the only man with whom they could contract for uniforms, blankets and other materials. Although from these contracts he is said to have made many millions of dollars it is undoubtedly true that his terms with the United States were more liberal than those of other contractors.

SINGULAR CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MAN.

Perhaps the most singular characteristic of Mr. Stewart was his alleged superstition or belief in luck and lucky persons. Bearing upon this subject many curious stories are told of him, some of which will bear repetition. When he kept his store on Broadway, between Murray and Warren streets, there sat on the sidewalk before it, on an orange box, and old woman, whose ostensible occupation was the selling of apples. This business was, however, merely a pretence, the main object being beggary. As years rolled on Mr. Stewart became impressed with the idea that the old dame was his guardian angel of good luck, and this impression took so firm a hold upon his mind that when he removed to Chambers street he, in person, took up the old woman's box and removed her to the front of his new establishment. In further illustration of Mr. Stewart's faith in the Irish traditional belief in 'lucky' and 'unlucky' persons it may be mentioned that after the completion of the St. Nicholas Hotel in this city, an undertaking in which he was largely interested, and when the building was just about to be opened for the reception of guests the millionaire, standing in the drawing room, ejaculated, 'It is now finished; I hope its first visitors may be lucky people.' A gentleman present, who had heard of Mr. Stewart's care for the aged apple vender, remarked, 'I presume, sir, you do not in reality care about lucky or unlucky persons,' to which he immediately replied, 'Indeed, I do. There are persons who are unlucky. I sometimes open a case of goods and sell the first from it to some person who is unlucky and lose on it to the end. I frequently see persons to whom I would not sell if I could avoid it.'

HIS CHARITIES.

Mr. Stewart practised unostentatiously many acts of charity which the world knew nothing of. During the period of the famine in Ireland he sent over to that country a cargo of provisions amounting to $20,000, and invited, free of charge, as many young people as could be accommodated comfortably, to a passage on the returning vessel. One hundred and thirty nine availed themselves of this generous offer, among them fifty young females. In a few days after their arrival, Mr. Stewart procured them all situations and made them comfortable and happy. He also aided many charitable enterprises and was ever anxious to benefit the every day life of the working members of the industrial population of New York.

By the provisions of his will, drawn some time since by his personal friend and legal adviser, Judge Henry Hilton, the great merchant prince of America, directed the future course of the house he had founded and to which the best energies of his life had been devoted. It provides that the man who accompanied him on his trips to Europe, who was his confidential adviser in all business affairs, the one above all others who can direct the future business of the house of A. T. Stewart & Co., shall conduct the business of the firm under the same name. That man is Judge Hilton.—He is associated with Mr. William Libbey, his only surviving partner. Mr. Libbey came into the employ of Messrs. A. T. Stewart & Co., between twelve and fifteen years ago as business manager of the New York wholesale house at Broadway, Chambers and Reade Streets. A few years after his admission Mr. William Libbey was admitted as a partner of the house and placed in charge of the town store. At that time the merchant prince had extended his business to every portion of the world. The firm directed by that master mind was composed of the principal, Alexander T. Stewart, of New York; Mr. Worden of Paris, France; Mr. Fox of Manchester, England, and Mr. Libbey of New York. The houses controlled by the firm were located at Boston, Mass.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Paris, France; Lyons, France; Manchester, England; Bradford, England; Nottingham, England; Belfast, Ireland; Glasgow, Scotland; Berlin, Prussia; Chemnitz, India; and New York. It was a peculiar feature of A. T. Stewart & Co., that they considered their houses to be so well known to the people of the world, that no sign or indications of the firm's name were ever allowed to appear in the front of their places of business.

Immediately after the death of Mr. Stewart cable despatches were sent to all the agents of Messrs. A. T. Stewart & Co., throughout the world, stating graphically, 'The business of the firm will continue as usual. Immediately after the obsequies all the manufactories will resume work.'

The last time Mr. Stewart left his house was on Saturday the 18th of March. On that day he rode from his residence to the wholesale house, and on his way uptown in the afternoon stopped at the retail establishment and looked over the books.

He was married fifty-one years ago, and leaves a widow, who survives him. His only two children died in infancy.

THE FUNERAL AND WILL OF THE LATE A. T. STEWART.

