Miramichi and the North Shore etc.

GOOD INDIANS: The Advocate notes the fact that an indian subscribed for that paper last week. Mr. J. L. Ginish, an enterprising Indian, has been on the ADVANCE subscription list for nearly ten years.

THE KERR MILL, now owned by Mr. Lawrence Doyle, of Douglastown, is to begin sawing to-day for Messrs. Swim and Kelly of Doaktown, whose deals have been purchased by Mr. F. E. Neale.

MACKEREL are schooling in immense quantities off Halifax harbor. Large numbers are being taken. They are of superior kind. It has been many years since they have been so plentiful.

ABSURD:—The sapient I. C. R. authorities advertise a sale of unclaimed goods in the Royal Gazette. They have a happy faculty of placing certain of their advertisements where they will escape the notice of the general public.

BLACK BROOK:—St. Andrew's Juvenile choir, Black Brook, will have a musical and dramatic entertainment, in the Temperance Hall of that place, on Thursday evening, the 14th instant, at 8 o'clock. Tickets, 25 cents; children's 10 cents, to be had at the stores of Messrs. A. & R. Loggie and F. W. Russell, Black Brook.

THE MONETARY TIMES of May 25 says eggs are selling in St. John at six cents per dozen. The Gazette however says that the lowest prices eggs have sold in that city for some years has been 8 and 9 cents wholesale. In Chatham the guileless vendor of eggs asks fifteen cents a dozen for them and thinks its dirt cheap.

A MISFORTUNE:—On Monday three sheets of galvanized iron roofing were being hoisted on the new Dominion public building, Chatham, while Richard Adams, a labourer, was at work below levelling the ground. The iron had doubtless been carelessly placed in the slings, for it slipped out and fell upon poor Adams' arm, lacerating it very badly, so that he will be laid up for some time. The wound was dressed by Dr. J. S. Benson.

TRACADIE AND NEGUAC:—Engineer Day, of the Public Works Department, went to Tracadie yesterday from Chatham to look after the old wharf near the new one built by the Dominion Government. We hope he will do a simular service at Neguac, where the old local government pier along side of that erected by the Dominion government, and on which the beacon stands, needs repairs.

MORTGAGED CHURCH TO BE SOLD:—The Baptist Church at Doaktown, which was finished and dedicated only last summer, is to be sold at public auction on 15th inst. at Phoenix Square, Fredericton, under a mortgage held by Mr. Wm. Swim. It has been remarked by visitors to Doaktown that there are too many churches there, and the sale referred to is a painful verification of the fact.

A FISH AND BEAR PRESERVE:—A Bartibog correspondent writes that an enterprising resident of that settlement has erected a dam at a natural fish preserve at a meadow property owned by him a few miles above the bridge, where he will, doubtless, have good trout fishing all through the season. The locality is also fairly well stocked with bears, which he will feed with the suckers to be sorted from amongst the trout left, and at convenient points, where traps will be set next fall and the bears also harvested.

FRAULEIN LACHS' concert at Masonic Hall, Chatham, on Friday evening attracted a fairly good sized audience, considering the unfavourable weather. Miss Lachs is a singer of superior culture, and the numbers in which she appeared repaid those who attended for going to the entertainment. The other parts of the concert were amateurish, the classic character of the selections, in most cases, emphasising this feature of the performance. The Cypress Club orchestra performed its part excellently and showed improvement upon even its former satisfactory efforts.

BURNED TO DEATH:—A sad event occurred at Fembroke, some four or five miles from Woodstock, last Thursday night. The house of David Mackenzie, a farmer, caught fire while all the family were asleep. When Mackenzie woke up he found the house in flames, and barely succeeded in getting his wife out of a window in time to save her life. One of the children was burned to death. Mrs. Mackenzie is crazed with grief. Both she and her husband received serious injuries.

A BEAR KILLS A CHILD:—At Colpoy's Bay, Ont., James Shackelton, a hotelkeeper had a tame bear, which was a special attraction for hunters and tourists of that section. The bear was so tame that Shackelton's little 4-year-old son was in the habit of playing with it. On Friday last the animal became ferocious, and literally tore the child to pieces. The parents were almost crazed with grief. Shackelton was warned only a few days ago by a citizen that serious consequences might follow so careless a habit.

