

Calendar.

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Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

RESTAURANT Municipal Council report held over until next week.

THE CALICO HALL is to come off in Masonic Hall to-night.

A GRAND BALL is to be given at the Kent Hotel, Richibucto, to-morrow night.

THE CHATHAM DRAMATIC CLUB is to give a performance after the Lenten season.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE will meet on Thursday, the 20th inst. for the despatch of business.

FAVORS forwarded by several friends will appear in due course. We have some arrears of matter which will appear in a week or two.

THE NEWSPAPER is the latest out. It is an excellent composition published by Messrs Landry & Co. St. John.

AS ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME is in preparation by the Amateurs of St. Michael's Society who are to give a performance on Monday evening next.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.—Tenders are asked, as will be seen by announcements in another column, for the erection of a new store on Fox Island and of a bridge over Taylor's Creek.

MR. J. W. YORKMAN, who has been successfully conducting classes in Vocal music and elocution in several of the large towns and cities of the Dominion for some years, is to open classes in Chatham in a few days.

PERSONAL.—Messrs Messier, Robertson & Blk River, Houston of Bathurst, McKenzie of Richibucto, Fogo of Tabusintac, Johnson of Blackville and Russell of Johnstone were in town this week attending the Presbytery meeting.

J. B. Snowball, Esq., M. P., is expected to arrive here on Great Britain on Monday or Tuesday next, having left Liverpool last Thursday.

NOTES.—Our South-east correspondent has our best thanks for the expression of his sentiments respecting the organ referred to and those who control it.

DOGS AND LOAFERS.—The date at which the Municipal By-Laws relating to the above subjects are to come into effect, is Jan. 1st, 1881, instead of Jan. 1st, 1880, as appeared in our report of Council last week. The error was in the copy of the By-Laws in question, procured by our reporter, and was overlooked until it was published.

MIRAMICHI.—Mr. Martin Sullivan of Chatham has shown us a valuable of his own manufacture, which is really a very creditable piece of workmanship. Its metal and finish are so perfect that it is fully equal to the better class of imported instruments. It is at present at the Miramichi Bookstore where those interested in such work may inspect it.

"A SCRIBBLER," Faint Church, writes as follows:—

Sir, Can any of your readers inform me through your column whether washing-machines and mop-bringers are for sale in Chatham, if not where they are to be had.

We shall be glad to give our correspondent's address to anyone who has the articles mentioned for sale.

To-morrow's Lecture.—The Rev. Joseph Hogg of Moncton will deliver a lecture in St. John's Church, Chatham, on to-morrow, Friday evening, Feb. 6th on "Jerusalem Tiberias." Those who heard Mr. Hogg a few years ago, when he lectured on "Jerusalem," will be delighted to hear the sequel to that lecture. He is popular and pleasing in his style of delivery, and will relate facts and describe scenes which he, himself, saw when in the Holy Land. Admission free.

A STRAYS COLLECTOR will be taken up. Mr. Jons GRANT, of Lower Newcastle, does a good fish business, his special ad- vantage is a highly appreciated speciality in the Philadelphia and other large city markets of the United States. His sales and shipments last year were as follows:—

1000 Salmon to St. John, 8,171 lbs. Frozen Trout, 1,900 " Fresh Smelt, 1,200 " Fresh Salmon to the U.S., 2,350 " Smelt to Ireland, 48 " Smelt to United States, 3,000 " Fresh Salmon (sold in Miramichi) 150 " Spiced do, do, 200 " Mackerel (Holland) 200 "

Mr. Grant has an agent in St. John, who forwards much of the fish consigned to him to the United States.

WEDDINGS.—There was quite a large number of the friends of the principals present in St. Mary's Church, Chatham, yesterday morning at eight o'clock to witness the marriage of Mr. James Girvan of St. John and Miss Pessie Gillespie, eldest daughter of Thos. F. Gillespie, Esq., M. P. The service was performed by the Rev. Mr. S. Girvan, brother of the groom, was best man and the bridesmaids were Miss Pettison and little Miss Susie Gillespie, sister of the bride. The bride was given away by her father. The choir sang the hymn "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," and the *Dona Misera*. Owing to the severe snow storm prevailing the intention of the bridal party to proceed to the Intercolonial via Chatham Junction was abandoned and they drove to Newcastle and took the day train for the South which did not get along until after dark. Mr. Girvan has carried off one of the most winning and worthy young ladies of Chatham.

