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NEW SKATING RINK.

Preparations are now being made for the erection of a skating rink in Campbellton, in order to provide healthful and innocent recreation for the young people during the coming winter. It will be remembered that last winter a rink was made on the pond in the vicinity of Doherty's mill, which was well patronized, although some distance from the town. The land, which has been purchased from Adam Ferguson, Esq., is on Cedar Street, a central and convenient location, and is well suited for the purpose, there being plenty of water in the immediate vicinity. The proprietor is Mr. Peter McLean. The foundation has been commenced, the work being in the hands of Mr. P. E. Troy, and it is expected that the building will be completed by the end of next month. The building, which will have sixteen slides will be 90 feet in diameter, and will have a pavilion roof. In the centre of the rink there will be a Grand Stand, 24 ft. in diameter, the diameter from the Grand Stand to the outer edge of the circle being 284 feet. Outside the skating circle, there will be a raised promenade 4 1/2 feet wide. Two ante rooms will be provided, 12 feet square. The outer posts will be 12 feet high, inner posts, 20 feet. A flag staff will run up through the centre of the Grand Stand, extending some 30 feet above the highest part of the building. The building, which will have a pavilion roof, will be 90 feet in diameter, and will have a pavilion roof. In the centre of the rink there will be a Grand Stand, 24 ft. in diameter, the diameter from the Grand Stand to the outer edge of the circle being 284 feet. Outside the skating circle, there will be a raised promenade 4 1/2 feet wide. Two ante rooms will be provided, 12 feet square. The outer posts will be 12 feet high, inner posts, 20 feet. A flag staff will run up through the centre of the Grand Stand, extending some 30 feet above the highest part of the building.

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cause for gratitude. Then in spiritual things the Lord had been mindful of us. The blessed Gospel was being widely proclaimed in our own land, and in foreign lands devoted men were laboring to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom. In this connection the preacher referred to the efforts being made by the Rev. Mr. Hughes, during the year there has been expended—on Home Missions \$10,000, for Foreign Missions \$35,000, and for French Evangelists \$10,000, which accompanied by the prayers of the people, must bear good fruit in the future. A simple prayer sheet had been made by the Church for the higher education, there being no less than six Colleges in the Dominion, from Halifax in the East to Winnipeg, and whereas we are prepared to say that there were not many Colleges, yet their existence evidenced a determination to keep pace with the times, and to provide for the educational wants of the future. The most interesting part of the discourse was that relating more particularly to the Presbyterian Church in this country. This said the pastor is the Jubilee Year of our Congregation. Fifty years ago proclaimed the Minister, they were laboring on these shores, to minister to the spiritual wants of the people. Taking a retrospective view of the past, what changes had been made during that period—how few of those who met the minister at that time now remained. His feelings had been stirred while examining the records of the Church, especially when he turned to the signature of the first communicant, who had been baptized in the year 1831. Only a remnant of these men remained. After a time as the people increased in number, the Pastorate of Dalhousie was formed, and a new field entered the field. The Lord blessed the labors of these men, and the Church grew rapidly, though in those days Pastors were not so numerous as now. After another had entered the field of labor—the Lord had not changed. "Be it ours," said the pastor, "to base our congregational and church life on Him who is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

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at the same time. But his deluded followers found that such work as it is found to be in the Western world, after it was cleared. The best thing Mr. Hughes can do is to move his people to the North West, where they can get good land which will in a very few years have a railway connection with the rest of the world. His discomfiture in Tennessee was due to other English philanthropists who seek benefit to themselves by aiding them to settle in the Western World.—Sun.

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Municipal Elections. Yesterday was the day appointed by law for the election of councillors to represent the various parishes in each County Council. So far as we have learned the following gentlemen have been elected.

NEWCASTLE.—Messrs. Fish and Adams. The vote was as follows.

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Gloucester Mun. Elections. The Chatham Star reports that John Young, Esq., and Captain James S. Esq., have been elected as Councillors for the Parish of Tracadie, and Peter LeBreton, Esq., and Alex. R. Young, Esq., for the Parish of St. Lawrence.

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The Restigouche is fairly alive with all kinds of wild fowl—geese, brant, and all varieties of ducks—but they are very shy, and seldom come within shooting range. If sportsmen are observed along the shore, there are a few lucky shots in Campbellton, and occasionally a sportsman is seen coming home with a well filled bag. This week Mr. G. A. Barberie has bagged 11 geese, 5 brant and four ducks; Mr. Geo. Vye, the popular and genial proprietor of the Railway Hotel, has secured in 1870 days shot several geese and brant, and Mr. Robt. Watt, merchant, has been very fortunate. He shot seven geese yesterday, and was somewhat successful when out earlier in the week. There are only instances of the rare sport in store for those who visit this locality in quest of game.

drowned. The British bark "Lebo" was abandoned off Douglas. The Isle of Man life boat capsized when it had reached the crew of the bark and twelve persons were drowned. The Dutch steamer "Konigder Nederland" from Amsterdam, broke her shaft and foundered in lat. 52° 20' N., long. 64° 50' E. Six of her boats containing 175 persons are missing.

NEWCASTLE, N. B.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26, 1881.

NEW VOLUME.

With this number the Advocate enters upon the fifteenth year of its existence. During this period there have been many changes, social, as well as political; some of those whom we were proud to claim as our friends when first we launched our barque upon the sea of journalism, have passed away; and in the political world there have been significant changes. Starting out as the supporters of the Macdonald administration shortly after Confederation had been consummated, we have continued our allegiance to that party, for two reasons—first, because we saw that the administration of Sir John was more favorably disposed towards the Northern section of New Brunswick with reference to the Intercolonial Railway and other matters than the opposite party; and also because we believed the administration was more competent to carry on the business of the country in a manner conducive to its interests than the so-called Reform party. Subsequent events—the mal-administration of the Mackenzie party during their period of power—and the contrasting interest of the administration of Sir John Macdonald in 1878 were again elected, enacting that policy of protection which has done so much to improve the commercial position of the country—have confirmed us in the opinion that the course pursued by this journal has been the correct one. The present period is one calculated to try the country publisher to the utmost. Of late years large and cheap weekly editions of the daily press have found their way into every section, and as these are made up from the matter already used in the preparation of the daily papers, it can easily be seen that the country publisher who confines his attention to the publication of a weekly paper only, cannot successfully compete with these large reprints which are circulated at so low a figure. But when we leave the general view of this matter, and look at it from a local standpoint, there are good reasons why the people of the section in which the local paper is printed should give their journal a generous support. The daily paper has its mission, but so has also the weekly newspaper, and numerous instances might be cited in proof of the fact that in local matters the local sheet can be more advantageously employed in furthering the interests of the community than the daily journal, no matter how great may be its influence. For fourteen years we have in our own humble way endeavored to further the best interests of this Northern section of New Brunswick; and while pursuing our way in an unpretentious, unostentatious manner, we have had the satisfaction of knowing that our efforts have been appreciated by those among whom we have labored. Friends can render us valuable assistance by furnishing us with reports of matters of interest occurring in the various localities, and while we cordially thank those who have in the past added to the interest of our paper in this respect, we solicit renewed efforts on their part as we start out on our fifteenth annual journey.

We most heartily thank our friends everywhere for the kind support they have extended to our enterprise in the past, and asking their kind cooperation in the future, we enter upon the fifteenth year with an increasing list, and with good prospects before us.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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