New York, April 14.—The funeral services of the late A. T. Stewart were solemnized yesterday forenoon at his house, on Fifth Avenue, and at St. Mark's church on Tenth street. The body lay in state at the house all the morning, and was viewed by fully 4000 people. The casket enclosing the remains was of English oak covered outside with velvet, and furnished with moulding, fringe and handles—all of gold.—The coffin rested upon a bank of flowers, about three feet in height and four feet across the bottom, the top being just large enough to admit the casket. At its head was a floral cross six feet high, and at its foot a broken column of similar dimensions, surrounded by a violet wreath, while on either side, near the foot, was a large harp and star. On the floor, near the broken column, was a crown, surmounted by a cross, and a few feet above the coffin another broken column of white flowers surmounted with a violet dove. The floor of the picture gallery was strewn with flowers, and there was also a floral arm-chair and other beautiful designs. Bishop Potter and the Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Tyng performed the brief funeral service at the house. After this service the employes were allowed to enter and take a last look at their benefactor. They passed at the rate of forty-five a minute, but at this rate it took nearly an hour and a half to get through. At 11.20 the coffin was closed and borne out by the carriers, and immediately followed by Bishop Potter and Dr. Tyng, jr., and the pallbearers, headed by Governor Tilden and Governor Rice. The procession then started down Fifth avenue to Tenth street and across to Second avenue, and thence to St. Mark's church. The preparations at the church had been commenced early in the morning, and the floral tributes were truly magnificent. The catafalque was at the lower end of the main aisle, and was covered with a vast bed of flowers. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Rylance, Bishop Potter and the Rev. Dr. Tyng. Upon its conclusion the coffin was borne, followed by the mourners, to the graveyard east of the church, where the body was deposited in the Stewart family vault. The usual burial service was read by Bishop Potter, and the obsequies were ended. It was estimated that at least 20,000 persons were coming and going in the immediate neighbourhood of the church during the day.

Mr. Stewart's will was filed in the surrogate's office this afternoon. In it he bequeaths all his property and estate to his wife, Cornelia M. Stewart, and her heirs for ever, and appoints Henry Hilton to act in behalf of his estate and managing his affairs. As a mark of regard, Mr. Stewart bequeaths to Mr. Hilton $1,000,000. He appoints his wife, Judge Hilton and William Libbey his executors. The subscribing witnesses are William P. Smith, W. H. White, and E. E. Marcy, M. D. The will bears the date of the 27th of March, 1873. [illegible] his executors to pay out the following legacies: To George P. [illegible] to M. Hopkins, $10,000; [illegible] per, $10,000; to Edwin [illegible] 0,000; to John J. Green, [illegible] rge H. Higgins, $10,000; [illegible] ice, $5,000; to John De[illegible] to Robert Proctor Roe, $5,000; to —— Dodge, $5000; to Hugh Connor, $5000; to William Armstrong, $5000; to William P. Smith, $5000; to Sarah and Rebecca Morrow, $12,000 annuity in quarterly instalments during their joint lives, and also house No. 30 East Thirty-ninth street and furniture therein; to Ella B. Hilton, $5000. In a codicil he makes the following bequests to be made from his estate: To Charles P. Clinch, $10,000; to Anna Clinch, $10,000; to Julia Clinch, $10,000; to Emma Clinch, $10,000; to Sarah Smith (wife of J. Lawrence Smith), $10,000; to her daughter, Cornelia S. Smith, $10,000, and also to Anna, Emma, and Julia Clinch, house and lot No. 115 East Thirty-fifth street, and furniture. To all employes who have been in his service over twenty years he leaves $1000, and to those over ten years $500. He hopes that all his plans for the welfare of his fellow men will be faithfully carried out by his executors. One of Judge Hilton's important duties is to bring Mr. Stewart's partnership affairs to a termination, and, as far as possible, 'without loss to those connected with him in business,' and it is for this service that Judge Hilton will receive $1,000,000. The following letter is published with the will:

73 FIFTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK CITY, March 29, 1873.

To My Dear Wife:—It has been, and is, my intention to make provision for various public charities; but as any scheme of the kind I propose will need considerable thought and elaboration, I have made my will with the codicils in the present shape to guard against any contingency, knowing that I may rely on your supplying all deficiencies on my part. I hope and trust that my life may be spared, so that I may complete the various plans for the welfare of our fellow-beings which I have already initiated, but should it be ruled otherwise I must depend upon you, with such aid as you may call about you, to carry out what I have begun. Our friend, Judge Hilton, will, I know, give you any assistance in his power, and to him I refer you for a general understanding of the various methods and plans which I have, at times, considered and discussed. I am not unaware, also, of the fact that there are many who have served me faithfully and well, in my business and otherwise, who should be recognized and rewarded, but for whom I have, as yet, made no special provision. Your own recollection, aided by Judge Hilton's knowledge on this subject, will doubtless bring these persons to your attention, and feel satisfied that their claims will be justly considered by you. Especially, however, I do desire you will ascertain the names of all such of my employes that have been with me for a period of ten years and upwards, and I request that to each of those who have been in my employment for a period of twenty years shall be paid $1000, while to each of those who have been with me for ten years shall be paid $500.

ALEXANDER T. STEWART.

Judge Hilton said to-night, in reference to the business affairs and estate of Mr. Stewart that they would be carried on the same as if the deceased were still alive, and that all the plans and projects in operation or in prospective at the time of his death would be faithfully carried out.

The Union Advocate.
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NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI, N. B.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1876.

POSTAL ACCOMMODATION.

