Publisher's Notice.

The publisher desires to urge upon the notice of all who wish to contribute matter of any kind to the ADVANCE's columns—whether it be advertising, news or notices of meetings, etc.—that the paper goes to press on Wednesday afternoons and, to ensure publication, their favors should be in the office not later than Wednesday morning.

The printing of the paper is frequently delayed by persons who hold back accounts of meetings, announcements of entertainments, etc., which they might easily send in days before that on which we go to press, but they seem to consult only their own convenience and often place them in our hands on Wednesday after the paper is made ready for press, and seem to think it a hardship because they do not appear; and, in most cases of this kind, the contributions are really free list advertisements. We want to help every deserving organization in the community, freely, in every legitimate way, but must expect them not to delay the publication of the paper when they wish to make use of our columns. Send your matter for the ADVANCE along on Monday or Tuesday, but don't hold it back until Wednesday if you can possibly avoid doing so.

ASSISTANT PRIEST:—It is reported that Rev. J. Nassau, who has lately been ordained a priest at Quebec, will be appointed assistant to Rev. Father Pelletier at St. Louis, Kent.—Richibucto Review.

DENTAL NOTICE:—Dr. Vaughan's office will be closed on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., owing to his duties as dental surgeon to the Hotel Dieu requiring his presence at that institution.

MILL COVE BRIDGE:—The contract for the steel superstructure of the French Fort Cove bridge in Newcastle parish, Northumberland county, has been awarded to the Ruddock foundry, Chatham.

THE "URANIA": — The Norwegian steamer, Urania, Capt. Hummel, which left Chatham December 5th and Sydney, C. B., Dec. 9th, made the run from the last named port to Sharpness in thirteen days—arriving on the 22nd.

PERSONAL:—Mr. Marcel Allain, a native of Nepisiguit, Northumberland, and a former student of St. Joseph's college, has been appointed as inspector general of the Metropolitan Insurance Company for all of Canada, with headquarters at New York.

NEWCASTLE FIELD Battery, under Lt. Col. Maltby, heads the list in general efficiency for the Maritime provinces, being second only in the whole Dominion. Ottawa is at the head of the list, with 694 points; Newcastle, 501, and Woodstock, 482.

WE MUST TAKE HIS WORD FOR IT:—The St. John Star, in an editorial paragraph, says: "There is a boy in New Jersey who was recently shot by a playmate and who since has been seeing double. The same phenomenon has occasionally occurred when the victim was only half shot."

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO TRAVEL for well established house, in a few counties, calling on retail merchants and agents. Local territory. Salary $1024 a year and expenses, payable $19.70 a week in cash and expenses advanced. Position permanent. Business successful and rushing. Standard House, 334 Dearborn St., Chicago.

ASSIGNED:—Fabien Jaillett, grocer and barber, of Rexton, Kent county, has assigned to the sheriff. His liabilities are small. P. S. Arsenault, clothier and dry goods merchant, at Rexton, has also made an assignment to the sheriff. His liabilities are placed at $2,000 and assets about $800.

DIED IN SEATTLE:—The Seattle Times says:—D. W. Davidson, who was recently buried in Lake View was a native of Nelson N. B. He was the fourth son of Judge William Davidson, and had lived in Seattle fourteen years. He died on Saturday at the age of 36, leaving a widow, a son, J. H. Davidson, in Dawson, and two daughters, Mrs. J. D. Davidson and Mrs. M. Desbrisay, of Vancouver. The family residence in this city was 706 Ninth Avenue South.

SHIVES WHARF CLAIM:—Messrs W. H. Thorne, Geo. McKean and Geo. McLeod, arbitrators on the Shives wharf claim, Campbellton, have made their decision. Their award, with the papers in the case, has been forwarded to Judge Burbidge of the Exchequer Court by whom the arbitrators were appointed. The arbitrators do not feel justified in announcing to the public the amount of their award, that announcement must be made by Judge Barbidge, who is in Ottawa.

