of Canadian grain will be shipped from Portland, for all time to come."

On Thursday morning a large and enthusiastic public meeting was held in the T. & C. A Hall at which Sir. Hugh Allan and other prominent men went over the same points discussed in the previous meeting with the deputation.

J. S. Maclean Esq., in moving a vote of thanks to Sir Hugh Allan, summed up Sir Hugh's offer to them. If the pilotage is reduced, and the price of provisions made reasonable, and the grain and other goods brought from the West, Sir Hugh will accept a reduced freight from Halifax, and carry the goods on through bills of lading, say from Chicago to Liverpool, at the same rate as *via* Portland.

Sir Hugh Allan said this was correct, provided, of course, that the Intercolonial would carry the produce at the rate stated, and that the Grand Trunk would make no discrimination against River du Loup as compared with Portland. The shipments could be started at the difference of 1s. 3d. and perhaps by and bye the Government would come down to 1s. He hoped that the movement would progress favourably and that before the winter passed he would have the pleasure of coming to Halifax to ship the first cargo of grain.

New Advertisement.

HOLIDAY GOODS!

IN GREAT VARIETY!

AT THE MIRAMICHI BOOKSTORE!!

SIGN PAINTERS wanted in every section of the United States and Provinces to answer this advertisement. Address, DANIEL F. BEATTY, Washington, N J.

NO MORE

"Mixing Buckwheat Over Night."

But in the morning when the griddle is hot, To 3 lbs. of "Hecker's Self-rising Buckwheat," add five pints of water or milk, or part each, and bake immediately. Keep the batter in a cold place if not wanted for immediate use. This will produce seventy light and delicious cakes, preferred by many to those made with yeast. If Wheat or Pancakes are desired, use Hecker's Self-Raising Griddle Cake Flour, in place of Buckwheat, as above directed.

LOGAN, LINDSAY & CO.

St. John, Nov. 28, '77.

FREE! Any person who will make and forward me a list of the names of reliable persons of their acquaintance who wish to procure an instrument, either Piano or Organ, I will use my best endeavors to sell them one, and for every Piano I succeed in selling to their list within one year, I will credit them with $10, and for every Organ $5, to be applied on payment of either a Piano or Organ; and when it amounts to a sum sufficient to pay for any instrument, selected at the lowest wholesale price, I will immediately ship the instrument, free, or after any amount is credited the balance may be paid me in cash and I will then ship them the instrument. They need not be known in the matter, and will be doing their friends a real service, as I shall make special offers to them, selling a superior instrument for from one-half to two-thirds what is ordinarily asked by agents. Please send me a list at once, and after you have made inquiry, you can add to it. Address,

DANIEL F. BEATTY, Washington, N. J.

Sale of Real Estate

AT AUCTION.

TO be sold at Public Auction on SATURDAY, 22nd December next, at 12 o'clock, noon, in front of the office of Wm. Wilkinson—opposite Post Office, Town of Chatham—for payment of the debts of the late James Conroy, late of the Parish of Glenelg, in the County of Northumberland, in consequence of a deficiency of the personal estate of the deceased for that purpose, pursuant to license obtained from the Judge of Probates of said County, the following lands and premises, described as a lot of land situate in the said Parish of Glenelg, bounded on the Easterly side by land in possession of Thomas McGraw; and on the North and West by wilderness land, being the land and premises formerly occupied by the said deceased—at present in the occupation of James Flynn—together with all the buildings and improvements thereon.

TERMS at sale.

MARY ANN CONROY, Administratrix.

Chatham, 16th Nov., 1877. 12 sl

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875

AND AMENDING ACTS.

In the Matter of William H. Frecker, an Insolvent.

A WRIT OF ATTACHMENT has been issued in this cause and the Creditors are notified to meet at my office in Chatham, on

FRIDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT,

at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to receive statements of his affairs and to appoint an Assignee if they see fit.

Dated at Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, this 29th day of November, A. D., 1877.

JOHN ELLIS, Official Assignee.

DANIEL F. BEATTY'S

PIANOS & ORGANS.