A CORRESPONDENT complains of the existing mail arrangements between Newcastle and Fredericton, and asks the P. O. Inspector to rise and explain. When that gentleman was in town recently we understood him to say, that owing to the limited amount of correspondence on the route, the Gov't did not feel warranted in continuing the tri-weekly mail. The change was therefore made to two mails per week, leaving Fredericton on Wednesday and Friday mornings, and Newcastle on the evening of these days, in order to connect with the evening train from St. John.—We perfectly agree with our correspondent's remarks. The route is an important one, passing through a fine agricultural country, and where a large business is annually done in lumbering and fishing. We are not at all surprised that the people along the route are dissatisfied. They had good reasons to expect that while the Government might not entertain the idea of giving the people along the South West the benefit of increased postal accommodation, they would at least not curtail the accommodation recently enjoyed.—From all that we can glean, it appears that the decrease is the result of the correspondence between Newcastle and Fredericton being conveyed by train via St. John, but as this correspondence is of no importance to the people residing between the two places, they ought not, on this account, to be deprived of one third of the accommodation they have enjoyed for some time past. We hope the Government will think better of their late action and allow the three trips to be made as formerly. If they wish to economize, there are numerous channels in which they can do so without interfering with what are now looked upon as the rights and privileges of the people. Economy is a good thing, and should be continually practiced by Governments as well as individuals, especially at the present time when almost every branch of industry is suffering severely from the effects of the world-wide depression, but we are of the opinion that the Government should set a good example by putting their economical principles into practice *at home*. If the Public Treasury is sufficiently well filled to allow of thousands of dollars to be taken therefrom to pay expensive Continental trips of some of its members, surely the finances can stand the strain to provide necessary accommodation for the people in every branch of the public service. If there is trimming to be done, there are numerous ways in which the Government pruning knife can be employed in carrying out the principles of economy, without at all interfering with the privileges enjoyed by the people—and the Gov't need not look beyond the Executive circle to find immediate work if lopping off useless expenditure is a part of the Reform programme. There is an old proverb which says that "Charity should begin at home." Judging from the actions of the Government they seem to believe so too, and therefore put it into constant practice. Political self-preservation is the leading principle of Grit reform, and we must do the Government and their followers the credit of sticking well to this essential part of their programme. Grit Reform may be briefly summed up as follows—the Government first, and then the people, "which nobody can deny."—Should our people be put to serious inconvenience through the mismanagement or indifference of the Gov't, they can console themselves with the fact that their lease of power will soon terminate, and with the change—and come it will—they may look for a better and more satisfactory state of affairs than at present exists.

Presentation.

We publish below a presentation which speaks for itself. The *Cayuga Advocate* has a lengthy description of the busy life of the gentleman referred to in the Address, in which we notice that he has held prominent positions on many of the public works in Canada, such as the Lachine Canal, Western Division of the G'd Trunk R. R., Brockville and Ottawa Railway, and other roads. In the United States Mr. M'D. is said to have done good work on the Wilmington and Zanesville Road in Ohio, where he superintended the construction of a tunnel and some of the heaviest work then undertaken (1855) in that country. He was also engaged on the Wisconsin Central and Janesville and Dubuque Railways, and pressed to completion the Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien roads. In 1866 he was engaged on the Grand Trunk Junction Railway, on which work there was some heavy quarrying to be done, and the paper quoted above gives this gentleman the credit of initiating and raising the first derrick in lieu of the old, slow and cumbersome process of getting out the heavy stone required for the work. The masonry on the Croton Water Works also received his supervision, as well as the Western Division of the celebrated Hoosac Tunnel, until the time when operations were temporarily suspended by the breaking out of the Civil War.—The *Cayuga Advocate* quotes numerous other examples, but we have quoted sufficient to show that since 1847 Mr. M'Donald's life has been one of unremitting activity. The paper from which we quote was printed in 1872, but since that time Mr. M'D. has been Manager of Construction on Oil Creek Road, from Corry to Titusville, Penn., the Atlantic and Great Western, in Ontario, and the Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction, in 1874. Coming to our own section, in 1875 we find him holding the same position during the track laying and ballasting from Campbellton to Metapedia, and since the running of the road in November last, Roadmaster on that portion of the Intercolonial extending from Miramichi to Campbellton. The following is the

ADDRESS.

Miramichi, N. B., April 22, 1876.

D. D. M'DONALD, Esq.,
Roadmaster, Second Division,
Intercolonial Railroad.

We, the Section Foremen on the Intercolonial Railroad, north of Miramichi to Campbellton, hear, with regret, of your resignation.

We wish you to accept this present of a Meerschaum Pipe, as a token of the esteem we have felt for you while under your authority, and which still exists, knowing well the pleasure you enjoy in a sociable and quiet smoke; and when using, it will remind you that among the numerous friends and acquaintances you have made on Public Work none bear you warmer wishes nor heartier success in all your undertakings than ourselves. The winter of 1876 will long be remembered by those who assisted in keeping open the track under your charge, and when you smoke your pipe in winter evenings and listen to the winter winds in your Ontario home, you may think of the insufficiently paid and unfortunate Section men of New Brunswick, who obeyed your orders cheerfully day and night, and never shirked a snow storm.

