Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

THE SOUTHWEST AND NORTHWEST BOOM Companies meet to-day at Newcastle.

THE MIRAMICHI RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY meets at Mr. Ellis' office at 3 p.m. next Tuesday.

THE SKATING RINK is in good order promptly after every storm and should be well patronized.

LARGE BEET:—B. N. T. Underhill, Esq., has shown us a large beet, which is fifteen and a half inches in diameter and of proportionate length.

ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday of last week Mr. Wm. Murray of Newcastle, cut his foot severely while chopping on his farm. The wound requires surgical care which is being given to it by Dr. Freeman.

OUR CROSS ROADS.—A correspondent says the Muncipal Council would do well to have sign boards placed at some of our County cross roads, for the guidance of strangers. The suggestion might be acted upon provided the sign boards could be confined to those roads requiring them, alone.

A CENTENARIAN.—Mrs. Hannah Cameron, wife of the late John Cameron, of Brookfield, Queen's Co., N. S. died a few days since, aged 100 years. She belonged to the Hayden family, of Ragged Islands, N. S. and was an aunt, by marriage, to Capt. J. J. Brown of Chatham.

A HOWLING DOG in the vicinity of St. John's Church on Sunday night gave such evidence of having an owner indifferent to the comfort of his neighbors as made people speculate on the question as to which of the two animals was the greater brute.

ANOTHER "PERSON" is informed that the probable reason for the change of subject lay in his own person. Even a bad record should not shut out the hope of mercy, though sins unrepented of, so far as the world can judge, appear to sit lightly on the conscience. Fingers which have developed illegal adhesiveness ought to move cautiously when wielding the editorial pen.

A HAPPY EVENT which took place at the residence of His Honor, Judge Wilkinson, Newcastle, last evening, terminates the membership of our friend, Capt. Charles Babbit, in the band of the "disunited." He has a first class reputation as a commander of excellent judgment, and in his new undertaking he has—with much deliberation, it is true—displayed both good judgment and taste, and we wish the young pair a long, prosperous, and happy wedded life.

DEATH OF A VETERAN.—Mr. Luke Pike, one of the last (if not the very last) survivor of the veterans who manned the *Shannon* in the famous sea battle with the *Chesapeake*, died here on Tuesday evening, of last week. Mr. Pike was 83 years of age, and was one of the oldest residents on the Miramichi. He was a stalwart, vigorous man, and was well-known throughout the county. He was for some years past in receipt of a pension from the Imperial Government.

CURLING:—On Saturday night a match for oysters was played between catch rinks having Messrs. Clark and Smith as skips. Dr. Clark's rink was victorious and at a subsequent match skip Smith failed to get "satisfaction". The defeated skip vows vengence when he gets the members of his own rink on the ice against that of skip Clark.

The Chatham Curling Club have received from the Fredericton Curling Club a challenge for a friendly match to take place at Fredericton at such time during the winter as the challenged Club may name. The Chatham Club will meet on Monday evening next to consider the challenge.

DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT OF MIRAMICHI.—Our obituary column, an evening or two ago, contained the name of D. G. Sutherland. Probably few persons in Halifax knew the deceased. He was formerly a merchant in Miramichi, and did a large business, which failed; and for the best part of twenty years he has lived in Halifax, doing a small trade in the sale of lime, being interested in a kiln at Shubenacadie. Several years ago his son, Colin, came from Liverpool, Eng., in bad health, and died here being the only surviving child. The deceased belonged to Pictou. He was a quiet, respectable, worthy man, and has passed away with perhaps few to mourn, because his life in late years brought him in contact with so few persons, and generations had passed by him.—*Hfx. Recorder.*

HIGHLAND SOCIETY.—At the general annual meeting of "The Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi," held at Bowser's Hotel, Chatham, 13th January, 1879, the following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

Hon. R. Hutchison, President; Hon. P. Mitchell, Hon. W. Muirhead, R. R. Call, Esq., Vice-Presidents; Rev. J. Anderson, Chaplain; Rev. J. Robertson, Bard; A. D. Shirreff, Secretary; D. Ferguson, Treasurer; John Niven, Piper; W. Watt, Asst. Secretary.

Directors—Wm. Murray, Jas. Johnston, A. Morrison, Jas. Brown, Alex. Stewart, John Brander, Robt. Marshall, (St. John), J. C. Miliar, K. Hutchison, R. B. Haddow, Geo. L. Wilson, Chas. Gunn, W. S. McEwan, Rev. J. A. F. McBain, Allan Ritchie, A. K. McDougall, John Shirreff, Mathew Russell, John Sadler, W. A. Park, Robt. Bain, W. Muirhead, jun., Donald Morrison, G. R. Fraser.