BEATTY PIANO, GRAND SQUARE and UPRIGHT, and BEATTY'S CELEBRATED GOLDEN TONGUE PARLOR ORGANS are the sweetest toned and most perfect instruments ever before manufactured in this or any other country. The world is challenged to equal them. Best discounts and terms ever before given. Rock Bottom panic prices now ready to jobbers, agents and the trade in general. An offer: -These celebrated instruments (either Piano or Organ) boxed and shipped anywhere, on five to fifteen days' test trial. Money refunded and freight charges paid both ways if in any way unsatisfactory. Fully warranted for six years, as strictly first-class. EXTRAORDINARY LIBERAL DISCOUNTS given to Churches, Schools, Lodges, Halls, Ministers, Teachers, etc., in order to have them introduced at once where I have no agent. Thousands now in use. New Illustrated ADVERTISER, (Catalogue Edition), with list of testimonials, now ready, sent free. Established in 1856.

Address, DANIEL F. BEATTY, Washington, New Jersey.

Miramichi and the North Shore.

ATTENTION is directed to the notice respecting the children, in the Rink advertisement.

BARQUE "AMITY" of Richibucto, Sutton master, sailed from Pictou, N. S., on the 1st inst., coal laden. for a port in Cuba.

THE "KINGSTON HOUSE," Kingston, Kent, formerly kept by Mr. John Taylor, has changed its management, Mr. David McAlmon becoming owner and proprietor.

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.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Services in the Reformed Episcopal Church on next Sabbath, at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. All strangers invited, and especially sailors and captains of vessels heartily welcomed. Seats free.

LARGE DUCKS.—Dr. Pallen shewed at his store yesterday, a pair of splendid ducks weighing together nearly 9 lbs., one weighing 4lbs 10oz. The birds were dressed, and were taken indiscriminately from a flock raised on the Doctor's farm.

A SURPRISE PARTY.—On Monday evening some of the ladies of the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church, knowing that their newly-arrived pastor, the Rev. Mr. McBain, was to commence housekeeping on the following morning, took the liberty of waiting upon him as a "surprise party," with a supply of household requisites.

THE LOBSTER FISHING will be prosecuted with usual vigor next summer by the operators at Richibucto. Henry O'Leary, Esq., has nine hundred boxes of tin now coming from England. This, with the quantity of tin he has on hand, will enable him to put up more than half a million pounds of canned lobsters—provided the fish can be caught.

73RD BATTALION.—Capt. S. U. McCulley is soon to be promoted to the command of the 73rd Battalion, *vice* Bt. Col. Shireff, resigned. The selection of Capt. McCulley for this position meets with the unanimous approval of his brother officers, as well as that of the men who are to be under his command, a state of affairs which, together with his well known efficiency as a commanding officer, augurs well for the future of the Battalion.

MIRAMICHI ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.—At the Annual Meeting of this Society held in St. Patrick's Hall Chatham, on Monday evening 3d. inst., the following Officers were elected for the coming year.

President, Thos. F. Gillespie, Esq.; Vice-President, Daniel Finne; Secretary, Thos. Crimmen; Treasurer, Wm. T. Conners; Committee, Messrs. John Bannon, William Lawlor, George Letson, James Whelan, James Keenan, Michael Dee, Simon Nowlan.

DIPTHERIA prevails to an alarming extent in many parts of Kent County, but principally among the French portion of the population. Upwards of sixty cases have resulted fatally in the Parishes of Richibucto and Wellington. Eight children (all French) were buried at the Cocagne Roman Catholic Chapel ground in ten days, and one family on the Cocagne River lost three children between the hours of eight and twelve on Sunday night last. In Richibucto town there have been several cases, two of which resulted in death.

THE RIVER AND THE WEATHER.—The Miramichi froze over opposite Chatham between Saturday night and Sunday morning. The schooner *Norway*, captain McCarty, of P. E. I., returning from Tracadie, whither she had gone last week, encountered the ice about 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, when near Middle Island, and had to put back to Black Brook. On Monday morning, however, the river opened again, and it has remained so up to the time of our going to press. The river being closed upwards from Harleys Island, a mile and a half above Newcastle, since Saturday night, afforded good crossing in that part.

PERSONAL.—P. G. Ryan, Esq, M. P. P., was in town on Friday last.

The representative of the Napanee Paper Mills, Mr. Wm. Walker, visited the Miramichi last week.

Lieut.-Col. Macshane, Brigade Major, is in town. He visited the Napan Company's Armory yesterday. Col. Macshane does both the service and himself credit by the faithful manner in which he performs his duties.

The *Presbyterian* says "Prof. McCurdy, of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N.J., is giving instruction in Sanscrit to some of the members of the College at Princeton.

John Dickinson, Esq., merchant of Kingston, Kent, left on Monday last for California, partly on business and partly for pleasure.

George McLeod, Esq., M. P., is on a visit to Pictou, N. S.

