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HARD TIMES.

THAT the times are hard is so evident to everybody that it would be useless to attempt to prove the reverse. And yet when we take a survey of other countries we find that Canada is no worse off than her neighbours, if we are to judge from the business reports circulated for general information. In reviewing the business situation, Dun, Wiman & Co.'s mercantile agency state that the number of failures for the past six months in the Dominion are 752, as against 587 for the first six months of 1883, an increase of 65 failures. The liabilities in the past six months are $10,742,600, as against $8,249,-060 for the corresponding period of 1883; an increase of nearly $2,500,-000. This showing for the six months in the Dominion of Canada is much more favourable than in the United States, where the failures in number have increased over 18 per cent. while the liabilities have in-increased 88 per cent. Considering the extreme depression throughout Canada, and the unfavourable results of speculation, the figures are not unfavourable. In New Brunswick the depression is perhaps as marked as in any other portion of Canada, the result of the very unsatisfactory condition of the lumber market which still evidences a limited demand and unremunerative prices. If there is to be a turn for the better in the staple industry of the Province it can certainly be sooner accomplished by a greatly reduced supply than by recklessly flooding the markets on the other side. While depression in the leading industries of Great Britain has doubtless had much to do with the tumble in the prices of lumber, yet we have reason to fear that over-production has had not a little to do with the decline in the prices offered for our staple export. And even now, in the face of a most unsatisfactory market, we find that the shipments of deals from St. John for the first six months of 1884 amount to 86,813,118, an *increase* of about 5,000,000 superficial feet as compared with the corresponding period for 1883. Of this large amount Alex. Gibson Esq., the lumber king, has shipped 56,665,870. Whatever may be Mr. Gibson's object in shipping so largely at this critical period in the lumber trade is best known to himself, but his course is unfavorably criticized by many who would like to see the supply curtailed in order to effect a change for the better. Fortunately the crop prospects abroad and at home are good, and if the expectations relative to the operations of the farmer are realized, the times will not be as hard during the coming winter as they would otherwise be. The excellent salmon fishing on the Miramichi this season is also a pleasing feature to contemplate, which will have a tendency to improve the times, considerable money being paid out to those engaged in this industry.

In view of the situation every individual in the various communities should be willing to do his or her share to effect an improvement. We venture the assertion that there are few sections where the credit system prevails to so great an extent as in the Northern part of New Brunswick—a system which has done much to hinder the progress of the country in the days that are gone, and which still obtains, although not to as great an extent as formerly. This system has not only found favor with many who have done business in the past, but is still maintained in some quarters. If business were conducted strictly on a cash basis an improvement would soon set in—cash would be more plentiful.—credit books could be dispensed with in the retail establishments, and transactions in general would be by far more satisfactory. The early history of the credit system has had its influence in moulding the public mind—in many instances buyers seek to perpetuate the system by having amounts charged against them on the books of the retail store, and other business establishments, when by a little effort the cash might often be paid, thus saving the business men the trouble incident to "dunning," enabling them to meet their bills with ease, and placing them in a position to sell at smaller profits. In this way all would be benefitted On our own books we have the names of a number of subscribers who are in arrears, who have allowed themselves to drift along without thinking that the payment of even a portion of their indebtedness would materially assist us in the successful prosecution of our business, and who have done so more from thoughtlessness than from a desire to withhold payment. The same remarks apply to those who are toiling in other branches. Their books show that the credit system has been only too general, and at the present moment there are many dealers whose cares and business anxieties would be greatly lightened by the prompt payment of even a part of the indebtedness of those whose names are found on the debtor side of their ledgers. Every individual, by making an effort to meet bills promptly—by paying cash where this can be done—and in the case of some by drawing upon their savings banks deposits to meet those "little bills" which are sometimes left unsettled for so long a time—can do a great deal towards effecting an improvement even though "hard times" may remain with us during the balance of the year.

Wedding Bells.

Rev. Thomas Pierce, of Fredericton, N. B., and Miss Eliza J. Duff, one of Summerside's attractive young ladies, were married yesterday morning, at 9 o'clock, in the Methodist church by Rev. John Burwash, assisted by Rev. J. S. Allen. After the imposing ceremony was over and breakfast partaken of at the residence of the bride's father, the happy couple took passage on the good steamer "Princess of Wales," amid the happy congratulations of many friends.—*Summerside Journal.*

Northumberland Municipal Council.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

COUNCIL ROOM, JULY 2, 1884.

The Municipal Council of the County of Northumberland met in the Council Chamber to-day at noon. The Warden being absent, Councillor Bamford was appointed to the Chair, *pro tem.*

The list of Councillors is as follows:—

LUDLOW.—John Campbell, John S. Pond.

BLISSFIELD.—Enoch A. Bamford, Samuel Freeze.

