Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

STRING CART for sale.—See advt.

MOODY'S POINT PICNIC is advertised this week. Read the announcement and go and enjoy the event.

NORTH SHORE PEOPLE who want to buy furniture are interested in Mr. Fairey's announcement in another column.

FIVE PER CENT DEBENTURES are offered by the Municipality of Restigouche. They are a perfectly safe investment.

A MEETING of the Dominion Day Celebration Executive committee will be held at Mr. W. C. Winslow's office this, Thursday, evening at half-past eight.

CONFIRMATION:—The rite of confirmation was administered in St. Mary's Church, Chatham last evening by Right Rev. Dr. Kingdon, coadjutor Bishop of the diocese of Fredericton.

AT TABUSINTAC:—Messrs. S. Hayward, John W. Gilmor, Allan Cruikshank, and Mr. Cleveland of St. John, are fishing at Camp Tabusintac. The water was very low indeed, when they went out, but the fishing is excellent in the pools.

IN CUSTODY:—A number of petty thefts have been committed about town, and at the railway station, and three men, who are strangers in town, monetless and cannot give satisfactory accounts of themselves were arrested and are now in the lock-up.

BARONESS MACDONALD:—The title of Lady Macdonald will be Baroness Macdonald of Earnscliffe. Lady Macdonald will be the sixth peeress of the United Kingdom, and will enjoy the distinction of being the first and only Canadian peeress. There are three Scotch peeresses in their own right, all of them being old creations. As Lady Macdonald has no son, the title will die with her.

MR. FAIREY, who made an attractive display of furniture, etc., on Dominion Day, in Oddfellow's Hall warerooms, Chatham, intends to occupy those premises permanently, keeping on hand lines of fine furniture, window blinds, curtains, etc.

THROWN FROM A TRAIN:—Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Andrew Morrison, one of the most esteemed citizens of Chatham, who was accidentally thrown from the rear platform of the Indiantown train last Monday afternoon. His shoulder was badly hurt and some ribs broken, besides which he was much shaken up, having been thrown some twenty feet down an embankment. We are glad to learn that he is now recovering and the prospects are that he will be all right in a few days.

ZERA SEMON IS COMING to Chatham for three nights. The Hamilton *Herald* says of his performances:—"Just as many people were turned from the Opera House last evening as gained admission when Zera Semon opened his Hamilton engagement. The audience was just as delighted as it was large. Zera Semon is a whole show in himself. The whole performance is a unique gem, interesting and attractive from first to last, not the least amusing part of it being the closing act—a minstrel performance by a company of marionettes, whose sprightly wit and antics kept the audience in a protracted state of laughter."

PERSONAL:—Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingdon Coadjutor bishop, Mrs. Kingdon and family are the guests of Rev. Dean Forsyth at the Chatham rectory. They proceed to Dalhousie to-day.

Mr. T. A. Vaughan and family of Boston are visiting Chatham friends, Mr. Vaughan finding it hard to do without Miramichi salmon and trout-fishing.

A party consisting of Judge Joseph Hemphill, Thos. Marshall, Capt. R. T. Cornwell and Francis Jacobs of West Chester, Pa., arrived in Chatham on Tuesday afternoon and are en route for Camp Adams. The Judge and Mr. Marshall were here last summer and their experience of our fishing and Miramichi hospitality has induced them to return.

No. 7, BLACK RIVER:—The school at Black River, District No. 7, taught by Miss Annie Ross, was examined in presence of the trustees, and a considerable number of visitors, on Friday last. The scholars, of whom there was a large attendance, made a very creditable appearance. Especial excellence was displayed in reading and map-drawing. The recitations were well delivered and altogether, the progress exhibited was highly satisfactory. Addresses were given at the conclusion, by the minister and Messrs. H. Cameron and D. McNaughton. Miss Ross who, it is regretted, has signified her intention of retiring from her work as teacher at Black River, where she has taught for nearly seven years, was presented with a jewel-case and ink-bottle in token of the affection and esteem of her scholars. The material wants of the meeting were well attended to by the ladies who had provided an abundant supply of tea, cakes, &c.

Mill Bank School.

The closing exercises of this school were held on Tuesday afternoon, June 30th. Trustee Geo. Clark and ex-Trustee David McHardy were present, besides a few lady visitors. The pupils were examined by the Teacher, Mr. J. Flanagan, assisted by Mr. McHardy. The school house was very tastefully decorated by the little girls of the school, with pictures, etc., and was very inviting. The grounds also, which had been prepared and sown with seeds and flowers on Arbor Day by the boys and girls looked neat and pretty. The pupils evinced, by their prompt and accurate replies to the various questions, a good knowledge of the subjects of the different standards in which they were examined. Recitations were given by Masters Charles McHardy, Charles Clark, Howard Lyons, Wm. Lloyd, Melvin McDougall; Misses Elsie Clark, Jessie Giggie, Eliza Currie, Nellie Currie; Michael Lloyd and Samuel Stuart, and were well rendered. After the singing of "My Own Canada Home" by the pupils, the school was dismissed for the summer vacation.

