partner is a brother-in-law of the Hon. Michael Adams. Then something came across Mr. Sutherland, for after holding his purchase for a few months he deeded it, on Dec. 13, 1882, to a Mr. Adams. It is just possible that Mr. Adams may be in a hurry to get quit of it too, when he finds how little land he has got. In fact, it is difficult to conceive of any single bit of property being so thoroughly demoralized by so much water within such narrow limits. Lucky Davidson! Wise Sutherland! Unfortunate Adams!

But an end comes to all things. The Supreme Court of Canada had settled the question of riparian rights, and what was to be done had to be done quickly. Already applications were reaching the Local Government for the purchase of ungranted lands on well known trout and salmon rivers. One little tempting plum alone remained on that fruitful Northwest Branch. But how to get at it? It was no secret that certain members of the administration were determined to work to the utmost advantage these fishery rights so recently restored to New Brunswick; there was to be no more 80c. or $1 an acre business. Thenceforward and forever, information was to be gained, a policy was to be formed, and nothing was to be done hurriedly.

But in whatever way it was managed, it nevertheless came about that it *was* managed; and in spite of asseverations, and protestations, and promises that no such privilege would be sold, such a privilege *was* sold. On the 21st August, 1882, when the Government portfolio was stuffed with unanswered and ungranted requests for lands on all our rivers, a Mr. James Crawford, of New York, and a friend of the Adamses, applied for a survey of 100 acres on the Northwest Branch of the Miramichi, at the junction of the West and North Forks. On the same day Surveyor General Adams issued an order for its survey. On October 4th the survey was returned to the Crown Land Office, and the sale was at once advertised in the *Royal Gazette* by the Surveyor-General. In November the sale took place, and Mr. James Crawford for $1 an acre, became the purchaser of a first-class fishing privilege on the said Northwest Miramichi.

It will, however, scarcely be credited in connexion with the transaction that, while hitherto for some time the Government had held their ungranted lands at an upset price of $2 an acre, this valuable fishing privilege was put up at one dollar an acre. It is reported that, to successfully accomplish this *coup*, the timber on this lot was actually dissevered from the other interests, and still remains unsold.

And yet, the ex-Surveyor General, the Hon. Michael Adams, in his place last week in the House, had the effrontery to challenge a reference of these transactions to a committee! And what would a committee find? Why, that every step taken by the ex-Surveyor General, from the receipt of applications for survey of these N. W. Miramichi lands down to their final grant, was in every respect according to usage and perfectly regular. Not the least doubt about that. There was no violation of law. But what would a committee of the public find? Why, that the ex-Surveyor General had, step by step, knowingly and willingly, permitted all the valuable salmon pools on the Northwest Miramichi Branch to pass out of the hands of the Province into the hands of his own brother and his own friends, for the same price as ordinary timber lands; thus sacrificing $10,000 worth of property for $765: That the ex-Surveyor General did this, well knowing that the Courts were about to vest in the owners of the soil the right of fishing on all our inland rivers: That the ex-Surveyor General did this, knowing exactly from each survey of the block of land applied for that all the lines were so run as to take in the valuable stretches of water wanted: That in these several transactions the ex-Surveyor General, both as a representative of the people and as an executive officer, was false in his trust: And that in fact, and finally, the Hon. Michael Adams, while Surveyor General of New Brunswick, lent himself to play the role of capper in a cheap and nasty confidence game.

Measured by the standard of those who have of late been the more active political partizans of the person whose betrayal of misplaced public honor and trust is so thoroughly exposed in the above-quoted article, we presume the whole transaction will be condoned as only an overflowing of "zeal and loyalty for Newcastle." So long as any transaction in which "Newcastle" is interested can be carried through (and by Newcastle we mean the half dozen men who are so far above their fellows in that town that the latter are honored in being permitted to sit at their feet and support them in the most abject admiration) the means, however base, are only a secondary consideration and they are always approved. What is the true character of this Northwest business? We will, no doubt, be condemned in the usual choice language employed by the man who so scandalously prostituted his office, for judging his conduct by the proper moral standard. No one will grudge the possession of our fishing privileges to our own people, for we all admit that outsiders have, too long, had the advantage of us in such matters, but the desire to own the best salmon pools of the Northwest Miramichi was not confined to the Adamses and the Calls and their wonderful New York friends. There are as good sportsmen as they in Northumberland, alone, who would, no doubt, have given much more for the pools named in the above article than they brought, and no honest Surveyor-General, knowing the facts, would have been guilty of the quiet shuffle by which Mr. Adams and his private friends were saved from paying the value of the public property of which they desired to possess themselves. Such a transaction by a Crown Minister fifty years ago would have sent him from public life in disgrace. We all remember the Fisher-Inches land scandal of a few years ago, which was followed by the forfeit of his position in the Government by one and his office in the Crown Lands Department by the other, but we fear we have now come to more degenerate days, when men may betray public trust with impunity. Whatever may be the judgment of the class who think everything right that certain men do, no man who values public honor or desires to respect our public men can think of this Northwest steal without a sense of shame. We shall, no doubt, find the ex-Surveyor General putting the usual brazen front on and asking us all what we are going to do about it? We shall have the sharers in the privileges of which the Province has been fleeced working fully up to the duty of whitewashing him, and hundreds of his political dependents, perhaps, incapable of really knowing what to think. The constituency is not to be envied that has so lost its self-respect as to experience any feeling but one of humiliation and regret over having chosen such a representative.

