Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

TEACHER WANTED:—See advt.

FURNITURE, CURTAINS, ETC:—See Mr. Fairey's special announcement.

BEARS:—Four little bears were killed last Thursday on the Richibucto Road. Mr. McDougall Snowball slaughtered two of them.

GOOD FISHING: 410 codfish were taken in the Straits last Thursday by a Chatham party that had the Str. *St. Nicholas* chartered for the day.

NEXT WEEK:—The ADVANCE will go to press next week one day earlier than usual so as to enable its employees to enjoy the holiday and Chatham's grand celebration of it. We want all our subscribers in arrears to celebrate the day by paying up.

A SHOCKING DEATH:—Henry Gorman, an employee of the Spartan Cement Roofing Company at Point St. Charles, Montreal, met with a horrible death on Tuesday 16th. He was passing by the machinery when he was caught by the belting, whirled round and thrown up against the wall, a bruised and bleeding corpse. Both ankles were smashed, and the legs broken at the thigh.

PROPERTY SALE TO-DAY.—Persons who wish to purchase a desirable residence, with ample grounds attached, including orchard and garden, stables and other out-buildings, or building lots—all conveniently and pleasantly situated—will do well to attend the sale of the property owned by the Misses Marshall. The sale will take place on the premises at half-past twelve to-day, Thursday.

AN OLD RESIDENT'S DEATH:—The death of Mr. Robert Brown of Lower Newcastle, which took place on Tuesday, removes from the community one of its oldest, best known and most respected residents. Mr. Brown was a native of Dumfries, Scotland. He emigrated to Picton, N. S., when thirteen years old, and seven years after came to the Miramichi, where he married and has lived ever since. He leaves four sons and three daughters. The funeral will take place at three o'clock to-day.

TETHERED IN A FIELD:—An exciting case was before Police Magistrate McLatchy yesterday, says a Campbellton despatch to the *Times*. A Frenchman named Octave Gallant was charged with having his 14-year-old son tethered out in the field like a dumb animal. The charge was proven and the magistrate fined him $3 and costs and put him under bonds for better treatment of his children in future. The poor boy was alive with vermin. A stepmother is said to be the cause. Mr. Justice McLatchy delivered a feeling lecture to the inhuman defendant, who seems to be very ignorant of his position.

PERSONAL:—Capt. Roach, of the Fredericton Infantry School, has been here this week inspecting the armories of the 73rd battalion and Newcastle Field Battery.

W. deg. Warren, Esq., of London and Jas. A. Morrison, Esq., of Halifax, are in town.

Wm. Swim, Esq., of Doaktown, was in town yesterday.

C. A. C. Bruce, Esq., has returned from his trip to Europe.

John Stuart, Esq., President of the Maritime Chemical Pulp Co. is visiting Chatham. He is accompanied by Mrs. Stuart.

EXCURSION AND PICNIC:—A grand Picnic-excursion to Moody's Point, Bartibog, will take place on Tuesday, 21st July, under the auspices of the congregation of St. Peter's church. Many of our readers have pleasant recollections of former picnics on these well-known grounds, and the esteem in which the good pastor of the church (Father Morrissey) is held by everybody will, no doubt, cause large numbers to be glad of another opportunity being afforded them of showing their good-will to him and his charge. The return trip will be a moonlight excursion—21st being the night of the full moon.

THE HALIFAX "CRITIC" has risen to the dignity of a colored cover, and a paragraph in the paper itself informs the reader that "pink" was chosen after deliberation as the most pleasing color for so sprightly a paper. In the meantime the paper maker seems to have played a prank upon the *Critic*, for the cover is of the same color as the brick of which the city of St. John is constructed. —*Globe.*

The *Critic* contained more than one paragraph in reference to its cover. Its readers were told of its coming and were then told why it didn't come and, finally, when it came, there was the paragraph respecting the excellent choice made as to color. It is undoubtedly an original pink—just the color of P. E. I. oyster mud—and the *Critic* knows all about that.

A FAVORITE RESORT:—Bay du Vin excursionists will find an improvement in the facilities provided for their comfort this year at Taylor's well-known resort. The new Government wharf enables them to land directly from the steamer, thus avoiding the transfer to the shore by the small boat—an improvement which will be much appreciated, especially by the ladies. Mr. Taylor's arrangements for the accommodation of guests this season are now quite complete and he is prepared for both regular and transient guests. Families desirous of spending a few weeks at the seaside will find Taylor's a comfortable and convenient place for the purpose.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS:—On the 7th of July the grand lodge, I. O. G. T., is to meet at Fredericton in annual session. At the session last year the grand lodge appointed Mr. W. R. Robinson, of Newcastle, grand secretary and lecturer, at a salary of $1,000. The wisdom of paying so high a salary was questioned by many at the meeting, but more zealous workers carried their point, and Mr. Robinson was appointed. The result of his labors have been such as to justify his appointment. Since entering the field he has been instrumental in forming 50 lodges in different parts of the province, and he has added to the membership about 2,500 names. It is understood Mr. Robinson will be induced to continue in this position and it is proposed to increase the salary to $1,500 next year.—*Telegraph.*

The S. W. Bridge Award.