School Presentations to Miss Benson.

Miss Ethel Benson, teacher of the fifth and sixth grade school of the middle district, Chatham, has retired from the profession of which she was so promising a member and the event, which took place on Tuesday last, occasioned a genuine manifestation of regret and personal regard on the part of those with whom she has been associated in her work. Her late pupils and those of the High School each presented her with an address. That of her own pupils was as follows:—

DEAR MISS BENSON:—It is with the deepest regret that we, your pupils, have heard of your intention to sever your connection with us. Although such a change has been for sometime anticipated, still that does not lessen our feelings of regret, in sustaining the loss of one, who by her many good qualities, untiring zeal, and perseverance has borne with our many failings. We know that this occasion is a trying one to you, so shall spare you the tedium of a lengthy address. But we assure you that the life-long regard and esteem of those among whom you have so successfully labored, follow you, no matter where your footsteps in life may be directed. Will you accept the accompanying gift as an expression of the foregoing sentiments? and that you can look back on the period spent in plying your irksome task of public instruction with some few pleasant recollections, is the earnest wish of

YOUR LOVING PUPILS.

Chatham, June 30th, 1891.

The High School address was as follows:

DEAR MISS BENSON:—Having heard that you propose retiring from your present sphere of usefulness, we cannot allow such an event to transpire, without mingling our regrets, with those with whom you are more immediately connected, as a slight token of appreciation, of the benefits in which we have in former days participated, due entirely to your untiring energy and desire for our promotion; we ask you to accept the accompanying gifts.

We assure you that your former pupils bear kindly feelings, and pleasant memories of the time spent with you, and regret that the step you are now taking is unavoidable.

Signed,

Essie Loggie,	Fred Cheesman,
Frances Snowball,	George Loggie,
Eva Muirhead,	Tommy Kain,
Susie McNaught,	James McCurdy,
Jennie Stewart,	Caleb McCulley.
Edie Murray,	
Helen DeBrisay,	
Annie Morris,	
Louie Tweedie,	
Aggie Jackson,	
Maggie Smith,	
Janet Jardine.	

A very fine portfolio and silver napkin ring accompanied the address from her own pupils, and a brooch set with Scotch pebbles and a horseshoe stick pin that from her High School friends. Her fellow-teachers also made her a parting present of a wicker table.

CHATHAM'S DOMINION-DAY CELEBRATION.

Notwithstanding the unpromising state of the weather during the last fortnight in June, Dominion Day was fair and pleasant, and the much-talked-of Chatham celebration came off, and was a great success. The effect of the bad weather upon the preparations must have been very great, for up to the last of June, as day after day opened with east wind, and either rain or a cloudy sky, those who intended or might have been induced to take part in the proposed demonstration, delayed, modified, or altogether neglected preparations, and the wonder, therefore, is that, when the time came, there was so much brought together, that everything worked so harmoniously and that, as a public celebration that of Chatham on Wednesday last was in point of real merit, variety, and general attractiveness one that has never been equalled on any similar occasion in the province. On Tuesday morning, so unpromising did the outlook appear on account of the prevailing east wind and fitful rain and mist, that a meeting was called in Mr. W. C. Winslow's building of which Hon. Mr. Tweedie, chairman of the general committee, was chairman. The question: "To be or not to be" was briefly discussed. It was affirmed that faith in providence always rewarded those who displayed it, and when a motion was made that the preparations be continued and the celebration go on, rain or shine, Mr. Tweedie hardly waited long enough for a seconder before he declared it unanimously carried and told the workers to rush things as Miramichi men so well knew how to do it; and it seemed that as they went at the work, making extra efforts to recover lost time, the barometer rose, the clouds rolled by and providence smiled.

The town was early astir, and the sound of nail-driving hammers was heard on every side from daylight onward, for many had left a great deal to be done at the last moment, fearing there would be no celebration at all. As early as nine o'clock a general movement was being made towards the upper part of the town where the parade was to be formed, and as each new arrival appeared, the interest in and enthusiasm over the prospects of a successful day increased.

The Street Parade.

The procession was formed above the residence of Hon. L. J. Tweedie, under Lieuts. R. A. Lawlor and Macdougal Snowball and Staff Sergeant D. M. Loggie, who each wore the uniform of the arm of the active militia service to which he belonged; and was well mounted. All was in readiness at 10.30 a. m., save the 71st bat'. band, which had come on the Canada Eastern special train and was expected to join the procession as it proceeded, which was done on Water street. The order of the procession as it passed the Golden Ball corner was as follows:—

Four Cowboys, mounted, viz.—W. B. Snowball, Angus Ullock, James Johnston, Frank Griffin.

