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HOW NEW BRUNSWICK AND THE WHOLE DOMINION MAY BE BENEFITED.

A well known York County lumber operator, in conversation with the writer last night, said: "If the recommendation for the abolition of the import duty on Canadian lumber into the United States contained in President Cleveland's message to Congress be adopted, it will be a great thing for the lumbermen of this County—I might say the whole Dominion. Heretofore the efforts made in that direction have been defeated through the opposition of Western States lumbermen. This time it is thought that the duty will be removed, 1st, because Cleveland is more inclined to do justice than any Republican President, and secondly because there will be less opposition from the West. The removal of the duty would make a great difference in the quantity of the coarser cuts of lumber exported from Canada. Indeed it should produce a boom in all Canadian lumbering circles."

The above is taken from the Fredericton *Capitol* of the 30th Dec. Should the President's recommendation be adopted, the new market thus opened for our lumber will be a great boon to all engaged in this greatly depressed industry, which nets but little profit as times are at present. With better markets on this side the Atlantic, the production thus diverted from the English market might possibly produce more remunerative prices in Great Britain. Depending as we do to so great an extent upon the lumber interest, which is the leading one on the North Shore of New Brunswick, better prices for our wood exports will be hailed with gladness, associated as such an advance must be with improvement in general business. At the same time do not the lessons of the past teach us the risk involved in depending so much upon an industry so subject to periods of depression. True, this industry has furnished employment to thousands of the population; it has filled our ports at times with shipping which has added to the general business; but on the whole how few have been permanently benefited. Many an agriculturist who has dabbled in lumbering has come out of the operations of years well nigh stripped of his possessions—worse off by far than if he had kept his teams on the farm and followed his farming pursuits—and many a vacant farm and deserted homestead in the Northern section of the Province stand as monuments of the danger incurred by neglecting farm operations to follow a life in the woods during the winter months. In a vast majority of cases the agriculturist who does so finds the balance against him when he comes to square accounts. While we candidly admit that there are sections of the Province better adapted in some respects for the prosecution of agriculture than the Northern part of New Brunswick, it is nevertheless plain to the most casual observer that this ennobling pursuit has been too much neglected, as evidenced by the fact that while our soil is well adapted for the culture of oats and potatoes, large quantities of these requisites are annually imported into Northumberland, to say nothing of thousands of tons of hay and other produce. How is it possible for us to progress, when so much capital is sent out of the place annually to procure flour, oatmeal, and many other articles, the expenditure for which could be largely reduced by a more vigorous efforts in the cultivation of the soil, which has never yet been prosecuted with the view of making agriculture our leading industry. Nature has been bountiful in her gifts to us as a people, and if we fail to reap all the benefits incident thereto we alone are to blame. Our grand forests have for many years yielded their tribute to the general good, but as time rolls on and the hardy lumberman is compelled to seek his cut further away, the prospect of adequate compensation for his labors becomes more remote, the decline being accelerated by the keen opposition to be met with in the produce of other counties. Our waters have also proved a source of wealth, and contribute largely to the support of the people—the fisheries in summer and winter furnishing employment to thousands of the inhabitants. The soil is productive, and though the seasons are short, vegetation has a rapid growth, few countries producing finer cereals than those raised in the North of New Brunswick, when all the details necessary to success are duly observed. Why, it was only a few months ago that an Ontario miller, while looking at a field of magnificent wheat in the neighboring County of Kent, remarked to the owner of the field—"There is no need for you to import flour from Ontario when you can raise such wheat as that." Let the records of the agricultural exhibitions annually held in the Northern Counties testify to the capabilities of our soil for the production of cereals, with oats weighing from forty to forty-three pounds per bushel, and wheat from sixty to sixty-five pounds per bushel. The truth is, we do not know what the capabilities of our soil really are, because they have not been as fully tested as they might have been, the great mistake being that agriculture has only been looked upon as a secondary consideration—lumbering the all absorbing industry. A mistake has been made, but it is not too late to retrieve what has in the past been lost, by a more vigorous prosecution of agriculture, thereby increasing supplies for home markets, and keeping within ourselves much of the capital now sent out annually to Ontario and other places. That such a change is one of the necessities associated with our future prosperity is so apparent, that he who runs may read.

Kings.