School Committee—J. Sadler, D. Ferguson, W. Murray.

The sum of Two Hundred Dollars was granted out of the annual income for charitable and other purposes.

The Smelt Trade.

Our smelt shippers are meeting with indifferent success and an effort is, we are informed, being made by several of the larger shippers to "scare" the smaller shippers out of the trade. A few invoices have not netted any profit on account of the market being full, but, in the main, the business has put money in the hands of a large number of persons who needed it in these hard times.

We are sorry to see that the *Advocate* is lending itself to the designs of those who are endeavoring to prejudice the smelt fishermen's interests. In fairness it ought to present both sides of the story.

Entertainment of the Dutcher Reformers.

On Tuesday evening the Dutcher Reformers gave their weekly entertainment in the Masonic Hall. The chair was occupied by A. D. Shirreff, Esq., and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Campbell. Miss C. Johnstone presided at the piano.

PROGRAMME.

Chorus—"Shall we meet beyond the River," by the Choir.

Address—by the Rev. Mr. Campbell.

Solo—"Silver Bells of Memory," by Miss Letson; accompaniment by Miss C. Johnston.

Instrumental Music—By Misses. E. Benson and F. Kelly.

Dialogue—"The Everlasting Talker" by Misses. Reta Kelly, Annie McKay and Ella Paterson.

Solo—"Tired," by Miss Phipps; accompaniment by Miss McKeown.

Address—By the Rev. T. L. Smith.

Chorus—"To the Work," by the Choir.

Solo—"Where there is a Will there's a way" by Miss Burns; accompaniment by Miss McKeown.

Duet—"The Ballad Singers," by Misses F. Kelly and Bessie McKeown; accompaniment by Miss McKeown.

Address—By L. J. Tweedie.

Dialogues—"Wonderful Eggs," and "Education" by Messrs. Wm. McArthur and John Blake.

Address—By Mr. McKay, Vice-President Dutcher Reformers Nelson.

Chorus—"The Home over There," by the Choir.

Address—By Mr. Letson of St. John.

National Anthem.

The Rev. T. L. Smith, read a circular issued by the "Dominion Alliance" dated Fredericton 25th, Dec. 1878, stating that at a meeting of the N. B. Members of the Council of the Dominion Alliance, held in Fredericton on 5th day of December, it was decided to thoroughly organize the Province on the basis of the Alliance, and to this end a Provisional Committee was named. The circular solicited co-operation and requested an expression of opinion as to calling a Provincial Convention at Fredericton during the coming session of the Legislature for the organization of a branch of the Alliance for this Province. The N. B. Temperance League had been given up in favour of the Alliance. It was hoped that all temperance organizations would join the general Alliance. The circular was signed Geo. Bliss, Secretary of Alliance Executive for New Brunswick.

The Week of Prayer.

On Wednesday evening a prayer meeting was held in St. John's Church. The pastor, the Rev. Mr. McBain, presided. The subject of the evening was "Christian Education," II John; 1-4; II Tim. iii, 14-15; Acts, ii, 17-18. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Jardine and the Rev. Mr. McKeown.

On Thursday evening, service was held in the Methodist Church, the pastor, the Rev. Mr. McKeown presiding. The subject of the evening was "for Nations"—I Tim. ii: 1-3; II Sam. xxiii; 3, 4; Num. vi: 24-26. The Rev. Dr. Jardine engaged in prayer and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. McBain and T. L. Smith. The attendance was good.

On Friday evening service was held in St. Andrew's Church. The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jardine presided. The subject of the evening was "Missionaries in foreign lands and the conversion of the Jews,"—Matt. xxviii 19-20; Rom. xi., 26; Acts xi., 19-30; Matt. xxiv., 14. Phil. iv., 10-19.

Rev. T. L. Smith engaged in prayer and addresses were delivered by the Revds. Messrs. McKeown and McBain. The meeting was well attended.

On Sunday evening, after service, a mass prayer meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church. The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jardine presided. The subject of the evening was "Ministers, Sabbath Observance, Biblical Translators and Critics &c., and successful resistance to Secularism and Infidelity"—Eph. vi., 18-19; Isa. lviii., 13-14; 2 Tim. ii., 15-19.

The interest in the meetings was well maintained throughout the entire week.

A Singular and Sad Adventure.

