Local and General News.

TENNYSON'S poem "Harold" at the Miramichi Bookstore.

DR. J. H. ARNOLD, may now be consulted at his office, over Mr. Street's Drug Store, Newcastle.—*Adv.*

FOR GREAT BRITAIN:—Hon. Richard Hutchison is to leave home this evening for Great Britain *via* Halifax.

PERSONAL.—A telegram of 27th announced the arrival in England of J. B. Snowball and Allan Ritchie, Esqrs.

Wm. Muirhead, Jr., left for Savannah on Monday.

PRESBYTERY.—The usual quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Miramichi will be held in St. James' Church, Newcastle, on Tuesday next, Feb. 6th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

MASONIC.—A large number of the members of Miramichi Lodge Chatham, accompanied by a contingent from Northumberland Lodge, Newcastle, visit Lodge St. John, Bathurst, to-night.

SERIOUS FIRE.—We are sorry to hear of the burning of Western Extension Railway Repairing shop and the Polishing works of the New Brunswick Red Granite Company at Carleton, St. John.

BADGES have been received by Sergts. Wm. Johnstone, James Pallen, Matthew May, S. G. of No. 7 Battery, representing 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively which those gentlemen were awarded in the Shot and Shell competition held in July last.

A CONCERT, conducted by Mr. Burwood who, we are informed, will be assisted by about forty of the most prominent amateurs of the place, will be held in the Masonic Hall in about ten days. It bids fair to surpass any thing of the kind that has ever before been held here.

CAMP MEETINGS.—The young gentlemen of Napan assisted by their lady friends are holding camp meetings these fine nights. They are not held in the orthodox way, however, but the *modus operandi* is to form sleighing parties, with some one of the lumber camps for their destination.

SPRING HILL COAL will, we expect, be scarce for two or three weeks, as a fire took place at the mines last week which destroyed a portion of the machinery at one of the slopes. The Agent here has about fifteen tons on hand and but for the accident would have had a constant supply. Those needing coal had better apply in time.

CUSTOMS.—The appointment of Mr. W. J. O'Brien to the position of Collector of Customs at Bathurst is Gazetted. Mr. O'Brien is, probably, the youngest Collector in the service and, while congratuling him on his good fortune, we hope that he will long continue to enjoy it with honor to himself and to the satisfaction of the business men of that port.

A TRIP TO NEWCASTLE may be made very enjoyable this evening as the roads promise to be in good condition, the moon is at her brightest and the Fancy Fair to be held in Masonic Hall will be one of the most attractive entertainments that have been held in the Shiretown for a long time. Get your tickets for the Fair at the Miramichi Bookstore to-day.

DOUGLASFIELD.—At the regular school meeting held in District No. 6 Douglasfield, the chair was occupied by Mr. Robt. Thompson, Mr. Thos. Baldwin acting as Secretary. The accounts of last year were presented and passed. Mr. John Baldwin was elected a Trustee in place of Mr. Andrew Irvine, retiring Trustee, and Mr. Joseph King, Auditor. An assessment of $70.00 was voted.

TEMPERANCE:—Our Temperance friends had quite an interesting meeting in Northumberland Division Room, Chatham last Friday evening, several prominent visitors from the Douglastown Division being present, as well as the delegates just returned from the meeting of Grand Division at Moncton. There was a very full interchange of ideas on the mission and work of the Order. Last evening a return visit to the Douglastown Division was made.

GOOD STUFF.—It will be remembered that the ADVANCE contained an account of a young man named Selmon Miner having been lost in the woods near Porter's Brook, Miramichi, below Boiestown, just before Christmas. He was six days and six nights wandering about without food and when found was in a very pitiable condition. Since that time he has been gaining bodily strength, although he had been badly frozen and, on Wednesday of last week, he submitted to a surgical operation by Dr. Pedolin, who took six of his toes off, the patient bearing the knife without the administration of a soporific.

SKATING.—A match has been arranged to take place on the Rink on Saturday afternoon next between Mr. Donald Loggie, the winner of the Cup in the competition of Monday evening last and Mr. Wm. Johnson, another of the competitors at that time. The prize is a silver cup given by Mr. Craig. The Judges will be carefully selected and such general arrangements made as will ensure an impartial trial, and the winner, on this occasion, will be debarred from future competitions this season. Both gentlemen are good skaters and the trial will, no doubt, attract quite a large attendance to witness the evolutions. The band will be in attendance.

POSTAL.—The Post Office Inspector has, we learn, changed the mail arrangements between Chatham and Shippegan, and Bathurst and Shippegan, respectively, *via* Pokemouche, so as to have both drivers meet at the same time at the latter place and connect with the stage between Pokemouche and Shippegan, the return of which, after a wait of an hour at Shippegan, is waited for by the Chatham and Bathurst carriers, who then leave on the return trips. The mail for Shippegan and intermediate points will, therefore, until further notice, leave the Chatham office on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings instead on the evenings of those days as heretofore.

