

LOCAL MATTERS.

Personal.

Our popular Surveyor General spent Thursday with his friends in Chatham.

Taken Down.

Senator Muirhead has had his mill chimney in the upper end of the town taken down.

Lobster Establishment.

Messrs. Sweeney & McDonald speak of starting a Lobster canning establishment at Point Sapo. They propose filling from 50,000 to 75,000 cans in the year.

A Royal Gardener.

We have a royal gardener in our midst, all the way from the gardens of the King of Sweden. He can restore apple and other fruit trees, can graft capially, and is a good boatman.

The Woodcutter's Circuit.

The woodcutter has begun his rounds through the County. Perhaps some of our readers do not know that wood is sawn at most of the farm houses now by horse power. The day of the buck-saw has past save in the town and cities.

Returned from Escuminac.

Messrs. Loggie Bros., of Black Brook have returned for the season from their summer establishment at Point Escuminac. They report a poor herring and cod catch; but a plentiful catch of mackerel. This fish is being taken yet.

Not Menaced by the Island.

The shipments of potatoes to Chatham from the Island this season have not been large or many. We learn however that we have received the last lots from that quarter. The Islanders ship to Nova Scotia and to St. John's, Newfoundland, where they get better prices than we are inclined to give in Chatham. This is good news for our farmers.

Obituary.

An honorable and highly esteemed citizen Mr. W. G. Creighton died yesterday morning. His remains will be interred on Monday at 3 o'clock in St. Andrews cemetery. Deceased came from Scotland 40 years ago, and was one of the industrious men that a community misses. He leaves a wife and large family. We sympathize with the afflicted ones.

Shooting.

Brant shooting is capital sport now down the bay. Mr. David Loggie of Point aux Car who is a famous shot took ten brant out of a flock this week in two shots. But a better shot still than this was, taking 13 black duck with one shot out of a flock near the same place. This Mr. Loggie also did. He did not forget his Chatham friend, but sent him 8 of his 10 brant.

A Hint to Speculators.

How would it do for some enterprising grocer in Chatham to try a cargo of potatoes which he could not purchase so cheap, to Chicago? A car will carry 10 tons or 140 bbls; the freight charges are 60 cents a bbl. or \$84 for the load delivered in Chicago. The potatoes could be got for 65 or 70 cents cash, or less; but prices in Chicago range from \$3 to \$4 per bbl. This would leave a handsome margin—what say our enterprising men? Say Mr. Strang for example?

A Large Contract.

It takes 11 million feet of logs to supply the Tracadie mill for a season. We understand the contract to procure these have been granted to Messrs. T. A. McDonald & Co. Mr. McDonald has gone off to the Island to purchase horses for the operation. This too is a shame for our farmers, hundreds of whom have as heavy and as good horses for sale as the Island farmers have. Why dont the farmers with heavy horses; club together and at this season advertise the same? Are they not ashamed that the Island farmer is distancing them at every point?

Notice to Farmers.

Our farmers will have to look sharp and have their threshing done earlier. This is the season you know for lumber contractors to purchase their oat supplies but though the season for going to the lumber woods has arrived the oats in the country are yet unthreshed. A number of contractors have enquired here during the week for oats, and not finding any had to go to St. John. This will never do: our farmers must bestir themselves. We clip the following from yesterday's News:

"A. W. Block, of Memphrict, was in town yesterday buying up oats for the lumber woods. He says the farmers at the North and throughout the river counties will be unable to supply this winter's demand."

Sure enough, but they will be flocking in by-and-by when the warts are supplied from elsewhere and selling them at half nothing.

Mr. Roberts Essay and Poetry.

The Northumberland Teachers' Institute has been in session for some days. Mr. Roberts read a most elaborate paper on Progress as illustrated by history, of which a very extensive abstract is given in the STAR. In the discussion, Mr. Archer's History of Canada was very fully criticized. Mr. Roberts spoke highly of its literary merits, but he and the other teachers, including Mr. Duke and Mr. Siveright, did not think it well adapted to its purpose. The best mode of studying history was touched on in the discussions. The paper of Mr. Roberts (whose poems are winning golden opinions) deserves to be published in its integrity.—Telegraph

STAR BRIEFS.

—Where is the Chatham band?
—Another Battery dance on Monday night.