### The Ontario Bribery Cases.

The manner in which leading Conservative papers deal with the scandalous attempts recently made in the interest of that party to bribe Liberal members of the Ontario Legislature, is not an encouraging sign of the times to those who desire that the dignity and purity of Canadian political institutions should be maintained. Many of these papers simply take the ground suggested by Mr. Meredith, the Conservative opposition leader, that because the members approached did not at once spurn the tempters, the disgrace of the subsequent developments is theirs. As Attorney-General Mowat said, however,—"Any man, in permitting overtures to be made, might take one of two courses; he might do what these hon. members did, and which is for the public interest, or keep buried in his own bosom all the corruption which might go on. It was their duty to bring these men to justice, and having done that they accomplish a very good work which they would not have accomplished if they concealed what took place." In other words, the bribers might have made their first offers and been promptly repulsed by the gentleman approached, the result being that they would be left free to ply their temptations in some other quarter. There was no way of capturing and convicting them but the one adopted, and it was not only justifiable but the duty of the members approached to adopt it. Mr. Bunting, chief editor of the *Mail*—the leading Conservative organ—is mixed up with these transactions in a very suspicious way, but he publishes a statement respecting alleged negotiations with one member of the Legislature, which, if true, is much in his favor. He says,—

I have read the report of an unsworn statement made by Mr. Dowling yesterday before the committee on privileges and elections, and as my name has been freely made use of by him, I hasten to declare the same to be in many important particulars entirely incorrect. Mr. Dowling called on me at the *Mail* office, a few days ago. He introduced himself, as he was an entire stranger to me. His visit was unsolicited and unexpected. He stated that he desired to see me privately. I took him to another room and informed him that we would be undisturbed. He then told me that he was a member of the local legislature, a physician by profession, practising in the county of Renfrew, and a graduate of McGill College, Montreal. He said he had been, against his will, induced by his party to enter public life; that he had been elected and unseated and elected a second time. He declared that he did not care much for politics or party and that he would be glad to resign, He complained bitterly that the grit party had not kept faith with him, inasmuch as they had not contributed 5 cents to enable him to pay the law costs in the trial of his election petitions which, he estimated, would reach over $500. He informed me that some of his constituents proposed collecting $1000 as a donation from them to assist in defraying the costs, but he objected to the movement, as they were his patients, and in the end he would gain nothing by it. He again complained of absence of material aid from his party, that he was a young man, and the costs were an embarrassment. I reflected how different was the treatment accorded by conservatives to the member for Algoma, who was somewhat similarly situated, and I made the remark to Dowling that if he were of the conservative party he would not be mulcted in that way. He then suggested that he would vote against the Government for the sum of $2,000 and resign his seat when required. I told him most distinctly that I could not entertain his proposal and advised him not to resign his seat. I rose to leave and he went away. I concluded the visit was a put up job.

Mr. Bunting, however, does not appear to so much advantage in other scenes of the scandal, and, in fact, even the parties who were proved to have paid over the bribery money, actually made affidavits declaring that they had not done so. Statements made by men caught in such transactions are to be taken with considerable allowance. Mr. McKim, M. P. P., made the following statement before the Legislative committee:—

