Miramichi and the North Shore.

EASTER SUNDAY brought very disagreeable weather.

THE MILLS of the Miramichi have nearly all commenced operations.

THE "ARDOVE" is to be ready for her season's work next week.

THE "NEW ERA" is expected to commence her trips to-day or to-morrow.

THE PILOT BOATS, which have been laid up during the winter are being refitted against the opening of navigation.

THE COUNTY COURT for Kent County will meet at Richibucto on Tuesday next. His Honor Judge Botsford presiding.

CHATHAM RAILWAY.—The annual meeting of the Chatham Branch Railway Company is to be held on Tuesday 7th May.

STRING BEANS, some three inches long, grown in the house by a son of Mr. James Searle, Napan, were lately shown in town.

RAFTING.—About eighty thousand of logs were rafted at the Southwest Boom on Monday and, we are informed, about one-hundred thousand on Wednesday.

SHIPPAGAN.—Advices of last week from Shippagan inform us that the Gulley was clear of ice and work on the Breakwater had been resumed. On 15th several ships were seen outside bound for Quebec.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.—Tuesday last was St. George's Day, in honor of which "St. George's banner broad and gay", floated from the roof of the Canada House, the head-quarters of the St. George's Society.

LOGS LOST.—Logs in considerable quantities went to sea with the ice on Monday and Tuesday. It is estimated that nearly a million feet were among the drift ice. The loss falls generally on the Operators.

GOOD FRIDAY.—Last Friday being Good Friday, was observed by many people as a holiday, although the stores were not generally closed. Services were held in the Episcopal and R. C. Churches.

MR. JOHN FENTON, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Napan died on Tuesday afternoon last. The funeral is to take place at twelve to-day, the interment to be at St. John's Church burial ground.

BENEFIT.—On Wednesday evening next, the Students of St. Mary's College, Montreal, will give a dramatic entertainment in the Academic Hall, for the benefit of the fund for the relief of the Diocese of Chatham, N. B.—*Freeman.*

POSTAGE STAMPS.—The Post Office Department has appointed Mr. Herbert Fallen of Chatham, and Mr. E. Lee Street of Newcastle agents for the sale of Postage stamps in the respective towns. This arrangement will be a very convenient one for the public of both places.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Jas. Harnett, Esq., to be a Coroner for the County of Northumberland. Thomas C. Miller, Augustin A. Richard, Alexander Sutherland, James Somers, David Petrie, Edmund Whitney, and Francis Jardine, to be Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland.

PERSONAL.—His Honor Judge Botsford is at Kouchibouguac Beaches for a few days sport, among Geese, Brant, etc.

Mr. W. F. Hannay, of the "Union Hotel," Richibucto, returned home on Friday last after two days shooting. He brought thirty-one ducks and one goose as the result of his sport.

THE ICE went down the river leaving clear water at Chatham on Monday last. The following are the dates at which it has gone out for the past ten years:—

1869—	April 23.	1874—	April 18.
1870—	" 17.	1875—	May 4.
1871—	" 10.	1876—	April 25.
1872—	" 23.	1877—	" 16.
1873—	" 28.	1878—	" 22.

"SHAGY".—The people of Lower Napan are getting very suspicious about the Indians who have been sugar-making back in the woods all the Spring but now are coming out and have been seen lurking about their barns late at night. It is said some one shot a dog belonging to them last fall and they are determined to have revenge.—*Com.*

SUDDEN DEATH.—James Fraser, Esq., barrister, died suddenly at the St. John Hotel, Moncton, on Friday last. Hon. Mr. Kelly, his brother-in-law, who was on that day returning home from St. John, had the remains brought to Miramichi for interment. The funeral, which took place on Sunday afternoon, was largely attended.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Old Times", Derby—your interesting letter came too late for this week. It will appear in next issue. The valued favor of our correspondent who sends the cheering Temperance news from Tabusintac, Burnt Church etc., will also appear next week. We are also obliged to hold over letters of "The Teacher's Friend" and "Teazer" until next week.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY A BROW OF LOGS.—On Friday the body of a young man named Monahan, who was recently crushed to death while in the act of breaking a brow of logs on the Miramichi, was brought to Fredericton for interment. The deceased, who was about 22 years of age, was unmarried, but we believe has relatives residing in Sunbury County.—*Telegraph.*

BE CAREFUL!—We have received information to the effect that reports of threatened violence upon seine fishermen at Napan have been set afloat in official quarters. While we believe that there is no truthful foundation for the statements that are being made, it may be as well for fishermen to be on their guard against those who would endeavor to make trouble among them.

