ustice and fair play that were now denied us.

Mr. Anthony Adams gave an account of the meeting of fishermen held in Alnwick and showed they had taken the initiative in the matter. He had written to Mr. Watt and urged upon him the importance of making a similar move in Chatham, which had been done, as he claimed that the Alnwick fishermen had shown they were fully alive to their interests. He said that the nets used down river varied very much in size and cost. Some of them were small and worth $10 while others were worth $40, $50, and even $80. Many of them, after being taxed for fishing in Tabusintac river, were moved to Tabusintac bay, where they were taxed a second time, and there were cases in which a further removal was made to Neguac where a third tax was imposed—all in the same season. A large proportion of the nets of that district would really be required to pay at least six dollars a season, which was a tax that the poor fishermen could not afford. It was the rankest injustice to attempt such an imposition.

This closed the discussion and after some new members were enrolled the meeting adjourned.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

HAY FOR SALE.—See Advt.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL meets on Tuesday next 17th inst.

BLACKSMITH'S COAL for sale. See Mr. Morrison's advt.

THE AGRICULTURAL Society's winter exhibition is to take place on 19th—next Thursday.

THE HIGHLAND SOCIETY is to hold its annual meeting at Waverley Hotel, Newcastle, on Friday (to-morrow) 13th inst at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

THE KOUCHIBOUGUAC and Chatham mail is now being carried under contract with Mr. Robert McNaughton. It leaves Chatham on Mondays and Thursdays.

PERSONAL.—Ex-Councillor Livingston of Richibucto was in town yesterday.

Geo F. Gregory, Esq., of Fredericton, was in town last week.

MR. D. DESMOND'S watch lottery was drawn at Campbellton Monday evening, 2nd, 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.

BUCTOUCHE MAN DROWNED.—The captain of the Calais schooner Mary E. Amsden, reports that on his last voyage to New York, Ben Basterash, a sailor belonging to Buctouche, was struck by the jib sheet when the vessel was in stays, knocked overboard and drowned.

RELIEF CONCERT.—On Tuesday evening next, 17th inst. a concert is to be given in the Masonic Hall, Bathurst, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Relief Fund in connection with the recent Caraquet Railway accident. The object is so meritorious that the house will, no doubt, be a full one.

TOBOGGANING.—The opening of the Kesonbok 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 Kesonbok Slide is one of the best in the province and every effort will be made to make it a success.—*Advocate.*

BAY DU VIN.—The Rector of Bay du Vin, the comfort of whose hands were so well provided for by the Village people at Christmas, has experienced the effects of similar thoughtfulness for his feet on the part of his people at Bay du Vin. For these and other kindnesses he desires to return his sincere thanks.

THE HORSE.—Professor Ross of Fredericton gave a very interesting and instructive exhibition of horse-handling at Chatham Skating Rink on Tuesday evening. The attendance was fair, but not as large as the merits of Mr. Ross' method deserved. This season of the year is not, however, a suitable one for such work, and we have no doubt that if the Professor should visit us in the summer time he will have large audiences.

SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC SERVICES are being held in St. Andrew's Church this week. On Thursday and Friday evenings the Rev. Isaac Baird of Restiguouche, will address the meetings. The public are cordially invited to attend. All Christian workers are earnestly requested to assist. Ushers will be in attendance to supply parties with Hymn sheets, and to conduct strangers to seats.

IRON BRIDGES.—The third iron bridge built for the government by Mr. Alfred Haines of St. Mary's was completed last week, across the Dennis stream near St. Stephen. The abutments of this bridge were built anew of granite laid in cement. The next iron bridge to be put up by Mr. Haines for the government will be across the Meduxnikeag in the town of Woodstock. This work will be begun early in the spring.—*Gleaner.*

BELL, who burglarized Messrs. Fish and Sutherland & Creaghan's stores and safes Newcastle, and was sent to the penitentiary, from which he recently escaped, is reported to have spent his first few days of liberty at Sackville with the relatives of a fellow-prisoner named Gillis. A telephonic report that he was caught near the region of the north pole while endeavoring to break into the aurora borealis with an icicle, lacks confirmation.