Wilkinson told me he had the promise of three registrarships in the Northwest. He intended to keep Calgary for himself, but if I would vote against the Government he would secure me the office of registrar at Edmonton, and he believed the Dominion Government would grant me $500 for travelling expenses west of Winnipeg. He said he had been to Ottawa where he had arranged for the disposal of the offices. We ultimately settled that I was to get $2,000 and the office to vote against the Government. I asked for security and he proposed that Mr. Bunting should give his own note for $5,000, which was to be placed in the hands of a party who should be agreeable to me. This party was also to hold the letter from the Hon. D. L. MacPherson, in which was endorsed Wilkinson's transfer of the office to me. Bunting made an appointment, and the same day I went to the *Mail* building, but instead of meeting Mr. Bunting, Wilkinson introduced me to Meek. Meek had a note for $5,000, which was endorsed by himself and Wilkinson. I objected and insisted on having Bunting's name. Wilkinson then made an appointment to meet Bunting at the *Mail* office that night. I went to the *Mail* office and met Bunting. He said he knew all about the arrangements Wilkinson and I had been making, but owing to his position on the *Mail*, and in the Conservative party, he could not put his name to the paper, but assured me that whatever arrangements I made with Wilkinson would be carried out; that Meek was the party's solicitor and controlled the party funds. Some time after I met Kirkland, who offered me $3,000 for my support. The next time I met Wilkinson he said he had been to a caucus, when it had been decided to make the Yankee (Kirkland, probably) the scapegoat. Subsequently he told me that the caucus had decided not to work with him, as he would want too much of the timber, which they wished to divide among themselves. A short time ago I met Bunting. He said he had been to Ottawa, and had now power to defeat the Mowat Government, and that I would get all that I had been promised. I told him about what Kirkland promised me, and he told me to get all I could from the Yankee, and he would help me to do so. McKim then explained receiving the money from Kirkland.

The above does not place Mr. Bunting in a very favorable light; indeed he does not bear a very good character, even among those who are on the same side of politics. Even the editor of the little Chatham *World*, who, like the editor of the St. Andrew's *Standard*, is—according to his own story—on terms of the greatest intimacy with all the distinguished and notorious politicians of the day, says,—

"Bunting says he refused the offer, and we believe him for, from our personal knowledge of the man, he would be much more likely to sell himself for $2000 than to buy another at that price."

The facts are apparent to all who have read the evidence as far as it has been published. The Tory wire-pullers and bribers found some Americans with a grievance against Mr. Mowat's Government, because they could not enrich themselves at the expense of the Province, and they joined hands with them for the purpose of buying up a sufficient number of members to oust the Liberals and place the Tories in power. Discovering the plot, Mr. Mowat, the Liberal premier, advised some of his followers, who had been approached, to act as if they were willing to betray their honor and party. This he did to ensure the conviction of the bribers and expose their disreputable plot. Because he has succeeded the disappointed party sets up its howl.

Carter's Little Liver Pills will positively cure sick headache and prevent its return. This is not talk, but truth. One pill a dose. To be had of all druggists. See advertisement.

### Business Notice.

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

It is not open for delivery of papers in the evening. Town and local country subscribers will, therefore, please call for their papers at the delivery window before 6 p. m.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The insertion of advertisements can only be insured each week by their reaching the office before 6 p. m. on Tuesdays.

## Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

ENGINE HOUSE tenders wanted—See advt.

FORESTRY.—Mr. Edward Jack is about to leave New Brunswick to attend the Forestry Exhibition at Edinburgh.

THE RAILWAY BILL.—As we go to press the position of the Railway bill at Fredericton is that it has passed the Lower House by a vote of 25 to 7. It is to be considered in the Legislative Council to-day and it is thought that body will pass it by a small majority.

MISS MUNRO, of Cooking School fame, is now teaching the ladies of Amherst the culinary art and we are informed that she will be glad to open a class in Chatham if a sufficient number of names are enrolled at the Miramichi Bookstore. Thirty names, at least, are required.

ABOUT BOAT RACING.—A manuscript item respecting proposed contestants in the "coming regatta on the Miramichi," has come to us through the mail bearing the post-mark of Metropolitan, Mich. As the sender's name was not attached we cannot publish it. We must know on whose authority we make such announcements.

A FIGHTER.—A large buck caribou was captured near Burnt Hill, Miramichi, recently by some lumbermen who had no firearms. The animal fought valiantly, first putting a team of horses driven by Wm. Gillmore to flight and requiring the combined efforts of two men named McAdam and Estabrooks, with axes, to bring him down.

THE MARINE HOSPITAL.—We are glad to learn that Dr. J. S. Benson has received the appointment of Medical Superintendent of the Miramichi Marine Hospital vacated by the death of the late Dr. John Thomson. To say nothing of his strong claims upon the dominant Dominion party, Dr. Benson's position in his profession and his excellent standing in the community justify the appointment.

