POOR COPY

come had not even the price of a glass of beer. The treasurer showed all the sympathy the heart of a treasurer is capable of showing, and finally the crowd of performers departed in various directions, most of them wending their way to a saloon in Houston street, where they made the best of the situation, saying, "'Ang it, you know, 'ow is a man to get money where hit cawnt be 'ad."

The John Murray Circus replaced the Steve Murray Circus about four years ago, the latter having been in existence about ten years previously. It employed forty horses and fifty-eight men, and its virtual failure was owing to the hard times which weighed so heavily on all classes in the community. The circus is in debt to the performers, canvasmen and others employed to the extent of about $5,000, but the employés do not yet quite despair of having their earnings paid to them in full.—*N. Y. Herald.*

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A WOULD-BE POLITICAL PROPHET.

AMONG the many political rumour afloat is one which has for its author the Manager of the *Advance*. This person, who would have the people of Northumberland believe that he is a second Daniel come to judgment, expresses the opinion that the people of this County have apparently decided to choose Mr. Snowball as the successor of their representative. With all due respect to the gentleman who is thus brought out so prominently in his organ, we can only express our surprise that he would allow such empty and impolitic statements to go forth to the public, enunciated by a puppet whose whole course has been most injurious to the very party he was brought here to support. The Manager is very careful to avoid stating the exact time when this political change is to take place, and so the public are left in the dark as to the exact period. It is certainly not near at hand, and is most assuredly far remote from the date of the next election. However much the Manager may wish to see our veteran representative crowded out to make room for the gentleman who is hand-in-glove with the Premier, and who has been a firm upholder of the present Government and its general policy, disappointment will assuredly perch upon the banners of the party led by the Manager, or we should say the party which that person so blindly and so ignorantly follows. Now that the Grit powers are waning, and the people are anxiously awaiting the time when at the polls they shall pronounce the doom of the present incompetent administration, it does not say much for the Manager's opinion of the intelligence of the people, when he attempts to create a feeling in favor of the person *he* has apparently chosen to represent the County *at some future day*, by telling them that unless the Government make the changes in the administration of the Fisheries, as proposed by the Manager to gratify his selfish and grasping ends, *his* representative will be found in opposition. Easy, friend. The man who will be elected to the honorable and much-coveted position must be one who will be prepared to give an unwavering opposition to the *whole* policy of a Government whose course has been disastrous to the best interests of the country. The Manager's friend cannot take such a step. It would be too inconsistent with his past profession. He could not gain the suffrages of the people by telling them that he opposed *in part* the policy of the Government with respect to the Fisheries, and approved of the policy of the Government with reference to other matters. And yet this is the stand he would be compelled to take, a half-hearted course, with one hand bidding for Government support, and with the other craving the help of the Opposition. There is only one thing which will quiet the Manager, and that is to place him in charge of the management of the fisheries of the North. His almost malignant thrusts at the Inspector from week to week shows his hand clearly, but we shall be greatly surprised to see the Gov't stooping to make a change which would be fraught with mischief to the general interests of our fisheries. A man who can stoop to the mean and dirty work of inditing letters to injure the business of a brother journalist, is certainly not the person who should be placed in a position of so much importance and responsibility. In the meantime, if the Manager wishes to further the interests of this County, he will cease from indulging in ungentlemanly diatribes against those whose positions he covets, and set to work in earnest to perform the duties of a public journalist, with less of that bitterness and acrimony which have characterized the past. Northumberland is not the only County ready to pronounce against the Government. Gloucester is waking up, Restigouche will not be found wanting, and Kent is also ready to do her quota. The Manager may rest assured that these Counties are *safe*.

CORRECTION.—In our account of the excursion in last week's Advocate, we said in referring to the Boom, that it was "now quite empty of logs, although a large number appeared to be lying loose on the beach on both sides of the river, apparently only waiting for a high tide to carry them out to sea unless soon look after." In reference to this statement we have been informed that there is no danger of their going out to sea, as the "trip boom" is kept closed when any logs are running or the tide was high, and that it was left open to allow the passage of the steamer through, as there were no logs running. The logs remaining on the beach would be "sacked" down previous to the taking up of the boom for the season.

Editoral Correspondence.

BATHURST, Oct. 8, 1877.

DEAR ADVOCATE.

Your correspondent has reached the shiretown of Gloucester, after a pleasent and most successful trip around the coast, having added largely to the *Advocate's* roll of subscribers.

After leaving Tracadie I was agreeably surprised to find

THE ROADS

greatly improved since last year, and although there is still room for improvement, the traveller can now proceed along with safety, which has been a somewhat difficult task at various points along the lower portion of the County of Gloucester during the past two or three years.

