

Miramichi and the North Shore.

The Downer Expresses are to originate at Newcastle to-night.

Mr. Leo Brock, son of Walter Brock, Esq., C. E. late of Chatham, is about opening a drug store at Hopewell Corner, Albert Co.

Mr. Bowen, the deservedly popular landlady of the Bower Hotel, received a very handsome and valuable present from her guests on Christmas Day.

The Corporation of Newcastle, Esq., has been returned as councillor for Lower Parish. He was an excellent member of the Board when representing Newcastle.

Highland Society.—We understand that the Highland Society's general annual meeting is to be held at the Waverley House, Newcastle, on Monday evening, 14th inst.

M. C. Clark, Dentist, can be found in Newcastle at Mr. McAllister's residence every Friday and Saturday, where he will be prepared to attend to those desiring his services, commencing Friday, Oct. 5th, 77.

Accident.—We omitted to mention last week that Mr. Wm. Wyse, accompanied by one of his little boys, was driving on the river on Christmas day, his horse broke through the ice and narrowly escaped being drowned.

Resignation Accepted.—The last Royal Gazette says that His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor in Council, has been pleased to accept the resignation of John Campbell as District Commissioner for the Parish of Andover, in the County of Northumberland.

Obituary.—The death of Mr. Wm. Casey of Newcastle is recorded in another column. He was the oldest member of Northumberland Lodge, F. & A. M., who was long well respected in the community.

Reported a Candidate.—A Richibucto correspondent writes that "a certain class of Kint politicians are talking of importing a man from Westmorland County as a candidate for the representation of Kent in the Dominion Commons."

Caterpillars in Danvers.—As an instance of the extreme mildness of the winter we may mention that Mr. James Mowat, who lives in the neighborhood of the Masonic Hall, Chatham, found a brown butterfly caterpillar in his garden on Thursday morning last promulgating without the least consciousness of being out of season.

More Bears.—On Friday last Mr. John Fitzpatrick brought the carcass of a large bear to town, which he and three others had killed the previous day at the head of Napas River. A similar carcass was brought down the same day by other parties, living in the same direction, we believe.

Chimney Cleaning.—Chimney cleaning has long been one of the lost arts of St. John; though lots of men during hard times might have made a good living by it. All that is required for the work, in most cases, is a long pipe and some brush at the end of it. The same remarks would also apply to Chatham, where letting chimneys burn themselves out, is particularly undesirable.

Quinine Accident.—On Christmas day as a lad of 16, son of Mr. John Brock of Bay St. Lawrence, was out on a party, on firing a rifle, the muzzle of the gun burst and shattered the lad's left hand taking off part of the third finger. He went to the Hotel Dieu, has since being treated well, and will probably retain the use of the injured hand.

Accident.—On the afternoon of the 24th ult., a serious accident befell a young son of Mr. Joseph Jackson of Napas, while cutting wood with his brother, having cut down of their father's house. While one was aiming a blow at some wood, he struck his brother with the axe just above the hip bone on the left side, making a wide and deep wound, from which however, no very serious consequences are anticipated.

Death from a Leap or Hay.—On Thursday last, as Mr. John McLaughlin, in the employ of the Hon. Wm. Muirhead, was returning to the lumber camp, on a load of hay, after spending Christmas in town, when in the vicinity of the Northwest Bridge, he suddenly lost his balance and fell from the load of hay. Mr. McLaughlin called out to the driver of the team to stop, but before he could do so, one of the hind wheels of the wagon had passed over the small of his back. The load on the wagon weighed about 22 cwt., it was thought Mr. McLaughlin was seriously hurt, and he was at once brought to town, but on medical aid being sent in it was found that no bones were broken although severe contusions of the spine had been sustained. The patient has since been doing well.

Recovery.—By advertisement in another column, it will be seen that J. W. Bengough, Esq., the leading Humorist of Canada, is to deliver one of his very attractive lectures in Masonic Hall, Chatham, on the evening of Thursday 17th inst. The following extracts will convey an idea of the attractiveness of Mr. Bengough's entertainments.