PILOTS.—At the annual meeting of the Miramichi Pilots, held at the Pilotage Office, Chatham, on Tuesday, the Chair was occupied by Mr. Geo. T. Tait. Mr. Wm. Tait was elected Pilot Master and Mr. Geo. Tait was re-elected Chairman and Mr. Asa Walls Secretary for the current year. Messrs. Angus McEachran, Jas. McCullum, Asa Walls and Geo. T. Tait were elected Managing Committee. Messrs. Augus McEachran and George Savoy were appointed Committee to tender for placing and keeping the buoys in position during the year.

WE RECORD, with regret, the death of Mr. W. E. Springate, which occurred on Monday about noon. Mr. Springate was a young man who was universally respected and esteemed. During the past year or two, he has been compelled to live in comparative retirement because of ill health, and his premature death, although a cause for profound sorrow, was not unexpected. We tender our sincere sympathies to the bereaved family and friends. —*St. Croix Courier.*

FIRE.—On Monday night last, about 10 o'clock, fire was discovered in Mr. John Bell, Jr.'s grocery store. Before water was got on the flames had taken possession of the entire building, and communicated with the next building, in which Mr. Geo. Traer's store is located, and it was feared that the Pierce building—adjoining Traer's—would also take fire. Water came from the steam engine just in time to save the larger building, however, but Traer's was much damaged, and the Bell premises destroyed, together with the stock. Mr. Bell's stock was insured for $800 in the Western, Mr. M. S. Benson, agent. The building was uninsured and belonged to Miss McCulley.

THIEVING.—Mr. Robert Bain's store was broken into on Saturday or Sunday night by means of an upper window accessible from a shed at the rear and quite a large quantity of goods were stolen. John McGinnis and Peter Murphy, two lads who had just finished a term in Jail for theft, were suspected and their parents' house searched. Goods of different kinds, bearing Mr. Bain's store marks, were found in the cellar and young McGinnis had two flannel shirts on which were Mr. Bain's. At the Police Court the parties implicated protested their innocence, while Mr. Bain's clerks could not swear the goods were not sold or that they were in the store on Saturday night. Thus, a conviction could not be had, although everybody knows just where to find a nice nest of thieves.

MAIL CONTRACT.—The Post-office Inspector advertises for tenders to be addressed to "the Postmaster General, Ottawa" and to be received until 25th April next—for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, three times per week each way, between Burnt Church and Church Point, from the 1st July next.

The conveyance to be made in a suitable vehicle drawn by one or more horses.

The Mails to leave Burnt Church on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week, immediately after the arrival of the Mail from Chatham, reaching Church Point in one hour.

Returning, to leave Church Point on the same days, after remaining there two hours, reaching Burnt Church in one hour from time of despatch from Church Point.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen, and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Burnt Church and Church Point.

### Was it His Reward?

The *Advocate* of this week says,—

"Councillor Jeremiah Sullivan, of Hardwicke, has been appointed by the Dominion Government to superintend the expenditure of $400 on the Marsh Road between Jimmo's and Escuminac Lighthouse."

A "Liberal Conservative" in yesterday's *World* says,—

SIR: Please explain how does it come about that the Minister of Marine should appoint as Commissioner to expend the four hundred dollars granted on the Escuminac Barren by the Dominion Government a man who so outrageously squandered the Provincial grant on that road two years ago. Surely the member for Northumberland in the Commons could not have recommended a man so utterly incapable, as Mr. Mitchell must know that Sullivan has always boasted that he could thank God he never voted for Peter Mitchell. Could Mr. Mitchell as a party man do such a thing?

We understand that Mr. Phillips of Escuminac had this work in hand and was carrying it on satisfactorily until Coun. Sullivan voted against Hardwicke's interests on the Railway question, at the instigation of Mr. Adams. Thereupon, the Commissionership was turned over to Mr. Sullivan. We fancy Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Adams understood each other perfectly in the matter. It's the old story—Newcastle wire-pullers against all the rest of the County.

### The Chatham Curlers in Luck.

Wm. Johnston Esq. of the Canada House entertained the Chatham Curlers at an Oyster Supper on Thursday evening last. As usual, the Curlers turned out in large force and ample justice was done to host Johnston's spread. Owing to ill health, the President and Vice-President were unable to be present, but the chair was ably filled by Jas. Neilson Esq., one of our oldest curlers and a honorary member of the Club. The usual toasts, commencing with "The Queen" followed by "The Prince of Wales," were drunk with curlers' enthusiam, even tho' the beverage was nothing more potent than cold water. "Our Host and Hostess" was responded to by Mr. Johnston, who in his usual happy style, paid a handsome tribute to the prowess of the Chatham Curlers, as shown by their recent victory over the St. John knights of the besom.