THE POSTAL FACILITIES

in some places are not by any means perfect, but as the Department has, generally speaking, displayed a willingness to afford to the settlers in remote districts, necessary postal accommodation, I have no doubt that any suggestions thrown out by one who takes a lively interest in such matters will receive careful consideration. At present much inconvenience is experienced by some of the settlers residing along the route between Tracadie and Mr. John Maher's, Pokemouche, a distance of about twelve miles, where there is a post office. There is also a post office about two miles further on at Allard's. Both these offices are doubtless required, as they accommodate many settlers, but the stretch of twelve miles referred to is altogether too great a distance to be unprovided with postal accommodation. An office at Mr. John Hammond's or some other dwelling about midway between Tracadie and Maher's office is really very much needed, and should be established without delay. There is no doubt that Inspector McMillan will do his best to accommodate the people in this matter, which to them is one of considerable importance. They not only labor under the disadvantage of having to go a long distance to the first post office at Maher's, but sometimes find that their letters and papers have been conveyed to the office two miles further on.

Your correspondent, during a previous trip, interested himself in the matter of a post office at Portage River, near the line dividing the two Counties of Northumberland and Gloucester. An office was at one time kept at Mr. Alex. McDermaid's (since deceased) but for some reason was discontinued. Its want has been greatly felt, but the annoyance will soon cease, as an office is to be established at the residence of Mr. John Young, jr., a short distance from the place where the office was previously kept.

TWO NEW SCHOOL HOUSES

are in course of erection in the thriving settlement of Pokemouche, one in district No. 2, the other in the "Creek" district. The latter will be completed in a few days, and the former some time next spring. There are three schools in operation in the settlement, all of which have a good average attendance. One of the schools is taught by Miss Babineau, of St. Louis, Kent, sister of Father Babineau, one of the Priests in charge of the Church at Tracadie.

BUILDING OPERATIONS

Mr. Joseph Sewell is preparing to erect a residence on the site, where, last season, he lost a very comfortable residence by fire. Mr. Wm. Walsh, Great Roads Commissioner, is extensively improving his place, making several additions to his barns and outhouses. He intends shortly to commence the foundation of a new residence, the stone for which is already on the ground.

A NEW BRIDGE

is being built over the Pokemouche River from Joseph Sewell's to Arsineau's, which will accommodate the whole settlement. It seems to have been very much required, and the people are very grateful to the Gov't for ordering its construction. It was at this point where the sad accident occurred last spring, when four persons who were returning home from Church on Ascension Thursday, were drowned while crossing the river to what is commonly called the "Island." The bridge is 770 feet long, will cost about $1500, which is considered a very low figure, and will be completed by next fall.

NEW SAW MILL.

In the spring of 1876 the water mill belonging to Messrs. Whelan and Herbert was destroyed by fire, the loss of which has been a very great drawback to those who were looking forward to the erection of new dwellings, or to the improvement of those already erected. The settlers are pleased to hear that Mr. John Herbert, intends to build a new mill on the Maltenpeek stream, about seven miles above the Pokemouche bridge, which is now in frame. It is expected that the mill will be in operation next spring.

THE CROPS

with the exception of hay, which has been very light in almost every settlement, have been fairly good, wheat yielding better than for years past.

AT GRAND AN-E.

A Lobster Factory is about being established by Messrs. Geo. Smith & Co. of Bathurst, who have purchased the shore lots belonging to Messrs. Wm. Theriau and Alex. Poirier. The company intend to erect in all four buildings, work on which has already commenced. The dimensions are, 50x22, 40x22, 22x16, 16x15. They intend to erect a large freezer, for the purpose of freezing fish in the summer season for winter exportation. They have also in connection with their business a Lobster Factory at Salmon Beach, a freezer at Bathurst, and an ice house and shipping depot at Petit Rocher.

THE BREAKWATER

at Grand Anse has proved a very great benefit this season. The first block of 100 feet was put together in 1875. The first attempt to float a portion of this block was unsuccessful, owing to the fact that the work of building was commenced too late in the season, and the floating of the same into position was attempted rather late in the fall. The result was that the half finished block was blown ashore during a terrific gale from the North-east. The work was then abandoned for that time, the foreman of the work, Mr. Timothy Coughlan, collecting as much of the timber as could be saved from the wreck. The work was resumed last season early in August, which was also rather late for so important an undertaking, but the contractor persevered, and happily succeeded in floating into position and ballasting the first block of 100 feet. This breakwater has already given evidence of its value, as there is sixteen feet of water at the outer end at high water and 7 or 8 feet at low water, good sized vessels being able to load, even during the prevalence of high winds, with perfect safety, which could not be done before. Another section of 100 feet is now being built upon the shore, which will be placed in position early next season. The work of construction is apparently done with considerable care, the very best timber being used. The sum of $5,000 has has already been granted in aid of this breakwater, but as the balance in hand is sufficient to complete the building only of the additional erection of 100 feet it is to be hoped the Government will still further supplement the fund in order to provide the amount necessary to float and ballast the section now being built. With another small section of from 50 to 80 feet, placed at the westerly end of the block and sloping towards the shore the breakwater will be complete. The Government will perhaps see the necessity of building this small wing when the other block is placed and ballasted. The work is of the greatest importance, giving protection not only to vessels while discharging and loading, but also to the fishermen who ply their vocation in large numbers off the coast.

