

Business Notices

The ADVANCE office is open for business from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. every weekday. It is not open for delivery of papers in the evening.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

Show fall to the depth of an inch on Monday afternoon. There was snow-furries yesterday.

THANKS.—Our thanks are due to some unknown friend in England for copies of the London Times and Liverpool Post.

APPLER are to be sold at auction by Mr. Wyse to-day. He has a splendid lot. Private sales are also being made.

BUSINESS MEMORANDUM.—Messrs. James Smith & Co. of Liverpool inform us that they have taken Mr. Gilbert Harrison and Mr. Charles T. Tyrer into partnership.

FANCY SALS.—The ladies of the Methodist Church, Chatham, intend holding a sale of useful and fancy articles about the 1st of Nov. In connection with the sale they will provide a "High Tea," which they intend shall be a treat.

THE RINK.—The Stockholders of the Chatham Skating Rink, at their meeting of Thursday last, decided not to lease the building for the purpose of a roller rink, the sentiment of their patrons being against any change of management.

MILL SALE.—The Loggia mill property, Chatham, including the rotary mill, machinery in the wood-working factory, etc., were sold by auction by Mr. Wyse, yesterday, Mr. A. S. Benn being the purchaser. The price was \$21,000.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be held (D.V.) in St. Mary's Chapel, on Sunday next, the 19th inst., at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. At the morning service the Holy Communion will be celebrated, and the offerings at both services will be in aid of the Diocesan Church Society, and Parochial funds.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE.—Special Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in St. Paul's Church, Chatham, last evening. The Rector was assisted by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet of Newcastle, and Rev. A. F. Hilt of Derby. The Sermon was delivered by the Rector of Derby, and the offerings were in aid of the Diocesan Church Society, and Parochial funds.

SOCIAL MEETING.—The first social and recreation meeting of St. Mary's Parochial Guild was held in St. Mary's Sunday school room on Monday evening last. Although the weather was very unfavourable to a large attendance a very enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the Guild and their friends, who now look forward to future similar gatherings with pleasant expectations.

A GOOD BOOK.—"The Complete Home" is the title of a very useful work published by Messrs. Bradley Garrison & Co. of Bradford, Ont., and Philadelphia. It is being sold by subscription by Messrs. N.D. McDavid and E. L. Stevens, who are the agents for the Province and are now canvassing sales in Northumberland. Having examined the work, we feel justified in commending it.

FEDERATION OF CHURCH CLERGY.—At a late meeting of the above body the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.—A. F. Street, President; F. B. Coleman and J. S. Neill, Vice-Presidents; J. D. Hanson, Secretary; Rev. A. J. Mason, Chatham, and Rev. G. L. Babbitt, W. K. Allen and H. C. Rutter, Managing Committee; Thos. Howells of London, England, John Neill of Gibson, Representative Members.—Gleaner.

NARROW ESCAPE.—The Quebec express on Friday morning encountered a broken rail between Chatham and Derby. On Wednesday night the express going touched a rail that had not been properly fastened on a siding near the bridge across the Miramichi. The rail, which was close to the frog of the main line, turned up and struck the locomotive, but fortunately did not cause it to leave the rails. At this point there is a steep embankment, and had the train got it would have tumbled over into the river. The driver of the engine very promptly applied the air brakes, and in going back discovered the rail which caused the trouble.—Gleaner.

School Meetings

NO. 4 HARBORVIEW.—The meeting was called to order by Trustee, A. G. Williston, Mr. Jonathan Noble, Secretary to the Trustees, acting Secretary, Mr. Robert McLean was elected Chairman. Mr. John Mills, who was the retiring Trustee, was unanimously re-elected. Mr. Donald McLean was elected Auditor. The sum of \$110.00 was voted for school purposes for the ensuing year. The minutes of the meeting were read and approved. The thanks of the meeting were voted to the Chairman.

DISTRICT NO. 6, DONALDSTOWN.—The meeting was called to order by Mr. George Trevers, Secretary to Trustees, and Mr. Robt. Thompson was chosen chairman. The accounts of the past year were read and passed. Mr. James Beakst was appointed Trustee in place of Mr. John O'Reilly, retiring Trustee, and Mr. James Irving was appointed Auditor. The sum of \$100 was voted for school purposes for the ensuing year. The minutes of the meeting were read and approved. The thanks of the meeting were voted to the Chairman.

