

COMMUNICATIONS.
LIQUOR LICENSES.
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Chiquetto Post.

Sir,—You are professionally an independent journal list, and I therefore ask you to publish the following remarks in answer to a communication signed "Sense" in your last issue. That article was a fair sample of the Temperance literature of the day: a literature abounding in harsh, narrow and illiberal sentiments, and reeking with abuse towards all the world except the self-righteous and militant exponents of Temperance. "Sense" makes the common mistake of supposing that temperance, and all evils resulting therefrom, are due solely and alone to liquor sellers. He does not allow that a large part and perhaps a large majority of society from our Governors, our Bishops and our Judges down, not only allow but sanction and encourage the moderate use of alcoholic stimulants, and firmly believe they are banished when properly used. He does not allow that from this large demand of liquors, there must result a large and legitimate supply, and hence a vast number of persons engaged in manufacturing and vending them. The business is supported and believed to be morally right by a majority of people. Why then does a narrow sect arrogate to itself such mighty intelligence as to stigmatize the trade by every eye-daring epithet? Is it true that three men in the rum trade who would vend a deadly poison to a besotted wretch, and watch the last flickering of expiring life, to sell the carcass for the dissecting knife; men who every day rob the widow and the fatherless and trade on human misery. I am wrong in calling such creatures men, they are devils incarnate, and are only satisfied when pursuing their damnable calling of converting gold out of human suffering. But that there are black sheep in the rum trade should no more lower the public estimate of respectable liquor sellers than the black-sheep and sly drinkers existing in nearly every temperance society, should create the impression that all temperance men are hypocrites. The liquor trade professes to have an amount of charity and christian-like virtues equal to any other class in the community. Are all your farmers the very peak of liberality and honor? Was never such a thing heard of as a lawyer being a scoundrel? Do merchants never go into bankruptcy, with large sums mysteriously unaccounted for? And you who occupy the sacred desk, are you all perfect and above reproach? Are you all so good that you can level the finger of scorn at the liquor seller?

"Sense" affects to believe that no good can come out of the rum selling class. Let me ask him this: What class gives the most splendid donations to the church and to charitable purposes? What land is ever open to the tale of poverty and suffering? Is it the rum-seller or the temperance class. Cathedrals are built, missionary societies endowed; orphan, widow, blind, and a thousand other charitable institutions placed on a firm foundation, and by whom? The sleek, sanctified, mean, narrow-minded temperance man or the open-hearted liquor seller? Of whom hundreds exist all over the country, and many of them are statesmen and philanthropists, and occupy exalted positions in the councils of the country.

I will ask "Sense" a question, and then close. Let us suppose you are a poor man and want to borrow ten dollars to purchase a barrel of flour these hard times for your family. To whom would you apply for the assistance? To the Temperance Society, of which perhaps you are a member? "No," you reply, "Temperance Societies are not loan shops." Would you apply to your temperance brother down the way, who is both rich and mean, who has a twang to his voice and a shake to a head containing enough self-righteousness for a whole Roman legion, who frowns at poverty and suffering, and spares his sympathy for the rich like himself? Do you ask favors from such men, or do you go to the liquor seller? Whom you have probably been abusing, but whom you know would hand out two five dollar bills with a smile and a pleasant word.

Liquor selling is attended with no difficulties. A license has to be obtained and paid for, and the licensee is visited with severe penalties if he by any act contravenes the statute. Besides this, all the odium resulting from temperance is visited on the headless head of the liquor seller. Many a young man learns to drink at his father's table, and is physically and morally a drunkard before he ever enters a bar room. And yet how often are we told that the rum-seller ruined such a one? Does the vendor drag the victim into his den and forcibly pour the distilled poison down his throat. No! Men go there to satisfy their cravings after they have already learned the habit of tipping in society. When the slave-trader cursed this continent, were the slave-traders held to be alone responsible for slavery? No! The planters who owned the slaves and worked their plantations with them, and had the benefit of them, did not shirk the moral responsibility of slavery; and if the drinking habit of society countenance and support the rum-seller, why should he be painted on every occasion as

a demon of the blackest dye? Why should the servant—the rum-seller—be trodden upon as a reptile, and his master—the drinking customs of society—be cursed? Of course it is considered a highly edifying practice for temperance orators to indulge in fierce spread-eagleism at the expense of the rum-seller, but did it never occur to them, that their withering blasts, being wrongly directed, were harmless; that if there was no desire on the part of the people to drink intoxicants, there would be no rum holes; that the evil exists in the people and the rum shop is a result and not the cause of the evil; that education is the surest and only preventative, and that a humane legislative enactments, even though made by so august a body as the Westminster Sessions, are powerless against the will of the people.