The voters in Kings County drove a spike in Mr. Domville's political coffin on Thursday with a force not to be misunderstood, by placing the Hon. Mr. Foster for the third time at the head of the poll, and with an increased majority—the majorities in the three elections being 71, 282, and the last 381. Surely this ought to satisfy Mr. Domville that it is simply a waste of time on his part to attempt to win the electorate from its allegiance to Mr. Foster. Had he not better throw up the sponge, and *foster* his political interests in a more acceptable field, if it can be found. The result is another instance of the uselessness of opposing a Minister who comes before his constituents for re-election, especially as in the case of Kings when the Minister so offering had twice before enjoyed the honor of winning the seat. Why was it done in this instance? Simply because the Liberals believed that, in conjunction with Mr. Domville's political friends, Mr. Foster could be defeated. Not a doubt of it. The Liberal papers in St. John and elsewhere rather encouraged the opposition to Mr. Foster, and have come out of the fight very much the worse for the encounter, the weakness of the Liberal cause in the Province only being the more apparent, especially when it is remembered that there had been two previous defeats in St. John within a very short time. It will of course be argued that the Kings election is not a Liberal defeat, but all the argument used in this direction will not eradicate the opinion generally entertained that the Liberals, not daring to take the field openly, concentrated their strength on Domville, hoping thereby to score a victory against the government. In politics as in other matters "the best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft aglee," a truism well understood by those who have been rashly led to show a very weak hand in the Kings election. The contest was uncalled for. Mr. Domville and his Conservative and Liberal friends chose to think differently, and if the result is contrary to their expectations they can blame nobody but themselves. Now that the election is over the Liberal papers pretend to believe that no other result could have been expected. The *Globe* says "Of course, Mr. Foster was elected in Kings. Mr. Domville labored under the disadvantage of having no journal to take up his cause." Is it not a fact that the *Globe*, the *Telegraph* and the *Transcript* did their utmost to secure Mr. Domville's election, and yet the poor man had no paper to help him. So far as St. John and Moncton (the nearest points) were concerned, there were three papers opposed to Mr. Foster and only two in his favor. That the three papers referred to did Mr. Domville very little good in the election is true, but they did all they could, and what could they more. Then we have the *Transcript* joining in, with "The defeat of Mr. Foster could hardly be hoped for under the circumstances." Judging from the *Globe's* utterances the election was a foregone conclusion. Then why was it entered upon—why was a contest, with all the expense and its attendant annoyances, forced upon the people. The Liberal papers that supported Mr. Domville can probably furnish the answer.—Such factious opposition has a tendency to injure the party from whence it springs. That it had such an effect in Kings is evident from the greatly increased majority given to the Minister of Marine. That each party did its best to win is evidenced in the large vote polled, there being 2036 for Foster and 1655 for Domville, or a total of 3691.

Bathurst Notes.

On Christmas Day a man by the name of Madden, while on his way from Caraquet to his home in Pokemouche, was frozen to death.

James McGinley, Esq., Registrar of Deeds for this County, passed away quite suddenly, leaving a widow and seven children to mourn his loss.

On Wednesday evening Jas. Buchanan, hotel keeper, attempted suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. The ball entered by the fourth rib and ascending, struck the third, and glancing inwards passed through the lung. Drs. Bishop and Duncan were at once summoned. They probed for the ball, but did not find it. To-day he is somewhat better.

To-day the remains of Miss Emily M. Carter, daughter of Mr. Charles T. Carter of this place, were conveyed to their last resting place in St. Luke's (Presbyterian) burying ground, followed by the largest concourse of people ever seen at a funeral in Bathurst. Rev. Dr. Sprague, conducted the services both at the house and grave. She had been confined to her bed for three years with hip disease. Everything that medical and surgical aid could do was done for her but with no avail. During her long illness she never murmured, and passed away at the age of thirty-three, trusting in the Redeemer. The pall-bearers were W. H. Buck, T. M. Burns, W. Kent, I. Leahy, W. Rainey and S. Millar.

Mr. H. Bishop, in addition to the services of Mr. Basil Johnson, has also secured those of Mr. Thomas Madigan, late of Newcastle, to assist the band. Mr. Madigan is open to give instruction in instrumental music, and will also play at the assemblies which our enterprising townsmen, Messrs. Buck and Bishop, purpose inaugurating at an early day, and which will be held once a week during the winter. The people of Bathurst should heartily assist—which they no doubt will—the efforts of these two young men in furnishing them with amusement and recreation during the long winter evenings.

PERSONAL.

James Buttimer left on Monday evening for Florida, where he intends staying for about three months.

New Year's Day passed very quietly. A number of our young men and maidens regaled themselves with a sleigh drive, the day being fine and the roads good.

Bathurst is to be congratulated on the small amount of drinking and drunkenness to be seen. Scarcely a person was to be seen in the least intoxicated. Many enjoyed themselves by a game at curling.—*Cor. World.*

Jan. 1, 1886.

We learn from the correspondence of the *Sun* that the fishing establishments and refrigerators which Messrs. Baldwin, Gatain and others are erecting on the line of the Caraquet Railway and which have already been mentioned in the *Sun*, will be ready for active operation on the opening of navigation. The immense quantity of ice required for these freezers will be obtained from the mill ponds at Barnesville and will be brought over the road.

