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Liberal Conservative Club.

The next regular meeting of this Club will be held on MONDAY evening, January 9th, when reports of officers for past year will be presented and election of officers for next year proceeded with. A full attendance is requested.

JOHN ROBINSON, Jr.
Secretary.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A man with a rugged temperance principle accomplished more in a political meeting in New York the other day than could have been performed by a dozen temperance conventions. It happened in this way. The New York republican State delegation held a preliminary meeting to discuss matters concerning the National Convention, when it was proposed to adjourn to more spacious quarters in a certain high toned restaurant. A man from the country got up and asked if the place mentioned was not a "tavern." The wealthy politicians, some of them millionaires, who composed the delegation explained it was a highly respectable place. But the delegate from the country said he came from a temperance "district" and would go to no "tavern," and, for fear of offending the temperance sentiment, the richly clad politicians had to submit to the dictation of the countryman and meet in the Grand Opera House. This is the first serious knock-down the saloon influence has had in New York for a long time.

The importance to Canada of a successful termination of the negotiations at Washington can not be over estimated. The consequences will reach down through coming history and may decide our fate as a nation. Canada has strong forces to combat to maintain her position on the fisheries question, a position which she cannot afford to yield without proper compensation, and it should be the wish of every Canadian to see her hands strengthened. Our commissioners expected to have to deal with wily foes, and went there fortified with the proper ammunition, but they are being surprised with a peculiar opposition and one they had not calculated upon. Their most dangerous enemies are those of their own country. There is an organized treason set afloat to steal their powder and deliver it to the enemy. Prominent Liberals, hoping for party success, have undertaken to betray their country. Grit politicians are at Washington pleading the American cause. Not only that, but at home Grit papers are doing their best to strengthen the American side of the argument. Perhaps never before was a country cursed with such wholesale treason as that which the grit party presents in this fishery discussion. Prominent men in that party have gone to Washington for the express purpose of preventing our commissioners from securing to our fishermen the preservation of their rights. Here is a fine sample of the work and aims of the liberal politician. Hon. Wm. McDougall, in an interview in Washington the other day in relation to the fishery negotiations, said: "I do not think the construction placed by the Canadian Government upon the points of the treaty of 1818 in dispute is likely to be concurred in by the United States. In fact, as a lawyer, I do not think it should be so. I do not believe the treaty of 1818 contemplated any such thing as debarring American fishermen from the privilege of buying supplies in Canadian ports. What difference is there between the acts of these prominent Liberals and that which made Benedict Arnold famous. Is it any wonder the country has lost all faith in the Liberal party.

The Caraquet Railway Accident.

The verdict of the Coroner's inquest in the Caraquet Railway accident, which is given below, strongly censures the conduct of several persons, whose carelessness and oversight, the jury considers, did much to lead up to the accident. The facts revealed show that the accident was brought on by the combination of circumstances, any one of which, with an ordinary sense of precaution, might have been prevented. There is no doubt that the inquiry will be pressed further, and it is only just that it should. The public demand the protection of the best possible efficiency in the construction and management of railways, and the most careful inspection by the government, and it is only by a thorough inquiry into every disaster and the placing of the blame where it belongs, irrespective of every personal consideration, that a complete system of running railways can be obtained. The government should deal stringently with any negligence that lead up to this disaster.

The following is the verdict of the corner's jury:

Daniel Kearney, Felix Boucher, Michael Lanagan, John Carney, Joseph Viennot, Octave Pienette, Frank Miller and John Louis Paulin came to their death on Saturday, the 17th December inst., between the hours of 2 and 3 standard time in the afternoon, by being precipitated with an engine and tender while on a bridge thereof, from the Caraquet Railway bridge, in the parish of Caraquet, known as the Mackintosh Cove bridge, into the river, said engine and tender being at the time in charge of the employes of the Caraquet Railway company.

After an examination of the bodies by the jury the jury find that Michael Lanagan was crushed under the engine, and that John Carney was killed by a log falling over him from the bridge while holding to the tender, after it had fallen in the river, and that the other men were drowned or crushed.

We attribute the cause of the disaster to the derangement of a portion of the above named bridge, caused by the action of the ice against said bridge during a storm and the unusual high tide of the day previous, the sixteenth of December instant. As to how far the Superintendent of the road, who had charge of the train that day, is responsible for taking the track men from the section of the road where the accident occurred we are not prepared to say, as by the evidence of two of the employes of the road and by his evidence, the superintendent gave orders to the engine driver not to cross the bridge before it was examined.

It is the opinion of the jury that the said railway bridge was defective in its plan in that it had no protection from side pressure such as ice during a high tide, and we censure both the Dominion and Local Government inspectors for accepting such a railway bridge situated as it is in a tideway.

The jury exonerate the track men of the section of the road where the accident occurred as they had been taken off that section to do duty elsewhere by the orders of the superintendent and had not an opportunity of examining the bridge before the engine passed over it.