NEW STEAMER.—Messrs. J. & J. Miller & Co., of Derby, have purchased a handsome propellor called the *Grip*, of Kingston, Ontario. This vessel is fitted up as a pleasure yacht and will no doubt prove very fast. The vessel now being built by Mr. Richard Blake, of Chatham, for which engines and boilers are being prepared at the Miramichi Foundry, is intended principally for towing purposes in connection with the factory of Messrs. J. & J. Miller, Derby.—*Advocate.*

ACCIDENTS from the careless use of Firearms have been of frequent occurrence lately. Quite recently Master William Dibblee of Richibucto had his left hand damaged, a pistol having suddenly discharged its contents into the hand.

One day last week Jacob Robertson of Weldford had his left hand damaged by a ball from a revolver. Medical skill from both Moncton and Richibucto failed to remove the ball which still remains in Robertson's hand.

VESSELS FOR MIRAMICHI.—Cleared from Liverpool April 4th for Miramichi, *Carmel*, Gjeruldsen; *James Kenway*, McDonald.

April 8th—*Jardine Brothers*, Neilson; *Chase*, Williams; *Amalthea*, Gray; *Thames* (late *Rock Light*), Jansen.

Loading at Liverpool, April 11th—*Mina*, Schepeler; *Allette*, Knudsen; *Annie*, Evensen.

NEW STORE.—The Executors of the McCulley estate are erecting a very neat store on the corner of Duke and Cunard Streets which will be occupied early in May by Mr. Sydney Carmichael as a Grocery Store. This young gentleman was in business in the old store on the same site for about a year, and his attention to customers, combined with an advantageous situation has given him a measure of success which we have reason to believe will be made complete by the change of premises. The new store is 30x20 feet, and its internal arrangements which are made entirely by Mr. Carmichael, will render it one of the best in Chatham for the business.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.—On Monday John Wilson of Harley Road Settlement, Weldford, Kent had his left leg broken while working at a brow of logs. The accident is of a serious nature, being a compound fracture. Dr. Moody of Richibucto was sent for to attend Wilson who is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

It was reported in Richibucto on Tuesday that a man named Cail of Trout-Brook, Weldford, had both of his legs broken a few days ago.

ROBBERY OF A STORE.—During Friday night last, the store of Mr. E. Strang on Snowball's Wharf was broken into by parties unknown, and as far as could be ascertained, some $40 worth of goods were taken, the articles consisting of two tubs of butter, one side of bacon, and one ham. The thieves entered by the back door of the premises, which seems to have been secured by a wooden bar placed from the floor against it. The instrument used was a pick-axe which was found with its handle broken lying outside the door when the store was opened in the morning.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—The semi-annual examination of the public schools in District No. 1, Chatham, will be held as follows:—

Miss Alexander's Department, on next Friday forenoon.

Miss Haviland's Department, on the afternoon of same day.

Mr. Ogkes' Department on next Monday (forenoon and afternoon).

Miss Williston's Department on next Tuesday forenoon.

The presence of parents is requested.

POLITICS.—The opening spring brings with it activity in politics. Candidates for the Local Legislature are feeling the electoral pulse. Messrs. Kelly, Tweedie, Gillespie, and Adams appear to be on the *qui vive* in Chatham, and some of them have also been in the country. Mr. Swim is on hand again for the suffrages of his friends, and we presume Mr. Davidson has not allowed any of his political opponents to beat him in preparation for the coming contest.

Mr. Snowball's friends are beginning to look after their interests in the matter of the Dominion elections, which are expected to come off in three or four months.

NEW PILOT BOATS.—The following new Pilot Boats have been built this season by different Pilots of this port.

Mr. A. McEachran, a boat of 23 tons, 43½ ft. keel, 15½ ft beam and 7ft hold. Building at Johnston's old Shipyard and intended to be launched to-day.

Mr. William Tait, a boat about 25 tons, 48 ft. keel, 16 ft 9 in beam and 7 ft hold. Building at Escuminac, and to be launched next week.

Mr. Joseph Jimmo, a boat of about 25 tons, 47 ft keel, 16½ ft beam and 7 ft hold. Building at Escuminac and to be launched next week.

Mr. Frank Martin, a boat of about 24 tons, 46 ft keel, 16 ft beam and 7 ft hold. Building at Escuminac and to be launched the last of June.

AN ENQUIRING M. P.—The Ottawa Press despatches contain the following:—

Mr. Mitchell wanted to know if certain changes in Northumberland were made on the recommendation of D. G. Smith, Snowball, or whom?

Mr. Mitchell seems to have forgotten not only parliamentary decency but the simplest rules by which Ministerial privileges are protected. When Mr. Mitchell asked the above question he was desirous of ascertaining whose advice it was that was taken against his own and that of his satellites in his late Department in the matter of the Gaspereaux and Bass fisheries. He knew, however, that the question was an impertinence of which a sober minded man would scarcely be guilty. We hope he was satisfied with Sir Albert's answer.

REPAIRS ON THE TUGS.—For some time the Miramichi tugs have been undergoing repairs for the coming season's work, and a fortnight or so will see most of them ready for service.