Curling has commenced at Bathurst. Considerable interest was taken in the recent challenge match between Messrs. John Black and Wm. J. O'Brien, and Messrs. F. J. Gatain and W. H. Buck. It was arranged that the two skips making the greatest number of points would give an oyster supper to the members of four rinks. Accordingly on Wednesday afternoon skips O'Brien and Gatain were pitted against each other, John J. Harrington being umpire. Skip O'Brien won, 13 to 10. In the evening the last game between skips Black and Buck was played, with A. J. H. Stewart as umpire. The latter won, the score being, Buck 15, Black 14. Skips O'Brien and Black having scored 27 to their opponents 25, were duly qualified to stand the oysters, and after the game the players and several friends adjourned to Mrs. Napier's, where they participated in a supper got up in Mrs. N.'s usual good style.

New Year's Day.

The year 1886 was ushered in with the customary Watch-Night service in St. Andrew's Church, commencing at 11.30 p. m. on Thursday. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. On Friday the regular services were held in St. Andrew's and St. Mary's.

The day was soft and fine, and was enjoyed in a variety of ways. A few gentlemen were seen following the time-honored custom of calling upon their lady friends, the number of these devotees being less than on previous New Year's Days, indicating a decline in this respect. Others took advantage of the fine day to enjoy a drive, a large number of teams being out, some from Chatham and other points. The younger fry, too had their enjoyment, and all who could muster a dog team were out to share in the pleasures of the day. There was less of snowballing of teams than usual, owing to the vigilance of the policeman, but as that officer could not be in all places at once, the youngsters, aided by others who ought to have known better, made an occasional onslaught. There was quite a scene near Niven's tannery late on in the afternoon between a pack of these young turbulents and the occupants of a sleigh. One sleigh was upset during a shower of snowballs at one of the corners, the horse being frightened. It is too bad that such conduct is permitted. It would not be a bad idea to appoint two or three special constables to watch such proceedings when another New Year's Day comes round.

Several lovers of horseflesh had their flyers out, using an available stretch of ice extending from the ferry slip on the Chatham side, about a quarter of a mile or so down river. The sport at one time was marked by a mishap which was fortunately unattended by serious results. One of the horses was a speedy colt owned by Mr. W. S. Brown, one of the progeny of the trotting stallion "Columbus." This animal was attached to a skeleton or racing sleigh, and was driven by Mr. John McKeen. While trotting at a good pace up the track, the left runner entered a little pile of drifted snow, which was covered with a crust, and almost immediately broke off at the axle. As the driver fell among the broken gear the animal became startled, flew off on the run, and kicked several times. Fortunately for the driver, who pluckily maintained his grasp of the reins, he had managed to throw himself to one side of the wreck, and thus escaped injury. The horse was stopped just at the end of the track, apparently uninjured. All who saw the accident were thankful that Mr. McKeen escaped so well, and commended him for maintaining his grasp of the reins. Had he not done so, the animal would in all probability have been seriously injured. The driver's afternoon's sport was not ruined as stated by the correspondent of the *World*, for in a short time after the accident he was again on the ice, with the same animal harnessed to a light pung.

The Rink was open, and skaters and curlers enjoyed themselves. The ice was rather sticky for good sport.

The Baptists had a very successful and enjoyable gathering in the church from an early hour in the evening—the occasion being the Sabbath School Anniversary. There was a full attendance of scholars, teachers, parents and friends. In the competition for prizes the following were the successful competitors:—Ingram E. Bill, Maggie Clarke, Ethel Mersereau, Bertha Loud, May Mersereau, Lina Clarke, Janie Stewart, Alice Loud, Mary Mitchell, Evelyn Miller, Mary Patten, May McCormick and William Brooks. After the prizes were presented, the gifts from the heavily-laden "Christmas Tree" were distributed.—Miss Issa Bill was presented by the Superintendent, on behalf of the School, with a very beautiful dressing case and a pair of kid mitts as a recognition of her valuable services as organist. The Pastor and his wife were very generously remembered by kind friends. Several of the teachers also received presents from their scholars.

The tea provided by the ladies was abundant in supply, great in variety, and everything in quality that could be desired.

Prizes were offered for the ensuing year.

The Superintendent, Bro. J. Clarke, has great reason to be encouraged with the rapid progress the school is making under his management. The exercises were brought to a close with singing and prayer by the Pastor.

Restigouche Notes.

[FROM OUR DALHOUSIE CORRESPONDENT.]

A meeting of Sunday School workers was held here on Tuesday last, in St. John's Church, for the purpose of considering whether it would be advisable to form a Sunday School Association for this County, to co-operate with the Provincial one. The meeting was well attended, and was represented by all the Protestant Denominations throughout the County. After explanations by the Chairman, Mr. Haddow, as to the purpose of the Convention, it was unanimously resolved to form an Association to be called the Restigouche Sunday School Association, and the following officers were elected:

Geo. Haddow, President; Rev. G. W. Fisher, 1st Vice President; Rev. Thos. Nicholson, 2nd Vice President; Thos. Scott, 3rd Vice President; Donald McAlister, 4th Vice President. Frank A. Bennet, Secy; Alex. DesBrisay, Asst. Secy; J. B. McKenzie, Treas.