A FORTUNATE NURSE:—Campbellton Events, referring to a statement in some of the newspapers that Miss Eva A. Gilker, who had been, for seven years, the nurse of Miss Sarah B. Harrison, New Haven, Ct., now deceased, was left $30,000 by her employer, says that the report has been confirmed by Miss Gilker's friends at Dalhousie, N. B., where she had her home. Miss Harrison left Miss Gilker $20,000 outright and made her residuary legatee. It is stated that Miss Gilker intends making her future home in Dalhousie. She purchased a fine lot situated in the town plot of Dalhousie, which has been improved with a lot of fruit and ornamental trees and her intention is to have erected a beautiful cottage which will be situated in close proximity to the home of her friends, the Charles Stewart family. Miss Gilker was born in New Carlisle, Quebec.

Crown Land Sale.

The following lots of Crown Land were sold at the Crown Land office in Fredericton on Tuesday of last week:

59 acres, Nepisiguit, North of Caraquet Bay, Gloucester Co., to Dominique M. Boudreau, at the upset price of $1 per acre.

60 acres, North Township, St. Mary's, Kent Co., to the M. McLaughlin Co., at $2.15 per acre.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Reduction Sale of Men's & Boys' Overcoats. Men's Dark Grey "Frieze" Overcoats Raglan Style

Regular Price $10 Reduced to $8.90.

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MEN'S OVERCOATS Melton and Beaver Cloth from $5.00 to $20.00

MEN'S ULSTERS $5.50 to $10.50

Boys' Dark Grey "Frieze" Overcoats Raglan Style Regular Prices, $4.25, $4.75 & $6.00, Reduced to $3.50 $4.00 & $5.00. Sizes 26 to 35.

Boys' Brown Ulsters Regular Price $4.50 Reduced to $3.50 Sizes 22 to 32.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING.

W. S. LOGGIE Company, Ltd.

They Will Probably be Rounded up

Information has reached the game officers that two well known law breakers have been chasing moose on the barrens below Weldfield and near Searle's Meadow, and it is expected that unless they cover up their tracks better than they did last week, they will be called upon to tell their story at the Town Hall, Chatham.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Not Much in it.

A Bathurst letter to the Newcastle Advocate says: "We understand that an offer has been made by a prominent American corporation with large connections in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and other parts of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, to amalgamate the lobster fishing establishments of Gloucester county with the large concern, the company mentioned controls. It is said that one or two fair offers have been made to owners of establishments in the eastern part of the county, but that nothing positive has been accomplished up to date."

The foregoing is presumably based on "talk" which may have been had with one or two small Gloucester county packers. The larger owners of lobster packing establishments on that coast have heard nothing of the proposed "amalgamation."

A Richibucto Vessel Founders.

Boston, Jan. 11.—The steamer Provan, which arrived from Calcutta late Friday night brought in the captain and crew of the schooner G. A. Smith of Richibucto, N. B., who were found on their dismasted and sinking vessel last Wednesday about 400 miles off the coast.

The men were taken off the schooner with great difficulty, and within an hour after they were safely on board the steamer, their own vessel foundered stern first.

Before the last man left the G. A. Smith that schooner was set afire, but this proved unnecessary as she foundered within an hour. The men had been on the deck of the vessel without water or food for two days and had given up all hopes of rescue. They will be sent to their homes by the British consul.

The G. A. Smith was a 95 ton vessel, owned by G. W. Robertson and Thomas Munroe, Richibucto.

Many Sudden Deaths

Are traced to a heart that was neglected. If your heart is weak or beats too rapidly you need Ferrozone to strengthen the heart's muscles, regulate its action and stop smothering spasms. Ferrozone always cures weak heart and restores this organ to a strong healthy state. The best heart medicine in the world is Ferrozone which beats any substitute. Widely used by doctors and sold at 50c. per box by all druggists.

New Railway Enterprises Proposed for N. B.

Last Thursday's Sun says:—

Premier Tweedie, Attorney General Pugsley, Hon. L. P. Farris, Hon. C. H. Labillois, Hon. A. T. Dunn and Hon. F. G. Sweeney arrived in the city last night on the late train from Fredericton. To the Sun Premier Tweedie said that yesterday morning Mr. Geddes of New York, representing the Canadian Coal Co., appeared before the government asking them to approve of the application of the company at the next session of the legislature for a charter to construct a railway from their mines to Coal Branch, Kent Co., a distance of about six miles, and to extend the same to Chipman, Queens county, to the local areas acquired there by the company, also to build a line of railway from their mine to Richibucto, a distance of nine miles, to afford the company water facilities for shipping their coal. The company were requested to file plans of their proposed lines of railways, and also to submit a memorial setting forth the facts and furnishing evidence of their financial ability to construct these lines.