The jury agree that the signal of danger made by one Isaac Cormier was insufficient and given too late to prevent the accident.

The jury find that the dangerous condition of the bridge was know to Xavier Cormier, Charles Landry, Osair Dugas and others, residing in the vicinity on the morning of the day of the accident, but for reasons best known to themselves they failed to report the condition of the bridge to the Caraquet station, the direction from which the train was to come, a distance of about two and one-half miles.

JAMES G. C. BLACKHALL,
Coroner.

PHILIP RIVE, foreman.
JAMES HAYDEN,
JOSEPH N. LEBOUTILLIER,
JEAN B. ST. LEGERE,
WILLIAM P. FOLEY,
HUBERT POIRIER,
JOHN H. LANTEIGNE.

The verdict is said to have been received in the vicinity of the accident with satisfaction, and many have only strong words to express for the men whose names are mentioned in the verdict for knowing the condition of the bridge and not making the fact known to the proper persons.

In connection with the construction of the bridge it may be stated that the train was going from east to west and it was the top blocks of the two last pieces on the western end that had been shifted by the ice, gale and extraordinary high tide. These pieces were well protected by stone around them up to the height an ordinary tide would reach, but the gale of Friday previous to the accident forced the tide to a height never equalled, it is said, since the Saxby gale. The bottoms of these pieces were not moved, only the blocks on top of the two already mentioned being disturbed. Inspection of the bridge on behalf of the local government was made by Mr. Maxwell, C. E. Mr. Beckwith's trip a month ago, while extending over the whole line, was only for the inspection of the last sixteen miles.

The last of the bodies of the victims reached Bathurst from Caraquet last Wednesday morning. Driver Lanagan's body was in a terribly mangled state, the head being severed from the body at the shoulders, and one arm being off. The body was taken direct to the church, where service was conducted by Father Barry. The funeral procession was a lengthy one. The funerals of the victims brought out nearly all the male population of Bathurst. John Carney's remains were interred at Bathurst village, Rev. Mr. Thompson conducting the services at the grave. Miller's body was brought to the Episcopal church, where an impressive service was held by Rev. Mr. Peters.

The funeral of Conductor Kearney took place on Thursday last from his home in Douglastown and was largely attended. Young Kearney was quite a favorite in Bathurst, and a number of prominent citizens of that place came over to attend the funeral. He was buried at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Newcastle.

As the result of the accident there are four widows and nineteen small orphans. A meeting was held in the Victoria Club rooms at Bathurst to take steps for making provision for the support of the widows and orphans. John Sivewright was elected chairman and T. S. Desbrisay, secretary. It was attended by the leading men of the town. At the meeting it was announced that offers had been received from citizens of St. John and Portland to secure aid for the sufferers. A relief committee was appointed consisting of John Sivewright, P. J. Burns, N. A. Landry and Henry Bishop of Bathurst, and Phillip Rive, John B. Legere and Theotime Blanchard, of Caraquet. An arrangement was made to start subscriptions in different parts of the province. A check has been received from E. J. Brown, a Boston legal gentleman, for $100. Mr. Brown was in Bathurst last summer on a fishing trip where he made many friends. Jas. M. Humphrey of St. John and Ganong Bros., of St. Stephen, forwarded ten dollars each. Over $100 was collected in Newcastle.

Christmas Services.

S. Andrew's church was prettily decorated for Christmas. All the windows were wreathed with evergreen and numerous wreaths and triangles were hung in different parts of the church. Around the chancel arch, in white lettering on a red foundation, were the words "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." On the rood screen, in red letters on a white foundation, was the text, "We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him," while on the top was the illuminated text, "To us a Son is given," the whole surmounted by a white cross decorated with flowers. Around the nave of the church, near the roof, divided into six different portions, was the text, tastefully lettered, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Across the front of the organ was the illuminated text, "Glory to God in the highest." Back of the altar was a handsomely designed reredos, divided into three departments by evergreen trimmings, each department being filled with sacred monograms. On each side of the reredos, in white lettering, were the words, "Good will toward men."

The first service of the day was the celebration of the holy communion, at half past eight. A second service was held at eleven, followed by a second celebration of the holy communion. The rector, Rev. Mr. Sweet, preached an impressive Christmas sermon from 2 Samuel, 1, 2, "Thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women."

At the evening service the rector preached to a large congregation from St Luke, 2, 7, "As she brought forth her first born son and wrapped Him in swadling clothes and laid him in a manger because they had no room for him in the inn. The choir sang the anthem, "O Sion, which bringeth good tidings" which included a soprano solo by Miss Lou Harley. Mr. George Burchill presided at the organ. The singing throughout the services was highly spoken of.

In the Methodist Church the Rev. Mr. Clark preached a sermon commemorative of the day from St. Luke 2, 15. An appropriate Christmas anthem was sung by the choir.

