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Publishers' Notice.

After the 1st of July, all subscribers to the Advocate will receive their papers free of postage, at the office of delivery. We have made arrangements to prepare all the postage at the office here, and as this will involve an additional outlay on our part, all we ask in return is, that our patrons will be prompt in paying up their subscriptions, and all other demands which we may have against them.

The ADVOCATE will be issued at the usual rate, \$1.50 per annum.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The examination of the various schools in District No. 7, closed on Wednesday last. The first examination for the summer term of 1875, was held in

MISS RUSSELL'S SCHOOL.

at the upper end of the District, on Friday, 25th ult. It was conducted in presence of R. B. Haddow, Esq., Trustee, Mr. Hutchinson, Principal, and a few visitors. The course comprises the same branches as those taught in the Advanced Department of Harkins' Academy. The examination, which lasted about three hours, showed that the children had given close attention to their studies. They acquitted themselves in a manner which was creditable alike to teacher and pupils. At the close of the examination, R. B. Haddow, Esq., according to previous promise, presented prizes to those scholars who showed the greatest proficiency in reading and spelling. The names of those to whom the prizes were awarded are—

Senior Class—Reading, 1st Agnes Baile; 2nd E. Johnston.

Junior Class—Reading, 1st Sarah Jones; Spelling, E. Johnston. Elementary Class—Spelling, 1st Bessie Jones; Bertha Sinclair, and Janet Baile being successful competitors for the 2nd prize. The presentation of these prizes concluded the examination.

MISS KAVANAGH'S SCHOOL.

Chaplin Island Road, was examined on Saturday the 26th ult. We are informed by persons who were present, that a very decided improvement in the general standing of the semi-annual examination, the children in general making a very good exhibit.

MISS KNAPP'S SCHOOL.

was examined on Monday the 28th ult. As this school has just closed its first term much interest was felt by the persons who were present, in the progress made by the scholars. The various grades were examined in the different branches taught in a Primary School, and it was pleasing to witness the prompt and energetic manner in which these young scholars answered the various questions put to them. The exercises in mental arithmetic were very quickly and correctly performed, and the object lessons were apparently well understood. The good order and precision of the scholars were admirable, and the promptness of both teacher and scholars imparted much interest to the examination.

The examinations of the various departments in the

HARKINS' ACADEMY,

commenced with the Primary Grade, under the charge of Miss O. Parker, on Tuesday of last week. Four visitors only were present. The children (whose ages would probably range from five to ten years) made a tolerably fair exhibit. In this department the foundation of the child's education is laid, and the need of a good and thorough grounding must be seen at a glance. Miss Parker is a painstaking teacher, but in training her active and restless group she has, in our opinion, a most difficult task to perform.

At 11.30 a. m., the examination of

MISS SINCLAIR'S DEPARTMENT

commenced. The branches under examination comprised freehand outline drawing, reading, spelling, natural history, arithmetic, (slate and mental.) The first named branch developed considerable skill on the part of some of the scholars. In arithmetic the display was excellent, showing considerable improvement since the previous examination, and called forth eulogiums from some of the visitors. Miss Sinclair, we believe is putting forth every effort to make her department a success, the results of which are plainly observable.

THE INTERMEDIATE GRADE,

taught by Miss Hickey, was examined in the afternoon. The pupils were examined in reading, spelling, dictation, geography, (New Brunswick.) In reading the Junior Class did not do as well as usual, owing perhaps to the nervousness of the children at the presence of the visitors. (If parents would only do their duty, this would soon be remedied.) The

made better work. The lesson in dictation was performed in a very creditable manner, mistakes being the exception. In spelling ordinary words the children did well, but they were not quite prepared for the "jaws breakers" given out by a trustee and a member of the Examining Board. In arithmetic a very good display was made, as also in Geography. The oral lessons in Botany was exceedingly interesting, the teacher taking a plant to illustrate the subject. This department shows some improvement, but real efficient work cannot be done until Miss Hickey is relieved of some of her pupils. The number is now entirely too great. The new school at the lower end of the district will perhaps remedy the evil. Miss Hickey is an efficient teacher, and will do good work when she is placed in a position to do so in a satisfactory manner.

THE ADVANCED DEPARTMENT,

taught by Mr. Farlee, was examined on Wednesday last, in presence of about a dozen visitors. The examination was admirably conducted, the teacher evidencing a peculiar ability for his onerous task. In freehand outline drawing considerable skill was displayed by several pupils. A marked and gratifying improvement was observable in the style of reading. Spelling, with definitions was also good. Geography, principally New Brunswick, with outline of the Province on the slate and blackboard showed that the pupils had an intimate acquaintance with the subject. Some of the specimens of the map of New Brunswick, drawn from memory alone, were very correctly executed. The exercises in arithmetic, (slate & mental) also developed considerable ability on the part of some of the pupils.