Death of Mrs. Anthony McNairn.

Editor of the MIRAMICHI ADVANCE.

DEAR SIR:—Please publish the following in the columns of your valuable paper:—

The very sad death of Mrs. Anthony McNairn took place at her home in Buctouche, Dec. 8th. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam McLean of Black River, and married Mr. Anthony McNairn of Buctouche, where she resided to the time of her death. She had been in failing health for some time, being troubled with bronchitis, which developed into consumption. She was forty-four years of age, and leaves a husband and two children to mourn their sad loss. Mrs. McNairn was a kind and loving mother, and was ever ready to minister to the wants of those in need. She was a sincere Christian, and always a very zealous worker in her Master's vineyard. She gained the esteem and affection of all who knew her, and bore her suffering and illness with patient resignation to the Divine will. A few days after her death, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam McLean, completed their sixtieth year of wedded life, and are still hearty. Their family is a large one, consisting of eleven children—five boys and six girls—and Mrs. McNairn's death has been the first break in their circle.

Death of I. C. R. Paymaster Trites.

Paymaster Edwd. T. Trites, one of the best known and most highly esteemed officials of the Intercolonial Railway, died at his home in Moncton, on Tuesday morning at a very early hour. The Times of that day says:—

"Mr. Trites had not been feeling very well during the past few days, but was able to be around and attend to the duties of his office. Mr. Trites was at his office as usual yesterday but acting upon the advice of his physician he did not go out on the pay car his place being taken by Mr. C. F. Burns, travelling auditor. Last evening Mr. Trites dropped into Dr. Smith's office and remarked that he had not felt so well for the past six months. About five o'clock this morning however, Dr. Smith was hastily summoned to attend Mr. Trites, but before he arrived he had breathed his last. Mrs. Trites had been awakened by her husband breathing heavily and failing to arouse him the family physician was speedily summoned. Mr. Trites was beyond human aid before Dr. Smith arrived. Dr. Price was called in consultation as to the cause of death, which it was found was due to hemorrhage of the brain."

Old Folks Can't Stand

Harsh, purging medicine, but invariably find Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut the mildest cure for constipation and sick headache. No griping pains, sure cure, price 25c. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills.

Chatham Stores to Close at 6 p.m., Excepting on Saturdays.

We the undersigned merchants of the town of Chatham, N. B., hereby agree to close our respective places of business at six o'clock on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings during the months of January, February, March 1904.

J. D. Creaghan,
M. S. Hocken,
W. L. T. Weldon,
George Watt,
M. A. E. Goggin, till March 1st.
S. D. Heckbert,
E. A. Strang,
J. B. Snowball Co. Ltd.,
H. D. Gunning,
C. Warmunde,
A. C. McLean,
M & J. Hickey,
J. Fred Benson, till March 1st.
W. J. Elkin,
W. S. Loggie, till 1st March.
V. A. Danville,
Walter Gilbert,
W. H. MacLachlan,
G. Stothart,
D. MacLachlan,
James F. Maher,
Geo. Hildebrand,
B. M. Moran,
A. J. Loggie, till March 1st.
James Nicol, (if general.)
J. Fairbrook, till March (if general)
James Venatone,
R. A. Murdoch, till March 1st.

Personal.

A. E. Brock, who has been assistant manager of the Montreal office of the Royal Bank, has been appointed manager of the branch at Fredericton.

R. A. Lawlor, K. C., went to St. John on Tuesday.

Hon J. P. and Mr. Geo. Burchill were in town on Tuesday.

High Sheriff O'Brien, who has been laid up with quinzy at his home in Nelson, is reported better.

Mrs. T. A. Vaughan goes by this forenoon's express on a short visit to Matapedia.

Mr. W. H. Tapper, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Chatham, has leave of absence, for a holiday period and, in his absence, Mr. H. F. Patterson will be in charge of this branch of that popular institution.

Miss McAvenney, of St. John, is visiting Mrs. Warren C. Winslow, Chatham.

Mrs. W. Stewart Benson, of Bridgetown, N. S., is visiting her parents, Hon. L. J. and Mrs. Tweedie at Elmhurst, Chatham.

Mr. Ken. McLennan, of Escuminac, visited Chatham this week.