Very interesting addresses were made by some of the delegates as to the work done in their Parishes, after which the Convention adjourned to meet in Campbellton on the second Tuesday in July next.

New Year's day passed very quietly. The usual amount of driving was indulged in, and the Rink was well patronized by those who were not visiting.

We are glad to see our young townsman, Charles Morse, C. E., again with us. Mr. Morse lately completed a contract on the C. P. R., and was very highly praised for the manner in which the work was done. He is accompanied on his visit by his wife and two children.

The "oldest inhabitant" does not remember such mild weather as we have had for the past fortnight. The river is open as far as the eye can reach, and at the time of writing there is every prospect of it continuing so.

Dalhousie, Jan. 1, 1886.

CAMPBELLTON.

There is to be a Silver Wedding at the residence of Mr. Joseph H. Moore, Campbellton, on the evening of the 9th January, when that gentleman's friends will be on hand to congratulate him and his worthy partner on the auspicious event.

The Methodists at Campbellton are moving in the matter of a new church. Tenders for the construction of a new edifice are asked for, up to the 1st February, to be addressed to Mr. J. P. Mowat. Plans and specifications may be seen at the residence of Mr. W. Doherty. The building now occupied for Divine Worship is too small to accommodate the congregation. The efforts in behalf of a new building are therefore praiseworthy, and in keeping with the progress made of late in the work of the church.

We notice that the Rev. A. O. Brown has been called to the Pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Campbellton. The congregation have evidently made an excellent choice. The Rev. gentleman, who is a native of Fotfarshire, came to this country from Dumbarton about five months ago. He enjoys an excellent reputation as a preacher and scholar. One of our staff enjoyed the pleasure of listening to one of his sermons while attending service in the Kirk at Bathurst in October last. On that occasion the Rev. gentleman delivered an admirable discourse, his subject being "Men Wondered at." It was one of those pointed, practical discourses of which hearers never tire, and gave evidence of ability and scholarly research. We congratulate Mr. Brown upon his appointment among a people so well known for their warmheartedness and liberality, and wish him much success in his new field of labor.

New Brunswick Shipping.

The St. John *Globe's* returns of the shipping of New Brunswick show that this important industry is in a very depressed condition, so far at least as new work is concerned. The number of vessels on the ports of registry has fallen from 1,095 to 1,061, and there is a reduction in tonnage of 20,000 tons. The decline is principally in St. John, the falling off being from 677 to 657 vessels, and a decrease in the tonnage from 251,136 to 234,356 tons. The condition of affairs in the other ports of registry is as follows:—St. Andrews, decrease of — vessels, 1,997 tons; Chatham, increase of 2 vessels, the number now being 171; Dorchester, same number as last year, but increase of tonnage of 1564 tons: Sackville, decrease of 1 vessel; Moncton, no change; Richibucto, increase of 1 vessel. The total number of vessels registered in the Province in 1884 was 1,095, 308,156 tons; in 1885, 1,061 vessels, 288,688 tons.

The future is not very bright either, for comparatively little work is being done in the shipyards. There are now underway or contracted for 16 vessels of 6,971 tons, compared with 24 vessels of 11,993 tons in 1884; 33 vessels of 16,549 tons in 1883, and 40 vessels of 19,500 tons in 1882.

St. John has lost heavily during the year. Thirty vessels of 16,090 tons were destroyed, compared with 40 vessels of 18,608 tons in 1884, 30 vessels of 12,178 tons in 1883, and 29 vessels of 12,487 tons in 1882. The value of the vessels lost this year is estimated at $339,000; in 1884 the vessels lost were worth $279,000; in 1883, $322,000, and in 1882, $408,100. The insurance was about two thirds.

Masonic.

OFFICERS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

MIRAMICHI, NO. 18, CHATHAM.

Aaron Harris. W. M.
P. H. C. Benson, S. W.
Fred E. Danville, J. W.
John Fotheringham, (P. M.,) Treasurer.
Thos. F. Gillespie, (P. M.,) Secretary.
Rev. E. W. Waits, Chaplain.
John McDonald, S. D.
Alex. Robinson, J. D.
J. S. Benson, Jr., S. S.
A. E. Patterson, J. S.
A. S. Templeton, I. G.
A. J. Loggie, (P. M.,) D. of C.
Wm. C. Smythe, Tyler.
John S. Benson, I. P. M.

After the installation the members adjourned to the Canada House, where they participated in an excellently prepared Supper, spending a most enjoyable time.

RESTIGOUCHE, NO. 25, DALHOUSIE.

Jas. E. Stewart, W. M.
Wm. Draper, S. W.
Ronald Currie, J. W.
A. G. Wallace, Treasurer.
A. E. Windsor, Secretary.
Wm. Currie, S. D.
J. I. McLeod, J. D.
John McNeish, S. S.
Robert McNiel, J. S.
Wm. Calderwood, I. G.
W. G. Disbrow, (P. M.,) D. of C.
G. A. Willet, Tyler.
H. A. Johnson, I. P. M.

