BUILDERS WANT:

EXTRA SHINGLES, CLEAR SHINGLES, 2nd CLEAR SHINGLES, EXTRA NO. 1 SHINGLES, CLEAR WHITE SHINGLES, NO. 1 SHINGLES, NAILS, PAPER, LIME, HAIR, BRICK, GLASS, PUTTY.

FAMILIES WANT:

SELF-SEALING JARS, Pints, Quarts, Half Gallons, 10c. OGILVIE'S HUNGARIAN FLOUR, KENT MILLS FLOUR, (ask for Price,) FAMOUS FLOUR, BUDGET FLOUR, KILN DRIED CORN MEAL, 2.25 per bbl. AMERICAN HOME LIGHT OIL, 25. PEARL OIL, 22c PORTO RICO MOLASSES, 40c.

—ALL AT—

W. S. LOGGIE CO'Y, LIMITED

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

NEW HIGHWAY ACT:—Forms under the new Highway Act are for sale at the ADVANCE OFFICE.

THE PRESBYTERY of Miramichi will meet at Campbellton on Tuesday next, 29th inst, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

WANTED—to purchase—a small tug boat, about 30 ft. keel, and 8 horse power. Address HUDSON & HOPPER, St. John, N. B.

FIRE AT FREDERICTON:—At Fredericton on the afternoon of Monday last the government stables were burnt. The buildings cost $2,500 and were insured for $2,000.

SCHOONER SOLD:—The schooner Beatrice which was purchased by Mr. George West last fall, has been sold to Mr. John A. Moil and Capt. R. A. McLean, of Hardwicke. The amount he gave for her just as she lies at his wharf is $800.

FREDERICTON'S SCOTT ACT REVENUE:—On Friday last the civic revenue of Fredericton was increased $400. This amount was paid into the police court by eight local vendors of the ardent, for violation of the Canada Temperance Act.

CHANGE OF BUSINESS:—We learn that the Hon. C. H. Labillois and Ernest Sumner have purchased the general store business of Geo. Haddow at Dalhousie and will take possession on April 1. Mr. Labillois has been clerk in the store for some years past and will be the managing partner under the new arrangement.

A CHATHAM BOY MISSING.—From our St. John exchanges we learn that a ten-year-old lad, Bernard Breen, of Chatham, described as light complexioned and rather tall, who was sent to St. Patrick's Industrial School at Silver Falls, St. John, has been missing since last Friday, and there is much anxiety concerning him.

A FATAL ACCIDENT:—Two boys named Beech and Veniot, aged about 15, were scuffling in a barn at Kentville, N. S., on Wednesday last, when Beech fell upon a sharp knife with which Veniot had been whittling a pin for a hay cutter. Beech had no coat on and the sharp blade pierced the shirt and reached the heart. He staggered out of the barn and expired almost immediately. The affair was entirely accidental.

NOTICE:—R. A. H. Morrow, S. John, N. B. has appointed Miss Ramsay organ for the book, "Miss Willard's Life," the great temperance worker, who lately passed to her rest. Miss Willard sought to realize the ideal for humanity with a heroism and devotion which knew no limit till vital power became exhausted. Her life work is now before the public and we bespeak for it a large sale. Advt.

THE SEASON:—We are at present enjoying real March weather, one day being cold and boisterous and the next mild and pleasant. Yesterday it rained nearly all day. The snow is rapidly disappearing from off our streets and sidewalks, and if the weather we have been having the last few days continues, our citizens will have dry sidewalks to walk on and wagons and sleighs will take the place of sleighs and sleds upon our streets.

THE FINNAN HADDIE FISHERY:—Digby, N. S., is the headquarters for this valuable fishery. The season for catching these fish commences the first of October and lasts until the end of February. The value of the catch during the season that has just closed it has been estimated amounts to over fifty thousand dollars. Ottawa, Quebec and all along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway to British Columbia took over one million pounds and the Lower Province markets consume a considerable quantity.

DEATH OF ROBERT SWIM:—Mr. Robert Swim a prominent and leading citizen of Doaktown, died on the afternoon of Saturday last after an illness of several weeks duration. Mr. Swim was in the seventy-second year of his age. He was twice married. By the first wife he has several grown up sons and daughters, but by the second who is now deceased, he leaves one child, a little girl. For many years Mr. Swim has carried on a large and successful lumber and mercantile business at Boiestown, and by those who did business with him, was considered a shrewd business man. He leaves a large circle of friends and acquaintances who will regret to hear of his death.

