Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

SPECIAL SERVICES will be held in St. Luke's Church, Chatham each evening of next week, commencing at 8 o'clock.

OYSTER COMPANY:—A company has been formed at Quebec for the purpose of carrying on the culture and trade in oysters and of re-stocking the old oyster beds of the Lower St. Lawrence and creating new ones. It is to have a capital of $30,000.

THE RINK TO-NIGHT:—There ought to be a big gathering at the Chatham Skating Rink to-night to witness the three-mile race between Theodore Jardine of Newcastle and Barclay Wyse of Chatham for a silver medal. The contestants are our fastest Miramichi skaters and the event attracts great interest.

PERSONAL:—Principal J. F. Owens of the Lower district schools, Chatham, has resigned and gone to Fredericton to fill the vacancy in the Regent Street school in that city caused by the death of the late Jeremiah Meagher.

Philip Cox, Esq., the efficient principal of the Newcastle schools, is to deliver the Alumni oration at the approaching encoenia of the N. B University.

Miss Jessie Ullock's many Chatham friends are glad to see her amongst them again.

SUICIDE:—A commercial traveller named W. E. Harding, who arrived at Campbellton from Montreal on Tuesday morning, shot himself dead in McIntyre's hotel that day about half past twelve o'clock Harding was 28 years of age, and represented the house of Laing & Co., Montreal. He solicited Messrs. Flett and Glover, merchants, for orders and purchased a revolver from Glover. He complained that trade was dull and said, while in Glover's store, that he would soon get out of the travelling business. The sad affair created much excitement in town. Dr. Venner held an inquest.

CHANGE OF TIME, I. C. R.:—A change in the time-table of the I. C. R. took effect several days ago, of which even connecting lines were not notified. It is only one of five minutes in the time of the evening express going north, but as it involves departure five minutes earlier than is set down in the official table it makes a good deal of difference, occasionally, to travellers who are not informed of it. Passengers for the north, from Chatham will, therefore, remember that the train to connect with the I. C. R. night express leaves Chatham station at 9.20 instead of 9.25 as formerly.

THE "ADVANCE" IS ALL RIGHT:—The revision of our mailing list this week is somewhat re-assuring, in view of the reports which some of our friends have brought us as being current respecting a falling-off of old subscribers on account of the recent elections. One subscriber called at the office during the campaign, and after reminding the publisher that he had paid for the paper until next November ordered it to be discontinued. His name, and those of three others—one who had died and two whose subscriptions were not renewed—have been removed from the list, while, on the other hand, thirty-seven new names have been added. This is about our usual experience each month. We were sorry to lose the rather petulant subscriber, who brought a witness to help him spread the terrible intelligence that he had "stopped the ADVANCE," especially as he had taken the paper for a long time, and he must have been very much in earnest, when he forfeited eight months' prepaid subscription.

MR. WILL C. KAINE, whose portrait we present in this issue, is a native of Danby, Rutland Co., Vt. Only twenty-three years of age, he is a good illustration of the well established fact that true musical instinct and ability are measureable by their inherent strength in a large measure independently of either experience or longevity;—this of course is to speak of the natural musician—however the years of Mr. Kaine have been full of musical activity, and his biography discloses the fact that at the early age of ten he played the piccolo in the principal band of his native town. In the study of various wind instruments he devoted particular attention to the cornet and became noted as a soloist. His general musical proficiency taken with a special aptitude for directing, led to his being engaged as a bandmaster when still quite a boy. At the age of fifteen he accepted the position of soloist, under Mr. D. Leavey, bandmaster of the National Home Band of Hampton, Virginia. Subsequent engagements connected him as leader with the Seymour-Stratton Theatre Co., Wetherill & Davis Co., the Malone N. Y Band, Potsdam N. Y. Military Band, Independent Band of Cornwall, Ont., and the 73rd Battalion of New Brunswick. At present Mr. Kaine has the Milton Band, of Yarmouth, N. S., and press notices speak in the highest terms of him both as a band leader and as a cornet soloist. The same authorities are voluable in their praises of Mrs. Kaine, who is very clever with the violin and clarionet. Mr. Kaine's present engagement was the result of a complimentary notice of him which appeared in this journal. *Canadian Musician.* Feb. 1891.

At Usual Business.