A BIG SUIT!—The case of Armstrong and others vs. the Canada Eastern Railway Co. was before Judge Archibald at Montreal on Wednesday of last week. The plaintiffs, a firm of London brokers, undertook to float the bonds of the Canada Eastern Railway Co. One hundred and ninety thousand pounds of bonds were placed on the London market, the issue price being 97, the company receiving 77. The Financial News, of London, attacked the scheme, with the result that the issue of bonds was not proceeded with. Messrs. Armstrong state that the cause of the discontinuance of the issue was the company's neglect to supply them with documents, and they now sue for $757,921.23.

A CLOSE CALL:—On Tuesday when the gale of that day was blowing its hardest, a raft which was being brought from the S. W. Boom to the Snowball mill by the steamer St. George became almost unmanageable. As it was swinging a contrary way and raft-captain Henry Clouston was letting go a warp, another warp broke away, a heavy iron hook on the end of which, as it whizzed "home," striking Clouston on the right knee dislocating the joint. It was at first thought the leg was broken, but the injured man was taken to the Aberdeen hotel and examined by Dr. John S. Benson, who found that it was only dislocation. That was bad enough, as it will keep Mr. Clouston unfitted for work for some time, but he may congratulate himself that it was not worse, for had the hook struck a little higher or lower the leg would, probably, have been broken, while a blow from it upon the head would have, doubtless, closed the bold raft captain's useful career altogether

Yacht Race.

There was a good west wind and a fair race by the Miramichi club yachts on Saturday last. The start was at Newcastle and the course to and around a vessel lying off the Snowball wharf, Chatham, and back to the starting point. The run was one of twelve miles, with free sheets down and long and short leg windward work up. Learig went over the course in 1 hr. 54 m. Orians, which was the only boat carrying extra sail, being second and taking nearly nine minutes more times to make the distance. Maude, carrying her old sails, only was a little over four minutes behind Orians, with Kittoch fourth and Kilbride fifth—all well up however. Kittock carried a piece of drift lumber across her bow over quite a long stetch of the course until those on the Kilbride directed her Captain's attention to the impediment.

Millinery and Dressmaking.

The following reccomendation speaks for itself:—

MME. N. J. WILKINS' MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING PARLORS
54 TEMPLE PLACE, BOSTON, JAN. 1864.

To whom this may interest:—

This young lady (Miss Theresa Kendall) has learned her trade with us, is very competent and we cheerfully recommend her.

(Signed) N. J. WILKINS & Co.

A Lost axe Recovered after 55 Years.

Last Thursday, Mr. James Carter, who was at work on the Tabusintac bridge, went out into the river—the water being low—to recover a nut and washer that had fallen from the timbers above. He found, in addition to the articles he went for, an old axe of local manufacture with the remains of a maple handle in it. The axe was very black with age and the action of the water, and the portion of the handle that remained was permeated with rust and very brittle. The find was soon after indentified by Mr. John Carrey of Chatham as an axe which he had lost when he was sixteen years old and was engaged in a timber operation fifty-five years ago on the Tabusintac, another axe of similar make being lost from the drive at the same time.

Death of Mrs. John W. Lowe.

BATHURST, May 29.—Mrs. Lowe, wife of John W. Lowe, died at Stonehaven, Gloucester Co., at 3 o'clock this morning. The deceased lady was a daughter of the late Joseph Reed, of Barrounfield, N. S. Mrs. Lowe was well known and most highly esteemed and her death will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends The deceased passed the winter at Marietta, Ohio, and only returned to Stonehaven about three weeks ago. About a week ago she took seriously ill, which developed into gastric fever and congestion of the liver. Great sympathy is felt for her husband and two children, Miss Eveline Lowe (now residing in Boston) and Master Frank H. Lowe, of Stonehaven, in their sad bereavement. The deceased was in her fifty-second year. The remains will be taken to Maccan or interment.

Methodist.

The annual meeting of the Miramichi District will be held on the 12th and 13 inst. in St. Luke's Church. It is expected that ten ministers will be present and each of the eight circuits will be represented by one layman—On Tuesday evening the Rev. J. W. McConnell B. A. of Harcourt will preach after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered under the direction of the Chairman. A collection will be taken up for the sustentation fund of the church. On Wednesday evening the Rev. Henry Penna will speak at the children's service, which will be held from 7 to 8. And afterward a social service will be conducted in which Rev's N. McLauchlan and Wm. C. Matthews and others will take part.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH:—Next Sunday morning Rev. Geo. Harrison will preach and the pastor will administer the rite of baptism. In the evening the pastor will preach and there will be a reception of members.