AT POCKSHAW

a new school house is being built, 30 x 22 feet, 12 feet post. The building is now boarded in, and all the material is on the ground for the completion of the building, which will be finished in June next.

At this place Mr. Howard Duff, of Chatham, carries on a business in preserving lobsters, on the property owned by F. E. Winslow, Esq., and which is offered for sale. Mr. Duff has put up this season 900 boxes, or 3,600 dozen 1 lb. cans.

It is not yet known whose tender has been accepted for building

THE BREAKWATER AT CLIFTON,

or rather an extension of the breakwater commenced by Messrs. Read, Stevenson & Co., who carry on an extensive business in the manufacture of grindstones, but it is generally expected that the tender of his firm will be accepted, as they are in a position to build the work at a much lower figure than others who may have tendered. This breakwater is a work of necessity, and when completed will furnish a safe anchorage for vessels during the prevalence of the severest storms.

Messrs. Read Stevenson & Co., have loaded six vessels with grindstones this season, and intend to load four more before navigation closes.

Messrs. C. P. Lombard & Co., have not done as large a business in the manufacture of grindstones this season, owing to the great depression in the business abroad. They expect however, to carry on a larger business next summer.

On Tuesday evening last a temperance meeting in connection with the Lodge of Good Templars, was held at Clifton, when addresses were delivered by Mr. F. Scott, Mr. Wm. Miller, of Bathurst, and Mr. Anslow, of the *Advocate*. Mr. Battles, a young Bostonian, in the employ of C. P. Lombard & Co., occupied the chair, and at the close delivered a stirring and fervent address. The school house was filled, about 150 persons being present, a large number being unable to gain admittance. The result of this meeting, it is said will be the early admission of a number of candidates, who decided to join the Lodge at the close of this most interesting meeting.

THE FISHERIES

along the Gloucester Co. coast have been pretty good. The catch of salmon was a great improvement on that of previous years. Large quantities of mackerel have also been taken:—One family alone at New Bandon disposed of between forty and fifty barrels, for which they received in cash, ten dollars per barrel. The fisheries of the Bay Chaleur are a great source of wealth, and the only wonder is that the fishing business is not entered into more extensively by our people, particularly those who live along the shores.

Bathurst Matters.

NEW STEAM SAW MILL.

a new firm, Messrs. Burns, Adams & Co., have commenced operations in connection with the building of a steam saw mill to be erected in the town of Bathurst. The site is on the ground known as the "Old Shipyard" near the Big Nepisiguit Bridge. The ground is now being excavated for the purpose of laying the foundation, which will be commenced about the 1st of next month, when it is expected the material will be on the ground. Parties are now in the woods getting out the frame and foundation pieces. The mill will be somewhat similar to that owned by Chas. Sargeant, Esq., Miramichi, and no pains or expense will be spared to erect a first class establishment. The main building will cover a space of 45 x 126 feet; the boiler and engine house taking up an additional width of about 25 feet.—The mill is to be erected under the superintendence of Mr. J. B. Webster, well known as the builder of mills on the Miramichi river owned by Messrs. J. B. Snowball, Esq., D. & J. Ritchie & Co. Chas. Sargeant, Esq., Hamilton & Fish, and also the mill built by H. Swinney, Esq., Tracadie; and now being run by Guy Stewart & Co. The mill will be built for two gangs, although it is probable only one gang will be put in this winter.—The machinery will be of the latest and most approved description, and will comprise, besides the gangs and double edger, lath, paling, stave and clapboard machines. Sawing will probably commence by the middle of May next. This mill will give considerable employment, and will be a very great benefit to the town of Bathurst, and will fill up a void long felt in this section of country. There are four rivers which empty into the harbor of Bathurst, and these rivers are the centres of immense forests which represent almost incalculable wealth, and which are as yet comparatively undeveloped. The lumber is said to be of very superior quality.—Bathurst Pine is well known, and has always commanded the highest price in the British markets. In addition to these rivers, there are a number of streams which empty into the Bay, a short distance from the entrance, and on all of which there are large tracts of spruce and pine lumber lands almost as yet undisturbed. This enterprise will do much to develop these valuable lumber tracts, adding to the revenue of the Province, and the Dominion, besides furnishing constant employment to a large number of men. We understand the firm will be composed of K. F. Burns, Esq., M. P. P., who has conducted an extensive general business in the county for about sixteen years, and who is the proprietor of the valuable saw mill property at Caraquet; S. Adams, Esq., now doing business in Douglastown, Miramichi, and Mr. P. J. Burns, who has had charge of the Caraquet business for the past two or three years. From the well known business ability and energy of the members of this firm, and with ample capital, as well as an excellent location for the prosecution of the business, we venture to predict for the new enterprise a large measure of success.