Carriages, led by that of Hon. J. B. Snowball.

73rd Batt. Band.

Newcastle Field Battery (4 guns) Lieut. A. A. Davidson in command.

Noonan's Cheap Cash Store representation. This was one of great variety and excellence.

Goose-shooting outfit with A. J. Loggie, jr., as sportsman and Mr. Albert McPherson as guide.

The Chatham wood-working factory, John McDonald, proprietor. This was a car 18x9 feet on which different products of factory were effectively represented and men were engaged in actual work. There was a portico, a front entrance with double doors and fittings, scroll cap, etc., an interior stairway in ash and walnut, wainscoting, newel posts, mouldings and other work, the quality and arrangement of which were very creditable to the establishment and calculated to show what Chatham can do in that line.

Chatham Steam Fire Engine and Engine and Hose company.

ADVANCE office exhibit, with job press running, printing circulars of E. A. Strang's wholesale and retail establishment, McGourty Fitzpatrick representing the traditional "printer's devil."

Jas. Johnston's Boot and Shoe store exhibit—a mammoth rubber on wheels—representing "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," the old woman and children appearing to enjoy the situation.

West End Fire Brigade.

R. Flanagan's Grocery and Provision establishment, with teas as a special exhibit.

C. Sargent's Car with staves, shooks, laths, shingles and other sample products of his mill at Nelson.

St. Michael's Band, led by Mr. Arch. McEachren.

W. S. Loggie's Custom Tailoring establishment.

The Bonnet Hop, under the management of the Curlers' committee. This was a very happy party, whose music and dancing were much admired. It was a fine advertisement for the Hop at the rink in the evening.

Robinson's Carriage and Sleigh Works and Agricultural Implement Depot were represented by a car on which there was a shop in three divisions—viz.—wood-working, blacksmithing and painting—with men at actual work. There was besides a one-horse Brantford Mower, a Brantford Reaper and Binder and a fine Buggie of Mr. Robinson's own make.

W. W. Jardine's Blacksmith Shop, with Mr. Jardine and his helper shoeing a horse. This was an excellent exhibit, having forge in operation, anvil ringing in response to the hammer in actual work, as a real live horse was being fitted with shoes.

H. Marquis, with a sample Jumbo Heating Furnace of the Londonderry Works.

Chatham Junior Fire Brigade, in tasteful uniforms, and mounted on their effective hand engine. These young men made a most creditable display.

"Going to the Races" was one of the most grotesque features of the parade. It was a masterpiece by Mr. J. R. Lawlor, of Newcastle, whose role was that of the backwoods settler, his ancient spouse being Mr. Clement Ryan, who had two happy children in his keeping. The two-wheeled vehicle was a nondescript. It was a cross between a chariot and dog-cart, with a buggy top attachment—all appearing older than the Deacon's "One Hoss Shay" when it broke down. The animal attached to it resembled a clothes-horse to some extent on account of the rags and tatters which hung from his limbs and harness. Mr. Lawlor was kept very busy between his occupation of attending to the safety and creature comfort of his family and plying a large fan with which to cool his jaded horse. The exhibit was one hard to beat in the way of comic and ridiculous originality. On the sides of the ancient buggy-top Mr. Ben. Fairey's Furniture advertisement was conspicuous.

Next came a load of trunks from Jas. Johnston's establishment.

J. R. Lawlor followed with a capital representation of his marble works, in which actual work was carried on, Mr. Lawlor being engaged in lettering a stone while another workman was polishing a marble slab.

A. H. Marquis was represented by a fine grocery display.

Relics of the Miramichi Fire, seemed to "take the cake" for thorough originality. It was only an old couple riding along on a cart—but such a couple, and such a rig! The old horse was lame and partially blind. Its legs, head and body were bandaged with scorched bagging, the harness, cracked, ripped and torn with the wear and tear of a century and finally damaged by fire. The reins an old inch and a quarter rope, badly singed; the rickety old go-cart badly charred and burned, with half burnt straw for carpeting; the occupants, Brian Moran, (old man) and Wm. F. Connors (old woman) masked were having a jolly time. The old woman sat on a partially burned chest, knitting and enjoying the "dudeen" while the old man was kept busy driving the old nag and requesting the old woman to pass along the refreshments, which consisted of bread and bolognes and beverage contained in a black bottle. They seemed to imbibe rather freely and had angry words that ended in a spat, but the bottle was passed all the same.