OPENING OF THE RINK.—The formal opening of the Skating Rink took place on Monday night last, in presence of a large number of skaters and spectators. The 73rd Battalion Band, led by Mr. John Templeton, was in attendance and the ice being in capital order, all evinced feelings of satisfaction, which speaks favorably for the success of the season. Those present on Monday night were there by invitation of the Committee, who issued tickets very generally through the town, but as the list of names was made up hurriedly, and the invitations were, necessarily, not distributed until the day of the opening, it is possible that some names may have been omitted. Some whose names were thus omitted may feel somewhat aggrieved, but the Committee desire to have it known that the invitations were impartially sent and that if persons who ought to have been invited were not, it was done by mere chance.

MEETING OF THE DUTCHER REFORMERS. On Tuesday evening the Dutcher Reformers held their weekly meeting in the Masonic Hall, commencing at 7.30. The President, D. Davidson Esq., occupied the chair, and the Rev. Mr. McKeown opened the meeting with prayer, after which spirited addresses were delivered by J. R. Goggin, Esq., Mr. William Sinclair and Master Henry McKeown. A report was also read from the Dutcher Reformers of Black Brook, who stated, that they had held one meeting, and their organization had 46 members. The musical part of the programme was well sustained by the choir and several amateurs;—A duet was sung by Miss Jessie Johnstone and Miss Annie Shirreff, and songs by Mrs. J. R. Goggin, Miss Sarah Gillis and Mr. L. P. Desbrisay. A recitation was given by Mr. J. F. Gemmel, and a reading by Mr. A. R. Ramsay. The choir, towards the close of the meeting, gave "The March of the men of Harlech," which was highly appreciated by the audience. The large hall was well filled, as usual. These weekly meetings are evidently becoming very popular.

Special Holiday Advertising

For the three issues of the MIRAMICHI ADVANCE of 13th, 20th, and 27th, instant, we offer special rates for Holiday Advertisers as follows:

"ADVANCE" of 13th Dec., per square (or inch)	30c.
" " 13th and 20th "	40c.
" " 13th, 20th and 27th "	45c.

The above rates are the lowest ever offered here for special advertising and they afford to all who have anything to sell for the Holidays a cheap and excellent means of making the fact known to the public.

All the advertisements received under this head will have a special place on the first and second pages of the paper, and persons looking for Holiday announcements will know exactly where to find those of dealers who may have what they require.

The Late George McLean.

DOUGLASTOWN, 28th Nov. 1877.

At a regular meeting of Caledonian Division, No. 126, held this evening, it was unanimously resolved—

That whereas in view of the lamented death of our late Brother George McLean, one of the oldest and most consistent members of this Division, and one who has worked earnestly for its prosperity since its origin, at all times earnestly advocating the Temperance cause, we would tender our heartfelt sympathy to the widow and family of the deceased Brother in their affliction, and pray that the great Patriarch above may so guide them, that when they too shall be called from this earthly mansion they may meet in Heaven above where partings are unknown: and

Resolved that these resolutions be published in our local papers, and a copy of the same forwarded to the bereaved family.

JOSEPH MCKNIGHT, GEORGE HENDERSON, WILLIAM FALCONER, } Committee.

The Holidays.

The Holiday season is at hand and there will, doubtless be the usual preparations for it before it is fairly here and the usual enjoyment of it while it is passing. The season being one when everybody feels like even straining a point to be as cheerful and happy as possible, and to make everybody else so, there is naturally a good deal of treating done. We do not use the word, "treating," in the anti-Dutcher sense, but in the general one, signifying that people treat their friends to some article or thing which they think they will appreciate. Those who think they have no friends, of course treat themselves. Among the stores in Chatham which have made especial efforts to enable their patrons to satisfy their varied tastes, the most prominent is the Miramichi Bookstore where a very large and attractive stock of Holiday articles in Fancy Goods Toys, Papeteries, Christmas and New Year Cards, Books etc., is being displayed. Although the stock is large, intending buyers, and especially those who purpose sending presents abroad, will do well to make their selections early, before the real holiday rush commences. The store is being enlarged to meet the requirements of the business and we bespeak for this establishment—a new one of its class in Chatham—the patronage which the enterprise of its proprietor deserves.

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.]

Complaints from the Richibucto Road

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

SIR:—Allow me space in your valuable paper to state the amount of public consideration we receive in some localities on the North Shore. One of these is the road leading from Miramichi to Richibucto, which a short time ago was the main thoroughfare of the Counties of Northumberland and Kent. At the present time, we have

A MAIL ONCE A WEEK

from Chatham to Dickens' Way Office, and persons living along the remaining ten or twelve miles of this public road, are without any communication with the outside world, unless they carry their letters that twelve miles themselves, and if they miss the mail, it will be a week before they have another opportunity, so they had better carry their letters to their destination.