In conclusion, we all bid you good bye, with kind wishes for yourself and family and a happy return to them.

We have the honor of subscribing ourselves the Section Foremen of the Northern Division north of Miramichi to Campbellton, and your friends,

(Signed), H. M. CRAIG,
For the Section Foremen.

Reformed Episcopal Church.

THE REV. WALTER WINDEYER, Rector of the Retormed Episcopal Church, St. John, is expected to preach for the R. E. Congregation at Chatham on Sunday next. Should this engagement be filled, the Rev. gentleman will deliver a lecture in the Temperance Hall, Chatham, on Monday evening, taking for his subject "Earthquakes and Volcanoes." This lecture was delivered in St. John last winter, and in a notice given of it by the *Telegraph* it was described as an exceedingly interesting lecture. We make one or two quotations from that paper in order to give the public an idea of the literary treat in store for them should the Rev. gentleman be able to fill the engagement.

"The subject necessarily is the result of the scientific deductions made by eminent men, together with the most interesting compilations from geographical writers, and, therefore, does not admit of being termed strictly the expression solely of original thought; and the admirable manner in which the various considerations were presented, as well as the moral lessons to be derived from the various manifestations of the power and allwise love of the Creator were each pictured in graceful and excellent English.

"The lecturer, whose experience and great range of travel enables him to speak knowingly upon much of what he treats, concluded by pointing out the Divine goodness and mercy in providing these apparent disasters of volcanic eruptions, as a means of regulating the equilibrium of the earth, without which its crust might become worn away.

In these so-called disasters we behold in each a necessary part of the world's mechanism, and powerful in proportion to the work it has to accomplish. There was nothing tedious in the lecture, everything stated was full of interest, and clothed in appropriate language, full of information and power. Mr. Windeyer had the tact to know exactly where to stop in the lecture, and it was with manifest regret that the audience listened to the concluding sentences, regret that it was so soon over. There were many facts given which were comparatively unknown to our citizens, and it is but paying a small tribute to the literary and scientific excellence of the subject in saying that it is to be hoped the lecture may be repeated.

Pilot Commissioners' Meetings.

The Pilot Commissioners met at the residence of Alex. Morrison, Esq., on Wednesday last. The Report of the Secretary was submitted, showing the receipts and expenditure for the past year. The Pilots having petitioned for a change in the rate for outward pilotage, so that vessels drawing 16 feet of water shall pay $2.00 per foot, the Board decided to extend the list so as to include vessels drawing 17 feet, the charge formerly being $2.00 per foot for vessels drawing 18 feet and upwards.

The Commissioners met again on Friday last, at the office of the Sec'y, R. R. Call, Esq., when the following renewals were granted, the rate for renewals being reduced from $5.00 to $4.00.

Angus M'Lean, Angus M'Eacheran, James Walls, Francis Martin, Mitchell Martin, James M'Eacheran, Antoine Casey, A. Wilson, Robert Walls, Alex. Martin, Wm. Walls, W. M'Eacheran.

Pilots Wm. Tait and Allan M'Eacheran, who were disqualified last year on account of having engaged in other business, were examined, and obtained licenses.

Application for a license was made by George Sutton, but as he could not show to the satisfaction of the Board that he had served his full time, he was not examined, and consequently did not obtain a license.

Another meeting will be held on Friday next, to grant additional renewals and licenses should there be any new applications.

☞ The contract for the erection of snow sheds and fences on Sections 3, 6, 9 and 15, on the Intercolonial between Bathurst and Campbellton, granted to Mr. C. H. Mann, of Bathurst, is, we understand, progressing satisfactorily, the work being done in a most substantial manner. The work contracted for is quite extensive, embracing, roughly estimated, 130,000 feet of fencing, with about 10,000 feet of snow sheds, there being about one quarter of the work completed, and as this has been accomplished during a most unfavorable season, there is every reason to believe that the balance can be completed by December next. The contractor is now making preparations to prosecute the work vigorously during the ensuing summer, and it is to be hoped the Government will afford every facility in providing freight trains &c., when required, for the successful and early completion of the contract.

A HARD CASE.—In another column James M'Entee complains of the treatment received by himself and a number of laborers who worked on the snow trains between Newcastle and Jacquet River during the past winter. If his statements are correct, and we have no reason to doubt them, the case demands the immediate attention of the Government. It is not at all creditable to the official acting for the Government that any of the men employed by him feel called upon to make such statements as those made by Mr. M'Entee, and we hope that steps will at once be taken to have the matter settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

MONEY TO BE MADE.—Parties residing between Miramichi and Campbellton, having accounts against the Government for meals furnished men during the snow storms last winter, had better forward them at once to Roadmaster D. D. M'Donald, Newcastle, for his signature. As Mr. D. will leave here the first of May, any parties who fail to attend to this notice will likely have considerable trouble in collecting their claims, as without the Roadmaster's signature their accounts will be almost worthless. As the Government will not be inclined to furnish this information in the form of an advertisement, we furnish it gratuitously, for the benefit of all interested.