BLACKVILLE.—J. L. Scofield, Michael Whalen.

NORTHESK.—Anthony Adams, Michael Ryan.

SOUTHESK.—Jared Tozer, John Parks.

DERBY.—James Robinson, F. H. Jardine.

NELSON.—Allan A. M. Saunders, Daniel Baldwin.

ROGERSVILLE.—U. S. Cormier, Peter Thibedeau.

NEWCASTLE.—John Morrissy, Chas. E. Fish.

CHATHAM. — Roger Flanagan, Peter Loggie.

GLENELG.—Hugh Cameron, Chas. Rainsborrow.

HARDWICKE.—Jeremiah Sullivan, Thos. B. Williston.

ALNWICK.—Romain Savoy, Alex. J. W. McKenzie.

On the roll being called, eight Councillors were absent, four of whom arrived shortly after, the only absentees from the session being J. L. Scofield, Daniel Baldwin, Peter Loggie, A. J. W. McKenzie.

Minutes of last session read, and it being found that the resolution relative to the appointment of an official reporter at $4.00 per day had been omitted, the error was rectified, and the minutes, thus amended, were approved.

Sec.-Treasurer brought up the Bond matter. He said that having failed to obtain any trace of the missing document, he had prepared a new Bond for presentation to the Council, which differed from the first in the amount being increased from $5000 to $8000, which would cover the amount generally in his hands. Asked that should the missing Bond be found, that Council order it to be cancelled.

Warden Robinson having arrived was asked to take the chair, which he did amid applause from his brother Councillors.

On motion John Cassidy and Angus Campbell were appointed Constables to attend the Council this session at $1.00 per day.

On motion J. J. Anslow was appointed Official Reporter.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.

Council met at 2. Councillors Campbell, Rainsborrow, Cormier and Thibedeau reported themselves.

Coun. Whelan drew the attention of Council to the need of a new County Valuation, giving as reason therefor that in Blackville parish, which he represented, the burden of taxation had been gradually shifted from the shoulders of the wealthy to the poorer ratepayers, and that while in some cases the property of the wealthy had increased in value, their taxation had not correspondingly increased, as it should have done. The assessors did not always accept the valuation of the County Valuators, in fact were too often guided by their personal feelings in making their assessments, which ought not to be the case. He thought it hard that those who had no property should be compelled to pay tax on $200 income, while rich property holders and merchants did not pay on income, which of course was the fault of the assessors. In the case of widows holding property the assessors were also astray as regards their duty. He quoted other reasons in proof of his assertion that a new valuation is necessary, among them the main one that the valuation in case of some half dozen individuals, four of whom had left the parish, had decreased upwards of $75,000.

Coun. Campbell said if three good and trustworthy men could not be found in Blackville to do the work of the assessors, they had better be procured in some other parish. As a rule, the assessors were not guided by the valuation, which may decrease or increase, for if they were to do so, a new County Valuation would be needed every year.

Councillor Whelan said the assessors should be sworn to do their duty. Officers ought not to be allowed to go about doing the public business without qualifying as the law directs.

Coun. Fish said the Council had not the time to go into the matter now, and if it had it would be wasted, as the Council had nothing to do with it. He could not say what the assessors had done in Blackville, but if as alleged they had allowed personal feelings to actuate them in making their assessments, they ought not to be reappointed.

After some further remarks by Councillor Whelan, the latter was asked by the Warden to put his resolution in writing.

Councillors Adams, Fish, Williston, Bamford and Flanagan were appointed a committee on County and Parish Accounts.

Coun. Morrissy read petition of Jane Wheeler, asking for a reduction in the rent ($38) paid annually for the piece of land at present leased to her by the County, and that the lease be for a longer term than one year. The councillor explained that Mrs. Wheeler had made improvements on the property and was prepared to go still further in this direction.

Coun. Adams said the lease had been sold by public auction, and no change could legally be made unless it was again sold by auction, and if this were done the applicant might have to pay a higher figure if there was any competition. The petition was negatived.

Coun. Morrissy said he did not intend to discuss the point raised by Coun. Adams, but would simply ask the Council if the prayer of the petition would be granted. Coun. Morrissy also presented the petition of Arch. Wright, (who asks for a reduction in his taxes, having a maimed hand and only able to obtain suitable employment in the summer season) and another from John Green, aged 80 years, asking to be relieved from paying taxes.

On motion of Coun. Campbell, these petitions were referred to the committee appointed at January session to examine and report on petitions of this nature.

Coun. Saunders moved resolution asking for an appropriation of $100 from the County Lands fund towards building a suitable wharf at Patrick Monahan's opposite the bark factory at Derby. The mover said that such a wharf was really needed—freight for that section was generally landed on the beach, which was most inconvenient.