Yours,
LIQUOR SELLER.

Chiquetto Post.

SACKVILLE, N. B., NOV. 10, 1871.

The River du Loup Railway.

The New Brunswick Railway Co., formed for the purpose of building a Railway from Fredericton to Edmundston to connect with River du Loup, having failed to secure capital in England, has closed a contract with Messrs. E. R. Burpee, Alex. Jardine, C. H. Fairweather, Isaac Barpee, John B. J. Devereux, and W. W. Turnbull, of St. John. The work of location, survey, &c., will be at once commenced. The road will be 16 miles long and the gauge 3 feet 6 inches. The contractors are to survey, construct and equip the line and to receive certain lands, bonds and stock of the company. Bridges across the St. John River at Fredericton and Woodstock will be built. Our readers will remember that the Government gives 10,000 acres per mile in the County of York, Carleton and Victoria; that the municipalities of York and Carleton have appropriated \$100,000 each; the Sessions of Victoria, \$50,000; the city of Fredericton \$25,000, and the N. S. and N. B. Land Co. \$25,000. It is expected that St. John will contribute heavily to a work that will bring her into close connection with Quebec and the upper Provinces.

Mount Allison Public Exhibition.

The Exhibition at the closing of the first Term took place on Tuesday afternoon last, at Lingley Hall, which was usual on such occasions was well filled. We subjoin the programme:—

Devotional Exercises—Rev. C. Stewart, D. D.

Music—Psalms from Hymns—Chorus. Declaration by Students of Male Academy. Flight of Xerxes—Frank Scamman. Irish Hymn—James Freeman. On to Freedom—M. R. Knight. Classic Learning—Fred. Wright.

Music—Piano Solo—Miss L. Stewart.

Essays by Young Ladies. Beacons—Miss Edith B. Patterson. Mountains—Emma R. Burdell. Epidemics—Jeanette L. Morse. Life's Elms—Annie R. Trueman.

Music—Thou art the Star, (Song)—Miss Trenholm.

Declaration by Students of College, Junior Class.

Grief for the Dead—John Ellis. The World, the Great Instrumentality—Benj. Chappell. Funeral Ode to Wellington—John P. Lawrence.

Is man the Architect? (original)—J. W. Doull, affirmative; H. R. Baker, neg.

Imperishability of great Names—D. W. Johnson.

Selection from Locksley Hall—G. J. Bond.

Music—Tarentelle, (by S. Smith)—Miss Trueman.

Doxology. Benediction.

The Literary Exercises were of a character to please the most fastidious taste. The recitations by the Academicians and Collegians bore strong evidence of good training in an eloquent point of view. This is an important object, as good speaking and good reading cannot have too much attention. The music performed by Miss Stewart and Miss Trueman on the Piano, reflected credit on these young ladies, and gave evidence of careful training on the part of their teachers. The singing by Miss Trenholm shows that this young lady is in possession of a sweet musical voice, with a good deal of compass, and her rendering of "Thou art the Star," was a success. The written original essays by the young ladies must have given satisfaction to the intelligent audience, being characterized by clear,

concise reasoning, and, what is not generally the case, being distinctly and audibly read.

The Reports of Principal Inch, Vice-Principal Mellish, of the Male Academy, and President Allison, were most satisfactory. The progress of the various classes during the past term was read and substantial; the examinations for some time past have not been more gratifying; and the health of the students has been almost unexceptionable. The attendance at the Ladies' Academy was fifty-four, at the Male Academy fifty-four, and at the College twenty-eight.

Wesleyan Sabbath Schools.

As it is deemed all but impracticable in this locality to continue Sabbath School operations during the Winter months, arrangements were made with a view to render the closing exercises of the Schools in connection with the Wesleyan Church in Lower and Upper Sackville of an interesting and profitable character. An appropriate service was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Lower Sackville, on the evening of last Sabbath week. A very large congregation assembled on the occasion. Devotional exercises at the commencement were conducted by the Superintendent of the Circuit. Scripture lessons read by the Rev. Dr. Stewart, when the other exercises of the evening consisted of recitations of Scripture texts by the several classes. Texts selected by the scholars at the request of the Superintendent of the school, each text containing one or more of the names and titles of our Lord Jesus Christ. The choice of texts was admirable, and the quotations commendably correct, excellent and appropriate. Hymns and pieces were sung by the choir. A good verbal report of the operations of the school was given by Mr. Chappell, in which touching and suitable reference was made to those who had taken a deep interest in the school, but who had departed this life during the year. Highly appropriate and impressive addresses were then delivered by Professor Inch and Rev. Dr. Stewart, a few words more added by Rev. E. Brettle, and suitable remarks bearing upon the character and prospects of the school by Mr. Robert Bowser, the Superintendent. The meeting was an exceedingly good one and, we believe, gave general interest and satisfaction.

