Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

CORRESPONDENTS deferred favors will have attention next week.

"BIG INJUN" or Fenimore Cooper, must have charge of the *Advocate* now.

THE LATE JUDGE DUFF'S memory and worth received a fitting tribute of respect from Judge King in opening the St. John Circuit Court on Tuesday.

THE RINK.—The Chatham Skating Rink is now ready for skaters and will be opened with a carnival, the date of which will be announced next week.

AMBITIOUS.—The Newcastle Rink is now called *the* Miramichi Skating and Curling Rink. The name is not sufficiently perspicuous. It suggests the story of "the Greater and Lesser Cambrias and the adjacent islands of Great Britain and Ireland."

A FINE CHANCE for our farming friends to obtain good prizes, is offered at the Winter Exhibition of the Northumberland Agricultural Society to be held on Thursday, 25th inst., at Masonic Hall, Newcastle. So liberal a prize list is seldom adopted by local societies.—See advt.

THE "CEDAR GROVE" investigation has resulted in a published report by Government authority. When is the report of Mr. Pottinger's investigation of the Beaver Brook railway slaughter to be published? The *Sun* and *Times* have both promised that it would be made public.

DEATH OF MRS. GEO. I. WILSON.—The death of Mrs. Geo. I. Wilson is announced. It took place at Denver, Colorado, and the sad intelligence, which was telegraphed to her brother, R. Bain, Esq., here, though not altogether a surprise, has caused regret in a large circle of friends and relatives. The remains will be brought home for burial and the funeral notice will probably be given in next week's paper.

DOUGLASTOWN ENTERTAINMENT.—On Tuesday evening next, the Douglastown public are to have an opportunity of enjoying an operetta, recitations, etc., in the Temperance Hall at that place. The proceeds are to aid St. Mark's Sunday School fund, and there should be a good attendance both on account of the merits of the entertainment and the object for which it is to be given.

A NELSON MATTER.—There is a lad going about Nelson who, evidently, should be sent to the Lunatic Asylum. He has already visited the houses of residents of the village demanding money, and otherwise conducting himself in an unseemly and illegal manner, threatening to set fire to houses, etc. Are there any Magistrates in Nelson who are not afraid to discharge their duties? If so, have they been applied to in this case?

A SUCCESS.—A very successful Carnival was held at the Newcastle Rink on Tuesday evening. Miss Wilston, as "Fretwork," and Blanchard Thompson as "Hindu Prince" were the prize winners. Messrs. Jas. Brown, C. E. Fish and D. T. Johnstone were the judges. "Cretonne Decorations," "Colorado Tramp," "Lobster Back," "Queen of Hearts," "Holly," "Court Dame," "Student" and "Porkville" were also deserving of prizes.

COOL BURGESS is to appear in Chatham to-night, accompanied by Alice Coleman's Concert Company. He was here last about three years ago, and the many who attended his performances with the Spaulding Bell Ringers, will, no doubt, be glad of an opportunity to again see and hear him. The "Sleighing Party" is said to be a great success as performed by this company. At all events Burgess is sufficient, of himself, to amuse an audience for one evening.

A NOVELTY in connection with the Newcastle Skating Rink will be the Children's Carnival announced for Thursday evening, the 18th inst. The little folks have been on the *qui vive* since the affair was first spoken of, and no wonder, for a Carnival all to themselves will give them an opportunity to put their imitative powers to the test. We wish the youngsters a merry time of it, and hope there will be a good attendance to witness the result of their efforts at costuming.—*Advocate.*

$100 MISSING.—A Glenelg subscriber wants to know what has become of $100 of public money which, he says, has not been accounted for. Perhaps the official to whom it is said to have been paid will explain. Everybody is entitled to a full explanation in respect to such matters.—*World.*

In reference to the above a resident and ratepayer of Glenelg asks us to request the enquirer to explain further what he refers to, as his insinuation being of a general character, is calculated to do injustice to several persons who hold office in that parish.

WRONG.—Referring to Mr. Benedict's removal to the Bank of Montreal, Kingston, Ont., the *Advocate* says. "His successor at Chatham is Mr. DeVeber, son of J. S. Boies DeVeber, St. John." We made a similar mistake last week. Mr. DeVeber being a son of Richard—not J. S. B.—DeVeber. If the *Advocate* would copy our correct political statements instead of our incorrect "personals," it would be of more value to its long-suffering reader—and if it gave due credit it might not be "caught napping."

