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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some of the Southwestern States have advanced methods of social reform. Moral suasion and education are to them too slow a process to uproot a public evil. If an evilly disposed person exists in a community, their plan is to abolish the evil by eradicating the person. This plan is much speedier than the Sunday school system, though it is not so favorable to the increase of population. At Madisonville, Texas, a body of "reformers" undertook to get rid of the saloons in the town. One Bill Bolo and his friends opposed this movement. Last Tuesday night some of the reformers met Bill with two of his friends in a drug store. They immediately shot and killed Bill and hanged his two friends to a lamp post. This style of temperance work is away ahead of the Scott Act as regards certainty of results, though the latter has its advantages in other ways.

The statement of revenue and expenditure for the month of December shows that the financial condition of the government continues to be satisfactory, the revenue for the month being $2,750,582 and the expenditure $2,277,312. There is a decrease of $125,970 in customs, but a considerable increase in other sources of revenue. The first six months of the fiscal year show a surplus so far of $2,242,351. The increases during the six months over the same period last year are: Customs $41,288; excise $236,749; post office $61,816; miscellaneous $239,415. Public works, including railways, show a decrease of $266,635. Taken altogether the statement for the first six months is extremely gratifying, as the total revenue shows an increase of $312,634, while the expenditure shows a decrease of $282,234.

St. John has some enterprising men who have formulated a scheme, large in its proportions, to improve the commercial importance of their city and to develop its natural trade advantages. They have formed a company and made a proposition to the city for the construction of a dry and wet dock and for bridging the river St. John via Navy Island. The company ask the Dominion government for $200,000 and the provincial government for $100,000. This $300,000 would yield $12,000 per year in interest. In addition St. John, Portland and Carleton are asked to vote $15,000 annually, and $3,000 annual rental would be charged the street railway company for the use of the bridge. These several receipts would furnish the company with an annual income of $30,000, with which they are satisfied that $1,000,000 could be obtained from American capitalists, or at 3 per cent interest. This one million dollars, would according to the company's estimate, build both docks and the bridge across to Carleton.

OUR BRIDGE SERVICE.

In the fatal accident which occurred at Morrison's Cove bridge, last Thursday morning, by which a large family of children were made orphans and left without their principal means of support, the coroner's jury expressed the opinion that "had the bridge been in proper repair such an accident might not have occurred." This brings forcibly to the public mind the shameful manner in which we have been treated by the local government in regard to the bridges of the county. We have often called attention to the criminal extent to which this neglect was allowed to run, and the great danger that ensued to the travelling public in consequence. The bridges all over the county have been allowed to reach such a state of dilapidation that they are hardly fit for use. The attention of the Commissioner of the Board of Works has again and again been called to their condition, but very little notice seems to have been given the matter. The bridge on which the sorrowful accident occurred last Thursday was one of those that were specified in the complaints made. An effort we believe was made last summer to put it in a state of repair, the attempt even going so far as to call for tenders for the work to be done, but the government, with an inexcusable contempt for the public welfare, never allowed the work to be carried out, and the sad accident reported elsewhere is the result. The people at the upper and lower ends of the county have been treated with the same indifference, while the North-west Bridge, the most important structure of the kind in the county, has been allowed to reach such an unsafe condition that many persons were afraid to cross it.

The disgraceful manner in which we have been treated in regard to our bridge service has been without equal in the history of our local governments. If this accident at Morrison's Cove does not recall the govern't to their duty as public officials they will show an indifference to public sentiment and disregard for the public weal only equalled by common criminals. Their action is so outrageous as to suggest some other method of punishment than by condemnation at the polls. We hope our representatives will not fail to have the matter brought up in the House, and the villainous treatment of Northumberland properly ventilated. The chief industry of our county is being crushed out to supply revenue for the provincial treasury, and it is time we were getting some other return besides official neglect and contempt for our interests.

Eclipse of the Moon.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon on the 28th inst. It will be visible in this section and under conditions unusually favorable for observation. The eclipse begins a short time before sunset, but when dark enough for observation it will be in its most interesting stages.

The Newcastle Liberal Conservative Club.

The annual meeting of this club was held in the Club Room on Monday evening last, with a large attendance, the room being crowded to its utmost capacity, many being present from the outlying parishes. This Club was formed in November, 1886, for the purpose of rallying together members of the party for the approaching Dominion election. After the election it was the wish of a large majority of the members to continue the organization, and to make the club room a place where the members or visitors could drop in on any evening for a chat. From that time it has largely increased in numbers, over two hundred persons being now members of this Club. On Wednesday evening Vice President D. Hogan occupied the chair and twelve new members were proposed, balloted for and signed the roll. After the order of the business had been got through the President, W. C. Anslow, took the chair. A very appropriate addition to the room was the picture issued in 1886 by Grip, of prominent Liberal Conservatives of Canada, neatly framed and glazed, which had been presented to the Club by one of its members, Dr. A. C. Smith. A vote of thanks was passed to the donor for his handsome gift. The next business of the evening was the reception of Reports, when the President read the following