In the evening the Sunday School children celebrated their Christmas with a service of Scripture and Song, entitled, "The Prince of Peace." The singing throughout the piece was much enjoyed by the large number of people present. The programme included a number of solos and recitations.

Christmas.

Sunday is the best day of the week for Christmas to come on. There is a certain amount of religious feeling connected with the celebration of the day that requires the sacredness of the Sabbath for its suitable expression, and then as there is sure to be a holiday on Monday there is ample opportunity given for the worldly side of Christmas enjoyment. This year allowed the happy arrangement of dividing the religious and secular enjoyment by a night, and when Monday brought fine weather the secularists turned out in force to demand from Christmas their due. Sleigh-driving is our principal Christmas amusement and on Monday it was indulged in in a lively fashion. Everyone who had a horse seemed to be on the road, and every horse seemed to catch the spirit of the day and put his best foot foremost. The livery stables in Chatham and Newcastle did a good business. The road between the two places was lined with dashing teams and gleeful faces, while through the streets of the different towns the driving continued all day. Otherwise the day was spent very quietly in Newcastle, and was not marked by any of that loud ribaldry that characterized Christmas in former years. The manufacture of "saw-horses" by respectable citizens on Christmas day seems to have died out among us, and 'tis greatly to our credit.

In the evening the Skating Rink was opened and the amusement, enlivened by Stewart's Band, was enjoyed by many young people. The ice was in good condition.

Score one for Columbus.

Newcastle has some fine representatives of the families of Allright and Columbus, between the owners of which there is an excusable rivalry, each claiming, as horsemen ever will, for their own house, all the elements of superiority. Out of the exhibition of trotters that always occurs on Christmas day there sprang a good deal of talk about the relative merits of the two trotting families, which resulted in a bet being made as to which was the fastest horse—the black horse Harry, (4 years old) son of Allright, owned by Mr. John Ferguson, or the three year old daughter of Columbus, owned by Mr. Charles S. Ramsay. Mr. Ferguson is a strong supporter of the house of Allright and was willing that his horse should make an effort to decide the bet, while Mr. Ramsay was equally willing that his pacing colt should defend the honors of the house of Columbus. The race came off yesterday afternoon on the ice, over a half-mile course, in front of Newcastle. Mr. Robert Armstrong was starter, while Mr. Robt. Ritchie occupied the Judge's stand. Mr. Sam Carruthers, on a skeleton sleigh, handled the reins over Harry, while Mr. Ramsay, looking comfortable and confident in a buffalo coat, cosily wrapped in a sleigh, as if he were making New Year calls, looked after the interests of Columbus. The horses got away together at the first score and for 100 yards it was almost even work, the New Year's caller having a slight lead. The pace was very fast and the colt went off its feet, and before Mr. Ramsay got it down to work again the house of Allright had a good lead. The little representative of Columbus couldn't stand that and buckled down to work with an earnestness that meant business and rattling up alongside of the skeleton sleigh sent Harry off his feet. It was a bad break and lost the day for Allright. His driver, who was at the great disadvantage of never having driven Harry before, could not get him down to work again. The pacing colt rushed up the ice at a rattling gait and never lost its balance till it crossed the line a winner, amid the shouts of the crowd. When Harry's driver saw the race was lost, he let his horse run till he overhauled his rival a few yards from the winning post, and came in on a good trot close behind. Mr. Ramsay looked as if he wished every one a merry Christmas and drove home. He has reason to be proud of his colt, whose effort was admired by all.

Masonic.

At a meeting of Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, on Dec. 21st, the following officers were appointed:

W. M.—Ronald Currie.
I. P. M.—James E. Stewart.
S. W.—William Currie.
J. W.—Robert McNeal.
T.—Andrew G. Wallace.
S.—Alexander Morton,
S. D.—John K. Hamilton
J. D.—William G. Mawhoney.
S. S—John McNeish.
J. S.—Charles Powell.
D. of C.—William Disbrow, M. D.
I. G.—William Calderwood.
Tyler.—George Willett.

Officers of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16 F. & A. M., Richibucto:—

W. M.—John Frederick Brine, M. D.
I. P. M.—William J. Smith,
S. W.—J. M. Upham Bliss,
J. W.—John Stevenson Jr.,
Chap.—Rev. D. V. Groghin,
Treas.—James D. Phinney, P. M.
Sec.—Thomas W. Bliss,
S. D.—W. A D. Steven,
J. D.—Wm. H. McLeod,
S. S.—James P. Cale,
J. S.—Angus McLeod,
I. G.—Andrew Glencross,
D. of C.—Hugh M. Ferguson, P. M.
Tyler—Allan Hains, P. M.

Regular communication Monday on or after full moon.

