

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

Mr. Geo. A. Louis, evidently has a letter of credit for \$100,000, which will be a great help to him in his business.

NEVER MIND A NEW Steam Fire Engine but by a year's Christmas cake and groceries at Henry Wyse's, Newcastle. It is the place to get the worth of your money.

CHRISTMAS NEW Year buyers will find a large stock of very attractive goods offered by Messrs. I. H. & Son at their well known establishment, Water St., Chatham.

FORTUNATE—On Monday last Mr. J. N. Nelson, while crossing the river to attend a funeral, broke through the ice, but, fortunately, managed to get out of the dangerous position with only a thorough wetting.

THE ARMYL HOOKS is a usual offering should induce men to holiday and general buyers, Mr. Murray's enterprise keeping him fully abreast of the times in meeting the requirements of the purchasing public.

THE "VERITAS"—Mr. Jordan of St. John, managing owner of the large, *Veritas*, has made a contract with Mr. T. R. Williams to cut the vessel through the ice into Bay du Vin—a distance of over a mile and a quarter from where she lay last week.

SEVERE-DRINKING—Mr. Alex. Robinson has on hand a very fine line of double single pump and single pump, which he is selling at very low rates to enable his friends to treat themselves to holiday presents. He sends us a new advertisement, which will appear next week in the *Miramichi* as we advise our friends to go and see his stock.

THE SALE AND TEA to be held by the ladies of the Chatham Methodist Church next Thursday is to be a very inviting affair. It will commence at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, tea will be served at six, and after refreshments during the evening, "nightingale" of oysters will be served at nine o'clock. Holiday presents will be a feature of the sale.

UNTRUE—"Captain John Robinson who married a Portuguese young lady last spring, has been sentenced in England to 21 years imprisonment for kidnapping the cook of his vessel while crossing the Atlantic. It is said the cook died from the injuries received, while the trial was going on." The above from the *Moncton Times* appears to be true, as it is affirmed the cook died in a hospital, and that the trial was held in London.

HEAVY LOSS—John Lewis, Jr., of Beauséjour, who went in upon the *Sapin* Road and took a settlement last year, upon which he built a house and was making an excellent farm, had the misfortune to lose his house by fire last week. In the building-including his provisions for the winter, some money, clothing, etc., was lost. The case is a hard one and no doubt Mr. Lewis should be assisted by the public.

HOLIDAY CARDS—Messrs. Bonnet & Co., of St. Paul Street, Montreal, have sent us samples of their beautiful holiday cards. They are unique and original in design many of them purely Canadian—just what is wanted. They are published in three large catalogues, and are doing an immense trade. We noticed in a *Miramichi* paper that their orders by mail alone this season, will reach between four and five tons. Enquire for Bonnet & Co.'s Canadian Holiday Cards.

A NEW USER FOR WHISKY was discovered a short time since by Mr. John Kelly, of Ross Bank. It is well known that the fox is too cunning to be caught by ordinary means, but our Ross Bank friend being at work in his field with whisky at hand was surprised to see a fox tumbling around under its influence and, finally, topple over, "paralyzed." He says he did not see the beginning of the trouble between the two, but is prepared to back whisky any day against all the fox traps ever invented.

A BOVA FIVE SALE at Court is begun at the well stocked Hardware Store of J. R. Goggin, Esq., who is to leave for the West in the Spring and proposes to clear the whole lot by 26th March next. Mechanics, farmers, millmen, landowners and others have now an opportunity of obtaining requisites at advantageous figures. Mr. Goggin's many friends in the community regret to part with him, but they will long bear him in kindly remembrance as the man who sold hardware at such low figures the winter before he went West.

HOLY DAY—The feast of the Conception was observed by the Roman Catholics on Thursday last and is one of the most festive of the Church, dating in the Greek Church, from the end of the fifth century, and in the Latin, from the seventh century. It was ordained "a holiday of obligation" in the early part of the eighteenth century by Pope Clement XIII. and in 1801, "Immaculate Conception" was canonically applied to about half a century ago by permission of Pope Gregory XVI. It is now nearly thirty years since the decision of the latter Pope, in connection with the anti-heretical decree of an article of Catholic belief.