REPORT:—

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.—The time appointed in the constitution of the Liberal Conservative Club for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, I have deemed it advisable, as President of this Club, and in its interest, before vacating the office, to present to you a report in reference to the progress during the first year of its existence, as well as to touch upon some matters which have become historical in our county during that time. This Club was first formed with a view of recommending the formation of other Liberal Conservative Clubs throughout the County, and advocating the calling of a convention for the purpose of nominating a candidate to run in the Liberal Conservative interest at the then approaching Dominion election. Several clubs were formed, and after consultation together a date was named for holding said convention at Chatham. I might say here that at the first meeting of the Newcastle Club, there were present many who professed to be Liberal Conservatives, some of whom had received large amounts from the Liberal Conservative Government for services rendered from the time of Confederation, not even excepting the short period when the Liberals were in power. They worked with us, assisted at the work of organization and appointing of delegates until after the convention had been held at which Mr. Adams was unanimously nominated as the Liberal Conservative candidate, at the then approaching Dominion election, the delegates present at that Convention being from a majority of the parishes in the County. After that time, being influenced by the personal solicitation of Mr. Mitchell, as well as by the rabid statements of the Montreal *Herald* and other Grit newspapers, that the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald was sure to be defeated, they abandoned the principles they had always professed to be firmly grounded in, and with Mr. Mitchell went over to the party which had in former times abused them in a scrurrilous manner. I am sure, with myself, the members of this Club wish them joy with their new found friends and venture to say that this Club and the Liberal Conservative party is well rid of such renegades. But they are not even now satisfied; they are ashamed of their Grit associates, and after supporting the Grit nominee and working with those who had opposed every onward movement, every step in advance taken by the Liberal Conservative Government, they now still *profess* to be Liberal Conservatives, with a view to their own personal interest and welfare. They are now too well known to be able to thus pull the wool over the eyes of those in power, who have kept watch over their most erratic course.

At that election our nominee was defeated, but the defeat bound the members of this Club more strongly together, and to-day this organization presents a compact front, being united and unanimous in their resolves to support the present Dominion Government in its efforts to promote the general welfare of the people of Canada.

After the Dominion election it was considered advisable to make this Club a permanent organization, and at this present time our Club numbers over two hundred members, over one hundred of whom reside in the parish of Newcastle, the remainder being residents of the parishes of Nelson, Rogersville, North Esk, South Esk, Alnwick, Blackville, Blissfield and Ludlow. Our meetings on Monday evenings are well attended and frequently have stirring debates on interesting and important public questions, and there is no lack of speaking talent among our members. As a body of men interested in the political questions of the day, and whose influence is used on the right side, I hope they, as well as many others, will continue to take an interest in and uphold the Newcastle Liberal Conservative Club. Of course this organization is looked upon with jealous eyes by our political opponents, and no pains are spared by them to foment disturbance by whispering in the ears of its members, and foretelling disruption in our ranks; but so far, with but one solitary exception, our ranks are unbroken, the exception being the resignation of John Morrissy as a member of the Club. His resignation, after lying on the table for several nights, was referred to the Executive Committee.—That committee endeavored to find out the true cause for such withdrawal but failed, the reasons given by Mr. M. being especially childish and selfish, and not worthy the consideration they received. Mr. Morrissy's resignation was then accepted by this Club, and he then ceased to be a member of it. And yet the *Advance* states he was crowded out of the club by two or three of its members.—It has also been stated that this club is run by two or three individuals, but its members know better. While in all societies are to be found some leading members who take a prominent part in the business of such societies, so in ours. Business is introduced, propositions made in the best interests of its members, perhaps by one or two, but such business and propositions are fully discussed, members give their views upon the subject and when the vote is taken the members, no doubt, use their best judgment as to how they vote. Our Club is composed of level headed men, who have too much common sense and intelligence to allow themselves to be dictated to by any member or members. As President of this Club I have always endeavored to have every motion made properly, and have given opportunity to all to express their views if they so wished, and I feel assured that the same course has been followed by the Vice-President occupying the chair when I have been unavoidably absent. I do not know that it is necessary to say more at this time. The report of the Secy-Treasurer will present to you the financial standing of the Club, its income and expenditure for the past year, and probably such other matters as he may think fit. And now, in conclusion, allow me to express the hope that this Club may continue to exert an influence for good among real not pretended Liberal Conservatives, and that our members will continue to work together for the general good of the political party we are pledged to uphold, and which has always been a party of progress. Hoping that the ensuing year may witness a large accession to our membership, and that the new officers will receive the same cordial support of the members of the Club as did those of the past year,

I remain,
Yours truly,
W. C. ANSLOW,

Newcastle, Jan. 9th, 1888.