Coun. Adams pointed out that the amount asked for could not legally be taken from the County Lands fund for such an object. The Local Gov't was the proper authority to apply to for the necessary aid.

The resolution was not received.

Coun. Morrissy asked for information relative to the Board of Health. He said that so far as he could ascertain there was now only one gentleman (Dr. Smith) acting in connection with the Board of Health appointed for Newcastle some years ago, and quoted a case in town which needed the prompt attention of the health officers. The Sec.-Treas. read the law relating thereto, whereupon, on motion of Coun. Morrissy, Dr. H. A. Fish was appointed a member of the Board.

Adjourned till 5 to allow committees to meet.

When the Council re-assembled, Coun. Morrissy from the Committee on petitions, reported, recommending that Wright's taxes be reduced one half, and that Green's case be referred back to the assessors.

Coun. Adams reported from the committee on accounts.

The following accounts were presented and passed, unless otherwise stated:—

A. A. Davidson, coroner,	$ 16 60
Dr. J. S. Benson, "	18 00
Romain Savoy, "	14 80
R. R. Call, coal to lock-up, to be paid out of Police Fund,	15 72
A. C. Smith, lunacy certificate,	5 18
John S. Benson, "	4 67
Jos. S. Benson, "	4 67
Dr. Thompson, 2 lunacy certificates,	9 20
E. P. Williston, auditor, ½ year's salary,	37 50
G. A. Blair, constable's fees for conveying two lunatics to Asylum, $29.00. The whole amount was $40, but in the case of Ryan, who escaped from the asylum to Bartibog, the authorities paid $16 towards the expenses. The account was paid less $2.50, the amount being	26 50
Dr. McDonald, summoning Juries,	68 00
Samuel Riley, taking prisoners to jail,	2 24
S. Thomson, Sec.-Treas.,	32 50
John Cassidy,	23 70
Anthony Forrest,	29 09
John Sullivan, Collector of Rates, Middle District, Newcastle. Return showing balance in his hands of $129.21, which the Sec.-Treas. is ordered to collect.	
John Shirreff,	272 00
John Buckley, calling public meeting, which committee order to be paid by parish,	4 00
For county buildings,	3 25
Account showing fines collected under the Scott Act $221.00, the balance, clear of expenses, $39, to be paid to the Sec.-Treas.	
John Cassidy, gaoler,	205 00
Councillors' Mileage Account,	99 00

Coun. Saunders brought in a bill of $14 from John Maloney, Barnaby River, for board of David Troy, of Rogersville, who had left the Poor House. Referred to Alms House Commissioners.

Board of Health committee report, recommending that the sum of $15 per annum be paid the health officers for their services.

On motion, Mr. Andrew Morrison, Surveyor, was allowed to appear before the Council. Mr. Morrison's reason for doing so was to make some explanations with reference to the resolution introduced by Coun. Whalen at the January sitting, and the remarks made by the councillor at that time. Mr. Morrison went at some length into explanations concerning the matter of the hook and caliper systems of measurement, alleging that the unjust attacks made upon the system used by him (Morrison) at the Southwest Boom were either the result of ignorance or malice, and charged Coun. Whelan with seeking for information for the purpose of doing him an injury. Mr. M. also drew attention to an article signed "M. W" in a local paper, in which the lumber merchants on the Miramichi are indirectly accused of robbing the operators, which he said was not true and could not be corroborated by facts. Mr. Morrison said the thanks of the surveyors of the County were due to Councillor Adams for the prompt rebuke he had administered to Councillor Whelan on that occasion. Being sick at that time he could not then appear before the Council, but took the first opportunity to do so, and thanked the councillors for their kindness in allowing him the privilege.

Councillor Whelan said he did not intend to occupy much time in reply. With reference to the hook system he had a case in point, and could produce facts and figures to show the injury done to the operator. He quoted the case of an operator who supplied a lot of lumber to the Messrs. Ritchie, which when surveyed by Thos. Parker, a reliable, honorable and trustworthy officer turned out some 150,000 feet, but which fell off 10 per cent. when other hands applied the hook system to it, showing that the hook system is certainly calculated to rob the operator. These were facts which could not be denied, and would have more weight than all the eloquence of Mr. Morrison in defence of the hook survey. He would say, however that in the course of all the discussion in January he had never mentioned the name of Mr. Morrison except in the connection that he had failed to file his Bond as required by law, and he would here challenge Mr. M. to say now that he had done so. He had never said anything derogatory to Mr. Morrison personally, but had attacked the unfair system used by him, and would continue to do so. Operators in signing their agreements were compelled to accept the hook survey, and no matter what injustice they experienced, they had no redress.

Coun. Williston moved the following resolution:—

Whereas certain mill owners on the Miramichi River and its Branches are in the habit of throwing sawdust and other refuse into the river to the great detriment of the fisheries and navigation,

Therefore Resolved, That this Council request the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to take immediate steps to stop the nuisance, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the said Minister.