THE HIGH SCHOOL,

under the immediate charge of the Principal, Mr. Hutchinson, was also examined on Wednesday. The specimens of free hand outline drawing were very good. In grammar and analysis the Principal gave some of the selections. He also invited any person to make a selection in order to test the proficiency of the pupils. The Rev. Mr. Anderson compiled, and selected two passages, one being a quotation from Shakespeare. The Rev. gentleman expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the difficult task was performed. In reading we are of the opinion that there is much room for improvement.

A spelling match, in which about

twenty of the pupils participated, created considerable amusement, and developed some "tail" spelling. In history the pupils evidenced an intimate acquaintance with the principle events which have transpired in connection with the reign of Queen Victoria. The pupils were also examined in Latin, French and Mathematics, and Theoretical Music. The latter is a most interesting study, and one with which the Principal appears to have a thorough acquaintance, which is certainly an advantage to the children who attend the various departments.

At the close of the examinations, the Rev. Samuel Russell, one of the Board of Examiners, made a short speech, in which he referred to the gratifying progress evidenced in the schools. He also regretted that many children who could do so, did not attend school, and thought it high time the Government gave their attention to the advisability of instituting compulsory attendance at the schools. The absence of parents and guardians from the various examinations, was, the speaker said, deeply to be regretted, and he hoped the lukewarmness manifested would give way to a livelier interest in educational matters. After complimenting the teachers, the Rev. gentleman retired to his seat. He was followed by R. B. Haddow, Esq., who briefly announced the holidays.

Taken altogether, the various schools in the District show improvement, but the work must not stop here. The teachers will have to put their shoulders to the wheel and work hard to bring up their departments to a standard of efficiency which shall give the ratepayers of Newcastle reason to be proud of their educational institutions. The parents and those who should feel an interest in the educational advancement of their children are throwing serious obstacles in the way by their continued indifference. Their presence at the school examinations is a matter of necessity, and we really wonder at the apathy exhibited in a matter of such vital interest. The schools are open to visitors at all times, but particularly on the last Wednesday of each month. We therefore hope that the next term will show a marked improvement in this respect.

In the Militia General Orders, dated at Ottawa, 25th June, we find the following—
"Newcastle Field Battery of Artillery. To be 1st Lieut. provisionally; Sergeant Charles Foster Bourne, vice Tozer. To be 2nd Lieut. provisionally; Sergeant Richard Alvin Lawlor,

Defining their Position.

In response to a statement made by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, that the Redgouche fishermen had applied for fishing licences, the persons referred to have vindicated their cause in a letter addressed to the Minister, which we give below. We hope the appeal will assist in bringing about the desired and much needed modifications asked for.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B.,
[Copy.] May 26th, 1875.

To the Hon. A. A. SMITH,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Sir:—Your letter to the Hon. Peter Mitchell, under date May 19th, stated that "twenty-five persons on the New Brunswick side of the river Restigouche, took out licences this season under the system and paid for them without complaint." With regard to the above, we, the undersigned fishermen on the New Brunswick side of the river Restigouche, would beg respectfully to state—

1st. That we neither applied for said licences, nor did we take them out without complaint.

2nd. That we, or our predecessors, have been in undisputed and recognized possession of the right of fishing in front of our several properties, for the past one hundred years.

3rd. That we had either to accept the licences or to place ourselves in direct opposition to the constituted authorities, the option being offered to us of taking the licences or being debarred from fishing. Now, that we desired to accept the alternative of opposition, does not by any means prove that we are satisfied with the abrogation of our rights, which we consider were solemnly pledged to us at the time of confederation, and we trust the Government will seek the present wide-spread dissatisfaction, by staying further proceedings until they have fully inquired into the merits of the case, feeling satisfied that when they have done so, they will give us the fullest measure of justice.

We remain, Sir,
Your obedient servants.

JOHN GILLIS, ARTHUR DUNCAN,
JOHN GERRARD, A. H. FERGUSON,
JOHN GERRARD, J. H. GERRARD,
JAMES ADAMS, ROBT. CHRISTOPHER,
PETER ADAMS, WILLIAM PRATT,
ROBERT DUFFIN, MALCOLM DUFFIN,
ALEX. DUFF, JOHN ADAMS,
THOMAS MURRAY, HENRY DUNCAN,
GEORGE DUNCAN.

Diocesan Church Society.