THEATRICAL:—The Frost Dramatic Company opened a week's engagement at Masonic Hall on Monday evening presenting the comedy-drama "Passion's Slave." A large audience greeted them and the actors were frequently applauded. Miss Mabel Frost sang two songs and was encored. Miss Flora Frost took the part of the heroine and her graceful ness and fine acting pleased the audience. The other different actors acquitted themselves creditably and altogether it was a good performance. "The Little Duchess" was presented and the different characters were equally as good as the previous evening. As we are going to press Lady Audley's Secret and a farce is the play for the evening.

SENTENCED FOR VAGRANCY.—During the time of service in St. John's Church on the Sunday morning that the collection was stolen a youth named James Urquhart was noticed loitering about the door. As this youth has no occupation or visible means of support and as he was seen spending money freely in Nelson a couple of days after, there was a strong suspicion that he was the person that had taken the money but although an effort was made to procure evidence none could be got. He, however, was arrested for vagrancy and at his trial before Mayor Winslow, who is acting as police magistrate, the evidence of Policeman Forrest most conclusively proved that he had no home and was to all intents and purposes a vagrant. Upon this evidence Mayor Winslow sentenced him to jail for 90 days as a vagrant.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY:—We understand that, as we go to press, the special committee of the Town Council, appointed to enquire into and report on the request of the Natural History Society and Public Library Committees for the use of the room in the Town Hall over the Council Chamber, are in session and are receiving the views of the parties interested. We hope that these very commendable objects will succeed in gaining the moral support and assistance of the Town Council. We understand that the committee proposes to sheath and finish this upper room for their use, charging sufficient rent to cover the interest and sinking fund on the amount expended, so that practically there would be no expenditure of the Town's money, and objects having for their end the advancement and education of the people would be assisted, as they are in other towns. The Local Government have voted $100 grant, to the Natural History Society, and large subscriptions of money were made at the time of the Jubilee celebration by the Hon. J. B. Snowball, J. D. Creaghan, Esq., and other citizens, and we hope that the Council, as a body, will do all in its power toward establishing a Public Library, and assisting the Natural History Society to establish what would be a public museum.

LIBERAL MEETING:—A meeting of the Liberal Association of this County at which were present a number of delegates from outlying parishes, was held in Masonic Hall on the evening of Tuesday last. Mr. W. S. Loggie, of the Central Patronage Committee reported progress. After the resignations of Mr. W. S. Loggie, Hon. J. P. Burchill and Mr. P. Hennessy, the members of the Patronage Committee had been handed in and accepted by the Society, a motion was put and carried abolishing the committee. The President, Secretary, and Hon. Allan Ritchie were appointed a special committee to forward the recommendations of the Parish Patronage Committees to Ottawa until the next meeting of the Association. A number of other matters were then discussed after which the meeting adjourned.

PERSONAL:—John T. Hawke, editor of the Transcript has gone to England, France and other European countries on account of ill health.

Rev. T. G. and Mrs. Johnstone spent last week at "Central Farm" Napan. The Rev. gentleman preached in the Dickson School House Sunday evening, March 13th, at 7 o'clock, text: "Whosoever will call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Acts II, 21. The sermon was much appreciated. Many were heard to remark: What a treat! The attendance was not large as the travelling was so soft.

Mrs. D. T. Johnstone of Bathurst is in town.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Noonan of New York are here, visiting Miss Noonan.

Col. McCulley who has, during the past fortnight, been in London, Ont., attending the Supreme Council of the Order of Home Circle of Canada, is once more in Chatham.

Mr. W. J. Winter who has been in charge of the Bruchlesf photograph gallery in St. John, in the past six months, has returned to Chatham, and is at present working for Mr. Mersereau.

Miss Frankie Snowball who has been making an extended visit with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Thompson, left for her home in Chatham, by the Canada Eastern this afternoon. Miss Snowball during her stay in this city has made hosts of admirers and friends who will regret to hear that she has gone from among us. When this young lady again decides to visit Fredericton, which it is to be hoped will be in the no distant future, she can be assured of a hearty welcome. A large number of her friends were at the station to see her off. [Ft'ton Herald.

St. Patrick's Day in Chatham.

Thursday last was St. Patrick's day and as is usually the case there was a fall of snow, but before noon the weather cleared. Flags were flying in the park, on the post office and an Irish flag was turled from the staff on St. Patrick's Hall. There was a Low Mass at the Pro-cathedral at 8.30 o'clock, which was celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Rogers. The band of St. Michael's Society marched from their hall to the Hotel Dieu at 10.30 and serenaded the Sisters, and then marched to the church. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Henry T. Joyner and Rev. T. H. Ellison preached a sermon on St. Patrick, taking his text from the 111 h psalm "His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed."

The preacher spoke of the great work done in Ireland by this saint in his teachings in the practice of virtue and religion, which is now scattered by his followers to every quarter of the globe. The choir sang Werner's Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis, and the Benedictus and Agnes Dei by Coleman, Lambillotte's Pastornus Uttalma was given at the Offertory. After mass the band was driven through the streets and with their natty uniforms and good music made a very creditable showing.