No. 37.—The following officers of Northumberland Division, No. 37, S. of T., were installed on last Friday evening:—

D. P. MacLachlan, W. P.;
Robt. Mather, W. A.;
W. J. D. Loban, R. S.;
Albert B. Sweezey, A. R. S.;
L. H. Abbot, F. S.;
Jas. Firth, T.;
Jas. Edgar, Chap.;
Geo. Johnston, C.;
Geo. Whitehead, A. C.;
E. Nelson Loban, I. S.;
Ernest Haviland, O. S.;
Wm. Rae, P. W. P.;
Miss Bertie Haviland, Organist.

MASONIC.—We inadvertently left the following, out of last week's paper—

On St. John's Day the following officers of Miramichi Lodge, Chatham, were installed,—

Alex J. Logie, W. M.
Geo. I. Wilson, I. P. M.
Alex. Rolfson, S. W.
P. H. O'Brien, J. W.
D. T. Johnstone, Treasurer.
Thos. F. Gillespie, P. M. Secretary.
Thos. DesBrisay, S. D.
Aaron Harris, J. D.
John McDonald, S. S.
Peter Logie, J. S.
J. S. Benson, P. M., D. of C.
Jas. Anderson, I. G.
Alex. Cantley, Tyler.

Rev. E. Wallace Waits delivered a Lecture at 8 o'clock, and after the lecture the brethren and their guests took tea together to the number of about one hundred, after which, they adjourned to the lower hall where dancing was enjoyed until a little after midnight.

A LIBERAL CONTRIBUTION.—The Rev. E. Wallace Waits received, as a Christmas present, from a member of St. Andrew's Church, a beautiful Cashmere gown, with velvet collar and cuffs. As a New Year's gift, from the congregation at large, a very handsome overcoat, with seal collar and cuffs, and a splendid cap to match. From the Black Brook section of congregation:—5 bbls of potatoes; 2 bbls of turnips; 1 quarter beef; 1 large ham. From other sources:—8 chickens, 1 turkey, 1 ton of hay, and many other things, too numerous to mention. Let no one say, after all this, that Chatham does not know how to be kind to its ministers.—*World.*

Entertainment in Ludlow.

On Christmas evening a very successful holiday entertainment came off in the Methodist Church at Campbell Settlement, Ludlow. A lecture on Methodism was delivered by the pastor, the proceeds of the admission to which amounted to about $33, which goes for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society. There were two trees erected, one on each corner of the platform, and heavily loaded with sacks of confectionery, Christmas cards, and numerous presents of different kinds and values. At the close of the lecture the presents were distributed. The whole entertainment passed off very pleasantly though at times during the evening good order was interfered with by a few intoxicated persons, Kenneth Cameron, Esq., of Boiestown, occupied the chair and ably discharged his duties.

The Drama.

Mlle. Eugenie Legrand appeared in Masonic Hall, Chatham, on Monday evening last as Pauline in the "Lady of Lyons," supported by a very good company. She was billed for "Camille," but no explanation was given to the audience to account for the change, and the piece put on was received as well as if it had been the choice of the audience.

Mlle. Legrand plays with a good deal of power, at times, but she does not do justice to the reputation made for her in the press notices she has secured. She does not sustain her *role* evenly. For instance, she spoiled Claude's word-picture of his imaginary palatial and Eden-like home by hanging on his neck and love-mauling him in a manner ill becoming even the heroine of a kitchen courting scene and invited the jeers of the "gods." This was not fair to "Claude" as it ruined some of his finest lines. She redeemed herself however in the scene at the cottage which would have been faultless in word and action but for the fact that she had not yet mastered the English language sufficiently to make her audience forget that it was not her mother tongue she was speaking. She is, doubtless, capable of making this scene very absorbing and altogether satisfactory in French.

Mr. McCormack rants sometimes and "tears passion to tatters." Rapid enunciation, to the length of being almost unintelligible, and wild gesticulation are resorted to when intensity and natural action are called for. At times, on Monday night, however, he rendered some of the best and most effective lines of the piece so perfectly as to convey the impression that his short-comings in other passages were due to carelessness rather than want of correct conception of what was necessary in voice and action.

Sol Smith was, as usual, excellent as Col. Dumas and the rest of the characters were more than up to the average. The audience was large and, on the whole, the piece was well received.

Bass River Entertainment.

The supper and entertainment held by the ladies of the Presbyterian church at Bass River, Kent Co., on the 26th ult., was a decided success. The day being very fine and excellent, a large attendance was present.

The Orange hall, in which the supper was held was tastefully decorated with evergreen and appropriate mottoes adorned the walls. The supper and refreshment tables were abundantly supplied with all the luxuries of the Christmas season and were well patronized by the large number present.

One interesting feature of the evening was the sale of an autograph quilt, containing 954 names, which was bid in by the wish of the committee and afterwards presented to Miss Helen McKendrick, who had been the means of getting it up and through whom, the sum of $102 had been received for autographs.