Skating Competitions.

The skating competitions announced to take place in the Rink on Monday were duly held and were favored with beautiful weather, though the ice, the most important object, was not in very good order. The skating for the Ladies' Cup was held in the afternoon and was participated in by three competitors, Misses Minnie Thomson, Gillies and Whittaker, the first named being the successful one. In this competition the judges, Messrs. A. W. Paterson, a Mr. Jarvis, of Montreal, and Mr. Bell, of Shediac, were unable to decide between the merits of the skating of Miss Thomson and Miss Gillies and, to decide this point, drew lots. Such an original proceeding in a question of superiority in a trial of skill has, at least, the merit of impartiality, but it denotes that the judges could not have been chosen on account of their fitness for the position assumed by them.

The competition for the Gentlemen's Cup took place in the evening, the competitors being Messrs. Wm. Johnson, Donald Loggie, Wm. Johnstone, Jr., and Dr. M. C. Clarke, with Messrs. Paterson and Bell, of the former committee, and Mr. Clarke, of Summerside, for judges. Some of the skating in this competition was very good, that of Messrs. Loggie and Johnson being often applauded and between whom the trouble of deciding evidently lay. After retiring from the ice to decide, the judges were again doubtful as to their duty, but instead of recurring to the method of their former decision, they called in two of the by-standers and, after some deliberation Mr. Donald Loggie was declared the winner.

The Chatham Brass Band was in attendance during the day and evening, and its music was a very attractive feature of the proceedings. Mr. Craig, proprietor of the Rink, deserves all credit for the thoroughness and persistency with which he has carried his undertaking to popular success against drawbacks which, we believe, would have caused the failure of almost any other man, and we trust that Monday's competition will mark a series of successes which will compensate him for his former labors and losses.

Special Despatches to the "Miramichi Advance."

ST JOHN, Jan. 31st.—There was a severe gale in the South and South-west of England yesterday and last night, accompanied by rain and sleet.

Negotiations have been commenced for a peaceful settlement of the difficulties between Turkey and Montenegro.

A St. Petersburg telegram reiterates the statement that Gortschokoff is about to resign the position of Russian Premier.

A New York despatch says an investigation has developed collusion between several American consuls abroad and importers for swindling the Government by under valuation of goods imported. Removals and prosecution are to follow.

Rev. Wm. Mitchell was inducted into St. Andrews Church here last night.

JAS. HANNAY, Esq., of St. John, lectured in Halifax last evening to a large audience.

Members of a ring are buying up all the potatoes coming into St. John and the rate in the market is advancing.

Sad Case of Freezing to Death.

On 16th Jan. James Costain of Miminegash, P. E. I., left his father's house for his own several miles distant, taking a short cut through the woods. As he did not reach home when expected by his wife, fears for his safety were entertained and a search for him was commenced. On the 21st his body was found frozen stiffly, sitting in an upright position, one arm being around a bush. One leg was badly cut above the knee. It would seem that he lost his way and, having climbed a tree to make out his bearings, fell, partially disabling himself; then struggling along he was overcome by hunger, cold and his wound, and died in the position in which he was found. We think one of the St. John papers—the *Freeman*, if we mistake not—intimated a short time since that Costain was in St. John, but the above facts are gathered from a letter written by a brother-in-law of deceased and are, therefore, reliable.

A Splendid Book.

We are not given to the reading of memoirs of good men who have departed this life, but having received a copy of the autobiography and Memoir of Dr. Thomas Guthrie, from the publishers, Messrs. R. A. H. Morrow & Co., St. John, we found it difficult to lay it down after commencing what we intended to be only a glance at it. It tells the story of the life and, incidentally, gives much of the history of the times of one of those giants in religious work and influence which Scotland has, from time to time, produced. It is an interesting story containing practical moral lessons of the highest character and no man can lay the book down, after reading even one chapter of it, without feeling that he has been benefited, that some slumbering impulse for good has been awakened or that he has received some encouragement to follow the line of duty against the tide that is constantly pressing in the other direction. Dr. Guthrie was a Scotchman and, therefore, the story of his life will have a peculiar interest for his countrymen, but the book is one that commends itself to all men who are christians, and few who are not so can peruse it without wishing they were.

We believe Messrs. Morrow & Co. are selling the book by subscription. It ought to reach every home in the country.

Newcastle Parish Officers.