"The Ladies" brought expressions of thanks, hopes and regrets, also promises of reformation—from Messrs. Loggie, Ullock, Crimmen, Clarke and Jas. Johnston.

"The health of Mr. Isaac Harris, as the donor of a Silver Cup to the Club, was next proposed, to which Mr. Harris briefly replied, suggesting that there was still ample room for followers in his footsteps. "Our President" was, in the absence of Mr. Hutchison, replied to by Secretary Wilson. "Our Skips" brought to their feet, Messrs. Brittain, Chesman and Wilson. "The victory at St. John" was responded to by Messrs. Brittain, Marquis, Loggie, Murray and Watt. "The Home Rinks" were heard from in the persons of Messrs. Mersereau, Blewitt and Clarke. "Auld Lang Syne" was next sung in response to "Our next merry meeting." After three rousing cheers for "The Canada House" the curlers dispersed much pleased with Mr. Johnston for his generous feast, and regretting that the coming of Spring must of necessity cause a suspension of these pleasant reunions.

### Sale of the Fishery Leases.

The sale of New Brunswick Government fishery privileges took place at Fredericton on Thursday last. The press report of the sale is as follows,—

The fisheries sale this morning realized about $3,400. Almost all of the rivers went at the upset price, except the Jacquet, which brought $30 over the upset. The Kedgwick River was withdrawn, but it is understood that it will be handed over to the Restigouche club on payment of $100, with the understanding that it will not be fished, but reserved for breeding purposes.

The following rivers were sold:—

Nipisiguit River, from mouth up to Indian Reserve, which was withdrawn and again sent up for competition, the purchaser being J. W. Adams, $150; from Indian Reserve to head of Nipisiguit River, R. T. Lickey, upset price—$300.

Jacquet River—the whole stream and branches thereof, W. A. Park, $160.

Upsalquitch River from its mouth up to the forks, F. W. Campbell, $100; from the forks to its head, including all branches, F. W. Campbell, upset price $200.

Restigouche River—From mouth of Upsalquitch River up to Toad Brook, J. C. McAndrews, upset price $500; Toad Brook up to Tom's Brook, A. L. Light, upset price $500; Tom's Brook up to Patapedia River, Restigouche Salmon Club, upset price $500; Patapedia River up to Tracy's Brook, Restigouche Salmon Club, upset price $500; Tracey's Brook up to Quatawamkedgwick River, Archie Rogers, upset price $500; Quatawamkedgwick River up to Madawaska County line, Archie Rogers, upset price $200.

Charlo River—The whole stream and branches thereof, J. W. Lanergan, upset price.

Patapedia River on western bank thereof, from its mouth up to Quebec Province boundary, Restigouche Salmon Club, $100; Middle River, Gloucester County, Restigouche Salmon Club, upset price $100.

Little River, Gloucester County, Restigouche Salmon Club, upset price $100.

### A Fine Entertainment

On Tuesday evening of last week a Concert was held in the school house near the residence of John Johnstone, Esq., in Napan, the proceeds to be appropriated towards painting and finishing the interior of the school room. A large number of friends from Chatham were present and all unite in saying that it was one of the most pleasant entertainments they ever witnessed.

The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and humorous dialogues. The song, "Milkmaid and Dandy," by Miss Marion and Master Murray Johnston; a song by Miss Kendal, Physical exercises by the scholars, and recitation by Miss Alice Dickson "The Owl Critic" are entitled to honorable mention. These pieces were all well done, shewing that the performers all have good talents and have been carefully trained by their teacher, Miss Maggie Mowat, who also recited the "Soldier's Pardon" in a way that shewed she was well qualified to teach elocution. "The Scotch Tea Party" represented two Scotch women, having a quiet tea and an old-fashioned gossip, and you may be sure some of their neighbours and their neighbours' bonnets were handled without gloves. At the close of the piece a man said, "How true to life;" of course he meant that it was well acted, and not that Scotch women have a habit of gossiping, for this is something they never do; it is only the "horrid men" who gossip. This dialogue was by two young ladies of Napan and to say it was well done would only give a faint idea of the perfect way it was acted. Mr. Johnston sang the "Barrin' o' the Door" in such a style as to convince every one that none but a Scotchman can sing a Scotch song. The "Book Agent" was a very humorous dialogue; the principle characters are two Napan ladies who I believe were sisters, but whose names are unknown to the writer. One wore a black dress and had a large, old-fashioned white cap on her head she had a pleasant voice and good expression and acted her part in such a style that even Mrs. Langtry, were she present, might have envied. The other character represented the indispensable Bridget and although the young lady was Scotch she imitated the natural brogue so perfectly and her part was so well performed that one would have thought she was the genuine maid of the Emerald Isle. "A Lawyer's trouble" was a very amusing and ludicrous piece and was, in every detail, well acted—in fact it was so well performed that it could be repeated with credit to the performers either in New York or Boston. I thank the ladies of Napan for such a pleasant evening, for I never attended an entertainment at which I experienced so much real pleasure and when they have another concert I will try to be present, even should I have to tramp through ten feet of snow to get there. I understand an effort is being made to have the entertainment repeated either in Chatham or Newcastle, and if it should be I would advise every person who wants an hour or two of real solid fun and amusement to attend.