Carried.

Coun. Morrissy moved resolution asking that Collecting Justices be required to prepare a list of the detaulters in their hands since collecting for this Council. Carried.

Coun. Fish from committee on bye law relating to the running at large of cattle in Newcastle, reported that action had better be deferred until the ratepayers themselves petition for the change.

Sec.-Treas. submitted the new Bond, which met with the approbation of the Council. Also submitted a resolution asking that the old Bond be cancelled when found, which was carried.

Coun. Bamford moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Coun. Rainsborrow:—

Whereas at the January session of this Council a sum as pecuniary recompense was voted to be paid to Newspaper Editors for their attendance reporting; and whereas the Editor of the "Advance" wilfully published false reports of speeches alike derogatory to individual members of this Council and to the Council as a body,

Therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council such a course was highly reprehensible, and that this resolution and preamble be entered on the minutes of this Council as a vote of censure on the Editor of the "Advance."

Coun. Freeze said that the remarks he had made during the debate on the railway resolution in January last had been wilfully distorted and changed to serve the purpose of the editor. The editor of the "Advance" had been paid for his services, and in his opinion the said editor acted a contemptible part when he wilfully misrepresented the remarks he (Freeze) had made on a question in which his views did not agree with those of the journalist referred to. Such a course was not only an insult to himself but also to the Council as a body, and he therefore hoped that the resolution would be adopted.

Coun. Flanagan regretted that such a resolution had been brought before the Council, and thought it unfair that the matter should be pressed in the absence of Mr. Smith, who was well able to speak for himself were the opportunity given him to do so.

Coun. Saunders said Mr. Smith had, in his opinion, given as fair a report of the Council proceedings as the other reporters, and thought that such a resolution ought not to be adopted.

Coun. Bamford said the "Advance" had been altogether too severe on Coun. Freeze, and had most certainly misrepresented the remarks Mr. F. had made during the railway debate.

Coun. Whalen said the introduction of a resolution of this kind was to be regretted, calculated as it was to foster personal as well as sectional bitterness. Mr. Smith had perhaps gone too far as a reporter and a journalist in his treatment of Coun. Freeze, but as a public body it was not our duty to censure Mr. Smith or any other private citizen. He would move that the resolution be thrown under the table.

The motion was lost.

Coun. Bamford moved that it be adopted.

Coun. Morrissy expressed the opinion that such a resolution was unnecessary, and ought not to have been introduced. He would prefer to see the resolution rejected, but as the Council had decided not to do so, he would move in amendment that it lie over till the January session to allow Mr. Smith an opportunity to defend himself.

Coun. Saunders spoke in favor of the amendment, which was carried.

Coun. Morrissy moved that the sum of $15 be placed to the credit of Mr. J. C. Fairey, auctioneer, which amount had been overpaid by him last year. Carried.

Coun. Morrissy asked if there was not a public slip at the tank at the foot of Street's Hill, which was being filled up with sawdust and other refuse.

The Sec.-Treasurer said there was such a slip in the plans of the town, but which did not appear to have been used for some time past.

Coun. Rainsborrow enquired of the Sec.-Treas. as to whether a certain Collector in the parish he represented owed the County a sum of money, and if any steps had been taken to collect it.

The Sec.-Treas. replied in the affirmative. He said that some four or five years ago the Collector referred to had lost a sum of money collected by him, and as he was not then able to pay the amount had given his note for $100, part of which had been paid.

Coun. Rainsborrow moved that the Sec.-Treas. be instructed to collect the balance before the meeting of Council in January next. Carried.

Coun. Adams referred in a humorous manner to the inconveniences arising from the different standards of time in vogue on the Miramichi, and moved a resolution recommending the advisability of adopting the 60th meridian throughout the County as the most suitable for all purposes. Carried.

Committee, consisting of Councillors Morrissy, Flanagan and Adams was appointed to frame a Bye Law compelling Collectors of Rates to give Bonds, and to fix a scale of amount of Bond for each parish.

Council adjourned *sine die.*

Gloucester Municipal Council.

The semi-annual meeting of the Municipal Council of Gloucester was held at the Court House, Bathurst, on Wednesday, July 2nd. All the Councillors were present except councillor Boudreau, of Beresford, who is at present living in Manitoba. The minutes of the January session were read and approved. The following Standing Committees were then appointed.

Committee of County Accounts—Coun. John Young chairman. Committee on Returns of Collectors and Collecting Justices—Coun. Ahier, chairman. Committee on Petitions—Coun. Poirier chairman.