The St. John *Globe* of Thursday last, gives the following particulars of a most singular adventure, news of which reached this office too late for publication in our last issue:—

"Our Newcastle correspondent, writing under yesterday's date, says the particulars of a very sad case had just reached that town. A man named George Brown, who says he has recently worked in the railway machine shops at St. John and Moncton, made his way there last week, and after remaining but a short time left for Bathurst, going by the Chaplain Island road, and intending to take a short cut through the woods by a path used during the summer by fishing parties, a feat which would only be attempted by those who are thoroughly acquainted with the route. On Wednesday night he lodged at Mr. Anthony Cain's, twelve miles from town, and after breakfast on the following morning started again. By the evening of Thursday he reached Mitchell's Meadows, about twelve miles from Cain's and where the road ended. Here he camped for the night in a bush camp used by the haymakers, and spent a miserable night, without food or fire. Early on Friday heavy snow fell, and Brown attempted to return to the highway, in which he failed. He wandered about, hungry and worn out until Sunday evening found him at Read's Meadows, only some six or seven miles from the place where he had camped the previous night. Unable to proceed he remained there without shelter until he was rescued by Mr. W. Ashton, who was making a track to the Mitchell meadows to bring out a load of hay. Mr. Ashton promptly returned with the unfortunate man to his residence (about ten miles from town), and would have kept on until he reached town, had it not been that the man was in too weak a state to stand the journey. At Mr Ashton's everything possible was done for him. To-day (Wednesday) Mr. Ashton brought him to town, and on arriving here received directions at once to convey him to the County Poor House, where he is receiving medical attendance from the physician in connection with the institution, Dr. Thompson. The man's hands are swollen, his feet badly frozen, the toes of one foot are black, and will, in all probability, have to be amputated. Had the weather not been much milder than it usually is at this season, he would not have reached town again alive. The man was perfectly sober when at Cain's, and as he could not possibly have obtained liquor after he left there, one is almost at a loss to account for his madness or folly in attempting to traverse the woods in this section of country with which he was not familiar. He is between 30 and 40 years of age."

The unfortunate man is still out of his mind. Poultices are kept to his feet, from which the flesh is coming. It is feared that amputation of one, if not both feet will yet be necessary.

Newcastle Notes.

Our Newcastle correspondent writes:—

Intending contractors for the repairs on the Northwest bridge are despairing over their chances for securing justice in the matter, since Mr. Killam's brother-in-law came here to inquire into the cost of material &c., and find no consolation in the remarks of our local paper which was urging "Protection" to Home Industries a few months ago, but disavows those principles in this matter.

There are now over two thousand acres of the sugary lands taken, and it will be necessary for the Government to order the survey of another block to meet the wants of those who were unable to make formal application before they went to the lumber woods, as there was no "Free Grants Act" Commissioner appointed at that time.

On Thursday, January, 2nd, a man of apparent unsound mind was met on what is known as the Wild Meadow Road, by parties who were hauling hay, whom he informed that he was going to Bathurst. They endeavoured to persuade him that he was astray, but to no purpose. As there was a heavy fall of snow that night no one went to the meadows until last Wednesday, when the unfortunate man was found in a most pitiable condition, being badly frozen. He was brought to town by Mr. Wm. Ashton and subsequently sent to the Alms House. [This matter is also referred to in another column.—EDITOR.]

On Tuesday, the old Methodist Church, which is now occupied by Mr. Robert Anderson as a dwelling and furniture factory, took fire, and the Fire Company was promptly on hand. The engine, this time, happened to be in working order. After the hose were coupled it was found that they were frozen so stiff that water could not be forced through them. Indeed, it became necessary to procure a brace and bit and bore the ice out off the nozzle, and, in the mean time, the hose burst. The fire was extinguished by the bucket brigade. Our appliances for extinguishing fires are and have been kept in a most shameful manner, although there is a man paid by the year for looking after them. Our engine has been out of order for six months at a time and the whole department needs reorganization.

A Bogus Fire.

Our Nelson correspondent says:—

Two gentlemen from your Town, a few evenings since, left for our village to stir our good people in Temperance work. Coming along leisurely with their noble steed, when within a short distance of their destination, and happening to look around they beheld with wonder their town (as they supposed) in flames. Quickly turning around they retraced their steps towards home, and after going a short distance they fortunately met a crowd of boys and on making enquiries were informed that the cause of their alarm was only the moon rising. Turning about again they proceeded to the Hall, where they fully and minutely explained temperance in all its branches to the satisfaction of the audience.

The Annual School Meetings.

DISTRICT NO. 1, CHATHAM.