In the afternoon and evening the Irish drama, "Siege of Limerick" was presented by the members of St. Michael's R. C. T. A. Society in Masonic Hall. A crowded house greeted them as usual. The following is the cast:—

Patrick Sarsfield, Earl of Lucan,	Hugh Daly
Roger O'Gorman, Irish Gentlegan,	Jas. J. Leggatt,
Dermot O'Gorman, his son,	J. J. Stapleton
Harry Nugent, Dermot's friend,	John J. Gilmore
Mickey Cassady, lively Irish boy,	T. C. Stapleton.
Tim Brannigan, faithful friend,	Frank Dunn,
Barney O'Reily, blacksmith,	Thos Kavanah,
Dan. O Rafferty, assistant,	Jno. Martin, Jr.
Beaujacques, brave domestic,	——
Col. Brocksmirige, soldier of the King,	H. Moar.
Corporal Hogan, officer in Irish army,	Jas Gilmore,
Corporal Dingly, in King's army,	A. McIntosh
Considine, Carman,	D. Cassidy
Surgeon, Soldiers, Peasants.	

The play was the best ever given by the Society, which was fully shown by the interest and good order kept by the large audience throughout. Mr. John J. Stapleton, in the leading role, was the admiration of all his friends. Mr. Jas. J. Leggeatt took his part well, his powerful voice being well adapted to the unrelenting and determined Roger O'Gorman. Thos. Stapleton and Frank Dunn, as rollicking Irish patriots were very amusing, and Jack Stapleton, as the French domestic, provoked a great deal of laughter in his broken English. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the singing of the song "Mary Carey." Mr. T. Stapleton sang the first verse and the second and third were taken up by little Harry Martin in the audience, and the little fellow delighted everybody with his clear, sweet voice. The songs and dances were all good and done as well as any professional could do. The negro song, "All coons look alike to me," by Jack Stapleton, was well received and the audience called for an encore.

The orchestra played very sweetly, and was under the direction of Mr. T. C. Stapleton. The front of the stage was so crowded they were obliged to play behind the drop curtain, which somewhat deadened the music and could not be heard to advantage. The following were the different instruments and players:—1st violin, T. C. Stapleton; 'cello, Joseph Cahill; clarinet, John T. Gilmore; cornet (solo) Joseph Couhig; 2nd cornet, Thos. Kavanagh; bass, H. Moar; alto, Andw. Hayes; accompanist, J. J. Stapleton.

Altogether the entertainment was good and all the actors took their parts well. The management are to be congratulated on their success in producing the best drama ever presented by this society. The proceeds are in the vicinity of $270.

St. John Letter.

People who have been worried by the prediction of Lord Kelvin that 400 years hence the world's supply of fuel will be exhausted and that in consequence mankind will perish from the face of the earth, will be gratified to know that an inventor in India has perfected an apparatus by which he boils, bakes and stews all manner of food by the heat of the sun. The apparatus consists of a box lined with reflecting mirrors, with a copper vessel at the bottom covered with glass to retain the heat of the rays concentrated by the rays. He claims that his "stoves" can be constructed with a capacity to cook the food of a single person or of a thousand. We have succeeds in utilizing the heat for use on cloudy days, the dearth of fuel which Lord Kelvin predicts will cause total disturbance in the kitchen.

Those who assembled at the Institute last Tuesday night to witness a slugging match, saw nothing of the kind. But they paid their money and lost it, as was eminently proper.

Last Wednesday night there was one of the most brilliant displays of the northern lights that has been seen in the city for many years.

The herd of Ayrshires imported from Scotland by W. W. Ogilvie of Quebec, arrived here last week in fine condition. They are said to be the most valuable cattle ever brought into the country.

The Lumberly furniture factory was gutted by fire last Wednesday night. Loss about $10 000; insured.

The new equity of the new Scribner organ is remarkable. One is now in use by F. A. Peters jr., 107 Princess Street, is only about the size of an upright piano, yet it possesses the quality and carrying power of the two thousand dollar church organ. It is, of course, not so loud but its tone is very full, round, sweet and pervading, and the variety of its combinations makes it an ideal instrument for choir accompanying. Mr. Peters is very pleased with it and invites correspondence and careful inspection from churches and Sunday schools in need of an organ.

There are in port uncleared two steamers, two barques and 71 schooners.