—Mr. Desmond is converting Mr. Winn's house into a two storey residence. Its appearance will be good.

—Mr. Jas. Oats, of Nelson, has had a great crop of apples this season and finds a ready sale for them at \$2.50 per bbl.

—Potato digging is in full blast all through the country. Again we would say to farmers they are foolish for selling their potatoes for 60 cents a barrel. Better bide better markets.

—Mr. JARDINE of Newcastle, has purchased the house once owned by Hon. Wm. M. Kelly. He will make it a hotel and call it the Metropolitan. We wish him every success.

The First.

The first raft of the logs hung up came down yesterday to Snowballs mill. We hope to soon hear of other rafts coming in.

A Mysterious Discovery at Tabusintac.

THE REMAINS OF A MAN FOUND IN THREE COPPER POTS.

Dr. Baxter and Mr. Pierce Examine the Grave and Extract Curiosities.

WHAT WAS THE MAN, OR HOW CAME HE THERE?

Down at the mouth of Tabusintac there lives a man named James Stymiest. For years he has been customary by Mr. Stymiest to go down upon the bank which overlooks the bay and notch a certain tree which overhangs the water at the highest mark of tide; for he has had a theory that with the lapse of years the line of high water changes. Besides this he noted that each year the bank slightly recedes before the diurnal flow. One day last fall, after the big storm which swept away so many roads and bridges to the north, and for which the Chief Commissioner had to answer to Mr. Willis and other lights of the opposition, had subsided, Mr. Stymiest went down upon the bank to note the effect of the storm. As he sat upon the bank he saw near by him projecting from the clay a stone of the color of verdigris. He went home and told his brother that he saw a curious colored stone in the bank, and that he felt sure it must be a mineral stone; for it must be remembered that in remote country places two things are never far away from the peoples' minds, viz., rich silver or gold mines, and some of 'Kidd's omnipresent treasure.

So with hearts beating high with hopes the two Stymiests took the necessary delving appliances with them, and went down to see this marvellous colored rock. The second Stymiest looked at it a minute, then gave it a kick—

IT RETURNED A HOLLOW, METALLIC SOUND.

"That is no rock," the second Stymiest cried with a shout of joy; "that is a metal pot and"—then the probabilities of its being some of Kidd's numerous treasures were so great that the sentence has been left unfinished to this day. They both began to dig and scratch away the earth, they pulled the pot, it turned up but it was empty of gold; a huge copper pot it was, with strong iron handle, part full of clay mixed with bones: that was all.

But these they thought were the "Spaniards' bones," the money must be there somewhere—there could be no doubt about that. It would be absurd to say that they had not struck, sure pop, upon a heritage for their descendants. They dug, and dug; and soon like Whang the miller, they came upon a conclusive sign;—another, still a copper pot. They turned it up, and though the eye can receive a succession of over a million impressions in one second, their orbs were not as quick as they would have them in looking into the very soul of the second big copper pot. But here again hope played a heart-rending joke, and only a few bones were discovered. They dug still deeper and eventually brought out a third and smaller pot—still nought but a man's scalp, with long tufts of dark, brown hair, and a skull retreating at the forehead, and prominent cheek bones! Then it soon became known through the neighborhood that the Stymiests had got three big pots and found a man's skull. Old men in the neighborhood concluded the gold was there, and wished they were twenty summers younger and then see how soon they would get. The big pine, —that was the mark,—and a line was formed with a rock in the background, and a dead juniper beyond, were the signs of which they had heard their grandfathers tell.

Old men and little children when the sun was in the sky went out but the little ones trembled and fled away. The old men poked the soft clay with their sticks, and after they made up their minds that corporally it was not there they blamed the Stymiests for ever leaving the spot till they found it. You know if the Spaniard has two minutes from the time of the discovery of the place, he has the power of removing the treasure elsewhere.

The story reached Dr. Baxter of Chatham a fortnight ago, so he took with him his famous kit, and accompanied by Mr. Pierce, late of that sprightly paper the *Gleaner*, went down to Tabusintac to see the scene of all the stories.