E. A. Strang's Wholesale and Retail general store was represented by a large car on which a great variety of groceries, provisions, fruit, canned goods, etc., were tastefully displayed and presided over by Messrs. Harris and others.

Mr. Campbell Johnson's Harmonica band came next, and made excellent music, as well as a fine show in the parade.

The Miramichi Chemical Pulp Company displayed raw wood and pulp in different stages of manufacture.

The Otonabog Picnic Party was a comical display seldom excelled in the locality from which it borrowed its name.

Mr. Wm. Delaney rode a horse rake as a haymaker. He had a soft job and did it well.

Mr. Geo. Dickson's meat market was a well arranged display and Mr. D. seemed quite at home in running it.

"Victor Hugo" in a sulky, was a fine specimen of Miramichi stock horses.

Mr. McNaughton appeared on the Champion Roadmaker, driving six horses.

The new Street Watering Cart was a much admired item of the show and Mr. Nicol's energy in leading the movement by which it was procured, caused him to receive honorable mention from many.

The Cavalier Guards—composed of a dozen or more young men of Chatham, presented a smart and knightly appearance. They were a very effective element of the parade.

Carriages came next, the last being Mr. Dugald McCatherin's sewing maching express.

After going over the town route the procession returned via Wellington Street, turning the Bank of Montreal corner and down to Duke, thence via Upper Water to a point near the Loban field, where some broke off while others went to the field where

The School Children

were to sing and the salute be fired.

The singing of the school children proved to be one of the most pleasing events of the the day.

At 11.30 a. m. the pupils of the middle and lower districts gathered at the school grounds, corner of Wellington and St. John Streets, where they were arranged by Messrs. Harrison and Neales, assisted by the other teachers, in marching order according to grades.

Those of the lower district were arrayed in white sashes on which were the names of the school and grade in red letters.

From the school grounds they marched to Loban's field, where the children of No. 8 district — from the convent schools and that of Miss Mowatt—were already assembled.

In the meantime the general procession had arrived at and dispersed in the field. The Battery, under Lieut. Lawlor—Col. Call not appearing on account of recent domestic bereavement—then placed their guns and fired the salute, in the intervals of which the children, under the leadership of Professor Collinson, and accompanied by the 73rd Band, sang "My own Canadian Home" and "God Save the Queen." After the singing the pupils marched out of the field and dispersed. Fully 600 children took part in the proceedings.

The Aquatic Races

were the next attraction. There were two classes of starters in the yachting contests. They were sent off together, the larger boats going over the course opposite the town twice and the smaller ones once.

We are indebted to Dr. Jas. Baxter, official time keeper, who also acted as one of the judges, E. Lee Street, Esq., being the other, for the following time table of the races:

START FROM RITCHIE'S WHARF.

Kittoch	2	20	30
Kilbride	2	20	48
Fedora	2	21	07
Calypso	2	21	00

DOUGLASTOWN BUOY 1ST TIME.

Kittoch	2	31	30
Arrow	2	32	25
4 boats together	2	33	30

CURRIE'S BUOY 1ST TIME.

Kittoch	3	7	50
Kilbride	3	10	10
Calypso	3	10	50
Fedora	3	13	40

CANADA BUOY 1ST TIME.

Kittoch	3	11	45
Kilbride	3	12	25
Calypso	3	13	20
Fedora	3	16	10

DOUGLASTOWN BUOY 2ND TIME.

Kilbride	3	33	20
Kittoch	3	33	22
Calypso	3	34	40
Fedora	3	38	18

CURRIE'S BUOY 2ND TIME.

Kilbride	4	3	50
Kittoch	4	6	10
Calypso	4	7	
Fedora	4	12	50

CANADA BUOY 2ND TIME.

Kilbride	4	6	30
Kittoch	4	9	10
Calypso	4	10	
Fedora	4	17	05

FINISH.

Kilbride	4	16	20
Kittoch	4	19	40
Calypso	4	19	45
Fedora	4	26	50

RAFT BOAT RACE.

Start	4	27	

TURN, CANADA BUOY.

Bruce	4	47	
Whites	4	48	

FINISH.

Bruce	4	59	
Whites	5	00	

The raft boat race is thus reported in the *Advocate*:—

There were three crews on hand for the raft boat races, but one of them declined to start because the others had lighter boats. The starters were a Burchill boat and a Hutchison. A start was effected at 4.47. There was a collision soon after starting, and the boats kept very close together to the turn. The buoy at Canada wharf was turned at 4.47 by the Burchills and 4.48 by the Hutchisons. Then the Nelson men settled down to work in earnest, and made their big boat travel at regular Hanlan speed, gaining steadily on the Douglastown men. They finished at 4.59, after having lost by stopping too soon and having to speed up again to cross, with the Douglastown men one minute behind. The victors were Richard Sonier, Captain Nicholas Veneau, Wm. Richards and John Albear. The Douglastown men were Henry Clewson, Watt McKenzie, John McKenzie and Charles Williston.