SHAME! Jas. Cochran, of Nelson, who was, for a short time, an inmate of the County Almshouse died on Sunday of last week. He had a wife and family living in Nelson, but neither they nor the commissioner for that parish were informed of the death. On Tuesday some of the deceased came down to make enquiry as to his father's health and met the body on route for St. Paul's burying ground. "We are all born but none of us buried!" is a trite saying which means a good deal, and if the officials of the parish think they did their duty, or as they would have others do to them, they will hardly find the public ready to agree with them.

EXAGGERATION—When people, now-a-days, read newspaper reports of the circulation in other countries, papers, they are reminded of the story of the boy who told his father that there were a million cats, fighting in the back yard. "Oh, my son," said the father, "there can't be a million."

"Well," replied the boy—"there's a hundred, anyway."

"No," said the father, "you'll find there's not more than a dozen."

"I don't," responded the boy, "there must be two,—our old cat and another, for our cat couldn't be fighting alone."

GARRETT—The Hon. D. L. Harrington, Honorable E. McLeod and the Honorable George J. Collier, in the session of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, Frederick W. Brown, Jas. E. Fairweather, B. H. Swin, John A. Campbell, Josiah J. Anderson, and Arthur Graham,

to members of the Board of Agriculture.

Resignations have been accepted as follows:—

LOUIS B. Allain as Commissioner of the Civil Court for the Parish of Wellington, in the County of Kent.

R. E. Havelock as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Gloucester.

AGRICULTURAL—The Blackville and Derby Agricultural Society held its annual meeting on Saturday the 27th ult., at the residence of the Treasurer, F. H. Jardine, Esq., Derby. The following are the names of the officers and committees appointed:—

President—Christopher Parker. Secretaries—W. H. Grinlay, Treasurer—Francis H. Jardine.

Vice-Presidents—Thomas Parker; R. N. T. Uchill. Committee for Blackville—Peter Maggan, Daniel Sullivan, W. T. Underhill, Cavan Brog.

Committee for Derby—George Bryon, Mr. Francis Parks, Alexander Brown, Christopher Parker, *Advocate*.

A SUCCESS—The ladies of the Reformed Episcopal Church met with much success in their Tea-Meeting and Social held in Masonic Hall last Thursday evening. The Tea was all that could be desired, and the music by the choir and amateur orchestra, a great treat. Little Walter Johnson, a drummer-boy, attracted no little attention. Miss Ada Johnson was accompanied on the piano. Solos were sung by Miss Maggie Johnston, Mr. Henry Patterson, a duet by Miss Nellie Logie and Missie Hamilton, and a quartette by Misses Maggie Johnston and Annie Gifford and Messrs. S. Rubin and H. Patterson. Prominent among the choir and instrumental musicians were also Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Johnson, Albert Patterson and others. Rev. Mr. Howell, Pastor of the Church, made an appropriate address, after which some good songs and a send off in the form of stanzas. The sum realized was over sixty dollars.

SUDDEN DEATH—The death of Mr. Wm. Hay on Monday last week, a notice of which appears in the usual column, is a striking illustration of the uncertain tenure of human life. He had been, for several years, subject to a cough, but, to all appearances, was practically in good health at the dinner hour on Monday. He had been at work, and was in the act of leaving his house, when he was seized with a sudden attack of the cough, which he could not suppress. He was taken to his room, where he died within a few minutes. The cause of death was asphyxiation, due to a sudden attack of the cough, which he could not suppress.

PLATE OF "MAGNIFICENT PRIZES"—The houses are not numbered, nor are there any sidewalks. If a resident finds a neighbor particularly congenial he can call him up as close as he pleases, and that visits may be conveniently exchanged, but as everyone is very busy and generally very tired, there is not much time devoted to social intercourse; therefore the houses are seldom clear within a few feet of distance of each other. The absence of the laying out of the village renders it not very easy for a stranger to find any particular resident, without local aid, and in visiting the place we were reminded of Senator Nott's search for Duluth, on the Railway company's map, when he declared that he did not know where it was, in any particular spot, for just lying around loose. July, the "cattered village" and the size and weight of the buildings composing it, one is led to the belief that when

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