

LOCAL MATTERS

Seeds We direct attention to the advertisement of Mackenzie & Co. The seeds advertised are fresh and every gardener should purchase his stock at once.

Bay du Vin Bridge. We learn steps will be taken immediately to get up this Bridge; and we may say the sooner the better now. When the river opens, it will be a long and drive for teams to have to "go around" axle deep in the mud.

Smelt Fishing. The hook and line smelt fishing has fairly commenced. The river is black with small boys provided with hook and line. They fish through holes in the ice, and each little fellow of a fine day can take 7 to 8 dozen. The smelt caught now are delicious.

Spring Blossoms. Once again we have to acknowledge the kindness of Mr. J. Bebbington, Fredericton's most skilled florist, in sending us a box of beautiful rosebuds. They reached us fresh and rosy as when plucked from the parent stem, and breathed the generosity of the sender. May Mr. Bebbington's roses never fade.

The Index. The past few days a large number of young men belonging to the Miramichi and who left here two years ago have come home. Several of these were in Pennsylvania. They say they leave a number of Miramichi boys after them, some of whom are ashamed to come home having made so little, and others out of money and employment and not able to come. Where now is the chronicler of Exodus?

Lumber Briefs. Mr. D. Sullivan who lumbered on Renouf, North Branch, has ceased. He had four teams and thirty men employed and got out over a million feet of logs. The stuff is for Morrison and Barchill.

O'Brien Bros. of Semiwagan Ridge, who lumbered on Barnaby River, Middle Branch, have also ceased. They had 3 teams and 18 men employed and got out about a million. The stuff is principally for Mr. J. O'Brien of Nelson.

Painful Accident. On Wednesday night last, Mr. Fenad gestine of Chatham was cleaning a gun, preparatory to going shooting. There was an old charge in the gun, but Mr. F. was not aware of the fact. A little daughter 10 years old, came along and put her hand on the muzzle, while at the same time her father was examining the lock. The gun went off, and the loud report went through the poor little things hand. Dr. Baxter dressed the wound. Last year a little son of Mr. Fenadgestine met a similar accident with a revolver.

That Royal Gardener. There came a Scandinavian Gardener here last fall, and he was fresh from the royal gardens of Sweden. On this account several of our town folk who loves flowers, and horticulture listened to his offer to "make their gardens, like the Royal Swedish gardens." They closed, immediately, and the spoiler entered. He dug up everything he could get, threw them in heaps as you pile black fallow, but as this was "the way they did it in the Royal Gardens of Sweden," it was "a capital idea altogether." The royal gardener is not here now, but is probably in Sweden again. The garden owners stalk through the monuments of bulbs and roots he has left after him, lost to know whether they will sow oats, potatoes or flowers the next time.

Caution. We notice the country is flooded with hand bills containing the following:—

WANTED—5,000 men to work upon the Union Pacific Railway in Colorado, Utah, and Montana. The highest wages paid to laborers, rockmen, ironmen, blacksmiths, track layers, carpenters and stone masons. The Union Pacific Railway guarantees you work as soon as you arrive in Denver. For further particulars call or address H. D. PRICE, Canadian Passenger Agent, Union Pacific R'y Office, 232 St. James Street, Montreal.

The above is a bait and is intended to lure young men out to the territories spoken of. The work guaranteed is by no means certain. The bills are scattered by the syndicate owning the land along the Union Pacific; who want that territory settled. Once out there, they fancy young men will not again come back.

Home Industries. There is present quite a "hum" in the wood industry of Mr. Geo. Cassidy. Mr. Cassidy established a factory in Chatham one year ago, since which time he has placed two circular saws, one gig saw, a turning lathe, a tenoning machine, a mortising machine, a mitre machine, a surface planer, and claspboard planer, and moulding machine. He has also added a sash, door, window and planing machine. He keeps half dozen mechanics constantly employed, in consequence of large orders pouring in every day. He also manufactures Venetian blinds, in which his trade the past two years is rapidly increasing, these articles having been principally imported from St. John heretofore. By close attention to business Mr. Cassidy has made his factory a complete success in all its branches. He will build a kiln for drying lumber in a few days.

The carriage factory of Mr. Hay, is fairly "humming." Mr. Hay has received a number of orders lately, and the prospects are he will have an excellent seasons work—and Mr. Hay deserves this.

Appointment for Northumberland. His Honor the Governor has been graciously pleased to appoint John W. Loggie to be a coroner, John T. Merrean, John T. Bamford, John Pond, Jr., Alexander Cameron, Jr., and Bennie Russell, to be justices of the peace.