At the Driving Park.

All the races at the Driving Park were filled, and there was also a base-ball match between the Chatham and Moncton nines, the later winning.

The three-minute horses were first called, up and the heats of this class were sandwiched with those of the 2.45. The 3 min. purse and the starters in order from the pole were:—

Purse $75—$40 to 1st; $20 to 2nd; $15 to 3rd.

1. R. H. Gremley ns. ch. m. Topsy.
2. W. W. McLellan, ns. b. g. Harry Sim.
3. O. Pine, ns. b. m. May.
4. D. Hogan, ns. bn. g. Reverie.
5. S. Carruthers, ns. bn. m. Fanny Alliston.
6. D. Cool, ns. bn. g. Frank.
7. D. Stockford, ns. b. g. Dean Swift.
8. R. Moody, ns. bn. g. White Stockings.

The 2.45 purse, and the starters, in order from the pole, were:

Purse of $100—$50 to 1st; $30 to 2nd; $20 to 3rd.

1. Jas. Stothart, ns bn. s. Royal Dean.
2. John Russell, ns. bn. g. Excelsior Chief.
3. D. Desmond, ns. b. g. Fred.
4. H. Muirhead, ns. b. m. Nellie.

The positions of the horses and time in the different heats were as follows:—

3 MIN.

Reverie	2	6	3	1	3	1
Frank	7	4	1	6	1	3
Dean Swift	1	1	5	5	4	2
Harry Sim	4	2	2	2	2	dr.
Topsy	3	3	4	3	5	dr.
May	5	5	7	6	dr.	
White Stockings	5	7	6	dr.		
Fanny	6	6	dr.			

Time 2.54½, 2.53, 2.57½, 2.54, 2.49½, 2.50, 2.50.

2.45 RACE.

Fred	1	1	1
Nellie	2	2	3
Excelsior Chief	3	4	2
Royal Dean	4	3	4

Time 2.53, 2.50, 2.46½.

As soon as the 2.45 was finished the Free-For-All was sandwiched with the remaining heats of the 3 min. The Purse and starters, in order, were:

Purse $300—$100 to 1st, $60 to 2nd, $40 to 3rd.

1. D Stockford, ns b m South Wind.
2. G J Wescott, ns g g Zulu Chief.
3. John Ferguson, ns blk g Harry F.
4. Edgar Sampson, ns b s Ben M.

The position of horses and time in the different heats were as follows:

Harry F	1	1	2	1
South Wind	3	2	1	2
Zulu Chief	2	4	3	3
Ben M	4	2	dr.	

Time 2.42½, 2.42½, 2.40½, 2.40.

The judges were Messrs. D. McCatherin, C. Sargeant and D. G. Smith. Owing to the Base-ball game in progress in the middle of the Park grounds there were far too many persons allowed to cross and be upon the track, and there were also too many allowed in the judges' stand. The word was given once from the stand in the three minute race when the judges did not intend it should be and, after that, they insisted on having it to themselves, the clerk and timekeeper. In this false start heat the horses were called back for they had come wildly under the wire and seemed to grow worse as some of them were driven around the track, several sulkies were broken and one driver, Mr. Frank Griffin, was thrown from his by crowding on the part of Reverie's driver. Griffin extricated himself unhurt, to everybody's surprise and came up smiling as if "he wasn't in it." Another horse ran away and another ran into a man who had no business on the track.

"Ben M." was leniently dealt with in the first heat of the free-for-all, when he hardly saved his distance, but in the second heat, when he made three breaks, by which he gained nothing and came under the wire in first place, the heat was given to Harry F. because he had not made a break. This was, we think, a mistake and it was, evidently, not in accord with the judgment of nine-tenths of the spectators. Mr. Stewart, who controlled "Ben M.," took no account of the favor extended to him in the first heat, but interpreted the treatment accorded to him in the second as evidence of a disposition in the stand not to treat him fairly, and withdrew the horse. This the judges and management regretted very much, as there was, certainly, no disposition to treat any horse otherwise than on his merits, while all concerned were even anxious to treat our Bathurst friends well.

A Base-Ball Match

between a Douglastown nine and the Chatham West End nine was played on the Loban field diamond in the afternoon and resulted in a victory of 6 runs for the Chatham boys.