The programme of the evening's entertainment was very successfully carried out. Rev. Mr. Boyd, the popular pastor, gave a short opening address, after which came a "Christmas Carol" by the choir. Addresses from Rev. Mr. MacKenzie of Kingston, and Mr. J. F. Dorothay followed.

A duet, "Midnight Moon," was beautifully rendered by the Misses Walker; Mr. Cunningham, of Wekdford, favored the audience with two Scotch songs, and Mr. Zwicker, of the same place, gave a comic recitation entitled "Woman's Rights."

A recitation entitled "The Fall of the Pemberton Mills," was very effectively rendered by Miss Bessie Walker,

"Whistle and I'll come to you, my lad" was sung by Miss Barnes and was well received.

The entertainment was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem, all going away well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

The proceeds amounted to $250, which will be applied to furnishing the handsome church lately purchased at Bass River.

Sunday School Festival.

The annual Epiphany Festival of St Mary's Chapel Sunday School, Chatham, was held in the school room on Tuesday evening last. A bountiful tea was provided for the children who, to the number of about 60, sat down to enjoy the good things of the repast. Grace having been said by the Rector, the busy attentions of the teachers and other ladies and gentlemen were devoted to the happy gathering around the tables. When tea was over, the children, for a time, enjoyed themselves in youthful sports attended with many unmistakable manifestations of hearty gladness. Next came most interesting and pleasing exercises in singing and recitations by the children, under the painstaking leadership of Mrs. W. B. Howard, with Miss Gillespie, as accompanist. Great credit is due to Mrs. Howard, and the children under her training for the manner in which the various pieces were rendered to the great pleasure of all present. It is only to be regretted that so many parents and adults were absent from this interesting annual Festival.

After a short intermission, succeeding the musical exercises, the Rector presented the following scholars with prizes for regular attendance at Sudnay School during the year ending with the beginning of Advent 1882:—

Geo. Howard, Fred. Green, Robt. Coulson, Fred. Howard, Rupert Blair, Fred. Blair, Frank Blair, Willie Green, Willie Howard, Minnie Blair, Bertha Pallen, Lulu Howard, Jas. Green, Willie Coulson and Harry Green.

The Rector addressed the children in a few words expressive of his pleasure in sharing with them so enjoyable a Festival. He thankfully reminded them of how much they owed to Mrs. Howard for their careful preparation for the singing and recitations, which he was certain all had so much enjoyed, and they must also be grateful to all who had otherwise contributed to make the Festival a happy one. He hoped that with great thankfulness for their advantages they would, in future, earnestly strive to manifest in their own lives and conduct, the life and example of Him of whose manifestation to the Gentiles of old this Epiphany Festival was the commemoration. He urged them to set the pattern of the Redeemer always before them, and to serve Him day by day as an ever-present Friend and lover of little children, and to strive for the eternal prize of everlasting glory and happiness which it was His good pleasure to give them. He trusted they would always try to remember that as children of God they had a great work to do, in watching and resisting the enemies to which, in the world, they would be exposed. He hoped they would never forget their Holy Covenant, but that they would always fight manfully under the banner of Christ against sin, the world, and the devil unto their lives' end. He expressed his pleasure that so many of the scholars had won rewards for regular attendance, and hoped to find a still larger number successful next year.

After the presentation of prizes the Doxology was sung and the Benediction having been pronounced by the Rector, the happy gathering dispersed.

Hymeneal.

There was quite a pleasant gathering at Mr. Thomas Vye's, Wilson's Point, on Tuesday evening, 2nd inst., on the occasion of the marriage of that gentleman's youngest sister to a resident of Nova Scotia, particulars of which will be found in another place. The bridesmaids were Miss Blanche Tozer, the only daughter of Jared Tozer, Esq., and Miss Gertrude Goggin, daughter of J. R. Goggin, Esq., of Chatham. They were most handsomely attired, and looked charmingly attractive. Our respected townsman, Mr. W. H. Buck, acted the part of groomsman with a gentlemanly and graceful bearing. After the ceremony, the guests, representing various portions of the Province, sat down to a supper which for variety and excellence of preparation, would have done credit to a city hotel. A number of toasts, including that of "The Bride and Groom," were proposed and responded to in appropriate terms. All present enjoyed themselves most heartily in various ways until the arrival of the express going south, which stopped at Derby Siding to take the young couple on. The happy couple were attended to the Siding by the great number of guests, and left amid showers of rice, and carrying with them the best wishes of all. The presents were were numerous and handsome, some of them costly. The editors of the ADVOCATE add their congratulations to those of the many friends of the bride in this section.—*Advocate.*

Curling.