Hon. J. P. Burchill, E. Hutchison, W. B. Snowball, Fred Dyke and Peter Turner form a "Miramichi" party to leave Halifax on Saturday for Liverpool on the Ionian.

Mr. D. G. Smith leaves on Saturday night on a business trip to United States and Upper Canadian points.

The most popular man on the Miramichi, Commodore John G. Miller, is receiving the congratulations of a host of friends over a happy event which took place very quietly in an Ontario town a few days since. Long life and happiness to both.

Mills vs. The Witness.

The doings of a certain Mr. Mills in Montreal and elsewhere, which appeared to the "Witness" of that city to be against the public interest, were the subject of some references in that paper, and Mr. Mills not only entered an action against the paper for $10,000 damages but pushed it to trial. "The action," says the Ottawa Journal, "was on account of articles relating to two concerns engineered by Mr. Mills, called the Business Men's Union and the Merchants' Protective and Collecting Agency, Mr. Mills or his agents collected moneys in the name of one or other of these concerns in ways which the Witness stigmatized as blackmailing and the obtaining of money on false pretences. Hence the suit.

"The finding of the jury is that the Witness is not guilty of libel: that the articles were substantially true, were not libellous, and were in the public interest. Mr. Mills' action is dismissed with costs against him.

"The suit will cost the Witness a considerable sum of money. The costs granted against Mills will defray court expenses, but not the main part of what the Witness will pay its lawyers. In other words, the newspaper did a valuable public service, was put to much annoyance and trouble, and loses money. Therefore, let the public realise that a newspaper which evidently is trying fairly and decently to do public service in such respects should receive a goodly share of public respect and confidence.

"Now one reason why the Witness does not lose libel suits is that its intentions are honest and fair; it will neither do nor persist in any conscious or wilful injustice; nor, if accidentally wrong, hesitate to make amends; and if a libel suit gets as far as the courts it is likely to be because the Witness is right."

The 'Shareholder' says: "The result of the suit of Mills against the Witness is a triumph for honest journalism. Actions for libel where there is no malice are simply efforts to gag the press. There are newspapers which suppress the truth in the fear of proceedings for libel or else of offending an advertiser. Papers of the stamp of the Witness will not stoop to such considerations, and these should receive the heartiest support from the public."

There is no Metropolitan newspaper more respected and appreciated than the Montreal Witness.

No Experiment.

We find KENDRICK'S LINIMENT gives excellent satisfaction, and our sales constantly increasing.

L. S. BELYEA.

Gibson, N. B.

Epiphany Services and Sunday School Festival.

On Wednesday the 6th inst., the Festival of the Epiphany, or Manifestation of our Lord to the Gentile Magi, there was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in S. Mary's Chapel at 7.30 a.m., and Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer at 9 and 7.30 o'clock, respectively. At the Evening Prayer office, the children of the Sunday School were in attendance, and entered the Church from the west door, singing the Hymn "As with gladness men of old," &c., as a Processional. Then followed the usual office of Evening Prayer, which was said by the Rector, the office Hymn being "The Heavenly Child in nature grows," &c. The Lessons were read by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, B. D., Rector of Hardwicke. After the Prayers, the Rector addressed the children on the subject of the Epiphany Festival and its teaching, and then followed the Offertory Hymn, "Within the Father's house" and after the Benediction, the Hymn, "Earth has many a noble city," was sung as a Recessional, and the instructive and appropriate service being ended, the children, teachers and friends repaired to the School Room, which was bright and attractive with suitable decorations. The happy company was soon occupied with various games and subjects of conversation. The balls of ping pong, kindly supplied by Mr. Neale, were kept on the move to the music of much clearly expressed hilarity, while a friendly and not to be despised rival in the way of popular amusement was recognized in the gramophone from the well-known establishment of Mr. L. W. Barker, who kindly loaned it for the occasion, and who has become famous not only in the bicycle trade but also in the line of toys which delight the youthful beneficiaries of Santa Claus. In the midst of the enjoyment of these and other diversions there was suddenly manifest a superadded happiness when coffee, cake, and the like delectable viands were bountifully distributed among recipients who freely acknowledged that "it was just lovely," and that all things were "bright and beautiful." Then to add to the brightness, two very youthful representatives of the school presented the Rector with a very handsome electric study writing table lamp, which act of kindness was acknowledged in a short address by the recipient to the donors, and which, containing a hint that the festivities were not yet ended, was followed by prolonged applause. This being ended, it was not long before the pleasing anticipations of youthful expectation was realised in the distribution of fruit, candies, etc., in a measure completely satisfactory to the most sanguine. Finally, amid intense interest, there was distributed a number of prize books, which, when won by each victor in various contests in mental arithmetic, were borne away with a peculiar and triumphant gladness. The hour for the home-coming having now arrived, many were the hurrying steps that were taken in order to tell those who were not there of the "lovely time" in the school room and the appropriate service with which was celebrated the Epiphany Festival of 1904.