The closing exercises of the Sabbath School in Upper Sackville was held in the Wesleyan Chapel of that place on Wednesday afternoon of the same week, and the exercises were of such a character as to reflect great credit upon all concerned. The exercises were chiefly conducted by the Superintendent of the school, John Fawcett, Esq., who has conducted it for eleven years. A variety of Scripture questions was proposed, and suitable and correct answers readily given. A large number of recitations, including some amusing and interesting dialogues, were given; some by very young children and some by adults. Two very appropriate essays were read—one by Miss Goodwin and the other by Miss Fawcett. An excellent closing address was read by Mr. C. Wheaton, which was immediately followed by the presentation of a large and handsome copy of the Holy Scriptures to the Superintendent of the school, by the young people, as a grateful testimony of their appreciation of his services. The presentation, by one of the young men, was accompanied by a short and suitable address, and as suitably acknowledged by the Superintendent, who had been taken altogether by surprise. During this interesting service, Mrs. Chappell Fawcett presided at the melodeon, and we had some well-selected Sabbath School melodies sung, in which we were delighted to hear the voices of very little children as well as others. The attendance was large, and all were evidently much interested. And to crown all and finish up well, the parents and friends had furnished an abundant repast of the most tempting eatables, including a variety of fruits. The meeting closed with the Doxology and Benediction. Such a service could not be otherwise than popular, and though we regret the necessity of suspending for nearly half a year the Sabbath School operations, we took a very favourable impression of the character and usefulness of such closing exercises.—Com.

Meeting of the Shareholders of the Lawrence Manufacturing Company next Thursday.

OBITUARY.—With more than ordinary feelings of regret we record this week the death of Mr. Andrew Ford, after only a few days illness. Mr. Ford was not only an active, stirring, and sterling man of business, but also a most useful and public spirited citizen. Kind hearted and charitable, he has ever been an earnest friend to the sick and needy. His last sickness was caused by exposure in attending a stranger who he had known and died here a few days ago. We tender our condolences to his sorrowing widow and family.

NEW STORE.—We omitted to mention, before the recent establishing here of a new Store by Messrs. J. M. Mahon & Co., for the sale of Dry Goods exclusively. Every one likes to purchase goods cheaply, and Messrs. M. Mahon announce that they will sell at St. John prices for cash. We wish them success. See Advertisement.

FIRE-ENGINE is building up. Wilson Bentley & Co., are erecting a large steam grist and saw-mill, which will be in operation in a few weeks. The cost will be over \$7,000. The engine is 40-horse power, and the machinery is of Bradford (Canadian) manufacture. Mr. M. B. Harris is building a large store, and a number of dwelling houses are being erected.

Dr. Tupper is charged by two Halifax papers with having given orders to Campbell, the Halifax Post Office thief, to open and destroy letters sent by the Local Government to their supporters in the country. The charge is a commentary on the intensity of party feeling in Nova Scotia.

The 23rd instant is Thanksgiving Day in Nova Scotia.

The Boston Post, daily, semi-weekly and weekly, takes a front rank in journalism. It is a live newspaper. Its editorials are strong and pointed; its news is late and reliable, and its literary selections, correspondence, etc., are rich and racy.

A Bear was shot by Mr. M. Phinney at Miglio on Friday last. The skin of his head measured six feet long and the same in width.

Mount Allison Classes meet to-day.

I. Q. G. T.—The following are the Officers-bearers of Pioneer Lodge for the ensuing term:—

A. B. Dixon, W. C. T.; Miss E. Richardson, W. V. T.; A. W. D. Knapp, W. S.; Miss Hattie E. Bowser, W. A. S.; A. W. Dixon, W. S.; A. Anderson, W. E. J. W. Doull, W. C. T.; Thos. Patterson, W. Chap.; Thos. Patterson, W. M.; Albert J. Fawcett, W. D. M.; Thompson Trueman, W. G.; Robert Bowser, W. S.; Miss Mary Ford, R. H. S.; Miss Edith Richardson, L. H. S.

HEALTH AND HOME, for November has been received. Its table of contents embraces such articles as The Health of our Women; Conversations about Health; Work done by the Lungs; Hydropathy and Hygiene; Care of Infancy; How to avoid Malarious Fevers, Scarlet Fever, etc. It has also miscellaneous Health Notes; Home Varieties; Plants and Flowers; and convenient house directions. It is hereafter to be published by DePay, Homer & Co., New York. Price \$1.50 per annum.