NEW VESSEL.

The new vessel in course of construction by J. E. O'Brien, Esq., and which was commenced in April last, is rapidly approaching completion and it is expected will be launched on Tuesday next. She has been built under the inspection of English Lloyds and will class a 1 for 10 years. She is a beautiful model, and is said to be one of the finest vessels ever built in the Province, being constructed of the very best materials. She is built of hacmatac,—the stem and stern being of oak, pitch pine keelson and rider, and pitch pine beams. She is thoroughly iron kneed, and copper fastened within three feet of the upper deck. Her masts are all of pitch pine. She will have three tiers of preventer plates for the better securing of the rigging, the plates being fastened with 1⅛ inch galvanized iron bolts. The general run of vessels have only two preventer plates. The vessel measures as follows:—Length of keel, 124 feet, breadth of beam 31 feet 5 inches; depth of hold, 17½ feet; length over all, 134 feet. She registers 511 tons Carpenter's measurement, is expected to be ready for sea about a fortnight after launching, and will proceed from Bathurst in ballast to load either at Richibucto or Shediac. She is owned by L. H. DeVeber & Sons, St. John, and will be run by them. This firm, which is one of the wealthiest and staunchest in this Province, are now the owners of a fleet of from sixteen to twenty vessels.—The *Prince of Chaleur*, which has been built under the efficient superintendence of John Frederickson, Jr., of St. John, will be the finest vessel of their fleet, reflecting alike credit on the contractor and builder. She is to be taken across to Liverpool, with her first cargo, by Captain Vye, of Hopewell, N. B.

It is expected that Mr. O'Brien will construct a large vessel of about 800 tons for the same firm during the coming winter. We sincerely hope that such will be the case. This shipyard gives employment to about seventy men, and is a very great benefit to the place. Your correspondent expresses the earnest hope that the day is not far distant when the various shipyards in the North will again exhibit sigs of activity, as in the past, when this industry was conducted with so much credit to the various shipbuilders.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The following shipments of lumber have been made by K. F. Burns, Esq., from his water mill at Caraquet so far during the present season.

Vessel.	Tons.	Port.	Sub. Feet.
Bk. Venus,	440	Mayport,	391,133
" Embla,	560	Bristol,	478,732
" Soriduren,	394	Liverpool,	366,172
" Moland,	450	"	399,392
" Nina,	566	Fleetwood,	498,875
Total			2134,304

In addition to the foregoing, the *Beaconsfield*, 671 tons, is now on her way from Pictou to load for Liverpool. She is expected to carry 600 M., making, with some small lots shipped to P. E. Island, a total shipment this season of about three millions. Caraquet harbor is an excellent one, and is appreciated by shipowners on account of its safety and cheapness.

A large quantity of lumber has been shipped from the yard of Messrs. Ferguson, Rankin & Co., Bathurst Village during the present season, particulars of which will be given in a future letter. The yard is completely stripped, and has never been so clear since the first establishment of the mill in 1845. The mill will saw for a few days in order to provide a supply of deals, &c., for local consumption.

The death of Mr. John Miller, of Bathurst is very generally regretted by all classes and denominations here. He was a devoted and worthy member of the Methodist Church, and was foremost in everything calculated to advance its interests, while at the same time maintaining towards the other churches that charitable demeanor which marks the true christian. He was for many years Crier of the Courts, and in this position was well and favorably known to the Bench and Bar of the Province. In the evening of life he passed away, to an everlasting rest, leaving behind him a name which will be cherished long after the mortal remains have mingled with the dust from whence they came.

J. J. A.

Presbyterian Synod of the Maritime Provinces.