The following, which we had not room for on the fourth page completes the lists of parish officers appointed at the late session of the Municipal Council:—

Overseers of Poor:—
Alex. Stewart, Patrick Hays, Jr., Robert Brown.
Constables:—
Wm. Murray, Wm. Cottier, John Cassidy, Wm. Dalton, James Copp, Angus Campbell, John Mehan, James Ahern, William Wood, Chas. Menzies, David Clark, Andrew Hay, James Fox, Richard Quigley.
Commissioners of Roads:—
John Wood, George Smith, Thos. Mullins.
Town Clerk:—
John Buckley.
Collectors of rates:—
Charles Marshall, James Henderson, Jas. Currie, Senr.
Fence Viewers:—
George Ingram, Daniel Hogan, Alex. Atchison, Alexander Jessamin, John Wood, R. Wall, Senr., James Harvey, John Grant.
Pound Keepers:—
Michael M'Lean, John Donovan, Wm.
Clerk of the market:—
Robert Gremley.
Loggie, Senr.
Hogreeves:—
James Lynch, James Falconer, Wm. Robinson, Charles J. Elliot, Edward Carter, Robt. Miller, Junr., Chas. Crammond, John Anderson, William Gordon, Junr., Wm. Innis, Junr., Wm. Hay, Wm. Loggie, Junr., John Connell, Edward Wallis, Andrew Carrol.
Commissioners of bye Roads:—
Alexander Atchison, Alex. Jessamin, Robert wall.
Wharfingers:—
John Nevin, John Anderson.
Boom Masters:—
Thomas Ramsay, Jas. Gulliver.
Surveyers of Dams:—
John Maltby, Thomas Mullins, Wm. Stothart.
Sealers of Leather:—
Patrick Farrel, John A. Murphy.
Surveyors of Grindstones:—
David Giggie, Ephraim Sherrard, William Currie.
Assessors of Rates:—
Sam'l. Adams, W. Gordon, Wm. Masson, Junr.
Surveyors of Roads:—
Walter Lowrie, Wm. Russell, Thomas Hickie, Michael Graham, George Innis, Wm. Loggie, Senr., Michael Quigley, John M'Mahon, (Dennis' son.)
Field Drivers:—
William J. Miller, (butcher) James Harvey, Wm. Grey.
Timber Drivers:—
Robert Ritchie, George Grant, Wm. Stothart.
Inspectors of Fish:—
Henry Ashford, John Anderson, James Hay, James Innis, Senr., William F. Smallwood.
Weighers of Hay, &c:—
William Watt, Charles C. Watt, Joseph McKnight, John Anderson.
Revisers of Votes:—
Wm. A. Park, Ernest Hutchinson, Dennis M'Mahon.
Surveyors of Wood and Bark:—
William Maltby, John Brander, John Sinclair, Senr., William Innis.
Collectors of Dog Tax:—
James Henderson, Charles Marshall.
Firewards:—
Charles F. Bourne, James M. Troy, Allan M'Intyre, Robert Ritchie, James Brown, James H. Phinney.
Ferrymen:—
Matthew Russell, Robert. Wilson, Thomas Haviland.
Inspectors of Barrels:—
Alexander Russell, Senr., Wm. Innis, Senr., Henry Ashford, John Anderson.
Surveyors of Lumber:—
Wm. Luke, Rowland Gitchell, Chas. Donovan, John O. Urquhart, Thomas Cowden, Benjamin Reid, William Reid, John Sinclair, Senr., Patrick Sullivan, Junr., William Innis, Senr., Francis Carruthers, Alexander Russell, Senr., Wm. Burr, Cornelius Kelly, George Stevens, Christopher Craig, Thomas Maltby, Wm. R. Taylor, John Maltby, John Robinson, John Dalton, Junr.

Correspondence.

[We invite correspondence on all local subjects, and will be glad to publish anything that will advance the interests of our readers, individually, or of the communities in which they live Local News Items, Notices of Improvements—either moral or physical—Reports of Meetings, Agricultural, Lumbering, Fishing, Mechanical and other Industrial notes are especially welcome We do not expect that all who desire to assist us in the above way are good writers, but that should not deter them from sending along their favors. We want the news and will see that it goes into the paper in proper shape]

One Hundred Dollars Reward.

MR. EDITOR,—As the subject of "Sabbath observance" has occupied the columns of your paper lately as well as some of the Miramichi pulpits would you kindly give insertion to the following note which I have clipped from the *Morning Chronicle* of the 6th Dec. last. Perhaps some of those who have been recently enlightened on the subject may profit by "I. R. L's" challenge.

Yours, etc.
SUBSCRIBER.

To the Editor of the Morning Chronicle.

SIR,—So firmly convinced am I that no Divine command is disobeyed by a man, whether Jew or Gentile, who "works on the first day of the week," and that all the talk about our authorities "desecrating the Sabbath day" and "exposing the land to the Divine displeasure" by running Sunday trains, proceeds from either ignorance or hypocrisy, I hereby in all sincerity and good faith, and in order to test the truth of my views of Sunday, offer the above sum for Scripture proof sufficient to convict the Dominion Government of the sin of Sabbath-breaking because they run Sunday trains; in other words, I will pay one hundred dollars for Scripture proof that Sunday labor is contrary to any Divine command, provided the law of the land allows it.