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Chatham for the current year.—John Potheringham, W. M., James Neilson, S. W., George W. Loggie, J. W., James Gray, Treasurer, Thomas F. Gillespie, P. M., Secy., Rev. Wm. Wilson, Chaplain, George Lee Brittain, S. D., John Sinclair, J. D., Hugh Marquis, S. S., Wm. Sinclair, J. S., James V. Benson, L. G., C. B. Coyle, S. D., C. Wm. C. Smythe, Tyler.

Our Shipping.—There are now 155 vessels, of 15,226 tons, registered at the port of Chatham, against 151 vessels of 13,322 tons last year. The new registries at the Port of Chatham for the past year were as follows:—Ships—Jessie Renwick, 1,000, Weldford, R. Brown, Weldford.

Barges—Tikona, 810, Richibucto, J. & T. Jardis, Richibucto. Richard, 531, Richibucto, H. O'Leary, Richibucto.

Brigantines—Pride of Chaleur, 617, Bathurst, R. S. De Veber, St. John. Alliance, 115, Shipigan, A. Haquoull, M. Heald, Jersey.

Schooners—Albatross, 45, Kingston, Ed. Scott, Kingston. Caroline, 9, Kingston, F. Arsenau, Kingston.

Four Brothers, 25, Caraquet, G. Poulin, Caraquet. Canada, 15, Esquimaux, Joseph Jimmo, Esquimaux.

The Chatham Currier continue to enjoy their play, daily, regular or special risks occupying the ice, forenoon and afternoon, in turns, some days. The first match of the season is to come off on Monday next, weather permitting. It is a challenge affair for "beef and greens" between five native Scotchmen and five Canadians. Play is to commence at two o'clock p. m. and last until half past four.

The New Year in the Churches.—St. Mary's Church.—A special service was held in St. Mary's Church on New Year's Eve, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. McKewen. A day service was held in the morning at 11 o'clock, when the Rev. Mr. McKewen preached and celebrated Holy Communion.

The Methodist Church.—On New Year's Eve a night service was held in the Methodist Church, commencing at 10.30 a good congregation being present. The Rev. Mr. McKewen opened the meeting with prayer after which the Rev. Mr. Smith of the Wesleyan Episcopal Church, read the lesson and afterwards delivered an appropriate address from Matthew 26th chap., 45th verse, "Sleep on now and take your rest."

The Roman Catholic Church.—At the Roman Catholic Church the usual early morning service was held, and at 10.30 a supplementary discourse by the Rev. Mr. McLean. There was a good congregation present.

New Year's Day at Black River.—New Year's Day at Black River passed off in a sober and pleasant manner. A service was held in the Presbyterian Church at New Year's Eve by the Rev. John Robertson.

Union Service at St. John's Presbyterian Church.—A Union Service was held in St. John's Presbyterian Church on the morning of New Year's day, when the Rev. J. C. Herdman preached from Isaiah 21st, 11th and 12th verses, and was followed by a supplementary discourse by the Rev. Mr. McLean. There was a good congregation present.

Dutcher Reformers New Year's Night Entertainment.—On the evening of New Year's day the Dutcher Reformers gave their special entertainment as announced. The band of the 73rd Batt. under Mr. John Templeton had kindly volunteered their services, and the Rev. Mr. Prentiss took his seat entertained the audience with a variety of airs.

The President, D. Davidson Esq., occupied the chair and was supported by the Vice President, L. J. Tweedie, Esq. M. P.

After prayer by the Chaplain, Mr. R. Gordon, the Choir gave the "Carnival" which was received with applause.

An address was next given by the Rev. Mr. McKewen in which he dwelt upon the being truly a Happy New Year to many, and stated that even the leading sinners in Chatham acknowledged the benefit which had resulted from the Dutcher movement.

The chairman called for signatures to the pledge, which was numerously received, to both the choir and the band occupying the interval with vocal and instrumental music. "Friends the heart cannot forget," was next given by Mrs. Nicol and received an encore, after which Master Alexander Templeton gave a recitation "The practical Joker," and responded to an encore with "Love and the Lions."

Wm. Smith sang a comic song entitled "Think of your head in the morning" and responded to an encore with "Whiskey John, My Jo John."

Mr. Tait of Black Brook gave a reading, "The Cotta's Saturday Night," which though well read, proved somewhat tedious for the audience.