HARPER'S MONTHLY for November has been laid on our table by Mr. Chipman, Stationer, News Agent, &c., Amherst, to whom we are frequently indebted for late periodicals.

BOTSFORD BIBLE SOCIETY.—The ninth Annual Meeting of the above Society was held in the Botsford Town Hall on the 7th inst.

The President, Mr. Adam Scott, in the Chair. The Secretary having read a Report of last year's proceedings, stated that the sum of eighty-one dollars and twenty-six cents had been collected this year, and that one district had not been heard from.

The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Clark and Rev. Sam. Boyd. The usual resolutions were passed, and the following persons were elected officers-bearers for the ensuing year:—Mr. Adam Scott, President; Mr. Joseph N. Avard and Rev. Samuel Boyd, Vice-Presidents.

Committee.—Rich. Dobson, John Blacklock, A. C. Wells, John Anderson, Moses McMorris, John Raworth, Bowden Chapman, Bill C. Raworth, J. B. Maxwell, Robt. Copp, John Peacock, Stephen Davis, and Robert Scott.

Wm. Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer and Depositary.

Lady Collectors.—Miss Margaret Murray, Miss Eliza Cadman, Miss Susannah Blacklock, Miss Teresa

Wells, Miss Margaret Amos, Miss Mary A. Davis, Miss Celia Copp, Miss Isabella Lovthorpe, Miss Almira M-Morris, Miss Langhorne Allen, Mrs. Alfred Raworth.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"THE CHANNINGS," a novel by Mrs. Henry Wood, authoress of East Lynne, etc., has been placed upon our table by Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, of St. John. It is published in a neat form by the Canadian News and Publishing Company, who are first unrivalled either American or English houses in the publication of cheap works.

THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST for November has arrived. It is full of valuable farming news, etc., as usual. Orange Judd & Co., Publishers, New York. Our subscribers may order from this office at club rates. With the Post, \$2.15.

THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN is received regularly in exchange. Machinists and others, desiring a really valuable and cheap scientific newspaper, cannot do better than subscribe. Our subscribers may order it from this office at Club rates. With the Post, \$3.25.

THE ECLECTIC MAGAZINE for November is at hand. It contains the cream of the foreign literature of the day. In Biography, Belles Lettres and general literature—its peculiar department, it has no superior. It may be ordered from this office at Club rates. With the Post, \$5.00.

Few people, unacquainted with physiological chemistry, are aware of the quantity of iron in the blood, but all should know the importance of keeping up the supply, for debility, disease and death are sure to follow when the quantity becomes too much reduced. The Peruvian Syrup (a decoction of iron) supplies the vital element, and has cured many chronic diseases.

ADVERTISING AGENCIES.—It is a fact that all those persons doing a business which requires extensive advertising, and who from the mode of conducting it are able to arrive at a close approximation of the results produced by each separate investment in this way, are universal in the opinion that better contracts can be secured by the aid of an advertising agency.

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St. John Central Market.

REPORTED BY C. E. SHERBURY, COMMISSIONER AGENT, 111 UNION ST.

Nov. 8, 1871.
Flour—Canada super \$3.90 a \$7.00
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Wheat, fresh 2 1/2 a 3 1/2
Corn Meal 3.50 a 5.00
Oats, P. E. Island 50 a 55c
other 45 a 50c
Firm Butter 18 a 20c
Roll 20 a 22c
Tallow, best 7 a 8c
Lard 12 a 15c
Eggs, fresh 23 a 25c
Smoked Hams 10 a 12c
Shoulders 9 a 10c
Beef 4 a 6c
Veal 3 a 4c
Potatoes, new 50 a 60c
Mutton 5 a 6c
Lamb 5 a 6c
Fresh Pork 5 a 6c
Geese 40 a 50c
Chickens per pair 25 a 35c
Turkey, per lb. 11 a 15c

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE CORNER STORE.

A LARGE and well-selected Stock of DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, &c., just opened at the CORNER STORE, consisting of:

BROCADES, Tartan Plaids, MERINOES, Wines, Larders, Shille Cloths, Collops, Waterproofs, Repps, Broadcloths, Serges, &c., Duckings, Beavers, &c.

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RAISINS, Currants, Spices, Extracts, &c., Sugars, Molasses, Syrups, &c., &c.

80 brls No. 1 & 2 Apples.

200 brls Flour and 50 brls of Meal to arrive per schr "Wild Hunter," from Boston.