If I am wrong, here is now a chance to prove it, and make me pay for it. But I know whereof I affirm.

Yours respectfully,
I. R. L.

Another letter from the Inspector of Fisheries.

St. John, 30th Jan., 1877.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

SIR:—Although you very kindly gave me a large portion of your space last week to reply to your Editorial of the previous issue. I ask the favor of your inserting the following remarks in answer to your last Editorial on the "silver-backed and black-backed smelts." I am quite ill and scarce able to write, having contracted a most severe cold during my late visit to you; my remarks therefore must be brief, not for lack of matter, but from sheer physical inability to write.

You do me tardy justice in admitting that I have some knowledge of our Fisheries, but you think I have fallen into a serious error in saying that the Winter and Summer Smelts are distinct varieties of this family of the Salmonidæ, and you assure me "that the black-backed or summer smelt is now frequenting Napan and Black rivers and that shoals of the same variety—acres in extent—are visiting the coves and sheltered waters of the Miramichi river." In reply to this I beg to state that Overseers Hickson, Wyse and myself tried in vain to find a *single specimen* of the Summer Smelt among all those we saw caught in the main river and Napan on the occasion of our visit to the fishing grounds last Wednesday. You say these fish keep moving *up the river* and will take the place of those of the *same run* which have preceded them in the smaller streams where the fishermen operate." To this I say, you are again in error. The fishermen are not, in a single instance, operating in *small streams*, but in the channels of the *main river* and in the *Estuaries* of the secondary ones, such as Bay du Vin, Napan, Bartibogue, Black river, etc., and that not in one single instance have these smelts been taken so far up any of these streams, as to be in purely fresh water. You say "as they leave the outer waters to ascend the tributary rivers their places will be taken by others, and so the process will be continued until the spawning season ends—which last from the middle of January to the middle of June." To this I reply that the fish do not ascend the tributary rivers and give place to others, but that they ascend a short distance with the flood tide and descend with the ebb, and that it is the same school the fishermen are operating on, as they move about from place to place, now up, now down to the channels of the Estuaries; but that up in the purely fresh water, above the tide, they do not go, and are not caught in any quantity; that the spawning season of the Winter Smelt does not extend to the middle of June, that in March, April, and May I never knew a Winter Smelt in the river; that the Summer Smelt is the variety then found, and these push their way into purely fresh water, far above the influence of the tides, and that they swarm in all your small streams and brooks, where not a single one is now to be found. You say "the same is true of the "silver-back,"—(or winter) Smelt in the rivers or parts of rivers, which it frequents." If so, why are they not now found in the upper reaches of your river and its tributaries—where the Summer Smelt will swarm when *their* spawning time comes? You say: "That variety does not disappear early in the season to give place to the black-back (or Summer Smelt.) *It* remains in the larger or *purer tidal rivers* from September until the Spring of the year." If *pure water* were a desideratum to this fish, surely it would not seek it in the *muddy Estuaries* of Bay du Vin, Napan and Bartibogue, and the fact that but very few fish are caught *above* Napan Bridge, compared with the vast quantities caught *below* it, ought to lead you to think that in theorizing on insufficient data, it is quite possible your conclusions are fallacious. As you admit "that the "silver-back" *does not go very far from salt water at any time.*" and as you also admit that the "black-back" does swarm in all your fresh-water brooks in May, surely you must see that your own admissions are fatal to your theory, and that the subject needs more enquiry than you have yet given it. As the "black-back" smelt does not spawn until May and June, and as the "silver-backs" are in the act of spawning, in Napan and the other localities where it is now being caught, perhaps you will see that I made no error, and that your error is "easily accounted for" from the fact that you do not know anything of the subject on which you are writing, as I was obliged to prove to your readers in my last letter. There is little fear, I think, of your Newcastle contemporary taking your authority on this or any other point, for I really think I have shown that your authority on our fisheries is a very poor one, and I am quite sure that if he will make the investigations you recommend he will be even more thoroughly convinced than he is now of your unfitness to be his teacher; but again, in all kindness, I urge you to make these investigations yourself, for, believe me, sir, you stand more in need of doing so than your contemporary, who is, at least, willing to learn from those who have made these investigations the business of half a life time, a disposition, I am sorry to say, you have not shown, at least in this branch of your fisheries and the best mode of protecting them. For your back-handed compliment to myself, I can hardly thank you, for while you admit, and profess to appreciate, my knowledge of fish and fishery matters generally, you deprive the compliment of all value by charging me with an idiosyncrasy that would unfit any man for any position which requires the exercise of the most ordinary judgment and common sense. Fortunately for me, I am very well known in this and the sister Province of Nova Scotia, where I am proud to believe I have left my impress for good upon the fisheries, in the few years during which I have filled my present office, and I feel quite assured that your erroneous impressions are not shared by a single individual with whom my duties have brought me in contact. In your description of my mental habits, you have only measured my corn in your own bushel, and you need not be at all surprised if this fact is at once recognized by every individual to whom we are both known.