The meeting in District No. 1, Chatham, was held in the High School building and the attendance was good. Trustee Murray called the meeting to order and Hon. W. M. Kelly was elected Chairman. After the reading of minutes of the last Annual Meeting, F. E. Winslow, Esq., Trustee, explained the business of the year, referring to the difficulties which had to be overcome by the Board in consequence of the scant assessment of last year and said it was unreasonable for the Ratepayers to expect the Trustees to pay salaries to Teachers and other expenses unless sufficient money was voted for the purpose. He then read the Trustees' Report the chief features of which were as follows:—

That the attendance has been larger and more regular than during any former year and *twenty-two* per cent higher than the average throughout the Province.

The proficiency of the scholars, as shown at the several examinations was most satisfactory and the Trustees express their appreciation of the zeal and ability of the Teachers.

The Trustees emphasize the importance of regularity in attendance and think that if greater interest in this particular were manifested by parents—in seconding the efforts of the Teachers as well as in visiting the schools—even better results might be attained, as without the co-operation of parents the children are apt to become careless and the work of the teachers more difficult and less successful.

Prizes might, to advantage, be placed at the disposal of the Teachers. The Trustees, as well as others, have assisted in that way during the year and with apparently good results. They recommend that a small sum be placed at the disposal of the Board to be devoted to the purchase of rewards of merit for distribution as may be thought best.

Last year the amount due for borrowed money was $500, of which $200 had been paid, leaving $300 still due.

The defaulters' list for 1877 being exhausted the loss on assessment of that year turns out to be $119.12—including minors and absentees—while the deficiency on the assessment for 1878, at present, is only $76.87.

THE RECEIPTS FOR THE PAST YEAR WERE,

Cash on hand at last meeting		$215.03
Collected on acct. of Defaulters' list 1877		337.32
Collected for assessment of 1878		963.94
County fund allowance to Jan. '78		235.52
" " " " Oct. '78		212.69
Borrowed, payable 15th August 1879 @ 7%		300,00
		$2,266.50

EXPENDITURES FOR THE PAST YEAR WERE—

Teachers' salaries,	$1,208.28	
Rent and Contingencies,	200.86	
Fuel, &c.	763.98	
		$2173.12
Balance,		$93.38

REQUIREMENTS FOR 1879

Teachers' Salaries, $450, $240, $240, $200.		$1,130.00
Janitor, say		90.00
Rent,		200.00
Fuel,		60.00
Contingencies.		100.00
Cost of collection,		80.00
Amount borrowed,		321.00
		$1,981.00
Less cash on hand,	$93.38	
Proportion of Co. Fund Allowance, say	325.00	418,38
		$1,562.62

An assessment of, at least, the above amount is necessary to meet the requirements and maintain the credit of the District.

The Report being received Mr. James Fenety asked a number of questions respecting the accommodation afforded in the schools of No. 1 district to pupils belonging to other districts. He thought these outside pupils necessitated additional school accomodations and, consequently extra expense to the district.

In reply to Mr. Fotheringham Trustee Murray said no tuition fees were collected from the parents of outside pupils.

The Auditor, Thos. Crimmin, Esq., then read his report the leading points of which were as follows:—

Receipts—

Balance from last year,		$215.03
Defaulters, 1877,	$337.32	
Assessment, 1878.	963.94	1301.26
County fund,		450.21
Borrowed,		700.00
		$2666.50

Payments—

Teachers' salaries,	$1208.28	
Contingencies,	60.86	
Rent,	140.00	
Fuel, etc.,	79.00	
Janitor,	84.72	
Notes paid,	900.00	
Commission, desk, etc.,	100.26	2573.12
Balance on hand,		$93.38
Reported in default in 1877,		$636.94
Accounted for,		456.40
Short,		$180.50
In Magistrate's hands from 1877,		119.12
" " " 1878,		76.87
Total,		$195.99

The Auditor, in remarks supplementary to his Report, said the difficulty of auditing the accounts would be obviated if they were kept with more attention to method and if the Secretary received and disbursed all moneys. It appeared, however that, in some cases, the Trustees acted without the knowledge of the Secretary. The borrowing of money, too, cost the District a considerable sum each year and ought, if possible, to be avoided.

Trustee Winslow, referring to money being spent without the knowledge of the Secretary said it was only in cases in which he had, to save the credit of the District, made advances out of his private means, for which he charged no interest whatever.

Wm. Murray, Esq., being the retiring Trustee, Thomas Crimmin, Esq., was unanimously elected to the Board and Wm. B. Howard, Esq., was unanimously elected Auditor.

An assessment of $1,600 was voted for the current year.

Mr. D. T. Johnstone made a motion for the reduction of teachers' salaries—20% on that of the male teacher and 10% on those of the female teachers—basing his reasons on the dullness of the times and the increased purchasing power of money.