The officers were installed by Past Master W. G. Disbrow.

LODGE ST. ANDREW, NO. 16, RICHIBUCTO.

Hugh M. Ferguson, W. M.
Wm. J. Smith, S. W.
John S. Brine, M. D., J. W.
Wm. Brown, Treasurer.
Thos. W. Bliss, Secretary.
J. M. Upham, Bliss, S. D.,
John Stephenson, J. D.
John McElmon, S. S.
Wm. H. McLeod, J. S.
John Taylor, D. C.
John Curran, I. G.
Thos. Micheaud, Tyler.
Wm. A. Black, I. P. M.

This Lodge meets Monday, on or after the full moon. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

Public Meeting.

Some months ago it was resolved at a meeting of Newcastle division, that on the first Thursday in each month the doors of the division would be thrown open to the public as soon as the usual routine business was gone through with, and in accordance with this custom the meeting to-morrow evening will be public. It being the first night of the quarter the installation of officers will take place immediately after the public are admitted, after which an interesting programme will be presented. The following are the officers elect for the current quarter:—

W. Cottier, W. P.
W. R. Robinson, W. A.
Clifford Fish, R. S.
Clara Brown, A. R. S.
Wesley Biggs, Fin. S.
Daniel McGruar, Treasurer.
R. N. Weeks, Chaplain.
W. McMaster, Conductor.
M. O. Thompson, A. C.
Wm. Fraser, I. S.
James Black, O. S.
W. C. Anslow, P. W. P.

Heating.

Mr. C. B. Thompson, of Picton, has been awarded the contract for putting the heating apparatus into the new Post Office building, Newcastle. He has also the plumbing for the same building.

Personal.

The death is announced at St. John, of Mr. Wm. Paisley, deputy Post Office Inspector for this Province. His death will be deeply regretted by many friends, here and elsewhere. The deceased was a brother of the Rev. Chas. H. Paisley, for some time pastor of the Newcastle Methodist Church.

Hon. Adam Crooks for several years minister of education in the Ontario government, died a few days ago in a private lunatic asylum at Hartford, Connecticut. He was 58 years of age.

The Charlottetown *Herald* says: Captain Mallory, of the gospel army, was married on Monday evening last to a Miss Curtis, of Crapaud. The captain is blind and his wife intends to lead him in the good work.

Lt.-Col. Armstrong, of St. John, has been appointed an Aide-de-Camp to the Lieut.-Governor.

It is announced that Miss Mary Gladstone, daughter of the Hon. Mr. Gladstone, is to be married to Rev. Harry Drew, a curate of the Church of England at Hawarden.

Mrs. Richard Smith, of Fredericton, while walking down Queen St., on Thursday morning, was seen to fall backwards. When picked up she was dead. The post mortem examination conducted by Dr. Coburn revealed the fact that heart disease was the cause of the sudden death.

Lt.-Col. Maunsell is on a hunting expedition on the Miramichi.

The Baptist congregation of Woodstock, have decided to call Rev. A. T. Dykeman, of Dorchester, to be their pastor, and they expect him to accept the call. Mr. Dykeman is an excellent preacher and faithful pastor, and his departure will be a serious loss to Dorchester. We wish him much prosperity wherever he goes—*Transcript.*

Lord Tennyson has accumulated a fortune of about $400,000.

DONATION.—On Xmas the friends of the Rev. I. N. Parker, had a donation meeting in the Methodist church, New Canaan, for that gentleman. Notwithstanding the roughness of the roads, the building was comfortably filled, and an abundance of eatables and potables disposed of.

The many friends and well wishers of Mr. Chas. Gunn, of Chatham, will assuredly join in congratulations concerning the auspicious advent of a son and heir at his home on New Year's Day.—The ADVOCATE joins in the congratulations.

Kent County Notes.

The building belonging to an American Co. burnt last summer has been replaced by a large and convenient looking shed, down from the station toward the court house.

Mr. John Thompson is about again although he limps a little from the lameness in the foot where the trolly, on the St. Thomas line, run over him some time ago.

I did not send an account of a drowning accident on the Main river which occurred a few weeks ago. A young man named Roberts was with a companion endeavoring to cross the river in a canoe when it upset, and Roberts attempted to swim ashore and was drowned.

The new tank at Weldford station is completed and looks well and convenient. It is a great improvement on the one burned a short time ago.

The Rev. Mr. Kirby was compelled to close the special services at Molus River, on account of sickness. He is around again now, and preached at Weldford station on Monday night, baptizing one man and taking several on trial for membership into the Methodist church.

The Rev. Mr. Cameron is preaching for a few Sabbaths to the Bass River congregation, with much acceptance.—There is some talk of giving him a call. We should think it would be an excellent choice.—*Times.*

Queen of the Quilt.