This Synod, embracing now about 300 members, met according to appointment at Charlottetown, and within Zion Church there, at half past seven o'clock on the evening of Tuesday 2nd inst. The retiring Moderator, Rev. Thomas Duncan of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, conducted Divine Service and preached an appropriate sermon from 2 Cor. v, 14—afterwards the Synod was constituted by prayer by the said Mr. Duncan. As the first item of business was the election of a Moderator, nominees to this office were called for, after a number of names had been submitted and a vote being taken on them it was found that Rev. Mr. Byers of Clitton, N. S., had a majority of votes, and he was declared elected and conducted to the Moderator's Chair. Mr. Byers then thanked the Synod for his election in suitable terms. The office of Stated Clerk having become vacant by the departure of the Rev. M. Falconer of Dartmouth to Port of Spain, W. I., the Synod next proceeded to the election of a Clerk. Several members were proposed for this office, and after a vote had been taken, the Rev. P. Morrison was found to have a majority of votes, who accordingly took his place at the Clerk's table. After the appointment of several transient committees the Synod adjourned till 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Synod convened in the same place on Wednesday morning, and was constituted by the Moderator. After spending half an hour in devotional services, conducted by the Rev. Mr. McLennan and Mr. Blackwood, elder, the Synod proceeded to business. On motion it was unanimously agreed to tender a vote of thanks to Rev. Mr. Duncan for the excellent sermon preached by him at the opening of the Synod and for his conduct in the Moderator's Chair. The report of the Business Committee was read and sustained. The first order of the day was an appeal and complaint to Synod by a member of the Presbytery of Sydney against a decision of the said Presbytery in the matter of uniting the Mission Stations of Singan and Victoria Mines to the congregation of Falmouth Street Church, Sydney, Cape Breton. The appellant Rev. Mr. Murrray, appeared at the bar of Synod in support of his appeal and the Rev. Mr. Farquharson in support of the decision of Presbytery. Parties being heard and received, several motions were submitted, the decision of which occupied the whole of Wednesday. A vote having been taken on the several motions, that of Rev. Mr. Goodfellow, sustaining the appeal and enjoining the Presbytery to ascertain as soon as possible the wants of the Mission Stations in question and to act in the matter accordingly. Against this decision Mr. Farquharson, in name of Presbytery of Sydney, protested and appealed to the General Assembly to be holden at Hamilton in June 1877, while Mr. Murray, and Mr. Grant of Halifax and Mr. Sedgwick entered their dissent from it. The Synod next considered the report of the committee appointed to consider the papers accompanying the application of Mr. Fitzpatrick, a student of Princton College, New Jersey, and a licentiate of the Presbytery of Westchester, New York, to be received as a probationer of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The committee in their report unanimously recommended that the application of Mr. Fitzpatrick be granted, which recommendation, after some discussion, was unanimously adopted.—Both at College and while laboring in the work of the ministry, during the past few months in Nova Scotia, Mr. Fitzpatrick has given proof of his excellent parts as a scholar, and of his gifts as a preacher. He will no doubt prove himself to be a useful and successful minister in any sphere of labor in which God may cast his lot.

Since the last meeting of Synod a few ministers have departed this life and entered upon their heavenly rest and reward. A committee was appointed to draft obituary notices of these beloved brethren whose deaths the Synod deeply mourn.

The next matter taken up was a reference from the committee on the aged and infirm ministers fund. Dr. Patterson explained and supported the reference, stating that this fund was in a very unsatisfactory condition in view of the number of applications of ministers to be placed as annuitants on it. During the discussion upon this important matter, speakers dwelt long and earnestly upon the duty of ministers and congregations supporting this fund, which is such an important part of our church organisation. This appeal, it was felt, would not be in vain but that it would receive a hearty and liberal response from our congregations who have never failed to support creditably every scheme of the church. In connection with this matter it was resolved that the Synod overture the next General Assembly proposing a change in the Assembly's Regulation on the fund. It is absolutely necessary that this fund be placed at once on a satisfactory financial basis, in view of the fact that as year after year rolls past the number of annuitants must increase, and surely it is not in accordance with the teaching or spirit of the religion of Jesus, that his servants who may through age or disease have to retire from the active duties of the ministry, should be allowed by the church to end their days in the cold shade of want. The State makes provision for her worn out servants and surely the church whose mission is to preach benevolence and every good work to the world, cannot do less.

The Rev. Dr. Burns in behalf of the Board of Superintendence on Theological Education reported the progress made in raising the Building and Endowment Fund. Last year the Synod unanimously agreed to appeal to the church to raise $100,000 for this object. Some members while admitting that this sum was absolutely needed, had some misgiving whether it could be raised just now, in view of the depression of business, which like a dark, forbidding cloud, rested on the whole country. The report of Dr. Burns dispelled all such fears. It stated that about $90,000 had been subscribed, and that by only one-half of our congregations, of course the wealthiest half, and that there was no doubt the other half would give considerably more than the remaining $10,000.—The success of this endowment scheme is most gratifying and praiseworthy.—It teaches us to have confidence in the Head of the Church, whose the silver and gold are, to provide the means needed for carrying on His work in our midst. By the time the next Synod convenes the Board of Superintendence will no doubt be able to report that the whole of the $100,000 has been subscribed.

The Synod agreed to meet next year at Pictou, N. S., in Princes Street Church, on the first Tuesday of October.

On the second day of meeting a telegram from Mr. Hamilton, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Queen's University was received by Rev. G. M. Grant, stating that the Board had unanimously elected him Principal of their University; this appointment Mr. Grant has accepted. It is not too much to say that Mr. Grant will worthily fill the chair occupied for many years by Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, who has accepted a call to a parish in Scotland. But the gain of Queen's University will be a loss to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces. His business abilities made him a very active and efficient member. The loss will be even greater to the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, to whom he has ministered in holy things for the past fifteen years. His pulpit ministrations and administrative powers are of a high order, nor did he ever spare these talents but used them zealously to promote the spiritual and the temporal well-being of his people, nor did he forget that he was a citizen of Halifax, in every movement for the intellectual and moral improvement of the city of Halifax, he took a leading part. On every platform where a good cause was to be advocated, Mr. Grant was sure to be found there.—And he never gave any movement of this character a half-hearted support, but threw into it all the force and fire of his strong and warm temperament. His departure to Ontario will be regretted by the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, by the citizens of Halifax and by the Synod of the Maritime Provinces.