The award of the arbitrators in the O'Brien Bridge claim is $8088.89 and interest from 1st July 1887 until paid. This is looked upon as a reasonable result of the enquiry.

Nelson Notes.

JUNE 23rd.

The "Advocate" published last week the fact that Messrs Ritchie's two gang mill had turned out, in one day, 42,000 laths, and the editor of that paper evidently considered it a remarkable day's work. We can, however, assure the "Advocate" that our little village is in this, as in other matters, yet ahead of the shire town. Messrs Burchill's mill having turned out, in ten hours, from the production of one gang, 42,600 laths. The "Advocate" must try again.

Our village is sharing the general dullness in our staple industry, and while, as yet, the mills are all running full time, there is great scarcity of ships.

Beaubear's Island is becoming quite a popular sunday resort, and perhaps it might not be out of place to suggest to those whom it may concern, that a little less liquor drinking and rowdism would not in any way detract from the pleasure of an hour or two's stroll through that pretty spot on sunday afternoons.

We are welcoming the long looked for and much desired rain to-day.

Yours, A.

"The Wild Brier" Goes Down.

On Thursday last the Schr. "Wild Brier," bound from Sydney to Chatham, sprung a leak and sunk near St. Peter's, Bay, County of Richmond, N. S. The *Wild Brier* was 85 tons register, 25 years old and owned by Messrs. Sadler & Gillispie and Capt. McLean, of Chatham. She was loaded with coal for the Chatham gas light Company, the cargo and freight being insured.

Is it Their Style?

The *Gleaner* says:—"There is an impression that ministers when they assemble together are less disposed to keep good order in the discussion of a question than any other class of people. This impression seems to be borne out by some of the proceedings of the general assembly at Kingston. When a Halifax clergyman, the Rev. Allan Simpson undertook to speak against prohibition an attempt was made to drown his voice by shouting and stamping while at another time one Doctor of Divinity declared the speech of another to be dastardly and beastly."

It would be very unfair to say that clergymen are disorderly or discourteous in debate, but too many of them are so. A local clergyman has been furnishing some printed samples of rudeness of late, and it is to be regretted than he seems to be unaware of public opinion on the subject.

Chatham's Dominion Day Celebration.

The meeting on Monday evening of the general committee in charge of the Dominion Day celebration in Chatham was well attended and the reports from the sub-committees in charge of the various features of the programme indicated that the work of all-round preparation was making effective progress.

FIREWORKS.

Mr. Mackenzie from the committee on pyrotechnics reported the purchase of a lot of fireworks from Prof. Hand & Co., of Hamilton, Ont., which he said would make the display in that department of the celebration equal, if not superior to anything ever seen in the province, outside of that at the exhibition in St. John. There are in this lot:

Roman candles:—3, 4, 6 and 10 ball colored stars.

Tri-colored Union candles:—6 and 8 balls of red, white and blue stars.

Colored parachute rockets:—2 lb rockets discharging at a great height a floating star of heavy calibre which is suspended from a parachute, which is set free, expanded and illuminated by the bursting of the rocket when it reaches its elevation. They float a long distance, and change color several times before disappearing.

Bengal lights:—Red, blue, green and gold, heavily charged with illuminating fires—burning slowly and showing brilliant light on all surrounding objects, 3 colors in each piece.

Colored triangle wheels:—Having cases of brilliant fires which throw out circles or dazzling spangles as they revolve, the colored pots forming additional inside rings of variegated colors.

Colored vertical wheels:—10, 16 and 20 inches in diameter with heavy revolving cases of jasmine and brilliant fire and with variegated colored central rings, forming many changes and beautiful effects in their revolutions.

Colored double triangle wheels:—These are the finest wheels made, being composed of six cases of brilliant fire, each one after firing, changing in the form and appearance of its scintillations and exhibiting at the same time the most beautiful colors known.

Batteries of colored stars:—Combinations of star candles massed in a wooden case, which in burning, discharge continuously and in large quantities colored stars filling the air with gold, silver, blue, green and crimson drops ascending and descending.

Colored illuminated batteries:—Similar to the colored star batteries, with addition of a heavy volcano battery, which in its final discharge, with loud explosion throws up and scatters high in the air myriads of stars of all colors dissolving into slowly descending golden rain.

Colored chaplet of roses:—These consist of a circular base of rapidly revolving spur fires and brilliant spangles with centre of a crimson illuminating ring and connects with a spreading battery above, shooting in different directions high in the air and throwing out variegated stars of all colors.