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT

Another correspondent sends us a report of the above entertainment from which we take the programme, which was as follows.—

Chorus, "We come to Greet You."
Recitation, "The Owl Critic," Alice Dickson.
Song, "Milkmaid and Dandy," Marion B. and G. Murray Johnston.
Dialogue, "Canvassing Agent," The Misses McDairmid, Alex. and Jas. Dickson.
Recitation—"The Soldier's Pardon," Miss Mowatt.
Song.—"The Old House far Away," Theresa Kendall.
Calesthenic Exercises by four school children.
Chorus—"Red, White and Blue."
Dialogue—"Scottish Tea Party," Misses Mowatt and Dickson."
Song—"Let the Dead and the Beautiful Rest." Misses Gillespie, Bessie Dickson, Marion B. Johnston and J. Johnston.
Dialogue, "Dat's what the Ledger says," Clement and Jas. Dickson.
Song—"Get up and Bar the Door, O," John Johnstone.
Reading—Sally Cook's Letter," Miss Bessie Dickson.
Song—"Laird o' Cockpen," Marion B. Johnston.
Dialogue—"A Lawyer's Troubles," Misses Mowatt, Bessie Dickson, John and Stewart McDairmid, Clement Dickson and J. Johnstone.
God Save the Queen
The accompaniments were by Miss Gillespie.

### Bathurst Notes.

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COUNTY COURT.

The March term of the Gloucester County Court opened on Tuesday last, His Honor Judge Wilkinson presiding. There was a full attendance of grand jurors. His Honor, in charging the jury, referred to the improvements which had been made during the recess in the interior of the Court House and which would prove comfortable and convenient alike to the Court and public. He also referred to the new License Act which he hoped will receive the moral support of all good citizens. The docket was made up as follows,—

*Criminal.*

Queen *vs.* Peter N. Landry—Larceny.
Queen *vs.* George Briard—Larceny.

*Civil.*

Ferdinand Poulin *vs.* John Young—Davidson & Davidson files record.
William Park and Donald Morrison *vs.* Edward Robicheau and Peter E. Robicheau—E. P. Williston files record.
William Eddy *vs.* Kennedy F. Burns and P. J. Burns—N. A. Landry files record.
Charles Fraser *vs.* Kennedy F. Burns and P. J. Burns—L. J. Tweedie files record.

The Queen *vs.* Peter N. Landry. This case was first taken up and occupied two days. The larceny alleged in the indictment was the stealing of a case of whiskey the property of William Therriau. The case had been tried in November last resulting in a disagreement of the jury. This trial resulted in an acquittal. DesBrisay, Q. C., for the Crown and N. A. Landry for the prisoner.

Queen *vs.* George Briard. The prisoner was indicted for stealing a coat the property of Joseph H. Mann. The prisoner was convicted and sentenced to three months in the common gaol. DesBrisay, Q. C., for the Crown and N. A. Landry defended the prisoner.

Donald Morrison and Wm. Park *vs.* Edward Robicheau and Peter Robicheau. This was an action of trover for the wrongful taking and conversion of two smelt nets. The defence was that the nets had been seized under an execution and sold at constable's sale by the defendant, Peter Robicheau, in a suit against one Robert Russell, in whose possession the nets were found, and who represented them as his own property; also, that the defendant, Peter Robicheau, had no notice of action as a constable. The evidence showed that the defendant, Edward, had only brought one net. Verdict for plaintiffs, as against defendant, Edward Robicheau, only, for $25.00. E. P. Williston for plaintiffs. DesBrisay, Q. C., for defendants.