On motion report was received. Mr. John Robinson, Jr., then read the Secretary's

REPORT.

To the President of the Liberal Conservative Club, Newcastle.

Mr. President, Officers and Members. I beg leave to submit the following report:—

This Club was organized subsequent to the election for the Dominion Parliament held last February.

It is not a part of my duty to trace the practical results of the organization from the date of its establishment, this matter is more the privilege of the President and of the Treasurer.

The receipts to the 31st Dec. 1887, Amount to $195 99
And subscribed by members for Rent, 60 00
Total receipts for the year, $255 99
Expenditure 193 02
Balance on hand, $62 97

This expenditure includes the furnishing of the room, chairs, matting, desks, etc., as also the payment of a portion of the election expenses of John Morrissy, besides the voluntary contributions of individual members. Independent of this the rental of the Club Room up to the 31st Dec., 1887, amounts to the sum of $60.00, and the same has been subscribed to-day by members and paid into my hands for payment of same, and which is an evidence of the sincerity and future durability of this association.

The payment of 25 cents per month by members for the present year will place this association in a good position.

And while it is not compulsory, yet it would be a more generous rule for each member to strive and pay his monthly assessment so that individual members may not be assessed more than is equitable.

JOHN ROBINSON, JR.,
Asst. Sec'y.

Newcastle, Jan. 9, 1888.

On motion this report was received and a further motion made that both reports be published in the *Union Advocate*, which motions were carried. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:—

President.—W. C. Anslow.
1st Vice-President.—Daniel Hogan.
2nd " " John Clark.
3rd " " Dr. A. C. Smith.
Sec.-Treasurer.—John Robinson, jr.
Assistant Sec.—J. R. Lawlor.

The usual committees were appointed. Other business matters were brought up and disposed of, a motion for adjournment was made and carried, and with three rousing cheers and a tiger for Sir John A. Macdonald the members dispersed.

Presentation.

Dear Sir:—

Allow me through your columns to thank the members of our church congregation and well-wishers for their great consideration of our comfort and well-being.

Tuesday evening, January 3rd, quite a number of friends met at the parsonage, and Miss Blanche Tozer read the following address:—

REV. S. J. ARCHIBALD:

Dear Sir and Brother, please accept these small gifts for yourself and Mrs. Archibald as a token of our love and esteem; together with our best wishes and earnest prayers that God may abundantly bless your labor among us. We wish you and your family a happy and prosperous new year, and may you long be spared to enjoy many such on this field.

Signed on behalf of the members of your church, congregation and well-wishers.

JANIE VYE,
NETTIE LEIGHTON,
BLANCHE TOZER.

After reading the address the above young ladies presented me with a nice fur coat, a most acceptable gift this time of year, and Mrs. A. with a nice fur tippet and a beautiful shawl.

Words were not sufficient to speak our thanks. Then we were led to another room, and Mr. Thos. Vye, on behalf of kind friends, presented us with substantial and hearty looking tokens of the good will of kind friends. The table was loaded and the floor covered with solid realities of life and among them was a string of handsome trout, the donation of a small boy. For all of these valuable gifts and kind remembrances of absent friends, we desire to gratefully thank one and all. May God bless the givers and may we have many such happy meetings, and a feeling of love and union spring up among all and abide for ever.

Yours truly,
S. J. ARCHIBALD.

Newcastle, Jan. 7, '88.

The Labor Commission.

Mr. James A. Clark, of Carleton, New Brunswick's representative on the Labor Commission, spent Sunday in Newcastle with his brother, the Rev. J. Clark, of the Methodist church. The commission had been holding meetings in towns of Ontario but adjourned until after the holidays. Mr. Clark was on his return to Toronto, where the commission is now in session. The commissioners will visit New Brunswick about the latter part of March next, and Mr. Clark, who has been in communication with prominent men of the North shore, expects that a meeting will be held in Bathurst and Newcastle.

The commissioner will receive any evidence that may be offered bearing on the subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, the earnings of laboring men and women, methods of arbitration for the settlement of disputes between employer and employees and generally any means that may be advanced for promoting the material, social, moral and intellectual prosperity of the working classes.

There is a long list of subjects given on which information is desired, none of which appear very pertinent to local industries—unless, perhaps, it is the Lien Law question, which, we observe, has not been forgotten on the list. However, the commission does not confine itself to any number of subjects, but will take evidence on anything that comes within the scope of the labor question. It proposes to make special inquiry into the condition of persons employed in the agricultural, mining, lumbering and fishing industries. Mr. Clark thinks that probably the lobster factories will form the most important branch of the commissioners' inquiries in Northern New Brunswick.

Killed at Morrison's Cove.