POLITICAL.—The Newcastle Liberal Conservative Club has elected the following officers for the ensuing year.—

W. C. Anslow, President.
Daniel Hogan, 1st Vice President.
John Clark, 2nd " "
Dr. A. C. Smith 3rd " "
John Robertson, Jr., Sec. Treasurer.
J. R. Lawlor, Assistant Secretary.

The president's annual report was a most unique and contradictory composition which read like an *Advocate* editorial and was therefore both crude and allogical.

RECENT DEATHS.—Mr. A. A. Cowden of Upper Nelson, one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of the Miramichi, died suddenly on Wednesday of last week and was buried on Saturday. The funeral was very largely atteaded.

Mr. Dan'l Fraser of Metapedia, one of the best known men of that section of the country, died on 3rd inst.

Mr. Alex. McLeod, an old resident of Chatham, whose forecasts of the weather won for him much local distinction, was among those who died last week.

A HIVE OF INDUSTRY.—At the last monthly pay there were 1,420 names on the pay roll at the Spring Hill collieries. Names beginning with Mac carry off the palm, there being 248. Of this number of Macs, 46 are Macdonalds, 14 of whom rejoice in the name of John. The frequent recurrence of John Macdonald has led to the necessity of numbering them, and there is now from John Macdonald 1st to 14th inclusive. Scottish names predominate to a very great extent, which in some measure accounts for the thrift and industry of Spring Hill miners.—Halifax *Herald.*

THE ALMS HOUSE.—Monday, January 2nd was a joyous day at the Alms House, as previously announced the New Years dinner was given on Monday. It was a pleasing sight to see the young and old, the lame and the blind march in to partake of the good things provided. There were geese, roast beef, and pork, with turnips, mashed potatoes and all the rest of the fixings required to make up a first class dinner. For desert, there was plum pudding, apples, rasins and nuts. One old man said he did not have such a good dinner since he left the old country, he wished X'mas and New Years came around often; while, he also added he had not a word to say against the general living he only wished they might never have worse. On examination of the house and premises we were much pleased to find everything in such good order, and all the inmates enjoying a happy New Year.

MARRIED AT ST. LUKE'S.—The marriage of Mr. Wm. Harris and Miss Strang, eldest daughter of Mr. E. A. Strang, merchant of Chatham, took place at St. Luke's Methodist Church on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock and was witnessed by a gathering of their friends which crowded the spacious edifice. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Harrison, pastor of the church, Mr. Geo. Anderson being groomsman and the sister of the bride bridesmaid. In the absence, through illness, of the bride's father, she was escorted to the alter by her uncle, Mr. D. Chesman. After the ceremony the young couple received the congratulations of a large number of friends in the Sunday School room and, subsequently, joined in a wedding supper at the residence of the bride's father, starting by the midnight express for Hamilton, Ontario, where they will spend the honeymoon. The presents of the bride were numerous and valuable.

Winter Exhibition.

Northumberland Agricultural Society will hold an Exhibition of Grain, Roots, Poultry, Domestic Manufactures, Produce of the Loom, etc., at the Masonic Hall, Newcastle, on this Thursday, 19th of January, commencing at 11 o'clock a. m. The prize list is as follows. [Prizes are premiums only, exhibitors having the privilege of selling exhibits or retaining them as they may desire.]:—

Grain.

1st White Wheat, not less than 1 bushel	$2 00
2nd do.	1 50
3rd do.	1 00
1st Red Wheat, not less than 1 bush.	2 00
2nd do.	1 50
3rd do.	1 00
1st Barley, not less than 1 bushel	1 00
2nd do.	75
3rd do.	50
1st White Oats, not less than 1 bush.	1 00
2nd do.	75
1st Black Oats, not less than 1 bush.	1 00
2nd do.	75
1st Norway Oats	1 00
2nd do.	75
1st Buckwheat, not less than 1 bush.	1 00
2nd do.	75
3rd do.	50
1st Timothy Seed, not less than 1 bushel	2 00
2nd do.	1 50
3rd do.	1 00
1st White Beans, not less than ½ bush.	1 50
2nd do.	1 00
3rd do.	75
1st Peas, not less than 1 bushel	1 00
2nd do	75
3rd do.	50

Roots.