Colored monitor batteries:—These open with discharges of a heavy battery of colored stars and streamers firing with great rapidity and countless numbers filling the air to a height of 200 feet, finally ending with explosion of mines.

Colored Floral Fountain:—A novel and beautiful representation, in floral fire, of a fountain throwing upwards and outwards liquid drops of spangles and spray fire, resembling a large fountain in action and displaying all the colors of the rainbow.

Colored Illuminated Vertical:—Consisting of a large wheel bearing on its arms a star of lance fires in crimson and green which, in revolving, blend together in beautiful and harmonious colors in the centre, while the changing spur fire forms a sun of glory in extended illuminating rings.

Colored Floral Bomb Shells:—These, in burning, show all the colors known to pyrotechnic art and project a bomb shell in the air to the height of 300 feet, which then explodes and throws out stars of every hue, mingled with showers of golden rain.

Colored star mines:—These are charged with colored fires, stars and streamers of every hue, which in the final discharge are thrown up and scattered high in the air, similar to a volcano in its action.

Asteroid rockets, detaching floating light, changing colors eight times.

Colored diamond star:—Composed of a revolving Saxon in the centre forming a wheel with colored illumination, which suddenly changes and turns in the opposite direction, the whole surrounded by discharges of brilliant sun fire and ending with heavy explosions.

Grand Montgolfir balloon, illuminated with various fires during its ascent and when at an altitude of 300 or 400 feet will discharge a splendid display of variegated fires descending to the earth.

The foregoing display will, of itself, form a grand attraction, no such free exhibition having ever before been given on the Miramichi.

THE STEAMBOAT PROCESSION.

Amongst the aquatic spectacles Mr. Lawlor reported that the procession of illuminated steamboats would be one of the attractive features of the early evening. It will be under the direction of John C. Miller, Esq., Commodore of the Miramichi Yacht Club and the number of boats will be about sixteen. These will rendevous in the vicinity or Hutchison's wharf, Douglastown and, about 9 p. m., will move in single line down the north side of the river past Chatham, turning at a point about half a mile below the ferry and proceeding up river in the same order past the Chatham wharves. They will, on reaching a point opposite the Cunard ferry landing, change the order of formation and move down the river all abreast. They will be brilliantly illuminated and give a display of fireworks, the latter being supplementary to that above described. It may be assumed that the pyrotechnic display on land and river, with the illuminated steamboats, stores dwellings, etc., will afford a sight of unusual brilliancy and one not often equalled anywhere in the province.

ILLUMINATIONS.

Mr. Mackenzie reported that residences of Hon. Messrs. Snowball & Tweedie, Dr. Benson, Dr. McDonald, F. E. & W. C. Winslow, Mr. Flanagan, of the Adams House, the R. C. Buildings, R. A. Lawlor, D. G. Smith, and many others were to be illuminated, as well as the stores and offices of the town generally.

FUNDS.

Mr. W. C. Winslow reported the following list of subscribers to the fund for defraying sundry expenses connected with the celebration:

James Robinson, M. P. P.	$50 00
John O'Brien, M. P. P.	10 00
John P. Burchill, M. P. P.	5 00
L. J. Tweedie	40 00
W. A. Park	5 00
J. McKane	5 00
John Ferguson	5 00
R. Grimley	5 00
R. R. Call	5 00
M. Welsh, (F'ton)	5 00
Warren C. Winslow	5 00
J. B. Snowball	25 00
Sutherland & Creaghan	5 00
William Murray	5 00
S. U. McCalley	2 00
Thos. Crimmen	2 00
A. W. Watters	1 00
J. P. Street	5 00
J. L. Stewart	5 00
M. & J. Hickey	2 00
Brown Bros.	2 00
R. Flanagan	4 00
Wm. Kerr	2 00
M. P. Noonan	2 00
P. A. Noonan	1 00
C. J. Nealis	1 00
G. J. Sproul	1 00
T. F. G.	1 00
G. H. Harrison	2 00
C. E. McLaggan	2 00
H. H. Pallen	1 00
D. G. Smith	5 00
A. Montizambert	2 00
W. J. Mowatt	1 00
F. E. Winslow	5 00
Thos. Flanagan	5 00
E. A. Strang	2 00
W. T. Harris	1 00
Geo. Watt	5 00
H. S. Miller	2 00
D. Chessman	2 00
W. S. Loggie	1 00
Cash, W. W.	1 00
A. J. Loggie	2 00
Angus Ulleck	4 00
Jas. Johnston	4 00
R. A. Lawlor	5 00
A. J. Pino	1 00
Jas. Conway	1 00
D. M. Loggie	1 00
James Ferguson	1 00
R. Allen	1 00
P. C. Johnson	1 00
G. Stothart	2 00
W. T. Connors	1 00
C. Cassidy	5 00
J. B. Benson	3 00
Wm. Wyse	2 00
Wm. Wilkinson	5 00
F. R. Morrison	2 00
F. Griffin	2 00
E. Hutchison	5 00
D. M. Loggie	2 00
Friend T. W.	1 00
L. Flett	1 00
M. S. Hocken	2 00
Chas. Gunn	1 00
A. H. Marquis	1 00
D. P. Maclachlan	2 00
Jno. Fraser	1 00
R. I. Greenlesse	1 00
Wm. Johnston	2 00
J. D. B. F. Mackenzie	5 00
J. Y. Mersereau	2 00
R. Murray	2 00
J. M. Davidson	1 00
F. O. Petterson	2 00
R. A. Murdock	1 00
R. B. Adams	2 00