Past Masters—Robert Hutchinson; James McDougall; Isaac W. Doherty; James Douglass Phinney; William Brown; John Robertson; Allan Hains; David Palmer; Wm. H. McArthur; John Taylor; Wm. A. Black; H. M. Ferguson and Wm. J. Smith.

The Board of Agriculture.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Agriculture at Fredericton last week Hon. David McLellan delivered a lengthy address dealing principally with the stock farm and the work of the recently imported horses.

The returns filed in the secretary's office show that the crops of the year have been about the usual average. From some localities a falling off is reported, and from others an increase in the same crops, but on the whole the total yield may be estimated at about the same per acre as last year. As to the total of the crop, the majority of the returns speak of a gradual increase. Though in some localities a decrease is reported, returns warrant the statement that there is a steady development of agriculture and an improvement in methods of cultivation. Mr. McLellan hoped in the future there would be more district and fewer society shows.

Mr. D. T. Johnstone, of Chatham, was elected vice-president of the Board.

The following resolution was passed by the Board:

Resolved, that this Board recommend the application of the committee for a district exhibition to be held in Fredericton in 1888 to the favorable consideration of the government.

☞ Don't forget the Supper in the Union Hall, Northesk, on Friday evening next. Proceeds in aid of the Presbyterian Church at that place.

St. John Letter.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 25, 1887.

Christmas has come and gone; its glories have vanished and Mr. Check Stubbs alone knows what they cost. Last week was happy and joyous in St. John. Everybody seemed bent either in looking out for No. 1 for himself or for some one else. Touching upon the unselfishness of happiness. I will relate in brief what I saw Christmas day in the public institutions where the sick, the aged, the orphans and the paupers are cared for. In the general public hospital the tired and fevered patients appeared with renewed strength and health, and after listening to the sweet band of singers sat down to a repast which rivalled the Christmas dinner at the Royal, Dufferin or Victoria. The choicest fruit was set apart for the bed-ridden patients and none were forgotten. In the Marine Hospital the sight was even more touching. The aged and infirm veterans of the sea had each done his best to decorate his section of the ward with evergreen and appropriate mottoes and the effect produced was very pretty. Every one of them was loud in his praises of the kind and benevolent ladies to whom they owed their joy. In the Home for the aged the Christmas remembrances assumed more of an individual character. The former happier days of each inmate were recalled by the kindly thoughtfulness of old-time friends. Perhaps the brightest and most exuberantly joyous throng was found in the Protestant Orphan Asylum, where, each Christmas Santa Claus seems to outdo himself in his bountiful generosity to the little orphans. These were the visible results of the efforts of Christian men and women to make the day one of universal happiness.

How much more was done which did not appear no one can tell, but I know of several families, so poor that from day to day they know not where their bread is to come, whose Christmas dinner was to them a thing never to be forgotten.

The big raft is gone. After nearly three years of toil and worry and great expense the monster mass, the largest ever afloat in the ocean, was launched only to be lost and be termed the "king of derelicts." The present danger to every craft afloat is undoubtedly great with that leviathan thrashing around the ocean, but it occurs to me that it is a blessing to New Brunswick; a blessing to her forests and industries that the raft never reached port. Why? Because our greatest, our most valuable product is lumber, our busiest industries are the lumber mills.

If our trees from piling size to the spar are cut wholesale, tied into a huge faggot, as it were, and towed into a foreign country to be manufactured, are not our forests and our industries being ruined at one blow? I admire Mr. Robertson's inventive genius and wished it had been turned to some better account than destroying our best and noblest heritage, and our first and greatest manufacturing industry.

I learn from reliable sources that the negotiations between the government and owners of land adjoining the Intercolonial station are progressing favorably and the purchase is in the near future. There must be larger freight sheds built: the present ones are much too small for the growing trade of the town. A merchant informed me that his firm had received at the flour shed in the month of November 34 car loads of flour, besides six or seven car loads of sugar, &c. Apropos of this firm, and illustrating the heavy traffic passing through St. John I learn that the business of this single house maintains a yearly standard amount of over a half million dollars. I allude to the old established firm of Messrs. Hall and Fairweather. Among the commercial houses of this city having still in it the same individuals with which it started, this concern is the oldest, the original members with which the firm began business in 1854 being still actively engaged as the partners. The history of this house is an epitome of the history of the trade changes which have marked this city; modes of traffic and merchandizing having become revolutionized since the day of their advent on the scene. The vast business brought into existence by Messrs. Hall & Fairweather is the result of slow but sure progress. Founded on true trade principles as on a basis of granite, the edifice of a sound mercantile position has been reared by energy and intelligence, having as a prime factor in its success, the happy seizing of circumstances as they arose and the judicious adaptation of changing tides of trade as change after change occurred. Drawing the vast bulk of merchandize in which the firm deals from their places of origin, skipping over intermediate and secondary markets, some intimation of the quantities of goods passing under the hands of this house in one year may be gathered from the following data furnished by a member of the firm:—Imports from the West Indies, Five cargoes of molasses, from Ontario, 66,000 bbls of flour; from Chicago and Kansas City, a quarter of a million pounds of provisions. In the variety of other goods in their lines the transactions are of proportionate magnitude, for an instance, the Inland Revenue authorities quote their import of tobacco as treble that of any other dealer. One thing may be mentioned of a unique character in these days of pushing trade by drummers. This business has grown to the proportions just indicated without the employment of commercial travellers. Enquiry as to how this unusual condition of things came to exist elicited this answer;—We depend on our past record, on the constituency of friends we have gathered around us in our third of a century of active devotion to our business, and on what those friends have found out about us in respect to our mode of dealing. With a look that indicated a pride in the statement the partner with whom I talked said: "You will find few men in business in the Maritime Provinces who do not know all about us, what our record is for the past, and what our means and facilities are for rendering them efficient service. You will also find the men who are our patrons are the successful ones of the present and the past."