Mr. Winslow hoped the motion would not be pressed. He referred to the efficiency of the teachers of the District and doubted whether they could be retained at reduced salaries; he did not believe that after a gentleman had spent the time and money necessary to qualify him for the position of a first class teacher he ought to be expected to receive less income than the lawyer or clergymen. It was true that times were very bad, but it was to be hoped they would not always remain so.

Mr. Murray said if the reduction were ordered he was satisfied that, at least, two of the present teachers would not be in the employ of the District where it came into effect.

After some further discussion Mr. Johnstone withdrew his resolution.

The list of Ratepayers in default was, on motion, read to the meeting.

Mr. Ruddock asked if it was not true that a number of children who were graduated from Miss Haviland's school (primary) were prevented from being received in Miss Williston's school (advanced) on account of it being already full, and if the children referred to were not really crowded out in consequence of the latter school accommodating pupils from outside Districts.

Mr. Murray explained that he had thought the pupils referred to fit to be transferred to Miss Williston's school, but, to make sure, Principal Oakes was sent to examine them. He determined that it would be better for them to remain where they were.

Principal Oakes said that under the system adopted in the District the school life of each child was placed at ten years. Two had, heretofore, been spent in Miss Alexander's and two in Miss Haviland's departments, leaving six years to be divided between Miss Williston's department and his. This threw an undue proportion of the work on the Advanced and High departments and it was thought best to leave the children referred to with Miss Haviland. They were, however, being advanced in the same branches as if they had been transferred to Miss Williston's school.

Mr. A. W. Paterson said Miss Williston had more pupils in her school than she ought to have by law.

In reply to Mr. Ruddock, Principal Oakes said the large number of children in Miss Williston's department was *one* reason why those from Miss Haviland's were not transferred but not the *chief* reason.

In reply to various enquiries on the subject the Trustees showed that there were some thirty pupils from outside Districts enrolled in the schools of this district.

Mr. D. G. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. D. Crimmin, that the Trustees be instructed that it is the desire of this meeting that the children of the district be accommodated before children from outside districts are received, and that fees proportionate to the cost to the district per head in the several departments be collected from the parents of outside pupils.

After the matter had been debated for some time it was brought to the notice of the Chairman that a motion to adjourn had been made. Then the minutes were read and the meeting divided on the proposition to adjourn, which was carried by a majority of two.

The proceedings were conducted in a spirited manner and good feeling prevailed throughout the meeting.

DISTRICT NO. 8 CHATHAM.

The annual meeting of District No. 8 Chatham, was held in the new school house.

Mr. W. T. Connors called the meeting to order and L. J. Tweedie, Esq., was elected chairman, the Secretary to Trustees acting Secretary of the meeting.

The Secretary read the Trustees, report showing the amount expended to have been $1,856.16 and that received, $1,756.79 leaving a balance due the Secretary of $79.37., which amount was ordered to be collected from the default list at once.

The Auditor's report showed that he found the Trustees accounts all correct.

The Trustees presented their estimate for the year 1879, showing that they would require $1,289.87. for the expenses of the District. The reports were received and the assessment asked by the Trustees ordered.

William Lawlor, Esq., the retiring Trustee, was re-elected.

F. J. Letson, Esq., was reelected Auditor.

After the regular business of the meeting was through, there was considerable discussion over the very large default list, which was pronounced not very creditable to some of the parties whose names were read out as defaulters while some of their poorer neighbors' taxes were paid promptly.

The schools in this district are working very well under the law, and giving every satisfaction:

DISTRICT NO. 9, CHATHAM.

The meeting in No. 9 District, Chatham, was held in the new School House, about 50 Ratepayers being present.

The Secretary to Trustees, T. F. Gillespie, Esq., opened the meeting and Duncan Davidson, Esq., was elected Chairman.

The Trustees for 1878 reported that they had purchased land and built a School House, as authorized by the Ratepayers at the meeting held on the 20th April last; that said land cost $500; that the building cost—including plans and specifications and out-buildings—the sum of $3,006; that the amount of assessment for 1878 was $1,800, of which $1,686.86 was collected, including $5.50 of assessment of 1877; that there is still to be collected $163.60, most of which will be collected during the present year.

The Trustees expended for school purposes and building $3,741.62 and received during the year from taxes collected, County Fund, balance on hand at last meeting and cash borrowed, $4,213.91, leaving a balance in Secretary's hands of $472.29 to pay Teachers at the close of the April term.

The liabilities of the Trustees are as follows:—

Cash borrowed for building,	$1,994
Due on purchase of land	500
Total,	2,494

and they hope that all liabilities will be paid off in two years.

The Trustees reported that they require this year for School purposes $1,000 and $1,000 to liquidate the debt—in all $2,000.