Flour is easier; best Ontario is quoted at $5; Hungarian $5 85. Pork and beef are slightly higher; clear pork is quoted to-day at $16; mess $15. Boneless beef roll-texels at $15.75; extra plate $15, plate $14 75. Lard has advanced to 8 cents in tubs, 8¼ cents in pails and 8½ cents in tins. Pollock now sells at $2.10 per 100 pounds. Best American oil is up to 20 cents; highest grade Canadian 18½ cents and second grade Canadian 16½. A combination among the manufacturers has raised prices about 40 per cent.

Northrup & Co., the South Wharf grocers and fish dealers, report a larger business last year than ever before and that their losses by bad debts were practically *nil*. The fish canneries in which they are interested put up some of the best goods sold in Canada.

The Street Railway Co. will run eight open cars next summer.

An incendiary fire by which an unoccupied house in the city was slightly damaged occurred in the city last Saturday.

Four marriages, twenty-four births and ten deaths were recorded in the city last week.

St. John, March 21.

The Legislature.

FREDERICTON, March 16.—After a number of bills had been introduced and other matters discussed Mr. David on committed a bill to incorporate the Alexander Gibson Railway and Manufacturing Company (Limited) Mr. Shaw chairman.

During the discussion upon the bill, Hon. Mr. Tweedie spoke in high terms of the great energy and enterprise displayed by Mr. Gibson for many years, and the remarkable manner in which he had built up the country, he well deserved the title of the Lumber King of the province. In this connection Mr. Tweedie gave some statistics of the amount of wages paid and business transacted last year by Mr. Gibson in the various branches of his operations. Mr. Gibson sought by the bill to bond his business for $2,000,000 The volume of business done by Mr. Gibson was such that Mr. Tweedie thought the house should facilitate the bill in every way, rather than place any obstacles in the way. It was a significant fact that in 40 years Mr. Gibson had never had an action brought against him. Mr. Tweedie gave the following statistics showing the magnitude of the business carried on by Mr. Gibson:—

Wages per year paid by Alex. Gibson & Sons: Cotton mill, $175,000; saw mill, $32,000; lath mill, $15,750; shingle mill, $10,100; stores, $6,336; office, $5000; river driving, $17,373; hauling logs, $75,000; dams repairs, $1,200; rafting deals, $3,200; loading deals, $7,555; management, $12,000; surveying, $2,000; teams, $2,500; farms, $1,165; brick yard, $720; repairs, $1,200; towing, $20,000; lumber expenses, $2,600; Blackville, $52,570; Canada Eastern Railway, $56,000.

(Wages handling lumber in St. John not included.)

Shipments of lumber by A. Gibson & Sons 1898.—

Deals including outside purchases	112 318 051 ft.	$1 010 872 45
Birch timber	26 132 510 ft.	11 785 00
Laths	18 000 000	18 000 00
Shingles	18 500 000	30 000 00
Hemlock brds.		5 000 00
Dry goods, groceries, etc. sold		226 000 00
Total		$1 295 647 45
Cotton goods		650 000 00
		$1 945 647 45

Business of Canada Eastern Railway for the year ending June 30, 1897:—

Number of passengers carried 54,095

Tons of freight carried 100,980

Consisting of the following: Flour, 63,807 barrels; grain, 129 698 bushels; live stock, 544; lumber, 13,964,655 thousand feet; cord wood, 13,462 cords; manufactured goods, 37 654 tons; all other goods, 26,809 tons. Total carried, 100,980 tons. Revenue, $127,735,48; Expenditure, $83,194,34.

The number of steamers loaded at St. John in 1897 was 45; number of sailing vessels in 1897 was 18. The amount of wages for loading these at St. John was $66,600.

Recess.

FREDERICTON, Mar. 17.—Mr. Lockhart, seconded by Mr. Pinder, moved his resolution for a detailed statement of lands leased to the Muskoka Land and Lumber Company with particulars as to lumber cut and correspondence with the department.

Mr. Tweedie—I may say that the information will be furnished.

Dr. Alward—When?

Mr. Tweedie—As it is getting late in the session, I might as well furnish it now. There are no lands under license to the Muskoka Land and Lumber Company—we receive no stumpage from them and have no account with them whatever, and no correspondence. However I think I may be responsible for the error my hon. friend had made because I treated the Muskoka company in my remarks the other day as holding lands. In 1893 the company applied for lands but the lands were purchased in the name of A. H. Campbell & Co., and all the accounts appear in his name. I have got the deputy surveyor general to supply all the information I think my hon. friend desires. Mr. Tweedie then read memoranda to the house in response to the motion referred to.

Hon. Mr. White committed a bill amending the law relating to courts of probate, Mr. Chipman chairman.