If the *Advocate* has any friends capable of directing it out of and above its predominating inclination to slander those whom it envies, they should endeavor to do so. The ADVANCE's aim is to keep its pages clean and as free as possible from personal matters, and it has never yet made adverse reference to any local publisher save when attacked—and seldom then. Per contra, there are few numbers of the other local papers which do not contain either open or covert attacks on the publisher of the ADVANCE. Our reason for allowing these to pass in silence is because it is apparent that such papers seek their principal support from the class who are attracted by brawls, offensive personalities and scandals, and we have no desire to assist them in catering to such elements. More than that—we hold that even the most obscure country paper is a potent educative force, and if it degrade its columns by making them the vehicle of false statements, or language which would be condemned if spoken between individuals with any pretentions to education or culture, it betrays a very inadequate conception of its duty and responsibility. Papers which thus forget their duty reflect discredit, also, upon the communities in which they are published, for it is fair to assume that they are in line with the tastes of those who sustain them.

We had hoped that the *Advocate*, in view of its past experiences, realized that it could neither gain anything in the estimation of the better class of its readers, nor succeed in permanently injuring the object of its malevolence by continuing to misrepresent and slander the publisher of this paper. It seems incapable, however, of profiting by its failures in that regard during the last sixteen years, and, in its insane desire to inflict injury, it succeeds only in exposing its unworthy motives and demonstrating its fitness to represent the class for whose support it caters. About a month ago, without any provocation whatever on the part of the person assailed, it published the following:

"Mr. D. G. Smith, editor of the "Advance," gave much abuse to the pastor and people of Rogersville for their presuming to insult the intelligence of their English speaking neighbors. It was 'French ignorance,' French—French."

Mr. Smith had a newspaper controversy, some years ago with a politician in Rogersville. He happened to be a clergyman, also, but when he published a letter attacking Mr. Smith's position in a political matter, the latter dealt with him on his merits. Mr. Smith did not, however, abuse his opponent, much less the people of Rogersville, for whom he has done friendly services at different times. Interested parties maliciously stated, however, that Mr. Smith had "abused the clergy," just as they have charged that he abused ladies of a certain organization one or two of whom sought, in their benevolence and Christian charity, to injure him in the eyes of the community. In reply to the paragraph above quoted, the ADVANCE said:

"Mr. Smith will contribute fifty dollars to any charitable institution in the County that may be chosen by the *Advocate*, if that paper will show that the words it has quoted were ever used or applied by either Mr. Smith or the ADVANCE in connection with any person or persons in Rogersville or anywhere else."

After a three week's search the *Advocate* cannot find any justification for its statement, but it publishes the following:—

"Your challenge, Mr. Smith, cannot be accepted as no charitable institution of the county will accept ill-gotten goods. Facts, however, remain facts, and bare-faced effrontery and hypocrisy cannot change them. For reasons of personal interest, he would like to have his past misdeeds forgotten,—but his unjust and malicious war against a devoted and patriotic pastor and a loyal and law-abiding people, will ever remain a stain on his life. He intended to kill but it ended in 'ratting.' 'Shame' brother Smith

This is not the first time that we have put the *Advocate* to the test, with results similar to the above, and we can again afford to leave it in the position it has chosen for itself. As to the brotherhood business it will pardon us for declining to recognise it. We wish our contemporary no harm, neither can we play hypocrite. It and those connected with it have their own sphere, to which we have no desire to descend, but when they give evidence of a genuine wish to behave in a manner more worthy of assistance to a better plane than that on which they now stand, we shall not be found unwilling to either help them upward or recognise their reformation.

Marriage at Douglastown.

A Douglastown correspondent writes:—At the residence of Mr. Wm. Russel, Jr., Douglastown, on the eve of the 16th inst, a number of friends gathered to witness the marriage of his daughter, Miss Mary Jane, to Mr. Andrew A. Lamont, of Somerville, Mass. The bride was dressed in cream cashmere, richly embroidered with silk, diamond ornaments, the present of the groom. She was attended by Miss Mary J. Dickson and little Ethel Henderson, neice of the groom, the former dressed in white and pink, moonstone ornaments, the latter in white and blue. The groom was supported by Mr. Andrew Burr. All looked very happy, the bride and groom particularly so.

The presents were numerous and costly. After partaking of refreshments, various amusements were engaged in, the older ladies entering in with the spirit of the younger, the latter remaining until the "wee sma' hours." The happy pair left for their future home in Somerville, followed by the best wishes of all and amid showers of rice.

The Official Reports.