Prize Winners.

The Secretary of the Blackville and Derby Agricultural Society, W. H. Grindley, Esq., has forwarded us the following list of Prize winners at the recent exhibition of this Society, which came off on Saturday the 29th September, on the farm of William O'Brien, Esq., Parish of Derby.

PRIZES ON HORSES.

There were only two horses on show as stallions, one belonging to Michael Donovan, Renous River, was not admitted as such by the Judges, the other which was an entire and owned by Dennis McCarthy of Bartholomew's River was judged unworthy of a prize.

Jerry Hollohan, Renous River, first prize for three year old gelding.

Daniel Sullivan, do., 2nd do.

William O'Brien, Derby, 1st prize for two years old gelding.

Francis Walls, do., 2nd do.

William Connors, Blackville, 1st prize for one year old gelding.

Edward Carrol, do., 2nd do.

Edward Burns, do., best foal of 1877.

James Dixon, Derby, 2nd do.

Lindsay Gerrish, Derby, 1st prize for mare three years.

Dennis McCarthy, Blackville, 2nd do.

Edward Carroll, do., 1st do. for mare 2 yrs.

Wm. Connors, do., 1st do. for mare 1 yr.

Morgan Hayes, Renous River, 2nd do.

PRIZES ON CATTLE.

Daniel Sullivan, Renous River, first prize for one year old bull.

Michael McCarthy, Bartholomew's River, 2nd do.

Francis H. Jardine, Derby, 1st prize for three years old bull.

B. N. T. Underhill, Blackville, 2nd do.

Francis H. Jardine, Derby, 1st bull calf, spring of 1877.

William O'Brien, do., 2nd do.

Alex. Ferron, do., 1st heifer calf, spring of 1877.

George Cliff, do., 2nd do.

Francis Parks, do., 1st heifer one year old.

Alexander Ferron, do., 2nd do.

B. N. T. Underhill, Blackville, 1st prize on heifer two years old.

William O'Brien, Derby, 2nd do.

Francis Walls, do., 1st do. on breeding cow under ten years.

Alex. Ferron, do., 2nd do.

Daniel Sullivan, Renous River, 1st prize on pair of steers two years old.

Michael McCarthy, Bartholomew's River, 2nd do.

Daniel Sullivan, Renous River, 1st prize on pair steers, three years old.

Michael McCarthy, Bartholomew's River, 2nd do.

Francis H. Jardine, Derby, 1st prize on pair steers four years old.

PRIZES ON SHEEP.

Edward Burns, Bartholomew's River, 1st prize on ram, one to six years.

William O'Brien, Derby, 2nd do.

Francis Parks, do., 1st prize on ewe one to six years.

William O'Brien, do., 2nd do.

PRIZES ON PIGS.

Francis H. Jardine, Derby, 1st prize on spring boar.

William O'Brien, do., 2nd do.

William O'Brien, do., 1st prize on spring sow.

Francis H. Jardine, Derby, 2nd do.

The successful plowmen were—

(Iron Plows.)

James Dixon, Derby, 1st.

Michael McCarthy, Bartholomew's River, 2nd.

B. N. T. Underhill, Blackville, 3rd.

David Bell, Derby, 4th.

(Wooden Ploughs.)

Cavin Brophy, Bartholomew's River, 1st.

William O'Brien, Derby, 2nd.

George Cliff, do., 3rd.

Edward Burns, Bartholomew's River, 4th.

The weather was beautifully fine and quite a crowd upon the Exhibition grounds. We beg to tender our thanks to the Messrs. Falconer of Newcastle, for their valuable assistance.

W. H. GRINDLEY,
Secretary.

In Brief.