Hon. Mr. White explained that the bill was largely a consolidation of the existing law relating to courts of probate. With reference to those features of the law which have been consolidated there were some amendments in matters of detail. Under she law as it has stood heretofore where it became necessary to sell real estate the law was in a very unsatisfactory condition, because while the testator might by his will leave different lots of land to different parties, when land was sold for insufficiency of personal property to meet the debt the judge would order the whole of it to be sold. The present bill provides that a certain piece of land may be sold, the legatees to bear the burden pro rata. Another difference in this law is that it increases the jurisdiction of the judges of probates. In matter of guardianship from infants having an estate of $2,000 to $5,000 as the law now stands in cases of that character it is not necessary to go into the county court at a great deal of expense. Another evil under the existing law has been that connected with the passing of trustees accounts, as the law has been hitherto, an executor passed his accounts in the probate court. After his accounts were passed as executor then he becomes trustee under the will. From that time forward he had to go into the equity court to pass the accounts there. That meant expensive machinery and a great burden upon the estate.

Under the present bill the trustee passes his accounts in the probate court. Another feature of the bill is that fixed salaries are provided for the judges of probate in the various counties based upon their earnings during the past two years.

There was no opposition to the bill until section 77 was reached.

Dr. Stockton then stated he would take a vote on that section against the principle of paying over any surplus to the province. In his opinion any surplus under the bill should go to the municipalities.

Dr. Alward—And if loss the deficit should be made up by the municipalities.

FREDERICTON, March 18.—[Special.]—The House met at 11 o'clock this morning. Mr. White re-committed a bill amending the act respecting the Court of Probate. Hill chairman. Agreed to with amendments. Rose till 12.45 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Osman followed Mr. Dibble. He thought on the accounts the committee had tried to do its duty. An injustice had been done Messrs. McAvity by confounding the accounts of 1895 with those of 1897. If any injustice had been done Mr. Dibble he (Osman) as one member of the committee was willing to make amends at the proper time; he thought every member of the committee had endeavored to do his duty, although it struck him at times that the hon. member for York (Pinder) was more anxious at times to discover evidence of wrong-doing on the part of the government then he was to get at the facts.

Mr Sumner gave a lengthy account of the work of the committee. He said Mr. Osman deserved the credit for the resolution annexed to the report of the committee, he thought the members of the committee had approached their work having only in view the public interest. As the work progressed some of them may have been affected by politics. Whatever we might think of Messrs. McAvity's as honorable men the fact remains that the committee was unanimous in declaring some of their charges excessive. He (Sumner) desired to say that Mrs. Emmerson had a right to hold stock in the Record Foundry, her father had started that enterprise over fifty years ago and he was a man who had the profound respect of all who knew him. He (Sumner) absolved Premier Emmerson from any suspicion of wrong doing, because of the small amount of stock held by Mrs. Emmerson in that enterprise, which stock had been left to her by her father. His only regret was that the amount of stock was not a great deal greater. (Hear, hear.) He was willing to pay New Brunswick concerns, like the Record Foundry, a little more for work than to have it done outside of the province. (Applause.) The committee have done their work faithfully and Mr. Dibblee deserved great credit for his independent course as a member of the committee. Despite the attitude of some hon. members and of government press towards that hon. gentleman he (Sumner) believed that great good would come from the investigation and report of the committee and that thousands of dollars would be saved to the country in consequence.

Mr. Robinson spoke next and told of the work of the committee, the accounts of Messrs. McAvity had been sharply criticised but the hon. member for Westmorland (Sumner), and the hon. member for Carleton (Dibblee) had charged much higher prices to government contractors than had been charged by Messrs. McAvity to contractors for the same class of goods furnished at about exactly the same time. He (Robinson) read a list of articles, to the prices of which exemption had been taken by the opposition members on the committee, the total of these items as charged by Messrs. McAvity was $64.36, whereas some of the members claimed that the items should have been charged at $45.15.

The House met again at a quarter before one o'clock and Provincial Secretary Tweedie announced that prorogation had been fixed for three o'clock this afternoon. He moved that the House take recess till a quarter of three. Carried.

At three o'clock His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor attended the Assembly Chamber, assented to the bills passed during the session and the house was prorogued with the usual ceremony.

Canada's Foreign Trade.

OTTAWA, March 20.—The foreign trade of Canada as shown by the trade returns made up to March 1st. shows an increase of $37,000,000 over the corresponding eight months of last fiscal year, and an increased revenue from customs duties of $1,433,000 over the same period last year. The increase is shown in both imports and exports. The total imports for the eight months of the fiscal year, the export and the duties collected compared with the corresponding eight months of 1897 are as follows:—

	1897.	1898.
Imports	$73,278,000	$ 83,785,000
Exports	93,192,000	119,644,000
Total trade	$116,470,000	$203,429,000
Duty collected	12,811,000	14,150,000
Produce of Canada exported,	$82,336,000	
and	$105,938,000.	