A Family Necessity

Is a remedy capable of affording immediate relief to the hundred and one ailments that constantly arise. It may be a cold, perhaps toothache, neuralgia, pain in the back,—use Nerviline, it's more penetrating, pain-subduing and powerful than any other liniment. Nerviline is at least five times stronger than ordinary remedies and its worth in any household can't be overestimated. For man or beast Nerviline is a panacea for all pain and costs only 25c. per bottle. Buy Nerviline to-day.

"The Star" is Cold.

What happened to the St. John Star on Thursday last? It must have been that the icy vapor which, for nearly a week, pervaded the atmosphere of our excellent winter port had a benumbing effect on the Canterbury street twinkler and caused it to imagine it was cold in Chatham, or, it may be that the holding of political conventions in Kings and Charlotte on that day sent chills down its back and induced it to lay the blame on Chatham.

It is true that Chatham's lowest temperature of the season, on Monday of last week was 22 below, but our dry atmosphere due to our comparative remoteness from the sea and the fact that the Scott Act is in operation here prevented us from realising that the thermometer was recording a temperature within 22 degrees of the low point reached at Woodstock and other places on the beautiful St. John.

Chatham folks appreciated the genial atmospheric conditions of the favored Miramichi on Thursday when they read of the severe cold at St. John and, yet, while they were extending their sympathy for their brethren in that vapor-hidden and blizzard tortured city, the ungrateful Star was publishing the following:

"Throughout the whole eastern section of Canada mild winter weather prevails. The only point at which the thermometer registered below zero today was at Chatham, N. B., and there the mercury was ten below zero sometime this morning. However, during the day there was a rapid moderating of the temperature and the last report from Chatham says that it was 16 above. It may sound strange, and yet it is true, that Chatham is one of the coldest places on the American continent."

About a half hour before we read that paragraph in the Star our reporter met a St. John man on the street. He said a man from his town felt that life was worth living when he came to Chatham. He actually declared that he had come here to get warm; that it was so cold in St. John on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and especially during Sunday's blizzard, that even the most robust man hardly ventured to go out of doors; that the fine snow choked them; that the sparrows froze to death in the streets; that kettles placed on the fires to heat water to thaw out pipes, froze to the stoves; that the harbor vapor froze to the big steamers in port so that they had to be grounded on the mud flats to prevent their sinking from the weight of ice-incrustation; that when attempts were made to blow the railway engine whistles between Moncton and St. John, the sound froze to the cabs and smoke-stacks; that steamship captains complained of not hearing the fog and vapor alarm from Partridge Island, not knowing that it also froze in the icy atmosphere as soon as it left the whistle and that they had to take all of the out of door electric lamps to the power house to thaw them in order to extinguish the frozen jets.

It is, therefore, not to be wondered at that the poor little Star, as it was thawing out, imagined that Chatham must be a cold place. We hope The Star is more comfortable now and that its experience of last week will find it better prepared for the cold by being at least "clothed and in its right mind."

Excellent Satisfaction.

We find KENDRICK'S LINIMENT gives excellent satisfaction, and our sales constantly increasing.

OTTO HILDEBRAND.

Doaktown, N. B.

Postal Red Tape.

It seems that New Brunswick's postal business has to be done to some extent—and a very inconvenient and unnecessary one—at Halifax. It is, we presume, a part of the side-tracking process to which the Ottawa authorities are subjecting us. A case in point is the experience of a party in Chatham who, a few days since, received a notice from "The Branch Dead Letter Office at Halifax Canada" informing them that a letter posted at St. John, N. B., to their address had been sent to that office for non-payment of the requisite postage and that the amount of postage claimed thereon was two cents, and if that amount was sent in Canadian postage stamps together with the notice the letter would be forwarded to them.