Mr. Michael McDade of Fredericton has been appointed Official Reporter of the House of Assembly for this session, and we hope his arrangement with the government will enable us at the North to gather from the official reports some idea of what may be said in the House by members other than those for St. John and the leaders of the government and opposition, respectively. We have been led to believe that Mr. McDade does his work impartially, but that the city dailies, which receive the reports, publish only such parts of them as suit their convenience, letting the balance go to their waste baskets. That is unfair to the public, whose money pays for both the reports and their transmission by telegraph, and it also deprives the country papers of the benefit of those portions of the reports, which are most interesting to their readers. The country papers ought to protest against this one-sided arrangement, should it work this session as it did last, for it is not right that after public money is spent for the preparation and telegraphic transmission of official reports, the city dailies should have it in their power to prevent as much of them as they please reaching the public, not only through their own columns, but also those of the country papers.

Slandering His Old Constituency.

The Montreal Star says:—

"Hon Peter Mitchell, the defeated candidate in Northumberland county, arrived at the Windsor early this morning from his old constituency. He did not appear to be at all disconcerted over his defeat, and chatted pleasantly with those of his Montreal friends who happened to be in the rotunda of the hotel during the morning. In conversation with a *Star* reporter, he said that he attributed his defeat to several reasons. In the first place he had been sick for ten days before the nominations, and had no chance of either canvassing or addressing the electors. Then two hundred and fifty employees of the Intercolonial were brought, at the Government's expense, from New Glasgow, Moncton and elsewhere to vote against him. In fact he did not believe he received two of these two hundred and fifty votes. Again every public official in the county seemed to have been turned against him. In fact about two hundred of them altogether, including tide waiters, customs, and inland revenue officers, and postmasters carried on an active canvass against him. Mr. Snowball, who wanted, but failed to get the Liberal nomination, had also taken part in the campaign to the detriment of Mr. Mitchell, although he had previously promised the latter that he would not interfere. In short, both the Dominion and Local Government were against him, and one of the members of the latter had even gone so far as to address meetings organized against him. Then the three local newspapers also took a hand in the fight and condemned his candidature. Then there was what was known as the New Brunswick deal, by which Premier Blair bought over four of the local representatives who had voted against him and who consented to support Adams, provided he in turn would support Tweedie, the Surveyor General in the Local Government. Patents, road grants and railways were also liberally promised. It is Mr. Mitchell's intention to remain here and look after his private affairs, but he said that he assured the electors of Northumberland before he left them, that on the first opportunity that offered he would again present himself for election. So far as the trade question was concerned it had no material effect upon the election, as many who favoured Mr. Laurier's policy even voted against him."

Mr. Mitchell appears to have grown quite shameless in retailing his childish stories in explanation of his defeat. He has caused the foregoing to be published in different forms in a large number of papers in the Dominion and the organs of the Farrarites are basing editorials on it calculated to make Northumberland people wish that the rejected candidate would revenge himself upon them in some form more creditable than that which he has adopted.

It will be observed that he has about doubled the number of Dominion officials as given by him in his absurd reference to that class of voters on declaration day. He put it at 240 on that occasion, and had the railway contingent also tallied up to 146. He has told the story so often since that he, no doubt, felt it a little monotonous to adhere to the same figures. When first quoting them publicly on declaration day, he went as far as even a man of his high opinion of his own ability to make others swallow his absurdities dared to go, but he knew a good deal of allowance would be made for one who, though evidently used up mentally and physically, was entitled to the patience and forebearance of his auditors for what he had been—especially when he was now so badly defeated. Some of his friends will, no doubt, be disappointed over the fact that in making his declaration-day statement of his ability to bear his defeat like a man, he so greatly over-estimated his moral balance and has so far forgotten himself as to go about the Dominion seeking interviews with newspaper men and inducing them to publish such drivel as we have quoted. When Mr. Mitchell's conduct on the public streets between polling day and declaration, in which he gave all his right-thing friends a shock which they will not readily forget, is considered in connection with the leniency extended to him on declaration day and his slanders since sent broadcast all over Canada, people in Northumberland begin to ask themselves whether they ought not, in future, to treat every man according as his conduct amongst them deserves. Mr. Mitchell's singular behavior on our streets and his absurd statements accounting for his defeat, can only be explained by the supposition that he is insane or has abandoned his self-respect. If the former, he ought to be looked after by the authorities, and if the latter it is as well for the public to remember the fact when he endeavors to revenge himself on the people of Miramichi, whose only offence is that they grew tired of a representative who had lost interest in and ceased to be of any service to them.