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Shovels, Axes, Horse Traces, Skates, &c., to arrive per Schooner Victory from St. John.

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Country Produce always taken in exchange for Goods. 3,000 bushels Oats wanted, for which bull cash will be paid.

DIXON & FAWCETT.

PARIS, Nov. 13. The Court Martial is rapidly disposing of the Communist prisoners. Of the accused who have been tried 10,645 have been discharged, 772 convicted, and sentenced to various degrees of punishment.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 12.

Bank has reduced discount to four per cent. Pierre Bonaparte, the assassin of Victor Noir, was married on Saturday at Brussels, to Mlle Riffin.

New York, Nov. 12.

British Claims Commission meet in Washington on the 14th. Piggott, proprietor of the Dublin Irishman, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment for an inflammatory article during the trial of Kelly.

New York, Nov. 13th.

The World's special says:—A formidable plot of Bonapartist General's, headed by Fligny, to arrest Thiers and proclaim the Empire, has been discovered. Plotters' papers are in possession of Thiers, who is confident of the failure of the conspiracy. It is announced officially that there are forty cases of cholera on board the German steamer Frankfurt, lying at quarantine in New York. There were twenty-eight deaths on the voyage.

The statement that the Pope requested residence in France is untrue. The fire in Geneva destroyed two blocks of houses, duty, and Hotel Couronne.

Terrific consternation, but the military preserved order.

Cholera is spreading in Constantinople; the number of deaths is increasing daily.

Scott Russell writes to papers the history of the Social Movement; says if Prince Albert had been alive he would have been its leader. Movement originated in proposals for union between a poor and working-man. He denies that its objects or motives are political or revolutionary, and strongly advocates it in the interest of social progress and reform.

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for a Circular, or enclose 25 cents for their One Hundred Pages Pamphlet, containing lists of 8,000 Newspapers, estimating, showing the cost of advertising, also many useful hints to advertisers, all of which will be sent gratis, to those who are known as *SERVICES*. This firm are proprietors of the American Newspaper Advertising Agency.

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and are possessed of unequalled facilities for securing the insertion of advertisements in all Newspapers and Periodicals at lowest rates.

NOTICE.

A Special Passenger Train.

To connect with the steamers of the "Great Eastern" and the trains of the Western Extension Railway, will, on TUESDAY and FRIDAY of each week, during the remainder of the present season, leave Sackville for Port of Spain, leave Port of Spain for Sackville, at 9 p. m., and Sackville for Port of Spain, at 9 a. m.

LEWIS CARVELL.

Government Railway Office, St. John, N. B., 25th Oct. 1871.

R. S. STAPLES & CO.

HAVE received another lot of New Goods, per steamer "Sackville," and "Empress." NEW HOSIERY, NEW GLOVES, New Scotch Rib Dress Gowns, New Scotch Rib Shawls—a splendid assortment. New Black Overalls, New Black Underclothes, New Fancy striped pattern skirts, New Berlin Wool Goods. Good value in Blankets, Flannels, &c., all of which will be sold at low prices. Inspection invited.

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JUST RECEIVED.

30 CASES AXLE GREASE, 50 1/2 Rail Road Nuts, 200 doz. AXES—Axe-heads, Heads and Grapes. 1 case superior CUTLERY, 2 cases containing Patent Braces, Taps, &c. per Sprague, Stock and Die, Ferrier's Hammers and Punch, Hinges. Low for sale.

W. H. THORNES.

nov 16

Extra Scaled Herring.

ONE THOUSAND boxes Extra Scaled Smoked HERRING. For sale by BARBOUR BROS.

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PICKLED SALMON.

Received ex Railway:— 3 BBLs. Pickled SALMON, a choice article. BARBOUR BROS.

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3 Tons.

Just received from Toronto via Portland: TWENTY-ONE Cases and 10 bbls—Tons of 3 tons of Choice OXFEET TONGERS. 30 varieties. For sale by W. C. TREADWELL.

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Wool Oil.

TWENTY-FOUR bbls. best quality WOOL OIL. For sale by W. S. CALHOUN.

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Fancy Stationery, &c.

Have received per late arrivals:—INKSTANDS, in Glass; Paper Media; Bric-a-brac; Stationery; Writing Desks; in Rosewood, Walnut and Mahogany; Money Boxes, in Pearl, Ivory and Shell; Card Cases, in Pearl, Ivory and Shell; Photograph Albums, in every variety of binding; Ladies' Companions, Scissors, Foot Rubbers, Toy China Tea Sets, Thermometers; Color Boxes, Dominoes, Kaleidoscopes; Toys; Hair Brushes,