Last Sunday evening the pastor of St. Luke's, Chatham, gave the right hand of fellowship to eleven new members.

The Rev. I. E. Peters is supplying for the Rev. Levi S. Johnson of Newcastle for the month of June.

Halifax School for the Blind.

EDITOR "MIRAMICHI ADVANCE"
CHATHAM, N. B.

DEAR SIR: The census of Canada for 1891 states that there are in the County of Northumberland fourteen blind persons. Their ages range from babyhood up into the eighties.

All information with respect to the name, age and whereabouts of any of these fourteen persons will be gratefully received.

Physicians, clergymen, school teachers or any persons possessing such information will confer a favor by communicating with the editor of the "MIRAMICHI ADVANCE" or with C. F. Fraser Supt. school for the blind, Halifax, N. S.

Chatham Parish Convention.

An interesting meeting of the Chatham Parish S. School Association was held in St. John's Church, Chatham, on Thursday evening, 31st inst. The meeting opened with devotional exercises, led by Rev. Mr. McKay. The President of the association, Rev, Mr. Steel, than took the chair, and the following programme was carried out. Reading minutes of last convention by the Sec'y.

Mrs. Salter and Miss Wright were appointed a committee on credentials. Primary class lesson was then taught by Miss Shirreff taking up the lesson of the previous Sunday, and a short review of the lesson preceeding; the children showing by their ready answers that the teaching of these lessons had not been forgotton.

After singing hymn of praise the different committees were called upon for their reports. The Com. on House to House visitation reported through Rev. Mr. McKay, that owing to some of the visitors not being able to finish their work they were unable to give a full report, and he would move' That the three ministers of the committee be empowered to carry out the work and give a tabulated report when completed,' which was seconded by Mr. MacLachlan and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ford reported on visitation to Douglasfield Miss Shirreff, the agent for S. School Helper, reported that the three schools in Chatham had subscribed for 'Helper,' but no reply had been received from Black Brook school, and the two schools in Napan felt unable to subscribe.

Rev. Mr. McKay reported visiting the Almshouse, but found no Protestant inmates, either children or adults. The reports from the Chatham schools were given by the repective superintendents, all showing deeper interest and favorable results in S. School work. The other schools in the parish were not represented. Grading classes in S. Schools was introduced by Mr. Ford in a few well chosen and instructive remarks which elicited an interesting discussion. Credential committee reported 65 present including 3 pastors, 3 supts., 21 scholars, 21 teachers, 16 visitors.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

A misprint in our last issue might convey a wrong impression about the Bible study class, held Monday evenings. We had written that the class was "informal and conversational" the printer made it read "conventional". It is anything but "conventional" —"free and easy" more appropriaty indicates its character. There were twenty-eight young men present on last Monday evening, and the Creation was taken up for study. On next Monday the fall of Man will be talked about.

There was a good attendance at the men's meeting on Sunday afternoon last.

The advance sale of ticketa for the Scotch singers Thursday evening is already large. Mr. Lily carried his large audiences by storm in St. John, and for his entertainment in Fredericton on Wednesday evening every seat in the house was sold a week ago.

RECEPTION ON TUESDAY EVENING.

A "Jubilee Reception" was held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday evening. A large number of persons called during the evening, some staying for only a few minutes, others remaining for a longer time.

The association rooms are very pleasant, and are well lighted and attractive, and many who visited them Tuesday night for the first time, expressed pleasure that the citizens of Chatham are affording our young men such a pleasant and helpful resort, under good management and control.

An interesting programme added to the enjoyment of the reception. Miss Carter and Mrs. Porteous each played a piano solo, and a vocal solo, by Mrs. Pallen, was given in her ever acceptable manner. A quartette composed of Mrs. Nicol, Mrs. McLoon, Mr. Nicol and Mr. Fisher sang a very pretty selection. Mr. Petterson as President of the Association, expressed pleasure at having so many present, and extended a general invitation to both ladies and gentlemen to manifest their interest in the Association by frequently calling at the rooms. The General Secretary in a few remarks, explained that June 6, 1894, marked the fiftieth birthday of the Y. M. C. A. hence "jubiles" reception. The origin of the Association movement, in a young men's prayer meeting, and its marvellous growth to some 4.500 associations, in every part of the globe, were briefly outlined.