1st Winter Potatoes, not less than 1 bushel	1 00
2nd do.	75
1st Early Potatoes, not less than 1 bushel	1 00
2nd do.	75
1st Turnips (Swedish) not less than 1 bushel	1 00
2nd do.	75
1st Carrots, not less than ½ bushel	75
2nd do.	50
1st Beets, not less than ½ bushel	75
2nd do.	50
1st Parsnips, not less than ½ bushel	75
2nd do.	50
1st Mangel Wortzel, not less than 1 Bushel	1 00
2nd do.	75

Dairy Produce.

1st Butter, not less than 15 lbs. nor more than 50 lbs.	$2 00
2nd do.	1 50
3rd do.	1 00
1st Butter. (Winter) not less than 5 lbs.	1 00
2nd do.	75
3rd do.	50

Poultry, Etc.

1st best pair Geese, dressed	1 00
2nd do	75
1st Best pair Turkeys	1 50
2nd do.	1 00
1st Best pair Ducks	75
2nd do.	50
1st Best pair Chickens	75
2nd do.	50
1st Best doz. Eggs	50
2nd do.	25

Domestic Manufactures.

1st Woollen Socks, not less than 3 pairs	1 00
2nd do.	75
1st Woollen Mittens, not less than 3 pairs	1 50
2nd do.	1 00
1st Flannel all wool, not less than 10 yards	1 50
2nd do.	1 00
1st Flannel, Cotton and Wool, not less than 10 yards	1 50
2nd do.	1 00
1st Checked Homespun, not less than 10 yards	1 50
2nd do.	1 00
1st Homespun, all wool not less than 10 yards	1 50
2nd do.	1 00
1st Homespun, Cotton and Wool, not less than 10 yds	1 50
2nd do.	1 00
1st Blankets (pair,) all wool	1 50
2nd do.	1 00
1st Blankets (pair) Cotton and Wool	1 50
2nd do.	1 00
1st Blankets (pair) Cotton and Wool	1 50
2nd do	1 00
1st Best Plaid. all wool	1 00
2nd do.	75
1st Hooked Hearth Rug	1 50
2nd do	1 00
1st piece of Hooked Matting, not less than 3 yds long and 1 yd w'd	1 50
2nd do	1 00
Knitted Linders,	1 00
" Drawers	1 00
1st Other Knitted Articles	1 00
2nd do.	50

All articles exhibited, consisting of Grain, Roots, Dairy Produce, Domestic Manufactures, etc., must be the produce of the County, raised, made or produced by the exhibitor in the year 1887-8, and also the property of the exhibitor. Homespun articles must be home-made.

All articles intended for exhibition must be at the Hall at or before 10 O'clock, a. m., and none will be received after 11 o'clock, excepting by the decision of the board.

Exhibitors of poultry will do well to be careful in preparing their exhibits for the show, as geese, chickens, turkeys or ducks with superfluous remnants of their former vitality frozen in the thorax or abdominal cavities will be discounted.

Mothers!

Castoria is recommended by physicians for children teething. It is a purely vegetable preparation, its ingredients are published around each bottle. It is pleasant to the taste and absolutely harmless. It relieves constipation, regulates the bowels, quiets pain, cures diarrhœa and wind colic, allays feverishness, destroys worms, and prevents convulsions, soothes the child and gives it refreshing and natural sleep. Castoria is the children's panacea—the mothers' friend, 35 doses, 35 cents.

Induction Service.