A PISTOL EPISODE.—A correspondent, who writes that he was an eye-witness to the affair he describes, sends us an account of a most ludicrous attempt of a fishery officer to bring the Department into contempt. He says Officers Russell and Blake appeared among the fishermen of Oak Point on Saturday, 24th ult., and for some reason which the owners could not comprehend, attempted to seize nets owned by Messrs. Dunley Perley, Jr. and James Bremner. The officers behaved in a very excited manner and acted as if they intended to execute a war, dance, impressing Mr. Bremner with the idea that he had better get assistance, which he proceeded to do by calling Mr. Perley who was a short distance away. That sturdy fisherman came, placed his arms, a pistol Officer Blake who was in the act of seizing his net and told him he must let the property alone, as it would not be hard to put him down. Mr. Blake then wreathed himself clear of his affectionate neighbor and placing his hand in the breast pocket of his coat, as if to draw a pistol, bawled out

that he would put a piece of "cold lead" into Mr. P. in short order. The latter then sternly informed the officer that if he attempted to draw a revolver on him he would furnish very quickly; and both Messrs. Blake and Russell being how ridiculous a figure they were cutting, retreated.

The lessons which these officials have learned by the episode is that they must show by the example of a reasonable man ought to do; that if anything is wrong in relation to the distances of nets apart, or otherwise they are to put out the changes necessary and not rush into the changes and knives to rob men of their property.

The fishing of these officers is the natural and fitting outcome of the style of fishery management encouraged in the New Brunswick district. Old officers say that they never found it necessary to carry revolvers or threaten fishermen with them.

Entertainment of the Chatham Temperance Reformers.

On Tuesday evening the Chatham Temperance Reformers held their weekly entertainment in the Temperance Hall. The chair was occupied by Mr. A. W. Peterson and the meeting was opened by a prayer by the choir. The programme was as follows:—Address by the Rev. Mr. McKenney, of Richibucto, and Messrs. W. Johnson, A. W. Peterson and G. H. G. (on organ and piano) by Miss C. Johnson and Mr. A. D. Plé.

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to get such evidence from the witnesses sent before them as to justify the finding of a bill against the accused, they were yet of the opinion that the goods referred to were unlawfully introduced into the country with intent to defraud the revenue. They also expressed their belief that the evidence before the Customs authorities had been such as to justify them in proceeding against another party for the offence charged against the promoters.

His Honor thanked the Grand Jury for the assistance and faithfulness with which they had discharged the duties devolving upon them, and performed them from further attendance upon the Court.

The prisoner Brown was put on his trial on Wednesday and acquitted by the jury.

Northumberland County Court.

HIS HONOR, JUSTICE WILLSTON, PRESIDING, opened the Court for Northumberland County at Newcastle, on Tuesday last week, Jan. 27th.

The Grand Jurymen summoned were all in attendance, as follows:—

John O'Brien, John Bell, Hugh McDonald, Thos. Platt, Robert Wilson, John D. Crahan, Peter Loggie, Benjamin Forsythe, Geo. L. Britain, D. Copeland, D. G. Smith, A. A. Underhill, Dennis Sullivan, James Loggie, Alex. Watt, Andrew McKnight, John P. McEwen, Thomas Quigley.

The above named were duly sworn. Mr. C. S. Ramsay who had also been summoned was present, but not being twenty three on the list before him, he was not sworn.

The Grand Jury having retired, Mr. D. G. Smith was chosen foreman, after which they returned to Court, when His Honor addressed them.

He expressed regret that their duties would be much larger and of a more serious character than those which had been referred to of a Grand Jury of the County Court for a long time, there being three indictments against persons defrauding the revenue. There had not been any of this description before the Courts of the County for a good while. It was a crime well known to the law, and of a very serious character, so far as its effect on the actual inhabitants of the County, and also on account of its being an interference with the business of the honest trader. The information in the indictment before the Court was, that about 10th August last certain persons doing business in Chatham, knowingly, wilfully and unlawfully introduced into the County certain dutiable articles—liquors and cigars—without paying or accounting for the duties thereon, with intent to defraud the revenue.

His Honor here read from the Dominion Statutes 40th Vic. Cap. 77, sec. 76 which define the crime of smuggling.