Refreshments were served by the ladies' committee, and contributed not a little to the sociability of the evening. The reception manifested, and doubtless will increase, the interest that our people are taking in the Y. M. C. A.

The Big Bank's Good Year.

MONTREAL, June 4.—The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal to-day brought out a great many bankers and financiers.

Sir Donald Smith, in moving the adoption of the report, said the tariff revision should remove any elements of disturbance which had been more or less left since the opening of the year. Reviewing all the circumstances, the shareholders had cause to be satisfied with the outcome of the bank's business during the twelve months ending April 30. Ten banks had $1,351,904 of dividends during that period; four of the largest of these, with a capital and reserve $22,850,000 paid dividends of $602,000, or only two thousand dollars more than the Bank of Montreal, with a capital and reserve of $18,000,000.

General Manager Clousten said the lesson of last year will have been productive of good if it has taught the necessity of some stronger cash reserve. He commended the caution of the Canadian government in not being a borrower this year, but regretted that the same prudence had not been displayed by some municipal corporations, whose rulers continue to incur liabilities at an excessive rate. Their bank, he said, had come through the year with increased credit, and the shareholders had reason to be satisfied with the statement laid before them He only hoped they would do as well next year.

Normal School.

The closing exercises of the Provincial Normal school will be held to-morrow at 2.30 p. m. It is expected that the lieutenant governor, chief superintendent of education and chancellor Harrison of the university will make short addresses. The exercises will be of a general character, and will include the reading of essays, music and physicial drill by the students. The valedictory will be delivered this year by James A. Hughes of St. Mary's York Co. The governor general's medals will be awarded to the successful competitors. During the present session there have been 320 student teachers enrolled in the Normal School; 293 of these have been in the English department, of which 258 entered on Sept. 1st, and 35 in January and since. The remaining 27 were in the French department, 18 of whom entered in August and 9 in January. Of the 258 who entered in Sept, 52 passed the entrance test for first class or were admitted thereto on account of holding matriculation certificates; 95 were admitted as second class; and 111 as third. Of these, 3 second class and 3 third class students have had to leave school on account of illness. Of the 35 who were enrolled this year, 30 held second class licenses, 4 were third class teachers, and one was a graduate in arts. Of these one has withdrawn from the school. Of the whole 286 students of the English department, 89 were classified third; 130 second, and 67 first. Of those who entered as first class, 21 have been transferred to the junior division, while six were entered as second class have been finally classified first. The 27 students of the French department were all classified third. Three teachers are attending school without having enrolled. The license examinations begin on Tuesday, June 12th. There are about 300 candidates for the Fredericton station, including the students from the Normal school. The other examining stations for license are St. John and Chatham.

From present indications a larger number of candidates than that of last year will present themselves at the examination stations for entrance to the Normal school. These examinations will be held on the 3rd of July.

A Pleasant Excursion.

Ernest Hutchison, Esq., gave a number of Miramichi gentlemen a very pleasant outing on Monday in the form of an excursion on his steamer Sarcelle. It was understood that the event was connected with the completion by the local government of the fine iron bridge at Douglastown and to mark Mr. Hutchison's appreciation of that great convenience placed in the village in which he is so largely interested.

The party consisted of Hon Senator Snowball, Hon. Allan Ritchie, Hon L. J. Tweedie, Hon. J. P. Burchill, Hon. Peter Mitchell, James Robinson and John O'Brien, M. P. P., Col. R. R. Call, John C. Miller, R. A. Lawlor, D. G. Smith, John McKane, Blair Robertson, W. A. Hickson, W. A. Park, J. S. Fleming, A. A. Davidson, J. L. Stewart.

The steamer ran from Nelson up the Southwest to near the head of the corporation boom, where the work of rafting was in active progress, and favorable comment was made on the great improvement that has marked the management of the boom in recent years, since it has been under Mr. Robinson's control. In former years owners of logs were annually put to considerable expense and kept in a condition of anxiety each spring on account of the apparent inability of the company to construct piers of sufficient stability to withstand the freshets. Mr. Robinson, however, has changed all that by building piers on a much improved plan. He has a dozen or more of these, composed of a combination of pile and cross-log work. Piles to the number of from three to six hundred in each pier are driven as deep as ten feet into the bottom as closely as they will stand together and are bolted in a solid mass. Around these, as a centre, crib-work of cross logs is built and heavily ballasted. The latter is necessary to prevent the ice from drawing the piles, which it would do if they were left exposed to its lifting action. Some of this work that has stood for eight years was seen and, like that done in more recent seasons, it was as solid and unharmed as if just finished.