At the request of Coun. Young, the Sec'y. Treasurer submits a list of persons holding licenses under the Liquor License Act as follows:—Beresford—John Curry, R. E. Hutchison, James Woodside. Bathurst—Amos. Gallant, Antoine Blais, Thomas Leahy, Executors James Meehan, Henry White, James Wilbur, Jacob White, John Donnelly. New Bandon—Isaac Chamberlin, and Wm. Thereault. Caraquet—John B. Poirier and Louis Poirier.

Coun. Young suggests that any of the Councillors knowing of any person in their Parishes selling liquor without license should report their names to the Inspector.

The most of the day was occupied in Committee work. The report of the different Committees were received and adopted.

On the recommendation of the Firewards of Bathurst the sum of twelve hundred dollars was assessed in the five districts of the Town and Village of Bathurst for the purpose of procuring an engine.

A resolution was passed on motion of Coun. Young, seconded by Coun. Ahier, expressing regret that in the interests of economy the representatives of the County in the Legislature had failed to give expression to the resolution of the Council passed at its January session, asking for the abolition of the July session, especially as Charlotte had been favored by having its July session abolished, and requesting that the views of the Council embodied in the resolution might be conveyed by the Sec'y.-Treas. to the local Representatives. On motion it was ordered that the Sec'y.-Treas. institute proceedings against all defaulting Collectors of Rates and Collecting Justices.

A resolution was passed that the Municipality of Gloucester open an account with the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, cheques to be signed by the Sec'y.-Treasurer and countersigned by the Warden.

Coun. Ahier, being moved to the chair, on motion of Coun. S. Poirier and Aube, votes of thanks were tendered to the Warden and Sec'y.-Treas. for the efficient manner in which they had performed the duties of their office.

Five Weeks without Food.

The man David Bothwell who was found recently in the woods a mile or so from his home on the newly laid off road leading from the North west to the Sugary Settlement, is gradually improving, being now able to speak, which he could not do when found. The strangest feature of this case is that the unfortunate man managed to exist without nourishment during the five weeks of his wanderings, excepting the water that he found at intervals. The piece of rabbit found in his pocket he had picked up, being part of a rabbit that had been killed and partly devoured by some animal, but says he did not eat any part of it, having tried to start a fire to cook it but failed. Though partly unsettled in his reason he remembers that when he left home he travelled for three days and then all was a blank until two or three days before he was found, when he endeavoured to reach his home by crawling along on his hands and knees, this part of his story being corroborated by the appearance of his knees, which look sore and calloused. The theory that he may have obtained food at Ramsay's lumber camp near Wild Cat Brook does not turn out to be a correct one as proved by the fact that the camp is locked, and Bothwell could not enter without breaking the door open, which he did not do. Parties have been in that vicinity lately and the camp is still closed. It is certainly a most remarkable case, and leads one to believe the correctness of the conclusion that Bothwell must have left his home while suffering from brain fever, which lasted three or four weeks, and that when the fever and delirium were at an end, he endeavored slowly to find his way home again, getting weaker and weaker every day, until when found, (still moving homeward) he presented the appearance of a living skeleton, so fearfully reduced that the wonder is how he managed to move at all. One of the settlers who has seen him lately says that the living skeleton exhibited in a circus here some time ago was fat when compared with Bothwell after his five weeks of sickness and hardship in the woods of the Northwest.

Masonic Centennial.

The Masonic Celebration held at St. John on Tuesday, July 1st, in commemoration of the Centennial of Freemasonry in New Brunswick was, says the *Telegraph*, a grand and imposing display, well fitted to impress the general public with the strength and standing of Masonry in New Brunswick, and the high character of its membership. The representation of the order present from other cities and towns throughout the province (as well as Calais and Eastport) was highly influential. Twenty three Lodges were represented in the Grand Procession which paraded the streets in the afternoon, and in which a number of distinguished visitors participated. Seven bands of music from different parts of the Province furnished excellent music. The procession, when in line, extended from King Square to Queen Square. All along the line there was a dense crowd of spectators, who gave voice to the enthusiasm in occasional cheers. The march proceeded, turning to the left into King Square south, and then by the right into Charlotte street and thence down King street into Prince William street. On each of these streets were large crowds waiting for the procession. The body then turned into Britain street, passing by the site of the first Masonic Lodge room, between Charlotte and Germain streets, up Charlotte, along Queen, up Germain streets to the Institute. The best of order was maintained in all parts of the city, there being no drunkenness visible. At the Mechanics' Institute the columns opened out and the Grand Lodge passed through the remaining lodges, entering the building in the reverse of the order of procession. The Grand Director of Ceremonies was ably assisted by Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies Ald. T. N. Robertson, and A. Shirley Benn and George McAvity as mounted marshals. The sword carried by Acting Tyler Dunlop was used in the Revolutionary war and brought to St. John by Col. Hatheway, a Loyalist.