Wm. Eddy *vs.* Kennedy F. Burns and Patrick J. Burns; assumpsit for work and labor. Defence was that plaintiff agreed to accept half cash and half tickets and tender accordingly. Defendants failed in proving agreement, and jury returned verdict for plaintiff for $98, full amount claimed. N. A. Landry for plaintiff; Harrington, attorney, and DesBrisay, Q. C., counsel for defendant.

Charles Fraser *vs.* Kennedy F. Burns and P. J. Burns; made a remanet.

Ferdinand Poulin *vs.* John Young; settled.

Court adjourned *sine die.*

PAULSENS.

The Paulsen Brothers gave an exhibition in the Rink here on Thursday evening last, and attracted a crowd of six hundred. Their skating was much admired and elicited considerable applause. Mr. Basset, the proprietor of the Rink, is to be congratulated on the success which attended his enterprise.

LICENSE BOARD.

The License Board for this County under the new License Act met on Saturday last and granted certificates for Licenses to nearly all the old licensees, numbering about eighteen.

RE SHERIFF DOUCET.

The public of this County are anxiously awaiting the return moved by Mr. McLeod in our local House for the correspondence between the Federal and Local Governments relating to the seizure of a money letter in the Little Shippegan P. Office, by the above official.

### The Useless Fish-hatcheries.

One of the most important features of the Fisheries report is that it proves once more that all the money expended on fish-hatcheries is absolutely wasted. Parliament should insist on knowing why this waste is permitted to go on. We are told that the number of vivified eggs laid down in all the hatcheries in 1882 and the number of young fish distributed in 1883 were as follows:—

| | Eggs deposited. | Fish distributed. |
|---|---|---|
| Salmon | 8,588,000 | 5,631,600 |
| Salmon trout | 6,900,000 | 3,900,000 |
| Whitefish | 35,000,000 | 37,150,000 |
| Speckled trout | 100,000 | 103,000 |
| Pickerel, | | 37,000,000 |

This kind of thing has been going on for fifteen or sixteen years, and if it were not so thoroughly a sham the results must by this time have been prodigious. But in truth nothing comes of it all except that a certain number of persons get an easy or a luxurious living at the public expense. In Nova Scotia, where great efforts were made to stock the rivers in which salmon once abounded, "salmon will probably show a slight decrease" this year, we are told. New Brunswick has not as many hatcheries as it should have were they of any use. It has three, we believe. But in the fisheries of New Brunswick there was a slight decrease, and this was "for the most in the catch of salmon and sturgeon."

Quebec has several hatcheries, but th "catch of salmon almost entirely failed" in that Province except in its inland waters. In these there was "a noticeable increase in the catch of salmon." But in these there is *no* hatchery.

Prince Edward Island has a hatchery, but the catch of salmon is so small there that nothing is said of it. There as elsewhere the hatchery has done no good.

Ontario has two hatcheries, and for years we have heard of the millions of young salmon, whitefish and pickerel put into the great lakes and the other waters of the Province. What has been the result? Has one dollar's worth of good been done? We know that none of the salmon ever come to the fishermen's nets, or to the markets of Ontario. Indeed, it is not pretended that any have been caught, but it has been pleaded as a reason for continuing this wasteful expenditure that the salmon are in the Lakes, but that they prefer the deep water in which they cannot be caught. It was pretended for a time that the number of whitefish had really increased, but this pretence has, we believe, been abandoned. It is well, perhaps, that the efforts to multiply the voracious pickerel have been so unsuccessful.

Will not Parliament, now that the failure of this experiment is so conspicuous, exercise its authority to put an end to the waste of so much money? Will not some member of Parliament who has knowledge and experience grapple determinedly with this subject?—Toronto *Globe.*

## BIRTHS.

On Wednesday March 26, at Chatham, the wife of Mr. John Wyse—two sons.

## DIED.

In Chatham, on the 22nd inst., Harriet J. third daughter of the late Rev. Dr. McCurdy.

At St. Stephen, on the 17th inst., William E., eldest son of the late E. J. Springate, aged thirty-four years and three months.

## MARRIED.

At the residence of John McDonald, Esq., parish of Blissfield, Northumberland, N. B. Dominion of Canada, March 19th, A. D. 1884, by the Rev. Wm. M. Edwards Mr. James Lyder, of Barbadoes, in the West Indies, and Miss Barbara McDonald, of the parish of Blissfield, Northumberland Co N. B.


## New Advertisements.

JUST RECEIVED!

NEW STIFF AND SOFT

HATS

—IN—

Felt and Fur,—Leading Styles.