Arrived upon the spot, they found that truth is stranger than fiction. There indeed were the pots, and after cleaning out the grave the doctor found the

REMAINS OF A MAN

of large stature. The scalp, skull, limb bones, vertebral column, ribs etc. were all there. From a careful investigation the doctor deduced these facts. The body was that of a large man; it was sewed up in birch bark and put into the grave, its knees bent up. Over the head was a small copper pot, over the breast and legs was a large copper pot, capable of holding about ten gallons; over the feet a slightly smaller pot was placed. In the grave the doctor found a piece of rope doubled and served together; a lump of iron completely oxidized by time; a piece of Spanish cedar and a pair of moccasins. He purchased the pots which may now be seen above his office and in the STAR building, and brought home the scalp bones, skull etc. found in the grave. These may also be seen by anyone who cares to look at them. We have been poring over them all the morning, but have failed to extract the story they might tell.

And now what was or who was the man? Not an Indian for the rope says no—as also does the iron. But the cheek bones are prominent, and the forehead retreats while the feet were inclosed in the skin of some animal with fine fur. The stich marks on the bark encasing the body are plain; but the rope and many of the bones on being touched quibble to powder. A tree fallen in a storm of the long ago, and not less than a century old lay across the grave. The remains have probably been there two centuries. The copper kettles are made by hammer; for the taps are plain from having resisted the oxygen better than the other parts. What these pots were used for or what was the occupation of the solitary man by the mouth of the Tabusintac; or whether he was murdered, or hanged, or why unconfined, are questions for the spiritualists rather than for us. But the pots and the remains are worth looking at—they are in the storey above this office.

Doaktown Notes.

PERSONAL.—We learn with pleasure that Mr. Chas. Donalds of Blackville, who has been blind some years has recently returned from Boston, where he has been under treatment for his sight, which has been almost completely restored.

I forgot to mention in my last notes that Dr. Pedolin our popular physician has completed and now occupies his new dwelling just below the residence of E. Swin Esq., It is a two story frame building 28x32. He has also built a barn 30x35 ft. 14 feet post, which he purposes connecting with the house by a shed some 50 ft. long.

Valentine Mitchell has a new dwelling in course of erection on his property adjoining the farm of J. T. Baimford Esq.

READER.

Nelson Notes.

MR. EDITOR,—As you have no correspondent in this section of the country I trust it will not be amiss for me to pen a few lines for the benefit of your readers.

Business is beginning to put on a fall appearance, two of our mills being closed for the season. Flett's is still running, but owing to the scarcity of logs it will soon be compelled to shut down too.

Mr. Thomas Dolan, Jr., is erecting a splendid residence for our worthy citizen, John O'Brien, Esq., C. C. It is of the most modern style of architecture, and presents a handsome appearance. When completed it will furnish another evidence of the mechanical ability of our rising builder, Mr. Dolan.

Mr. O'Brien, it is said, has decided to withdraw from the arena of politics. This is to be much regretted, as he has proved himself well worthy the confidence of the ratepayers. Thos. Flett, Esq., is spoken of as his probable successor. Mr. F. is a young man of much ability, and should be elected, will I venture to say, able discharge the duties of his office.

[Mr. O'Brien's decision not to run again for Nelson will be regretted by the whole parish. We regret to hear it, because it is men like Mr. O'Brien we want at our councils, and not useless pokes. We think he should reconsider his decision, and allow his friends again to elect him.—Ed. STAR.]

We have only an evening mail here;—it goes to Newcastle in the morning and lies there. [Inspector McMillan ought to see to this.—Ed. STAR.]

John Burchill, Esq., will of course be returned, being one of Nelson's bright stars.

A very interesting ceremony is to take place here shortly in which a certain young stage driver will be one of the principals.

More anon.

TAREOE.

Bathurst Notes.

THE "ADVOCATE" AND MR. TURGEON.
"It is said that among others here Mr. John Miller recently lost a smelt at sea; and also that Mr. Turgeon, [the would-be representative of the County at Ottawa] is moving in the matter in Mr. Miller's interests, by writing to the Department. Our advice to Mr. Turgeon is, to leave these matters to those whose duty it is to deal with them. Anyway, if interference is necessary, [which we doubt] it would come with better grace from some person who has some influence in the County, and not from one who has, to all appearance, lost what little influence he once exercised among the electors of the constituency. What Mr. Turgeon hopes to do:

comply with pushing himself forward in public affairs relating to Gloucester we know not, but if it is with the expectation that he will be the candidate of the Conservative party at the next election, with the consent of the party, we are firmly of the opinion that his expectations will not be realized. True, he may take the field, but not as the nominee of the party. For the Conservatives of the County to do so would be to invite a most disastrous defeat. If Mr. Anglin is to be opposed at the next election, a strong man, one identified with the business interests of the County, will have to be placed in the field—and that one is not the person to whom reference has been made, unless remarkable changes take place between now and then."