NO. 8 CHATHAM.—Mr. D. Finn was elected chairman. Mr. T. F. Connor, the retiring Trustee, was re-elected. The Secretary's report of receipts and expenditures showed a balance on hand of \$708.67. The auditor reported the accounts correct. The Trustees were authorized to have an addition built to the school house, the expenditure not to exceed \$1700 and the building to be moved near the middle of lot. The sum of \$1,000 was voted for school purposes. The defaulter's list amounted to \$110.25, of which, the secretary said, would be paid.

NO. 9 CHATHAM.—There was a small attendance at the meeting, which was presided over by Mr. W. U. McCully. The accounts were found correct and approved by the meeting. Mr. Thos. McQuinn, retiring Trustee, was re-elected and Mr. Wm. Kerr was re-elected Auditor. \$1,000 were voted for school purposes, and \$600 to pay debt on school house.

NO. 1 CHATHAM.—Five Trustees attended the meeting in St. Mary's Church. Mr. W. B. Howard was Chairman and Mr. Thomas Crimmins Secretary. Mr. A. A. Lawlor was elected Trustee in place of Mr. Thos. Crimmins, whose term had expired. Mr. Crimmins desired to retire. Mr. W. T. Connor, who also declined the office of the Trusteeship, was reappointed Auditor.

\$1600 was voted as this year's assessment, being \$1000 in excess of the vote of last year, which was caused, as Mr. Crimmins explained, by the withdrawal of \$200 of the Grammar School grant. Some informal discussion on the subject of increased accommodation was had, the Hon. Grammar School building being much over-repaired and the Masonic Hall not premises well adapted for school purposes. Mr. Murray and the High-Land Society had authorized a committee to expend \$1500 in enlarging the building now occupied as a district school. The Trustees would lease it for a term of years. Nothing, however, had been done. Mr. Crimmins suggested that the committee should get plans and submit them to the Trustees.

What the Bourgeois Do.

Louis Bourgeois and his two sons who are employed at Messrs. Burns & Co.'s mill, Bathurst, are examples of a class of men not often met with in these times. They live a distance of six miles from the mill, yet they get their breakfast at home and walk the whole distance to their work every week-day morning, do a full day's work and walk home every evening. We believe Louis has a brother who does the same thing. The men enjoy excellent health and Mr. Patrick Burns who has charge of the department of the business in which they are employed, says they are faithful, efficient workers and among the most valuable men about the mill premises. Here are some facts which will show how they live. They work about 300 miles a month, or nearly 2000 miles in the working season and at the same time do their daily work as well and even better than their fellow-laborers who live within a short distance of where they are employed. We think they are hard to make any better.

The Great "Crusher."

The Advertiser is out this week with a "crushing proof" of the imaginary fact that Mr. Snowball is a "Crusher" in the election of 1874, and it quotes a few editorial extracts from its own columns and a sentence from its own report on a speech by Mr. Snowball in "Crushing Proof" on the 10th inst. in connection with the declaration Day as such "crushing proof." It also says that some of its own political friends found fault with it for "favoring the candidate" and that "no one had so long and so often" given evidence of his own party by singling out from correspondence remarks of an objectionable character of the Advertiser.

