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It was a sunny day in March. The innumerable bayous, streams and ponds that covered the flat, green country glittered like silver in the sun, as the wind swept over them from the Gulf, rolling in heavy purple clouds a mist now and then, which blotted out the landscape for a while, and then rose in trailing fragrance in wet brilliancy. A heavy mass of shadow in the distance showed where the forest of live oak stood. Everybody pressed towards it, chattering and laughing and singing.

The Baudry had no kinsfolk who could have sent him a sudden summons. Dominique was a hard-working, devoted man, with no enemy, nor secret tendency to crime. Where had he gone? What had he seen in the swamp? Some of his friends thought that he had been bitten by a serpent, whose poison had maddened him, and others that he had met a Voudou witch who had cast an evil eye on him. When it was found, however, that he had taken his mother's picture out of his desk, these stories were not believed.

Search was made all that night. The day which began in joy set in a blank horror. All through the solemn season of Carême the search went on. The swamps were haunted with bloodhounds, the sluggish bright bayous were dragged, but all in vain. Dominique Baudry had vanished. He had been carried off, it was now believed by an evil spirit.

The key to the mystery was simple. Coming out of the swamp, his arms full of roses, whistling and singing with triumph, Dominique stooped to pull on his long worsted stockings. Below his knee he saw a white shining spot on the skin. It had not been there this morning! He stooped—staring at it, trembling. It was—oh, he believed it to be—leprosy!

Had he not seen the accused lepers in Vermilion parish before they were removed to the House of Lepers in New Orleans? Who went there never returned. One thinks awfully in such throes of life as this. Dominique Baudry understood all that awaited him, before Jacques came to him in the swamp. That was the end—the last! Jean should not come to him. He could never kiss the poor baby again—not his mother!

He hid in the swamp like a wild beast that afternoon, watching them all, as they were gone, little Jean and Gertrude. He loved her, loved her since he was a child! And now, when his hand was stretched out to seize this topmost joy of life, when he thought, like other men, to marry, he was snatched back to his—what? A living corpse. Then the temptation came. It was the Devil, as honest Dominique knew. Why need he go? It would be weeks, months, perhaps, before the disease would develop. He could conceal it. He could enjoy his home. He could marry. To spread death about him!

It is not leprosy. It is poison from dead dead fish. You were a swam— 'Yes—Yes!' gasped Dominique, struggling out of his bunk, and thrusting out his leg. The swelling, the dead white spots, were gone!

Dominique gave a hoarse yell of triumph, and then fell upon his knees, crying and praying at once. The rice was ready to harvest before he could earn enough money to go home. But when he did, there was rejoicing in Vermilion and St. Mary's parishes enough for many Mardi Gras.

Dominique is married now, and one of the leading men among the planters. But there is a strange flavor of mystery and heroic adventure about him, and his stories of his long voyage are as dear to his proud neighbors as the tales of the Troubadours were to the minstrels long ago.

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General Business. Sheriffs Sale.

To be sold PUBLIC AUCTION, on Friday the 2nd day of April next, in front of the Justice Office in Newcastle, between ten o'clock and eleven o'clock, p.m. The following described property, to-wit: one acre and a half of land in the Parish of St. Mary, containing several pieces, parcels or lots of land and premises, lying and being in the Parish of St. Mary, in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick, as follows:—

1. A certain parcel of land, containing one acre and a half, situated in the Parish of St. Mary, in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick, bounded on the north by the Parish of St. Mary, on the east by the Parish of St. Mary, on the south by the Parish of St. Mary, and on the west by the Parish of St. Mary.

2. A certain parcel of land, containing one acre and a half, situated in the Parish of St. Mary, in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick, bounded on the north by the Parish of St. Mary, on the east by the Parish of St. Mary, on the south by the Parish of St. Mary, and on the west by the Parish of St. Mary.

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GENERAL BUSINESS. North Atlantic Steamship Company (LIMITED).

The attention of importers is specially directed to the undermentioned sailings, viz:— S. S. "CLIFTON" about 3000 tons, will leave LONDON about 20th APRIL, 1886.

S. S. "NELLIE WISE" about 1500 tons, WILL LEAVE LONDON about 20th APRIL, 1886.

R. A. & STEWART, Chatham, Bathurst and St. John, N.B. FENTON T. NEWBURY, Charlottetown. STEWART BROS., London.

Having completed the removal of the ADVANCE establishment to the building next Messrs. Guy Bevan & Co's office, Lower Water Street, we are now prepared to execute all kinds of BOOK AND JOB-PRINTING in first class style. This establishment was the only one in the Province in a position to enter into competition with the city offices at the Dominion Centennial Exhibition at St. John, where it received a MEDAL AND DIPLOMA.

Choice Congou and Oolong Teas. 760 PACKAGES IN STORE. 76 " Ex S.S. "Calodonia" 169 " " "British Queen" 185 " Bought and on the way 1190 On which we offer special values. FOR SALE BY DeForest Harrison & Co. 7 and 8 North Water

IMMENSE REDUCTION In prices of the balance of our WINTER STOCK, viz. LADIES' MANTLES, MANTLE CLOTHS, all the latest Styles and Patterns. ULSTER CLOTHS in Nigger Head, Fancy Checks, Twills and Printed Plaids &c.