The gathering at Derby on Wednesday last for the purpose of augmenting the Repair Fund of St. Peter's Church, resulted successfully, the nett amount raised being $65. The sum of $31.15 cents was raised from the autograph quilt, which was disposed of in a novel way. The names of three ladies were nominated for the position of "Queen of the Quilt," and during the evening the friends of the ladies so proposed made a vigorous canvass for votes. At intervals the state of the poll was announced, which added to the excitement. At nine o'clock the poll was closed, and on the votes being counted it was found that Mrs. Hiltz, wife of the Rector, had been duly elected Queen. The affair was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Curling.

At a meeting of the Newcastle Curling Club, held at the Rink on Monday evening last, Messrs. James Brown and E. Lee Street were appointed delegates to attend the convention to be held in Moncton on Thursday, Jan. 14th, for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of forming a Maritime Curling Club Association.

The first match of the season, for the Club Cup will be played on Monday next, the 11th. The following rinks compete.

In the forenoon—Park vs. Ferguson; Street vs. Ritchie.

In the afternoon—Crocker vs. Harriman; Parker vs. Brown.

In the evening—Gremley vs. Morrissy.

It is the intention of the Club to play the points game for the Governor General's Prize for Stone playing clubs.

The North American Life.

This live and substantial company can now be said to be doing one of the largest and safest insurance businesses in the Dominion. Its record as a prompt paying institution stands A 1. The company has on its directorate some of the leading men of Canada, men of wealth and position. Its semi-tontine investment policy, is an exceedingly liberal one, and is proving very acceptable to those who desire the investment feature, combined with protection in life insurance. The commercial plan is also becoming popular, offering certain insurance, as it does, at cost. We were really surprised to see by the company's application register on Tuesday last that it had received new applications on that day for the large sum of $142,000. Mr. Robt. Lovell is the Toronto agent for the company, and has the reputation of being one of the liveliest insurance men in town.—*Tor. World.*

Lumbering Operations.

Mr. William Richards, accompanied by Surveyor Morrison, of Chatham, has been on a tour of inspection to his logging operations in the "Dungarvan" and "Taxis" waters, and pronounces work of every description proceeding in a most satisfactory manner. The Portage Roads are in excellent condition for hauling in supplies, and the winter up to the present an exceptionally fine one for "yarding" logs.

Cheap Furniture Store.

Messrs. Purdy and Currie, whose advertisement appears in another column, are offering great reductions in prices of furniture. They have marked their goods 15 per cent. cheaper than formerly, and will continue to sell at these figures until January the first. Parties in need of Bedroom or Parlor Suites, Lounges, Easy Chairs and Mattrasses, should not fail to call and secure bargains. A full line of cheap Chairs and Bedsteads always on hand, and cheaper now than ever. A call is solicited. tf.

THE FISHERIES QUESTION.—The Springfield *Republican*, a journal of considerable prominence says:—

"The New England Congressmen are reported to be a unit in favor of excluding Canadian fish. The New England fishermen have had the whip hand the past summer, but they may find out by another year that they will be shut out of Canadian fishing grounds. They cannot afford to look only upon one side of this question."

This is a sensible way of looking at it. The New York *Herald* takes a similar position, and so do all journals who do not take stock in the dog-in-the-manger style of dealing with a great public question in which the people of the United States and the people of Canada are equally interested. The Gloucester fishermen have a selfish interest in their endeavors to exclude Canadian fish from coming into competition with the fish handled by them, but their interests are insignificant as compared with the general interests of fifty millions of people, all of whom will be benefited to some extent by the importation of Canadian fish free of duty. We notice that the Chamber of Commerce has adopted resolutions favoring the appointment of commissioners for the settlement of the fishery question, and for the purpose of negotiating a reciprocity treaty with Canada.

HANDSOME PRESENT.—On Christmas Eve a very interesting presentation took place at the Waverley, in the presence of a number of personal friends of the recipient. James Mitchell, Esq., Inspector of Lights, was presented by Mr. Stewart, the worthy host of the Waverley, with a handsome life size portrait of himself, which has been executed by a well known artist in New York, from an excellent photo of Mr. Mitchell. Mr. M. who was completely taken by surprise, expressed the great pleasure he felt in being the recipient of so handsome a token of Mr. Stewart's regard.

"THE RURAL HOME" is the title of a neatly printed and carefully edited agricultural monthly publication of 16 pages, edited and published by John Bryenton, Kentville, N. S., and furnished at the low price of 50 cents per annum. Such a publication ought to have a large circulation in the Maritime Provinces. The agricultural miscellany published in the last page of the ADVOCATE this week is mostly copied from *The Rural Home.*—Send and get a copy. Any persons sending a club of four new subscribers will receive one extra copy free.