The Steamboat Parade

which began about 8.30 o'clock, was a brilliant spectacle, which attracted nearly all the people in town to the wharves and other points of vantage along the harbor front. It is safe to say that no other place in the Maritime Provinces can duplicate this part of the day's programme, simply because the Miramichi is the only place where there is a fleet of steamers suitable for such a pageant. The sixteen boats, under orders of commodore John L. Miller, rendezvoused at Hutchison's ballast wharf. All were illuminated, the *Sarcelle*, Mr. Hutchison's steamer leading the fleet in this respect. The order of parade was as follows:—

St. George,
St. Andrew,
Mascot,
St. Nicholas,
Miramichi,
Nelson,
Sarcelle,
Laura,
Loyalist,
Bridgetown,
Marion,
Derby,
Bessie,
Grip,
Gracie,
Twilight

The St. George and Mascot were taken out of the parade for passenger service and the other fourteen proceeded from Hutchison's wharf in single line down river on the north side of the channel at the rate of about 4 miles an hour, their distance apart being about 150 feet. They turned to starboard at a lighted stake-boat above Middle Island and proceeded up-river, preserving the same order and running near the Chatham side. Turning a lighted stake-boat opposite the original starting-point, they lined across the river, and turning down stream, changed formation, running thence in line abreast down past Chatham, where they broke formation and each proceeded to moorings or moved about the harbor as desired by those on board. The 73rd band was on the St. Nicholas, and their lamps and good music added materially to that fine boat's attractions.

Fireworks.

The fireworks were displayed from a barge moored off Ritchie's wharf. It was rather far from shore for the best effects, but the exhibition was much admired by the thousands who witnessed it. Everything was smoothly conducted by Mr. Mackenzie and his assistants.

Large Numbers of People

were attracted to the town by the celebration. A special train over the Canada Eastern brought several hundred from Fredericton and intermediate points. The Nelson made an early trip to Nelson, while the Miramichi brought a load from Newcastle. The St. Andrew brought down the Newcastle Field Battery on a lighter. The St. George, Mascot and St. Nicholas were run by the Steam Navigation Company as auxiliary boats. The St. George ran to Newcastle at 6 p. m. and the Mascot at 7, the Miramichi about 10 and the St. Nicholas and St. Andrew at 11.30.

The Illuminations

were very creditable indeed to the residents of the town. Hon. Mr. Tweedie, excelled all the others, in the extent, variety and effective arrangement of the hundreds of chinese lanterns and other lights displayed both outside and inside of his residence. Messrs. Watt and Habberly of the west end also made a creditable show. In the town proper the display was so general that it would be invidious to attempt enumeration. The Adams House however may be referred to as one of the most resplendent of the occasion. In this respect, as in the others, Chatham sustained its reputation for thorough work.

The Bonnet-Hop

in the rink under the management of the Curlers closed the events of the day. It was well patronized and when our reporter looked in at 12.30 everybody seemed to be dancing as if they had no intention of going home for an hour or two at least.

Municipal Council.

The July Session of the Municipal Council of Northumberland opened in the Court House, Newcastle, at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, 7th inst., Warden Flanagan in the chair.

Councillors were present as follows:—

Ludlow—J. S. Fairley, Jas. McAleer.

Blissfield—John McDonald, F. D. Swim.

Blackville—B. N. T. Underhill, Edward Hayes.

Derby—Jas. Robinson, John Betts.

Northesk—Wm. Jones.

Southesk—Jared Tozer, Murdock Sutherland.

Nelson—T. W. Flett, Ephriam Hayes.

Rogersville—Calixte C. Chaisson, P. Thibideau.

Newcastle—Lawrence Doyle, Wm. Woods.

Chatham—Roger Flanagan, Wm. Kerr.

Glenelg—Robt. McNaughton, Wm. V. Ullock.

Hardwick—Phineas Williston, Jeremiah Sullivan.

Alnwick—Wm. Anderson, Romain Savoy.

Minutes of the last sitting of January session were read and confirmed.

John Irving was appointed constable to attend the session.

Adjourned for dinner.

Council re-assembled at 2 p. m. and adjourned for committee work.

On re-assembling Mr. James Aiten was heard in reference to assessment. He said he was 71 years old, came here last October and was not, therefore, liable to pay taxes—as he did not own any real estate. He read assessment bills from collectors of school, road and contingent taxes in Northesk and Newcastle, all amounting to $33.28—The Warden, however, interposed and informed Mr. Aiton that he should bring the matter up by petition, whereupon Mr. Aiton retired.