Now, the people can see how well their wants are looked after by their representatives at Ottawa, which is much in the same way as when the Intercolonial Railway was run from Newcastle to Moncton

THROUGH THE MOORS AND BOGS,

and the most populous parts of the two Counties were left "to paddle their own canoe," without either mail or rail. The time is not far distant, however, when the members for both Counties will appear before the electors and the one for Northumberland will have a good shake-hands and a good speech, but he will never tell us that he resides in Montreal and seldom or never thinks of the rights or wrongs of Northumberland.

Well do I remember, some 25 years ago, when Mr. Mitchell first started on his political career, he made such fine speeches that people thought if he was a successful candidate, they would never see poor times, and I myself, then almost a lad, was so much taken up with his fine eloquence, that I gave him

TWO VOTES ON THE ONE DAY,

when I had none at all and well we are rewarded with mail and rail.

We must also take a view nearer home, and see what fine laws our Local members have passed to help the poor man. The law as it is, at present, will take a good cow from the poor class, if they cannot pay their taxes, but what will it take from the rich? Perhaps our Valuators assess the poor more strictly than the rich, for a poor man thinks he is worth very little until he sees his name on the Valuators' List. The people, however, are no richer now than they were before. I do believe the Treasurer's chest is getting very empty, since eighty cents a thousand were put on the spruce logs—Everything to help the poor man! We get a good share of money for our public roads, and it is laid out to great advantage; anyone who will travel the road from Chatham to Richibucto can convince himself of this by getting mired two or three times on the Northumberland end of the road, so that if the Government grants any more money for that road, it would do well if it would appoint some one to lay it out before the road becomes a swamp.

Now, Mr. Editor, the next election will soon be here, and what will be the next cry? The Free Schools did for the last, so there must be something for the next, to keep the people excited, so that they will forget their past wrongs. But most of our Government men look more to the interests of their own pockets, than they do to those of the County they represent and it is now high time for the people to see for themselves, for they cannot be much worse off than they are at present.

Yours truly,

A RATEPAYER.

[Our correspondent has, no doubt, a poorer road in his direction than most of the other parts of the County, but in the face of the comparatively small amount of money granted for roads everywhere and the wretched road system, which we know several of our more practical members have endeavored to amend, we can hardly hope for much improvement. The people are, themselves, to blame for the bad condition of some of the roads, owing to the dishonest way in which Statute labor is performed, but whether there is anything of that kind to be charged against our correspondent's locality or not we are not in a position to say. Hon. Mr. Kelly is now, we believe, engaged in working out the facts of some crooked road transactions in a certain district in the County, the matter appearing, at this stage, to be little short of a downright swindle. We dare say if he follows his investigations up, generally, and other Representatives do the same, they will be able to account for a good deal of bad roads chargeable to the supporters of members much more than to members themselves. There is no denying the fact, however, that there is too little work done on the roads, and that there might be more work done for the money and time spent over it.

Respecting the mail question, we are heartily in accord with our correspondent, as there is no good reason why the Ottawa members for Northumberland and Kent Counties should not be able to secure a mail service all along the road from Chatham to Richibucto. Northumberland is unfortunate in having a citizen of Montreal as her representative, and so long as she continues to keep herself in her present position in that respect, she cannot expect much better than neglect of her local interests. Mr. Mitchell never did evince much interest in the portion of his constituency in which our correspondent resides, and he never will, we presume, until next summer when he comes to ask for votes for the fall election. EDITOR]

A New Kind of Temperance Society.

BOIESTOWN Nov. 24th 1877.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

DEAR SIR:—In your last issue I see a report of the Dutcher Temperance Association in Chatham and the great reformation they have accomplished in your town. We have also an Association in Boiestown which has made a great reformation. They have named themselves the Young Men's Temperance Association of Boiestown. Their form of procedure constitution and Bye-Laws are altogether different from the Dutcher Association; they allow our lady *rumsellers* to get the victim drunk and then if he is caught in the limits of the town they use the paint brush and shears on him to perfection.