ANOTHER ONE NAILED.—Sir Richard Cartwright, having in his recent speech at Orillia made the charge that Sir John Macdonald had granted his son a license to fifty miles of timber limits in the disputed territory, lately awarded to Ontario, on being challenged to prove his statement, has been forced to retract.—This he fully does in a public letter, but adds that he had heard it repeatedly stated, even, he thinks, on the floor of Parliament, an unnecessary addition that will in its turn call for another taking back of his words.—*Gazette.*

OBITUARY.—A despatch from Truro announces the death there, yesterday morning, of Rev. J. I. Baxter, at the advanced age of 83 years. The deceased clergyman was for forty years the pastor at Onslow Presbyterian congregation, having settled there in 1832. For some years past he has lived in Truro. A few years ago, the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination was celebrated at Onslow.—He was always very highly esteemed. Deceased was father of Dr. Baxter of this town.—*Transcript, Jan. 2.*

Dr. Baxter, of Chatham, is also a son of the deceased.

OUR SCHOOLS.—In order to allow the pupils of departments above the primary a longer mid-day recess, the Trustees of No. 7, Newcastle, have decided to close the schools at 12.45 instead of at one as heretofore, re-opening at 2, and doing away with the afternoon recess. The change will take effect from and after to-morrow, (Thursday) 7th January.

PRESENTATIONS.—Hon. Mr. Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue, and his friends returned from Grand Falls this morning in the Government palace car, and was presented with an address (engraved by Mr. D. Willet), and a gold watch and chain. Mr. Costigan will leave this evening for Ottawa.—*Globe, 31st.*

The employees of the *Courrier du Canada*, last night presented Mr. Leger Brousseau, proprietor of the paper, with a complimentary address and a gold-headed cane.——Mr. Carrel's employees have presented him with an address and a crayon portrait of himself, the latter of which, says the *Nouvelliste*, has been executed by Mr. L. Morency of St. Roch's.—*Chronicle*, Jan. 1.

MR. ISSAC HARRIS went to Montreal a few days ago with a view to purchasing an old established business there which is for sale. Mr. Aaron Harris left here on Monday night to join his father.—Chatham will be sorry to lose Mr. Harris and ~~his~~ interesting family.—*Chatham World.*

THE PRESS.—The *Intelligencer*, published at Belleville, Ont., one of the best of our exchanges, has just completed its fiftieth year.

The *Herald* and *Chronicle* of Halifax have sent out excellent New Year Supplements, full of interesting statistics.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—A union meeting was held in St. James' Hall last evening, presided over by the Rev. D. Chapman. A similar meeting will be held to-morrow (Thursday) evening, in the Methodist Church, commencing at 7.30 when the Rev. W. Aitken will preside.

PROPERTY FOR SALE.—The valuable freehold property owned and occupied by J. J. Anslow is offered for sale. The owner will be pleased to communicate with any person desirous of purchasing, either personally or by letter.

APPEAL TO OTTAWA.—The Supreme Court of New Brunswick having refused a new trial in the case of Sheriff vs. Muirhead, the executors of the Muirhead estate have appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada.—*Chatham World.*

I. O. F.—In referring to the Foresters in our last issue we used the initials I. O. O. F. The error was overlooked in the proof reading. The correct initials are I. O. F.

Married.

At Boiestown, on the 20th ult., by the Rev. H. Prime, MR. MATTHEW CONNICK of Nelson, to MISS MARGARET PRICE, of Ludlow.

At St. Peter's Church, Lutton Palace, Edinburgh, on Dec. 15, by the Rev. A. J. Sellar, M. A., DAVID GEORGE BENNET, B. A., M. B., and C. M. (Edin.,) eldest surviving son of Dr. John Bennet, Dalhousie, New Brunswick, to MARGARET CATHCART, only surviving daughter of the late Michael Hugh Scott, of Bombay, Threave and Kelton, Kirkcudbrightshire, and Chateau Ecosse, Cannes.

Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR:

We are often asked "What the W. C. T. U. is doing? and told that if we were more in earnest much more might be accomplished in putting down the liquor traffic." Although this charge is generally made by those who have never identified themselves with the temperance workers, and know but little of the difficulties to be met in trying to put down a popular custom like the drinking of liquor, yet we will admit the statement.

We are perhaps too timid, but past experience has taught some of the friends of temperance that they must be very wise and judicious in their work.

There is however one thing that we feel no one will question our right to do, namely that of making a special appeal to the liquor dealers on the subject, either directly or through your paper which has always through your kindness been open to us since our organization.

As a member of the W. C. T. U. and hearing and seeing a little of what has been going on among even the boys of our town in the way of drinking during the holidays, I would say in all kindness and seriousness to the liquor sellers individually, consider now at the commencement of this New Year what the real source and character of your business is. It undoubtedly comes from the Destroyer of souls, partaking of his character who was a "murderer from the beginning." Strong language but true.

Is it nothing to you that families are suffering from want of food, clothing and fuel, on account of what is spent at your bars, while you are living in comfort and luxury and laying by your thousands?