The party complied with the terms of the notice, but didn't get the letter. Instead of that, the notice and stamp were returned, together with a letter saying that mutilated stamps could not be accepted by the department in prepayment of postage. An examination of the stamp plainly showed that it had never been used, although a portion of it had been torn off in separating it from others on the sheet, due to the faulty perforation which is a feature of some of the stamps sold by the Department. In fact, it was from a little book of 12 for which the dept. charges 25 cents. The book became damp and the stamps stuck to the wax paper separating the two sheets of 6 each of which they are composed, and they had to be soaked in order to separate them.

The party duly forwarded a second stamp to the over-zealous official—a Mr. Moffatt—in the hope that they would be permitted to have the letter.

Everybody understands that when mail matter is not prepaid the postage should be collected, and if double postage were charged in such cases no reasonable objection could be made against it. But it is in order and in the public interest to ask why any letter or other matter which is mailed in N. B. should be sent to Halifax to Mr. Moffatt—who, by the way, seems to be so busy a man that he has not time to write his name so that its initials could be deciphered—or anywhere else, instead of its proper destination, where the little claim on it for unprepaid postage might be met, as has, until recently, been done, in this province at least. The postage rates on almost all kinds of mailable matter, excepting letters has been so largely increased of late that those who use the mails—especially for second and third class matter—find it a pretty heavy tax. Of this, however, they do not complain to any very great extent, but resort to such a system of delaying the transmission of letters in one province by sending them to another and making such correspondence as that to which we refer necessary, is simple unbusinesslike and shows that red tape methods are growing in favor in at least one department of the public service.

Since the foregoing was written the letter has been received. It was not originally mailed in St. John but in an incorporated town in this province. The envelope, although plainly addressed, to a well known person in Chatham N. B. had been cut open, evidently to enable some post official to read it. The fact of that being done was not, in this case, of any special importance, but the matter, from first to last, shows that a reform in handling letters off which a stamp may drop in transit, or on which the sender may inadvertently omit to place a stamp, is called for. The present method is unbusinesslike.

M. S. S. Company's Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Miramichi Steam Navigation Company was held in the Town Hall, Chatham, on Tuesday afternoon. Hon. John P. Burchill, president, was chosen to preside, and Mr. M. S. Hocken was appointed secretary.

President Burchill read the directors' annual report, which stated that the year's business had not been as satisfactory as they might desire.

Business on the down-river route was not as good as they had a right to anticipate in view of the improved service provided by the Company, but this was largely accounted for by the unusually cool and wet summer, which interfered very much with excursion and tourist travel.

The up-river route business had been very successful, and in view of the improved service, the directors look forward to a continuance of the satisfactory conditions which have prevailed there.

The ferry service showed a falling off as compared with last year, a condition of affairs for which the directors say they are unable to account.

To meet the public demand for improvements in the service given by the Company on the river, the directors, with the sanction of the stockholders, incurred a large liability, but they say that with the different boats now up to date and in good order, the business of the Company should be conducted for some years to come without much extraordinary outlay. Meantime, to cover the expenditure incurred the directors have negotiated a loan of $15,085.55 from the Bank of Nova Scotia, secured by the personal note of three of the directors, and the boats have been mortgaged to them as security for this amount.

The directors feel that if some effort were made to increase the capital stock and induce a more general public interest, it would be of much benefit to the Company.

In addition to the written report read by the president, he referred to the dredging done at Neguac, and the removal of rocks at Burnt Church, at which latter place the Company had suffered loss in the past by the breaking of propellers. This, it was hoped, would be obviated in the future. The Neguac dredging was not yet completed by the Dominion government, but would, no doubt, be finished next summer. The local government, through the Hon Mr. Tweedie, had improved the river off the ferry ships and the approaches thereto by dredging.

The Company has been obliged to abandon the part of the south side service at Escuminac, owing to the directors being unable to have the service between the boat and shore satisfactorily performed. The landing there was comparatively impracticable under existing conditions, but by having some dredging done inside of Bay du Vin Island a landing could be secured at John O'Brien's point, which would serve the Escuminac traffic.

The statement of the running operations of the Company's boats showed that the Ferry steamer, "Sybella H" had lost $157 84; the "Alexandra" had made a net gain of $182 57 on freight and passenger traffic, but a loss of $467 80 in the steward's department. The steamer "Miramichi" had a net profit of $986.74.