CRANE WANTED.—A crane for lifting heavy goods to and from vessels at the deep water wharf, would facilitate the rapid handling of freight, and is much needed. We hope the railway authorities will have this matter attended to. As the Government will doubtless make arrangements to receive fish packed in ice, and other goods at the wharf instead of compelling shippers to truck the freight to the station, the crane will be wanted in a few days. Every effort should, and we believe, will be made, to enable shippers to conduct their business with the railway authorities in a satisfactory manner.

☞ We notice by a special to the *Telegraph* that the ice in the St. John river started on its downward and outward course on Sunday morning. It was much heavier than usual, from one to two feet thick. It seriously damaged the railway wharf at Gibson. The N. B. railway bridge at Woodstock was also damaged. Three piers have been partially carried away.—The third pier is badly gutted, and the truss work has sunk about a foot.—The fourth and fifth piers, from the east, have been partially carried away. It was expected however, that the foundation being good, the piers could be saved by booming. Later advices state that the piers will have to be rebuilt.

☞ Messrs. Call & Miller had a crowd of men engaged on Monday cutting away the ice around the steamers *New Era* and *Andover*. Steam being got up in the steamers, the *New Era* was brought nearly in to the wharf, and the *Andover* was moved about 200 feet. Yesterday the two vessels were brought in nearer to the wharf, for protection from the running ice. It is expected that the *Andover* will make a trip to Chatham today, to carry the freight which has accumulated at the Station for the past week. The freight is to be run down to the wharf at deep water terminus.

THE CONCERT in connection with the Methodist Church, Dalhousie, came off as announced, on Tuesday evening, 18th inst. Notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads, the hall was well filled. We are informed by a correspondent that the various pieces on the programme were rendered in very good style. Mr. George Dawson, of Bathurst, one of the best Bass singers in the North, rendered valuable assistance on the occasion.—The amount realized was about $40.

St. George's Day

Falling on Sunday, the Annual Dinner of the Miramichi St. George's Society was held at the Canada House, Chatham, on Monday evening last. After the dinner, which was prepared in excellent style by the accommodating host, Mr. Wm. Johnston, the usual toasts were given, the Chair being occupied by J. B. Snowball, Esq., his *vis-a-vis* being G. A. Blair, Esq.

TOASTS FROM THE CHAIR.

"The Queen."

"The Governor General," responded to by Mr. D. Ferguson.

"The General and Provincial Parliaments," responded to by Mr. Tweedie.

FROM THE VICE CHAIR.

"The Clergy," responded to by Revds. Wm. Wilson and R. S. Crisp.

"The Bench and the Bar," responses by Mr. W. Wilkinson and Mr. Tweedie.

By Mr. Wilkinson—"The Army and Navy," which brought to their feet Major Gillespie and others, the speeches being enlivened with songs by Mr. Gray.

"Our Sister Societies"—Responded to by Mr. Morrison, Mr. Lawlor, and Rev. W. Wilson.

By Mr. Howard—"Our Guests," to which responses were made by Mr. Morrison, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Lockerby, and others.

"The Mechanical Interests"—Speeches by Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Davidson and others.

By Mr. Stapledon—"The Press," responded to by Mr. D. G. Smith.

By Mr. Carter—"Our Absent Friends."

By Mr. Smith—"The Ladies," to which Dr. Baxter did the honors.

"The Municipal Council"—Response by Councillor Lawlor.

By Mr. Blair—"Our Host and Hostess," to which Mr. Johnston responded.

By Mr. Wilkinson—"Our Next Merry Meeting," Songs "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

Owing to the condition of the river, we were unable to be present, but we understand that the party, numbering about 50, enjoyed a very pleasant time. Newcastle was not represented at the Dinner.

Chatham Items.

The Sash and Door Factory of Mr. Peter Loggie, Chatham, besides turning out an unusually large amount of the ordinary work in the joiner line, has cut this winter no less than *one million shingles*, which will all be sold and used in Miramichi.

A man belonging to Douglastown got in the ice while crossing on Monday, but was rescued by a companion.

There was a large flock of wild ducks swimming about opposite Senator Muirhead's wharf, in the open river, between 6 and 7 o'clock, yesterday morning.

It was reported in Chatham on Monday, that two square rigged vessels were seen in the vicinity of Fox Island, which is all clear of ice.

It is expected that sawing will commence at Hon. W. Murhead's mill on or about Friday next. At Mr. Snowball's mill on Monday. At Guy, Stewart & Co.'s mill at Black Brook, on Monday next. The water mill opposite Chatham, owned by the last named firm, commenced operations on Monday last.