Accounts passed as follows:—

Prisoners' board,	$70 60
D. G. Smith, printing,	25 20
John R. Williston, bal. of acct. for taking lunatic to asylum,	3 00
S. Thomson, Clerk of Peace,	10 00
Wm. Lawlor, repairs public wharf,	80 75
County buildings acct.	15 90
S. Thomson, Secy. Treas.	36 50
" Divisional registrar,	26 20
Jail committee,	58 88
E. P. Williston, auditor,	50 00
John S. Benson certifying lunatics,	9 34
John Bastain, constable,	13 05
James Holmes, constable,	20 84
Wm. Irving, constable,	3 50
Jas. Wood, taking lunatic to asylum,	20 00
Telephone Exchange,	25 00
Special constables, July 1st.,	24 00
Ambrose Hay, taking lunatic to asylum	20 00
Chatham lockup, prisoners' board,	7 65
High Sheriff,	260 00
Dr John McDonald, certifying lunatics	9 34
Ambrose Hay, taking lunatic to asylum,	22 00
Dr. F. L. Pedolin, coroner,	17 80
Dr. H. Fish, certifying lunatic,	4 67

Michael O'Brien, coroner acct. for $16.20, recommended that it be paid on coroner furnishing the requisite declaration of necessity of inquest. Accounts of W. S. Brown, Scott Act Inspector, for expenses, $152.33, was debated.

Coun. Kerr said there seemed to be no limitation to the Inspector's power to incur expense. He felt himself to be in an embarrassing position, having either moved or seconded the Inspector's appointment at a time when all the temperance people were in favor of him, but he felt he would not be doing his duty if he did not say that Mr. Brown had disappointed the friends of temperance. Poor men were now in jail at our expense, for violating the law, while more wealthy men were permitted to violate the law with impunity in both Chatham and Newcastle. Mr. Brown claimed in the papers that he was not to look for evidence against offenders. He should be dismissed because he was doing more harm than good to the temperance cause. He would rather stop his power to incur expenses for the balance of his year and let it be understood that he has not the confidence of the temperance people of the County. He would like to know whether the Council had power to dismiss Mr. Brown.

The Secretary-Treasurer, in reply, said Mr. Brown could not be dismissed without cause.

At his own request Mr. Brown was heard.—He said it was every man's right to criticise public officers. The largest part of his acct. of expenses was incurred in Alnwick, where he was urgently requested to go, as rum was being sold even in the vicinity of the churches. He succeeded in having the three persons engaged in the traffic there prosecuted. One was fined, and he paid, the other two were fined but the fines stood on the parties promising to go out of the business. They did not do so and are in jail. Parties had given him what they considered evidence and which he did not act upon, because he knew the result would be only expense to the County, but he had never been given valid information that he had not acted upon and he was prepared to do his duty at all times. Because a man was seen going into a place where liquor might be sold he was not to assume that he must incur expense by instituting proceedings against the person owning the place.

Coun. Woods thought Inspector Brown was a hard man to keep the run of and was preforming his duties in anything but a satisfactory manner.

Coun. Flett said it was not easy to understand the kind of conception Inspector Brown had of his duties. He (Flett) had written to Brown last spring asking him to come to Nelson, where he would furnish him with evidence to convict violators of the law. That request had been ignored by the Inspector. He had written him a second time—in May—to a similar purport and that communication was ignored. It was a matter of business with him, for some of his best men were on the spree and he knew of women and children carrying liquor to the mill in vials and bottles. He had remonstrated with the vendors and they openly declared that they would sell the stuff to any man who had ten cents to pay for it. He would like to know fwhat Inspector Brown was being paid for when he so neglected his duties?

Inspector Brown said he had been waiting until to-day to see Coun. Flett and get information from him, as he knew Mr. Flett would attend the meeting of Council. He received but one letter from Mr. Flett, and that was on Friday last. He was perfectly willing to do his duty if people would only bring him proper information, but he did not feel called upon to act simply because a man might come and tell him he had seen another enter a place where he suspected that liquors were sold. He defied any man to prove that he had received a cent for not prosecuting offenders and if any offer of the kind were made it would only be an additional incentive for him to prosecute.

Coun. Flett would like to know what was the good of the County paying Brown to act as inspector if he took the position that others had to do all the work?

Coun. Kerr asked how it was that Inspector Brown had compromised the Hayes case and given back the liquor, deceiving the policeman who had charge of it by telling him that the matter had been arranged, and that the liquor was to be handed back to Hayes?

Inspector Brown said there was not a word of truth in the statement.

Coun. Kerr said that was the story told to him by Policeman Gillis, who said Brown told him that a part of the arrangement was that Hayes was to pay a former fine, on condition that the liquor be handed back to him. Moreover, Mr. Hayes said, when the liquor came back he found it had been watered.

Coun. Sullivan said there were three persons in jail for violations of the Act and he would like to know if it was for first offences.

Inspector Brown:—Yes.

Coun Sullivan thought it unfair that these men should be there at the expense of the County, while their families might be suffering.