The Presbytery of Miramichi met at Redbank Presbyterian Church on the 10th inst. for the induction of Rev. J. D. Murray to the pastoral charge of that congregation. It was no trivial task to face the low temperature of Tuesday morning in a journey of many miles up the Northwest. But Rev. Messrs. McKay of Chatham and Aitken of Newcastle got there all right. On the same morning Mr. Johnston had driven through from Blackville a distance of some twenty miles. Rev. J. H. Cameron of Bass River was already on the ground having preached there on the previous Sabbath. A large congregation awaited the Presbytery at the hour of meeting notwithstanding the intensity of the cold. The proceedings were of the usual routine character the principal parts being taken by Messrs. Cameron, Aitken and McKay. When the induction services were over the trustees paid to the new pastor a sum nearly equal to the first quarter's salary and intimated their intention to pay quarterly in advance. Mr. Murray brings to his new field of labor a ripe experience and a vigorous physique yet unimpared by his more than twenty years toil.

Curling.

BATHURST JAN. 9th.

The "Rearin' Game" has began here for the season. On Saturday last the first match was played between the Patron, K. F. Burns, Esq. and G. M. Duncan M. D., Vice President. The rinks and scores are as follows:—

Afternoon

Patron	Vice President.
J. R. Miller	Henry Bishop
F W Cowperwaithe	S. Gammon
W. D. Bowers	D. Leahy
Percy Wilbur	P. J. Burns
H. White, skip, 20	Wm. J. O'Brien, skip, 7

Evening.

W. R. Racey	B. Mullins
F. O'Brien	M Elhatton
T. M. Burns	R. R. Hickson
F. J. Gatain	A. J. H. Stewart.
K F Burns, skip, 17	G. M. Duncan, skip, 17
37	24

Majority for Patron—13

After the game the party enjoyed an oyster supper at Percy Wilbur's restaurant. The members of the club intend making themselves and their visitors more comfortable during this season than they have been heretofore. To this end they have already begun the fitting up of a spacious ante-room with glass front well lighted and heated and from which spectators can view the game with comfort—It will also serve as a reading room for the members of the club.

JAN'Y 10, 1888.

At a meeting of Bathurst curling club, held tonight, regular skips for the season were elected, viz; H. White, F. J. Gatain, T. M. Burns, R. R. Hickson, A. J. H. Stewart, P. J. Burns, Robert Miller. Skips for the bonspeil at St. John. H. White and F. J. Gatain.

Messrs. Dan'l Chesman and D. M. Loggie have been chosen as skips of the Chatham rinks that are to play in the St John bonspeil.

To The Pope.

ADDRESS OF THE ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

MOST HOLY FATHER—The archbishop and bishops of the Ecclesiastical province of Halifax united among themselves by the bond of faith and fraternal love, and mindful of their devotion towards the Holy See, especially in this most joyful season, when the whole Catholic world is celebrating your jubilee, hasten to offer you our congratulations and best wishes. Together, with your Holiness we give joyful thanks to God for your preservation to the fiftieth year of your priesthood and we ardently pray that you may be spared for many long years to give admonitions replete with lofty wisdom both to the prophecy, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem, which prophecy is no less perfectly fulfilled now of Rome than formerly of Jerusalem, you enunciating the law to be observed by nations in civic affairs, and the true doctrine to be held everywhere by the people. This is indeed a cause of jubilee to us, most Holy Father, and a reason for rejoicing at the triumphs gained. But sorrow and grief cast their shadows on our souls when we think of you, the prisoner of a hostile power. We who live amid controversies that spring from false principles or are upheld by false doctrines, well know the benefit conferred by you, most Holy Father, on useful and accurate scholarship by your encyclical letters, in which it is clearly shown that all sound human knowledge can be amicably reconciled with the dogmas of faith. From Zion shall go forth a law, spake of old the patrimony of the church despoiled, the most sacred rights of your civil princedom attacked by force and fraud, and shamefully trampled under foot. Against these injuries done to the whole church we raise our voice and we unhesitatingly assert that the civil principality of the Roman pontiffs should be restored to the successor of St. Peter through the efforts of the Catholic world. May God grant that this year of jubilee may be written in the annals of the Church as the year of the restoration of the rights of the Holy See.

In the meantime, Most Holy Father, whilst we offer our congratulations, we beseech the Author of Life that He may lead you by the hand safe and unshaken amid the changes of the world to a ripe old age.