The *Sultan*, Capt. Carter, was launched in Muirhead's slip on Friday, the 19th inst. Her hull has been thoroughly overhauled and strengthened, recaulked and fastened. She has also been fitted with a new stem and stern post, and the afterpart of her keel has been renewed. Her machinery has been overhauled and she has been supplied with a new four-bladed propeller and shaft, and also a new iron balance rudder. Her boiler has been thoroughly overhauled and she has been supplied with a new heater.

The *Laddie*, owned by Mr. James Neilson, is undergoing repairs near Mr. Fraser's Foundry, and will have her boiler and machinery thoroughly overhauled.

The *Relief*, Capt. Allan, owned by Messrs. Guy, Bevan & Co., has been fitted with a new compound engine and surface condenser. The high pressure cylinder, 18-inch diameter, is placed immediately above the low pressure cylinder, 30-inch diameter, and supported upon it by six iron columns 10 inches long, the piston rod working through both cylinders, which have a stroke of 22 inches. This engine was supplied by Messrs. Allen Bros. of Carleton, St. John. The hull and boiler of the *Relief* have also been overhauled, and she has been fitted with a new deck house, which will be painted and grained.

The *St. Patrick*, Capt. Phipps, owned by W. Davidson, Esq., and others, has been overhauled in boiler, hull, and machinery, and will be newly painted and grained.

Entertainment of the Dutcher Reformers.

On Tuesday evening the Dutcher Reformers held their weekly entertainment in the Masonic Hall, the audience as usual being a very good one. President L. J. Tweedie, Esq., occupied the chair and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. McBain.

PROGRAMME.

Chorus.—"Shall we meet beyond the River," by the choir.

Address.—By the Rev. Mr. McBain.

Solo.—"The Little Brown Cot on the Hill" by Mrs Nicol, accompanied by Mrs. McAndrews.

Recitation.—"Temperance Song" by Master M. McKay.

Solo.—"Beautiful Isle of the Sea" by Miss Phipps. Accompaniment by Mrs. D. Patterson.

Recitation.—"Temperance and Intemperance" by Master Stanly Murray.

Solo.—"Beautiful Dreamer" by Miss G. Goggin. Accompaniment by Miss L. Loudoun.

Quartette.—"Cantilena" by Misses. Jessie Patterson and M. Haviland and Messrs. D. Chessman and H. Patterson. Accompaniment, Miss A. Sherriff.

Address.—By Mr. W. S. Loggie.

Solo.—"He is not a marrying Man" by Miss Wilkinson. Accompaniment by Miss Annie Shirreff.

Recitation.—"Temperance Poem" by Mr. D. Loggie.

Address.—By the Rev. Mr. McKeown.

Choruses.—"The Maltese Boat Song", "Waiting and Watching" by the choir. Accompaniment, Miss C. Johnson.

Solo.—"Happy Nigger Joe" by Mr. H. Patterson. Accompaniment by Miss Annie Shirreff.

Address.—By Mr. William Rae.

Duet.—"Mary's waiting at the Window" by Mrs. McAndrews and Mrs. Nichol.

Trio.—The old Home ain't what it used to be", Misses. Ettie Loudoun, A. Johnston and Jennie Shirreff. Accompaniment by Miss L. Loudoun.

Dialogue.—"The Irish Inkeeper", by Masters Stafford Benson and Ernest Flieger.

Solo.—"The Dutchman's wee Dog" by Mr. L. Desbrisay.

Recitation.—"A Picture" by Master S. Templeton.

"God Save the Queen" by the choir.

During the evening signers to the Pledge were called for by the President and several persons came forward.

Easter Meetings.

At the regular Easter Meetings held in St. Paul's Church, Chatham, on Monday last, the Rector in the chair, the following were elected:

Wardens—Geo. Burchill, M. Searle.

Vestrymen—G. A. Blair, W. B. Howard, S. Habberley, D. G. Smith, Wm. Wilkinson, T. F. Gillespie, R. Hocken, F. E. Winslow, C. Sargent, R. Carman, John Baldwin, Capt. John Brown.

Treasurer—G. A. Blair.

Vestry Clerk—W. Wilkinson.

Auditors—S. Habberly, W. B. Howard.

Delegates to Diocesan Synod—Wm. Wilkinson, G. A. Blair. *Substitutes*—George Burchill, W. B. Howard.

Several Committees were appointed for different purposes. The new Rectory was reported upon as completed, and the Parishioners' meeting discussed the desirability of making the seats in St. Paul's Church and St. Mary's Chapel free, and although no determination was reached, all present were favourable to the proposed change, which will doubtless be carried into effect sooner or later.

In Great Trouble.