The steamer, after running up nearly the whole length of the boom was neatly turned in a narrow channel and run down and through the Tickle into the Northwest, and up as far as Mr. Sinclair's mill wharf, in the hope that that gentleman, who had been unable to join the party earlier would then do so, but he had not returned home.

During the trip, and also at Col. Call's snug quarters—rain having come on—a number of speeches were made by different members of the party, while the ample spread of refreshments was being disposed of. Senator Snowball led off by proposing the health of Hon. Surveyor General Tweedie and Mr. Speaker Burchill, who were the especial guests of the occasion, and Mr. Tweedie made a reply in his usually felicitous way. Referring to the new bridge, he said it was a needed work where it had been placed and while he and his colleagues, Messrs Burchill, O'Brien and Robinson, spared no effort to secure that and other necessary public works in the County, their only regret was that they could not do all that they might desire in that line, because they realised that other parts of the province had similar claims. He said that in these matters their aim was to serve the people and meet their requirements in all parts of the County as far as possible, regardless of whether they supported or opposed the government and he believed that administration of that kind as sure in the end to commend itself, even to opponents. He thought the County was well served by its present representatives at Fredericton and the reason was because they were united in all things pertaining to their representative duties. It was the first time in the history of the County that its four members had for any appreciable period thus continued to act together. He was loyally supported in the government by his three colleagues and would be a poor man indeed if he were not, under such circumstances, able to make the influence of Northumberland felt and its just claims recognised, as he was sorry to say they had not always heretofore been. He thanked Mr. Hutchison, who had not been a supporter of his, for his appreciation of the work done in Douglastown and for this excursion, which had brought so many leading men of the river together in a social way, and he thought it would be better if there were more of such gatherings, as they would lead to us all thinking less of our differences and more of our common interest.

Mr, Burchill a'so responded, making an excellent speech, endorsing what he said had been so well expressed by Mr. Tweedie and thanking Mr. Hutchison for his thoughtfulness and courtesy. He concluded by proposing Mr. Hutchison's health and that gentleman made a suitable acknowlegement.

Hon. Peter Mitchell's health was proposed by Mr. Smith, and Mr. Snowball's and Mr. Robinson's by Col. Call—each responding. Both Col. Call and Mr. Snowball referred to old political differences now happily settled, but which, while they existed, were bitterly fought out to the loss of both individuals and the community and it seemed that both the colonel and the senator might have applied to themselves the differences between John Bull and Brother Janathan, in which John Bull is represented as saying:

We met us, both by land and sea
And lashed us one on t'other
In short, I failed in my attempt
To lick my little brother

Neither of the gentlemen appear to have gained anything by their warfare, save the knowledge that each was a good fighter and "couldn't be licked," so they are now the better friends for it.

Those who participated in the excursion thoroughly appreciated Mr. Hutchison's hospitality and voted him a capital host, and we hope his good example may be followed by others during the coming season.

Durward Lely.

Of Durward Lely, who is to sing in Masonic Hall, Chatham, tonight the St. John Sun of Tuesday has the following in reference to his appearance in that city on Monday evening:—

"Despite the counter attraction in the harbor last night, a large audience gathered in the Opera house to hear Scotland's distinguished tenor, Durward Lely, in his recitial of Scottish song and story. Mr. Lely is more than a singer; he can tell a story well, and his stage experience stands today without a rival. Mr. Lely was assisted by his charming wife, who besides playing the accompaniments rendered some variations on Scotch melodies. The vocal portion of the programme was made up of ten ballads, each of which the singer prefaced with remarks historical, anecdotal and humorous that put his hearers in full touch with their respective themes. Mr. Lely appropriately headed his list with O Sing Me the Auld Scotch Sange; but the audience hardly knew which most to admire, the exquisite tenderness and feeling of his rendering of Annie Laurie, O, Open the Door, O a' the Airts, and the Land o' the Leal, or the delightfully rich humor which signalized his interpretation of The Laird o' Cockpen, Hame Cam Oor Gudeman at E'en Come Under My Plaidie, The Barrin' o' the Door and Allister McAllister. Each number bore testimony to Mr. Lely's power, and the applause increased in volume and heartiness with every song. So hearty did the demonstrations of applause become that, disregarding his fixed rule not to respond to encores, he suplemented The Land o' the Leal with Scots Wha Ha, thus illustrating his statement that the two were alike note for note, and differ only in theme and spirit. Mr. Lely's dramatic and delightful vocalism must be heard to be appreciated."