A number of other subscriptions were mentioned as being available and Mr. Winslow was requested to solicit additional sums.

APPROPRIATIONS

were made as follows:—

Aquatic Sports	$ 60
Fireworks,	100
Land Sports, (to be augmented from other sources,)	25
Junior Fire Brigade,	10
Music,	75
To each school district for flags, $7.50 each,	22 50

THE SCHOOL CHILDREN,

to the number of about 600, were reported by Mr. Collinson as practicing. They are to meet in a joint rehearsal at the Temperance Hall on Monday evening, next, at seven o'clock. The matter of placing them for the performance of their part of the programme was discussed. It was at first suggested that a suitable grand stand be erected for them, but as this was thought to be not free from the danger of accident, it was decided that the children should be assembled on the side hill of the Loban field where they might be safely and comfortably arranged.

THE PROCESSION

committee reported a large number of persons who had signified their intention of being represented in the grand procession, which is to be formed at 10 a. m., under the direction of Messrs. R. A. Lawlor, Maclongall Snowball and D. M. Loggie, marshals. The route is not definitely determined upon yet, but it is probable that the formation will take place at or near the Lane Ballast ground, Upper Water Street and that the route will be thence via Water Street to the Pulp mill, up that street to Wellington, along Wellington to the Loudoun corner, thence to and along Howard Street to the station road, thence via Church Street to St. John Street and down to Wellington, along Wellington to Henderson, down Henderson to Duke, along Duke to Water and thence to Loban Avenue where the school children will sing national and other airs, accompanied by the bands.

PROCESSION—SPECIAL NOTICE.

All who intend to appear in the procession are notified that it is necessary for them to inform either of the marshals abovenamed, giving dimensions of their vehicles and character of their representation, etc., on or before Tuesday evening, 30th instant.

Intending processionists will also bear in mind that 14 feet is the maximum height of any representation that will be allowed in the procession.

A ROYAL SALUTE

will be fired at noon in the Loban field by the Newcastle Field Battery of Artillery, under Capt. Lawlor.

THE DRIVING PARK RACES

are being filled and, besides the trotting contests, there will be a base-ball match and, probably, a tug of war on the Park.

REFRESHMENT BOOTHS.

Arrangements are made through the Street Commissioners that no refreshment booths shall be allowed within the limits of the district, save those under control of the Celebration Committee, and it was ordered that the strictest surveilance be exercised to prevent the sale of intoxicants on Dominion Day. All persons are requested to discountenance such sale and any who attempt to violate the law may expect no leniency.

BONNET HOP.

The Bonnet-Hop in the Skating Rink is, by request of the general committee, to be in charge of the Chatham Curlers, whose management of such gatherings has heretofore always been very successful.

LAND SPORTS.

The Land Sports will be as follows:—

Base-ball match commencing at 2.30 p. m. A suitable prize will be given.

Running race, 100 yds., for amateurs over 18 years old. Prize $2.50. Entrance fee, 25 cents.

Running race, 100 yds., for boys between 14 and 18 years of age. Prize $2.00. Entrance fee, 20 cents.

Running race, 100 yds., for boys under 14 years of age. Prize $1.50. Entrance fee, 10 cents.

Potatoe race, open to all—Potatoes 5 ft. apart, distance 100 yds. 1st prize $3.00; 2nd, $1.50. Entrance fee, 25 cents.

Sack race, 50 yds., 1st prize $3.00; 2nd, $1.00. Entrance fee, 25 cents.

Jumping matches,—Standing broad jump, standing high jump, 3 broad jumps, hop, skip and jump, running jump. Suitable prizes will be given in each.

Putting shot,—Throwing hammer,—Tug of War between Newcastle and Chatham team consisting of 10 men on each side, and other sports, under the management of the committee.

A refreshment booth will be erected on the grounds. Cool and refreshing beverages, cigars, fruits, cake, etc., will be provided under the management of an efficient committee.

AQUATIC CONTESTS.

SAILING.