In conclusion permit me to say that, occupying the position you do, as the conductor of a newspaper, it behoves you, before attempting to teach your readers, to acquire correct information on those subjects in which the whole County is deeply interested, and, instead of pandering to local jealousies you should use the influence of your journal in rooting them out, and teaching your patrons that they have a common interest in those magnificent fisheries which they are all doing their utmost to destroy. I am, sir, your ob't servant,

W. H. VENNING.
Inspector of Fisheries.

[The Inspector, if he continues his arduous labors as correspondent, editor, instructor of editors and censor-general in fishery matters, from the regulation of fish-ways at Goose Creek to the awaking of his "slumbering" superiors at Ottawa, will find more on his hands than he can attend to. If Overseers Hickson and Wyse and himself tried in vain to find "summer smelts" in the main river and at Napan last week it is only evidence of their peculiar style of acquiring official knowledge. The Inspector tried to find a good many things at Napan etc., which he did not find. But of that more will be said before we have abandoned our task of getting at the bottom of this fishery matter.

After referring to the shoals of smelts now in the shallow waters of the Miramichi, we intimated that portions of them kept moving up "into the smaller streams where the fishermen operate." The Inspector possessing a personal knowledge of "where the fishermen operate," and being supposed to understand the English language pretty well, ought to know that we could mean only Napan, Black river, Bay du Vin river and such streams. The Inspector also knows that the editor of the ADVANCE is just as well acquainted as he is, himself, with the points at which the fishermen operate as well as with the waters frequented by smelts at different times during the season, and his letter is, therefore, evidently written with a view of impressing upon his readers that we are as ignorant as he represents us to be, with the most absolute disregard, on his part, as to whether he writes trash or sense, knowing that the expense of publishing will be ours, and nine-tenths of his readers, not being familiar with the facts, will credit him because he is Inspector of Fisheries. As two-thirds of his letter is written for the purpose of misrepresenting what we said and the remainder has been answered before, we cannot waste space further with its discussion, and we are obliged to inform the Inspector that unless he will confine himself to the questions at issue, viz.—whether it is right to entirely prohibit smelt fishing with bag-nets and to altogether prohibit bass fishing at Napan, Black River, etc., in the Spring, we shall be obliged to shut our columns against his correspondence, for it is becoming a bore to our intelligent readers as well as to ourselves. EDITOR.

[For other correspondence see first page.]

Kent County Notes.

The County Court opened on Tuesday, 15th inst., His Honor Judge Botsford presiding. There were two criminal cases to be disposed of.

CRIMINAL DOCKET.

1. The Queen *vs.* Ephriam Arsineau—burglary and larceny.

2. The Queen *vs.* Sylvany Votore—illegally entering a store and larceny.

There were nine cases entered on the

CIVIL DOCKET.

1. John Cochrane *vs.* Andrew Stewart—J. A. James for plaintiff; C. Richardson for defendant.

2. Gilbert A. Girouard *vs.* Patrick Murphy—Hutchison & Phinney for plaintiff; C. J. Sayre for defendant.

3. Horatio B. Smith *vs.* Marcel Joe White—C. Richardson for plaintiff; C. J. Sayre for defendant.

4. Susan Simpson *vs.* Antoine Girouard—J. A. James for plaintiff; C. J. Sayre for defendant.

5. James Grogan *vs.* James Millar—C. Richardson for plaintiff; John Kerr for defendant.

6. John W. McLeod *vs.* John Ryan—Hutchison & Phinney for plaintiff; W. A. Park, for defendant.

7. William Anthony Simpson, by his next friend *vs.* Antoine Girouard—J. A. James for plaintiff; C. J. Sayre for defendant.

8. Isaac Blanchard and Isaac Robichean *vs.* Job Allan—Hutchison & Phinney for plaintiffs; C. J. Sayre for defendant.

9. Thos. Sawyer *vs.* Duncan Stevenson—Hutchison & Phinney for plaintiff; J. A. James for defendant.

In the respective criminal cases, as above stated, the prisoners pleaded guilty.—Their sentences, for the present, have been respited.

The civil causes have been drawing "their slow length along."

In re Cochran *vs.* Stewart, action by plaintiff as endorsee of a promissory note for one hundered dollars and interest payable in 6 and 12 months.

Counsel agreed for the Judge to try the case without the intervention of the Jury. Defendant's Counsel objected that the note was insufficiently stamped by endorsee who only put one six cent stamp double duty on one hundred dollars. Plaintiff claimed could stamp note at the trial, and swore that he was not aware that the note was payable with interest until three months ago, at November term, when the case stood for trial. The Judge decided that it could be stamped at the trial. Judgment for Plaintiff, Defendant moved for a rule *nisi* for a new trial which was refused. Appeal.