The Auditor reported that he had audited the accounts and found them correct and properly vouched for and that there is the sum of $472.29 to credit of District in Trustees' hands.

Mr. P. Coleman being the retiring Trustee, Mr. Duncan Davidson was nominated by John McGuire and seconded by Thos. McLaughlan, and Mr. John Brown was nominated by John Hall and seconded by John Bell. On the vote being taken Mr. Davidson was elected Trustee.

It was ordered that the sum of $1,000 for School purposes and $1,000 for reducing the debt be assessed on the District for 1879.

Ordered that the Trustees be authorised to employ another teacher if they think it necessary.

Thos. McQuin was unanimously elected Auditor for the ensuing year.

NEWCASTLE.

Our Newcastle correspondent writes:—

Thursday last was School Meeting day and a good number of the ratepayers assembled in the Temperance Hall for the purpose of transacting the business of the district. The meeting was called to order by Samuel Thomson Esq., and A. A. Davidson Esq., M. P. P., was appointed chairman. Mr. Chas. Marshall, Secretary to the Trustees, acted as Secretary.

The accounts of the Trustees, together with their Report for the past year was laid before the meeting and duly received. A bill for whitewashing the schools provoked some discussion, and judging from the remarks of some of the fault-finders they appeared disappointed because they did not get the job. As some of these malcontents are going to remove to Moncton to work in the Car shops, it is hoped that our meetings will be more harmonious in future.

Mr. John Hogan, in an earnest and forcible manner, complained of the filthy condition in which the schools are kept and said that they were as filthy as pigpens—a statement which was promptly denied by Mr. Thomson. Charges of incompetency were made against Mr. Hutchison, who was ably defended by Mr. John Creaghan in a characteristic speech. The chairman announced that the resignations of the three Trustees had been placed in his hands and as they were accepted by Inspector Ramsey the meeting would have to elect others in their stead.

The meeting elected R. A. Lawlor, Richard Davidson, and John Ferguson, Esqrs., as Trustees.

The meeting then ordered that the Trustees put up for public tender the supplying of the schools with fuel and the keeping of them in repair; also the lighting of fires, the sweeping, dusting, etc., after which it was voted that an assessment of three thousand six hundred dollars be levied on the district to pay teachers' salaries and all outstanding debts.

A discussion arose as to the advisability of employing first class Teachers, during which it was shown that the amount allowed by Government made it more profitable to secure this grade of teachers.

A warm discussion took place in relation to the ownership of the Old Grammar School, but no action was taken. A vote of thanks was tendered to the chairman and the meeting adjourned.

DISTRICT NO. 1, NELSON.

Our Nelson correspondent writes:—

Our Annual School Meeting in District No. 1 was held as usual in the school house, and I am sorry your reporter was not present to take notes of the various speeches.

George Burchill, Esq., presided, and Councillor O'Brien acted as Secretary.

The accounts of the school District for the past year were read, and showed the financial standing of the school to be in a much healthier condition than for some years past.

Two of the Trustees having removed from Nelson during the year, and Enoch Flett, Esq., being the retiring Trustee, it was necessary for the meeting to proceed to elect three new Trustees. Accordingly Messrs. A. A. Underhill, J. P. Burchill, and J. O'Brien were nominated and unanimously elected, and Mr. Henry Getchell was elected auditor.

The new Trustees proceeded to make up an estimate of amount required for the present year, and after a discussion in which the meeting generally participated, an estimate was arrived at, and an amount voted to carry on the schools for the present year.

The meeting, at times, was not characterized by that good feeling and harmony which should always prevail, and a feeling appears to be arising amongst some individuals to endeavor if possible to have our school classed with things of the past. Since two of our Councillors have been elected to the important office of Trustee, things will, no doubt, move along more smoothly. The attendance was small, although the day was all that could be expected.

A vote of thanks was tendered the chairman, and the meeting broke up, the majority of those present going home fully satisfied with the manner in which our esteemed and painstaking teacher and assistant performed their duties during the past year.

DISTRICT NO. 6, DOUGLASFIELD.

Minutes of Annual School Meeting, District No. 6, Douglasfield, Jany., 9th, 1879. Meeting was called to order by John Baldwin, Secretary to Trustees, and Mr. Joseph King was appointed chirmain. The minntes of last meeting were read and approved and accounts of last year passed.

Mr. John McDonnells was appointed Trustee in place of Mr. James Brehaut retired, Mr. John Thompson was appointed Auditor.

The sum of seventy dollars ($70) was voted for School purposes.

DISTRICT NO. 1 DERBY.