(Signed,)
C. O'BRIEN,
Archbishop of Halifax.
JOHN SWEENY,
Bishop of St. John.
PETER MCINTYRE,
Bishop of Charlottetown.
JAMES ROGERS,
Bishop of Chatham.
JOHN CAMERON,
Bishop of Antigonish.

How a Welcome Christmas Came to Many.

The holiday sun shone brightly on Tuesday, (always Tuesday) Dec. 13th, in New Orleans, La., when the 211th Grand Monthly and the Extraordinary Semi-Annual Drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery took place as usual under the management and supervision entirely of Gen'ls G. T. Beauregard of La., and Jubal A. Early, of Va. Fortune took to its old wing certainly. Over a million dollars fell from the wheel. No 53,459 drew the First Capital Prize of $300,000, sold in fractions. No 8,180 drew the Second Prize of $100,000, also sold in fractions of twentieths at $1 each sent to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La.; one was held by Chas. H. Sheffreen, No. 2 Russell Place, Boston, Mass.; two by James Thompson, 36 and 37 Union street, St. Louis, Mo.; one by C. Fredericks, Norman street, Boston, Mass.; one by Wm. Gassom, St. Andrew near White St., New Orleans, La.; one by L. C. Atwood, Benicia, Cal.; one was paid through Merchants National Bank, one to John McDermott, both of Vicksburg, Miss.; one to German Bank, another to Bank of Commerce, both of Memphis, Tenn.; one to Peter Thompson of Biloxi, Miss.; one to Wm. Norris, through Union Nat'l Bank of Kansas city, Mo., where he lives. No 21,301 drew the Third Capital Prize of $50,000, also sold in fractions. No 67,022, drew the Fourth Capital Prize of $25,000, sold in fractions of one-twentieths, each at $1.00, sent to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La., who will give any information on application. The next drawing is the 213th Grand Monthly Drawing, on Tuesday, Feb. 7th.

Fatal Accident at Clark's Cove Bridge.

The community was shocked on Friday morning last by the news that Mr. John Saxsmith, a very worthy and respected man, in the employ of Mr. Alex. Morrison, had met with a very sudden and violent death by being thrown from Clark's (or Morrison's) Cove Bridge, which is about a mile and a half above Chatham. Many persons went up to the scene of the fatality and found the facts as stated,

The bridge is an old structure, and the Government, about four years ago, advertised for tenders for the erection of a new one, but, for some reason it was not built, the old one being patched up. About a month ago tenders for the repair of the old bridge were asked and a contract awarded for the work, which is to be done during the present winter. For a good while the bridge has been considered by many a very unsafe structure, not only on account of the decayed condition of the abutments but of the span and railing. The span is one of 57 feet and the height from the roadway or deck to the river-bed below is about twenty five feet and to the ice as it was on Monday, about 20 feet.

Mr. Saxsmith, accompanied by Mr Richard Williams, was driving one of Mr. Alex. Morrison's horses, attached to an empty working sled—on which they were both sitting—along the roadway of the bridge, when the horse apparently seized by a fit, suddenly turned squarely off the roadway towards the edge of the bridge, being then about the middle of the span. Mr. Williams, fearing danger, sprang from the sled, and the horse staggered against the railing, which gave way. The animal went quickly over and as his falling weight tipped the rear end of the sled on which Saxsmith was sitting upward with great force, it threw him forward, as from a catapult, clear of horse and sled, and he struck the ice below twenty feet from the bridge, evidently breaking his spinal column, as he showed signs of life for only a few minute after. Williams lost no time, after saving himself, in getting around the end of the bridge and down to where his companion was, but the poor fellow could not speak, and he died almost at once. The horse, which fell close to the bridge, was fatally injured, its back and a leg being broken. It lay there for, perhaps, an hour when it was killed to end its sufferings.

Deceased had been in Mr. Morrison's employment for some thirty years. He bore an excellent character for faithfulness and integrity. He leaves a widow and five children, the eldest being only thirteen years old. He owned the house in which he lived, and the family, therefore, have a roof over their heads, but the fatality of Friday morning has deprived them of their bread-winner at a time when they will most need him. Much sympathy is, therefore, felt for them.