Last Thursday morning as John Saxsmith and Richard Williams were driving over the bridge at Morrison's Cove, a short distance above Chatham, the animal took the staggers and fell against the railing of the bridge. The rail was rotten and gave way and horse and sled went over the bridge, carrying Mr. Saxsmith with them. Mr. Williams jumped off in time to save himself. Just as the sled was going over the edge of the bridge it tripped, throwing Saxsmith into the air and he fell about 25 feet from the bridge, clear of the sled, on the ice below. He was killed almost instantly by the injury sustained by his spine. The horse, which belonged to Mr. Alex. Morrison, was so badly injured that its throat had to be cut to put it out of misery. The height of the bridge where the accident occurred is about thirty feet. Mr. Saxsmith leaves a wife and five children, the youngest but two months and the eldest sixteen years. He was a steady, industrious man, and was one of Mr. Morrison's most trusted employees, having worked about his mill and farm for a lifetime.

Dr. Benson, Coroner, held an inquest, having summoned the following jury:—Roger Flanagan (foreman), Wm. Irving, David Trevors, James McLachlan, Chas. Gunn, Alex. Robinson and Michael Cassidy. A verdict was rendered in accordance with the above facts, the jurors being of the opinion "that had the bridge been in proper repair and a proper safe-guard for the travelling public such an accident might not have occurred."

Richard Williams, John Blakely and Hugh O'Donnell testified that they considered the bridge unsafe.

Unsafe Bridges.

The *Railway Gazette* has a strong article on this subject, in which the number of bridge accidents on both highways and railways are pointed out. The *Gazette* says that "a preventible accident is a crime," and believes that a very large proportion of these accidents are preventible. It says:

Suppose we should send a man round the country to place a sign upon each bridge stating in plain terms the exact condition of the work, we should have something like this: "This bridge is guaranteed to carry a moving load of one ton per running foot, but half that load will break it down;" "The iron in the bridge is strained to double the safe limit by the weight of the bridge alone; passengers will please to tread easy;" "Not more than one team at a time must go over this bridge, and not over 20 people must cross at the same time; it is liable to fall at any moment with a heavy load." "The public is warned not to cross this bridge when the wind blows, as it has no lateral bracing." "This bridge will be closed until next summer, as the weight of the snow upon it is all that it can safely carry." What would the long-suffering tax-paying public say to notices of this kind? Yet this is exactly what ought to be placed upon a very large number of the bridges in this country.

The Vessels and the Pilots.

One hundred and forty vessels entered the port of Miramichi in the season of 1887. The different countries were represented as follows:

Nationality.	No.
Norwegian and Swedish,	57
British,	46
Italian,	20
German,	2
French,	6
Russian,	5
Austrian,	4
	140

One of the pilots informs us that $9,202.60 were the gross earnings for pilotage during the past summer. As there are 30 pilots this would allow them $291.27 apiece. After they pay out of this an amount for pension to old pilots, and the expenses of the secretary and treasurer of the Pilot Commissioners, besides the expense of maintaining four schooners, the sum left is very small.—The pilots earned less this year than for a number of years. The returns to the government for the past four years show that in 1883, with 31 pilots, the division was $595.91, more than double last year; in 1884 it was $490.44, in 1885, $379.01 and in 1886 $331.93, a gradual decrease, while last year it was smaller than ever. The same causes which depress the lumber business work a porportionate injury to the pilotage business of the port.

Curling.

A "hoop-la" game of curling was played at the Newcastle Rink last Wednesday afternoon. Mr. James Mitchell skipped for one rink and Mr. Michael Adams for the other. Neither of these gentlemen knew much about the game, but Mr. Mitchell had played "duck" when he was a boy and was confident he knew something about curling, while Mr. Adams thought he could "scoot" stones along the ice as well as any one else, so they selected their rinks and went to work. Mr. Thos. D. Adams looked after the interests of Mr. Mitchell and gave him some "valuable points" about the game. Mr. John Nevin was one of those selected for Mr. Adams' rink, but he declined. He had too much respect for Scotland's favorite game, he said. Mr. L. J. Tweedie, who was among the spectators, was asked to fill Mr. Nevin's place. Mr. Tweedie had never played, but he had pitched quoits and played "shinny" on the ice years ago and therefore couldn't see any reason why he should not curl successfully.—He accepted, and very soon "caught on" to the principles of the game, as he was seen once or twice chewing up his broom and throwing the pieces in front of his opponent's stones. Mr. Mitchell also soon got hold of the duties of a skip, and gave his orders in a sort of quasi-scientific manner, though he at first persisted in saying "haw" and "gee" for "in turn" and "out turn." The game proceeded in Merrimac and Monitor style, Mr. Mitchell making some very good shots, but Mr. Adams had the best rink, and with Mr. Tweedie's byplay was able to draw gradually ahead. Near the end of the game the skips found it necessary to sit on the stones within the circle, as the stones sometimes mysteriously disappeared out of the ring when placed there. The game caused a good deal of fun for the spectators. Ten ends were played, with a score of Adams 8, Mitchell 4.