Their first victim was a man named Dudley, found by the vigilance committee drunk on the street. They immediately took charge of him, placed him in the proper position and went to work on him, and as paint was scarce they took coal-tar and daubed him well with it, which had the effect of converting him into a real African and when he got sober he did not know himself. Of course soap and water were brought into requisition, but it failed to restore him to his natural colour. When it did come off it brought the skin with it and it has had a salutary effect on him as he has never been seen drunk since.

The next convert was a man named John Reed, found by the committee drunk on the street. He was also taken charge of and his head sheared to the scalp and his face daubed with pot-black and grease which made him present an entirely new appearance and, of course, he was not recognized as the same man. He swears they will never get him drunk again and it is to be hoped he will keep his pledge as long as he lives.

They also had a convert from the Celestial City—a gentleman of the legal profession, who, with his wife, came to this place on business. He imbibed a little too freely, however, and the committee thought he should be taken charge of and, consequently, they had him arrested. But their astonishment may be better imagined than described when the next morning they found they had shaved the mane and tail off his gray horse, and allowed the lawyer to go free, who left very suddenly for home.

Their last report says that they think they have done their work up too well, as now there are no drunken men to be seen on our streets at any time. The tavern keepers are also forced to admit that no temperance organization ever injured their business equal to this one. It is the earnest prayer of all good men that they will keep on with their good work until there is not a licensed tavern left in Boiestown.

Yours truly,

CITIZEN.

Provincial Notes and News.

MR. ROBERT MARSHALL has removed to his fine new Building, "Insurance Block," St. John.

ANOTHER STEAMSHIP LINE TO CALL AT HALIFAX.—The White Cross Line of steamers is in future to call at Halifax. Messrs. Chipman Bros. have been appointed agents. The *Herman Ludwig* will be despatched from Antwerp in March, for Halifax *via* London.

CHANGE OF PROPRIETORSHIP IN THE HALIFAX REPORTER.—The Halifax *Evening Reporter* of 29th ult., announces that the proprietor, Jos. C. Croskill, Esq. has disposed of his interest in the paper to Mr. Burgoyne, who has, for some years past been connected with the Reporter.

LIQUOR SEIZURE AT YARMOUTH.—A telegram to the *Chronicle* says a quantity of liquor, say $100 or $200 worth, seized by the Clerk of License under the destruction clause of the law, was publicly destroyed on Thursday last in accordance with the provisions of the same Act.

INDIGNATION FERRY MEETING AT ST. JOHN.—On the evening of the 28th, ult., an indignation meeting was held in the City Hall, Carleton, for the purpose of considering the subject of the ferry across the harbor. Two sets of resolutions were moved, one set in favour of taking steps to make the ferry a free institution, and the other set requiring alterations in the tariff, and for providing two boats to accommodate the traffic in the meanwhile. All the resolutions were passed unanimously.

BURNING OF ACADIA COLLEGE.—A despatch dated Dec. 3, announces that Acadia College, Wolfville, was burned on Friday night. The building contained the principal class rooms of all the departments. The origin of the fire is uncertain. The Museum is gone. The Library was damaged. The Academy and Seminary are safe. Class work will be interfered with somewhat for a few days. It is expected that all departments will be in operation after Christmas. The insurance is light; about $9,000 on the building and $6.000 on the Library and Museum. No one was injured.

THE NEW ST. JOHN.—As building goes on in St. John, it becomes more apparent that the new city will be a great improvement on the old one, and though the buildings may not be very ornamental, they will be solid and substantial. The fire created a strong feeling in favor of brick, and in many buildings even stone trimmings have been omitted, so that there is little to relieve the eye from the uniform monotony of brick.

FORGERY AND ROBBERY AT FREDERICTON. On Thursday evening last at Fredericton, a man calling himself James Edward Belmont, forged an order from Sheriff Temple on Mr. Jas. B. Howie, for goods to the amount of $50. While the clerk went out to enquire about the order and Mr. Howie was in the back shop, Belmont left the shop with an ulster and a scarf. About 11 p. m, he returned and asked if the order was all right, when Mr. Howie recognized the ulster, and the clerk arriving, announced that the order was forged, upon which Belmont was arrested.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.—St Andrew's Day was generally celebrated throughout the Dominion, but in St. John it was thought improper to have the usual dinner. At 7 o'clock in the evening the members met in St. Stephen's Church vestry, and elected the office bearers for the ensuing year. After this they entered the church where there was a large congregation, and the Rev. Mr. McCrae, the chaplain, gave an able discourse. A meeting of the Society was afterwards held at which votes of thanks were tendered to the chaplain and the trustees of St. Stephen's Church.