New Photograph Studio. Mr. Jas. McClure an accomplished artist from Boston will open up a photograph saloon in the studio occupied some time ago by one Stevens. Mr. McClure has had an extensive practice of his profession in the States, and also in St. John. We fancy he will get much patronage in Chatham.

Correction. Captain Armstrong left word at the STAR office that the paragraph about the "Favorite" in the last STAR was incorrect. It appears his vessel is not a "Scandinavian," and that so far from being obnoxious, and the cause of being caught here, the Captain is the most tractable and gracious gentleman alive, and was not the means of the ship being nipped here.

Advertisements. We call the attention of our readers to the extensive and select stock of spring and summer goods advertised by Messrs Sutherland & Creighton of New Castle; and to the advertisement of Mr. W. S. Loggie's proposed extensive tailoring establishment. We also call our readers attention to the advertisement of Mr. Johnson of the Canada House.

The Census. On Monday next the census commissioners commence their work. Some of the questions seem philosophical. One question for example is "Are you sane or insane?"

We presume the lunatic is expected to answer for himself—and that the commissioner is to record his answer. We suppose those famous Sons of Temperance who passed the Tooley Street resolutions will answer this question with a "no" large as life.

Business Changes. Mr. F. O. Peterson has moved his tailoring business into the establishment lately occupied by A. H. Gillis & Co.

Mr. W. S. Loggie will continue the business lately conducted by Messrs. A. H. Gillis & Co. He has removed the same to the Christie building, which he is having elaborately fitted up exclusively as a tailoring department. Mr. A. H. Gillis who is reputed a first-class cutter will have charge. The department will contain a large stock of cloths, tweeds, etc., much of it imported direct from England. With a first class establishment like this here, it will not be necessary for our fastidious folks to go to St. John and Fredericton in the past, for good material and neat fits. In Mr. Loggie's establishment they can get both. See advertisement.

A New Warehouse. Mr. Geo. Hildebrand of the firm of Johnston & Co., dealers in farming implements, etc. has established an agency in Newcastle on behalf of the firm. This firm now has control of the entire farming districts of the Province, because they sell their articles low, and on easy terms. Two or three carloads of ploughs, etc., have already arrived in Newcastle, but this is a mere beginning. The firm will have everything in the line of implements and make a specialty of mowers, horse rakes, pitchforks, cultivators, ploughs, harrows, etc. Mr. Hildebrand is a good business man; intelligent, correct and honorable in his dealings, and we are much mistaken if Messrs. Johnston & Company will regret having giving him charge of this important district.

STAR BRIEFS.

—Mr. E. A. Straug is about again. —Yesterday was April fools day. —The ice is bad coming up the slips. —Lumber contractors are hunting up and hiring drivers. —Several horses have been in the ice on our river during the week. —Mr. Geo. Cassidy is to renovate the Muslock building in Lower Napas. —Mr. Lamonts large and new machine shop Lower Newcastle, will run this summer.

Messrs. Shank & Barbridge intend employing 15 men at their fish business this spring. A young man named Patrick O'Keefe who was hurt in the Pennsylvania forests last winter has had to come home. Capt. A. Brown is going to Summer side in a few days to repair and bring Mr. W. S. Loggie's schooner here. The schooner was driven in there last fall.

The team of big Island horses which Mr. Gratten got last fall did wonders in the woods this winter. They frequently hauled over 5 ton of birch timber in a load. They hauled 84 trees to the yard one day, a distance of three-fourth miles.

Mr. R. B. Adams intends making spacious alterations in and additions to his residence, and on his premises, in Douglastown. It is probable that Mr. James Troy who has already built so many of the fine residences in Newcastle will carry on the work.

Mr. R. D. Southwood is putting up a salmon freezer for Messrs W. S. Loggie & Co at Point aux Car. Mr. Loggie will put up one salmon than usual this summer, and as stated before will put up about 100,000 cans of lobsters. He did a large fish trade through the winter,

OUR HEMLOCK BARK.