Smith *vs.* White verdict for plaintiff.

McLeod *vs.* Ryan after two days trial verdict was given for Plaintiff for $54.00.

No. 5.—This cause now in course of trial.

No. 9.—This cause has been left arbitration.

THE THERMOMETER

was 30° below zero at Richibucto on Friday last.

THE JURY FEES

of the late session of the Kent County Court amounted to over $200.

PERSONAL.

S. J. Samuel, Esq., has been indisposed for some days past and unable to leave his cozy quarters at the "Kent." He is now convalescent.

VOTORE AND ARSINEAU,

the two criminals sentenced to 18 months each in the Penitentiary, were taken to that institution by Sheriff Girouard last week. The expense to the County for conveying them to St. John was $50.

FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Several young men of Kingston are contemplating leaving for British Columbia in the Spring. Like many of their predecessors they may live to learn there is no place like home—perhaps when too late.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. S. Boyd who has been preaching to Rev. Mr. Law's Congregation (Presbyterian) at Kingston for the past three months will leave there on Monday 29th inst., for Pictou, N. S. It has not, as yet, been stated who succeeds Rev. Mr. Boyd. Rev. Mr. Law is still absent in England whither he went last summer for the benefit of his health.

ACCIDENT.

Fred Crowsen, son of Mr. Wm. Crowsen, had a needle run into his right side, between two of his ribs, last Saturday evening. Dr. Moody was summoned and succeeded in extracting it. It was found to be somewhat bent, the bending being done, it is supposed, by coming in contact with one of the lad's ribs. He suffered considerably, though he bore it with much courage.

A STRANGE CASE.

It happened at Point Sapin one morning last week. A Mrs. Daigle, *nee* Mc Ginniss, while "yawning," opened her mouth so wide that she was unable to shut it. For eighteen hours the mouth remained open, the unhappy woman during that time being prevented from either talking or partaking of any nourishment. Dr. Burke was sent for to Richibucto, and succeeded in setting matters to rights, so Mrs. D. was able to resume the exercise of her conversational powers, and also to enjoy her food as usual.

TAKEN WITHOUT LEAVE.

On last Saturday night a horse, sleigh, harness and robes, belonging to Mr. Edmond Hutchison were taken from his barn at Kingston. On learning of his loss Mr. Hutchison, accompanied by a constable, set out in search of the supposed thief. It was subsequently discovered that a young man named Hutchison, of Buctouche, had gone to his relative's barn and without leave or license, taken the horse and out fit for a drive up the Richibucto River. The missing property has since been restored to its owner.

FIRE.

One night last week the dwelling house of Mr. Ezra Barnes, at Bass River, was destroyed by fire together with all its contents. Mr. Barnes and his family were from home at the time so the house burned just as it stood. The fire it is believed, originated from a hole being in the bottom of the cooking stove, the coals falling on the floor beneath the stove and causing the conflagration. To Mr. Barnes the loss is heavy, especially as he had on a former occasion met with a similar misfortune. Our correspondent did not learn whether there was any insurance.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. S. Boyd, who has been preaching to the Rev. James Law's congregation (Presbyterian) at Richibucto for the past three months, during the absence of the last named clergymen in Ireland, left for Pictou, N. S. on Monday, having preached his farewell sermons in the Kingston church in the morning and the Richibucto Temperance Hall in the afternoon of Sunday last. During his short residence in Kent, Rev. Mr. Boyd has made many friends who regret his early departure. Rev. Mr. George will it is said, minister to the spiritual wants of Rev. Mr. Law's congregation for the ensuing three months.

Prince Edward Island.

(From our special correspondent.)

CH'TOWN, Jan. 17, 1877.

The Island press and the builder of *the "Northern Light"* are in much the same position just now, as are Hayes and Tilden.—Taking the working of the vessel in Charlettetown harbor as a basis, the papers called her a failure, and a sham, berated the Dominion government for its breach of faith, and dared Mr. Sewell to fulfill his offer to come, take charge of, and work the winter steamer. Yet, in spite of the failure, Mr. Sewell arrived on the Island on the 5th, went to Georgetown, *via* Summerside and Charlottetown, on the 8th, and has been running his vessel between the latter place and Pictou, N. S., ever since, having made three round trips—thus, both sides are claiming the right, one by words, the other by—deeds.