We had hoped that Mr. Mitchell would accept his defeat in better spirit than he has done. He was well treated even by his opponents while here. He must have known that he had no chance of election from the first, and that it was unnecessary that any unusual effort should be made to secure the result which naturally followed his attempt to compel an unwilling constituency to accept him. He made his statement about the alleged bargain by our local representatives for support of Mr. Adams in public, while here, and got such a flat refutation from Mr. Burchill, Mr. Tweedie, Mr. O'Brien and others that neither he nor any of his speakers repeated it, or offered any proof to support the invention, but, now that he is far from what he calls "the uncivilizing influences" of his old constituency he does not hesitate to slander it by repeating the absurd stories which he and his henchmen have invented for the purpose of breaking their political fall. Friend and opponent alike, will be glad Northumberland did not make the mistake of continuing Mr. Mitchell as its representative, and he may be assured that there is little prospect of even his most ardent friends ever again encouraging his candidacy in this county.

No douche or instrument is required to apply Nasal Balm. It is easy to use, pleasant and agreeable in its effects. Use nothing else for catarrh and cold in head.

Spring Hill Relief Fund.

The following is a list of the contributions made in Chatham and vicinity to the Spring Hill relief fund. The gentlemen in charge of the work of collecting were:—

R. Flanagan, Councillor and County Warden. Wm. Kerr, Councillor.

Lower District—John McDonald, John Coleman, T. F. Gillespie.

Middle district—F. E. Winslow, W. T. Connors, Dr. John Benson,

Upper district—D. MacLachlan, L. H. Abbott, and S Waddleton.

Treasurer, F. E. Winslow.