At the evening sitting of this Society, in session at Fredericton, on the 30th ult., the Lord Bishop presiding, the Secretary submitted his Report, which includes an abstract of the reports of the Missionaries for the past years. The Report states that—

The expenditure has been larger than usual, at several Missions previously vacant have been filled, and it has been the constant endeavor of this Committee to secure the proper management and payment of all local sources of support for the Missionaries. Their present stipends, with the best that can be done, must be acknowledged far too limited. In consequence they do not provide the actually necessary expenditure.

It is the Society to do more. But more might be done in the various branches of the Church. Beyond the payment of the required stipend much might be done by way of offerings to the clergy, which might be of much value to them and of like value to the people. In their financial difficulties which press so heavily now with many occupations, the farmers in the country are not so heavily involved. Their increased means and the continued blessings upon their labors should urge them to increased offerings in the service of the Church of Christ. The report also refers to the fact that the Rev. Mr. J. H. Duff, Corresponding Secy; St. John, T. B. Foley, Financial do; Portland, J. B. Daley, Treasurer; St. John, Thos. Kicham, Secy-at-Arms. The Union is composed of 21 Societies, the total membership being 5,635.

We hope that efforts will be made to find out the person or persons who broke open the pound in Newcastle on Friday night last. We are glad to see that our efforts to arouse the Hodgevies to a sense of their duty have been successful, but now that they are endeavoring to check a public nuisance (that of horses running at large) they must be protected. Our Justices, who we trust, leave no stone unturned to discover the offenders.

On Sunday evening Allan Russell and Ben Shaw, the two boys fined for entering the Presbyterian Church of Newcastle, were again caught in the act of committing an offence on the premises of J. H. Plimley, Plimley, by the Captain of the Police. They were brought before Justice Lawlor on Monday morning and remanded for forty-eight hours.

The News, which has had so much to say about the Fishery matter, in support of the Government, has not yet published Mr. Mitchell's able letter. Unless the News does so, the least it says in future about fair dealing and independence is better.

MISSIONARIES' SALARIES.

Tables showing Grants for 1874-5.

Mission.	From Mission.	From D. S.
Anderson,	2240	500
Albert,	300	300
Bathurst,	300	300
Burton and Lincoln,	300	400
Buonocore,	300	300
Cambridge, Grand Lake,	100	300
Campbell,	300	300
Canterbury,	300	400
Chatham,	400	200
Chamcook,	—	—
Clifton,	60	30
Derby and Nelson,	300	300
Dalhousie,	300	300
Douglas,	200	400
Fairville (from 1st April, '75),	240	100
Gagetown,	300	300
Grand Manan,	100	300
Greenfield,	150	300
Hammond and Dutch Valley,	300	300
Kingsclear,	300	400
Kingsport,	300	400
Lancaster,	300	300
McAdam (added elsewhere),	—	—
Moncton,	300	300
Newcastle and Glenelg,	300	400
New Maryland,	30	100
Norton,	240	400
Peterville (from C. & C. S.),	300	300
Pettitodias,	300	300
Port Hood,	300	300
Prince William and Duncas,	150	300
Queensbury,	300	300

Missionary (from parish),	400	300
Sackville and Bercharter,	400	300
St. George and Pendergast,	300	200
Simonds,	100	300
St. Mary's and Stanley,	300	200
St. David and St. Patrick,	300	200
Springfield and Johnston,	300	200
St. Andrew's and St. Andrew's,	400	200
St. Andrew's—Shediac,	400	200
Upham—St. Martin's,	250	400
Wickford,	300	400
Westfield,	100	400
Westmorland,	240	300
Woodstock,	400	300

Woodstock, by reader (temporary).

Woodstock and out stations, 240

Weldford and Kingston, 300

Travelling Missionary, 400

TOTAL, \$11,392

\$21,280

Dominion Day.

Thursday last was not generally kept as a holiday in Newcastle. There were no public sports entered into, and the only amusements of the day were those provided at the Picnic under the auspices of Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, F. & A. M.

The committee had tents erected, and various games were in progress during the day. An amateur company set down to dinner under the spacious tent erected for that purpose, a heavy rain squall came on which rather damped the hopes of the committee and all present, and doubtless was the means of keeping very many away from the grounds.

In the evening there was a Soiree in the Masonic Hall, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by the large number present. The dancing was held up until half past three on Friday morning.