The above piece of roaming correspondence appears in the last *Advocate* and bears the initials of "J. J. A." the travelling member of the illustrious firm of "Anslow Brothers," or junior editor of the sprightly *Advocate*. Why James has on this smelt business gone out of the way to so wantonly and unfairly attacked Mr. Turgeon is a question that at present puzzles the real active Conservatives of this town. Has James recanted? Is it true an interest in his paper has been recently purchased? In looking back to the columns of the *Advocate* which I kept by mistake I find Mr. Anslow acknowledged Mr. Turgeon as being a man well qualified to represent Gloucester in the Dominion Parliament. His paper was Mr. Turgeon's warm and palmar friend. It requested the electors of Gloucester to elect him in preference to Speaker Anglin. It denounced Anglin as a corruptionist, and Turgeon as the standard bearer of purity. It took strong ground in favor of Turgeon. It spoke of him as a scholar, as a smart Frenchman, the representative of the French people and an able honest Conservative. It backed, argued and supported Turgeon. Why then this turn over? Is it characteristic of James? They say so.

Who is this business man that is named as likely to be the candidate. I will tell you: he is one and the same person who opposed Turgeon and who was afraid to run against Mr. Anglin in '78. The Conservative party then required this business man, who is so closely identified with Gloucester interests, to oppose Mr. Anglin in '78, when it was all important his Anglin's election should be contested. He miserably backed down as he would again. We want today Conservatives who are really Conservatives, not mushroom, not men who unless they control the party will not assist the party, not men whose opinion must be taken above all others. Modern tyrants anyway make poor politicians. Turgeon is today the recognized leader of the only Conservative party in this County,—entitled to the patronage he has it and uses it. When he announces his determination not to again offer, the Conservative party will then select a man to run, but I'll guarantee it will not be "James" business man. Let "J. J. A." in future write on the subject of *smelts* and a smaller smelt than James himself cannot be found.

A CONSERVATIVE.

Bathurst, Oct. 15, 1880.

[We much regret at a time when the Conservatives should be rallying together, that any of the party should begin to "turn tail" Whether or not the "Anslow Brothes" have sold out: their weekly is a matter that little concerns us, but that a publication which actually gets government advertising and is a recognized and pledged supporter of the party should turn for no reason upon Mr. Turgeon a recognized and prominent Conservative, does concern us. As we work here in the interests of the party we take the trouble of enquiring, not if the *Advocate* is sold out, but if it has gone back on the party that has been helping to keep it going. We want to know particularly; and if it be so, we shall take early steps to see that its government advertising is stopped.—Ed. STAR.]

Newcastle Local Items.

The town is quiet and peaceable. Our Policeman is again active.

Our police court gives excellent decisions—an assault is not an assault.

WM. WATT is selling off his varied and well assorted stock of goods. Good bargains can be had by attending this sale.

The appointment of special Deputies by our High Sheriff should be made with care. Revolvers are in use.

DEPUTIES Sadler and Fish leave in a few days to make an important survey on the North Branch of the Little South West.

COMMISSIONER ARCHERSON and the Surveyor General are making an inspection of the "Sugary Settlement." Reports from this settlement are cheering, and improvements are on a large scale.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—It is reported that John O'Brien, Esq., of Nelson will not again offer as a candidate. This is much to be regretted, as Mr. O'Brien was a worthy Councillor. Nelson will be the loser.

JOHN BURCHILL is reported as being off on a canvassing tour among the French at Carleton Station. Mr. Brown will not have any opposition. R. B. Adams is announced as another "duly qualified" and will seek election. Let us have some more.

SHOE FACTORY.—John Fish our enterprising merchant has started a new Boot and Shoe factory. The Fish mill commenced sawing today.