The Grand Lodge with the Encampment of St. John (its escort) the distinguished visitors, Mayor Grant, the orator and historian, all occupied the platform. The Fusiliers' Band were seated in the orchestra, the St. Stephen Encampment, St. Bernard Commandery behind, and the Royal Arch Chapters came next. The subordinate lodges were seated in the two centre sections of the hall and the invited public the rest of the space.

The banners of the lodges were taken to the rear of the stage and made a pretty picture.

EXERCISES AT THE INSTITUTE.

The platform was occupied by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, John V. Ellis, M. W. G. M.; Major-General Laurie, M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; the Encampments of St. John and St. Stephen as escort of the Grand Lodge. On the right of Mr. Ellis was His Worship Mayor Grant, who is also a member of the craft. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity. The 62nd Fusiliers band played a voluntary while the lodges filed in. In the gallery were located the various bands which took part in the parade. The exercises commenced with the singing of the hymn:—

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The band rendered "The Wanderers" in fine style. Then came an invocation by the Rev. W. W. Brewer, which was a most fervent and eloquent appeal.

Max Sterne then sang Home of My Fathers and was loudly applauded.

Then followed an historical address by the Grand Master, John V. Ellis, Esq., a most creditable effort, containing valuable information which will be useful for reference in the years to come.

To this Mayor James McGregor Grant made a suitable reply.

Dr. Macrae delivered an eloquent oration, and was followed by Grand Master Laurie, of Nova Scotia, whose well-timed remarks were received with applause.

The exercises closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The marching of the lodges was good, but that of the encampments was the best ever seen in St. John, though the modesty of the St. John fratres gives the palm to St. Stephen. The former flung their two banners to the breeze for the first time. The display made by New Brunswick Chapter, which appeared with new banners made in Boston for the occasion, was very fine. The ark of the covenant was carried in the chapter lines, and as it has been lately decorated afresh, it presented a handsome appearance. Much praise is due Principal W. J. Logan for the manner in which he carried out this portion of the celebration. The novel regalia of several members of Union De Molay Preceptory, who wore the full canonicals or livery of their ancient order, consisting of white cloak and mantle, with crimson coife or hat. Those who had the opportunity of seeing the procession file into the Institute say the sight was a pretty one and well worth seeing.

SOCIAL FEATURES.

After the procession had reformed and proceeded to the Temple the ranks opened out and the Grand Lodge with its escort of Templars passed through. The latter then halted and came to the present while the grand officers passed through into the hall where Grand Lodge was closed.

The Encampment of St. John afterwards entertained the visiting Fratres to refreshments in Foster's Building, where an agreeable hour was enjoyed. Cheers were given by the home Encampment for the visitors, and heartily reciprocated. As the Fratres of St. Stephen and Eastport left the hall with the St. Stephen band, Auld Lang Syne was sung by those left behind, who sent a volley of cheers after the departing guests. Mayor Grant entertained the principal members of Grand Lodge at luncheon at his residence. Many of the visiting Masons left by trains for home in the evening, while others remained over for the fair.

Miramichi Jottings.

On Thursday last a house on Lower Water Street, near the mills owned by Mr. Snowball and occupied by Mr. John Reid, was burned, Mr. Reid losing a portion of his furniture. The house was insured. The fire pump connected with Mr. Snowball's mill did splendid service and undoubtedly prevented the fire from being much larger than it was.—*Advance.*

NEW BEACON.—The new Beacon erected on the high bank just below the town, sent forth the welcome light of its lantern for the first time, on the evening of Dominion Day. It will do good service in behalf of our river navigation. Mr. Wm. Merry is in charge.

THE NELSON PICNIC.—Those in charge of the arrangements in connection with the recent picnic held at Nelson have good reason to be highly gratified over the splendid result of their efforts.

The Picnic and Bazaar were kept up two days successively, the various departments of the picnic as well as the Bazaar being generously patronized. The object was a most worthy one, and the congregation are therefore to be congratulated upon the notable success which has attended the effort, in which they have been so happily assisted by friends of the church throughout the county, and by members of other denominations who sympathized with them in the great loss sustained by fire in September last. We learn that the proceeds amounted to the handsome sum of seventeen hundred dollars, the largest amount realized at any one picnic ever held on the Miramichi.

The new Methodist Church at Tabusintac was dedicated to Divine Worship on Sunday last, the Rev. D. Chapman, of Chatham, and the Rev. John Prince taking part in the services of the day. The Rev. J. F. Estey, an excellent preacher, has been appointed to that mission, instead of the Rev. Mr. Tait, as first announced. The latter goes to Richibucto, as assistant to the Rev. Mr. Kirby.

When at Chatham Junction recently we noticed that a portion of the Valley Railway had been graded, from the beginning of the Y on the Chatham Branch to the Intercolonial, which has since been railed.