J. H. Coggin, Esq., delivered an address in which he spoke of his own past experience, and exhorted those who had signed the pledge to persevere. He was followed by a song, "The Streets of the City" by Miss Jessie McKewen, who responded to an encore with "Dash it down."

Master Ernest Murray then gave a recitation, "The two ways," which elicited much applause, after which Miss Jessie Templeton sang "Then you'll remember me," and responded to an encore with "Lock O' Hazeldean."

John Shiffert, Esq., then delivered a short address, speaking as a moderate drinker in the past, and urging that had been done by the society, viewed that delegates should be appointed to visit different localities and extend the movement.

Five young ladies, Misses Barbara Wood, Jennie Shiffert, Gerrie Haviland, Elsie Loudon and Annie Davidson, next gave a humorous song, entitled, "The Fox," which received an encore; this was followed by a temperance reading "A document found in a garret," by Miss Maudie Thompson.

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cause from conscientious motives, and if the choice was between temperance and politics, he was ready to throw the next election aside, if it were required. He had been honestly convinced and changed his mind accordingly, and he exhorted all to join hands and hands in promoting the cause. He then requested all the pledges in the audience who had signed the pledge to stand up and afterwards those who had not, the latter shewing a very small minority.

An address was now delivered by Mr. W. S. Loggie on the importance of keeping the pledge, which was followed by a song by Mr. L. Deabrisay and Mr. H. Patterson. "The Contraband," the former gentleman responding to the encore with "My Native Home."

A cheap dinner was given by Master A. Patterson, and well received.

Mr. John Galloway, of Napas, next delivered an address, showing the safety there was in the temperance cause, and urging that the present prosperous movement should take along with it that pioneer of the cause, the old Northumberland Division, and the Young Men's Christian Association of Chatham.

Signers of the Pledge were again called for, the Band playing in the interval. A Duet, "The Lark and the Dove" was next given by Messrs. Jas. Nicol and H. Patterson.

The Vice President said he had been requested by the Executive Committee to state that a communication had been received from the Rev. Mr. Foggo of Tabusintac, asking that a deputation be sent to visit that place on the 10th inst. The Young Men's Christian Association of Chatham, was subsequently appointed to respond to the call.

It would also remind them that next week, being the Week of Prayer, there would be no further public meetings of the Dutcher Reformers of Chatham, till Tuesday the 15th. He would also ask the Officers and members to attend on Thursday evening at Newcastle, as far as possible, for the purpose of forming an association there, and in conclusion returned thanks to the audience, and the band for their attendance.

The evening songs 50 persons signed the pledge. After the Duetology had been sung by the choir, the proceedings concluded with the National Anthem by the band.

The Officers Re-elected.—After the meeting Mr. William Johnston of the Canada House, entertained the officers-bearers of the Association and some others, to the number of 30, at supper.

Others having been named by the Rev. Mr. McKewen, an excellent supper was enjoyed, after which short speeches were made by various gentlemen present, expressive of their sense of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, which they had all so much enjoyed, and of good wishes for their future prosperity.

Carnival.—The Carnival held at the rink on Thursday night last, was in every way most successful. Fears were entertained at first that it would have to be postponed, owing to the mild weather, but Wednesday night being cold, put the ice in fair condition.

The first masquers to arrive were numbers of children, many of whom were very well got up, and after they had been on the ice some time the older masquers began to appear. All the dresses were, necessarily, got up without any help from costumers, but some of them were really handsome and showed a great deal of work in their composition. It would perhaps be invidious to particularise when there were many deserving of praise, therefore we leave criticism to those more particularly interested. The list of masquers is as follows:—

Ladies.—Miss Jessie Johnston, Gipsy Countess. Annie Shiffert. Minnie Thomson, Weawaka. Loggie, Gipsy Countess. Mary Johnston, Goddess of Liberty. McLean, Old Woman. Jennie Shiffert, Gipsy Fortune-teller. Ada Johnson, Night. Lala Smith, Italian Flower Girl. Nina Benson, Red Riding Hood. Nellie Benson, Old Woman. Ethel Benson, Fishwoman. Fanny Gillespie, Snowflake. Sadie Gillespie, Grandmother Small-weed. Fanny Blair, Red Riding Hood.