Horse hire must be dear in the Black Hills, for hay is quoted in that part of the country at two hundred dollars per ton...Eight ladies have entered for a rowing regatta at Madison, Wis., U. S. Thus, little by little, woman is advancing to a capacity for paddling her own canoe...Windsor, N. S., has had recently fifty-five cases of diphtheria...Five hundred stacks of hay were carried off by the tide near Charlottetown on Saturday the 30th ult...The yield of apples in P. E. Island is only about one-eighth of what it was last year...Meeting of Electors takes place at Sackville on 15th inst., to form a Liberal Conservative Association...Planks were discovered laid across the rails on the Chaudiere Bridge Quebec, on Tuesday evidently with a view of train wrecking...The Indians of the North-west who are the best "probabilities" in this country, predict a short period of early cold, but a fine open fall after...A negro died last week in Florida aged 115 years; another shook off his coil this week at the ripe age of 115 years, and another is wrestling with old Father Time at the age of 113 years. They are all African born...A hay-drying machine made at the Duke of Sutherland's works at Broro, has been at work at Dunrobin farm, and is giving great satisfaction. Hay that could scarcely be saved with the wet weather was quite fit for the stack after passing through the machine...A Chinese lawyer, named Chay, recently admitted to the Bar in London, is obtaining much influence at home. The Viceroy consults him and the Government entrusts all legal questions to him...Electric candles are the sensation in Paris. They emit no heat or smoke whatever, while in brilliancy they hold the same ratio to gas or oil lamps as sun to moonlight, and they cost only one fifteenth as gas. It is hailed as one of the greatest discoveries of the century...The marble tablet inserted in the large stone over Guibord's grave has been hammered with stones and totally spoiled, and the inscription is so covered with filth as to be illegible...Tramway cars were run on the street of Dundee for the first time on the 29th ult...The iron, coal, cotton, and wool trades in Glasgow are much depressed at present...Nearly £4,000 have been collected in Glasgow in aid of the famine-stricken people of India...Nearly five miles of street in Edinburgh have been causewayed during the summer at a cost of £9,000...A score of Colorado beetles were discovered in the Edinburgh post-office in a letter received from America...Madame Teresa Titiens, the celebrated operatic singer is dead. She was attacked last evening with a difficulty in breathing and faintness. She rallied and appeared to be better until 2 o'clock this morning, when she died quite peacefully...Sir John Bennett, twice elected Alderman, and each time rejected by the Court of Aldermen as unfit to discharge the duties of the position, has been again elected.

Temperance.

The Quarterly meeting of Northumberland District Lodge, No. 14, United Temperance Association, was held with Nelson Lodge, No. 434, at Nelson, on Tuesday evening 25th inst., Revd. W. Craden presiding.

The various officers and Committees submitted their reports which showed that there are now eight Lodges in the County with a membership of three hundred and fifty.

After the business was transacted about an hour was taken up with addresses, songs and recitations by some of the members. After which all departed for their homes feeling satisfied that they had spent a pleasant evening and more determined than ever to work for our noble cause.

The next meeting will be held with Napan Lodge on Wednesday 12th Dec. next, at seven o'clock, p. m.

Albert County Railway.

This railway was officially opened on Friday last, the 5th October. A very large number of prominent men were present upon the occasion. At Hillsborough an address was presented to His Honor, Lieut. Gov. Tilley, who made an eloquent reply.—At Hopewell Corner, the terminus of the Line, another address was presented and replied to. At this place the wants of the inner man were bountifully supplied, and several after dinner addresses were delivered by some gentlemen present. Mr. Domville (the Moncton *Times* reporter,) made a good speech of fifteen minutes duration. He said he had tried to do something for the railway last winter and if he had been better supported he should have been successful. Hereafter he hoped to be more successful if the County would send a man who would give his sympathy and support to measures of value to the County instead of being so strongly partizan as to sacrifice his County for the sake of party. Mr. Domville referred to the commercial depression which Canada had experienced during the past four years and said some thought it was Providential but he did not believe it. He seemed to think it was not Providence but only Mr. Mackenzie. He alluded to the remarks of the Govenor and believed that the Opposition Party in the Province would yet have the assistance of that gentleman in shaping a commercial and railway policy that would enable the Albert Railway to do its complete work in developing the vast resources of the County.

Escape from the Penitentiary.

On Wednesday afternoon last, two men named Shovlin and Martin, escaped from the Provincial Penitentiary, by climbing from the yard to the wall by means of a slab upon which they had nailed slats, and dropping from the wall to the ground. Parties were sent out in search of the escaped convicts, and in the vicinity of the seven mile home Shovlin was discovered, and upon endeavoring to escape was fired at and mortally wounded, dying from the effects of the wound in a short time. The shot was fired by Chief Keeper Keeffe. An inquest was held upon the remains and a verdict recorded exonerating the keeper Keeffe. The *Telegraph* gives the verdict as follows:—"That on Wednesday, the 3rd day of October, in the year of our Lord 1877, Thos. Shovlin, an escaped prisoner from the St. John penitentiary, came to his death from a pistol shot fired by Chief Keeper Keeffe of the aforesaid penitentiary while endeavoring to capture him, and we the jury say that Thomas Shovlin came to his death from the shot fired by chief Keeper Keeffe while in the discharge of his duty."

☞ The *Telegraph* of Thursday last publishes some interesting information as to the business done at the Insurance Agency of Robert Marshall, Esq., as well as a cut of the new Insurance block erected on the corner of Prince William Street and Market Square, and about to be occupied by Mr. Marshall. This fine building is a credit to the city of St. John as well as to the companies represented by Mr. Marshall, and is said to be one of the very best in the city.

The companies represented at the Fire and Marine Insurance Agency of Mr. Rob't Marshall, general agent, notary public and broker, are as follows:—

Imperial Fire Insurance Company of London, established 1803.