PERSONAL.—Captain J. Bell was in town today, as also was Henry Swim of Doaktown.

MR. SWIM who represented the County at the Exhibition, arrived home on Tuesday last.

MR. JAMES MITCHELL and William Masson have returned from their visit to the Light Houses at Tracadie and Shippegan.

The side walk blocked. We want the Commissioner to clear it.

NEW PORK STORE.—Mr. P. Farrel has opened a new meat store. Pork is distributed without cost.

THE Messrs. Miller from England, with Mr. Williams have gone North on a hunting tour. They employ four natives and two birches on their arrival at the Restigouche. We hope to find them return with plenty of scalps.

MUNICIPAL.—It is announced this evening that T. Crocker, in the Temperance interst, will oppose Mr. Brown. This is felt by all parties as a most determined desire on the part of the Temperance body to have a fight. Mr. Brown will be re-elected.

Messrs. Brown, Ryan, Maddox and Anthony Adams addressed a large and influential meeting of the electors of North Esk, at the Murphy School house last evening. Mr. Brown has decided to offer for its parish. A lively time is anticipated.

(FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.)

It is currently reported that we are to have two sets of Candidates for Councilorships, Mr. T. Crocker and John Woods of Douglstown, to run one ticket, Mr. Jas. Brown, and R. B. Adams to run the other. Other names are mentioned, one James Anslow, and Mr. John Ellis being among the lot. Of course it does not matter how many comes out: only Mr. Brown and the young Attorney can go in. Mr. Brown is so favorably and well known already that I need not make comments upon him; Mr. Adams I may introduce to your readers as one of our dashing brilliant young fellows, who is bound to go ahead, and who would be an ornament to the Board. We want some independent men at the council. Mr. Adams says his thoughts; and we want some legal talent as well. Here he is also well fitted. Then hurrah for Brown and Adams!

Northumberland Teachers' Institute.

Miss Katie Loggie of Tabusintac read an excellent paper on geography and map drawing. Her method of dealing with the subject had the warm approval of the school. Her paper was a fund of good thought and brimful of excellent suggestion.

Miss Olivia Parker of Newcastle, gave an exercise in the Look and Say method of teaching reading. This she did by blackboard exercises; getting a word learnt from a sentence; then separating its elementary sounds, and finally getting the symbols for the sound. This was excellently done.

Afternoon Session.—This session opened by Mr. F. A. McCully reading a paper on advanced reading. Mr. McCully is a brilliant thinker and his paper was much approved. He illustrated the faults occurring in reading by writing sentences on the board. He was a little astray himself in reading the line "Farewell a long farewell to all my great-ones."

But his paper was good.

Mr. W. Siveright read a paper on the art of reading and speaking gracefully. It was a fund of thought with a current humor running through it.

A discussion arose on reading newspapers in school. Mr. Roberts disapproving, and others approving of the experiment. We think it would be a very great outrage to allow newspapers into school—especially Grit newspapers. Mr. D. McIntosh of Douglstown, read a very sound paper, "School Order." He thought, order anywhere without a system was impossible; that the teacher should be able to rule through a kindly and sympathetic leading; that order was not maintained at the rulers end, but by the sympathy between the teacher and the pupil. The school work should be made interesting, a spirit of lofty emulation should pervade the classes; and the teacher should be the model. The subject was well handled and much approved by the institute. [We are sorry our space compels us to give such a feeble outline of it.]

Mr. Huestis thought the suaver in modo may do good, but believed somewhat in "oil of birch."

Mr. McCully then introduced a resolution endorsing that passed at the Provincial Institute recommending that a committee of teachers should consult with the Board of Education respecting text books; unanimously carried. Members fees were then reduced to 25 cents.

A resolution expressing regret for Inspector Cox's illness was moved and adopted.

A vote of thanks was given those who contributed papers.

A resolution praying the Board of Education to make the summer vacation 6 weeks in the parish schools as well as in the superior schools was put and ruled out of order.

A vote of thanks was then given the trustees.

It was moved to hold the next Institute at Newcastle immediately before the holidays, but lost; and the first Thursday and Friday in October were decided on instead.

Votes of thanks were given to the Vice-President and Secretary. Then the Institute closed.