Three games of the first series were played during the week for the Club cup and resulted as follows:

McLellan	13	vs. Jardine	12
Call	16	vs. McLaggan	5
Stables	7	vs. McEvoy	19

Ramsay and Armstrong have yet to play to finish the first series.

A special meeting of the Curling Club will be held at 7.30 to-night at the Rink. A full meeting is required as matters of importance are to be discussed.

The Newcastle Club have received a challenge from the Fredericton Club.

A Long Tramp.

A man named Hackels was in Newcastle last Friday seeking assistance to enable him to get to Amherst, where he said he belonged. He told a pitiful story. He was an artist by profession and was doing very well at his home in Amherst, but the constant bemoaning of the Liberal journals over the hopeless condition of the country had had the effect of filling him with false ideas. He became discouraged, and was drawn into the exodus current, which, taken at the flood, generally leads to misfortune. He went to New York and sought work in his profession. But there was no work to be had. His profession was crowded, and long haired, full eyed artists were on every corner. All his money was spent in paying board bills, and after he had pawned his watch and ring and spent the receipts he bethought himself of the many hired servants in his own country who were better off than he. And when he had "come to himself" he started for home, not by steamer or railway but on foot. When he reached Newcastle he had been three weeks and five days on the road, having, he states, walked all the way from New York. He went to Montreal and then to Quebec and down through New Brunswick via the I. C. R. His story may not be true, but it is not unlike the experience of many exodians. He received enough in Newcastle to take him home, where he has no doubt arrived a sadder but wiser and better Canadian.

A Timber Ship.

Mr. Hugh R. Robertson, the projector of the big lumber raft that came to such a disastrous end, has not given up the idea of being able to tow large lumber bodies to United States ports though he has given up the raft plan. His next venture will be the construction of a timber ship which will be fitted out with masts and spars and stearing gear, and made in every respect perfectly seaworthy. When launched she will be provisioned for sixty days, so that in the event of the towing steamer being compelled to abandon her she can be worked along to port by means of sails. He regards the only effect of shipping timber by rafts would have would be to lessen piling freights. A contractor will get out 50,000 sticks for his new venture at 1½ cents per foot. This is half a cent more than was paid before. Mr. Robertson has paid all the bills contracted in St. John in connection with the late raft, and he is now conducting negotiations for the purchase of 2,000 feet of wire rope for the new structure which he is about to build.

Bell's Escape.

No traces have yet been found of the whereabouts of J. C. Bell, who escaped from the Dorchester Penitentiary a short time ago. A communication in the *World* recently told of the loose management of the penitentiary and the liberties allowed prisoners, which condition of things, it was stated, permitted Bell's escape. Bell is no common "crook." It is said that during the time he was within the penitentiary walls he was intimate with a fellow prisoner named Gillis, who had been imprisoned for shooting at a constable at Sackville. It is now believed that Bell made his way on foot during the night of his escape to Gillis' house at Sackville, where he was concealed for a time, furnished with clothes and ultimately assisted out of the country. Bell is an old prison bird. Just before his burglarious escapade in Newcastle, he escaped from the jail at Worcester, Mass. He then passed under the name of Harry P. Lansing, alias Clarence Jewell.

Looking for the Subsidy.

Mr. C. N. Armstrong, contractor for the Baies des Chaleurs railway, which is destined to run from Metapedia to Gaspe, a distance of 170 miles, has had an interview with the Minister of Railways in reference to the subsidy earned. Forty miles of the road have been built during the past summer between Metapedia and Carleton. The contract covers the distance of 100 miles to Paspebiac.

The N. & W. Railway.

A double ender flanger car for clearing the rails of snow and ice has just been turned out of the machine shops at Gibson for use on the Northern and Western. The flanger is built on an improved system and is the invention of Mr. P. A. Logan, mechanical superintendent of the road.

There are also being built in the N. & W. machine shops a snow-plow which is on a different plan from any in use at present. The lines were drawn by Mr. Logan and his associate machinists, and the improvements on the ordinary forms will, it is thought, prove important.

A new Russel plow, built by Harris & Co., of St. John, has also been purchased by the road. A new wing plow from the same foundry will be ready in a few days. The machine shops at Gibson have been running at full blast of late and turning out a vast amount of work for the necessary requirement of the road. The road is now well prepared against blockades.

A new brick engine house for the Northern & Western railway is nearing completion at Chatham.

The winter time table of the road went into effect last Wednesday.

Between five and six hundred feet of snow sheds have been built this winter along the heavy cutting on the other side of Boiestown. At the points where the biggest drifts occurred last winter, which kept a large force of hand shovellers almost steady at work during the winter, the track has been entirely housed over. The company have taken every precaution to prevent a recurrence in future of the lengthened blockades endured on the road last winter.