The funeral of Mr. Saxsmith took place on Sunday last at 2 o'clock, and was very largely attended. The remains were conveyed to St. Paul's Church, where the Burial Service was begun by the Rector, Rev. D. Forsyth, and closed, in the customary manner, at the grave in the adjoining churchyard. The ceremony was rendered more than usually impressive by the sad circumstances of Saxsmith's death.

THE INQUEST.

Immediately after the accident, and as soon as the body had been conveyed to the home of the deceased, which is less than a quarter of a mile from the fatal spot, Coroner Dr. John Benson empanelled a jury and held an inquest. The jury was composed of:—Roger Flanagan, foreman; Wm. Irving, Chas. Gunn, David Trevors, James McLachlan, Alex. Robinson, Michael Cassidy. The evidence was as follows:—

RICHARD WILLIAMS.

Richard Williams sworn: I am a laborer. Live in the Parish of Chatham. Work in the employ of Alex. Morrison, Esq. I have been acquainted with deceased for twenty-seven years. We have worked together in Mr. Morrison's employ for that time. He was a very steady, industrious man.

About a quarter after 7 this morning, after cleaning up the barn, we commenced loading hay on a sled. We were about an hour putting the load on, after which, deceased went up to Mr. Morrison's house and asked what he would do next. He said to shovel snow, but upon deceased telling him about some wood to be hauled up, he said to go and work at that. We harnessed the only work horse that was in the barn, put him in the sled and started down the hill across the bridge. When we got to the centre of the bridge the horse commenced to stagger, and deceased said, Oh! and I jumped from the sled at once. Deceased was sitting on the tail of the sled and made no attempt to jump. The horse staggered against the rail, the rail broke and the horse and sled went over taking deceased with them. The height of the fall was about thirty feet. Just as the sled was going over the edge of the bridge it tipped, throwing deceased into the air and he fell about twenty-five feet from the bridge clear of the sled on the ice below. He never spoke. I ran down to where he was lying, lifted his head, spoke to him, but he never answered. He took one very heavy breath and no more after: He was then quite dead. I hailed a man who was going up the hill, to run up to Mr. Morrison's house for help. He went and returned with Mr. Morrison and another man. Mr. Morrison asked if he was dead. I said, yes. He said he would go for a doctor. I asked the other man to bring his horse and help to take the body home.

The horse deceased and I were using, I heard was subject to fits but I had never seen him in one.

The railing of the bridge on both sides was not secure enough for public safety. I do not think, that, had the railing been of proper size and secured as is usual with proper iron bolts and fastenings, the horse could have broken it through.

JOHN BLAKELY.

John Blakely sworn: I am a laborer. Live in the Parish of Chatham, work in the employ of Alex. Morrison, Esq. Have known the deceased for ten years. He was working in Mr. Morrison's employ. He helped me to load a sled with hay this morning about 8 o'clock. We were about an hour loading it. I left and went to Chatham with my load. Deceased and Richard Williams remained at the barn. I was not there when the accident occurred. I know the horse he was using. I have seen him take fits (staggers), but otherwise he was a good quiet horse. I often cross the bridge at Morrison's Cove. I do not consider it safe for public use. The railing is not fit for any bridge and quite unsafe as a protection to the travelling public. The railing on the bridge had been of proper size and fastened securely by iron bolts and fastenings I do not think the accident could have occurred. The rail that broke was rotten and only fastened by common six inch spikes.

HUGH O'DONNELL.

Hugh O'Donell sworn: I am a laborer, live in Parish of Chatham, have worked at Douglastown last season.

I have known deceased nearly thirty years. I was on my way to church this morning about 10 o'clock, and while passing Mr. Morrison's house Mr. Morrison and Miss Chalmers told me that John Saxsmith with horse and sled had just fallen over the bridge and asked me to run and help. I went down and saw his body there and think he was then dead. He was lying on his back about 30 feet from the bridge. I saw no bruises on him.

The horse was lying almost under the bridge and the sled a short distance from him. I assisted to place the body on a sled and take it home.

The railing of the bridge is very unsafe and rotten in many places.

DR. E. P. STREET.