The Fredericton Curling Club, through its Secretary, J. D. Hazen, Esq., has communicated a challenge to the Chatham Club, to play at Chatham, three rinks a side on Thursday next, 18th inst., and the Chatham Club has accepted. The Chatham Curlers, having beaten those of Fredericton at St. John last season, have to be met on home ice and the Frederictonians show that they are not content to let their laurels fade while the enemy remains in the field. The Coatham Curlers realize that they have worthy foemen to meet next Thursday.

On Monday afternoon last, a friendly match was played at Chatham between two rinks a side of the Newcastle and Chatham Clubs. The Newcastle Club, though it was organized last season, did not get fairly to work until the present one and showed commendable enterprise and pluck in meeting the old club on its own ground. The rinks opposed and the scores made were as follows,—

Chatham.		*Newcastle.*	
John McDonald,		R. H. Gremley,	
A. H. Johnson,		E. Lee Street,	
D. M. Loggie,		J. R. Lawlor,	
Wm. Johnston,		James Brown,	
D. Chesman, skip,	15.	R. A. Lawlor, Skip,	10.
Richd. Burbridge,		R. Mackenzie,	
Wm. Gillespie,		J. C. Fairey,	
H. P. Marquis,		R. Hocken,	
Andrew Brown,		W. H. Buck,	
D. G. Smith, skip,	26.	J. W. Davidson, Skip,	8.
Totals,	41		18

Considering the recent organization of the Newcastle Club and that it has no old curlers amongst its members, it made a good showing. The Newcastle men were ahead on both sides of the ice early in the game, the scores standing seven on each side for them against six each for the Chatham rinks, after which the latter drew away and made good scoring, Skip Smith's rink making the unusual count of 21 in four ends. Counting by ends on that side of the ice, although Skip Davidson was well behind at the end he equalled the opposing rink in the number of ends won. These friendly matches are excellent practice for both clubs, tending also to promote a proper emulation between them, and if the Newcastle curlers continue to progress in acquiring the science of the game as they have done in the short time since their organization, they will be hard men to beat, even before the present season is over.

Up-River Notes.

BLISSFIELD, Jan. 2nd, 1883.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

DEAR SIR,—At the beginning of the year a few up-river notes may not come amiss.

The season is all that could be wished for to forward the lumbering business of the country and a fair crop of logs may be the result. Men are scarce, so many having gone westward and that is a great drawback.

Mr. Joseph Beek, a native of the North of Ireland, a brother of J. S. Beek, Esq., of Fredericton, Auditor General, has passed away. He was an old resident of Blissfield.

Mr. Thomas Carrol has lost a child by diphtheria, nearly all the family being taken down at the same time, the remainder are now, however, out of danger.

Farmers find ready sale for their productions at fair prices, which should make them contented and happy.

Amongst the events transpiring, and not the least noted, was the marriage of Miss M. J. Swim, eldest daughter of Wm. Swim, Esq., to Mr. Thomas Lovell of the Parish of Kingsclear, York County. A few friends from Newcastle and also in the immediate neighbourhood were present. Rev. W. M. Edwards was the officiating clergyman. Breakfast was laid for those present and was in perfect keeping with the holiday season and happy occasion. The happy couple made preparations for the homeward trip amidst the many congratulations of friends, and many were the expressions of good will in the shape of gifts from friends present and abroad. The usual throwing of slippers and rice was indulged in at their departure, and they were escorted by friends a few miles from the bride's home amidst the jingling of the merry sleighbells

Christmas and New Year passed very quietly, being good evidence of the efficacy of the Scott Act, although when any person is seen under the influence of liquor, those who are not friendly to the Act, are quick to point it out and loudly trumpet that there is more liquor sold now than before the Act came into force. The friends of Temperance should remind these—for they are generally the ones that would like to be selling or drinking it—that there are laws against thieving and other crimes, still there is thieving done and other crimes committed. Let us hope that the Scott Act will do good in time by keeping liquor out of sight, and temptation will not be before the young.

Our schools have not been in a thriving condition owing to the prevalence of whooping cough, which has thinned the attendance very much and is not very encouraging to teachers or scholars. It is to be hoped that after the holidays they may do better.

Your correspondent interviewed Mr. Richard Attridge, the other day, who said he had not sold out to Mr. John L. Murray, as alleged by the *World's* correspondent.

That standing joke—the Miramichi Valley R. R.—is little talked of now, nobody having any faith in it, those "Directors" being too busy, with other things, to think of it, except as a good thing to have a little fun about in connection with election matters. A good many think the best way to have a Railroad is to go and live where Railroads are, a course which those who have so humbugged us in railway matters, have driven a good many to take. Yours,

OCCASIONAL.

Boiestown.