That widows mourn the loss of husbands and sons, who, but for your cruel work might have been spared to be their providers and protectors?

Is it nothing to you that the young men of our town have had, as they themselves have said, to leave in order to free themselves from the terrible habit of liquor drinking and its too frequent accompaniment gambling, contracted in your places of business, to take a fresh start in life?

Is it nothing that your own sons, bright and promising as they may be, and even yourselves, are in great danger of entering the drunkard's path, if indeed the first stages of that road have not been already trodden?

Of what avail will it be on a dying bed that you have amassed your thousands of gold and silver? and bequeathed to your children, that which in all probability, may only help them on to ruin?

God's word asks the question "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Calculate if you can adding the precious souls who have been led on to eternal ruin through your business, and furnish to yourselves the answer. Words will fail you as they already do to describe the suffering and sorrow brought about through the selling and drinking of spirituous liquors.

You know that the law of the land is against selling liquor, and even if it were not, your better judgment must tell you it is wrong and mischievous in the extreme, therefore we ask you for the sake of the suffering ones, and for those who may think there is no danger for them, to give up the business.

J.

Miramichi, January 4, 1886.

General Intelligence.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Toronto received last year $12,920 for license fees of various kinds.

The Scott Act has been defeated in Argenteuil county, Quebec, by a small majority.

It is estimated that over 600,000 bushels of potatoes have been shipped from the Island this fall, mostly to American ports.

It is reported from Pembroke, Ont., that Hon. T. W. Anglin will be invited by the Liberals of North Renfrew to contest that seat for the Commons.

Mr. Alexander Atkinson, of St. Mary's, York Co., had one of his legs broken by a falling tree, while working in the lumber woods in Carleton County.

Mr. F. B. Coleman, proprietor of the Barker House, Fredericton, gave a dinner to the poor children of that city, in the City Hall, on New Year's Day. A kind and thoughtful act.

The Cork municipal council has decided to loan, as an experiment, £6,500 for the purpose of erecting seventy-four cottages for laborers, to be rented at half-a-crown a week.

The report of the registrar shows that the value of the crops this year in Ireland increased £1,694,223 as compared to 1884, and that it was £263,964 above the average of the proceeding ten years.

The close of the year was marked in Scotland, by a terrific snow storm, which blocked the Railways. One train with two snow ploughs and headed by three engines, got stuck in the snow at Caithness.

The Colonial Foundry at Sackville, has shut down, throwing quite a number out of employment during the winter months; and the employees of Fawcett's foundry have had their wages reduced twenty per cent.

Mr. Uriah Fowler, Mr. George Seely's foreman, had his right foot badly cut in the woods on the Miramichi the other day. He was driven to Boiestown, went from there by train to Gibson, and is now in Dr. Currie's charge.

The Quebec Chronicle thinks that the conservatives will carry both Lotbiniere and Drummond and Athabaska, the seats made vacant by the resignations of Messrs. Joly and Watts. If so, it will be a grim commentary on Mr. Mercier's boasts and threats of a few weeks ago.

Sergt. Mawhinny, "A" battery, wounded during the north-west rebellion, has been notified that he will receive a pension of 90 cents per day. Gunners Ashland and Wilson, also wounded, have been notified that they will receive pensions of 55 cents per day.

James Buchanan, of Bathurst accidentally shot himself with a revolver on Wednesday evening. The bullet took effect in the right lung it is said. The medical gentlemen in attendance at first despaired of his recovery, but now hope to save his life if inflammation does not set in.

M. Francois Jules P. Grevy has been re-elected president of the French Republic on the joint vote of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies acting as a national assembly. Only five members of the Right cast ballots. M. Grevy's total majority in the first ballot was 135.

By far the most gratifying feature of the trade returns for the closing months of 1885, so far as published, is the universal indication of an increase in the customs revenue, showing that hard pan has been reached and that an improvement, which we all hope will be permanent, has set in.

Superintendent Cram endeared himself to the employees of the N. B. Railway on Christmas day by ordering the retention of all freight trains for that day, by so doing enabling many of the employees to remain at home with their families on that sacred festival. Mr. Cram evidently understands running a railway.

Mr. MacIntyre, as president of the International Railway Company, has signed, in the presence of Sir Charles Tupper, High Commissioner for Canada, a contract for the construction of the Short Line of Railway to connect Montreal with St. Andrews and St. John, New Brunswick, and with Halifax, Nova Scotia.

On New Year's Day, Detroit was visited by the worst fire in its history, destroying an entire square bounded by Randolph, Brush, Lafayette and Croghan streets. Among those burnt out were D. M Ferry & Co., the well known seedmen, their loss amounting to a million dollars' worth of seeds stored in their mammoth warehouse. The total loss is said to be about $1,500,000.

460 grants were issued from the Crown Land Office, during 1885, which is about the same number as in 1884. The greatest number of grants issued during the past year have been in the counties of Victoria and