CHEAP SALE OF DRY GOODS. I will sell my stock of DRY GOODS, FURNITURE, &C., at very low figures. All goods have been reduced in price to make a good clearance before Stock Taking.

MILLINERY! MILLINERY! MILLINERY! B. FAIREY'S. DRESS MAKING! DRESS MAKING! B. FAIREY'S. MANTLE MAKING! MANTLE MAKING! B. FAIREY'S. NEWCASTLE, N. B.

GENERAL BUSINESS. VAUGHAN & BROS. IRON MERCHANTS.

IRON—Common, Refined, a Horse Shoe, STEEL—Tired Single Shoe and Toe Calk. YELLOW METAL—Bolts and Sheathing. CHAINS—Rigging, Mill and Cables. Anchors, Oakum, Pitch, Tar, Spikes, Hemp and Manila Cordage all of best quality and AT LOWEST MARKET PRICES.

NEW GOODS LANDING TO-DAY. 20 Cases and Bales assorted DRY GOODS, 70 HALF CHESTS TEA, (best value yet) 30 BBLs. SUGAR, 125 BBLs. FLOUR, 10 TONS PRESSED HAY. A lot of SEASONED PRIME LUMBER. WILLIAM MURRAY. Miramichi Foundry AND MACHINE WORKS, CHATHAM N. B.

General Iron and Brass Founders. Gang and Rotary Saw Mills and Steamers built or repaired. MANUFACTURERS OF STEAM BOILERS AND ENGINES. GANG EDGERS AND SHINGLE MACHINES. HEAVY AND LIGHT. PLAIN AND FANCY CASTINGS. Pond's Wisconsin Rotary Saw Carriage a Specialty. Plans Designs, Specifications and Estimates Furnished. WM. MUIRHEAD JR. Proprietor. GEO. DICK Mechanical and Supt.

FRENCH CAMBRICS PRINTED MUSLINS. Dress Goods. SUTHERLAND & CREGHAN. Photograph, Autograph and Scrap Albums at prices to suit everybody. Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Jewell Cases, Dressing Cases, Ladies Hand Satchels, Ladies' and Gents' Purses and Wallets. Vases, Toilet Sets, China Ornaments, Mugs, Motto Cups and Saucers of all descriptions.

A VERY FINE ASSORTMENT OF PLATED SILVER WARE ELEGANT DESIGNS AT VERY LOW PRICES. Watches, Clocks and Jewelry of all descriptions, Gold and Silver Jewelry made to order. Monogram Name Jewelry made to order. Gold and Silver Chains and Bangles, Bracelets, Etc., suitable for presentations made to order. Medals and other Fine Silver and Goldware. A full line of Smokers Requisites.

NEW FALL GOODS JUST OPENED AT LOGGIE & BURR'S. Dress Materials in all the fashionable Materials and Shades. Black Satin Soie, Black Satin Berber, Black French Corda Black Cashmere, all wool, do do Union, Black French Merinos, Black Serge, all wool. Colored Checked Cashmere, cold Satin Berber, cold French Corda, cold Cashmeres, all wool do do Union, cold Melton Cloth, cold Serges, all wool. Trimmings to match. Landsdowne Velveteens! Landsdowne Velveteens 15 pes. Blk from 35c. to \$1.20. 10 pes. cold from 60c. to \$1.25.

LADIES' GOSSAMERS, Ladies Cashmere Jersey Gloves in black and colored. Latest styles Ladies' Linen Collars, Ladies' Cashmere Hose, black and colored, Ladies' and Misses' Seamless Wool Hose, Ladies' and Misses' Jerseys, Ladies' and Misses' Under Vests, Ladies' and Misses' Polka Jackets. Opera Shawls, Highland and Saxony knitting yarn, in all colors. A full line of Staple Goods. In Blankets, Flannels, Flannel Shirts, Underwear, Scotch and Cayna dian knit. Men's Cashmere Hose, Men's Cavelings and Guernseys. A beautiful line of Suitings and over-Coatings, which we will make up to order at low prices. Purchasers will save money by calling and examining our stock before purchasing elsewhere, as we are offering these goods very low for cash. Call and inspect. No trouble to show our goods; they will speak for themselves.

LOGGIE & BURR. PIERCEBLOCK, Water Street, Chatham. Bon Jour BITTERS THE STANDARD APPETISER. AN ALL-YEAR-ROUND TONIC. Approved by the Faculty of Municipal Analysts, London.

THE STAR SAFETY RAZOR. PATENTED JUNE 1880. MEDAL OF SUPERORITY AWARDED BY AMERICAN INSTITUTE 1884. RAZOR IN USE. Sent by mail to any address on receipt of price, TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS. G. STOTHART, Chatham, N. B.