The *Advocate* is in great trouble over fishery matters, two articles on the subject, written after the Inspector's best style, being devoted to alleged mismanagement by the Department. These articles state that the fishermen are deprived of the privilege of using nets, that Mr, Snowball wants to "suppress" the Hatching House, that Gaspereaux and Bass seining are ruinous, etc.

If stake nets are prohibited the Inspector and the *Advocate* are to blame. If Gaspereaux and Bass seines also are such evils, it is a wonder Mr. Mitchell never found it out while he was in charge of the Fisheries Department and if the Hatching House is a failure, it is not the fault of either this paper or Mr. Snowball, as the Inspector, through the *Advocate*, would have us all believe. If the Inspector and the *Advocate* would only cease their unnecessary meddling with our fisheries, and if we had a representative at Ottawa disposed to advise the Minister correctly, a good deal of trouble would be avoided and even the *Advocate* would be in better temper.

Correspondence.

Escuminac Church.

MR. EDITOR:—Communications on this subject have occupied your columns for some time past, censuring the good people of Escuminac with collecting moneys under false pretences, and the Methodist Church with fraud. These anonymous writers were fully and manfully refuted by the Trustees of the said Church over their own names. I then thought the matter was at an end, as one of these writers professed to write for the information of the Presbytery; especially, as I never dreamed that this ecclesiastical body arrogated to itself the exclusive right to occupy this region of country, and sit in judgment on the religious faith and actions of others.

I have carefully watched the spirit and actions of the few, who have with a zeal worthy of a nobler cause, endeavoured to disturb the peace of a community, arouse the spirit of persecution, and charge a Christian Church with dishonesty. But to my surprise, your last issue contained a report of a Committee who profess to have investigated the whole affair. This official act makes my duty plain, and, however reluctantly I enter the field of religious strife, duty calls me to the aid of injured innocents. God will defend the right. We must suppose that this Committee were vested with ecclesiastical, and all needed authority for the full discharge of the duty assigned them, as they have given their report to the public. From their report we find that the Methodist Conference, and the Trustees of the Escuminac Church were on trial for their past offences. Here are two distinct charges; one against the Conference of the Methodist Church, the other against the actions of the Trustees of Escuminac Church. Now, if the spirit of christianity or even fair play, had actuated this Committee in their investigation of the acts of the Conference, they should have, to say at least, requested the Chairman of the District in which the offence was committed to be present, and answer to the wrong doings of which the Conference had been guilty. The burden of the offence, and that in which all the following evils are found is contained in the first section of the report as follows:—

"After careful and extensive enquiry your Committee find"—that the Methodist Conference had sent a preacher to that section of the country before the District meeting had been petitioned to do so.

In defence of this charge against the Conference I have to say, that if the Committee had made themselves as well acquainted with the records of the District meeting of which they write, as they profess to be with the County records, they would have seen that for two years previous to the appointment of which they complain, a young man was asked for in this part of our work. In possession of this information the Committee would not have been driven to such extremities in their attempt to establish what they hoped was a fact, which had no foundation in truth. The first fact with which this Committee would corroborate their statements and condemn the action of the Conference in their appointment of a young man to labour in this section of country, is certainly conclusive in making manifest the spirit of the Committee and nothing more. Must not the readers of that report be amused, to say the least, when they learn that the Methodist Conference of New Brunswick was arraigned before the Miramichi Presbytery for appointing one of their ministers to a certain field of labour. However the heart might be under the influence of a narrow theology, and a sectarian bigotry, I was not prepared in this age of intelligence to see such statements made by any persons, more especially Christian ministers. To save the Presbytery of Miramichi from again putting themselves in such an unenviable position before the country, as to call in question the action or authority of the Methodist Conference as to the stationing of its ministers, I will give to the Committee, the commission under which the Methodist Church is enrolled, Mark 16 chapt., 15 v. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel &c."

As to the charge against the Trustees of the Escuminac Church, they are quite able to answer for themselves, which they have done to the satisfaction of all who are not under the power of sectarian bigotry.

The committee would make their report to resemble the scorpion that has its sting in its tail, when it states that these *Lay preachers* administered the ordinances of baptism.

To the intelligent who know that there are no *Lay Preachers* in the Methodist Conference the report will lose its sting, although the viper will be apparent to every reader.

H. MCKEOWN.

The Escuminac Church.

GLENELG, 22nd April, 1878.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

DEAR SIR:—After reading the Report of the Presbytery on the Escuminac Church, it is needless for me to reply to Mr. Lewis, Wilson and the correspondent in the *Advocate*. Those correspondents and the public must now see how the game was worked, and they must also see that the Presbytery have made a report sustaining me and the position I took in the matter.

I am really sorry for those gentlemen, and the position they occupy now. What will be done now; will they hold property that has not been fairly got, or will the Trustees now try to undo what has been done, and use their influence to have the deed cancelled, that even Mr. Lewis has had to acknowledge was the fault of the Trustees.