In this district the meeting was very harmonious. Mr. Wm. Hartt was appointed chairman, and Mr. J. N. Wathen Secy. The Amount voted was $250. Mr. Russell was elected Trustee and Mr. Thomas Parker, Auditor of accounts.

The meeting, before adjourning, tendered a vote of thanks to Mr. T. Parker for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted all school business during the six years he had served as trustee,

[Other reports are held over until next week. We shall be glad to receive those which have not already been forwarded from the different districts.—EDITOR.

ROBERT SHIVES, Esq., Immigration Agent at St. John, died on Thursday night of last week. The *Sun* says of him:—

"Mr. Shives was noted for his methodical, orderly habits; his exceeding good nature; his general information in connection with past events in the history of the City and Province; his readiness to do kindly acts, and, generally, for his private worth. Hundreds in our Community will miss Mr. Shives, and all who knew him will hold his memory in pleasant remembrance."

Everyone who was acquanted with the deceased will endorse the above.

SMALL POX is reported epidemic among the unfortunate inmates of Beauport Lunatic Asylum.

"L'ETOILE DU NORD" is the name of a new French-English paper published at St. John by M. M. Cormier. It is quite neatly printed in English type which is to be replaced by a proper dress.

THE ST. JOHN IMMIGRATION AGENCY.—The Minister of Agriculture has placed Mr John Livingston, editor of the *Sun*, in temporary charge of the Immigration Office, left vacant by the death of Mr. Shives. Mr. Livingston's conferes of the press, who, while differing among themselves, are always pleased with each other's personal good fortune, will be glad to hear of this mark of distinction being bestowed on him.—*Telegraph.*

ILLUSTRATED SCIENTIFIC NEWS.—We have received No. 1, Vol. II, of the "Illustrated Scientific News and Mechanics' and Inventors' Journal," published by S. H. Wales & Son, No. 10 Spruce Street, N. Y., at $1.00 per annum. The excellence of the articles and illustrations and the exceedingly low price of the subscription recommend it to all interested in scientific subjects. The object of the publishers is to give a lively journal of practical and popular science, art and mechanics, within the reach of those who are unable to afford more expensive papers of that class.

A BOND THIEF CAPTURED.—The American bond thief, Hull, was arrested at Moncton Station on the noon train from St. John, of Thursday last, by Detective Fahey, of Montreal and taken north. Hull is aged about 65, and wears eyeglasses. He was smoking a cigar when arrested, and took the affair very coolly. He was charged with stealing from Field & James, brokers of New York, bonds worth $30,000. Hall was a curbstone broker, known to the firm. He arranged with them to buy for him $30,000 worth of 4½ coupon bonds. Being known, he was not asked to deposit any money, and when he called to receive the bonds, the cashier handed them to him without hesitation. He counted them over, put them in his pocket, and left with the remark that he would step round to the corner and get a certified check for the amount at his bank, but he never returned with the check, and no one saw him since he left the office. The bonds, with their coupons, were as negotiable as gold, despite the fact that their numbers were known. The firm offered a reward of $5,000 for the apprehension of the thief and the recovery of the bonds.

When Hull was taken to Montreal he was liberated on settling the matter with Field & James.

A Reliable Life Insurance Policy.

We take pleasure in commending to our readers a thoroughly safe and reliable life insurance agency, whose funds or assets are inexhaustible. It is a stock company operating under the joint title—*Health.* Life policies are issued in the form of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Pleasant Purgative Pellets (which, if taken as directed, insure the system against disease) upon payment of a very small fee. All the principal druggists are constituted agents.

Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer has for many years occupied an honorable place in the toilet of American women, and has also attained popularity in foreign countries. This is because it does PERFORM what it promises. Its warmest friends are those who have used it longest, and those who sound its praise the loudest are those who from actual experience and personal trial have demonstrated that by its use gray hair is restored to its natural color, and dry, harsh, and wiry hair is made soft and lustrous, a thing of beauty, and a matter of joy and pride to the wearer. —*Sub-Soiler and Democrat, Corinth, Miss.*

AN article of Canadian production, and a really valuable preparation for coughs, colds, and all throat affections is GRAY'S SYRUP OF RED SPRUCE GUM. Canadian travellers have already opened up a demand for it in England and France, while on this Continent it can be met with from Manitoba to Nova Scotia, and from Montreal to New Orleans. Try it. See advertisement.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday evening, 15th Jan., by Rev. D. D. Currie, Capt. Charles Babbit, of St John, to Emily P., daughter of Hon. Judge Williston, of Newcastle, Miramichi.

DIED.

At Brookfield, Q. C. N. S., on the 2nd inst., Hannah, Relict of the late John Cameron, Esq., aged 100 years.

New Advertisements.