Boats over 18 ft. water line, twice around a triangular course off the town. Prize—A yacht ensign.

Boats under 18 ft., once around the same course. Prizes—$5 to first; $2 to second.

Canoe, bark or wood, course to be named on day of race. Prizes—$3 to first; $2 to second.

ROWING.

Raft boats, for oared. Prizes—$3 to first; $4 to second.

DOUBLE SCULLS.

Prizes—$4 to first; $2 to second.

Ships boats, 4 oars. Prizes—$5 to first; $3 to second.

PADDLING.

Indian, 2 paddles. Prize—$5 to first; $3 to second.

Squaw, 2 paddles. Prize—$3 to first; $2 to second.

If there are only two enteries in any event but one prize will be given.

The courses for rowing and paddling will not be long, say from Muirhead's wharf to Snowball's mill wharf and back.

The probable sailing course will be from the Ritchie or Muirhead wharf to Canada wharf, Mill Cove, Hutchison's mill and back.

The rules of the Miramichi Yacht Club, as regards measurement, time allowance, fouling, etc., will govern the sailing races.

EXCURSIONS.

Excursion rates—one first class fare—between all points on the I. C. R. and Chatham, will prevail on Dominion Day.

A special excursion train will leave Fredericton on the Canada Eastern at half past four o'clock on the morning of Dominion Day for Chatham, and it will return leaving Chatham same night. The return fare to Chatham from all stations between Fredericton and Boiestown will be $2 and from all stations between Boiestown and Chatham one first class fare.

The *Nelson* will carry excursionists between Nelson and Newcastle and Chatham for the day at 25c for the round trip.

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.

Liberal Meeting.

A number of gentlemen of the Liberal party met in the Hennessy building, Newcastle, last Thursday evening and elected officers of the "Northumberland Liberal Association" for the ensuing year as follows:—

William Murray, President.

W. C. Winslow, Secretary.

E. P. Williston, Treasurer.

The meeting passed a resolution affirming its accord with the principles of the Liberal party of Canada, as enunciated by Hon. Mr. Laurier; also a resolution expressing to Hon. Mr. Mitchell its regret over his defeat in the late election, its confidence in him and the pleasure the members of the Association would have in a visit to the County by that gentleman.

It is only fair to all the members of the old Northumberland County Liberal Association to say that those of them who live in the outlying districts, at least, had no opportunity of knowing the meeting was to have been held, as the notice was given only a day or two before through two Conservative papers, and not as required by the written rules of the old organization. As a paper that has endeavored to represent the best liberal sentiment and interests in Northumberland and in, view of the fact that the party divided last winter on the question of Mr. Laurier's policy, the ADVANCE believes that it was not wise on the part of the meeting of last Thursday to affirm its adhesion to that policy—especially as it is gradually being abandoned even by prominent leaders within the party ranks.

The choice of Mr. Murray is a good one, but we do not believe that even he can succeed in re-uniting the Liberals of the County, as long as his associates are in their present temper respecting their mistaken course in the late election. Northumberland is undoubtedly a Liberal county, but it is independently so.

Rev. Mr. Marshall's Mistake.

In the interest of good neighborhood, and because we find the discussion between the ADVANCE and Mr. Marshall has developed manifestations of bad temper and rudeness on his part which he will, himself, regret, we shall prolong it no further. The absurdity of the rev. gentleman's ideas in the premises is manifested by his offer to hire a hall to discuss his grievances with the editor. The only matter we would be interested in having him demonstrate would be his assertion that the reading of an ADVANCE article on the temperance question would be "insulting to the intelligence of the audience." As to his uncultured personal references to the editor they may go for what they are worth, as Mr. Marshall's mere repetitions of what his less bold friends inspire him to say on that subject are of little value. He forgets that he is a comparative stranger here and, therefore, may be imposed upon by designing persons, or it is possible that realising he is only a bird of passage—an angelic one, perhaps,—it matters little what he may say as he passes along, against one who has lived so long in the community. He is quite mistaken when he says Mr. Smith compares him to an indian. The ADVANCE said his tactics were those of an indian. Mr. Marshall is not an ignorant man. Why, therefore, does he so misrepresent what we say? It is because his whole course in the little controversy, which he commenced by assailing the ADVANCE in the Masonic Hall, has been of this insincere and specious character that we think it worse than a waste of time to continue it.