An enjoyable entertainment was given at Boiestown on New Year Day evening in the Methodist Church. There was a fine Christmas Tree in the "east" centre of the church in front of the pulpit platform laden with no less than one hundred and thirty bags of candy and other fine things and illuminated with about 50 wax tapers. As the tree was not equal to holding all the presents, the chandelier was called into requisition and suspended from it were valuable gifts of different kinds. Two lines were also run across the pulpit platform at a height of about eight feet and loaded with articles of woollen, cotton, stuff and silk, while the communion rail was covered with useful and fancy goods. Among the decorations of the church were a transparency about ten feet long, bidding "welcome" to the audience which filled the building to its utmost capacity. The wall in the rear of the pulpit had upon it the text: "Glory to God in the Highest, on earth Peace," in white, green and scarlet artistically arranged.

The next attractive feature of the occasion was a fine concert, the programme of which was as follows,—

Hymn and Prayer.
Recitation, 'The Last Hymn." Miss M. P. Hovey.
Recitation, "Children of the Temple." Christie Fairley.
Music, "Twas the Master that knocked at the Door".....Solo and Quartette.
Recitation, "The Evening Story," Josie Fairley.
Recitation, "They Say".....Ida Long.
Music, "Mow the Gates came Ajar," Solo and Chorus.
Recitation, 'The Old Year's Gift." Miss Lonia O'Donnel.
Recitation, "An Old Legend." Winnie McConnel.
Music, "Consider the Lilies".....Solo,
Recitation, "The New Year." Walter Long.
Recitation, "Little Things" Alex Fairley,
Music, "Shall we Know Each Other There" Solo.
Recitation, "Thoughts During Service." Lulu McConnel.
Recitation, "The Captain's Daughter." Chester McMillan.
Music, "Flee as a Bird".....Solo
Recitation, "New Year's Eve Story." Miss H. P. Hovey.
Recitation, "With all Your Might." Alex Owen.
Music, "Our Festive Song".....Quartette.

At the close of the programme a collection, which amounted to about $15, was taken up.

The Late Dr. Thomson.

(St. Croix Courier.)

By the death of Dr. Thomson, St. Stephen loses a good citizen. A skilful physician, a warm friend and a true man, his presence from amongst his large circle of friends, will be greatly missed. For some months he has been suffering from the ravages of an insidious disease, which, although no one knew better than himself that he could not recover, he bore with resignation, ever preserving his genial nature and warmly welcoming the many who, solicitous regarding his health, called to enquire as to his condition and to assist in whiling away the tedious hours of his illness.

Dr. Thomson was a son of the late Rev. Skeffington Thomson, L. L. D., and the sixth child of a family of five sons and two daughters. He commenced the study of medicine with the late Dr. Holmes, of Calais, and continued it in Bellevue College, New York, where he was graduated. Returning to St. Stephen, he practised his profession here for a few years, until failing health compelled him to leave for the warmer climate of the South. During his sojourn there, the American civil war broke out, and he joined the army. After successfully serving as a physician and surgeon about two years, he returned to his native town, where he remained actively engaged in the duties of his profession and commanding a large practice, until failing health compelled him to retire.

He was the last male survivor of his family, Mrs. Gray, the wife of Rev. Geo. Cary, of Grand Manan, being the only one of seven now living.

One of a family endowed with great intellectual ability, the late deceased was, of its members, not the least gifted. His skill as a physician was acknowledged by all, and his knowledge of subjects beyond that demanded by his profession was wide and varied. Outside the circle of his relatives and near friends, his death will be deeply mourned by many to whom his presence was a solace in affliction, and in illness an earnest of renewed health.

The Cedar Grove Disaster.

The following is the decision given by Capt. Scott, R. N, after holding an investigation into the loss of the Cedar Grove:—

MARINE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT,
HALIFAX, 28th Dec., 1882.

In obedience to your instructions, dated the 4th inst., to hold an investigation into the circumstances attending the loss of the S. S. Cedar Grove, of St. John, under the sub-section 38 Vic, chap. 38.

I have the honor to report that I called all the crew that could be collected in Halifax to appear before me and give their evidence in the above matter. In this investigation I was assisted by Captain Hunter, of the Board of examiners and Masters and Mates, who sat with me on the 6th and 7th inst.

And as the remaining portion of the crew were in St. John, N. B., I caused them to appear before me at that port. In the latter investigation I was assisted by Captains Prichard and Thomas, of the Board of Examiners of Masters and Mates who sat with me on the 12th and 13th inst.