A St. John Society Event.

The marriage of Ida Knight, only daughter of Provincial Secretary McLellan, and Fred J. Harding, son of the St. John Agent of the marine and fisheries department, which took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Portland, last Wednesday evening, was the society event of the season. Rev. G. O. Gates, pastor of Germain street Baptist Church, officiated. W. A. Park, collector of customs at Newcastle, was groomsman, and the bridesmaids were Misses Carrie Hally, Jennie Winslow, Ethel Stevens and Zena Allan. The bride wore a handsome costume of white silk, and the colors of the bridesmaids were blue, old gold and pink. At the bridal supper speeches were made by the gentlemen more particularly identified with the happy occasion, by Atty General Blair, Hon. Thos. R. Jones, Colonel Wood and others. Mr. and Mrs. Harding left en route to Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

Runaway.

While Patrick Perrio was driving Mr. Park's horse and sleigh along the street near the English church on Monday forenoon the animal became frightened by the breaking of a bolt and started to run. Mr. Perrio got out of the sleigh to have better command of the horse, but the animal got away from him and dashed down the street. Mrs. Newman, who was in the sleigh, was thrown out, but escaped injury. The horse took a circuit around the town, colliding with a good many corners, and at last brought up in its owner's yard, with the sleigh almost demolished. The horse was slightly cut.

Wedding Bells in Weldford.

A correspondent of the *Times* writes: Weldford church was crowded Wednesday evening last on the occasion of the marriage of D. B. Shearley and Miss Teany McLean. The bride looked lovely. She was attended by Miss Wheten. The bridegroom bore the trying ordeal with coolness. They drove from the church to the residence of the bride's father, where upwards of 60 guests were present. The bride was the recipient of numerous useful and ornamental presents, and the evening passed away very pleasantly. There were guests from Salmon River, Bass River, and from Mill Creek, Buctouche.

"Oh Girls!"

The editor of the Chatham *World* says: "The girls will remember that this is leap year and govern themselves accordingly. In that most important matter in which they are deeply interested, leap year gives them the privilege of speaking out boldly for whom and what they want."

Now girls, an editor is not to be "sneezed at" in these days of absconding clerks, and you never had a better opportunity or a more polite invitation. See if some of you cannot "get there" before '88 closes.

Officers Elected.

Newcastle Division, S. of T., elected the following officers for the current quarter, and they were duly installed on Thursday evening last.

W. P.—W. R. Robinson.
W. A.—W. A. McMaster.
R. S.—R. H. Reid.
A. R. S.—B. Anslow.
F. S.—T. Falconer.
Treas.—W. J. Milder.
Chap.—S. J. Archibald.
Con.—Chas. Robinson.
A. C.—Ethel Anslow.
I. S.—M. Smith.
O. S.—J. Robertson.
P. W. P.—Donald McGruar.

The Lumber Business.

Mr. Snowball's *Wood Trade Circular* reports a falling off in New Brunswick lumber exports, last year, of 26,000,000 sup. feet. Exporters, he says, find it difficult to make both ends meet, low freights, fairly cheap labor and cheap provisions being more than overbalanced by the low prices realized in Europe. He estimates the stock on hand at 25,000,000 sup. feet. This winter's production cannot exceed that of last year, and may be much less.

Tobogganing.

The opening of the Kesoobok Toboggan Slide, Newcastle, will take place on Friday evening, Jan. 13, when the Osceola Club of Chatham and Derby Club are expected to attend. The Kesoobok Slide is one of the best in the province and every effort will be made to make it a success. Those who enjoy a ride on the toboggan should buy their tickets right away. They will be for sale at E. Lee Street's Drug store and Johnston's Book store after Wednesday.

Kent County.

RICHIBUCTO, Jan. 6, 1888.

The scholars of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sabbath School had their annual festival last evening in the Temperance Hall, and a *real* festival it was. Rev. Wm. Hamilton, the highly esteemed pastor, said grace, after which the Superintendent of the Sabbath School, assisted by the teachers and kind lady friends, dispensed in the most lavish manner the good things so generously donated. The fruits were provided by Mr. Ferguson, the Superintendent of the School; and the other niceties and delicacies were furnished by the parents and guardians of the scholars.

To say that the tables groaned under the loads placed thereon would be stating the case mildly, however all the patrons took kindly to their respective tasks and none left dissatisfied. Instead of selling the "remnants" by auction—the mode in vogue on some occasions—these were given in parcels or packages to many of the poor and deserving in the community. The children of the Sabbath School will not soon forget the kindness shown them by the teachers and friends—not forgetting Mrs. White, Mrs. and the Misses McMinn, the Misses Ferguson, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Gordon Livingston, Miss Miller and many others whose names your correspondent has forgotten.