As to Mr. Marshall's challenge and offer to hire a hall and give a public exhibition, Mr. Smith cannot well decline the invitation, although he realises its absurdity. If Mr. Marshall can afford to go into that kind of circus, however, we are with him. The sooner it is done, too, the better, so if he will meet Mr. Smith in the place he names, Masonic Hall, Chatham, on Saturday evening next 27th inst., that gentleman will endeavor to show what Mr. Marshall's statements are worth. We require, however, that Mr. Marshall shall first take up the main subject of controversy, viz., the ADVANCE editorial to which he referred at the W. C. T. U. meeting—and prove that it was calculated to insult the intelligence of the audience. After he has done that, other matters may be discussed. Should he think—on mature consideration—that the exhibition which he proposes may not be a very edifying spectacle, or a fitting preparation for the Sabbath, he may fall in with the suggestion that he and the editor appear at Chatham rink on the evening of Dominion Day in "the grand wind up" of the holiday celebration. They might toss up to decide whether they shall "chop logic" over their differences, or settle them with four ounce gloves, under Marquis of Queensbury rules. In any case, let the matter be settled before the real hot weather comes and, also, in order that the public may have a rest in a matter of which they are, no doubt, already tired.

The Donald Bridge.

The members of the legislature for the County have arranged to have the Donald bridge over the Southwest, recently destroyed by fire, rebuilt as soon as the plan and specifications can be prepared by the Department of Public Works.

It appears that a desire has been expressed by some of the people interested to have the new bridge placed at a point further down the river. It must always be that bridges, wherever placed, are not entirely convenient for all who are accommodated by them, and it is natural that this particular bridge should not be an exception to the rule. If the site of the Donald Bridge was well chosen in the first instance it would naturally follow that it has itself created additional reasons why it should not be changed, for business locates and people settle where such accommodations exists, and these interests should be duly considered. These are general considerations, however, and there may be particular reasons for a change of location of which we have not heard, and these may be good. One strong reason for rebuilding on the old site is because it can be done at much less cost than if a new one were chosen. The shore abutments are said to be almost intact and the foundation of the mid-river peer still stands good. These should not be abandoned without very good reasons indeed.

Sir John Macdonald's Portrait.

Every person in the Maritime Provinces has heard of the late premier of Canada, Sir John Macdonald, but not one in ten has seen the great leader. PROGRESS of St. John, N. B., the splendid sixteen page paper that has won deserved popularity so quickly, has no politics, but, for half a dollar in stamps, it offers a handsome cabinet photograph of Sir John and a three months, subscription to PROGRESS. It will not be surprising if thousands of persons—on both sides of politics—take advantage of this offer, and thus secure a good picture of the man who has governed Canada so long. The portrait is a perfect copy of one now in possession of Sir Leonard Tilley, governor of New Brunswick, who received it a few days before Sir John Macdonald's death.

A Religious Question.

[F'ton Gleaner.]

The Methodists of St. John, have been startled by the discovery that the membership of their churches has declined, during the past year, in the face of a general increase of population. A religious census of St. John which was taken a few weeks ago, shows that a great many persons are neither adherents nor attendants at any place of worship, and that the number of steady church goers is but a small part of the general population. We do not know how it is with Fredericton, but it is to be presumed that the same causes which would affect attendance at the churches in St. John exist here. If people now do not attend church as regularly as they once did, the subject is one which ought to provoke inquiry in order that the cause of so singular a condition of affairs may be discovered and a remedy applied. No one will pretend to say that the wickedness of the world has increased or that its charities have declined during the past few years. There never was a time when missionary enterprises were more active than they are at present, or when people were more ready to contribute to the spread of the Gospel. Our churches are larger, handsomer, more comfortable and altogether finer than they were formerly, and the supply of clergymen to officiate in them has not been exhausted. When the province was founded, the zeal of the worshippers was such that they attended services in winter in wretched buildings in which there were no stoves and in which the worshippers were in imminent danger of catching their death of cold. Now the most comfortable churches fail to attract many, and most meagre excuses serve to justify non attendance at church. The cause of all this needs explanation, and possibly it will be found to be deeper than the surface. We should expect immorality to increase with the decline of religion, and if people now are more moral than in former times, it would seem to show that the religious feelings of the people are seeking some other outlet than attendance at the churches. Although the Methodist church has been pointedly referred to in the beginning of this article, there is no reason to suppose that their case is different from that of other Protestant churches. It is evident that something is operating to cause decline of church attendance which the clergymen as yet have been unable to discover. It is not the function of a newspaper to discover for the clergy what they ought to be able to discern themselves. If people do not go to church is it because the services have ceased to interest them, or has the ability of the preachers declined? It may be that the spread of education has affected church attendance and church membership by disposing men to read and interpret the scripture for themselves, and not to rely on the words of any minister, however well versed in theology. There are some who think that if the ministers gave less of their attention to secular affairs, they would have more hearers to listen to their religious teachings. We trust that the conferences and synods and other bodies of the several churches will give this subject their attention, and see whether the blame for the decline in church membership rests with the people or with the preachers.

News and Notes.

The court of inquiry which has been investigating the Manipur massacre, found the regent guilty of warring upon the forces of the Empress of India. He has been sentenced to death.