We learn from the local exchanges that the Races on the Chatham Driving Park course on Dominion Day were not largely attended, probably on acccount of the very hot weather. The County race was won in three straight heats by Ulock's McIntyre mare. The time of the three first heats was 3.07½; 3.11; 3.01. Cassady's Dollie won second place. In the Northern Counties race Fay's Charlie, (a Newcastle horse) won first money, ($50). The heats were made in 3.00½, 3.00¼, 3.00. Desmond's Fanny won second money, ($20) and Burr's Mollie 3rd ($10.)

The ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, are to have an Apron Fair, etc., to-morrow, 10th inst.

The Roman Catholics of Chatham are arranging for a Grand Bazaar to be held in the Skating Rink on the 14th, 15th and 16th July.

Mr. Thos. Hayden, of Douglastown, has been appointed Collector of Rates for the Middle District of the Parish of Newcastle, *vice* John Sullivan resigned.

Cricket Match.

The members of the Newcastle Cricket Club played a match game in their field on Dominion Day, which was a most interesting one. The opposing teams were captained by Mr. V. Burrill and Mr. J. C. Fairey.

BURRILL.

First Innings.

V. Burrill, c. Atkinson,	b. J. C. Fairey,	3
Mr. Clark, "	"	5
W. Buck, "	b. B. Fairey,	8
R. Hogan, "	"	9
G. Traer, c. B. Fairey,	b. J. C. Fairey,	0
A. Wheeler, not out.		
John Russell, st. Russell,	b. B. Fairey,	7
		37
Byes,		9
Wides,		1
		47

FAIREY.

First Innings.

J. C. Fairey, c. Russell,	b. W. Buck,	7
Jos. Russell, c. Hogan,	b. Burrill,	6
B. Fairey,	b. Buck,	1
A. C. Atkinson, c. Burrill,	b. Burrill,	0
P. Preston, c. Buck,	b. Burrill,	0
F. Graham,	b. Buck,	0
B. Bell, run out,	b. Buck,	1
Geo. Thomson, not out,		0
		6
Byes,		15
		21

Second Innings.

V. Burrill, not out,		63
Mr. Clark,	b. J. C. Fairey,	0
W. Buck, c. B. Fairey,	"	5
R. Hogan,	b. B. Fairey,	7
G. Traer,	"	5
A. Wheeler, c. J. C. Fairey,	"	0
Jno. Russell, c. Russell,	b. Russell,	9
		89
Byes,		12
Wides,		2
J. C. Fairey,	b. Buck,	37
Jos. Russell, run out,		0
B. Fairey, "		7
A. C. Atkinson,	b. Buck,	12
P. Preston,		0
F. Graham,	b. Buck,	0
B. Bell, c. Hogan,	b. Buck,	4
G. Thomson, "	b. Buck,	3
		63
Leg Byes,		1
No Balls,		1
		65

	V. Burrill.	J. C. Fairey.
1st Innings,	47	21
2nd "	103	65
Totals,	150	86

Restigouche Matters.

DALHOUSIE.

DALHOUSIE, July 1.—Messrs. Sirois, Delanger and Restrand, of the Public Works Department, Ottawa, are in Dalhousie to locate a site for a ballast wharf, a short distance to the west of the new railway wharf, to which it will be a great protection as well as a boon to the harbor. This is another of the works of general public utility secured for the county by the present energetic representative, Mr. Moffatt.

A suit against Thos. Murphy, hotel-keeper, for violation of the new Liquor Act, was tried yesterday before Justice Sadler, Parish Court Commissioner, resulted in Murphy being convicted and fined $20 and costs. Mr. Murray, barrister of Campbellton, for the prosecution; Mr. Thomas, of Moncton, for the defence.

A brutal assault was made this p. m. on the Inspector of Licenses for this county by Thos. Murphy, convicted today for violation of the Liquor Act. Inspector Basset while sitting in the office of Justice Sadler was asked by Murphy if he intended to prosecute him further. Mr. Bassett said he should do his duty, and if violations were charged on what he considered good evidence he would certainly put the law in force, whereupon Murphy struck and kicked him in a brutal manner. Of course legal remedy will be had against Murphy. This outrageous act has completely destroyed any feeling that might have existed in Murphy's favor, and raised the just resentment of every respectable person against the perpetrator of the cowardly act.—*Tel. to Sun.*

CAMPBELLTON.

FIRST JULY AT CAMPBELLTON.—A correspondent writes: The morning was taken up with a scrub game of base ball. After dinner, first thing, the sports were taken up as follows:

Throwing the Heavy Hammer—1st prize taken by N. Appleton. 2nd—M. Doherty.

Vaulting, 1st prize—J. Adams. 2nd—T. West.

Running High Jump, 1st prize—J. Adams. 2nd—Jno. Gallant.