Mr. Wilson and the correspondent of the *Advocate* will have to excuse me from going into personalities, as it is what I have not done yet, nor do I intend to do so. If they cannot discuss a question on its merits they have no case at all, and the less they say now about it the better for themselves. The last letter of Mr. Lewis was one that was a credit to him, but he had a poor case to work on.

I am, Mr. Editor,

BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

D. T. R. A. Douglasfield.

To the Editor of the Advance.

SIR—On last Wednesday evening the weekly meeting of the Douglasfield D. T. R. A. took place in the School House where a large number of the population were assembled. The meeting opened with singing by the choir. After half the programme had been disposed of, a committee of five gentlemen was appointed by the members, to retire to elect officers for the ensuing quarter. Those elected were R. Thompson President, Jas. Irving and M. King V. Presidents, J. Thompson Secretary and J. Baldwin Treas.

Gentlemen's Executive Committee:—A. Irving, T. Baldwin, W. Delaney, S. Harper, W. Baldwin and S. McDonald

Ladies' Executive Committee—Mrs. J. Irving, M. Williams, M. C. Baldwin, E. Jackson, E. Baldwin, M. A. King and M. Trevors. The first and last mentioned Ladies objected to having offices and were excused from serving. Messrs. D. Baldwin and J. Trevors were appointed Marshalls.

After the officers were installed the new President took his place, making some very appropriate remarks. The meeting closed by the choir singing "Good Night".

ANON.

Douglasfield, April 22, 1878.

Napan Letter.

Napan, April 18, 1878.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

SIR—I see in last issue of the *Gleaner* an article finding fault with the Hon. A. J. Smith, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, for allowing the Napan people to seine bass in the spring. It says that there are 200 fishermen that are deprived of the privilege that the Napan people have. Now, sir, I will tell you what priviledge those people have, on those rivers that are spoken of. They can take licence out in May for salmon Fishing and in that month they can catch Salmon, Shad and bass, and all the fish we get, are a few bass. This present regulation gives good satisfaction to the settlement, the people of which get no Fish in Summer excepting bass and a few gaspereaux. The people outside, that the *Gleaner* speaks about should be satisfied with their salmon, shad gaspereaux and bass. I wonder if the Minister of Marine has to ask the *Gleaner* if he is right or not. If Hon. A. J. Smith has to please everyone he has a hard road to travel. The inhabitants are very thankful for his giving them the privilege they always had. Fishing for bass in the Spring of the year, is a privilege the Napan people always had. I understand some of the residents of Napan have been seining for bass these 45 years and others fished them long before that. We are all very thankful to get hold of a fresh fish, I am no fisherman myself.

Yours,

A FARMER.

Shippegan Letter.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance,

Sir, I notice an article in the Newcastle *Advocate*, signed "News," and dated from Gloucester, in which the writer appears to be very anxious for information, especially concerning the salary of the Hon. William Taylor as Inspector of the Breakwater at Shippegan, and also of the appointment of T. Blanchard, Esq., as Inspector of Weights and Measures. With respect to the former query, I can only say that I do not see any reason why Mr. Taylor should not get paid even if the work is not going on, for who is to blame for that? I should say it was the contractors, who have not carried out their argeement, and who have been trying to shirk the work all winter, thereby occasioning Mr. Taylor to keep his eyes open and visit the work every other day, so as to see that they do their duty, which in my opinion, is rather a profitable investment for the Government, but not so for "News" and his partner. With respect to the latter accusation "News" endeavours to throw out a slur against the Hon. Mr. Anglin on account of Mr. Blanchard's appointment to the office in question. Well, who is the father of this Bill? I would like to know if it is not the Hon. Charles Tupper, the Champion that "News" and the remainder of his clique are so fond of quoting. So long as the Bill has become law, I don't see any reason why a political supporter of the Reform Administration should not have the preference instead of a Tory, whose party are doing all in their power to oust the present Government from power, and restore their Pacific Scandal, Secret Service money, and Northern Railway champions to power once more, and thereby give them another opportunity of committing a few more of their depredations, out of the pockets of the people of this County, and help "News" and the likes of him to a share of the spoils, "News" thinks that I am a Prophet, on account of my presuming to express my views as to what I think will be the result of the next general election and imagines that I am from the *Ould Sod* (as he expresses it) and am too young in the country to form an opinion as to the politics of the majority of the electors in the County of Gloucester, but time will tell; my firm conviction at present is, that if "News" and his Tory associates do not succeed any better in the future than they have in the past with their "political campaigns," it will be some time yet before their hopes are realized and if the *Hope* of their party don't mind his eye, the probabilities are, that he will not figure on the floors of our Local House at Fredericton, much less in the House of Commons at Ottawa. Thanking you Mr. Editor, for the space allowed.

I remain, Sir, yours &c.,

A REFORMER.

Shippegan, Gloucester Co., Apl. 13, '78.