The figures are inclusive of foreign coin and bullion in both years. The returns for the month of February alone are extremely satisfactory, the figures being imports, $10,097,000 as compared with $7,710,000 the year before, and the exports $8,369,000 as compared with $6,590,000 of a total trade for the month of February, 1898, of $18,467,000 as against $14,301,000 the previous year. The revenue for Feb. alone from customs duties was $1,951,000 against $1,580,000 the same month last year an increase for the month of $371,000. Duties paid in full on goods imported that were entitled to the benefit of the reciprocal tariff have been refunded to the total amount of $120,000 which should be deducted from the increase of revenue mentioned above, thus leaving a net increase of customs revenue for the eight months of $1,318,000. These claims for refunds have almost all been met.

Canada's Revenue.

There was a very heavy increase in the revenue of Canada on account of consolidated fund for the eight months of the fiscal year ending February 28th, as shown by the official returns in the department of finance, and there is a substantial reduction of expenditure for the same period. The revenue for the eight months compared with the corresponding eight months of the previous year was as follows:—

	1897.	1898.
Customs	$12,269,000	$13,720,000
Excise	5,296,000	4 821,000
Post Office	2 068,000	2,413,000
Public Works including R'ws	2 362,000	3,419,000
Miscellaneous	4,278,000	1,389,000
Total	$23,071,000	$54,765,000
Expenditure	$22,262,000	$21,595,000

This would show an apparent surplus of over $3,000,000, but the figures for expenditure can never be relied on until fully completed at the end of the fiscal year. It is, however, an undoubted fact shown by these figures, that the revenue has increased by $1,694,000 and that the expenditure has decreased by $667,000, thus showing an improved condition of the finances in the present year of $2,361,000.

For the month of February alone, the customs receipts were over half a million dollars better than in February, 1897, and the total revenue for the month is better by $747,000 than in the same month last year. The revenue from the Yukon is responsible for a very large share of this very satisfactory showing.

Ald. Robinson Scores Mr. Burr.

To the Editor of the Advance.

DEAR SIR:—I see in the World's issue of to-day a communication, signed by Alex. Burr in which he pays special attention to Alderman Flanagan and myself.

I believe that Mr. Alex. Burr has been the cause of a great deal of the trouble we have had at fires. As it is invariably his practice to beg for and give to the firemen and others intoxicating liquors, thereby making himself a good fellow among those persons who drink it.

ALEX. ROBINSON.

Acknowledgement.

BATHURST, N. B., FEBY. 25TH, 1898.

To the officers and members of Branch No. 130, C. M. B. A., Bathurst.

GENTLEMEN:—I beg to acknowledge receipt through your secretary, Mr. W. J. LaPlante, of a cheque for $2,000, being the amount of insurance policy on the life of my late husband, James S. Power, in your association.

I wish at the same time to express to you my deep appreciation of and sincere gratitude for the fraternal and charitable interest manifested by you towards my husband during his illness, and especially on the occasion of his death and funeral. Your association deserves the support of all Catholics, who have at heart the welfare of their families or of those dependent on them.

I am, gentlemen, with much esteem and gratitude, Yours faithfully,

MARY POWER.

Awful Result of Fire.

VICTORIA, B. C. March 19.—The steamer 'Empress of India' brings news of a terrible conflagration at Manila, capital of the Spanish possessions in the South Seas, on Feb. 7. Early in the evening pedestrians saw flames breaking from the windows of a residence in the Calle de Rosario, off the Plaza de Cervantes, and suddenly, after a slight explosion at the rear of the house, it sprang into a mass of flame. A heavy wind storm was then going on, and, fanned by the furious wind, the flames soon spread to other residences along the street. The houses were all of of wood, and joined together. The fire department being inexperienced, and without good apparatus, was powerless to compete with the conflagration. Soon the whole street was a mass of flames. The Calle da Rosario was the native part of the town, and it was soon on fire. A large number of natives were penned up in the escolta, a large bazaar, and it is said many were trampled to death in the struggle to get from the building. The large cigar factory in Binondo, which gives employment to ten thousand women, was partially destroyed. The employees of this place had finished their labors, or great loss of life would have occurred. Nearly all the public buildings which are situated in this quarter escaped, they being somewhat distant from the other buildings. The people of the city, Spaniards, foreigners and natives, worked hard to aid the firemen, who, when they saw it would be useless to try to put the fire out, blew up and destroyed buildings and houses, thus saving the city. It is said that over a hundred houses, stores and other buildings were destroyed by the fire. The loss is estimated at fully five million dollars. It is hard to say how many deaths were caused as a result of the fire. Some say about two hundred. Other estimates are smaller.

A Crippled Shadow.

THE REMARKABLE STATEMENT OF JAS. DAVIS, OF VICTORIA.