MEN'S BOYS' & YOUTHS'

READY-MADE CLOTHING.

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A FRESH STOCK OF

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All at Bottom Prices.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

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WATER STREET, - CHATHAM, N. B.

Tenders for Engine House.

SEALED Tenders addressed to Wm. Muirhead, jr., Chairman of Firewards, and marked on the envelope "Tenders for Engine House," will be received up to 5 p. m., Thursday, 3rd April next, for the building of an engine house on Hill Street, Chatham, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of L. J. Tweedie, Esq., Chatham.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. By order of the Firewards.

THOS. CRIMMEN, Secretary.

March 26th, 1884.

HAY! HAY!!

AT AUCTION.

I AM authorized to sell at Public Auction, on the Farm of the late Thomas Elkin, Napan, on

Monday, 7th April next,

at 10 o'clock, a. m.:

12 TONS GOOD UPLAND HAY,

5 tons of which are pressed; also,

3 TONS INTERVALE HAY,

in lots to suit purchasers.

TERMS—Approved Joint Notes, payable 1st August next.

WM. KERR, Auctioneer.

Chatham, March 25th, 1884 413

Assessors' Notice.

THE Assessors of Rates for the Parish of Chatham having received the Warrants of Assessment for assessing the following sums, viz.:—

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| On the Parish of Chatham for County Contingencies | $1064 00 |
| On the Parish of Chatham for County School Fund | 2210 98 |
| On the Parish of Chatham for County Alms House | 500 00 |
| On the Police District for Police | 1000 00 |
| " " Fire " Firewards | 1800 00 |
| For Assessing | 131 64 |
| Collecting | 328 74 |
| Total | $7035 36 |

Hereby request all persons liable to be rated to bring to the assessors within thirty days from date true statements of their property and income liable to be assessed, they also give notice that the valuation list when completed will be posted at the Post Office, Chatham.

JOHN ELLIS,
DANIEL CRIMMEN, } Assessors.
JOHN GALLOWAY,

Chatham, March 15th, 1884.

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Secretary Trustee.

## General Business.

CARD.

The Subscriber begs to return his sincere thanks to his numerous friends on the Miramichi for their kind patronage during the past ten years. He is about to make some changes in his business, to effect which it will be necessary to settle accounts up to the present time. He, therefore, gives notice to all indebted to him that their accounts will be left open for settlement until THURSDAY, 10th APRIL, after which they will placed in an attorney's hands for collection.

He also requests all who have accounts against him to present the same for payment on or before the above named date.

DAVID WEBSTER.

Chatham, March 25th, 1883.

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ADVANCED DUTY ON PRINTS OF 7½ PER CENT.

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Baldwin's 3, 4, and 5 ply colored fingerings.
Shaded Berlin Wools.
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Coloured Tubular Braid.
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Needles, Betweens, Cottons Darners, Wool Darners, Tapered Knitting, etc etc.

W. S. LOGGIE.

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WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Furniture, Bedding, Oil Cloths, Carpets, Wall Papers, &c., &c.

NEW DEPARTMENT,

Ladies' Underclothing & Baby Linen.

I intend, in the future, to keep in stock a fine line of Ladies' Underclothing, and have just received a sample lot of the following goods,

3 doz. Ladies' Chemises, 3 doz. Night Dresses, 3 doz. pairs Drawers, Misses' Underwear and Ladies Merino Vests, etc, in a few days.

The above goods are manufactured by Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison, of St. John, in their new steam Laundry, and for perfect workmanship, good cotton, and real Swiss embroidery, they cannot be beaten, and to introduce them in this county I have marked them at a very small profit.

The above Department will be under the charge of Mrs Fairey and Miss Russell.

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JUST OPENED:

10 CASES

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in all the Leading Styles as follows:

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|---|---|---|
| 3 doz. | Brown and Black | Langtry, |
| 3 doz. | Men's Blue, Grey & Brown Mixed | Vidette. |
| 2 doz. | Black & Brown | Robin. |
| 3 " | " " " | Opera. |
| 2 " | " " " | Franklin. |
| 3 " | " " " | Bardsnell. |
| 2 " | " " " | Dalton. |
| 2 " | " " " | Captor. |
| 3 " | " " " | Richmond. |
| 3 " | " " " | Hampton. |

TWO LEADING STYLES IN

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| 2 doz. | Brown and Blue | Bloom. |
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20 boxes Good Cheese

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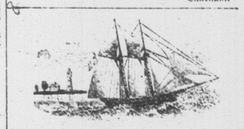

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