In reply to Coun. Tozer, the Secretary-Treasurer cited the local statute under which the Inspector was appointed, to show that his duty was to search out and prosecent all offenders and also to prosecute offenders when information is given him that there is reason to suspect violation of the law.

At this stage, the motion to pass the Inspector's account of expenses was carried.

Coun. Kerr said he would move that Inspector Brown be dismissed.

A petition from Mr. James. Aiton in the matter brought by him before Council, was referred.

Coun. McAleer presented the petition of ratepayers of Ludlow, asking that a polling-booth be established at or near Pond's Hall—referred.

Nelson parish accounts passed as follows:—

Geo. Burchill, jr., collecting justice.	
Wm. Fitzpatrick, overseer roads, balance of $13 due him, ordered to paid by collecting justice.	
Coun. Doyle, from the jail committee, said Mr. Gremley had bored 360 feet for water at the jail, at an expense of nearly $600. The water now rose within fourteen feet of the surface and the committee would like to know whether they should have Mr. Gremley go on at the rate of $1.50 a foot until water was brought to the surface in good supply, or arrange to pump it by windmill or otherwise from the well as it now was.	
Ex-Coun. Morrison of the jail committee was also heard and gave a history of the work and said water must be had for sanitary as well as other purposes. The committee were desirous of being further instructed.	
Coun. Betts said it would be false economy to stop the work now, and moved that the boring be continued from the present depth of 360 feet at the rate of $1.50 per foot.	
The matter was discussed by Couns. Kerr, Flett, Doyle and others and the resolution passed.	
Coun. Jones moved that $50 each be paid to the High Sheriff and Mr. C. E. Fish for services in connection with the construction of the new jail.	
Coun. Doyle opposed the motion, as the matter was disposed of at the January session.	
Coun. Sullivan was of same opinion.	
Coun. Sutherland favored the motion, as he said it was understood Messrs. Shirreff and Fish were to receive $150 each, whereas they had received only $100 each.	
Coun. Anderson favored the view of the matter taken by Coun. Sutherland.	
Coun. Jones, one of the committee who recommended the award in the first instance, was under the impression that Messrs. Shirreff and Fish did all the work and were to have the $300 divided between them.	
Coun. Robinson said he did his share of the work and neither expected nor received pay. Mr. Fish had his profit out of the stone that he supplied, and the Sheriff had an official interest in the jail and might, therefore, be expected to look after the work for that reason. He had received none of the money voted and thought Messrs. Shirreff and Fish had been well paid.	
The Warden said he understood, when the award was made, that it was $100 each for the three members of the committee.	
Coun. Jones' motion was lost.	
Coun. Kerr, from the committee on the Chatham public wharf said consideration of the matter had been deferred from time to time, as Coun. Robinson could not conveniently attend. He had also informed Coun. Doyle of his readiness to attend a committee meeting at any time, but it was not until some time in June that they met. Gentlemen in Chatham thought King Street should be extended down to the water across the property, with a street in the rear of the houses, common to the latter and the property below. Messrs. Robinson and Doyle proposed to leave 20 feet of the property as yard room for each house and give the remainder of it to the Town of Chatham. Mr. Robinson left the committee meeting and he expected him back again, but he went away without attending any further to the business.	
Coun. Robinson said he had left the matter in Coun. Kerr's hands.	
Coun. Doyle said he had not proposed to give the property to the town of Chatham, but to divide it as stated and if Chatham so desired it could rent what it wanted.	
Coun. Robinson coincided with Coun. Doyle's view.	
Coun. Kerr said there was a game of bluff going on in connection with this property, but it had to go to public auction. He did not wish to hurt the present lessees, but the town must have a public landing. He would ask Coun. Robinson if he did not say he would help to get a portion of the wharf for the town of Chatham.	
Coun. Robinson said he did not.	
Coun. Betts said the committee had neglected their duties. They should have submitted a written report. He was sure that the more these gentlemen talked the less the council understood of the matter.	
Coun. Robinson said it was understood this morning that the building lots should be placed in one division and the remainder into another and both be sold at auction. Why not carry out that arrangement?	
Coun. Kerr said it was understood that the town was to get a part of the wharf at a nominal rental.	
Warden Flanagan said Chatham should be treated in regard to this property as Newcastle was in regard to that on which its engine house now stood. Chatham should also have a public landing on the property. Let the present lessees have the privilege of buying in the portion of the property on which their buildings are located, but let Chatham have the remainder.	
In reply to a question, the Secretary-Treasurer said that if application were made to the road commissioner under the act of assembly he had power to lay out and open up a road for a public slip over the property.	
Council here adjourned for committee work.	
Council re-assembled.	
Ordered that petition of Jas. Aiten be referred to the assessors of Newcastle.	
Also, that over assessment of $2 50 be