STRICKEN WITH RHEUMATISM HE WAISTED TO A PAIN STRICKEN SHADOW—DOCTORS AND HOSPITAL TREATMENT FAILED TO HELP HIM—DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS RESTORE HEALTH AND STRENGTH.

Proof upon proof accumulates that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is the greatest medical discovery of the 19th century, and the following story told in the grateful patient's own words again substantiates the claim that they cure when other medicines fail.

"Knowing that I am a living monument of the wonderful curing properties of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I deem it my duty as a grateful man to give my testimony for the aid of such as are afflicted as I was. I am a resident of the village of Vittoria Ont., and have lived in the town or neighborhood all my life and am therefore well known and what I say can be easily proved. Three years ago I was stricken with and partially paralyzed by rheumatism, and after being under the care of two physicians I was given up to die. I wasted to a human skeleton; nothing more than a crippled shadow. I lost the use of my limbs entirely and food was given me by a spoon. Life was not worth living and such an existence was indeed miserable. Thus I awaited the end to come,—an end of human suffering too awful to depict. As a last resort I was persuaded by my friends to try medical treatment in the General Hospital in Toronto, and after spending several weeks then came home disheartened and even worse than before. While writhing in the pangs of pain, discouraged and ready to die, I heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and of the marvellous cures they effected. While doubting that they would cure me I was prevailed upon to take them. The effect was marvellous. For two long years I had not enjoyed a single night's rest and I then slept a sweet sleep which seemed like heaven to me. I revived, could eat and gradually grew stronger and as I gained strength my hope of living increased. I have taken forty-one boxes, which may seem a large quantity to some, but be it remembered I had taken many times their value in other medicines and had been declared incurable by doctors. The result is I am now able to undergo hard physical exercise. All my large circle of friends and acquaintances welcomed me back in their midst and life seems real again. The fact is beyond all question that Dr. Williams Pink Pills as a last and only medicine proved successful in reaching the germs of my disease and saved me from a life of misery and pain. Again I say as a grateful man that I cannot too strongly recommend this remarkable medicine to all fellow beings who are afflicted with this terrible malady.

JAMES DAVIS.

The above testimony is signed in presence of

ERNEST WEBSTER MAYBEE.

BAKE A BATCH OF BISCUITS

Sift one quart of flour, two rounding teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and one teaspoonful of salt into a bowl; add three teaspoonfuls of COTTOLENE; rub together until thoroughly mixed; then add sufficient milk to make a soft dough; knead slightly, roll out about half an inch thick, and cut with a small biscuit cutter. Place a little apart in a greased pan, and bake in a quick oven for fifteen or twenty minutes. These biscuits should be a delicate brown top and bottom, light on the sides, and snowy white when broken open.

The secret of success in this recipe, as in others, is to use but two-thirds as much Cottolene as you used to use of lard. Cottolene will make the biscuit light, delicious, wholesome. Better than any biscuit you ever made before. Try it. Be sure and get genuine *Cottolene*. Sold everywhere in tins with trade-marks —"*Cottolene*" and *steer's head in cotton-plant wreath*—on every tin.

THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Wellington and Ann Sts., MONTREAL.

Doaktown Notes.

DOAKTOWN, N. B., March 22, 1898.

Editor ADVANCE.

DEAR SIR:—Spring is on us. Teams are mostly all out of the woods. Judging from appearances there will be plenty of snow for stream-driving. The output of logs is not so large as last year, by half.

Robert Swim died last Saturday, 19th inst., after an illness of 4 months, most of the time confined to his room. He was buried Tuesday, 22nd inst. The funeral was largely attended. Rev. Thomas Johnstone officiated. Services were held at the house and short prayer at the grave.

Henry and Frank Swim are cutting spool wood in the woods. They have 12 teams hauling the spool bars to the station. Their mill is nine miles from here. It runs night and day. They have 40 men employed.

The Presbyterian sewing circle meets at different places and sew there. Some enjoyable games are participated in. Refreshments are served before dismissing. Very enjoyable evenings are passed in this way through the winter.

A large quantity of pulp wood is being cut this winter and spring. Carloads are constantly passing down every day. It gives employment but 'tis hard on the young growth of spruce.

The ice on the river shows no sign of yielding as yet. Good weather for sugar making; some are trying their hand at it.

R. A.

SAVE YOUR FEATHERS.

Diamond Dyes will make Your Faded Hat and Bonnet Feathers as Good as New.