The Cedar Grove was of 1.437 tons, laden with a general cargo for Halifax and St. John. She left London on the 17th of November, and passed Cape Race on the 28th, at a distance of about five miles. At 4 p.m., a departure was taken from Cape Race bearing E ½ S. mag; distant the weather being fine. A course was shaped W. by N. mag., and at noon on the 26th she had run by patent log 180 miles upon that course, putting her by "dead reckoning," in 45° 37 N., lon 57° 50 W, no observation having been obtained, either for lat., or lon., throughout the day. the wind very light from the N. E., but the sky was overcast.

The course was then altered to W ½ N. mag., and continued so until she struck. In the evening the weather became hazy with passing showers of sleet. At midnight the patent log showed that the ship had run 105 miles since noon. At 3 a. m. on the 30th Nov., when she struck, it is estimated that she had made 27 miles more upon the same course. It was then that the second mate, who was officer of the watch, observed a sudden change in the color of the water upon his starboard beam and called the captain, who was in the chart room close at hand, and upon coming out on the deck he immediately ordered the helm to be put hard a starboard, but before the ship could answer her helm the "look out" men reported breakers on the port bow. The engines were then stopped immediately and reversed, but too late, as the ship struck violently on the outlying rock south of St. Andrew's Island, near Cape Canso.

The captain remarked to the mate shortly after that his compass must have been "out," as he expected to pass fully 30 miles off shore. The ship came off the rock and an attempt was made to anchor her, but the chain hockers had been destroyed and the cables had gone to the bottom.

The fore compartment soon filled, and the boats were then got ready for leaving the starboard life was the first to be lowered.

About 4 a. m. the captain held a consultation with the officers, and as the damage was confined to the fore part of the ship, the chief engineer hoped to be able to keep the ship afloat, but about 5 30 a. m. No. 2 bulkhead gave way and the engine-room immediately filled, the ship took a lurch to port and went down head foremost. The captain, the second engineer, fireman and a lady passenger having perished with the ship.

The captain, unhappily, clung to the idea that the compartments would keep the ship afloat, and fearing that Miss Fairall would perish if put into the boat, permitted her to remain too long on board, and while making the attempt to get into the starboard life-boat, assisted by the chief steward, they were washed off the Jacob's ladder, and she was seen no more. The steward was carried off by a sea and was ultimately taken off the ship's stern by the port life boat. The captain when last seen was on the upper bridge, but nothing is known of him after the ship foundered, but his body has since been found in the forehold, having probably been drawn down in the vortex, as the ship sank. Some of the boats got safely to the shore and their crews reached Canso, another was picked up by a passing schooner, transferred to the Liddesdale and carried into Sydney.

The loss of this valuable ship is mainly attributable to the northerly set of the current after passing Cape Race, which must have carried her at least 26 miles out of her course in 35 hours.

The Polar current, after passing a S. W. direction along the south shore of Newfoundland, takes a westerly by northwesterly and northerly set. It is supposed that this current does not extend over thirty miles to the westward of Newfoundland and St. Pierre, Miq; but as so many ships which have left ports in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, bound to the Eastward of Cape Race in foggy weather, have been wrecked on St. Pierre, on the S. W. shore of Newfoundland, this must be an error. I am therefore of the opinion that Captain Fritz was not aware of the great indraught. His supposition that the compass had put him ashore was not likely to have been the case; admitting that it was too near the bridge for safe navigation, it had been compensated for the heeling error. He was imprudent in neglecting his Pole when in London, as he should there have obtained a heavier card with less motion, for bad weather. It is much to be regretted that the lead was not hove on nearing the land, as he would most certainly have known of his rapid approach to Cranberry Island. I am at a loss to know why Cranberry Island Light was not seen on the morning of the 30th, as the lightkeeper at Cranberry Island has made a declaration, supported by the affidavits of several persons who were in a position to know, that the night was clear after 12 o'clock.

Admitting that passing squalls of sleet did prevail, surely the light would have been seen at intervals.

Her crew was mainly composed of foreigners, some of whom spoke but little English, she having neither boatswain or carpenter.

The last survey held upon her was in London, where she was registered at that time, and under the English law she was not to carry "Life Belts," but only life beams, of which she seemed to have a sufficiency. She has since been registered in St. John, N. B. Had she been employed there, she would have been required to have life belts before she could get a clearance. It will be seen in the evidence that a Mr. Fairall, of St. John, N. B., preferred charges of misconduct against the officers and crew at the time of the disaster, none of which could be substantiated.

I am of opinion that no fault can be found with the officers or crew after the accident occurred, as I think they behaved well throughout that trying period. The McAvity's conduct as a passenger was very praiseworthy. The loss of the captain, the second engineer and Miss Fairall was not owing to any misconduct on the part of the crew, but was entirely owing to circumstances beyond their control.

P. A. SCOTT,
Commissioner.

We fully concur in the above.
[Signed]
DAVID HUNTER,
J. A. PRICHARD, } Nautical Assessors.
W. THOMAS,

(From the St. John "Sun")

Pig Raising Extraordinary—Pork Packing on the North Esk—In the Lumber Woods.