Mr. Sewell says, that on her second trip from Charlottetown to Pictou through the harbor ice, fair play was not shown the vessel, the chains and coal, together with the cargo, being placed in the bow, thus lowering the head, so that the vessel could not rise upon the ice, as was intended. Then "full speed" was used, where "coaxing" should have been resorted to and the vessel was driven into the same "lane" *each* time when it should have gone first to the right, then to the left, and then, "ahead." However, after much trouble and the spending of time and money, a prominent American having secured a contract for cutting her out, she arrived at Georgetown, Mr. Sewell stepped on board, lightened the draught forward and, working under *his* idea, succeeded, as mentioned above.

THE WEATHER, BUSINESS, ETC.

The weather has been very changeable; what a blessing it is, for nervous and bashful people in search of a topic. Mr. Vennor of Montreal predicted a severe January, and he has been fully borne out down here, much suffering and some loss of life, having resulted from the cold. The high roads have been blocked, business obstructed, and trains delayed, by snow,—in one instance a train was three days going 50 miles.

During the severe storm of the 30th a young boy of twelve, was caught, and had to spend the night running around a bush. Being "afraid of the bears" kept him alive, as he had on only a cotton shirt, thin pants and coat, boots and socks with the heels worn out, and a common cap.

THE SKATING RINK.

The Skating Rink opened on Christmas night, and has been well attended, although the admission fee has been raised to $5.00 for gentlemen, the ladies' fee remaining at the *old* price of $3.00. Two "band" nights per week, and "Rink open every afternoon and evening," fully repay ticket holders.

CASCUMPEC AND MIRAMICHI.

At a "large and influential" meeting held in Alberton, (the chief town of Prince County, on the West end) Senator Howlan, said that they were but 90 miles by water from the Intercolonial Railway *via* Chatham and its Junction and if the object of the meeting were accomplished — deepening Cascumpec harbor, a large trade would spring up between the Island and the Provinces, *via* the river Miramichi. Speed the "Dredge."

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE.

The Hilary Term of Supreme Court is sitting this week, and to-day settled a long case which fully shewed the sandy foundation of the best laid plans.—Gamble *vs.* Potts, M. D., action for mal-practice, in setting and attending a broken limb, damages claimed $1000.00 damages given, $30.00.

PRISONERS UTILIZED.

The wheel of government turns slowly, and one of the last spokes, is setting the Jail prisoners at work, so that in future, from 50 to 70 men and boys will no tbe eating their heads off, and pining for work.

On noticing the opening of a certain large store in St. John one of the daily papers of that city said that "the anteroooms in the *back* of the store, were very comfortable," but it might not have been such a mistake after all; many a preface might be placed at the close of a volume where an apology, if necessary, should always be, therefore, Prince Edward Island greeting New Brunswick through the columns of the *Miramichi Advance* trusts, that the acquaintanceship so abruptly opened, may ripen into full friendship, through the medium of a series of letters beginning now.

E. H.

Press Telegrams.

DALHOUSIE, Jan. 25.—Mr. Potts, one of the most respectable, energetic and well-to-do members of the Balmoral colony, Restigouche, fell dead yesterday evening, while on the road with some neighbors. He was apparently in vigorous health. The cause is supposed to be heart disease. An inquest is being held to-day.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Lord Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, made a speech at Liverpool, last night. He said peace was essential to the interests of England. The Government deeply sympathised with the oppressed; but intervention in the internal affairs of a foreign country was a step requiring grave consideration. The Government proceeded on the principle of limiting intervention within proper bounds, and avoiding what they felt to be a false policy,—coercion. He strenuously denied the Government ever had any intention of going to war on behalf of Turkey, or were ever influenced by unworthy jealousy of Russia. He considered the Turks had acted on ill advice, and undertaken grave responsibility in rejecting the friendly proposals of the Conference; but Turkey had done what she in her free right thought best, and he was unable to understand the language of those who apparently desired to turn the conduct of Turkey into the cause of offence for Europe. Mr. Cross, Secretary of State Home Department, at the same meeting, said:—"I believe there is a better chance for the preservation of the peace of Europe and better government of Turkish Christians than there has hitherto been."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The House has had two days debate on the Presidential compromise. It passed, 191 to 86.

LONDON, Jan. 26, p. m.—Russian diplomacy is sounding the powers to ascertain whether they will agree to convocation of full European Congress on Oriental question. Russia thinks herself entitled to reckon on the continued collected efforts of Europe, whose accord for common ulterior action has not been destroyed by the conclusion of the conference.

BOSTON, Jan. 27.—An explosion and fire destroyed Jenny's Oil Works, South Boston, last night. Loss $60,000. John Corliss, engineer, was burned to death.

A Washington despatch says the compromise bill will be signed by the President to-day, and the two Houses will meet in joint convention next Thursday to count the electoral votes.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The *Times'* Belgrade despatch confirms the reports of Turkey's proposed peace negotiations to Servia. The correspondent adds, this fine stroke of diplomacy is to force Russia's hand. Servia will not dare refuse the Porte's overtures unless Russia openly promises support. Hence Russia will be compelled to declare herself or lose the assistance of the Servian army and Servian territory in case of war.