F. E. Winslow	$20 00
D. Ferguson	10 00
J. B. Benson	10 00
J. S. Benson	10 00
Hugh Marquis	1 00
John McDonald	5 00
M. S. Hocken	10 00
W. C. Stikeman	50 00
B. M. Moran	5 00
P. H. C. Benson	5 00
A. Montizambert	5 00
R. A. Murdoch	5 00
Roger Flanagan	10 00
Alex. McLean	1 00
R. J. Jefferson	1 00
Estate of Moses Connors	5 00
W. T. Connors	2 00
Scott Fairley	10 00
James Anderson, Bk. Church	5 00
J. D. B. F. Mackenzie	5 00
Thomas Crimmen	2 00
R. B. Adams	2 00
M. & J. Hickey	5 00
A. J Loggie, Jr.	2 00
E. Johnson	5 00
R. A. Lawlor	5 00
H. A. Muirhead	5 00
Wm. Anderson	3 00
James Nicol	5 00
W. S. Loggie	5 00
A Friend	1 00
A Friend	1 00
A Friend	1 00
W. B Stewart	60
A. Friend	1 00
A Friend	1 00
Jos. McKnight	1 00
Finlay Anderson	1 00
D. Cheesman	2 00
A. McKinnon	2 00
A Friend	1 00
W. J. Mowat	1 00
George Stothart	4 00
Henry Ullock	50
W. T. Harris	2 00
Geo. P. Searle	3 00
J. B. Snowball	20 00
W. B. Snowball	5 00
Geo. E. Fisher	2 00
J. R. Johnson	1 00
Andrew Burr	1 00
Jonathan Doran	1 00
Geo. W. Cutler	2 00
James Anderson	1 00
Rev. D. Forsyth	5 00
A. W. Watters	1 00
M. S. Benson	1 00
Wm. Troy	1 00
George Watt	2 00
John Connell	50
R. S. Murray	1 00
Donald Sutherland	5 00
F. Cassidy	1 00
Mrs. E. Walls	1 00
James Ferguson	50
Theo. Desbrisay	1 00
P. Connors	1 00
A. J. Davidson	1 00
Rev. Jos. McCoy	5 00
Mrs. Daniel Crimmen	1 00
Wm. Tait	1 00
Bessie Creighton	50
W. and G. Morris	1 00
John Cribbs	1 00
Mrs. J. Stothart	2 00
E A. Strang	1 00
Jos. Leonard	1 00
John Haviland	1 00
Rev. N. McKay	5 00
Thos. Flanagan	4 00
M. Doyle	1 00
P. M	1 00
Thos. Fountain	1 00
James Pitt	1 00
R. J. Greenlees	1 00
William Foster	1 00
Warren C. Winslow	5 00
John Ellis	5 00
D. MacLachlan	5 00
D. P. MacLachlan	5 00
Wm. H. MacLachlan	2 00
Mrs. Godfrey	1 00
Mrs. Caleron	50
Mrs. Andrew Morrison	1 00
Mrs. John Shank	1 00
Mrs. Jas. Conway	1 00
Judge Wilkinson	10 00
Alex. Leishman	2 00
Geo. Coltard	50
J. D Clark	25
A Friend	1 00
Chas. Reinsborrow	1 00
Wm. Ullock	1 00
H. S. Miller	10 00
Wm. Damery	2 00
J. L. Stewart	5 00
James Robinson	25
J. F. Owens	1 00
Thos. B. Williston	1 00
A Friend	25
A. H Marquis	1 00
C J. Nealis	1 00
V. A. Danville	1 00
W. J. Connors	1 00
H. W. Fleiger	1 00
Jas. Clowry	1 00
A Friend	50
do,	50
C. Boysen	1 00
John Coleman	2 50
Wm. Walls	2 00
His Lordship Bishop Rogers	15 00
J. M. Davidson	3 00
Rev. Father Joyner	5 00
Miss Matilda MacLachlan	1 00
Wm Innis, Lower Newcastle	1 00
J. & R. Young, Tracadie	5 00
Wm. Ferguson, Ferguson Pt.	2 00
C. Hubbard, Caraquet	5 00
Hon. Robert Young	10 00
J. W. Young	5 00
Marian C. Kethro	1 00
William Johnston	2 00
Alex. Robinson	1 00
M. F. Noonan	1 00
James F. Maher	1 00
J. H. Doran	1 00
W. M. Salter	2 00
F. S. Griffin	1 00
D. G. Smith	5 00
Rev. Father Bannon	5 00
A Friend	1 00
Thos. Keating	1 00
R. M. Mather	2 00
Thos. Gower	1 00
Samuel Waddleton	1 00
Alex. Fraser	1 00
Henry Kelly, Stevedore	1 00
Geo. Hay	1 00
Geo. R. Simpson	1 00
John Harrington	1 00
Alex. Christie	1 00
Robert Whalen	1 00
James Ullock	50
J. Johnson	1 00
A. Freakear	1 00
J. McD. Barker	5 00
L. J. Tweedie	10 00
Alex. Gulliver	2 00
Mrs. James Ullock	1 00
A Friend	50
Geo. Savoy	1 00
Samuel Habberly	2 00
Alex. Watling	1 00
L. H. Abbott	1 00
Mrs. Miller	1 00
Richard Hocken	10 00
E. Hocken	5 00
J. Fallen	1 00
Brown Bros.	5 00
Cash	2 00
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do	2 00
do	50
John Johnston	5 00
Cash	1 00
do	50
Robt. Walls	1 00
Daniel Dickson	1 00
Joseph Kliu	50
H. M. Eddy	2 00
Wm McGraw	50
Charles D. Ruddock	1 00
Charles Johnson	1 00
William Cahill	50
Edward	50
John McLean	50
Wm. Sinclair	1 00
Nicholas McLachlan	2 00
John McLachlan	1 00
Alex. Ross	1 00
Ernest Hutchison	10 00
William Scott	1 00
John Bell	2 00
A Friend	1 00
Wm. McMurray, Moorfield	1 00
Wm. Lyons, Lower Newcastle	1 00
Alex. Lyons do do	50
J. Norton, Jr.	5 00
A. A. Anderson	3 00
C. A. C. Bruce	3 00
Thos. R. Allison	2 50
Daniel Kerr	1 00
John Ford	1 00
Pat McCarthy	1 00
Kenneth McLennan	1 00
John Steel	50
James Patterson	50
Alex Perley	50
Pat White	50
Calvin Craig	50
Wm. Henderson	1 00
D J. Henderson	1 00
James Curran	1 00
Charles Vanderberge	50
Shepherd Frost	50
Ben Rae	50
John Skidds	50
Walter Kane	50
Peter Cribbs	50
Robert Fleming	50
Joe Letson	50
Thomas Copping	50
Stephen McDonald	50
E. Mooney	3 00
Robert Craig	1 00
Wm. Malles	50
James Allen	50
Andrew Currie	50
Geo. Creighton	50
Jasper Creighton	50
Pat Whalen	50
Joe Dickens	50
John Fleigher	50
James Buckley	50
Alex. McFarlane	50
Pat Kirby	50
Richard Walker	50
Wm. Lockhart	50
Geo. McFarlane	50
John Foley	50
John Moore	50
Luke Mills	50
Isaac Copping	50
Gilbert Petrie	25
Charles Kerr	50
James Johnston	50
H. Bolens	50
Wm. Stevenson	50
Peter Moore	50
James Allen	50
Collected by F. W. Russell, Black Brook:	
F. W. Russell	3 00
John Whyte	50
A. Campbell	50
James Godfrey	50
Donald McDougall	50
E. E. King	1 00
A Friend	50
W. J. Loggie	25
Robert Johnston	25
Geo. W. Loggie	25
Peter F. Manderson	25
B. J. Shiverton	25
E. A. Loggie	25
A Friend	25
James Flaherty	25
Jos. Forrest	50
Amount handed to the Treasurer by the entertainment Com. Messrs. A. Robinson, J. D. B. F. Mackenzie and Geo. Collinson	100 00
	$722 50

The amount was forwarded to the Mayor of Springhill and receipt thereof has been duly acknowledged.