It may be that some ladies are not aware of the fact that old hat and bonnet feathers can be made to look as good as new by the Diamond Dyes those universal home friends. Let us tell you how to do the work

"Use the Diamond Dyes prepared for wool and silk that can now be bought from any dealer. Clean the feather by soaking it in strong soap-suds fifteen minutes, then draw gently between the thumb and forefinger a number of times, and rinse in warm water; dip and redip in the dye-bath until the desired shade is obtained; rinse in cold water, and press gently with the hand between two cloths, to remove the water; now hold before a gentle fire, shaking slightly until nearly dry, and then curl by taking three or four sprigs of the feather and drawing briskly between the thumb and back of scissors, and so on until it is finished. Old feathers can be re-colored and made to look like new. To color feathers black, be sure to use the Diamond Fast Black for Silk and Feathers, prepared by the makers of the Diamond Dyes; this is the only successful dye for coloring feathers a rich black."

Montreal Threatened.

MONTREAL, March 20.—A burning question in the city to-night is whether Montreal is to have a repetition of the disastrous flood of 1886. Thousands of people to-day lined the shores of the river and watched the ice laden water and hundreds of men were strengthening the dykes with blue clay. Merchants whose stores are on the streets likely to be flooded were at work removing their goods from their cellars. Where this precaution had not been adopted some days ago the city pumping stations are hard at work in an endeavor to keep the sewers clear and so far have been fairly successful. On Mill street the water has flooded the ground floor of half a dozen large industries and the result is that a couple of thousand men will not be able to go to work in the morning. The cellars of a number of large wholesale establishments on Victoria square and Craig street have been flooded but the goods had all been removed.

SEED OFFER.

The Baird Company Ltd., Woodstock, N. B., on receipt of a wrapper of either of the following well known and reliable remedies, viz:

KENDRICK'S WHITE LINIMENT
BAIRD'S BALSAM HOREHOUND
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Beans, Wax; Beet, Eclipse and Turnip; Cabbage, Fottlers; Carrot, Nantes; Cucumber, Long Green and Early Frame; Lettuce, Drumhead; Parsnip, Student; Radish, Turnip; Squash, Hubbard; Turnip, Garden.

LOT NO. 2. FLOWER SEEDS.

Aster, Large Flowering; Everlastings, mixed; Pink, Double China; Pansy, new large mixed; Petunia, mixed; Sweet Pea, mixed; Garden Wild Flower; Zinnia, double mixed: The seeds are selected for Maritime Provinces climate—lists cannot be changed. Address:

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News and Notes.

The recent freshets at Chatham, Ont., were the worst experienced in forty years. The losses will total at least $40,000 to $45,000.

Amboyna, a town on the island of Amboina, one of the Malacas, was completely destroyed by an earthquake. Sixty persons were killed.

A heavy southerly gale cleared the Newfoundland coast of ice on Sunday. This will allow the sealing steamers to prosecute that industry with some prospect of success.

The Canadian Pacific Railway expects at an early date to build three big ocean liners about the size of the Teutonic and place them on the route between Vancouver and Yokohama. The Empress vessels will then be used for the purpose of a passenger and freight service between Vancouver and Australia.

Sir William Robinson, who has just arrived in London from Hong Kong, of which colony he has been Governor since 1891, warmly advocated an understanding with the United States on the Chinese question, saying the aims of the United States in regard to China were identical with those of Great Britain. He added: "There is a feeling at Hong Kong and Shanghai that the Chinese provinces cannot hold together much longer. They are already partly independent, not only of each other but also of the Imperial Government.

The people of Gaspe, Que. have forwarded to the Government a largely signed petition asking that Mount Louis on the north coast of Gaspe, be made the terminus of the proposed fast Atlantic steamship line. The petitioners represent that a railway of 120 miles would connect Mount Louis with the Intercolonial at Metis and give a direct route from the terminus to the interior. Mount Louis is claimed to be a first rate harbor open to navigation the year round.

A late Washington telegram announces that Hon. Blanch K. Bruce, Register of the U. S. Treasury, died at Washington on the 17th inst. The death of Mr. Bruce is notable from the fact that he was a colored man and born a slave in Virginia, in 1841. He was liberated when a young man, by the Emancipation Proclamation; attended school, became sergt.-at-arms U. S. Senate, and was elected a Senator in 1874. He was made Registrar of the Treasury by President Garfield. He picked up his first knowledge by being a companion of his owner's son, and at times benefitted by the latter's tutors. His wife was quite prominent in Society, highly accomplished.

MARRIED.

At the Manse, Black River, on the 15th inst, by the Rev. John Robertson, M.A. Mr. Hugh M. Noble of Bay du Vin to Miss Mary Jane Kingston of the same place.

New Advertisements.

CITATION.

NEW BRUNSWICK
COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, SS.

To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or to any Constable within the said County, Greeting:

Whereas, Julia Murphy, a sister and one of the heirs and next of kin of Elizabeth Watt, late of Chatham in the said County, widow, deceased, hath represented before us that letters of administration of the estate and effects of said deceased were granted on the