THE RIVIERE DU LOUP R. R.—The Riviere du Loupe road is not in good running order, and is, at present, an obstacle to sure and speedy through traffic via the G. T. R. and Intercolonial. As part of the G T. R. it has never paid, and that company would be glad to get rid of it, but since the building of the Intercolonial it has acquired a new value, as the "missing link" between the two main lines, and is about as important to one as the other. The question now is whether the Government shall lease or buy, a heavy outlay being required on the road, in either case, which the Grand Trunk Co. is unwilling to undertake. If the Grand Trunk people wish to drive too tight a bargan, it might be well for the Government to build a line of their own. It would not cost more than the money awarded by the Fishery Commission.

GENERAL NEWS.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLISHED IN ITALY.—The Italian Chamber of Deputies have abolished capital punishment.

SOMETHING NEW.—It is suggested to get up geographical matches in Quebec during the coming winter in lieu of spelling bees.

THE SUEZ CANAL.—A despatch dated London, Nov. 28th, says the obstruction in the Suez Canal has been removed and traffic resumed.

THE R. C. HIERARCHY IN SCOTLAND.—The establishment of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in Scotland is stated in a recent despatch, to be indefinitely postponed.

THE POPE AND THE QUEEN.—The Pope has written an autograph letter to Queen Victoria, thanking her for permitting the re-establishment of the Scotch hierarchy.

DISTRESS IN CORNWALL, G. B.—The *Times* states that the distress among the population of Cornwall has become so great as to require an organized charitable movement for their relief.

A CONSOLING FACT ABOUT BUTTER.—Dr. H. A. Mott asserts, after making a somewhat extensive series of analyses, that the "butter" made from animal fats is fully as good as dairy butter.

THE ST. GOTHARD RAILWAY.—Germany has informed Switzerland that, subject to ratification by the German Parliament, it will contribute the further sum of $2,000,000 towards the St. Gothard Railway.

THE HEALTHIEST CITIES.—According to the most recent weekly returns the healthiest city in the world is The Hague, the next healthiest is Philadelphia, the next Geneva, and the next Amsterdam.

THE NEW R. C. CATHEDRAL AT NEW YORK.—The new Roman Catholic Cathedral on Fifth Avenue was opened to the public for the first time last Sunday. It will be dedicated in about three years.

A GENERAL STRIKE OF ENGLISH COTTON SPINNERS EXPECTED.—It is feared that a general strike of English cotton spinners will take place if the proposed reduction of wages is persisted in.

MOODY AND SANKEY.—Moody and Sankey closed their second month of evangelistic effort in New England on the 29th ult. at Manchester, N. H. They recommenced in Providence on Sunday last.

A STEAMBOAT 125 feet long and drawing twelve inches of water, and four barges, each 110 feet long, designed for the wheat trade on the upper Red River, are to be built at Moorhead, Minn., this winter, to be ready for the opening of navigation in the spring.

ANOTHER RAILWAY.—The building of a railway between Paspebiac and Metapediac which has been talked of for some years is stated to have commenced. It will open up a fine agricultural region, in the eastern provinces, as well as develope the fishing resources.

THE AMOUNT OF LUMBER AT OTTAWA.—The stocks of lumber at Ottawa are approximately estimated at about 97,750,000 feet, including 17,750,000 feet of deals, which are sold, leaving about 80,000,000 feet, being somewhere about 20,000,000 feet less than was held last winter.

THE BOSTON GLOBE INDIGNANT.—The Boston *Globe* is indignant that some of the Canadian papers express doubts as to the payment, by the U. S. of the amount awarded by the Fishery Commission, but the first doubts arose with their own counsel Mr. Foster, and in the dissent from the award of their own Commissioner Judge Kellogg.

AFGHANISTAN.—Very little is known of the region in Asia of which Afghanistan is a portion. It may appear strange, but it is nevertheless true, that the Russian outposts there are only four hundred miles distant from the outposts of the British Indian Empire; in other words, the Czar's frontier is nearer to the British in India than it is to the Sultan's in Europe.

HIGH PRICE FOR CANADIAN CATTLE.—A recent London paper has the following paragraph. "The Allan Royal Mail steamship *Peruvian* which left Quebec on the afternoon of the 3d inst., arrived in the Mersey early yesterday with two shorthorn heifers recently purchased by Mr. Holford, of Market Harborough, for £5,300 sterling at Quebec, Mr. Holford taking all risks of ocean passage."