A change in the board of liquidators of the defunct Maritime Bank is probable. Some time ago I learned that Mr. John Russel, an experienced accountant had secured liquidator Hon. David McLellan's promise that he would resign if Chief Justice Allen would appoint him (Russel). The latter says that the Chief Justice said that he would appoint him with pleasure in that event. Liquidator McLellan, however, not resigning, Mr. Russel obtained the assurance of his appointment again from the Chief Justice through Mr. C. W. Weldon, and still liquidator McLellan does dot resign. These are the facts of the case. Hon. David McLellan is known to be a man of honor, and having said he would resign upon certain conditions, will, I doubt not, do so when they are fulfilled. How acceptable that resignation will be to the depositors, the note holders and the public remains to be seen. I am assured that Mr. Russel has the promise in writing and I am further assured that the other liquidators are opposed to the trade. How will Messrs. H. L. Sturdee, W. E. Collier, J. A. Vanwart and others like the swap?

I note with pleasure the fact that Mrs. M. E. Carr, lady principal of the Victoria School in this city, has been appointed examiner for Domestic Economy in the Provincial Normal School.

A move is on foot to amend in some way the form of the St. John constituency. At present a resident of the city has two votes, one for the city and one for the county. There is no constituency in the Dominion similar to St. John in this respect.

Mr. George Robertson, agent of the Trade Forwarding and Promoting Association, says that he has applications for space in the first schooner of the company which sails for the West Indies, from parties in every section of New Brunswick and representing every industry.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee Street passed through St. John Saturday en route for a border town where they will spend Christmas.

Mr. and Miss Hamilton, heirs of the late Hon. Wm. Hamilton, remained in St. John some time last week and said farewell to a large number of friends before their departure for England.

Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley spent Christmas at St. Stephen, the guests of Mrs. Z. Chipman, a near relative of Lady Tilley's.

SANTA CLAUS.

Enforcing the Scott Act.

The people of Salisbury have had an exciting time over the enforcement of the Scott Act. One morning recently the Rev. Jas. Crisp, at one time Methodist minister in Newcastle, went with a constable to Mrs. Mary Ann Brown's to serve her with a summons. Mrs. Brown had kept her house locked against the constable for eight days. Mr. Crisp was refused admittance, upon which he, from the outside, told them that no one should go into or come out of the house until the summons was served. Word went down to the committee that Mr. Crisp had placed himself as watchman near the front door, and a force of about 25 came prepared to carry out the promise to Mrs. Brown. About 25 marched in file around the house led by the minister. One of the foremost men in the temperance cause knocked at the door, and by this time matters had reached a crisis. The door was opened from the inside and Mrs. Brown was served with a summons in the presence of the minister and other friends. The successful enforcers of the Scott Act were received with cheers on coming out of the house.

Journalistic.

The Illustrated *London News* for last week (American edition) contains pictures of street scenes at San Remo, several Irish views, a very pleasing sketch of a children's tug of war on board a homeward bound troop ship, various Indian, English and French views, and a good quantity of reading matter. Mr. William Black, the novelist, is to have a new story in the *Illustrated News* with the first number of the new year.

Mr. L. M. Wood, editor and proprietor of the Albert *Maple Leaf*, gives further exhibition of his ability and enterprise in the issue of the Christmas number of his paper. It is a paper of three sheets, filled with interesting original matter supplied by well known writers at home and abroad, and dealing with a great variety of subjects. The *Maple Leaf* has also many illustrations of public men, public buildings, etc. Mr. Wood is to be congratulated on his success.

The *Hants Journal* and the Moncton *Times* exhibited much enterprise in the handsome supplements they gave to their readers for Christmas.

The Lobster Fisheries.