Personal.

D. S. Hutchison, formerly of Newcastle, is now lumber inspector for the McCormick Manufacturing Co., Chicago. Mr. Hutchison studied law in New Brunswick, but when he went to Chicago he buckled down to hard labor at the yards and soon made his usefulness felt there. As a result he rose rapidly and at last got the post of inspector, which pays him a good salary.

Mr. E. R. Moore, the well known nail manufacturer of St. John, was found dead in his bath room last Sunday morning. It is thought he died of heart disease.

Obituary.

Mr. Daniel Fraser, one of the oldest residents of Metapedia, and well known in Northern New Brunswick, died on the 3rd instant after a short illness. He was seventy years of age and came to New Brunswick from Scotland when he was 16 years old. He has been a prominent figure on the Restigouche for many years, and took an active part in public affairs. He was a Justice of the Peace and Colonel in the Militia. He owned a great deal of fine fishing grounds on the Restigouche, the valuable grounds now owned by the Restigouche Salmon Club having been purchased from him. His funeral was very largely attended.

Tripped Up.

The combination of dog, boy and sled that has leased our streets and sidewalks for the winter season is no respector of persons. A prominent Southwest lumberman was going up to the station the other day and he met one of the 'combine' coming pellmell towards him. He got orders to clear the track, which he did, but when he stepped aside it was only into the path of another one rushing in the opposite direction. The dog flew past, the sled struck the lumberman's feet and as his legs went into the air and his head hit the hard snow the Star of Bethlehem appeared above the horizon as large as a barn. The lumber merchant was badly shaken up, while the dogs went on their way rejoicing.

Ancient History.

We have received a copy of No. 9 of the Commercial Union pamphlets. It relates to a discussion that attracted considerable attention sometime during the present century. We have laid it away with the almanac of 1887. R. I. P.

Masonic.

The *British Columbian* gives an interesting account of the festival of St. John's Day at New Westminster, B. C. Mr. Thos. Mowat, well known in New Brunswick, was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

Watch Winners.

Mr. D. Desmond's watch lottery was drawn at Campbellton Monday evening last in the presence of a large number of ticket holders, Mr. R. O'Leary won the gold watch, and Mr. Henry Gammon of Moncton got the silver one.—*World.*

Injured by a Horse.

While Mr. John McKeen was harnessing his three year old colt on Monday the animal reared up and struck him on the forehead with one of his fore feet, knocking him insensible. Mr. McKeen recovered in a short time, and is now not feeling much effects from his injury.

Unfortunate Farmers.

Canadian farmers who have been bitten by the hay fork and seed wheat dodgers are, it is said, painfully waiting for the time when their signatures to petitions in favor of commercial union will return to them in the shape of promissory notes.—*Buffalo Courier.*

Gone to the Gunnery School.

Bombardier Jos. Bonard and Gunner Wm. Brooks, of the Newcastle Field Battery, have gone to Quebec to take a three months' course in the Royal Artillery School of Gunnery at that place.

Concert at Bathurst.

A concert in aid of the Caraquet Railway Accident Relief Fund will be given in the Masonic Hall, Bathurst, on Tuesday evening, the 17th. It is to be hoped that the concert will be largely patronized, for it is seldom that such a deserving object is presented to the charity of a community through a public entertainment.

Painting.

Miss M. B. Haven will return to Newcastle, and give another course of lessons in Indelible painting.

Rooms at Mrs. Wm. R. Taylor's.
Jan. 11, 1888.

To Vote on the Scott Act.

Thursday, the 16th day of February, has been fixed for polling on the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act in the county of Westmorland. Ex-Sheriff Chapman will be returning officer.

Gospel Temperance.

An enthusiastic gospel temperance meeting was held in the Masonic Hall last Tuesday under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Evangelist Meikle was present and spoke eloquently on the temperance question to a very large audience. The collection amounted to $15.

☞ The *Empire* gives its readers a triple sheet—twelve pages—on Saturday, full of news and interesting reading on a variety of subjects.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Recent Publications.

NEW VOLUME OF THE LIVING AGE. The number of *Littell's Living Age* dated January 7th begins a new volume—the one hundred and seventy-sixth—of that standard weekly magazine. As perodical literature has been growing from year to year in extent and importance, *The Living Age* has gone on increasing in value. It is a necessity to the American reader who would keep pace with the best literary work of the time.

The first number of the new year has the following table of contents:—The Life and Letters of Chs. Darwin, *Contemporary Review;* The Magic Fan, by John Strange Winter, author of "Bootle's Baby," etc., *English Illustrated Magazine;* Mohammedanism in Africa, *Nineteenth Century;* Lord Macaulay and Madame D'Arblay, *National Review;* A Dramatic Effect, *Blackwood's Magazine;* The Future of the Negro, *Spectator;* Early English Navigators and their Nautical Instruments, *St. James' Gazette;* New Names for New States, *Spectator;* Old Silver, *St. James' Gazette;* with choice poetry and miscellany. This, the first weekly number of the new volume, is a good one with which to begin a subscription. For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price ($8) is low; while for $10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American $4.00 monthlies or weeklies with the *Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston are the publishers.