D. T. R. A. of Lower Napan.

LOWER NAPAN, April 11, '78.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

The last meeting of the D. T. R. Club here was a good one there being almost 200 persons present, the meeting was called to order by the President and was opened with prayer by the Chaplain after which the following programme was proceeded with:—

Anthem.—Choir.

Reading "Turn from the Wine Cup,"—Mr. Geo. McKnight.

Recitation.—Miss Maggie Gillis.

do., " J. Scott.

Hymn.—Choir.

Recitation.—Master S. McKnight.

Reading.— " W. Gillis.

Hymn.—Choir.

Address.—Mr. Richard Coltart.

do., " James Gillis.

Song "Bachelors' Hall"—Mr. Thomas McKnight.

Song.—Mr. McKinnon. of Nova Scotia.

do., "The Bar Keeper"—Miss Christina McKnight.

Song.—Miss Taylor.

Address.—The President.

An officer of the club also made some remarks with reference to an individual who seemed to think he should be exempt from a fee of 10 cts per month on the ground of his sweet voice.

As an officer of the Napan Reform Club I tender him my best wishes for his services to the club, and will credit him with ten cents when he pays it. I wish him to understand, we can do our own business without his pen, nor need he write to the *Gleaner* signing himself D. (which rather ought to have been, B.) inviting the Napan Dutcher Reformers to where he learnt his skill. But we do not visit United Templars for the object of passing remarks on the officers of Reform Clubs. Should he, however, return to our club, we will receive him kindly.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Local Legislature.

The Attorney General's Resolution in reference to the O'Leary Scandal was carried by a vote of 20 to 9 in the local Legislature. Hon. Mr. Kelly received the hearty congratulations of his friends, whose confidence in his integrity never seemed to abate, notwithstanding the cleverness with which the charges were concocted.

An Enterprising Firm.

The well-known firm of Clarke, Kerr & Thorne are now in occupation of their old stand, in the Hon. Isaac Burpee's building, on Prince William Street. The premises have been swept over twice by fire within the last year, and the new building was nearly completed when the 20th of June fire laid it in a heap of ruins. The present structure is a five storey building, and is wholly occupied by the firm. A somewhat elaborate free stone and brick face shows on the front; and the shop front is to be sanded imitation free stone; the windows stained ebony and gilt ornamented. The store dimensions are 24 feet front and 84 feet deep; and it possesses an improvement over the former building by having a large well cut in the second floor, extending well over to the centre of the room. A stairway rises from the middle of the shop floor to about two-thirds the height of the ceiling, and then branches on each side the remaining distance to the second floor landing. The well and the stairs are guarded by handsomely ornamented balustrades and a solid walnut rail. The whole arrangement makes a splendid appearance, and its conception is well carried out. Patent sliding glass cases, lined inside with black cloth, range along both side walls, and glass cases cover all the counters except the table at the rear. Hot water pipes, supplied from a boiler in the cellar, are laid flush in front of the counters, the whole of which is covered with a gilt and bronze iron fancy screening, making a finish combining beauty with utility. The experience gained by the firm from the many ordeals of fire through which they have passed, has enabled them to fit up with a correct idea of the most convenient and suitable arrangements. Four chandeliers of rare beauty of design, supply 24 gas jets; a brilliant reflector illuminates each window. The ceiling is considered to be the most artistic piece of plaster work executed on any shop in St. John, and is the work of Mr. Arch. Craig, a St. John workman. Mr. Frank Roden superintended the carpenter work, and Mr. Chas. Johnston the painting.

The first floor above the store is reserved for the wholesale business offices, and for a sample-room for goods in connection with the wholesale department, and stock connected with the retail department. The third and fourth floors are for the storage of goods, as is also the cellar. Messrs. Clarke, Kerr and Thorne will open for business on Monday morning.—*Freeman.*

GENERAL NEWS.

OPERA.—They are enjoying opera in St. John.

ABOUT RIGHT.—Referring to the evidence in the O'Leary charges the *Woodstock Sentinel* says:—

"Mr. Brown reveals himself a fool, but has failed to reveal who, if any, were the knaves."

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—The arrangements for opening the Paris Exhibition on the 1st May, were settled by a cabinet council on the 17th inst. and the ceremonies decided upon.

SALMON AND LOBSTERS.—J. T. Morton's circular, dated Leadenhall Street, London, April 8th, quotes the selling price for fresh Salmon in 1lb. tins, at from 6/10½ to 7/ per doz., and Lobsters in 1lb. tins from 5/9 to 5/10½ per doz.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.—There is little change in the aspect of the Eastern Question to report this week. It appears that England has rejected Germany's proposal that the treaties of 1856 and 1871 shall form the basis of discussion at the Congress, and insists that the whole of the treaty of San Stefano shall be submitted.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT CALAIS, ME.—Early on Monday morning last a serious fire commenced in the stables of Mr. Gardner in connection with the International Hotel, ultimately spreading to the hotel, and destroying it, together with the houses of Messrs. Gardner and Copeland, and a number of outbuildings. The loss is estimated at $30,000.