HEALTH OF THE POPE.—A London telegram, dated Dec. 4, says: A Rome despatch says:—"It was thought that the Pope was dead on Sunday night, and a rumor to that effect was believed even in the Vatican. In consequence of the report an immense crowd gathered at St. Peter's on Monday. The truth is that the Pope is slightly better. A silver call was inserted into a sore on his leg which will act as a safety-valve, and may prolong his life for some days.

THE GRANE TRUNK RAILWAY.—The G. T. R. is said to have purchased a controlling interest in the Chicago and Southern Railroad. This would secure the G. T.R. an entrance into Chicago, and a road from Dalton to Valparaiso would give it a direct line to Portland. The Montreal *Witness* remarks in this connection. "If such a move were to be successful, it would postpone indefinitely Montreal's expected prosperity, and throw away all that her million dollars grant to the Northern Colonization Railway has cost her."

THE LONDON "TIMES" ON THE FISHERY AWARD.—A cable despatch dated London, Nov. 27th, says the *Times* states, in reference to the Fishery award, that much negotiation will be needed between the two Governments, and it hopes that the award of the Commission will become the basis of a final settlement of the disputes regarding the validity of a majority award, and says, it is clearly an essential prerogative of a mixed arbitration board to decide by majorities. No doubt, the United States Government will see the common sense of this view and acquiesce in the award. "Any attempt," adds the *Times*, "to mix up with the fishery question, negotiations for a Reciprocity Treaty between Canada and the United States should be avoided." Other journals, says the cable, express similar opinions.

War News.

THE SERVIANS DEFEATED.

A despatch dated London, Nov. 28th, says a Servian battalion which recently crossed the frontier to protect some women and children, was driven back by the Turks. The matter is to be investigated.

WINTER QUARTERS.

A despatch dated London, Nov. 28th, states that an Erzeroum despatch says the Russian Bayazid column is encamped between Beidekan and Kara-Kilissa. Everything indicates that the Russians are preparing to suspend operations and go into winter quarters. Snow has fallen in the mountains.

TURKISH REPULSES.

A Russian official despatch says: "The Turks on Monday morning violently attacked the corps at Tirstenik and Methka, and after six hours' severe fighting, the Turks were repulsed and pursued until nightfall. The Turkish loss must have been very heavy, as the Russian loss numbered 300 killed, including a large number of officers. Simultaneous demonstrations made against Polomarka Azelevo were repulsed with trifling loss.

MATTERS IN POLAND.

A London despatch dated Nov. 29th, states that it is rumoured that a declaration of state of siege is imminent in Warsaw and various districts of Russian Poland.

SCUTARI.

The Turks will attempt the relief of Scutari, threatened by the Miridets.

TURKISH COUNCIL OF WAR.

It is announced that the Council of War at Constantinople will henceforth be only a deliberative body under the presidency of Mukhtar Pasha, Minister of War.

A STARTLING STATEMENT.

It is said that Kars fell through the treachery of a Pasha who admitted the Russians to the principal fort, and was paid for it.

CONFLICTING OPINIONS.

A despatch dated London, Nov. 29th, quotes a letter of the *Times* correspondent of Nov. 9th, after the assault on Fort Azzie, which says it is impossible that Erzeroum can hold out, as the supplies are scanty and the garrison small.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Pera correspondent seems to be of a different opinion. he says:—"A letter from Erzeroum, of Nov. 20th, states that reinforcements continue to arrive, and that Mukhtar Pasha is quite confident of his ability to hold Erzeroum."

PLEVNA.

A despatch dated London, Dec. 1st, states the general bombardment of Plevna recommenced on Thursday. If true, this seems to point to the abandonment of the hope of starving out Osman Pasha.

TROUBLE WITH ITALY.

The Turks having seized two Italian vessels in the Bosphorous, Count Cotti has declared that, if they are not released, he will proclaim the blockade ineffectual and invite the Italian ship-owners to send vessels into the Black Sea. He has also declared that, if the Porte insists on maintaining an ineffectual blockade, Italy will resort to extreme measures.

SERVIA AND GREECE.

It is current that the Port has offered, through the mediation of England, to cede Old Serviato Servia, and Epirus to Greece, if they remain neutral,

RELIEF OF PLEVNA.

Mehemet Ali has notified the War Office that he cannot attempt to relieve Plevna unless strongly reinforced. Great efforts are being made to reinforce him.

A COMBINED MOVEMENT.

A despatch dated, Pera, Dec. 1st, says a combined movement of Servians Montenegrins and Greeks in Epirus, Thessaly, and Albania is expected.