The details of the Lobster commission report will, through courtesy to parliament, be withheld until presented to the house; but it is understood that the facts elicited by the commission show conclusively that the lobster fisheries have been over done and that stringent measures are necessary to prevent the industry from being totally destroyed. On the recommendation of the minister therefore an order in council has been passed placing the limit of the fishing season on the Atlantic and Bay of Fundy from Cape Canso westward at the first of July, and on the remaining coast of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, including Magdalen Islands, and Anticosti, the 15th of July. The result will be the shortening of the season from thirty to thirty-five days as compared with previous regulations.

Broke His Brother's Arm.

Deputy Sheriff Hawthorne was summoned to the Miramichi Portage yesterday when he arrested a man named Donald Brown who is charged with breaking his brother's arm with a pole of an axe during an altercation in the woods on Monday last. The information charges that the assault was made with intent to kill. The deputy went alone in the woods on the Miramichi Portage yesterday where the accused was working, arrested him and brought him to town and lodged him in jail. His examination will not take place until next week. The altercation between the two brothers which led to the assault, arose over some lumber which the men were hauling from the woods. The injured man was brought to town and his wounds dressed. The charges against the prisoner are quite serious and will be fully revealed at the examination to be held next week.—*Gleaner 22nd.*

He found the Ladies "Ticklish"

The Moncton *Times* is generally a reliable paper and is able to substantiate its statements with facts, therefore when it says that on the occasion of the electric light going out during a festival in the Moncton Baptist Church "the ladies were a little ticklish" we would like to know where the editor was and what he was doing to get his information. Had it been the unmarried editor of the *World* who had made such a discovery we would not have been so much surprised, but the sedate pater-familias of the *Times*, isn't it about time he was going out of that business and giving the younger men a chance. "Ticklish" eh! For Shame!

P. T. Barnum writes a story.

The opening chapters of a splendid story for the young, by the famous showman, P. T. BARNUM, appears this week in the columns of THE NEW YORK FAMILY STORY PAPER. The story describes the adventures of an American boy, whom Mr. Barnum calls "My Plucky Boy Tom," and whom he sent to India in search of wild, fierce, and rare animals to replace those destroyed by the disastrous fire at Bridgeport last month. The reader is thrilled by the hair-breadth escapes of this dauntless American boy when capturing the fiercest and wildest animals ever seen in any travelling show. THE NEW YORK FAMILY STORY PAPER is for sale at all news-stands.

Another Seat Won.

The election in East Northumberland, Ontario, where a vacancy had been caused by the unseating of Dr. Mallory, grit, took place last Thursday and resulted in the return of Mr. Cochrane, conservative, by a majority of 41. This is the first time a conservative was elected from this county.

East Northumberland is the thirteenth constituency in which elections have taken place since February last, the vacancies owing to death and other causes having been unusually numerous. The government party have carried no less than eleven of the thirteen seats. In no case have they lost a seat carried in February. On the other hand, of five seats carried by the grits in February no less than three have since been won by the government party.

Agricultural Exhibition.

The Annual Exhibition of Grains, Roots, Poultry, Domestic Manufactures etc., of the Northumberland Agricultural Society will be held in the Masonic Hall, Newcastle, on Thursday, January 19th. For particulars of prizes offered see hand bills.

Personal.

Mr. Chas. Thomson, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever at Ottawa, has nearly recovered.

The Rev. Mr. Hiltz, of Derby, is still in a very low condition. He was removed last week to Chatham so as to be near his attending physicians.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mitchell are on a visit to Newcastle.

Mr. Chas. Butcher, manager of the Merchants' Bank at Moncton, and wife spent their Christmas in Newcastle.

Mr. Ritchie Park, of the Merchants' Bank at Truro, and Mr. Clifford Fish, student at the Fredericton University, are home for their holidays.

Mr. W. W. McLellan, trackmaster on the I. C. R., has returned from a very enjoyable trip to Ontario and the United States.

Mr. Edmund Tozer, of Moncton, was among the visitors to Newcastle on Christmas.

Obituary.

The friends of Mr. Fred W. Wilkinson in Miramichi will be sorry to hear of his death, which occurred on Monday, the 19th inst, at New Edinburgh, Ottawa. Mr. Wilkinson served his time in the ADVOCATE office. At the time of his death he occupied an important position in the government printing office at Ottawa, to which he had attained by conscientious work and faithful service. He was twenty-seven years of age and leaves a wife and one child. He was brother to Mrs. George Moffat of Dalhousie and Mrs. S. Benson, of Chatham.

The Ottawa *Citizen* has the following account of the funeral ceremonies:—Yesterday the remains of Mr. F. Wilkinson, printer, were interred in Beechwood Cemetery. The Typographical Union assembled in St. Joseph's Hall and marched in a body to the late residence of deceased in New Edinburgh. The body was taken to St. Bartholomew's Church, preceeded by the printers and followed by many friends and sympathizers, where the Rev. Mr. Hanington read the funeral service. The cortege was then reformed and proceeded to the Cemetery road, where those on foot returned to the city, the minister and personal friends following the remains to their last resting place. The deceased was a victim of the epidemic which has been so prevalent in the city. He leaves a wife and one child who, together with a sister-in-law, were also attacked with the same disease, but are now convalescent.