A new vine pest has appeared in Rheinthal, in the Canon of St. Gall, Switzerland. It is said to resemble the potato beetle, but is much more violent, grapes affected with it becoming rapidly putrid. Several vineyards have been completely devastated by the pest, which is believed to be of American origin.

[These would be a grand aid to the temperance reformers.—Ed.]

Communications.

A COMPLIMENTARY COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Star.

DEAR SIR,—Though my lot is cast far from the noise and bustle of the town where your spicy paper, the STAR, is published, still it finds its way to many rural cabins in this district. If everyone enjoys your paper as I do, it must have an immense circulation. I like the bold any manly course it pursues; and its columns are well filled with fresh and interesting news. It helps to while away the dreary hours when the screech owl makes the wood resound with its unearthly hooting; or when the lynx and bear meet in conflict in the dark woods, making the night hideous with their fierce howling.

If this should find space in your paper I will feel happy to contribute an item occasionally which may prove interesting to your readers.

To your sportsmen I would say, if they want sport let them come out here for a few days, bringing good knives, rifles, plenty of ammunition and a little brown jug. We will rout Bruin from his lonely lair or some other game. Then we will take a visit to Crystal Lake, whose silvery bosom is literally covered with all kinds of wild fowl at this season of the year. Leave the partridge and snipe shooting around the suburbs of the town for the school boys.

Next week I will give you an account of a row I had with an old bear and her two cubs on the 10th inst.

Yours, etc.,

MRK.

Wellfield, Oct. 13.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The Afghan War.

LONDON 16th. Oct.

The withdrawal of the best troops from Candahar is condemned in Anglo-Indian circles. Great distrust is manifested as to General Phayre's capacity to command in South Afghanistan.

Unhappy Ireland.

LONDON, 16th. Oct.

It is stated that Mr. Forster, Chief Secretary for Ireland, informed the deputation of landlords that he would regret to be obliged to suspend the *Habeas Corpus* Act, but the Government would do so if it was found absolutely necessary.

A land meeting was held in Roscommon on Sunday. Mr. Parnell was absent. Mr. E. Kelley, in his remarks, bitterly denounced the landlords' secret conference lately held in Dublin. At a meeting held at Templemore Mr. Dillon made rather a moderate speech.

Russia on the Chinese Frontier.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

The Moscow *Gazette*, contains the following intelligence from Semipalatinsk:—"Recently, the Kirghiz living close to the Chinese frontier made a raid upon a camp near Semipalatinsk, and captured 18 horses. The next day Cossacks and friendly Kirghiz were sent after the raiders, but the latter, so far from retreating, turned upon their pursuers, defeated them, and took 19 of their horses. Many were wounded on both sides. A fresh pursuing party was thereupon formed, composed of a detachment of Cossacks and 40 Kirghiz, but here again, after a deal of fighting, the raiders managed to defeat the pursuers and proceed on their way. In the end, a powerful force was organized, and an advance was made upon the camp of the raiders, which was taken by surprise, and all the horses were recaptured, together with ten belonging to the raiders themselves."

CABLE BRIEFS.

A great fire is raging at Santander Spain.

Earl Beaconsfield is writing a new novel, named "Eudymion."

The Oldham cotton mills have resumed work on full time.

A despatch from Teheran says the Kurds are in rebellion.

The Pope, it is stated, has resolved to dismiss his Swiss Guards.

A despatch from Cabul says Ayoub Khan is raising a new army at Herat.

Cardinal Guibert has reopened with a mass, the Jesuit school in Rue Madrid, Paris, the teachers of which are laymen.

Miss Agnes Weston, the sailor's friend, is about to appeal to the people of Canada for subscriptions to establish a Sailor's Rest, at Halifax, Quebec, and other places on the shores of the Dominion.

A Berlin despatch says Prince Bismarck has declined the invitation to be present at the celebration of the completion of Cologne Cathedral. His alleged reasons are want of time and the state of his health.

Sir Charles Dilke, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has started for Paris suddenly.

Prince Krapotkin, the nihilist leader, who was confined in the fortress in St. Petersburg, has committed suicide.

A report from Zanibar states that Mirambo has attacked two more caravans, killing and wounding several English officers, names mutilated in despatch. The Sultan has determined to put down these lawless bands, and has equipped and despatched a strong force with instructions to give no quarter.