NEW STORE. NEW GOODS. BARGAINS IN GLASS AND CHOCOLATE WARE, CUTLERY HANGING LAMPS, TABLE LAMPS, LAMPS, Groceries, Winter Apples, etc. A. H. & H. MARQUIS, Upper Water Street, Chatham.

Nelson Cooperage. I have fitted up the above in first class order and having employed a competent man to take charge of the business, I am enabled to trade in all kinds of Groceries, Winter Apples, etc. Always on hand Barreled staves and heading, Lumber and South Shore Cedar. JOHN FLETT, Required 10000 Starker Barrel Hoops.

Teacher Wanted. A School Class Female Teacher is wanted for School District No. 1, Lower Newcastle, to take charge in April. Apply, stating salary, to GEORGE GORDON, Sec. of Lower Newcastle, N. B.

FOR SALE. The property known as the JAMES G. O'BRIEN HOUSE situated on the South side of Water Street in the Parish of St. Mary, in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick, lately occupied by Mr. Alexander Thompson. FOR TERMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS apply to L. J. TWEDDIE, Chatham, 4th March, 1886.

No. 1 HAY AT AUCTION. I will sell Public Auction on Thursday next, 18th inst, opposite Wagh Seals, Chatham, 12 TONS NO. 1 PRESSED HAY. This hay has been generally selected by Mr. George J. Dickson and warranted to be a good article. Terms 5 mos, on approved joint notes. E. JOHNSON, Chatham, 11th March, 1886. Auctioneer.

Mortgagee's Sale. To be sold Public Auction on Friday the 25th inst, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the Post Office, Chatham, the lot of land with Dwelling thereon situated on the west side of Queen Street owned by Mr. Wm. Barthelemy. Terms at sale, WM. WYSE, Auctioneer. JAS. NICOL, Mortgagee.

FOR SALE OR TO LET. THE STORE, DWELLING and other outbuildings lately occupied by Mrs. Joseph Hays, XELSON, with the best attached with Dwelling thereon situated on the west side of Queen Street owned by Mr. Wm. Barthelemy. Terms at sale, apply to ROMAN CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY, Chatham.

300 CASES CANNED GOODS. Sugar Corn, Tomatoes, Pine Apples, Baked Beans, Pickled Cucumbers, Pickled Peas, Pickled Beans, Pickled Onions, Pickled Potatoes, Pickled Turnips, Pickled Carrots, Pickled Parsnips, Pickled Radishes, Pickled Beets, Pickled Apples, Pickled Peaches, Pickled Plums, Pickled Cherries, Pickled Raspberries, Pickled Strawberries, Pickled Blackberries, Pickled Raspberries, Pickled Strawberries, Pickled Blackberries.

STAPLE GOODS. 1 Ctr Granulated Sugar, 1 Ctr Muscovado Sugar, 1 Ctr Coffee, 1 Ctr Tea, 1 Ctr Rice, 1 Ctr Corn Meal, 1 Ctr Flour, 1 Ctr Oats, 1 Ctr Barley, 1 Ctr Potatoes, 1 Ctr Apples, 1 Ctr Peaches, 1 Ctr Plums, 1 Ctr Cherries, 1 Ctr Raspberries, 1 Ctr Strawberries, 1 Ctr Blackberries, 1 Ctr Raspberries, 1 Ctr Strawberries, 1 Ctr Blackberries.

G. A. BLAIR. has on hand, a superior assortment READY-MADE CLOTHING. —COMPRISING— Men's, Youths' & Children's Suits, IN CLOTH, TWEED & VELVET. What he is offering appears suitable to the times.

SHINGLE WOOD. Wanted at the Factory, Chatham, 300 Cords of SHINGLE WOOD for which Cash will be paid when the goods are taken. GEORGE CASSEY, Chatham, N. B.

JOHN McDONALD, UNDERTAKER. CASKETS & COFFINS of all kinds and prices kept in stock. Metallic and Patent Coffins. furnished when required. Badges for Emblems, Clergymen and Physicians. Burial Robes also Supplied. Burial attendances given on all Occasions day or night.

NOTICE OF SALE. To George Arnold, formerly of the Parish of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick, at present of the Parish of St. Mary, in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick, as follows:—

LIVERPOOL SALT! IN BAGS. FOR SALE BY NEW BRUNSWICK TRADING COMPANY. FLOUR FLOUR 125 bbls. COCK'S FRIEND patent, 125 " PARAGON patent, 125 " TRIUMPH, 125 " FOUNTAIN.

TO BE SOLD Low FOR CASH. E. A. STRANG. - Chatham SALT AND WHITE LEAD. LANDING EX. FRIEDELNICK, C. LIVERPOOL. 1250 Bags COURSE SALT. 500 do FINE do. 500 do WHITE do. EX. BRITISH QUEEN S. S. C. LONDON. 3 Tons BRANDHAMS GENUINE WHITE LEAD. GEO. S. DEFOREST, 19 South Water St. John, N. B. Feb. 18th 1886.

