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