The Rev. James Crisp is expected at Chatham on Saturday.

Business dull—streets dry.

☞ The County Valuators meeting on Thursday last was attended by Robt. Swim and R. R. Call, Esquires, Valuators, and Wm. Masson, Wm. Gordon and Alex. Jessamin, Esquires, Assessors. T. F. Gillespie was unavoidably absent. Several applications for reduction in valuation of property, and for information regarding the manner in which the assessment had been levied in some cases, received attention. Adjourned to meet again on Wednesday next, at 11 a. m.

THE ICE.—Our winter bridge commenced breaking up opposite Newcastle on Sunday, and a good deal of open water is now seen. The river above the S. W. railway bridge was all clear to Bolestown on Sunday.

A drove of cattle crossed here on Saturday evening. One of the animals got in near Park's wharf, and was rescued with some difficulty. The place was not marked, and it came near being the sepulchre of Mr. H. Reeves who was returning from his work at Nelson about dusk. He "stepped down and out" again, escaping with a sore shoulder and sprained wrist.

Mr. John Falconer, while crossing from Douglastown to the opposite shore on Monday, took a cool bath, and narrowly escaped cooling off altogether.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for May contains seven illustrated articles, the most interesting of which, to many readers, will be the paper on "Modern Dwellings: Their Construction, Decoration, and Furniture," which is alone worth the price of the book. The Editorial departments are, as usual, very interesting. For sale by J. & A. M'Millan, St. John.

☞ The steamer *Derby*, owned by John C. Miller, Esq., came down from Derby on Monday afternoon, took in a few passengers at Newcastle, steamed down stream as far as the open water extended, and then returned. She has been painted this season with a good deal of taste. Mr. Miller takes a pride in having out his miniature steamer before any of the larger craft.

ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that a son of Justus Fairley, Esq., of Boiestown, had his leg badly broken at the knee on Friday last. How the accident occurred is not known by the parents, as the child was alone at the time. Dr. Dow, who attended the lad, reports him doing well.—*Reporter.*

THE LIGHT SHIP, which has been lying just outside the public wharf all winter, will be ready to take up her position on the Horse Shoe Bar as soon as navigation is fairly opened.—She will be under the command of Mr. George Rogers, of Chatham, who has had charge of the vessel since she was first placed there.

☞ The following item will be interesting to the many friends here of the gentleman who figures therein. It is taken from the Halifax *Herald*.

PRESENTATION.—The members of the Bible Class presided over by the Rev. Richmond Shreve, at the close of the service last evening, took that gentleman by surprise by presenting him with a very handsome "Davenport," completely and elegantly furnished. This token of esteem, while it surprised the Rev. gentleman, must have been the more pleasing from the fact that it is the second within a short time—he having been but recently presented by the same class with a handsome silver pocket communion service.

AUCTIONS.—Parties in want of Furniture, &c., will find something of interest to them by reading the auction sale advertisement of Mr. A. G. Harris's Hotel Furniture, &c., Bargains will no doubt be secured.

A. A. Davidson, Esq., will offer at auction on Monday next, the Crooks property and the valuable premises on M'Cullam street lately occupied by Mr. T. B. Riley. For particulars read the advertisements on the 4th page.

S. Andrews, Newcastle.

At the Easter Vestry Meeting of this Church the following officers were elected:

Wardens—F. E. Winslow, T. Maltby.

Vestrymen—R. B. Haddow, W. J. Williams, James Copp, Charles Maltby, J. G. Kethro, Wm. Fenn.

F. E. Winslow and J. G. Kethro were appointed lay delegates to the Diocesan Synod, to be held at St. John in June next.

The Easter Decorations in this Church display considerable taste. The Rood Screen is beautifully decorated with wreaths of evergreen on pure white ground, with an illuminated text—"Christ is Risen, Alleluiah."—The Altar is draped in the usual festive hangings, and looked very attractive at the evening service on Easter Day, with the additional natural adornment of four vases of beautiful hot house flowers.

☞ Accounts from all quarters state that the prospects for a remunerative business being done this season in building stone and grindstones are not at all encouraging. Companies everywhere are cutting down their business, and it is anticipated that the shipments from the Maritime Provinces this season will fall far short of those of previous years. The decline is owing, of course, to the great depression everywhere felt, which has seriously affected manufacturing interests over the Border.

☞ The Newcastle Ferry Boat is being fitted up with a new boiler from the works of Geo. Fleming & Sons, St. John, of double the capacity of the old one. Other improvements are being effected, a change being made in the steering apparatus, and a new set of paddle wheels added. With the additional power obtained by the introduction of the new boiler, the proprietor will, during the coming season, be in a position to run the steamer in a manner which will be like satisfactory to himself and to the public. The improvements made in the steamer this Spring will, it is said, cost over $1000. Mr. Russell anticipates having the boat ready by the first week in May.