WIDE AWAKE for January has the following contents:—"Frontispiece, Miss Maud Howe and her dog Sambo; The Bull and the Leaping Pole; The Foster Children of Washington; My Uncle Flonmond; Christmas Mince Pie; Warwick Brookes and His Pencil Pictures; The Cruise of a Coverlet; Those Cousins of Mabel's; Tangles; with poems and pictures, etc." Published by the D. Lothrop Company, Boston, at $2.40 per year.

A Successful Operation.

Pacifique Dagle, of Kent County, who has been suffering from a cancerous growth on his lower jaw for five years, was successfully operated on at the general public hospital, St. John, on Monday afternoon and the cause of the trouble removed. Dr. R. Botsford, of Richibucto, upon whose advice the operation was undertaken, took Dagle to St. John and had a consultation with the staff of the hospital. The operation was a very difficult one, and it was fully an hour before the cancer, which was as large as a goose egg, was removed. The patient is improving. It is the first time such an operation was undertaken in St. John.

Enterprising Journalism.

When the editor of the Picton *Standard* wants news he goes out and falls into a hole in the ice. In his third attempt in this line last week he was nearly drowned.

☞ J. Douglas Hazen was elected Mayor of Fredericton on Monday, by a majority of 269.

☞ Toulem, one of the men injured at the recent Caraquet Railway accident, is reported dying.

Married.

At the Manse, Newcastle, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. W. Aitken, WILLIAM POMROY to ELIZA SHEPPARD, all of Newcastle.

In San Francisco, December 21st, by Rev. Mr. Urving, WILLIAM A. REEVES to LAURA A. PETERSON.

Died.

At Metapedia on the the 3rd inst, of senile gangrene, DANIEL FRASER, in the 70th year of his age.

ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, eldest son of Alexander R. Chamberlain, Farmer, Campbellton, N. B., died Dec. 29, '87, aged 30 years.

The funeral was a very large one. The order of the Odd Fellows, and the brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen took part in the ceremony at the grave, deceased being a member of both fraternities.

Correspondence.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 3, 1888.

To the Editor of the Newcastle Advocate:

DEAR SIR,—The enclosed clipping from the Halifax *Herald* would seem to be copied from your paper and purports to be from your correspondent in St. John. I wish to call the attention of the readers of your paper to two sentences in this correspondence in one of which an innocent man is basely and maliciously slandered. The sentences are these:

"By the way, an interesting phase of the Maritime failure is recalled by the return from the United States of Rev. Mr. McFarland, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, of which President Maclellan was a pillar."

"Yes, he was a pillar—a rotten one—for through him all the funds collected to pay off an $8000 debt on the Church were poured into that rat hole, and of course that was the last of them."

As the pastor alluded to in the first sentence quoted, I wish to say to all who may have read the serious accusation in the second sentence, that a more grossly wicked and unjust charge could not be conceived. It is utterly false in every particular. Our congregation had no "funds" in the Maritime Bank at any time with which to pay our church debt. We did not as a congregation lose a penny by the Maritime failure. My collecting tour was under consideration last year, but was deferred on account of the heavy demands on our church in the States.—As for our brother, Mr. Mclellan, he is not here to defend himself against such vile slanderers as your St. John correspondent, but every member of our congregation will absolve him from the grievous charge implied in the above reference to him. However he may have been the victim of misplaced confidence, our faith in his integrity is firm and unshaken.—No one of his brethren will say he was a "rotten pillar." He was ever a most liberal supporter of our cause and a most conscientious and devoted Christian worker.

Feeling confident that you will be glad to help in vindicating a Christian brother when falsely accused, we ask you to give this note a prominent place in your paper and so greatly oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,
A. J. MCFARLAND,
Pastor of R. P. Congregation,
St. John, N. B.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

The examination of the school in District No. 12, Northesk, took place Dec. 19th. The pupils were examined in Grades V, IV, III, II, and I. Prizes were given by the teacher to pupils in the different grades. For general proficiency in their various studies, and good deportment during the term:—Gertie Jones in grade V, Annie Brander in grade IV, James Donavon in grade III, Rebecca Mann in grade II, and Bernice Jones in grade I, carried off the prizes. Rebecca Mann won the prize for regular attendance and John Brander for the most improvement in writing. There were quite a number of visitors present, who all appeared well pleased and very agreeably surprised with the appearance of the school, which showed that both taste and labor had not been spared by the scholars judging from the festoons and mottoes which hung around the