The text of Midhat Pacha's despatch to Prince Milan concludes as follows:—"Convinced that your Highness shares my desire to secure peace and terminate a regretable and disastrous strife, I frankly invite you personally to a concilliation with the Porte by direct negotiations."

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—The following appointments are gazetted: Wm. J. O'Brien, Bathurst, N. B., to be a Collector in Customs; Wm. A. Kinney, Liverpool, N. S., to be Harbor Master of the port of Liverpool.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—President Grant was absent from Washington Saturday, but will sign the Compromise Electoral bill to-morrow.

The Republican caucus nominated Garfield of Ohio, and Hoar, of Massachusetts, to represent the party on the commission.

The Democrats hold a caucus to-morrow and will select three members.—The Senate also selects members to-morrow—three Republicans and two Democrats—the whole to be confirmed in full session Tuesday.

Associate Justices Clifford, Miller, Strong and Field, designated by the bill, will on Tuesday select another associate Justice as the fifth judicial member of the Commission. Justice Clifford will be President of the Commission.

The members of the Louisiana Returning Board, summoned to Washington, have been committed by the House for contempt in refusing to produce the original returns called for by the Congressional Investigating Committee.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A Columbia, S. C. special says:—A conflict has occured at Timmonsville, Darlington Co., growing out of the Dual Government.

O. B. Holloway, trial justice, appointed by Chamberlain, was shot and killed early this morning, near his own door, by some unknown parties. The negroes became very excited, and stationed themselves on the outskirts of Iowa, lying chiefly in ambush, About two o'clock on Sunday morning, when the special police were making their rounds, they were fired upon from the woods, four or five times, two officers being wounded; the officers returned the fire without effect. Both the negroes and the whites are now on a regular war footing, and a bloody encounter may occur at any moment.

THE GREAT SHOSHONEES REMEDY.—Is an Indian vegetable compound, composed of the juices of a variety of remarkable medicinal plants and herbs; the various properties of these different ingredients when combined, is so constituted as to act simultaneously upon the Blood, Lungs, Liver, Kidneys, Digestive Organs, Nervous System, &c., restoring their function, to healthy action, and being purely vegetable, is as harmless as Nature's own beverage. This medicine is a decided benefit in all, and a permanent cure in a large majority of diseases of the blood, such as Scrofula, Erysipelas, Salt Rheum, Canker, Pimples, &c. In prescribing this medicine we do not claim that it always performs cures; but this we do say, that it purifies and enriches the blood, permanently curing a large majority of diseases arising from its impurities. It stands far ahead and unequalled among the hundreds of competing medicines of the day. It has stood the test of ten years, and is to-day more popular than ever. As a summer restorative it stands unrivalled; it enables the system to bear up against the constant drain to which it is subjected by high temperature. Persons who are subject to Billious Colic, Dysentery, Indigestion, &c., should take the "Shoshonees Remedy." Price of the remedy in pint bottles $1. Pills 25 cents a box.

Sold by all medicine dealers.

New Advertisements.

Insolvent Act of 1875.

In the Matter of John Sinclair and Robert Sinclair, Insolvents.

THE Insolvents have made an assignment of their Estate to me, and the creditors are notified to meet at my Office, in Chatham, on FRIDAY, the Twenty-Third day of February next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to receive statements of their affairs, and to appoint an Assignee if they see fit.

Dated at Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, this twenty-seventh day of January, A. D., 1877.

JOHN ELLIS,
Official Assignee.

Feb. 8

LATE WORKS

JUST RECEIVED AT THE

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HAROLD, Tennyson's Dramatic Poem;
Life and Letters of Lord Macaulay—by his nephew, George Otto Trevelyan, M. P.
Ten Years of My Life—by the Princess Felix Salm Salm, (the Canadian Princess).
A Mad World—by an Amateur Lunatic.
My Little Girl—by the Authors of "Ready-money Mortiboy."
The Queen of the Regiment—by Catherine King.

D. G. SMITH.

Chatham, Jan. 31, '77.

Land Sale.

THE Subscriber offers for sale his property on the Richibucto Road, about ten Miles from Chatham, known as the Brophy Farm, containing fifty acres, more or less, fifteen of which are under cultivation. There is also a good Barn on the premises.

For further particulars apply to
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NOTICE

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of Chatham, to consider the proposed Bill of Incorporation, will be held in the

Masonic Hall, on Saturday Evening next, 3rd February,

COMMENCING AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.

THOS. F. GILLESPIE,
Chairman of Com.
D. G. SMITH,
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Chatham, Jan. 30th, 1877.

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Clarke's Periodical Pills.

This invaluable Medicine is unfailing in the cures of all those painful and dangerous diseases to which the female constitution is subject. It moderates all excesses and removes all obstructions and a speedy cure may be relied on.

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