ST. MARY'S, CHATHAM.—Easter Vestry Meeting was held on Monday of last week. We take from the *Advance* the list of officers elected:—

Wardens:—Mr. Searle and Geo. Burchill.

Vestrymen:—Richard Carman, Samuel Habberley, Wm. B. Howard, Richard Hocken, Geo. A. Blair, Robert B. Pattison, Thos. F. Gillespie, Chas. Sargeant, John Baldwin, Wm. Ullock, Theophilus Desbrisay, Wm. Wilkinson.

Lay delegates to Synod and Diocesan Church Society: Geo. A. Blair and Wm. Wilkinson, with Messrs. Geo. Burchill and Richard Carman as substitutes.

TO FISH SHIPPERS.—Parties engaged in the exportation of fresh fish are referred to Mr. Geo. Sparrow's advertisement in another column.—Mr. S. has made the necessary preparations for carrying on an extensive re-packing business, and guarantees that orders entrusted to him shall receive the very best attention. The references to which the notice of those in the trade is directed represent some of the leading firms of St. John.—adv.

DR. J. H. ARNOLD, of Berlin, Prussia, will be in Chatham, at "Bowser's Hotel," on 6th May, and will remain until the 20th. The Dr. makes specialities of diseases of the Eye and Ear, and the cure of Cancer without the use of the knife. He can also be consulted on all diseases free of charge. The Dr. can be consulted by letter, at the "Victoria Hotel," St. John. adv.

☞ On the evening of the 20th instant, a Dramatic Entertainment was given by the young men connected with the Holy Family R.C.T.A. Society of Bathurst, in the large hall of the Convent. The pieces—"Robert Emmet" and "Ireland as it was"—were well played and ably sustained. The audience was very large and most respectable, all apparently highly pleased with the performance. Miss Hachey and Miss Leahy presided at the piano. The same was repeated the following evening, with success. The proceeds, amounting to $50, were presented to the Sisters of Charity, in aid of their school.

DOUGLASTOWN ITEMS.—The people of Douglastown are looking up—at the spire of St. Mark's Church, which is now over 30 feet high.

Mr. R. Wilson, the ferryman, is getting his boats in order for his regular business, which he attends to most faithfully. His poultry yard appears to keep time with the general depression, for we hear nothing of *big eggs* this spring.

MUST BE HARD UP.—The *Post* says that the Rev. Mr. Nickerson, late of Sackville, has received the appointment of Chaplain of the Islington Workhouse Infirmary. The salary is $200 stg. per annum. There were many applicants for it, amongst them Oxford and Cambridge men. Two hundred *pounds* stg. is probably meant.

NEWCASTLE DIVISION, S. OF T.—Officers for the second quarterly term, 1876.

Geo. Brown, W. P.; C. F. Bourne, W. A.; Howard Stewart, R. S.; Sarah Vaughan, A. R. S.; Christopher Armstrong, F. S.; Dan'l M'Gruar, Treas.; Wm. Gremley, Chap.; C. H. Godfrey, Con.; Nathan H. Morrison, A. Con.; Wm. Russell, I. S.; Edward M'Gruar, O. S.

☞ The following fishery regulation appears in the *Canada Gazette*:—"The use of explosive material to catch or kill fish is forbidden in the Dominion. No person shall fish or catch, kill, buy, sell or possess any lobsters between the 10th of July and the 20th of August in each year."

PIANO.—For Sale at a moderate price, a handsome Metropolitan Piano, new, with patent agraffe treble and bass, and all the modern improvements. Pronounced by good judges to be one of the best finished and finest toned instruments in this section of country. For particulars apply at this office.

☞ John Henry Goodwin, who forged the name of Hon. Peter Mitchell to a cheque on the Bank of Montreal, was sentenced at Montreal recently to two years in the Provincial Penitentiary.

☞ We see by the *Post*, that a new pipe organ, valued at $1600, built by Holbrook, of Massachusetts, is soon to be introduced into the Methodist Church at Sackville.

☞ It was expected that on Monday last, steamers would commence regular trips between Charlottetown, Pictou and Shediac.

☞ A fund is now being raised for the purpose of erecting a monument in Fredericton, to the memory of the late Dr. Spurden.

☞ The Rev. Mr. Cavan was inducted Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, on Wednesday evening last.

TEMPERANCE.—Mr. George Fuller, of London, announces by posters, that he will lecture on Temperance in the Hall, Newcastle, on Monday evening next.

TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.—A class for beginners will be opened in the various Schools in District No. 7, Newcastle, on Monday, the first of May.

☞ The Rev. W. M'Cullagh, late Missionary in the New Hebrides, will deliver an Address on Missions, on Monday evening next, in St. James' Church. See advt.

☞ Mr. John Johnston, of Napan, has been in Sackville recently, purchasing cattle for the Miramichi Market.

BLANKS.—Log Hauler's Affidavit, Surveyors' Bonds, and all kinds of legal and shipping blanks for sale at this office. tf.