Provincial Rifle Association.

At a special meeting of the council of the Provincial Rifle Association held last week the report of the committee appointed to prepare a prize list for this year's matches, and to take into consideration some questions that were referred to the council at the annual meeting was received. After a somewhat lengthy discussion the following resolution was carried:—

Resolved, That all non-commissioned officers and men after service of nine years in the Volunteers be allowed to same privileges as retired officers now have.

The report of the prize list committee was then received and on motion was taken up section by section. The Nursery match prize list was reduced from $100 as last year to $75. In the All-comers' match the second prize was increased from $10 to $12, and some other slight changes were made in the Association match. A second prize of $12 was added and three of the $4 prizes were taken away, making total amount the same as last year.

Five prizes of $2 each, called "Tyro" prizes, were added to the match, each to go to the five highest competitors who have never won a prize at any previous meeting of the association and whose scores would not entitle them to a prize on the regular prize list.

In the Prince of Wales match the ranges were changed from 200, 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots at each, to seven shots at 200 yards, standing, and 10 shots at 500 yards, any position—a second prize of $12, and a $3 prize were also added.

The provincial match was changed to 10 shots at 600 yards, and the prize list was increased from $92 to $115. The Snider extra series matches, in accordance with the resolution doing away with that rifle, were struck out.

In the extra series at 500 yards the prize list was increased from $75 to $115.

In the extra series at 600 yards the prize list was increased from $50 to $90.

The sighting shots at each range will be allowed in the regular matches but none in the extras.

The grand aggregate will include all the matches except the Nursery.

No "blow off" shots will be allowed. Two competitors may compete with the same rifle on giving the secretary sufficient notice at the time of making their entries.

All the prizes are opened to retired officers, non-commissioned officers and men, except the Prince of Wales cup and the N. R. A. medal.

Retired non-commissioned officers and men competing will have to procure uniforms in order to be elegible for the competitions. Following in line of the N. R. A. the inner and magpie on the 3rd class targets will be 20 and 32 inches respectively.

Australian Butter and Cheese.

During the last five years the importation into England of butter from Victoria has been rising by leaps and bounds. When it began, in 1889, the value of the butter which the colony sent to the English market was £51,300. In the four following years it was respective £91,200, £225,000, £404,430 and £761,273. The average price during the last butter season, which has just closed, was 11d. per pound. The great market which the Australian farmer has just discovered for butter has inspired him with the ambition to try the same experiment with cheese, and accordingly that commodity is to form a great feature of the Australian imports next year. The 220 tons of cheese which were shipped last season have found a ready sale at prices which are satisfactory to the Australian dairy farmer. The British agriculturist is thus face to face with a new and enterprising enemy on the other side of the globe, who can beat him in a department of his business which is not dependent on the low price of wheat. The Canadian farmer had better look to his laurels.

An Awful Flood.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 1.—The Fraser river at Westminster is still rising. At North Bend the water is a foot above the mark in the great floods in 1892. The warm weather continues, and there is still a large amount of snow in the mountains. The river may be expected to rise much higher. Steamers are all busily engaged in rescuing settlers and cattle. An idea of the depth of the water may be gathered from the fact that a steamer drawing six feet passed over several islands in the centre of the channel of the river Wednesday night. The water reached 14 inches over the Canadian Pacific tracks near Mission, and no trains were despatched yesterday. No mail has been received here for eight days. A fund has been started here to assist settlers who have lost all by the floods. It is no uncommon sight to see horses and barns floating down the river. Reports of the drowning of some Indians have been received, but cannot be verified.

HIGHER UP THE RIVER.

From points further up the river come reports that the river is nearly two feet higher than has ever been known. The Fraser valley for 100 miles has inundated. So great has been the destruction that ocean steamers passing in through the straits of Juan de Fuca are now encountering floating roofs of houses and barns, and innumerable carcases of hogs, sheep and cattle that have passed out of the river with other debris from the valley. It is estimated that over 2,000 families are homeless and that a property loss of fully $3,000,000 has been suffered. Many families have been driven from their houses. One steamer brought 307 settlers from Westminster late last night. Among them was the family of a rancher from near Langley. The man had built a strong raft, upon which he took his entire family and 10 blooded horses. They were rescued in mid stream after having been afloat for 10 hours. At many points there is great destitution among the unlucky settlers, who have fled from their homes. At the Salmon river settlement, where the water is 10 feet deep on the flat, many families are huddled together on the high lands and living on one scanty meal a day. The rescuing steamers have neglected to care for others who are in great danger.