John L. Sullivan authorizes a match with Slavin, the Australian, for $10,000 a side, winner to take all, and an outside bet of $10,000 a side. Slavin will probably accept.

Steamer "Alki" chartered by the United States government, will, it is said, be used as a prison ship, and will be stationed at Alaska, where all the crews of sealers caught violating the law will be taken.

Probably the liveliest railway junction in the world is at Clapham, in England, where the London, Brighton and South Coast and the London and Southwestern railways cross. Between 7 o'clock in the morning and 10 at night 1,000 trains pass this junction—an average of one every 54 seconds.

Steamer "Fastnet," from Charlottetown P. E. I., for Halifax, ran ashore on Jersey Island near Arichat, Friday, during a dense fog, the weather being calm. The "Fastnet" is 155 tons register, and this is her third trip on the eastern shore and P. E. Island service. She has a large cargo of canned lobsters for reshipment to England and the United States. The steamer is insured in England, the cargo in Halifax.

Here is a graphic picture of Mr. and and Mrs. Gladstone: Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone walked about, Darby and Joan fashion, exchanging greetings with many friends. The "Grand Old Man's" collar was considerably cleaner than usual and its edges less ragged. Mrs. Gladstone's lace bonnet had strings and a feather which should have been white, but were not; but one forgot the strings and the tawdry feathers as one looked at her sweet, intelligent old face. The gold bracelets she wore were as massive as manacles.

Particulars of floods in Farm Creek and Copperas Creek valleys, Illinois, on Thursday night show that farmers for five or six miles up river and two miles back to the hill, lost all their crops. In many places water stood nine feet deep over the corn fields. Along the Toledo, Peoria and Western railway there is a terrible scene of wreckage. Household furniture of all kinds, wagons, dead cattle fences, etc., are piled ten feet high against the railroad trestle. The loss is enormous.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria

Determining Longitude.

MONTREAL, June 16th.—Another experiment has just been made here over the Commercial Cable by the McGill University to determine the exact longitude of Montreal and other points in the Atlantic coast. These experiments are being made to settle a doubt as to the accuracy of the transatlantic longitude determinations upon which the geographical positions of American cities were made to depend. Canada wishes an independent determination of her own, and an arrangement was made with the Astronomer Royal, Mr. Christie, to carry on the experiments over the commercial cable. These experiments are simply preliminary and to test the action of a repeater, an instrument which repeats the signals from the land line to the commercial cable. The repeater is automatic and as far as is known, is the first that has been used here.

To conduct the experiments the McGill Observatory is connected over the Canadian Pacific telegraph with the Commercial Cable station at Canso, N. S., the land line and cables working into each other. A chronograph is arranged at this end of the circuit and the telegraph signal that was sent from McGill Observatory to Canso, across the Ocean to the Commercial Cable's station at Waterville, Ireland, and back again to the point from which it started, was recorded on the chronograph. Sunday, June 7, the experiments lasted for three hours, the average time of transmission being one second and five hundredths. Last Sunday the experiment of sending these messages was repeated, and it was found that the results were practically the same as last week. It is thought that the signals were retarded in the cable, owing to earth currents.

Professor McLeod, who conducted the experiments from the McGill observatory, estimated that the time actually occupied in covering the distance was about three-tenths of a second, the balance of the time being consumed in the signals passing through the different sets of instruments.

Professor McLeod, director of the McGill Observatory, goes to Canso this week to superintend the experiments. When the preliminary experiments are completed astronomical observations will be made at Montreal, Canso, N. S.; Waterville, Ireland, and Greenwich, London.

On the night on which these will be made for the determination of time signals there will be an interchange of telegraphic signals between the four observatories to compare the difference of local times in the observatories that is to determine the difference in longitude. This work will be done during the month of August, and next year the work will be recommenced in early summer.

The English and Canadian observers will be interchanged in order to eliminate personal errors in the observations, and the whole work is expected to be completed about the end of next summer. The delay is caused because the observers have to wait for clear nights. The English government is paying the expenses of the English observers. On this side a grant is to be asked from the Canadian government; while the McGill University supplies the instruments for the Canadian work and the observers free of charge.

As it is now, we do not know our exact longitude, and hence all maps and determinations of places of ships at sea, and all determination depending upon the exact time are likely to be in error. The results of the telegraphic trials are interesting to telegraphers, as showing the time in which a despatch can go across the ocean and back again.

Mothers!

Castoria is recommended by physicians, for children teething. It is a purely vegetable preparation, its ingredients are published around each bottle. It is pleasant to the taste and absolutely harmless. It relieves constipation, regulates the bowels, quiets pain, cures diarrhœa and wind colic, allays feverishness, destroys worms, and prevents convulsions, soothe the child and gives it refreshing sleep. Castoria is the children's panacea—the mother's friend. 35 doses, 35 cents.

BIRTH.