He referred to the importance to the country of the laws relating to the Customs duties being strictly observed. The revenues of the country were raised principally through the duties collected on imports, and it was necessary that the revenue should be honestly protected, so that those charged with the conduct of public affairs and the carrying on of the public works and enterprises of the country, might be provided with the means with which to carry on their duties and obligations and keep up the public works. There, the revenue is the interest of the honest trader, which must not be interfered with by those disposed to look the law being placed at the great advantage which successful smuggling—as it was called—involved. It was necessary that the law, which gave the crime its gravity and called for the imposition of the severe penalties provided by the law.

His Honor then went into the history of the case as presented at the preliminary examination of the accused, showing that on a certain Sunday night in August last, a pilot schooner came into the port of Chatham, and that the Captain reported to one of the accused, that he had a quantity of liquor on board, which was unlawful. He was to have proceeded for him to St. Pierre, and that he was to be at a certain time and place; that the Captain also requested the party named to inform two other persons that liquor brought for them, also, from the same place, would be landed, that this liquor was, subsequently found by the Customs Officer near the wharf, at a place designated by one of the accused, etc.

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County Treasurer in place of D. Richard, Esq., who declined to act unless the salary was increased.

The report of the Gaol Committee was adopted.

The By-Laws question was then mooted but discussion thereon was deferred until Saturday.

Mr. Sayre sent into the Council a paper stating that the reason why he did not produce the books and accounts demanded by the Finance Committee, was that he had not sufficient confidence in the Councilors to trust the same in their hands.

It was resolved that Caleb Richardson be appointed County Auditor for the year 1880.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up in passing By-Laws &c.

The Council adjourned until Saturday at 2 o'clock.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25th.—After the minutes were adopted, Liquor Licenses were granted to six different persons.

The Report of the Committee on Public Accounts was handed in. The Report, as read, mentioned the facts that the Public Accounts had not come to the Committee in proper form, although filed with the Treasurer in due time; that the Committee recommended the payment of the account annexed to the Report, and the Council expressed their regret that, owing to the fact of the late Secy-Treasurer refusing to hand over—under the resolution of the Council—the books, papers and documents necessary to enable them to make a report on the financial position of the County, they were unable to do so.

A minority report signed by Councilors Johnson, Landry and Dunn, expressed disapproval with the ex-Secretary's action and declared that having examined the accounts and the vouchers and carefully compared them, they found everything satisfactory. (By way of parenthesis it may be here stated that the Chairman and Secretary of said Committee declare that two hours in at the Committee's meetings, and that during that time he never looked at a voucher or compared the Treasurer's and Auditor's statements of accounts. The Committee over sixteen hours.)

The majority Report of the Finance Committee was adopted.

The County Treasurer's Bonds being filed were read and unanimously accepted.

Several applications for the resuming of excessive taxes collected, were made and their prayers granted.

Mr. H. T. Cole of Richibucto was appointed special Auditor to audit the County Accounts from 1876 to date and report on the state of the County finances.

After a mass of routine business had been disposed of and just before the Council adjourned, Mr. H. T. Cole presented a report against the election of Councilor Bellevue. It was resolved that the report be received and lie on the table.

A vote of thanks was given the Warlen and the Council adjourned sine die.

Gloucester County Council.

Thursday Morning 22nd.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 a.m. The Councilors were all present and the Warden in the chair.

Committee on Petitions presented their report, which was adopted.

Several notices that bills would be brought before the Legislature at its approaching session for the division of the parish of Shippegan, also for the establishment of the settlement of St. Isidore, which was formed part of the parish of Shippegan, and St. Sarnac as a separate parish.

Petition of Mr. Bourgeois of Tracadie in reference to a stevedore was read.

On motion of Coun. Young, followed by Coun. Taylor, it was resolved that the parish of New Brandon be divided, as follows, into two Polling Districts for the election of County Councilors:—

District No. 1, to comprise all that part of the parish lying between Tracadie and the parish of Shippegan, including settlement of Black Rock.

District No. 2, to comprise remaining portion of parish.

On motion of Coun. Adams, seconded by Coun. Taylor, it is resolved that Secy-Treasurer be authorized to provide printed forms for all returns to this Council, and further to provide printed forms for returns to be made to this Council, and further to provide printed forms for returns to be made to this Council, and further to provide printed forms for returns to be made to this Council,