

Correspondence.

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absolute falsehood, and I am willing to attest to the truth of what I say. I would be obliged to Mr. Scofield when writing to the Advocate or any other paper (which he may do his own writing) not to use my name without my authority.

WILLIAM WHELAN.

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NEWCASTLE, N.B., WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, 1878.

MR. SNOWBALL AND HIS PAPER.

As we predicted he would do, the gentleman who has been hired to write up Mr. Snowball and, if possible, to write down Mr. Mitchell, persists in his course of slander and misrepresentation. Those who have followed the course of the Advance since its owner and director established it to further his own ambitious views, will know how utterly incapable its leading manager has shown himself to be of intelligently discussing any question on its merits.

Our Hatching House.

One of the charges made against Mr. Mitchell in his paper is that he established the North West Hatching House, and that we support his policy in having it maintained and supported. The Advance people call this a "public fraud," and advise its suppression. The fishing industry of the North West is a business of considerable importance, and the hatching house is a necessary part of it.

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Restigouche Election.

The resignation of Geo. Moffat, Esq., has necessitated a new election for the electoral district of Restigouche. Sheriff Phillips has received the writ bearing date December 31st. The nomination day is appointed for Saturday, 12th inst. Should a poll be demanded, polling booths will be opened on Saturday 19th inst. The candidate elect will be duly declared on the 22nd inst.

Load Lost Under the Ice.

A correspondent sends the following:—Whilst a number of persons were hauling up loads from Newcastle on Friday last, they stopped at the North West Bridge and consulted as to the advisability of venturing under the bridge with their loaded teams. All except James Johnson, who had on a load for James Somers, Esq., concluded that the ice was not safe. Mr. Johnson insisted on going through in spite of the protestations of Mr. Somers and others who were present.

Destruction of Young Fish.

The small fishery in New Brunswick, which is being extensively prosecuted at present, and along the channel of the main river between Black Brook and Chatham. Large quantities of smelts of a marketable size have been caught, and a large quantity of young smelts are being paid for by the haulers and the expense of laboring to market. These are not, as is generally supposed, entirely wasted, but turned to no useful or profitable account.

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A Robber Caught.

A man named Hache, belonging to Tetsouche, has been amusing himself, as a Dick the burglar, in breaking into the stores of Moffat's store, and carrying off various articles without being rewarded for his trouble. He stole a horse belonging to Mr. S. McGregor, and obtaining a sleigh in the same way, proceeded down the coast. Reaching Mr. Woodside's, Pettit Harbour, he put up the horse and asked for a room, which was placed at his disposal. Mr. and Mrs. Woodside were absent at a wedding, the only one at the house being the hired girl. Hache inspected the premises, and going to Mr. Woodside's room, he devoted attention to a bureau, a drawer in which he opened by cutting away the wood work round the lock with a pair of scissors.

Local and other Matters.

PRESENTATIONS.—A friend informs us that the Rev. Mr. Wainwright, Methodist Clergyman, has been visited on by committees from Kingston and Richibouctou, and presented with a large sum of money, valued at \$14, and a fur coat valued at \$40. In this case, the offerings must be the more gratifying to the clergyman, for members of all denominations, Roman Catholic as well as Protestant, participated in the presentations, as a token of their esteem. Mr. Parker was taken by surprise in both instances, and hardly dared to believe the donors for their timely gifts and good wishes.

Thomson, Mrs. Jas. M. Troy, Miss Ella Parker, Miss Barbara Brown, and Miss Mary Ann. These appointments were then ratified by the meeting.

Miss Templeton sang with very good effect, "Jock o' Hazel Dean," which was received with applause.

The choir then sang "Rescue the Perishing."

The Band followed with "Auld Lang Syne," during which about one half the audience retired.

The program was then called up to receive their badge of office (a piece of blue ribbon) during which the choir sang "Where are the Reapers."

L. L. Tweedie, Esq., then addressed the ladies and gentlemen from Chatham who had so kindly interested themselves in the movement, and to whom the people were indebted for the excellent entertainment.

The meeting was then closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bain.

The evening's entertainment was made more pleasant by the presence of Mr. J. H. Templeton, leader, and eight members of the 73rd Battalion Brass Band, who, at various intervals rendered the following program:

Slow March: Air from the Opera of "The Barber of Seville."

March: "The Girl of the Year."

starting off with a horse, when the owner (Mr. Marshall Messier, Sen) was informed of the horse's escape, and on his way returned to his father's house at Tetsouche, where he was arrested on Friday evening. He was brought before Stipendiary Magistrate MacLachlan on Saturday, but in the absence of important witnesses was remanded until Monday.

Foresters' Ball & Supper.

A correspondent furnishes the following account of a Ball and Supper held at River du Loup on the 31st ult.

River du Loup, Jan. 4, 1878.

One of the most successful friendly gatherings ever convened at this place, was the Ball and Supper given at River du Loup House under the auspices of the members of the Order of Foresters Friendly Society.

The dance commenced at eight o'clock, and was continued until eleven, when Supper was called. The table was laid for forty persons.

The supper was prepared in first class style, and was most palatable and very enjoyable.

The ladies were very elegantly and tastefully attired, and the general opinion that the balls of the Order of Foresters Friendly Society are the best of the kind, was just on the point of writing the same, but second thoughts are sometimes the best, and I will leave the decision to those who have the power of discriminating as to great than mine.

The Rev. Mr. Bain, who acted as grand manager on the occasion, deserves great credit for the success of the evening.

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Fire.—On the first night of the New Year Mr. Marshall Messier, Sen, Northern Bridge, met with a serious loss, in the burning of his barn. He was at Chatham at the time, and his wife was away visiting a neighbor, leaving the children at home. The barn was visited before dark for the purpose of feeding the stock. Between seven and eight o'clock it was discovered to be on fire. The young men of the settlement were attending a frolic at Barnaby River, but one or two of the neighbors rendered all the assistance they could and succeeded in rescuing some of the stock. The barn (40x20) was destroyed, together with between 6 and 7 tons upland hay, 6 tons of straw, about 200 bushels oats, 22 bushels wheat, 1 good driving wagon, harness, all the farm utensils, 2 head of cattle, 2 pigs and 22 fowls. The loss is estimated at \$2500. No insurance. Like many others, Mr. M. was deceived by the Clinton Insurance Company, but this should not have deterred him from insuring in any good company. The people of the settlement, with Mr. Marshall Messier, Sen, Northern Bridge, were very promptly erected a log barn on the site of the former one, the size of which is 26x28 feet.

War News.

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