OVER FARMS AND FENCES.

At Hatzie the steamer Transfer sailed up over farms and fences, over the Hatzie bridge and the dyke, and tied up to the rails of the Canadian Pacific track, seven miles from where the river formerly ran. The Transfer secured the wife of Rancher McDermott from the roof of her floating house. Her husband, who had failed in his efforts to rescue her, was found later on a small skiff. Both were nearly crazy. The big schoolhouse from Nicomen island floated by New Westminster last night. Both Vancouver and New Westminster are cut off from the outside world. Even the telegraph is not to be depended upon, as the wires have been constantly in trouble. Every effort is being made to relieve the flood sufferers, but facilities and means are utterly inadequate to meet the demand. The Canadian Pacific railroad has 1,000 men at work repairing the track. The flood is breaking it however, faster than they can possibly mend it. The result of the flood, it is now seen, will utterly stop all farming operations along the Fraser river for this season.

The Largest Side-Wheel Steamer Afloat.

The trial trip of the Priscilla, the new steel passenger steamer of the Fall River line, the largest side-wheeler afloat, took place on Long Island Sound the other day. Her speed is 20 knots an hour. The hull of the Priscilla, built by the John B. Roach Company, of Chester, Pa., is 423½ feet long on the water line, 52 feet on the beam, and 20½ feet in depth, divided into 61 water-tight compartments. The main engine has 3,500 horse power, and drives a pair of feathering paddle wheels, 35 feet in diameter. The engines and boilers are similar to those in the other Fall River boats, except that the motive power is greatly increased. The boilers—ten in number—are of the single-ended Scotch type, maximum pressure 150 pounds. The boilers have a mean diameter of 14 feet and are 14½ feet long. The steamer is provided with two large fire and wrecking pumps on the main deck. The engines and boilers were made at the works of W. & A. Fletcher, Hoboken, N. J.

The Priscilla is decorated in the style of the Italian Renaissance. The great staircase, which from time immemorable has been a distinctive feature of the American side-wheeler, is of solid mahogany. The quarter-deck is in marble mosaic. The dining room is finished in mahogany. Five decks permit of large rooms for the use of the passengers, the saloon being particularly fine. There are 361 staterooms, and in the cabins are 219 berths. The steamer is lighted by 1,900 incandescent lamps, and there is also a cold storage plant. The Priscilla will carry, in addition to her cabin passengers, 89 second-class passengers. The total cost of this magnificent vessel, is $1,500,000.

A Log-Driver.

To win a wager of $500 James Knox, a young man in the employ of the dock department of New York, encouraged by a half dozen Miramichi men, navigated a square-shaped log from the foot of 92d st through Hell Gate and return on Thursday last.

Knox is a Canadian. He was born in Quebec, but worked for years logging in Maine. He is a short, slim young man with fine muscles and unlimited nerve.

About two weeks ago Knox made a statement before several persons to the effect that he thought he could go though Hell Gate on a log without any difficulty.

They replied that it was impossible, but Knox insisted, and finally a wager of $500 was made.

Thursday afternoon was chosen for the trip, and big crowds gathered to see the start. The log was 28 feet long and 12 by 12 inches square.

Knox wore a pair of ordinary running trunks, a blue jersey, over which he had a white sweater, and a huge white canvas hat.

His legs from the knees down were bare, and he wore a pair of ordinary thin-soled leather shoes. He carried a long, thin pole, decorated with red, white and blue ribbon.

There was a strong flood tide flowing and the wind was blowing hard enough to make the water very choppy. With a quick shove of his foot he sent the log sailing out into the stream.

Then, before anybody realized what he was about to do, he made a running jump and landed squarely in the middle of the stick.

He worked his legs in an amazing fashion, causing the log to revolve. A rowboat fastened a rope to the log and towed it and Knox over to Mill rock where it was released.

Then once more Knox started his churning tactics, and the log began to sail in the direction of Ward's island. He stood with his back toward the direction in which he was going and balanced himself by letting one end of the long pole pest in the water.

A ferry boat that nearly ran him down made it rough sailing for a minute. The spectators thought the swell would prove too much for Knox but the log rode it like a duck and Knox just stood still, apparently unconcerned until it had passed.