THE BEECHER-SCANDAL REVIVED.—Mrs. Tilton recently published a letter in the New York papers asserting that the charge brought by her husband against Henry Ward Beecher and herself, was true, her former statements to the contrary notwithstanding. Mr. Beecher immediately met Mrs. Tilton's last confession with an absolute denial. Mrs. Tilton has made so many statements, that no one attaches any importance to them, besides which, any attempt to revive any interest in the Beecher-Tilton case is out of the question. The latest accounts represent Mrs. Tilton as insane, which is probably true.

New Advertisements.

MIRAMICHI

FISH MARKET!

THE Subscriber would take this opportunity to inform his friends in Chatham, and the public generally, that he has made an arrangement with Mr. Robert Sinclair to sell for him, the coming season,

FRESH FISH,

such as SALMON, SHAD, HERRING, BASS, CODFISH, and other kinds of fresh fish in the season in which they are caught, and also all kinds of

SALT and PICKLED FISH.

The Miramichi Fish Market will be this season on Upper Water Street, in part of the store of Wm. Sinclair.

Thanking the public for past favors he would ask a continuance of the patronage extended to him last season.

A. G. WILLISTON.

Chatham, April 20, '78. tf

Teacher Wanted.

A THIRD CLASS TEACHER for the Little Branch School, District No. 7½.

For information apply to Secretary of Trustees,

GEORGE FOWLIE.

April 23, 1878. tf.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

ANY person or persons caught Trespassing on the Property situate in Chatham, and bounded as follows:—Commencing at the dividing line between Lots Number forty-one (41) and Number forty-two (42): extending in front (up-river) five (5) chains and eighty-two (82) links, and extending to the rear of Lot Number forty-one (41), known as the Lane Property—will be prosecuted.

The above property (suitable for farming or pasturing) will be leased for a term of one or five years on application to

ELLEN LANE, Chatham, or
E. P. WILLISTON, Newcastle.

Newcastle, 22nd April, '78. 2y9

School Teacher.

WANTED, a *SECOND* or *THIRD CLASS TEACHER*, for District No. 13, Negnac, Alnwick, capable of teaching French and English. Apply to—

V. ALLAN,
Secy. Trustees.

Negnac, 19th April, '78.

Chatham Branch Railway.

THE Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the *CHATHAM BRANCH RAILWAY COMPANY* will be held on TUESDAY, the seventh day of May next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of J. E. Snowball, Chatham.

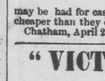
ALEX. MORRISON,
PRESIDENT.

JOB LOTS

Of Inks, Mucilage, Slates, Lead and SLATE PENCILS may be had for cash, at the Miramichi Bookstore, cheaper than they can be imported.

Chatham, April 24, 1878.

"VICTOR HUGO."



The Northumberland Agricultural Society will travel for the Season the above Entire Horse, throughout the various settlements.

All further information and places of Stoppage made known by the Groom, to whom all Fees must be paid by the end of the traveling season.

Services for the Season, $4.00

D. T. JOHNSTONE,
Secretary.

WM. SEARLE, Groom.

Chatham, April 24, 1878. 4y 25

OPENING TO-DAY

AT THE SUBSCRIBERS' STORE,

NEW GOODS,

embracing

FANCY GOODS,
MILLINERY,
TRIMMINGS,
LACE SCARFS,
&c., &c., &c.

LADIES' STRAW HATS (all the new styles.)

FLOWERS and FEATHERS

in great variety.

D. M. LOGGIE & CO.

Chatham, April 25, '78. 4125

Removal Notice!

LEE & LOGAN

would respectfully inform their Customers, and the Public, that they have removed to the

BRICK BLOCK

OF

Otis Small Esq.,

West side Dock Street (nearly opposite old stand.), where they will be pleased to wait on all as usual.

We take this opportunity to return thanks to our friends, for the patronage, so liberally extended to us, and hope, by strict attention to business, and keeping nothing but

FIRST CLASS GOODS,

to receive a continuation of their support.

LEE & LOGAN,

45 & 47 DOCK ST., Saint John.

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MIRAMICHI BOOKSTORE.

JUST OPENED:

Perforated Card, in Gold, Silver, White and colors.
Wall Pocket, Hanging Basket, Match Safe, and other Perforated Card Designs.
FLOWER PICTURES—light and dark grounds.
MOROCCO and RUSSIA LEATHER WALLETS.
EMBOSSED TEXTS.
" PICTURES for Decorative work.
SPLASHES for fancy work, White and Colored.

Chatham, April 25, '78.

CANES.

An assortment of

WALKING CANES

just opened at the

MIRAMICHI BOOKSTORE.