James P. Street sworn: I am a Physician and Surgeon. Live in Parish of Chatham.

I have examined the body of John Saxsmith and found no bruises on any part of body, except a slight one on the top of head, merely of the scalp without any breach of surface.

There was an apparent fracture of the spinal column just below the last cervical vertebra, but not very decided. There were no other injuries visible on the outside of the body.

My opinion is that the cause of death was general concussion of spinal chord with probable rupture of it.

VERDICT.

That the said John Saxsmith of the Parish and County aforesaid, on the sixth day of January in the year aforesaid, while driving over the bridge crossing the stream at Morrison's Cove, it so happened that the horse, which the said John Saxsmith was driving, took a fit, which caused him to fall against the rail of the said bridge, which said rail was rotten and unfit for use, in consequence of which rottenness it broke, allowing the horse and sled and said John Saxsmith to be thrown over the said bridge on the ice beneath, the said John Saxsmith thereby receiving such injuries of which he then and there instantly died. So the jurors aforesaid upon oath aforesaid do say that in manner and by means aforesaid the said John Saxsmith accidentally, casually and by misfortune came to his death and not otherwise, and it is the opinion of the said jurors that had the said bridge been in proper repair and a proper safeguard for the travelling public such an accident may not have occurred.

Unsafe Bridges.

The Railway Gazette has a strong article on this subject in which the number of bridge accidents on both highways and railways, resulting from deficient constructions, are pointed out. The Gazette justly says that "a preventible disaster is a crime" Yet how large a proportion of these casualties come within the preventible class. Two recent accidents in New Brunswick were of this kind. We quote the Gazette:—

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.

Holiday Notes from Hardwicke.

27TH DEC.

DEAR ADVANCE.—Accept from your Hardwicke correspondent the compliments of this festive season and also a few notes.

EDUCATIONAL.

Miss Brehaut, who has had charge of the Bay du Vin School, District No. 5, has resigned her position as teacher of this school. She is followed from this place with the good wishes of the ratepayers of the district and also many others who regret severing the happy relations existing between them. Miss Gjertz of Newcastle has been engaged to fill the place lately vacated by Miss Brehaut.

EXAMINATION, DISTRICT NO 4.

The Semi-annual examination of this school was held on Friday the 23rd. The visitors being Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Gregan and Trustees Noble and Mills. After the usual opening exercises, there was a dialogue, "Welcome" given by seven of the pupils. The visitors were shown a composition on the Ostrich written by the third class, while the teacher examined them in grammar.

The four th class were then examined in the geography of the United States and the correct answers given by the pupils showed that the teacher looks forward to no very distant day for annexation or commercial union. The second and primer classes, showed the visitors some very neat printing which they had done on their slates. Then followed a reading lesson by the third class.

Fourth class was then examined in drawing. Some very good specimens of this branch were exhibited to the visitors which showed an amount of skill not often found in country schools. The third class drew on their slates a very neat map of North America. They were also examined in the history of the Dominion.

Great interest was taken in this part of the examination, and the ready and correct answers given to all political questions, especially by one little fellow, showed that he is a reader of the ADVANCE. Recitations were then given the following being the principal ones.

Ida McLean, "Come Home Dear Father."
Maggie McLean, "The Boy for Me."
Laura Mills, "The Star in the East."
James Mills, "A Boy's Plea."
Leo Duplesse "A Little Giant."
Annie Noble, "Hang up Baby's Stockings."
Jemima Noble, "The Round of Life."
Ronald Duplesse, "The Independent Farmer."
Gough Williston, "A Boy's Dream of Bliss."
Hubert Williston, "A Jolly Old Pedagogue."

A dialogue, "Castles in the Air." by James Hewison, and Mary J. McLean.

Recitation by Earnest Noble, "Beautiful Snow."

Charlie McLean, The School Master's Address to his Pupils."

Maggie G. Williston, "The Scott Act Passed.