The House of Assembly made no move in the hemlock matter but they wrangled for weeks over matters of no earthly importance. The duty of the Government is to take some constitutional means of putting a restriction on the wholesale exportation of our hemlock bark. There is bark enough in our forests for our own tanneries and factories for the next half century to come, not counting in the bark yet to grow; but under the present wholesale slaughter system, it will not last ten years, nor five years. For a certain sum we gave up our right to export duty, so that it is not competent for the legislature to impose an export tax on raw bark. We suggested an equivalent and that an increase of the stumpage tax on all bark cut for other than local tanning or provincial extract factories. It is thought by some of the legal minds of the Government that they have not the power to do this; but they certainly have the power to place a uniform rate of stumpage on all bark cut in the Province; and to allow a drawback on that cut for home tanning or extracting. The case is too serious now to be longer left as it is because of indefinite treaty scrapes.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

LUMBER RINGS AND CROWN LANDS. Our chief source of revenue now is lumber lands. These once exhausted, it seems difficult to see from where we are to get our revenue. We shall always get an allowance from Ottawa according to our population, but on that alone, we would never be able to get along. Our forests are fast disappearing before the armies that are in them every year. The harvest will soon be over; and when it is we prophesy that thousands will say, "When we had plenty of timber, the Government seemed to care nothing about it. A few big speculators rushed in and cut down the forests, made fortunes, while there was little check put upon them."

And what they will say is true. Our lumber lands are in the hands of a few big speculators, who form rings, agree upon a price, go to the sales of Crown Lands, bid a certain figure and stop at that. The land is knocked down (or has been for too long) to the ring bidder, and then the spots are divided. Two lumber firms at war in all their other dealings, are at peace on the day of Crown Land auction. They shake hands, talk a while, and agree. They fix upon a certain price. Thus it will be seen the Crown Lands have been at the mercy of the lumber rings, the heavy speculators, who get their own terms, while the small purchaser, the poor man who can only take a couple of hundred acres has to pay high figures, and be swamped by the "heavy fellows."

Hon. M. Adams saw this and resolved to put a stop to it. He reasoned this way. Three or four years ago, lumber brought a poor price, a price that hardly paid the lumberman. Now it is different. The trade is at its highest, and deals are worth a large per cent more than some years ago. But shall the Government stand mutely by, and see these speculators, in the palmy days of the trade, control the sales, and pay no more for their lands than when the industry was struggling? So he set to work to break up the rings, and he has in a measure succeeded.

The moment the ring is broken, and the big schemers are put on the same footing as poor men, they cry out like balked hyenas. Some of these to whom we refer have been gorging of late on the public lands, building great houses, and buying up farms, while they have ground down their employes in the very dust. It is time the big lumberman was put on the same footing as the small lumberman, and the thanks of the country are due Hon. Mr. Adams for taking the grip with the powerful and influential in the interests of the poor strugglers. If these well gorged speculators chose to cry let them. They are better able to pay a lumber tax than the poor man. Even though their own story be true, we have no pity for them, and the Surveyor General has been merely performing a duty that will earn him the gratitude of the country.

On the same subject, an exchange says, "It is a notorious fact that lumber rings are frequently formed for the purpose of obtaining Crown lands, or leases of the same, beneath their real value, and that the country has thereby lost tens of millions of dollars."

The plan adopted has been, for the few who knew the value of the lands, to meet before the sale, and agree among themselves to buy them in at the upset price, and then offer them for sale in the ring, so that he who did not get the land would get the money. We are aware that the present Surveyor General has done his best to prevent this, and has succeeded to a considerable extent in doing so. The alterations, however, which we suggest would, we think, greatly aid him in his laudable endeavor to discharge faithfully the duties of his office, which, so far as we can learn, he has always done to the best of his ability.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Sir Hugh Hoyle, late Chief Justice of Newfoundland, intends making his future home in Toronto, where he has purchased a beautiful residence.

A frightful accident happened at Jordan River, six miles from Shelburne, N. S., on Tuesday, by which one man was instantly killed and another seriously injured. A schooner being launched after being repaired, was caught by the wind, and fell over on her side upon the men who were working underneath her; instantly killing James Hardy, seriously

injuring Benjamin Smith and slightly injuring a workman named Potts. Mr. Hardy was part owner of the vessel, was 45 years old, leaves a wife and large family and was a municipal councillor for the district of Ragged Island Bay, where he resided.

The Maple Leaf also wants the Legislative Council abolished. It says speaking of the division on the Bill up stairs: "The affair, from beginning to end, was a farce and so destitute of humour as to be a fat farce indeed."

The detestable Wallace Ross is again before the Canadian Public. He wants to row a race in Halifax, but the News thinks there are many things St. John people ought to know, from their past experience of Wallace before they will trust him again. The law should interfere and send coarse, strong fellows like Ross to the workhouse.

Somebody knocked down an organ grinder the other day in St. John. The sage of the News hoped it was "the lay of the last minister."

Yesterday Mr. Irvine was elected member for Carleton by a majority of 47 votes over Mr. Connell. This makes the second victory the Grits have won since 1878, out of some 40 elections—says the Post.