Gentlemen.—Donald Loggie, Darkey Sewell. Peter Loggie, Clown. A. A. Bartlett, Sitting Bull. A. G. Ridling, Winter. Ed. Johnson, Devil. A. J. Loggie, Sailor. Alex. Loggie, Chairman. H. A. Allison, Gipsy Woman. Dr. Clark, Night and Day. J. W. Fraser. A. S. Ullock, Joe Jonathan. Thos. Ullock, Jockey. Jas. Johnston. R. Fairry, Neatitan Brigand. Wm. Johnston. Miller, Snow Shoe Costume. Geo. Johnston, Cricketer. W. T. Carman, Sailor. Geo. Leson, Darkey. Jas. Patterson. Geo. Johnston. Thos. Griffin, Man of War Sailor. Willie Shiffert, Sailor. Ernest Blair, Cricketer. Ernest McKay, Book Agent. Chas. Kelly, Santa Claus. Ernest Murray, Highlander. Chas. Blair, Sailor. Stafford Benson, Night and Day. Willie Gillespie, Mishipimian Easy.

On the afternoon of New Year's day, about 2 o'clock, a number of the scholars and teachers of St. Andrew's Sunday School, assembled in the vestry of the Church for the purpose of presenting to the Rev. J. C. Herdman, who for some time, been acting as pastor of this Church during the absence of the Rev. Wm. Wilson, with a handsome dressing case and writing case in an embossed leather, both being completely furnished and the latter containing a supply of stationery and a gold pencil case and penholder, &c.

Miss Mary Davidson, in presenting the testimonial, read the following Address: To the Rev. J. C. Herdman, Dear Sir.—On behalf of the teachers and scholars of St. Andrew's Church School, we wish to thank you sincerely for the many good things you have taken in promoting our welfare.

By your sympathy with every thing connected with our Church, and your Christian zeal in carrying on its work, you have endeared yourself to every member, and have worked for us so carefully and anxiously, in striving us up to our duties as S. S. Scholars.

We trust you will accept the accompanying New Year's Gift, though thinking in itself we hope it will ever serve to remind you of our regard and esteem. Chatham, New Year's Day 1878.

The Rev. gentlemen briefly replied, saying he was much touched by the manner in which they had evinced their sympathy with him. For himself he felt almost guilty, that they should have presented him with such a testimonial, seeing how short his connection with them had been, and how undeserving he was of such a token, for which he felt very grateful. He trusted that the coming year, would be even a more pleasant one to them than the past. They had tried to make it a happy New Year for him, and he cordially wished it might prove the same to them. He would say a few words, and then he would leave them to their own devices, and he would wish them all a happy New Year.

The election of those officers not previously chosen, was then proceeded with, and the complete list was as follows: President, Alex. Mills, Esq. Vice Presidents, James Grogan, J. B. Williston, and James McLean. Secretary, A. G. Williston. Assistant Secretary, Daniel Lewis. Treasurer, Jonathan Noble. Chaplain, Charles Anthony. Marshall, Alexander Wilson. Executive Committee, Mrs. Daniel Lewis, the Misses Maggie and Mary Jane Noble, Grace W., and Mary Weston Mills, Maggie Weston, Williston, Maggie McLean, Barbara Sargent and Mary Jane Carroll, Mr. Thos. McMaster, John Lewis Senr., and John Williston. Visiting Committee, Mrs. Stephen White, the Misses Maggie Weston Williston, Mary Jane Carroll, Janet McLean, Ellen T. Lewis, and Eliza McLean, Mr. John James, and Jonathan Noble, Charles Anthony, Thos. McMaster, Daniel Lewis, Senr., and A. G. Williston.

After all the officers were elected, or as they may be thought sufficient to keep the Society in good working order, Thos. McMaster and Maggie W. Williston sang "The little log cabin in the winter," and the choir sang "Rescue the perishing." Mr. David Sailer of Chatham, then addressed the meeting, followed by A. G. Williston. The choir then sang "Hold On For Me." and J. A. Allison, in his Gracious Majesty in the audience called for "God Save the Queen," which was sung by all present. The Rev. Mr. Thos. McMaster pronounced the benediction, and the meeting adjourned to meet again on Friday, Jan. 11, at 6 o'clock, when the friends of the cause are respectfully invited to attend.