If we are to judge the Advertiser on its record of the last ten years the "remarks of an objectionable character" must have been very "strongly" indeed to be deemed by its editors objectionable. Our experience with it is that there is scarcely anything too unjust, false and low for it to offend against an opponent, and while it offends one week it is ready to deny it the next. Three or four sentences from its columns of ten years ago cannot therefore, weigh against the contemptible and unfair record it made for itself in behalf of Mr. Mitchell. It will, no doubt, ten years hence, come up smiling with the declaration that it has dealt truthfully and honorably by Mr. Snowball and his friends in the matter of the Valley Railway, and it will be able to quote an isolated sentence or two of its own as "crushing proof" to support it. We all know, however, just how friendly and truthful it has been to that respect, and will be governed by what we know, rather than what are told by so unreliable a witness. The poor thing need not fume and look itself into a rage over the matter for its defence, if good will commend itself to the community in which it has existed so long. If it has always been as fair and even-handed in its treatment of Mr. Snowball as Mr. Mitchell it need not proclaim it now, and if it has not, it only makes itself further ridiculous by protesting its "fair and honorable dealing." What our irate friend is so cross about is our reference to "Crushing Proof" complaints to Mr. Snowball's friends that the Mitchell party was too mean to pay the election bills, etc. It can, no doubt, quote from the editorials "crushing proof" that it never did alter the kind—still that does not alter the fact. The Advertiser ought to be careful in attacking the conduct of its own party and the record of the unfortunate who control it are so inconsistent, hypocritical and weak as to invite no sentiment for it other than pity and contempt—a feeling shared alike by its "party" and the great majority of its neighbors.

Ottie Show and Ploughing Match.

The Northumberland Agricultural Society's Cattle Show and Ploughing Match took place at Dr. Patten's Farm, Chatham, on Tuesday. The exhibit was a very good one indeed, considering the disagreeable condition of the weather on Monday and the fact that the ground was covered with snow on Tuesday morning. A more genial atmosphere however came on the day advanced and the snow disappeared before the sun. The exhibit of horses was an excellent one, that has never been excelled in the County in the matter of breed. There were a good many young animals, which for form and size would attract notice anywhere, a fact due to the interest taken of late by leading horsemen in securing the best blood possible for breeding purposes.

Work on the Indiantown Branch.

Work on the Indiantown branch has been going forward with considerable vigor for the past week. About one hundred men were employed last week and the force will probably be doubled this week. At all events, it will be increased as fast as means can be procured for boarding and lodging the men. The contractor, Mr. Snowball, has purchased twenty wheel scrapers and a dozen horse scrapers, some of which have already arrived and are at work on the track. The work going forward last week was on the first mile, and from the fifth to the eighth mile.

The People of Derby, and especially those who live between the post office and Parker's, are very much aggrieved over the location of the branch as made by the Government engineers for the contractor. The stakes are now being shown that the highway, for a continuous length of a mile and a quarter, is either to be taken or interfered with by the railway, while no provision is made for its diversion. That a railway should be made to run within a hundred feet of the road through a parish—one established here since the country was settled—looked upon as a great disregard for the people directly affected. Leading supporters of the present Ottawa administration have interested themselves in getting up a petition to the Privy Council, praying that the location be changed to the route as laid down in the Fowler survey of January last. The petitioners state their case as follows:—

That your petitioners comprise the people who reside upon and are interested in the properties near to and through which the proposed Indiantown Branch of the International Railway will pass. That the location of said branch railway by the government engineers is not in accordance with the wishes of any considerable number of the people directly affected, nor with the declared intention of its promoters, as your petitioners understood them, before and at the time its great first branch was made by Parliament.

That your petitioners always understood up to a short time ago, that said railway would, if ever built, run generally along the route known as the Fowler survey of January, 1854, which would be mainly through improved lands and, therefore, comparatively useless to the residents of the district.

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condition of things which will involve loss, inconvenience, annoyance and damage to a very great extent. Those who may have occasion to travel the district. A memorial was also got up on Wednesday last by the residents especially aggrieved and forwarded to the Attorney General, complaining of the railway people taking possession of the highway.

Dynamite in Quebec

The NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS IN QUEBEC were destroyed by an explosion of dynamite on Saturday last. The explosion occurred at about 10 o'clock to-day, a terrific explosion took place in that portion of the new Parliament buildings now being erected adjoining the corner of the departmental building on the corner of the street known as the Grand Allee. Those in the vicinity saw a shower of stones and timber flying around in a lively manner. Large blocks of stone were hurled about to a distance of hundreds of feet. Fortunately the explosion occurred when the men were away at dinner, or a frightful loss of life would have ensued. The only parties near the buildings was one Marcel, who was nearly injured, and Charles, who was not injured, and Charles, the contractor. A piece of stone a quarter of an inch thick struck Marcel on the neck and imbedded itself in the flesh. This piece has since been extracted, but other fragments still remain. 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