

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

RAIL PLAYING is about to commence. NEWCASTLE'S new steam fire engine is expected to arrive about the middle of May.

THE MILLS—Mr. Sewall's mill and the "Canard" mill are to commence sawing deals to-day.

NELSON NOYES were overlooked until just as we were going to press. They will appear next week.

PROFESSOR—H. V. Williamson, Esq., A. M., M. D., C. M., has commenced the practice of medicine in Newcastle.

PARSONS—R. P. B. Joyce, Esq., is in town again, after a winter's absence. His numerous friends are heartily glad to see him.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT—We bespeak a full house for the High School Pupils' entertainment in Masonic Hall this evening. The programme is a very attractive one and the admission fees very reasonable.

THE TEE started a little on Saturday last, went further on Sunday and ran out to the lower bay on Monday, though it is jammed in again to some extent in the lower part of the river by the prevailing cold wind. The *Admiral* ran down to Chatham on Monday and has been running now and then since. The *Yankee* has not yet commenced her trips, owing to necessary repairs not being completed.

DRAMATIC—The Chatham Amateur Dramatic Club are to give one of their attractive performances on Monday evening next. The pieces selected are capital ones and the Drama is one requiring the best of amateur talent to perform it successfully. The farce is also an excellent one. The Orchestra Music, will, as on former occasions, be by the Chatham Amateurs. The object to be promoted as well as the merits of the performance ought to attract a full house.

LECTURE—One of the best lectures ever delivered to a Miramichi audience was that by A. Allan Jack, Esq., in the regular St. Mary's course on Tuesday evening. The subject, "The Individual in Canada—his Functions and Powers" was treated in a masterly manner, evincing close observation of our social and political life and correct conclusions drawn therefrom. As a literary production it was well finished. We are quite sure that Mr. Jack's fine abilities are enabling him to render the public good service, and we hope he will visit us as often as possible in the future and give us the benefit of his studies and observations.

GRATIFYING—We have heard with pleasure that the ladies of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church in this town have presented Mrs. Jardine with a very fine new. This is a laudable and gratifying token of the good feeling existing between the Masse and the congregation, a token much more valuable than the intrinsic worth of the animal. No doubt the boys of the Masse will have pleasant dreams about the ice-cream, strawberries and cream, and other dainties which are in store for them, and we congratulate them in their prospects.

DUFFIN STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY.—The following is a list of officers and members of the above-named company for the year ending April 30th, 1880.

Pres. Loggie, Captain. Chas. Gunn, Lieut. Peter Duffin, Secy. Nozlemen—John Patterson, Patrick Keogh, Joseph Nowlan, James Woods, Peter Dickson, Neil A'Hern, Philip Kirby, James Barry.

Section Foremen—Wm. Wilson, John Johnson, Angus Ulster, Pat. Connors, Jr., Henry Muirhead, Wm. Simpson, Pat. Coleman, John Haley, Thos. Murray, Benj. Flood, Robt. Loban, A.J. Loggie, Joseph Dickson, Thos. Rennie, Jas. Coleman, Jas. Whalen, Jas. Ferguson, Alex. Gaudin, Thos. Green.

THE REV. E. P. FAWCETT, who has for some time past held charge of the advanced department in the Harkins' Academy, a position which he has filled in a most creditable and satisfactory manner, severs his connection with the (ducatonal service in Newcastle to-day. The Rev. gentleman will shortly leave to enter upon the responsible duties of the Rector at Bay du Vin, and will carry with him the best wishes of the many warm friends he has made while sojourning with us.

MR. FLEWELLING is to be succeeded by Mr. Robt. M. Raymond, a graduate of the N. B. University, who has been teaching at Barreville, Kings Co., and who comes well recommended.—Advocate.

SUDDEN DEATH.—An inquest was held on Monday last by Dr. J. S. Benson, Coroner, on the body of John Horan who was found dead in his house on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. The evidence went to show from the position which the deceased was found and the clothes which he appeared to have just taken off, that he had been preparing for bed, and had fallen off the bench upon which he had apparently been sitting while undressing himself. The verdict was death from natural causes.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.—On Monday last an inquest was held by Dr. J. S. Benson, Coroner, on the body of Alex. Lambert, late in the employ of Mr. Thomas Buckley, lumberman. From the evidence it appeared that deceased, in company with Mr. Buckley and a man named Pitman were walking over a log resting on dead trees when they were struck by a falling log. The deceased either stepped or fell into a hole and one of the logs struck him on the right side and knocked him down. Pitman, the meanwhile, had run and sprang into the river, and when he looked out of the water he saw Mr. Buckley trying to raise the log resting on dead trees. Deceased was then carried to the house of Mr. Cribbe and was visited by Dr. J. S. Benson. He was suffering from shock and was pulseless at the wrist, and the heart-beat was scarcely discernible. There were no bones broken and no external injury apparent except a scratch on the face. Death ensued shortly afterwards. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Entertainment of the Dutcher Reformers.

On Tuesday evening the entertainment of the Dutcher Reformers took place in the Masonic Hall. John Shireff, Esq., occupied the Chair and the Rev. Mr. McLean opened the meeting with prayer. Miss Mary Bell and Annie Shireff presided at the piano. The programme was as follows:—

Address by the Rev. Mr. McLean, Messrs. J. O. Tweedie, Wm. Sinclair and Wm. Anderson. Songs by Misses Margaret Johnston and Jessie Tompkins. Tries by Mrs. Nichol, Miss L. Loudon and Mr.

Gardner; Misses J. Shireff, Annie Davidson and Ettie Loudon. Musical entertainment by Miss Annie Shireff. Chorus by the Choir. The National Anthem.

School Examinations. The Semi Annual School Examinations in the Chatham schools, commenced on Monday morning last:—

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. The examination of Miss Alexander's School No. 1 and 2 Primary, took place at 10 o'clock. The number of pupils on the roll is 68 and the scholars in attendance numbered 52. The school is divided into 3 classes, A, B and C. The Trustees were Messrs. F. E. Winslow and T. Crimmon. There were also present the Rev. Mr. Forsyth, the Rev. Mr. McLean, Messrs. L. J. Tweedie, D. G. Smith, Geo. Fraser, W. B. Howard, Jas. McKay, P. Anslow and W. C. Whitaker of St. John's.

Class A. The scholars in this class ranged from 5 to 8 years. The exercises commenced by the children repeating a number of scripture texts, which was followed by prayer and singing.

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