INTERVIEW WITH R. P. WHITNEY, ESQ.

A prominent scenic feature of the Royal Hotel esplanade the last few days has been the tall, commanding form of R. P. Whitney, Esq., the well-known lumber operator of the Miramichi, and equally renowned as the champion pork raiser of North Esk, which place, like the Frenchman's wife is "small but oh! mighty," in addition to having strong claims to the title, Porkopolis of the North Shore. The craving to know more of North Esk, to have its true inwardness laid bare, to have these pig sticking legends verified, these mammoth porkers transferred bodily from the vista of fancy to the realms of fact, heads and feet thrown in, was too much for the meandering menial of THE SUN, and he made haste in approaching the said scenic feature to have his doubts and fears removed.

"Yes, I do raise some pork," remarked Mr. Whitney, as the reporter's first conundrum plunged him into a reverie of reflection," and I consider it one of the fine arts. It is easy enough to build a pen, quite feasible to secure your pig, not at all difficult to reconcile him to his lot nor to win his confidence and affection, but to turn that pig into pork with out arousing his suspicions is a science, a glorious revelation of the power of mind over matter. I had rather own a pen of contented, thriving porkers than be the commander of a great army."

"You believe," ventured the reporter, ducking his head in time, "that the pen is mightier than the sword."

"Yes," declared the North Esk naturalist, rallying from the shock, "a pig always appears to me like a realization of the command and promise, "go ye into all the earth, increase and multiply, and ye shall provide a feast of fat things in the wilderness and solitary spot." Beef, pork is a power—especially in the lumber woods, albeit Bryon wrote, 'tis grease, but living grease no more!"

"How many hogs do you raise?" abruptly asked the scribe, observing that Mr. W. was becoming poetic, and not wishing to encourage competition with the Hampton factory.

Mr. W.—"Usually, I kill about a dozen hogs each season. This year I only slew nine, but they were whoppers and no mistake. They made from

4,000 TO 5,000 LBS. OF PORK,

which is almost entirely used among my lumber camps on the North West. Of course, this is not all the pork we require; the balance I secure from other pork raisers up North. Beef is now quite largely used in the woods, but the men regard it as a delusion and a snare, and refuse to be divorced from their time-honored pork and beans."

REP.—"Can you recall the weights of this year's victims?"

MR. W.—"Here is a table of the dressed weights, which gives a record I consider pretty hard to beat. These are the figures of the animals I offered up in the first week of November, to wit:—

	WEIGHT.	AGE.
No. 1	802 lbs.	880 days.
2	659 "	880 "
3	650 "	510 "
4	357 "	370 "
5	385 "	370 "
6	370 "	370 "
7	360 "	370 "
8	342 "	370 "
9	332 "	370 "
	4297 "	4470 "
Leaf fat	150 "	
	4447 "	

—making an average increase of one pound per diem per hog. These hogs were all raised on my own place and the pork distributed in my camps on the North-West Branch."

REP.—"What is the state of

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on the Miramichi this winter?

Mr. W.—Very favorable for an average annual yield. There is from one foot and a half to two feet of snow in the woods on the main river and its branches and if we have no heavy falls between now and the first of March, we shall have just enough to see us comfortably through and guarantee a good head of water for driving purposes in the spring. The teams are now fairly at work hauling to the brows and the season's operations are now well under way. There has been little or no sickness among the men thus far this winter. This is due to the pains taken with the camp now, compared with old times. The camps are places of comfort and repose alongside of the miserable packing-boxes in which, twenty or thirty years ago, the men used to be sorted away in piles and layers like Grand Manan sardines. Fortunately we have han no epidemic among the horses this year as the weather has been fine and bracing and the animals have thrived rather than suffered by their hard work in the woods. Horses fetch a high figure in the woods this year, from $40 to $50 per team being obtained, while last year they could be obtained for $25 or 30. Men's wages are also $5 per month higher on the average. Oats are rather high; hay cheap; beef and pork cheap; flour and meal, high; molasses, moderate; beans, cheap. These are the heavy items in wood supplies. The general result is that provisions are higher than usual, and the expenses of operating in the woods are consequently heavier than those of last season. This practically wipes out the margin of profit upon which the operators calculate, and our only hope is that the weather may prove favorable between now and the middle of April, that the streams may open early and with a good head of water until the 1st of June, and that the market may climb up a notch or two on the other side."

Rep.—"What is the extent of operations on the North West Branch?"