At Bay du Vin, on 15th inst., the wife of Malcolm Taylor, of a son.

DIED.

At Bay du Vin, 25th May, Phoebe E, wife of John Newton and daughter of the late Alex. Taylor, aged 30 years.

At Bay du Vin, on 9th June instant, Alex. Hall of Bay Chaleur, aged 61 years.

At Lower Newcastle, on June 23rd, Robert Brown, native of Dumfries, Scotland, aged 81 years. Funeral on Thursday, at 3 p. m.

Port of Chatham.

ENTERED.

From Sea.

June 19—Bk Lauretar, 408, Tornroth, Lisbon, bal, W. Richards.

22—Bg'tn Livonia, 237, Redmond, St. Johns, bal, N. B. T. Co.

ENTERED.

Coastwise.

June 17—Sch Maggie Roach, 43, Mc Lean, Summer side, gen'l cargo, W. S. Loggie.

17—Sch Lorne, 18, Sonler, Miscou, lobsters, W. S. Loggie.

18—Sch Autumn Belle, 75, McLean, Tracadie, deals N. B. Trading Co.

18—Sch Caughnawaga, 14, Dugay, Tracadie, gen'l cargo, W. S. Loggie.

18—Sch Ida May, 70, McDonald, Gaspe, bal, Master.

18—Sch Florence May, 79, Breau, Pictou, coal, M. C. Pulp Co.

19—Sch Monitor, 33, Fraser, Pictou, coal, E. Hutchison.

19—Sch Haley Ann, 55, Jimmoe, Sydney, coal, G. Watt.

20—Sch Janet A., 26, Hanrihan, Tignish, Produce, Master.

20—Sch Isaac Goodwin, 65, Heighton, Pictou, coal, M. C. Pulp Co.

20—Sch Bipley Ropes, 53, Sutherland, New London, bal, Master.

23—Sch Van, 58, Clery, Pictou, coal, M. C Pulp Co.

22—Sch Margaret Mary, 45, Arceneau, Sydney, coal J. B. Snowball.

22—Sch Leonora, 36, Watters, Pictou, coal, M. C. Pulp Co.

22—Sch Autumn Belle, 75, McLean, Tracadie, deals N. B. T. Co.

22—Sch J. A. G. C. 27, Matatall, Pictou, coal, M. C. Pulp Co.

22—Sch J. H. S. 40, Sonia, Tracadie, bal, Master.

23—Sch Petit Riviere, 46, Trenholm, Montague, bal, Master.

23—Sch Nellie Read, 78, Read, Pictou, coal, M. C. Pulp Co.

CLEARED.

For Sea.

June 19—S.S. Rex, 1100, Jenkins, Garston, deals, J. B. Snowball.

CLEARED.

Coastwise.

June 17—Sch Harina, 52, Terrio, Arichat, lumber, W. S. Loggie.

17—Sch Ida M. 53, McFadyen, Summerside, lumber, C. Sargent.

18—Sch Lorne, 17, Sonler, Miscou, gen'l cargo, W. S. Loggie.

18—Sch Autumn Belle, 75, McLean, Tracadie, bal, N. B. T. Co.

19—Sch Flora Bell, 46, White, Pictou, Bricks, W. S Loggie.

18—Sch Caughnawaga, 14, Dugay, Tracadie, gen'l cargo, W. S. Loggie.

18—Sch Warrior, 52, Heighton, Pictou, bal, Master.

18—Sch Jenny May, 18, McGrath, Alberton, laths, Master.

18—Sch Florence May, 74, Breaux, Charlottetown, lumber, J. W. & J. Anderson.

19—Sch Agility, 66, Perrior, Pictou, bal, Master.

19—Sch Monitor, 33, Fraser, Canso, lumber, E. Hutchison.

20—Sch Detylers, 58, Cook, Georgetown, lumber, W. S. Loggie.

22—Sch Autumn Belle, 75, McLean, Tracadie, bal, Master.

23—Sch Petit Riviere, 46, Trenholm, Montague, Posts, J. W. & J. Anderson.

23—Sch Maggie Roach, 43, McLean, Fishing, supplies, W. S. Loggie

24—Sch Quartette, 63, Mosher, Dalhousie, bricks, W. S. Loggie.

Port of Newcastle.

ENTERED.

From Sea.

June 22—Bg'tn Scotsman, 189, Rockfort, St. Johns N'fld, bal. Miller Tanning Extract Co.

ENTERED.

Coastwise.

June 18—Sch Rosa, 17, Acho, Shippegan, potatoes Master.

18—Sch Acadian, 76, Doucette, Summerside, Mare, Master.

19—Bk Lametar, 408, Tornroth, Lisbon, bal, Wm Richards.

22—Sch Ripley Ropes, 53, Sutherland, New London, bal, Master.

22—Sch Samu