☞ Kennedy, the Scottish Vocalist, is to be in St. John on Monday next.

THE PARIS CREW have gone into training in St. John Harbour.

☞ The Public Wharf, which was so badly wrecked by the heavy storm last fall, is being repaired. The damage is estimated at $300. Mr. Call intends to have the wharf raised one foot, in order to avoid a recurrence of such serious damage by violent storms and high tides.

LOST.—On Friday afternoon, between the store of W. C. Anslow and the residence of R. R. Call, Esq., a Glazier's Diamond. The finder of the article will be rewarded by leaving it at this office.

☞ The steamer LADY HEAD, with articles from the Maritime Provinces for the Centennial Exhibition, arrived at Philadelphia on Tuesday, 18th.

☞ The new steps at the entrance of the Methodist Church, Newcastle, are a very great improvement, and were much needed.

☞ Louis Riel, the notorious rascal who caused so much trouble in the North West Territory, is now an inmate of a Montreal lunatic asylum.

☞ The U. S. Treasury on the 20th inst, began paying out silver coin in exchange for paper currency.

☞ For lack of space, we reluctantly hold over an interesting letter (in type) from our Ottawa contributor.

☞ York County Gaol is at present the temporary abode of five criminals, under *fourteen* years of age.

☞ Reports reach us from down the coast that the main body of the ice is moving out to sea.

☞ Maple Sugar is being exported from Cumberland to Glasgow.

☞ Flour is likely to increase slightly in price.

☞ The Rev. Dr. Tupper is recovering.

Married.

At the Methodist Church, Bathurst, by the Rev. J. H. Phinney, G. A. BALCOM, Esq., M. D., of Annapolis, N. S., to JENNIE, second daughter of Richard Dawson, Esq., of New Bandon. [No cards.]

Died.

At Newcastle, on Friday, the 21st April, after a lingering illness, MARY, wife of Mr. James Adams, aged 62 years.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES
TO THE ADVOCATE.

SAD ACCIDENT.

CONDITION OF NORTHERN HARBOURS, &c.

DALHOUSIE, APRIL 25.

Intelligence received here this morning of the death of a grand-daughter of W. S. Smith, by being killed in St. John by a horse. She was daughter of G. E. M'Laughlan, C. E. Much sympathy is expressed for her parents in sad bereavement.

Hon. B. R. Stevenson is in Dalhousie to-day, inquiring into affairs of Balmoral Colony.

Ice is hard and fast in the harbour. The snow is rapidly disappearing.

CAMPBELLTON, 25th.

The snow, of which there has been an abundant store, is fast disappearing from view here. Ice expected to take a start about the middle of May. The worthy proprietor of Jardine's Hotel was presented last evening as a harbinger of spring, with a fowl of immense proportions resembling a crane, measuring seventy-two inches across the wings. Mr. Jardine intends having it stuffed at once, and sent to the Centennial as a sample of the feathered tribe of Restigouche. The Montreal Telegraph Company intend removing the repeating office from Metapedia to Campbellton, in May.

SHEDIAC, 25th.

The harbor is clear of ice. No arrivals.

RICHIBUCTO, 25th.

Harbor clear of ice. Mills are working. No arrivals yet.

BATHURST, 25th.

Ice still firm. Hon. Mr. Kelly and Hon. R. Young are here to-day. No mills started yet.

Tracadie and Caraquet ice has not begun to move yet. Shippegan ice is breaking up fast. At the latter place the wild fowl are numerous.

Shipping Intelligence.

BRITISH PORTS—CLEARED.

March 13, at London, Mayola, for Bathurst.

At Liverpool, 21st, Yuba, for Richibucto.

At Cardiff, 23rd, Marquis of Bute; at Liverpool, 31st, Mollamo, both for Miramichi.

At Liverpool, April 3rd, Maud Helen, for Bathurst; and Mary E. Chapman, for Miramichi.

SAILED.

From Belfast, April 1st, barks Forest Queen, Ocean Traveller and C. Newman Gaedebehn, for Miramichi.

From Liverpool, 3rd and 4th respectively, Albert Cay, and Jardine Bros., for Miramichi.

From Dundee, 5th, Marrayat, for do.

From Liverpool 6th, bark Ponema, for Richibucto.

From Gravesend, 6th, Miramichi, for Miramichi.

MEMORANDA.

St. Helena.—Warning to Shipowners.

Owners and captains are warned against having their ships call at the above named port. Several cases have recently arisen where ships which have touched there for fresh provisions have got into serious difficulty. The crews are tampered with by interested parties, and have upon trivial grounds complained that the ships were unseaworthy, and have refused duty. The U. S. Consul has then ordered surveys, and in nearly every instance repairs have been ordered, a portion of the cargo discharged, and crew discharged with one to three months extra pay. After considerable expense has been incurred, and ship ready for sea, the merchants have refused to accept the captain's draft