Nelson and Spring Hill.

The school teachers of Nelson took the lead in getting up an entertainment in aid of the Spring Hill relief fund, by which $24.65 was raised. Nelson's total contribution was as follows:—

Entertainment committee	$24 65
Geo. Burchill & Sons	10 00
Eliza Gitchell	1 00
Helen McLauchlan	1 00
Rev. N. Power	1 00
Anna E. McIntosh	1 00
Alice M. Irvine	1 00
Charles Robinson	1 00
Miss O'Brien	1 00
D Baldwin	1 00
D. Doolan	1 00
Mrs. M. Hays	1 00
Matthew Carroll	1 00
	45 65

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The Bering Sea Dispute.

Lord Salisbury's reply to Mr. Blaine's last letter on the Bering Sea question has been placed before the public. At the outset the British premier accepts Mr. Blaine's disclaimer to the effect that the United States does not claim Behring Sea as a *mare clausum*, and that the necessity of protecting seal life does not confer upon the United States any rights over the open ocean which that power could not assert on other grounds.

In regard to the main questions which Mr. Blaine is prepared to submit to the decision of an impartial arbitrator, Lord Salisbury offers no practical objection. He is willing to submit to arbitration the first two questions:—

1. What exclusive jurisdiction in the sea known as the Bering Sea, and what exclusive rights in the sea fisheries therein, did Russia assert and exercise prior and up to the time of the cession of Alaska to the United States?

2. How far were these claims of jurisdiction as to the seal fisheries recognized and conceded by Great Britain?

The fourth question, which is merely developed from the first two, Great Britain is prepared to accept without dispute, namely:

4. Did not all the rights of Russia as to jurisdiction and as to the seal fisheries in Bering sea east of the water boundary, in the treaty between the United States and Russia of the 30th March, 1867, pass unimpaired to the United States under that treaty?

The issue then merely resolves into the questions as to what rights Russia had in the Bering Sea. That being decided by arbitration, Great Britain admits forthwith that those rights have passed unimpared to the United States.

In case this controversy is decided in favor of Great Britain, Lord Salisbury is prepared to refer the further question as to the necessity of an international agreement for a close season in order to preserve seal life. And he very naively adds that: "There is an omission in these questions "which I have no doubt the government "or the president will be very glad to repair, and that is the reference to the arbitrator of the question what damages are "due to the persons who have been injured, "in case it shall be determined by him that "the action of the United States in seizing "British vessels has been without warrant in "international law."

On the main points of the dispute Lord Salisbury is prepared to meet Mr. Blaine on his own ground, and, if he is desirous of securing a way of escape from the unpleasant position in which this diplomatic controversy has placed him, he will accept Great Britain's offer. The fact that in a few weeks the Sayward case will be argued before the United States supreme court will doubtless induce Mr. Blaine to hasten the settlement by arbitration, before his case has suffered from exposure before the highest judiciary of his own country.

Young Men's Christian Association of Chatham.

Meetings held every week in their rooms up-stairs, Barry's Building, as follows:—

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, for Prayer and Praise.

Monday evening at 8 o'clock, for Bible Study.

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, for Training Class.

All young men are most cordially invited to any or all of these meetings.

St. Michael's C. T. A. Society Entertainment.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the entertainment held in Masonic Hall, St. Patrick's night, by the members of St. Michael's C. T. A. Society. It was of an excellent order of merit and every part on the programme was carried out in a creditable manner. The drama, "More Sinned against than Sinning" was rendered to the entire satisfaction of the audience; in fact it was as good, if not better, than we often see played by travelling companies. The singing by the different members of the society was good and all the songs were well received. The farce of the "Music Teacher" was full of fun and elicted round after round of applause, and the orchestra led by Mr. McEachren was, to say the least, of first-class character. The entertainment should be repeated in Newcastle and would, no doubt, attract another full house. The programme was as follows:—

Opening Overture— Irish Airs. Orchestra.
DRAMA—"MORE SINNED AGAINST THAN SINNING."
Prologue and 3 Acts.

