

Miramichi and the North Shore.

HARRIS for November at the Miramichi Bookstore.

MIRAMICHI CHURCH BAZAR was in progress as we went to press last night.

THE PRES.—We had the pleasure of calling Friday last, from Rev. Robinson, Esq., of the Montreal Académie.

BEING AN CHARM.—We have seen a lot of Peets and Carrots grown by Mr. Amos Perry on his farm below Chatham.

M. C. CLARK, DEPUTY, can be found in Newcastle at Mrs. McCall's residence every Friday and Saturday, where he will be prepared to attend to those desiring his services.

THE FIRE.—Mr. and Mrs. Desmond request us to express their thanks to the firemen, their friends, and the public generally, who worked so successfully in saving their house from total destruction by fire on Monday morning last.

RECEIPTS.—Our firemen correspondents telegraphed as follows yesterday.

CONYON COURT.—Yesterday, one cause was entered for trial—Simons vs. Richard.

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A North Shore Boy Abroad.

William A. Ferguson, son of John Ferguson Esq., of Richibucto, who enters as a first year student McGill College, Montreal, has gained an exhibition of \$125, obtaining second place in the examination.

He had been under the tuition of Mr. Hutchison, Principal of the Academy at Newcastle, for 15 months prior to his departure for college.

His success at the outset of his career is very creditable to himself and his preceptor.

On Monday morning last about three o'clock, or a little before, an alarm of fire was caused by the discovery that the barn of Mr. DeLaney, Water Street, Chatham, was on fire.

The flames spread rapidly and had communicated with the rear of Mr. Desmond's house and also with a barn adjoining on the rear before water was got on from the Steam Fire Engine, which, though on hand at the time, was very late in getting steam up.

In a direct line to the rear were the barns and outbuildings of Messrs. Patrick Delaney and John Gammon which, in a short time, were destroyed, together with most of their contents.

A great deal of mill wood piled up for fall and winter use in the yards in which the barns were located was also burned.

The kitchen portion of Mr. Desmond's house was destroyed and the fire got into the main house which was considerably damaged in the upper part.

A good deal of furniture was removed from the houses on Queen Street while the barns in connection with them were burning, but, providentially, there was scarcely any water and water thrown upon roofs from buckets did good service until the hand and steam fire engines got to work.

Mr. Desmond had an insurance on his barn but the damage was insured sufficiently to cover the damage done to it. His loss, beyond insurance, may reach about \$200.

Mr. Delaney was the heaviest loser. His barn, which was a new one, was filled with a large quantity of oats (unthreshed) and hay. It will take some \$300 to replace the barn and stock—No insurance.

Mr. Gammon lost two barns, one of which was destroyed by the fire, and the other by the fire which, elsewhere, extended underneath the structure.

Pending the investigation we will say no more on this subject.

There is another matter which caused a little comment, not to say indignation at the time of the fire, viz—the fact that not less than half an acre elapsed before there was steam enough to start the steam fire engine.

The cause assigned was that the furnace had got damp by remaining too long there, exposed to the sweat of the iron in so damp a place as that where the machine is kept.

That, we think, is not satisfactory to our people generally, nor is it a revelation calculated to please either firewards or the rank and file of our hard-working firemen.

The engine, since it has been in possession of the Fire Department, has rendered splendid service. The experience of Monday morning, however, proves that it may have fair play and watchful treatment on the part of those who undertake the care of it.

At the time of the fire the engine was away from town, but that did not affect the condition in which the engine was found. Mr. Michael O'Keefe took charge and ran the machine creditably as soon as the effects of the neglect of the caretaker were overcome.

The citizens of Chatham cannot congratulate themselves to the liberality to which the Fire Department. It is owing to the enterprise and public spirit of the firewards and the pluck and intelligence of the firemen that the town has not suffered much more than it has for the past few years from fires.

For a town of its size, for a town of about 5,000 people to pay but \$1,200 for fire purposes is an anomaly and it is a question as to how long private citizens who are put into office by the Council will continue to personally shoulder fire charges and run the machine creditably as soon as the effects of the neglect of the caretaker were overcome.

Miramichi Ladies' Auxiliary Bible Society.

The Annual Meeting of the Miramichi Ladies' Auxiliary Bible Society was held in the Temperance Hall, Chatham, on the afternoon of Friday last.

Mrs. H. Cunard, President, occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of ladies, members of Committees and others.

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Correspondence.

That Flour Grinding Mill.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

Sir, I dare say Mr. McKenzie will readily acquit me of any seeming disrespect in not sooner answering his accusations.

For the past few months, time has been so fully taken up with drifters in the Bay, that I have not had time to do so.

His proposition respecting the discharge of present officials, with a view of reorganizing the Government and fisheries in opposition to each other, is not a new one.

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Crushed to Death!

Wiggins' Vault falls and Kills Several Persons.

A terrible accident took place at 11 to-day by the falling in of Wiggins' Vault on Princess Street, opposite Ritchie's building.

Four boys and a man were buried in the ruins. The man whose name is unknown, was taken out dead. Boy, Alex. Gillis, is still unharmed and certainly dead. Chas. Day, boy, is terribly wounded and cannot live. Chas. Cochrane, workman of the vault, is also terribly wounded and cannot live.

At the bottom of the vault of the other pit—the colliery comprising two pits with communication between them—a faint knocking was heard some time after the explosion, but up to a short hour it was impossible to see the bottom of the shaft in consequence of the volume of gas and the destruction of woodwork and heating apparatus by the explosion.

From our Extra of Saturday last.

Another Great Fire! One Man Burned to Death!

\$300,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY DESTROYED!! 2,500 PEOPLE HOMELESS!

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Shipping Intelligence.

Port of Chatham.

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New Advertisements.

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Government House, Ottawa.

MONDAY, 24th day of October, 1877.

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