The Anual Meeting
OF THE
Miramichi Religious Tract Society,

will (D. V.) be held in Mr. Ellis' office, Chatham, on TUESDAY, the 21st inst., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

JAMES ANDERSON, Sec'y.
Newcastle, Jan. 13th, 1879.

Teacher Wanted.

A THIRD CLASS, female Teacher wanted for the school in District No. 2, in the Parish of Hardwicke. Apply to the Trustees.

MICHAEL CARROLL,
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Escuminac, Jan 15, '79.

BANKRUPT STOCK, AT AUCTION!!

TO be sold at the Subscriber's Auction Room on TUESDAY, 21ST JANUARY, commencing at 11 o'clock.

5 Pieces Wincey, 3 Pieces Dress Goods,
3 " White Cotton, 6 Wool shawls,
3 Ladies sacques, 1 Piece silk Coburg,
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7 " Lawn Handkfs, 4 Cotton Handkerchiefs,
1 Piece Towering, 24 Balls Cotton Warp.
17 Bales Cott. Batting, 11 Doz. Reels,
Buttons, Cords, Braids, Needles,
Ladies' Wi. Cloaks, Skirts,
1 Over Coat, 5 Reefers.
1 Doz. Wi. Drawers and Shirts, &c. &c., &c.

—ALSO—

1 Hhd. Molasses, 1 Bbbl. Butter.
1 Bbl Codfish Oil, 5 Bales Codfish,
5 Bbls Herring, 167 Cedar Posts,
18½ Lbs Tea, 36 Lamp Glasses.
1 Watch, etc.,

Sale positive. By order of J. Ellis, Esq., Assignee.
Terms.—Under $10 Cash, over $10 approved joint notes at three months.

A. D. SHIRREFF,
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Chatham, 15th Jan. 1879.

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Pancreatic Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil
—WITH—
LACTO-PHOSPHATE OF LIME.

This medicine can undoubtedly be used with greater success than any other remedy now known, in cases of Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Bronchitis, Scrofula, Chronic Rheumatism, General Debility, Wasting Diseases of Children and Adults, and whenever it is necessary to increase the vital forces and build up the system.

Nearly every person that has taken any preparation of Cod-Liver-Oil, knows how very nauseous it is to disagree with them after a time; this is mainly due to the inability of the stomach (weakness by disease) to digest the full amount of the oil taken. To overcome this trouble we have added Pancreatine to our Emulsion, which not only assists in digesting the oil, but is an acknowledged remedy of itself in the treatment of Consumption.

In taking Mattison's Pancreatic Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Lacto-Phosphate of Lime, you receive the benefit of two of the best remedies known to science, in the treatment of any of the above diseases.

FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

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HALF PINTS.
JUST RECEIVED AT THE
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THE MEMBERS of the Chatham Curling Club are notified to attend a meeting to be held in their room, Masonic Hall,

On Monday Evening Next,

at HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK. Special business is to be brought before the meeting and a full attendance is requested.

By order of the President
D. G. SMITH, Secy.

Bowditch's FLOWER SEEDS.

For	$1	you buy	$1 10	worth of	Seeds or Plants
"	$3	"	$3 45	"	" Seeds or Plants
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NOTICE.

HAVING made a change in my business, and after the New Year, I intend to sell for Cash on delivery. I have made a further reduction on prices, now so low, that cannot fail to meet with general satisfaction. Prices being so very low there will positively be no credit given whatever. American paper money taken at its face.

General Hardware Store, Chatham.
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GRAY'S SYRUP OF RED SPRUCE GUM.

TRADE MARK REGISTERED.

Every one has heard of the wonderful effects of the Spruces and the Pines in cases of Lung Disease. The Rev. Mr. Murray, in his book on the Adirondacks, lately published, relates the case of a consumptive young man who was entirely cured by a three months' camping out among the pines. In France the Physicians regularly send their patients to the pine woods, and order them to drink a tea made from the spruce tops.

GRAY'S SYRUP is a scientific combination of the gum which exudes from the Red Spruce tree. In this preparation the gum never separates, and all its anti-spasmodic expectorant, tonic and balsamic properties are preserved.

For Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Throat Affections, &c., it acts like a charm.

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ESTATE NOTICE.

PROBATE COURT, KENT COUNTY.

To the Sheriff of the County of Kent or any Constable within said County Greeting:

Whereas William M. Kelly Administrator of the Estate of the late John Stothart, deceased has filed in this Court an account of his Administration of the said deceased's Estate, and has prayed that the same may be passed and allowed in due form of Law.

You are therefore required to cite the Heirs and next of Kin of the said John Stothart, deceased and all the