We learn from St. John papers, that Mr. Thomas Rankine, senior member of the firm of Thomas Rankine & Son, Bisnet Manufacturers, St. John, died suddenly, while sitting in a chair at his residence, on Tuesday of last week. Mr. R. was 73 years of age, a native of Scotland, and resided in St. John for half a century. We recollect conversing with the deceased a few months ago, and was quite interested with his account of the great changes that had taken place in St. John during his life time. He was a baker by trade, and during his early career in St. John was accustomed to tramp around with his basket of bread to supply customers. The splendidly equipped steam establishment, of which the deceased was the head, is only another evidence of what may be accomplished by sterling integrity, combined with that indomitable perseverance which laughs at impossibilities and surmounts the greatest obstacles.

CATHOLIC TEMPERANCE CONVENTION

of the Roman Catholic Church, held at St. Malachi's Hall, St. John, on Wednesday evening last. On Thursday morning the delegates marched in procession to the Cathedral, where an address on Temperance was delivered by Bishop Sweeney. About 1,800 persons (says the News) joined in the procession. In the evening the following persons were elected officers for the year:—

St. John, R. J. Ritchie, President; St. Stephen, W. C. Brawley, 1st Vice do; Fredericton, F. J. McKay, 2nd Vice do; Carleton Place, Thos. O'Reilly, Recording Secy; St. John, F. J. Duff, Corresponding do; St. John, T. B. Foley, Financial do; Portland, J. B. Daley, Treasurer; St. John, Thos. Kicham, Secy-at-Arms. The Union is composed of 21 Societies, the total membership being 5,635.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Reported for the Dominion Gov't by G. A. Blair, Esq.

JUNE—JULY.

DATE.	Time.	Height of Bar.	Thermometer.	Thermometer.	Thermometer.
Mon.	27	8.30 a.m.	59	68	52
		5.30 p.m.	71	54	52
		11.45 p.m.	71	54	52
Tues.	28	8.30 a.m.	60	68	52
		5.30 p.m.	68	72	52
		11.45 p.m.	60	68	54
Wed.	29	8.30 a.m.	60	68	52
		5.30 p.m.	68	72	52
		11.45 p.m.	60	68	54
Thurs.	30	8.30 a.m.	60	68	52
		5.30 p.m.	68	72	52
		11.45 p.m.	60	68	54
Fri.	1	8.30 a.m.	60	68	52
		5.30 p.m.	68	72	52
		11.45 p.m.	60	68	54
Sat.	2	8.30 a.m.	60	68	52
		5.30 p.m.	68	72	52
		11.45 p.m.	60	68	54

The column for Maximum Thermometer shows the highest temperature for every day.

The column for Minimum Thermometer shows the lowest temperature for every day.

General Intelligence.

Telegraph Summary.

London, July 2.

The following fallacies are announced:—Dacosta Ralte & Co., liabilities \$250,000; Kilburn, Kershaw & Co., liabilities \$250,000. The estimate is probably exaggerated.

At a shooting match at Dollymount yesterday, free to all comers, American won—B. C. Coleman securing the Cup making a score of 47 out of a possible 50, at 1000 yards. Gilder, sleeve and Yale also won prizes.

A German squadron will probably visit the United States in 1876, returning the visit of Admiral Worden's fleet.

The law abrogating three clauses of the German Constitution has been introduced by the Emperor and is now promulgated.

The Pope has sent \$4000 for relief of sufferers by the French inundations.

The liabilities of Dacosta, Ralte & Co., are \$1,250,000, not as before stated.

Major Leach has resigned the Captaincy of the Irish team.

Advices received to-day from Fiji report that there is no diminution in the violence of measles and typhoid fever on the islands.

The mortality from the disease is great. It is probable that medical assistance will be sent from Australia to the affected people.

The liabilities of Kilburn Kershaw & Co., whose failure is also announced, are \$750,000.

QUEBEC, July 1.

In the Diocesan Synod to-day a resolution congratulating the Presbyterian Churches upon the union recently consummated was voted down.

Alger Morrison, Esq., intends launching his new ship from the yard in Chatham on Thursday, next, the 8th inst., at 8 a. m. The New Era will leave Newcastle at 7.30 instead of 8 o'clock that morning to enable persons to attend the launch.

The excursion to Redbank yesterday was attended by very few people. They however report a very pleasant time.

Married.

In St. John, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. F. Everett, James D. EMERY, to MARGARET A., eldest daughter of the late Captain John Belmont, of St. John.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF NEWCASTLE.

ENTERED—July 2—Stm. Miranah, Bae, Quebec, R. H. C. Call.

PLAMBOURGH, Teller, Montreal, do. do.

CLEAR—July 2—Barks Da Capo, Jor, B. H. C. Call.

Richie & Co. Rogie, Christchurch, do. do.

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