Mr. W.—I should not be surprised to see a cut of 25,000,000 feet of spruce, which is about an average cut. Ritchie Bros., George Burchill & Sons, Jabez B. Snowball, R P. Whitney and Edward Sinclair are the chief operators. Mr. Snowball also lumbers largely on the Tabusintac and Bay du Vin, and will probably realize about 20,000,000, all told this year. Mr. Muirhead is doing very little in the woods this winter. Messrs. R. A. & J. Stewart operate largely this winter at Tracadie, and have also contracted for about 10,000,000 feet on the

SOUTHWEST MIRAMICHI.

Rep.—"What is the prospect in that section?"

Mr. W.—Well, I am not so intimate with that quarter, but I believe the chances are favorable for a heavy cut—say 75,000,000 or 80,000,000 ft. Wm. Richards, Fairley Bros., Timothy Welch, Wm. Smith, Lowell Bros., E. Swim, and Daniel McLauchlin are the chief operators and they are mostly located on the headwaters of the branch. Richards has also a large operation on the Restigouche."

Being assured by Mr. Whitney that he had concealed nothing, and that any further developments in the mortuary record of the porcine population of the North Esk would be promptly embalmed in THE SUN, the reporter folded his book like the Arab, and silently stole away.

BIRTH.

On Saturday, the wife of G. B. Fraser, of a son.

MARRIED.

By the Rev. I. E. Bill, jr., assisted by the Rev. I. N. Parker, on the 2nd o January, 1883, at the residence of the bride's brother, Thomas Vye, Esq., Bea bear's Point, Northumberland County, N. B., Miss Blanche A. G. Vye, youngest daughter of the late Henry Vye, Esq., to Hobert Graham, Esq., of New Glasgow, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

By the Rev. Isaac N. Parker, on the 3rd of January, 1883, at the residence of John Cochran, Esq., of Upper Nelson, Miramichi, N. B., Mrs. Phebe Mutch, and Mr. Louis Gallon, both of the above named place.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. T. G. Johnstone, Mr. William A. Kelly, of Tweed, County of North Hastings, Ontario, and Miss Emma, third daughter of Mr. Robert. Sturgeon, of Blackville.

DIED.

At Oak Point, on the 20th of December, of Apoplexy, Colin McDougall in the 48th year of his age.

(Requiescat in pace.

At Newcastle, on the 26th ult., Harvey Percival, infant son of Vernon and Mary Graham, aged 4 months

At Newcastle, on the morning of the 9th Jan., Emma Hews, aged 26 years, beloved wife of S. J. Hews, of Pejebscauville, P. Q., and second daughter of Wm. Russell, of Newcastle.

Funeral Thursday 2 30 p. m.

(Winnipeg papers please copy.)

On the 30th Dec., 1882, Berthira, aged one year and nine months, youngest child of Mr. John Hare, of North Esk, Northumberland Co., N. B

On the 6th of January, 1883, after a few days illness, Harriet, beloved wife of James Allison, Esq., and daughter of John Shaddick, Esq., all of North Esk, Northumberland Co., N. B.

GENEVA AWARD.

Special and personal attention given to the preparation, prosecution and trial of cases in the Court of Alabama Claims in Washington, D. C.

An extended experience in the former Court, and unusual facilities for managing these causes, enables me to render special service to claimants.

Time for docketing cases expires Jan. 14th 1883.

The Court has jurisdiction of claims for vessels and cargoes destroyed by any Confederate Cruisers for those officers and men and for War Premiums paid from April 1861, to November 1865. Full information given on application to the undersigned.

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New Advertisements.

NORTHUMBERLAND
Agricultural Society.

The Northumberland Agricultural Society will hold an EXHIBITION of Grains, etc., Domestic Manufactures, and Produce of the Loom, at

Masonic Hall, Newcastle,
—ON—
Thursdry, 25th of January,
COMMENCING AT 11 A. M.

The prize list is as follows, (prizes are premium only, exhibitors having privilege of selling exhibits or retaining them, as they may desire.)

1st White Bald Wheat, not less than 1 bushel,	$2 00
2nd do,	1 50
3rd do,	1 00
1st Red Bald Wheat, not less than 1 bushel,	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 Peas, not less than 1 bushel	1 00
2nd do,	75
3rd do,	50
1st White Oats, not less than 1 bushel,	1 00
2nd do,	75
3rd do,	50
1st Black Oats, not less than 1 bushel,	1 00
2nd do,	75
3rd do,	50
1st Buckwheat, not less than 1 bushel,	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 a bushel,	1 50
2nd do,	1 00
3rd do,	75
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 Carrots, not less than ½ a bushel,	75
2nd do,	50
1st Beets, not less than 1 bushel,	75
2nd do,	50
1st Parsnips, not less than ½ a bushel,	75
2nd do,	50
1st Butter not les 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
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