The Dutcher Society is working wonders in Hardwick. The whole people have taken hold of the movement. The meeting on Christmas Eve was the largest that I have ever seen in Hardwick, either publicly or for other objects. I am thinking the candidate will have to decline in favor of prohibition at the next election, or he will not poll a large vote in Hardwick, if the temperance cause goes on increasing in popularity as it has done lately. I am late, Mr. Editor, in wishing you a happy New Year, but I am sure that the merry Christmas, and I am also afraid that it will not get along in time for your next issue. Whether it does or not allow me to express a wish that the new year will be a pleasant one for them all.

Before another year passes it is most likely that our County will have to go through the turmoil and the annoyances of two General Elections. It is to be hoped that those who interest themselves in the canvass will guard well their words, and treat those they have to differ with in a gentlemanly manner. This year, however, in making forecasts of the weather has been wonderful, an erroneous prognostication being rare indeed. We find that for the early winter he says: "The second cold snap will arrive towards the latter part of November or the early portion of December and water will be open for some time, but look for a period of short duration, giving place to heavy rains and snow falls with open weather. A third cold spell will probably enter with or close upon the entry of February and this I am inclined to sketch as more protracted than the preceding one. It will moderate to some heavy snow falls rather than rain."

Besides the weather predictions, there are explanations of phenomena by which the weather may pretty accurately be predicted for short periods in advance, and these, with a large quantity of useful information, are given in the "Spectator's" letter in last Saturday's Advance. The Committee regret that any thing should have occurred at the late carnival to give offence to any person, but they beg to assure "Spectator" that he is labouring under an erroneous impression in presuming that the lady who assumed the attire of a nun there, did so with the least intention of giving offence; she wore it simply because it is a dress commonly seen at masquerades elsewhere.

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The Sydney (Australia) correspondent of the Globe, (a British) writes to us to state that the United States champion and his backers, that he will row Courtney a three mile race straightaway for one thousand pounds a side, two hundred and fifty pounds forfeit, on any neutral water in the United States, and that if Courtney will post the above forfeit, two hundred and fifty pounds, with the New York Clipper, which is to select the referee and appoint the final stakeholder, he will leave for the United States to ratify the match as soon as possible.

Referring to the above the N. Y. Herald says:—There is little doubt that Courtney will close with his opponent on the above terms, and the match, as proposed, by eliminating the time and substituting the English straightway race, seems in every way fair. One thing remains for Courtney to do, and the many and powerful boating organizations in and near this city ought to aid him in accomplishing it—namely, to insist that the race be rowed on the Hudson River from the ninety-sixth street Dock to Manhattan Market. This will be water equally new to both, and in many ways admirably suited, and it will insure to these two giants, in the greatest sculling event in aquatic annals, an assemblage of spectators many times larger than ever gathered at a race in our country before. It is not equalled in England, that which annually goes on in London to see the English University struggle.

TERMS DURING AT PLENA.—A London despatch dated Dec. 28th, says a Russian official despatch dated Dec. 27th, reports that the Turkish prisoners from Plevea are dying from starvation without prospect of relief.

CAPTURE OF A TURKISH STEAMER.—A despatch dated London, Dec. 27th, reports that a Russian merchant vessel, the Steamer Rusland, has lately returned to Sebastopol from the Bosphorus, with the Turkish transport steamer Messina with 700 Turkish troops on board as prisoners.

THE FEELING OF THE PORT.—A despatch dated London, Dec. 27th, reports that in consequence of the rejection of the Turkish note by the Powers, a war party has taken place in favour of the war party.

The remainder of this week's despatches are generally meagre in news. A despatch dated Bogot, Dec. 21st states that a vanguard of a Russian division after an exceedingly difficult passage over snow-covered mountains, has occupied the Balkan passes between Arakbonk and Solph. The Turks were surprised and the Russian loss was slight.

England's note to Russia with regard to peace negotiations has been received, but Russia's reply has not been published. Lord Derby has sent a note to Count Andraszy expressive of the hope of those operations of other powers in the interests of peace.

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