Squire Hilton,	.....	J. Ryan.
Marmaduke Hilton,	.....	R. Allen.
Teddy O'Neil,	.....	T. Stapleton.
Major Lookout,	.....	W. McLaughlin.
Alphonsus Bellhaven,	.....	R. Walsh.
Dick Harvey,	.....	J. Leggal.
Captain DeBalzac,	.....	B. Duplacy.
Andy,	.....	W. Fleiger.
Tom,	.....	J. Kerr.
Joe,	.....	J. Duplacy.

Servants, etc.

Song—"Kathleen Mavourneen" J. F. Maher.
Song—"The Mud Cabin" P. Keenan.
Comic Song—Dutch Character, "Yacob Strauss"—J. Duplacy.
Song—"Three Leaves of Shamrocks"— W. Fleiger.
Song—"The Exile's Lament" M. Fitzpatrick.
Chinese Character Song, A. Melanson.

A Farce, entitled, "THE MUSIC TEACHER"

Professor Boggs,	R. Allen.
Washington Blakelock (Music Teacher)	T. Stapleton.
Sam Quick, (A Pupil)	J. Duplacy.
Cornwall Brass Band,	Society Band.

God Save the Queen.

The members of the Society Band intended playing around town on Tuesday afternoon, but owing to the storm they were prevented from doing so; they played in front of the hall in the evening and the music was very much appreciated.

Entertainment at Derby.

Notwithstanding the unpropitious weather of last Friday evening, 13th inst., there was a very large audience present at the musical and literary entertainment given in the Temperance Hall at Derby. The different numbers on the programme were rendered admirably, and our reporter seems to think that if the ordinary professionals who visit us from time to time hope to attract paying audiences they will do well to take a leaf out of the books of some of the amateurs who took part at this Derby entertainment. The programme was as follows:—

Opening Chorus—"God save Canada"
Solo by Miss Elliott—"Shall our Parting be Forever."
Recitation by Miss Mersereau—"The Last Hymn."
Solo by Miss Miller—"Eileen Alanna."
Recitation by Master Elliott—"Transportation."
Duet by Misses Elliott and Wheaton—"Pilot Brave."
Recitation by Mrs. John Robinson jr.—"How Jane Conquest Rang the Bell."
Solo by Mr Fairey—"No more Brown Jugs for Me."
Duet by Miss Elliott and Mr. Williamson—"When I'm O'er The Sea."
Instrumental music by Miss Elliott and Messrs. Williamson.
Solo by Miss Wheaton—"The Wandering Refugee."
Character song by Mrs. John Robinson, jr.—"Sarah."
Duet by Miss Elliott and Mr. Fairey—"Life's Dream is O'er."
Reading by Rev. Mr. Crabbe.
Solo by Miss Elliott—"I'll await My Love."
Song by Misses Leod and O'Donnell—"Can You Keep a Secret."
Instrumental music.
Solo by Miss Miller—"I'm Glad my Heart's my Ain Yet."
Reading by Ethel Elliott.
Quartette by Misses Miller and Wheaton and Messrs Niven and Fairey.
Instrumental—"God Save The Queen."

Prominent amongst those who received especial recognition was Mrs. John Robinson, jr., of Newcastle, in her rendition of "How Jane Conquest Rang the Bell"—a piece requiring careful study and more than average stage talent to produce its artistic effects—a task in which the fair favorite succeeded admirably. Indeed the whole entertainment went so smoothly and each performer did so well, that it needed only a larger hall and suitable scenic effects to make it quite good enough for even an exacting metropolitan audience.

News and Notes.

CANADIAN FISH IN JAMAICA.

At the Kingston, Jamaica exhibition the following awards on dry and pickled fish have been made to Canadian exhibitors:—

First Prize—LeBoutilier Bros. Company, Paspebiac.

Second Prize—Charles Robin & Co., Province of Quebec.

Third Prize—Messrs. P. & L. Tessier, St. John's, Newfoundland. This was not a Canadian exhibit, but was taken charge of by the Dominion government.

Fourth Prize—Levi Hart & Son, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

CONNECTICUT SHAD.

The desire to catch all the fish there are, and a few more, threatens the extinction of the shad that are now beginning to run up the Connecticut rivers. The fishermen have been too greedy. They have used nets whose meshes were so fine that even little fish could not pass through them, and they have stretched their traps far out into the sound from the mouth of the shad rivers, in order to make extra hauls. The result has been that they not only violated the fisheries law of the state, but have nearly killed the goose that laid for them the golden egg. In 1879 the catch of Connecticut shad was reported to be 436,981; in 1890 the number reported was 34,318. Connecticut is the only shad state on the Atlantic coast where the excessive depredations of the fishermen have been allowed. In New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia the reports of the number caught have varied but little from year to year, but in Connecticut the industry has been very nearly destroyed by the illegal greed of the fishermen.—Boston *Herald.*

EASTER SUNDAY DATES.