The Big Raft.

The big raft which broke away from the steamer Miranda while being towed to New York, and which has caused so much excitement in shipping circles from the danger it was supposed to threaten to ocean steamers, has been found by steamer Enterprise, which was sent in search of it. The captain reports that when 135 miles southeast by south from Nautucket Shoals he fell in with an immense number of the logs from the raft, proving beyond doubt that the raft is broken up. The steamer was among the logs all day and part of Friday night. None of the logs were lashed together, but were floating singly and spread as they traveled with the tide. The logs are not in the line of ocean steamers and the Captain fears no danger from that source.

Lost the Combination.

Quite a little excitement prevailed round Bathurst last week over the disarrangement of the lock of the safe in the agency of the Merchant's Bank of Halifax. It appears that W. D. Bowers on going to dinner put the money in and locked the safe. On his return he could not open it and all efforts of Mr. Bowers and the agent combined failed to get the safe open till the evening. As a consequence those who wanted money had to go without.

Bazaar Proceeds.

The proceeds of the Roman Catholic Bazaar held in St. Joseph's Hall last Tuesday and Wednesday amounted to $240. There were many handsome prizes won in the lotteries.

☞ Conversaziones should be popular next year. It will be a year of (t)eighty-(t)eight.

A diagram explaining the above can be had at this office.

Recent Publications.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for January has the following table of contents:—"Frontispiece—Disposition of One Side of a Tourney Field; The Man at Arms; Our Leader; First Harvests; White Edith; Municipal Finance; Christmas Eve—Germany; The Great Pyramid; Natural Selection; A New Light on Balzac; The Poet; The End of the Beginning; American Antiquities; French Traits—Intelligence; At Evening; Japanese Art; Artists and Artisans; Life Discrowned; A Chapter on Dreams." Puolished by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, at $3.00 per year.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for January has the following contents:—"Frontispiece—The Shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem; The Adoration of the Magi; The Italian Chambers of Deputies; Pere Dagobert; Virginia of Virginia; From Day to Day; Modern French Sculpture; The City of Savannah, Georgia; The Tariff; In Far Lochabar; The share of America in Westminster Abbey; The March of Progress; Editor's Easy Chair, Study, Monthly Record of Current Events and Drawer." Published by Harper Brothers, New York, at $4.00 per year.

OUR LITTLE ONES AND THE NURSERY for January, a holiday number, has an interesting table of contents suited for the Holiday Season, and of particular interest to the young folks. Published by the Russell Publishing Company, 36 Broomfield Street, Boston, at $1.50 per year.

Married.

At Newcastle, on the 26th December, by Rev. John A. Clark, M. A., W. C. ANSLOW to ELIZABETH LEWIS, all of Newcastle.

Died.

At Campbellton, on the 17th December, after a short illness, which she bore with Christian resignation to the Divine Will, JESSIE, second daughter of the late Alexander McLean, formerly of Blair Athol, Perthshire, Scotland, aged 47 years.

Correspondence.

Christmas at Charlo.

The announcement made by the Rev. A. A. Boucher on the Sunday previous about Midnight Mass in St. Francis Xavier's Church, at Charlo, had the effect of drawing a large congregation, including a number of Protestants.

The night was a beautiful one and perfect order prevailed.

The choir was under the direction of Mr. William Baker, formerly of Gaspe, P. Q., The service opened with Adam's beautiful Canticle, "Minuit Chretiens," which was sung in English by Miss Agnes Savoy, who also sang at the Elevation "O Salutaris," Soprano solo, by Rosenig. This young lady, a pupil of Mr. Baker, has made rapid progress vocally in the last few months. Different popular Christmas hymns were well rendered during the service. The Mass chosen for the occasion was Uerner's Mass in C. which was sung in four parts.

Miss Christiana McIntyre, aged fourteen years, also a pupil of Mr. Baker, presided at the organ.

In order to give full justice to the occasion, we must bear in mind that two years ago, when Mr. Baker came to Charlo fully recommended by priests of the Province of Quebec as a successful manager of choirs, the Rev. A. A. Boucher expressed great doubt as to his success with the "raw material" of Charlo The task indeed was a difficult one. Those who possessed good voices were children unable to read Latin and without the least knowledge of the first rudiments of music.

But through the indefatigable efforts of Mr. Baker, success has responded to his zeal, and the choir to-day is both a credit and an ornament to the parish, and purpose practicing Farmer's mass in B. flat for Easter.