There are 8,303 miles of railway in operation in Canada, worth say \$281,000,000. Average cost per mile 45,000. Earnings \$23,500,000. Operating expenses \$16,840,000. Persons killed 87. Injured 102 last year.

The revenue from Crown Lands of Nova Scotia this year is up to \$20,000, against \$150,000 in New Brunswick.

The catch of codfish at Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, for the last two months averaged about five to six quintals for each two handed punt. Herrings had been very plentiful in some localities—in others very scarce. The American vessels had all obtained their loads and returned home.

GENERAL NEWS.

Lord Beaconsfield is very ill. Greece is still "going to fight." There is peace in Peru.

The Pall Mall Gazette thinks the war in the East will be averted. There is a fair prospect that the Powers will insist upon the acquiescence of Greece in any arrangement which receives the sanction of Europe.

Mr. Parnell, in a ten days' tour through the Province, will address meetings at Birmingham, Manchester, Bradford, Newcastle and Glasgow. He will be accompanied by Mr. T. P. O'Connor. The first meeting will be held at Birmingham.

A page of the Car has been arrested on the charge of secretly serving a sentence of death upon the late Emperor.

THE IRISH LAND BILL.

It is rumored in London on good authority, that the Government Land bill will not offer the Irish tenants fifty of tenure, though it will afford increased stability of tenure, and that it contains clauses drawn on the lines of last year's disturbance bill, increasing the fine payable by landlords who are adjudged guilty by the courts of arbitrary eviction. Courts of arbitration will be established with power to decide what is fair rent. When disputes arise between landlord and tenant the right of free sales will be given to tenants, subject to the reasonable objection of the landlord to the incoming tenant are reasonable. Valid facilities will be given to tenants to become purchasers of their holdings under the extension of the Bright clauses of the Land Act of 1870. Provisions will be made for the compulsory sale of large tracts of waste land, which will be divided into small farms and sold on favorable terms to tenants. This then is what the land Bill is to come to—is it?

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE ADVOCATE'S BIGOTRY.

To the Editor of the Star: MR. EDITOR.—It may be well to say a few words about the course of the Newcastle Advocate in regard to Irishmen and Roman Catholics. The Advocate is supposed to be a Conservative organ and as such the party are obliged to take some responsibility for the slanders that seem to delight the editors of that wretched sheet. They never seem to be happy unless they can call from some of the most rabid of their exchanges any man slanderous gossip that they think will hurt the feelings of Irishmen and Catholics. In one issue they select an account of the blatant apostate M'Namara and his "charack," which is going to "annihilate Rome," then their foul mouthed New York correspondent is given full liberty to pen gross calumnies against the Irish people, the meanest and most malignant that have ever appeared in this Province, and last week the jackanapes, who uses the scissors to glean the drippings of bigotry and imper tinence, clip from the National Baptist a foul lie that "whiskey ignorance and superstition" are the causes of the distress of the Irish people. Of course the ribald scuffling of the boobies does not amount to much, and if they want examples of "whiskey ignorance and superstition" they need not go far from home, and if they want a pious fraud they may remain still nearer the editorial sanctum of the Advocate. But it would be well to remember that Irishmen and Catholics do not like to be insulted gratuitously even by silly noddies and that they can give the slanders a little touch of "Boycotting" which perhaps might teach them a useful lesson.

THE ADVOCATE'S TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor of the Star:— Sir.—The Union Advocate which professes to be a journal of general information and is in many respects a harmless sheet, always loses its temper and begins drivelling when the Temperance question is brought up. The recent impertinent meddling of our local legislature with the proposed amendment to the Scott Act passed by the Senate gives the editor of the Advocate an opportunity to air himself on his favorite topic.

The members of the local legislature had better remember a homely caution commonly known as the eleventh commandment and "Mind their own business" and leave the manufacturing of cheap temperance thunder to such dignified bodies as the "Northumberland Division" whose "Recording scribe" is capable of wiping out three fourths of our county's representatives with his ardent temperance pen. The men who voted against the "Tooley street" interference of the Hon. A. P. Landry I with the senators showed that they at least understood their position and it would be well for the Advocate and the Northumberland Division and the members generally to be a little discreet. Now that the resolution is passed what next! Why did not Landry move a resolution of sympathy with the Car? or a vote of censure on the House of Commons in England for passing the Coefficient Act? or on the Norwegian Storthing for refusing to submit to the King of Sweden? The Hon. P. A. Landry, if he wishes to become a parliamentary knight errant, will find plenty of opportunity to display his Quixotism, and with the editor of the Advocate for his squire will no doubt create a sensation. That they may win honor in their adventures is the wish of

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