Will be sold very low.

Chatham, April 25, '78.

BASE BALLS

in great variety, all prices.

RUBBER BALLS

from 5 cts. up.

JAPANESE BALLS

at the

MIRAMICHI BOOKSTORE.

Chatham, April 25, '78.

Teacher Wanted.

WANTED for No. 9 School District, Parish of Glenelg, a SECOND or THIRD CLASS SCHOOL TEACHER.

JOHN COOK,
Sec'y to Trustees.

Glenelg, April 10, '78 2y9

NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

SPRING GOODS!

General Advertisement!!

J. B. SNOWBALL has just received by Royal Mail Steamers, via Halifax, the larger portion of his Spring Stock of ENGLISH and FOREIGN **DRY GOODS,** consisting principally of the following, viz:—

2 & 3 PLY ALL WOOL CARPETINGS,
HEMP, VENETIAN & DUTCH "
WOOL & TAPESTRY STAIR "
UNION "KIDDERMINSTER" CARPETINGS,
"TAPESTRY" & "BRUSSELS" "
PRINTED FELT CARPETINGS,
PRINTED FELT CRUMB-CLOTHS.
(Size 4x3½ yards—bordered.)

☞ The above Stock of Carpetings is undoubtedly the largest and best selected of any in this section of the Province.

16 inch, 18 inch and 20 inch Stair Linens.

¼ WOOL CURTAIN DAMASK,
¼ UNION CURTAIN DAMASK,
PLAIN and STRIPED WOOL CURTAIN REPPS.
N. B.—CURTAIN BANDS, SATIN DAMASK BORDERING, and handsome WOOL and SILK FRINGES to match,
DAMASKS and REPPS.

FIRST-CLASS ENGLISH FLOOR OILCLOTHS,

(36 inches, 72 inches and 108 inches wide.)

LACE CURTAINS and CURTAIN NETS,
LAPPETT BLIND MUSLINS,
LACE LAMBREQUINS (for windows.)
APPLIQUE LACE ANTIMACASSARS,
TOILET COVERS, TOILET SETS complete.

8-4 LINEN TABLE DAMASK,
8-4 UNION TABLE DAMASK,
8-4 HALF-BLEACHED LOOM CLOTHS,
8-4, 8-10, 10-4, 10-13, 10-16 BLEACHED DAMASK CLOTHS,
5-8 and 3-4 DAMASK TABLE NAPKINS,
4-8 LINEN DOYLIES,
HUCKABACK and DAMASK TOWELS.

Russia Crash for Rollers.

SHEETINGS, PILLOW COTTONS, WHITE SHIRTING COTTONS. (best make)

UMBRELLAS.

(In Gingham, Alpacca and Silk.)

NEW KID GLOVES, (one and two buttons)
NEW RIBBONS, LACES, COLLAR and CUFFS,
NEW FLOWERS and FEATHERS, (elegant)
NEW BUTTONS, BRAIDS and TRIMMINGS,
NEW TORQUOISE BONNET SILKS.

CLOTH MANTLES, CORSETS,
LADIES' UNDERCLOTHING (cheap)
BOYS', MEN'S, and LADIES' STRAW HATS & BONNETS.

—THE BALANCE OF STOCK WILL BE DULY ANNOUNCED ON ARRIVAL—

☞ *A very liberal discount will be given to ALL CASH buyers.*

NEW YEAR!

TO enable all who shall require Ornamental, Useful and Serviceable GOODS for the SEASON, I shal place the whole of my STOCK of

STAPLE AND FANCY GOODS

before my Customers and the Public, at a very large reduction, FOR CASH.

Special Line of Ladies' and Children's FELT HATS—at 20c., 25., 30c. and 50.
Special Line of Ladies' TWEED UNDERSKIRTS—at 75c., $1.00, $1.25, $1.50.
Special Line of Plain and Striped DRESS GOODS and TWEEDS—at 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c., 30c. & 40c.
Special Line of Ladies' Fur-Trimmed CLOTH and SEALSKIN CAPS—last Season's styles—at LESS THAN COST.
Special Line of Men's Lined BUCK MITS and GLOVES—at 50c. per pair.
FUR CAPS, FUR RUFFS, BOAS, COLLARS, TIES and RUFFS—at and below cost.
BOYS' REEFING JACKETS, at $3.00 and $4.00.

Clouds, Scarfs, Shawls, Sprays, Coneys, Gauntlets, Mittees, Bootees, Infantees, Socks, Jackets, Breakfast Shawls, Crossovers, Sontags, and Wool Goods in every variety. Ribbons, Feathers, Flowers, Fringes, Velvets, Trimmings, Berlin Chair Cushions and Slipper Patterns. Andalusian, Russian Zypher, Pyramus, Leviathan, Single and Double Berlin and Fingering Wools and Yarns. Embro