The Greek Govt. sent a note to the Porte, who replied that it would be better to send both the Servian and Greek representatives their passports, than make an angry reply.

THE CAPTURE OF KARS.

A despatch dated London, Dec. 2nd, states that a correspondent of the London *Telegraph* says that Kars was surrendered by the treachery of a Pasha who with two hundred men went over to the Russians, and having given them valuable information about the weak points in the defences, is said to have guided an attacking column to the outer fort.

A despatch from Kars says intelligence is received that the Turks have abandoned Khatzrefari Heights, near Batoum, and that the Russians now occupy them.

PLEVNA.

A despatch dated Bucharest, Dec. 2nd, says deserters from Plevna assert that Osman Pasha has declared his intention to sortie if not relieved within a fortnight.

ENTREPOL.

A despatch dated London, December 3rd, says the Russians were repulsed in an attempt to seize the southern junction of the roads from Entrepol and Orchanie.

THE RUSSIANS DEFEATED.

A despatch dated London, Dec. 4, says, The Russians were defeated near Tirnova with a loss of 3,000 men. The Turks are bombarding Tirnova.

A CRETAN RISING.

Accorling to latest letters, public feeling in Crete favors a rising after the fall of Plevna. The Greek Government has warned the Cretans that it will stop the volunteers and supplies if they rise prematurely, or contrary to its advice.

THE WAR IN ASIA.

Heavy snows in Asia have stopped all further army operations. The Khedive has decided to reinforce Egyptian Contingent to the extent of 6,000 men.

The St. John Board of Trade.

The St. John Board of Trade met on Monday afternoon, the President, W. C. Watson in the chair. The report was read; the subjects mentioned in it were the appointment of Andrew Cushing as a representative at the Dominion Board of Trade; the Insolvent Act of 1869, the changes suggested by the Board, not having been largely embodied in the Amended Act; the efforts which had been made to place the harbor under a Commission, which were at present unsuccessful; and the improved freight tariff of the Intercolonian R. R.

Mr. Domville objected to the report because it approved of the management of the Intercolonial. After some discussion the section of the report referring to the railway, was struck out at the suggestion of Sheriff Harding, it being thought best that no reference should be made to the railway management. This course was a compromise one. Mr. Domville declared he would not vote to approve of anything Mr. Brydges did, although it was admitted, on all hands, that Railway management, so far as matters formerly complained of by the Board, were concerned, had very much improved during the past two years. Mr. Domville, however, belongs to the "no surrender" political party, and his associate members of the Board seemed to have a desire to sooth his petulance.

The President stated that he had received a communication from Mr. Dobell, of Quebec, suggesting that the St. John Board might strengthen the hands of the Quebec Board, relative to the sale of Canada Ships in France, free from Tonnage tax, by passing a resolution on the subject before the meeting of the Dominion Board.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the current year:—

S. S. Hall, President.

S. D. Berton, Vice-President.

Members of Council:—W. C. Watson, J. W. Scammell, A. Cushing, J. L. Dunn, J. W. Nicholson, W. H. Thorne, M. Lindsay, George S. Deforest, W. E. Vroom, J. A. Harding.

Six other are to be elected by the ten members of Council above named.

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MARRIED.

At St. Mary's Chapel, Nov. 21st, by the Rev. D. Forsyth, W. H. Hilton, of Birkenhead, England, to Alice W., eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. Ullock, of Chatham.

DIED.

At Tracadie, Gloucester Co., on the 18th inst., after a protracted and severe illness, borne with due resignation to the will of the Most High, Peter Brideau, aged 74 years.

Deceased leaves a large number of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to deplore their loss. The very large attendance at the funeral, which took place on the 20th, was a proof that his useful and blameless life had won for him the friendship and respect of all his neighbours.

New Advertisements.

CHATHAM SKATING RINK.

SEASON OF 1877-8.

THE RINK being now opened, the following are given as the prices of tickets, etc.:—

Season Ticket, Gentleman,	$1.00
" " Lady,	1.50
Monthly " "	75
" " Gentleman,	1.50

Special arrangements can be made for family tickets with the subscriber only.

Season and monthly tickets can be procured from Messrs. A. J. Loggie, A. G. Ridling and the Subscriber.

Single entrance for Spectator, not ticket holder, 10c.
" " " Skater, " " " 20c.
Children not allowed on the ice after 6 p. m.

W. T. CARMAN.

Chatham, Nov. 28, '77. SECRETARY.

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30 boxes Lemons;
25 kegs Malaga Grapes.

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