The Ætna Insurance Company; incorporated 1819.

The Hartford Fire Insurance Company; organized 1810.

The Merchants' Marine Insurance Company of Canada; incorporated by special Act of Parliament; capital $1,000,000, with power to increase to $2,000,000.

The British American Assurance Company: incorporated 1833.

These companies have an aggregate capital of over $25,000,000, and have over $350,000 deposited with the Ottowa Goverment agreeable to the requirements of the Canadian Insurance Law.

The total losses paid at the General Insurance Agency of Mr. Robert Marshall, prior to the 20th June last, was $970,000, to which if we add the aggregate of claims by the fire of the 20th June, viz: $1,035,000 we have a grand total, of over $2,000,000; a very respectable amount indeed, to be paid as indemnity, to the customers of a single insurance agency, even if located in the principal city in the Canadian Maritime Provinces. The adjusters of Mr. Marshall's companies fully maintained the high and honorable reputation, which these companies have ever held in the insurance world.

☞ The Chignecto *Post* says that J. C. Ayer, Esq., has commenced a frozen lobster business at Wallace, N. S. The process is as follows:—The lobsters after being caught and boiled are allowed to cool, and then wiped dry, and conveyed in crates to the refrigerators, which are 14 ft. square. The refrigerators are six in number, and are kept at a low temperature by the melting of ice, which is passed through them in galvanized iron pipes. Each refrigerator has a capacity of 25,000 each. In December or January the lobsters will be removed to St. Louis or Chicago markets.

☞ The gauge of the Fredericton Railway was changed on Saturday from five feet six inches to four feet eight and a half inches, giving unbroken connection by rail from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

☞ Mr. Wm. Murray has received the contract for painting the tower and front of the Masonic Hall, Newcastle.

☞ From the St. John *Freeman*, of Monday last we learn that P. N. Dumaresq Esq., ex-collector of the port of Shippegan, died rather suddenly, at his home in the St. Isidore, on Tuesday last. He was in good health until Monday when he complained of being unwell. Mr. Dumaresq filled the office of collector for many years and was a most responsible man and an excellent officer. He was superannuated at his own request a few months ago.

☞ James Fish, Esq., of this town, has on exhibition a monster squash, which is about the largest ever seen in this locality.—It weighs 83½ lbs, and girts lenthways 71 inches and broadways 52 inches.

☞ Rev. J. Brewer, a missionary in China, brother of the Rev. W. Brewer, late of Bathurst, was recently assaulted by some students in that country and severely injured.

☞ Rev. W. W. Brewer, of Fredericton, will preach in the basement of the Methodist Church, Newcastle, on Thursday evening next, (to-morrow) at half past 7 o'clock.

☞ Communication signed "Salmon," dated Lower Newcastle, crowded out, will appear next week.

☞ For new lines of dry goods see the adv. of Messrs. Sutherland & Creaghan.

☞ We regret to learn that a case of diphtheria is reported in Newcastle.

☞ Read. Dr. Moodey's adv. in another column.

Married.

On the 3rd inst., by the Rev. Thomas Nicholson, Mr. ROBERT MAIR, Addington, Restigouche, to Miss CHRISTINA FIRTH, Nouvelle Township, Bonaventure.

Died.

At the Manse in Chatham, on Monday, the 8th October, inst., ISABELLA HENDERSON, sister of the Late Rev. Dr. Henderson, aged 71 years.

Funeral this day at 2 p. m., from the Manse, crossing at Chatham and thence to St. James' Church yard, Newcastle.

At Northesk, on Sept. 23rd, after a lingering illness, MARY, wife of Daniel Whitney, aged 35 years, leaving a husband and one child to mourn their loss. Her end was peace.

At Bathurst, on Friday, 14th September after a short illness, JOHN MILLER, a native of Bandon, County of Cork, Ireland, aged 67 years.

At New York, on Wednesday, September 12, JAMES H. McKIE, aged 35 years.

At Chatham, on the 2nd October, Mr. HUGH FRASER, aged 84 years.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF NEWCASTLE.

ENTERED.—Oct. 4, bark Kong Socrre, Neilsen, Cork, ballast, G. R. & Co. 6, stm'r Miramichi, Bacquet, Quebec, flour, R. R. Call.

CLEARED.—Oct 2, b'ks Matta, Leitch, Port Glasgow, deals, G. R. & Co.; Norton, Arthurs, Belfast, do., D. & J. R. 9, bark Vincetore, Ohlsen, Hull, do., G. R. & Co.

PORT OF CHATHAM.

ENTERED.—Oct. 1, bark; Clifton, Jones, Liverpool, ballast, W. Muirhead. 3, barks Matheld Christine, Linstrom, Bristol, do., J. B. Snowball; Margaret, Bennett, Lancaster, do., do. 4, Andes Padre, Massa, Genoa, do., A. Morrison. 5, b'ks Mandarin, Forth, Sharpness, do., J. B. Sn