The gross earnings and expenses of the three boats were:

"ALEXANDRA."

Earnings	
Passengers	$4,019.82
Freight	2,331 82
Total	$6 351 64
Expenses	6,169 05
Net earnings	$182 59
Steward's dept.	
Meals to passengers	$ 709 47
" " crew	435.00
Total	1.144,47
Expenses	1,612.27
Net loss	$ 467 80

"MIRAMICHI."

Earnings:	
Passengers	$3,954.02
Freight	218 27
	$4.172 29
Expenses	3,185,55
Net earnings	$ 986.74

"SYBELLA H."

Gross earnings	$2,342,42
Expenses	2,500.26
Net loss	$ 157.84

Repairs to and rebuilding of the steamers (not included, of course, in the foregoing accounts) cost—

"Sybella H." (repairs)	$ 637.45
"Miramichi" (rebuilding)	5,919 56
"Alexandra" (repairs)	803 62
Total	$7,360.63

The value of the steamers is $29,202 01 and coal, oil and repair stock on hand, and uncollected subsidy and freight bills make up a further sum of $2.797 19, or total assets of $31,999.20, which is balanced by the capital stock of $10,200, loan account of $15,085.56, current account, bills due, profit and loss account, etc.

The directors' report and accounts and auditor's report thereon were unanimously passed and a vote of thanks tendered to the directors for the diligence with which they had transacted the year's business.

There was a good deal of discussion on the subject of the best means for increasing the stock subscriptions. It was felt that many of the people of the Miramichi—especially those convenienced by the Company's service—had failed to recognise that it was their duty to encourage the Company's enterprise by more generally subscribing stock. If the $15,000 loan, for which the bank was paid six per cent. were furnished by stockholders, they would be receiving that percentage in dividends, instead of it going to outside capitalists.

It was also felt that in view of the amount spent by the Company in providing so greatly improved a service the government might fairly be asked to increase the subsidy now granted until the part of the service for which it was received was on a paying basis.

Director W. C. Winslow thought that if the people generally—such as those of Escuminac, for instance, who make unreasonable demands upon the Company—who thought the Company was making money, knew that a few public spirited men put their money in the enterprise in order to provide an efficient and creditable steam service on the river, and some years received no return therefor, they might be less inclined to grumble and, perhaps would assist, the Company by taking stock.

Director W. B. Snowball showed that the Company had no reason to take a gloomy view of its future. He showed that it was now fully equipped for an efficient service, and had good value for all its liabilities, but was paying the bank the dividend which stockholders would receive if they would only put money into the enterprise.

Messrs M. S. Hockes, R. Flanagan and W. C. Winslow were appointed a committee to solicit further stock subscriptions. Several of the directors and stockholders present said they would more than double their stock.

A vote of thanks was passed to the local government for dredging at and near the ferry slip.

The old board of directors were re-elected as follows:

Hon. J. P. Burchill, W. C. Winslow, W. B. Snowball, John McDonald, Alex. Fraser, R. Flanagan, M. S. Hocken.

Messrs. D. G. Smith and Jas. Johnston were appointed auditors.

President Burchill referred to the good service rendered in the past year by the manager, Capt. John Bullick and after some further discussion the meeting adjourned.

At a meeting of the directors Hon. J. P. Burchill was reelected president, Mr. W C. Winslow was elected vice-president and Mr. M. S. Hocken secretary.

Capt. Bullick was continued as manager.

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Board of Trade.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trade, for election of officers and other business, will be held in the Town Hall, Chatham, on Tuesday 19th inst. at 8 p. m.

By order of the President,

J. NICOL, Sec'y.

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20 "	Baked Beans (Plain)	50 "	Tomatoes.

ETC., ETC., ETC..

Canned Fruits.

5 Cases	Sliced Pineapple, 2 lb.	10 Cases	Strawberry, 2 lb.
5 "	Grated " "	10 "	Raspberry, "
5 "	Whole " "	10 "	Crawford Peaches, "
10 "	Bartlett Pears, "	15 "	" " " 3 lb.
10 "	" " 3 lb.	25 "	Gallon Apples.

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10 "	" " 2 "	30 "	" " 2 "
10 "	Boiled Ham, 1 "	5 "	" " 6 "
10 "	" " 2 "	3 "	Ox Tongue, 1½ "
10 "	Lunch Tongue, 1 "	3 "	" " 2 "

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