The examination was then closed with a dialogue by six pupils, "What shall we Strive to be the Coming Year." The pupils acquitted themselves in a manner which reflected much credit on the painstaking and efficient teacher, Miss Mc. Dougall of Bass River, Kent Co.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The church of St. John the Evangelist at Bay du Vin was attractively decorated for the Christmas season with evergreen and Scripture texts. There were two celebrations—at 8 o'clock and 11 o'clock—and also an Evening Service. At the Morning Service, the Rector's text was Isaiah VII, 14, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bare a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel." At the Evening Service his text was from Hebrews xiii, 8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." The services were well attended, especially in the evening, the church being crowded.

The Rector, the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, has made hosts of friends since he has had charge of the parish, and the church is steadily progressing. Much sympathy was felt for Mrs. Wilkinson in her long illness this Autumn, but we are glad to know that ere long she will take her accustomed place in the Rectory and Parish work. TEAZER.

A Great Game.

The *Advocate* appears to think there was something unusual in the play of the championship contest, which took place last Wednesday at the Newcastle curling rink, although our information led us to believe that the skips, at all events, played a game that excited the envy of more pretentious curlers. The *Advocate* ought to know, however. It says:—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 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 favorate 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 could'nt 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.

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 proportionate injury to the pilotage business of the port.—*Advocate.*

[Ottawa Evening Journal.]

The Maritime Bank.

The liquidators of the Maritime Bank, which failed so disastrously in St. John, N. B., are proceeding with their work, but appear to have only faint hopes of getting anything out of the Stewart firm which, they claimed, was indebted to the bank for a very large amount.

In an interview with a St. John *Globe* reporter recently, one of the liquidators said the prospect for redeeming the bank notes was fair, but the depositors might not come out so well. The shareholders, in any event, would have to be called on for their double liability. "What are the relations of the Stewart firm, to the bank?" he was asked. He replied:

"Well, they owe bank about $350,000. In the scheme which they submitted to their creditors in England, they offered to compromise with the bank on a basis of $20,000, but the liquidators felt that this amount would be too small, and so they took steps which resulted in the defeat of the scheme. The suit against the Stewart firm will probably come off in Ottawa in April next. It was entered by the provisional liquidator for $280,000. He had omitted to take into account other liabilities of the firm to the bank, which have been disclosed since, and which swell the total liability up to $350,000. We don't expect to get the whole of this, however."

WHAT MR. STEWART SAYS.

With regard to this, a JOURNAL reporter saw Mr. R. J. Stewart, of Ottawa.

Mr. Stewart had seen the report. At first he said he had resolved from the first not to notice matters connected with the bank which possessed little interest for any except for those directly concerned. Subsequently, however, he said he knew nothing whatever about the prospects of the liquidation, the position of the bank at the time of its failure being as great a surprise to him as to any, and although it was in the interests of some local parties for political or other reasons, to use the name of his firm very freely in connection with the bank, it was a matter of indifference to him. As to what was reported, Mr. Stewart said, that by taking advantage of a series of mistakes and blunders, it was made to appear that his firm was largely indebted to the bank, but it was well-known that this was not the case in reality, nearly all their obligations being held by others, and they being large losers themselves by the failure of the bank. Mr. Stewart said that one attempt after another had been made to press his firm into admitting indebtedness of some kind to the bank without success, they have been sued in New Brunswick, in Florida, in Quebec, in Ontario, but one after another the proceedings were either defeated or stopped.

What he supposed was referred to as occurring in England was the last attempt: the liquidators deputed one of their number to go and represent them there, but the paltry character of the bank's claims was well understood in London, and all that could be accomplished was to get a suggestion, with a view to an all-round settlement, that the bank should be allowed to rank for a small amount; this he cabled to his co-liquidators in New Brunswick recommending their acceptance, but evidently he did not possess the confidence of his colleagues, for nothing came of it.

Mr. Stewart does not seem to think any person will be disposed to quarrel with the liquidators of the Maritime Bank for the credit they seem to claim of defeating the proposal which his firm was able to make for payment when he was in London; if they have failed to establish a claim themselves it appears to be poor satisfaction to prevent those who have bought the endoresements of the bank in good faith getting paid, and in his opinion this decision of the liquidators was not one of the least of the blunders connected with the history of the Maritime Bank.

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