The fact that Easter falls on a very early date this year (March 29) has caused a "friend of fact and figures" to collect some curious statistics. In 1883, he says, Easter fell on March 25, and it will only once again this century, namely, in 1894, fall on so early a date. In the three following centuries it will occur only eight times on the same date, namely, in 1951, 2035, 2046, 2057, 2103, 2114, 2125 and 2198.

The earliest date on which Easter can fall is on March 22, and this only in case the moon is full on March 21, when this date happens to fall on Saturday. This combination of circumstances is extremely rare: it occurred in 1390, 1761 and 1817, and will happen again in 1990, 2076 and 2144, while during the three following centuries it is not once "on the books" at this early date. On the other hand, Easter never falls later than April 25; this was the case in 1666, 1734 and 1886, and will only happen once in the next century, namely, in 1943.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

A Quebec despatch of 16t inst. says:—"A ferociously insane man belonging to one of the lower parishes arrived by the Intercolonial railway yesterday afternoon to be placed in Beauport asylum. He was tied with ropes and guarded by four men. It is said that the election excitement turned his mind."

There are a few persons in Northumberland slightly affected from the same cause, but they are not ferocious. They will, doubtless, come around all right in good time. Meantime they furnish quiet amusement for their more successful friends.

A Quebec despatch of 14 h says: that Mr. Edward O Brien, mayor of Beauport, warden of Quebec county, and an employe of the circuit court office for some years past, was dismissed by the Local government for alleged interference in the last Federal elections for Quebec county. He was expected to "take his coat off" and fight on the side of Unrestricted Reciprocity, as Premier Mercier was doing, but he failed to do so and is now dismissed for acting the part of a free man and good citizen. His dismissal is in line with the spirit manifested by the Farrarite party generally.

The Toronto *World* publishes a rumor that the government are considering the expediency of prosecuting Mr. Farrer, of the *Globe*, for high treason. There is little doubt about the treason, but there are not enough Farrars in Canada to do the country much harm, so the government's best course is to let the poor fellow alone.

A Toronto despatch of 16th says:—

There will be no Irish parade on St. Patrick's day. The Irish journalists, both orange and green, had a good-natured dinner on Saturday evening, to celebrate the holiday, and much enjoyment was the result. The retiring president of the organization is Mr. Patrick Boyle, of the *Irish Canadian*. The president elect is Mayor Clarke, of the *Orange Sentinel*.

Boston Sunday papers give full details of the massacre in the New Orleans city prison of the Italians charged with the murder of Chief of Police Hennessey. The excited public charged that the coroner's jury was bribed. Led by A. M. Parkinson with rifles and pistols they broke into the jail, and riddled some of the unfortunate men with bullets. The people outside, maddened by hearing what was going on inside and not seeing any of it, demanded that some of the victims be brought out to them. It was, therefore, decided to hang Polizzi and Bagnetto. The street, for squares around, was filled with people, among whom were a large number of women and children. At 11 o'clock the side door on Marais street was pushed open, and several of the armed men appeared, pushing before them Polizzi, the half-crazed Sicilian, who offered to turn state's evidence, but who went crazy while doing so. He was ghastly white with terror, and was evidently mad. He was without coat or hat, wore a red flannel shirt, and his black hair was dishevelled. The crowd was so dense there that it was difficult to force a way through it. Some portion of the audience were women, and from the balconies near men and women watched the scene with opera glasses. At the corner was a gaunt lamp-post. Someone threw a rope across the heads of the cool and collected men who were pushing the prisoner along, and when the corner was reached a man scaled the post and threw the rope around it. Then ready hands at the other end tugged at the line and the body was hoisted in the air, the face, white as chalk, being turned upward to the bright sky above, but the rope did not hold at first and the body slipped down to the pavement again.

Only for an instant, however, did it remain there. In a couple of seconds stronger hands drew it taut again, and soon the body of the unfortunate assassin was dangling from the post.

Polizzi was still quivering when the cry went up that they were lynching another man on the other side of the prison in front of Orleans street, whereupon the entire mob surged in that direction.

It was found that the man who was being brought out was Antonio Bagnetto, one of those acquitted. Someone ascended a tree in the Orleans park and threw a rope around a convenient limb, when Bagnetto was swung up.

The mob wanted the others out to lynch, but they were told that enough had been done, and there would be no more done.

The whole proceeding occupied barely 45 min