In acknowledment of his services it is whispered that the congregation intends to make Mr. Baker the recipient of a gold watch.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

General Intelligence.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

An aged and infirm lady, Mrs. Joseph Blakeney, was burned to death at North River, near Salisbury, a day or two ago. She was alone in the house and her clothing caught fire from sparks.

Robert Ward, of Ward settlement, York Co., while smoking at his home the other day, fell back and died. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of death. His daughter, who had been ill for sometime, died a few hours later.

Mr. Van Horne has answered the Fredericton city council's letter in reference to the location of the Short Line machine shops. He says the shops must be located at divisional points not less than 100 miles apart. Fredericton, he thinks, would hardly be available, being only 90 miles from Moncton.

The jury in the inquest on the body of Thomas Landry, who was killed near Dorchester yesterday, found that he came to his death by being struck by James Daly's special. They considered that there had been considerable carelessness on the part of the train men in not blowing for the curve as ordered to do.

The prize fight between Smith, the Englishman, and Kilrain, of Baltimore, took place Sunday on a small island in the Seine, above Rouen. The men fought 106 rounds in 2½ hours, darkness then putting a stop to the contest. The referee ordered that the fight be continued to-morrow, but the contestants refused and agreed among themselves to call it a draw.

HALIFAX, Dec. 23.—Through the rough and careless handling of dynamite four men were killed and another badly hurt this morning at McDonald's lime quarry, three miles from Brookfield station. The dynamite was been taken to the cart house of the quarry for purpose of thawing it out, when it exploded, killing Alex. McDonald, James Hoffman, Edward Wessell and Finlay McDearmid. Another man was seriously and a woman slightly injured by the explosion.

QUEBEC, Dec. 19.—In the test case here against the Salvation Army the police judge this afternoon decided that there was sufficient evidence to put the accused Salvationists upon their trial for the offence of creating a public nuisance by their parades. They were accordingly arraigned and pleaded not guilty. They were then asked whether they would take a summary trial before the Police Court, with all points of law raised to be reserved for decision by the Court of Appeals, or leave their case to a jury at the Queen's Bench in April. Their counsel requested delay to consider, and the case was accordingly adjourned to the 28th inst.

There is said to be a big lawsuit threatened between Dr. Bell and Thomas A. Edison over the phonograph, alias the graphophone. Mr. Edison made the phonograph "talk back" several years ago, but never pursued the invention further than to exhibit it as a toy. Dr. Bell has put it to practical use and called it the graphophone. It aims to abolish stenographers and typewriters, for by simply talking to the machine it records on a prepared paper whatever it is desired to comunicate to another, and this record being mailed to the proper person can be placed in another graphophone, and the communication can be heard in the voice of the sender. The rights of the original invention and of those of the electrician who improved it are involved in the issue shortly to be joined.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Shortly before half-past three o'clock this afternoon, a terrific explosion occurred in front of the Poole flour mill on Mill street, at the foot of Factory street. The explosion was felt for a long distance and Coroner Sharpe, who was at his sister's residence on the opposite side of the river, says he felt it distinctly. Only a few seconds after the first explosion another followed, and another, and another in rapid succession. Instantly flames burst from the Poole mill and the rear walls fell in. The fire burned with great fury and although the workmen hastened to get out it is feared that some must have perished in the flames. It was only a few minutes before the Washington mill adjoining the burning structure was also on fire. One workman jumped from the third story of the Poole mill and is seriously injured. Another escaped by jumping into the race. The cause of the explosion was that the sewers in the vicinity were filled with naphtha, being pumped from the 4,000 gallon tank of naphtha from the vacuum works through the pipe line, in the bed of the old canal. It was intended for the Municipal Gas Co., but one or more breaks in the line allowed the naphtha to escape in the adjoining sewers. When the sewers became surcharged with the gas, it escaped into the mills and exploded there or elsewhere, and made its way through the mains in the middle of the streets or throwing out manhole covers and tearing up roadways. The amount of damage cannot be calculated at this hour. Two of the three finest mills in America with their contents are doomed and several streets and sewers are more or less damaged. In the vicinity of the fire and up State street as far as Market street, about three quarters of a mile distance, the people were running in every direction and the frequent explosions only terrified them the more. The explosions continued at such frequent intervals for the first half hour, that the people were deterred from getting any where near the fire. Woman and children are running around crying and screaming thinking their brothers, husbands, or some relatives were in the mill and has been burned. It is not known how many escaped. One man was seen to jump from the second story of the buildings to the river bank below, a distance of about fifty feet. His right leg was broken and he received severe internal injuries. The walls of the Jefferson mill fell in about four o'clock, and it is feared there are several men buried underneath. The engineer of the Clinton mill, with two companions, was standing near the front of the mill when the explosion occurred, not twenty feet from where they stood. They regained sufficient presence of mind to shut off the steam and get out of the mill. There were six persons at work in the Clinton mill, of whom four escaped through the water wheel. It is now reported that three persons are known to be killed. The fire is spre