100 yards Foot Race, 1st prize—Jno. C. Moore. 2nd.—A. D. McKendrick, 3rd—Wm. Irving.

Hop, Skip and Jump, 1st—Jno. Moore. 2nd—A. D. McKendrick.

Hurdle Race, 1st—Jerry Adams. 2nd—A. D. McKendrick.

Long Jump, 1st—A. LaBillois.

Though the day was very hot, there was a big attendance at the sports. There was dancing in the afternoon and plenty of pop and lemonade. It will be noticed that a former Monctonian, Mr. J. C. Moore, captured the 100 yards race and the hop-skip-and-jump.—*Times.*

Festival.

The ladies of the Richibucto Methodist Church are to have a Strawberry Festival in the Masonic Hall in that town, on Thursday, July 10th. Proceeds towards Parsonage Repair Fund.

Notable Nuptials.

Chatham papers furnish accounts of two weddings which took place last week. An account of the first we condense from the *World*, as follows:—

The marriage of Prof. Wm. Butler (Professor of Mathematics at King's College, Windsor, N. S.,) and Miss Mary Edith, youngest daughter of Judge Wilkinson, at St. Paul's Church, Chatham, last Monday morning, was celebrated by his Lordship the Metropolitan, assisted by Rev. D. Forsyth, Rector of Chatham, and Rev. W. Wilkinson, brother of the bride. The bride was prettily attired in mauve silk of delicate shade, with silver jewelry, bridal veil and flowers, and looked really charming. She was led to the altar by her father. The bridesmaids—Miss Susie Benson of Chatham and Miss Minnie Cowling of Moncton—wore cream nun's veiling, with hats to match, and gold jewelry. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Arthur Shirley Benn of London and St. John. The morning was all that could be desired for such an event; indeed, all nature seemed to be rejoicing. The church was well filled. Mr. Geo. Burchill, Jr., presided at the organ. After the ceremony about sixty guests were entertained at a *dejeuner* at Judge Wilkinson's.

After the repast, a number of toasts were proposed and responded to.

The presents were both numerous and costly, among them a handsome tea service from Bishop Medley. The happy couple left by train the same day, and were accompanied to the station by a number of the guests, who uttered their farewells amid a shower of old shoes and rice.

DOUBLE WEDDING.—There was a double wedding at the residence of Miss Chalmers, Chatham, Tuesday evening. Mr. James Lyle, of Gloucester, Mass., was married to Miss Mary D. McFarlane, and Mr. F. L. Theal, of Shediac, to Miss Maggie D. McFarlane. Rev. Mr. Mann officiated. Miss Maggie was attended by Miss Mina McFarlane, and Mr. Theal by Mr. James S. Henderson of Moncton. Miss Maggie Lyle, the charming sister of one of the bridegrooms, and a few relatives of the brides, were the only guests. The party left by the night train.—*World.*

The ADVOCATE extends its congratulations to the prominent participants in the events above recorded, wishing them much happiness.

Presentation to Rev. Wm. Aitken.

At the Manse, Newcastle, on the evening of Friday the 4th inst., Mr. Yeoman, in the name and on behalf of a few of the members and adherents of St. James' Church, presented the Rev. William Aitken with a well filled purse of sovereigns. Mr. Yeoman said that it was not given for its intrinsic worth, although Mr. Aitken might find it useful now that he was on the eve of his departure to visit his native land. It was the gift of a few friends and intended simply to express in some slight manner their respect and esteem. The gift was accompanied with kind words, Mr. Yeoman in the name of his friends wishing Mr. Aitken a prosperous voyage and a safe and happy return to his attached people.

Mr. Aitken gave the following reply:—"Mr. Yeoman,—Allow me to thank you and through you, my kind friends, the members of St. James' Church. I cannot adequately communicate to you the feeling of deep satisfaction with which I receive this unexpected and very tangible expression of your esteem. It is as unmerited as it was unlooked for. I have done nothing to deserve it. In looking over the past record of my ministry among you I feel deeply sensible of its deficiencies. Other eyes may have scanned those deficiencies but none more clearly and keenly than my own, and yet my ministry, full of defects as it has been, has also been full of encouragement. I have nothing to note against you but kindness, uniformly, and from all quarters. In my pastoral work and socially I have been met with respect, graceful courtesy and helpful encouragement, and this crowning act of your kindness, while it humbles me and makes my past defects stand out in a glaring light from the very contrast, will, I trust, act as a spur in redoubling my diligence and ministerial efforts in your behalf. I beg to again tender you and through you my kind friends, my best thanks for this substantial token of your esteem. It is very handsome in itself—intrinsically so—but I prize it mainly for the revelation it brings of your feelings toward me."

The Rev. gentleman left Rimouski in the *Polynesian* on Saturday, for an absence of about two months. It is understood that Miss Aitken, who has been pursuing her studies in