Then he resumed his churning, and was soon in the most dangerous portion of Hell Gate channel. All the dangerous points were passed without mishap, and at last Knox churned himself in at the steamboat landing in front of the old homeopathic hospital on Ward's island.

The distance travelled was about a mile and three-fourths. It took him just one hour and a quarter to do it.

With the same skill that marked the trips up Knox propelled the log through swift currents and eddies and around dangerous rocks on his return.

He won his wager with ease.

He Don't Advertise.

The non-advertising merchant goeth forth to his lair at the rising of the sun and lo! no man interferetb. He standeth around all day like unto a bottle of castor oil, and the people with the shekels come not unto his shanty. He advertisetb not his ware and his face is forgotton on the face of the earth. Who hath dried apples? Who hath soiled ginghams? Who hath calicoes over which the flies of years have trod? Who hath stale baking powder without end? He that knoweth not the way to the printer's.

Dandruff is due to an enfeebled state of the skin. Hall's Hair Renewer quickens the nutritive functions of the skin, healing and preventing the formation of dankruff.

Seventy Miles an Hour.

The special train bearing the Vanderbilt inspection party on the Lake Shore recently made some fast time between Cleveland and Buffalo. The run from Cleveland to Erie, a distance of 95½ miles, was made in 95 minutes, including a four minutes stop at Ashtabula for water, making the total running time for the 95 miles 91 minutes. From Collingwood yards an 88 mile run was made in 82 minutes, including another four minutes stop. From Collingwood to Saybrook, a distance of 42 miles, was made in 36 minutes, or at the rate of 70 miles an hour. The run from Kingsville to Dock Junction 33 miles, was made in 28 minutes, or a rate of 70-7 miles an hour, the fastest time ever made on this division of the road. The locomotive pulling the train was No. 188, one of the Brooks Locomotive Works 10-wheel passenger engines. This run would seem to disprove the statement made by some railway experts that only an 8-wheel type of locomotive was adapted for high speed.

Lehigh Valley engine 655, lately rebuilt, was tried between Buffalo and Batavia, N. Y., on May 7, and ran a mile in the face of a strong wind at the rate of 52½ miles per hour. It is expected this engine will be able to average 70 miles an hour drawing a heavy passenger train. [Sc. Am.

An Athelete at 58.

Admiral Sir Michael Culme Seymour is one of the most popular as well as most distinguished of Great Britain's naval officers. Accordingly every one was highly pleased at the Mediterranean fleet athletic sports held recently at Malta, when he won in fine style the veteran's handicap race for officers above thirty-five years of age. Commander Burney, of the 'Hawk,' ran a good second from scratch. The Admiral, who succeded the lamented Tryon in the command of the Mediterranean squadron, joined the service as for back as 1849, and is fifty-eight years old—quite a respectable age at which to win a foot race. He served with distinction in the Baltic during the Crimean war and commanded the naval operations against the Chinese in 1856 and 1858, He is of Irish descent and comes of a stock distinguished in naval history.

When a young man he was noted as a "lady killer,' and was nicknamed in consequence "The Ocean Beau." Large numbers of spectators gathered to witness the proceedings, which were enlivened by the massed bands of the fleet, and the prizes were afterward distributed by Lady Culme Seymour, who seemed to take especial pleasure in handing the meed of victory to her gallant husband.

Skins of Fruit.

The skins of fruit should never be eaten, not because they are not palatable or digestable or are unhealthy in themselves, but on account of the danger arising from microbes which have penetrated into the covering of the fruit. Everybody has noticed that at times a slight scratch will create a considerable sore on the human body. It is generally ascribed to an unhealthy condition of the blood, but a close microscopical examination will show that it is due to the presence of microbes thus introduced into the system. So with an apple, a peach, a pear, or a grape. The fruit may be perfectly sound and healthy, but on the the skin or covering maybe microbes, which, introduced into the human system, will breed disease. These germs are not uncommon, neither are they always present. It is possible to eat this covering without injury, but the danger is such that it is best not to incur the risk.—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch.*

New Luncheon Dish.

[*From the Philadelphia Ledger.*]

An entirely new and delicious dish made from eggs comes from South America. It is called "egg a la Caracas," and was given to Miss Sedford, teacher of cookery, by the traveller who discovered it. The recipe calls for a quarter of a pound of smoked beef, four eggs, one teaspoonful of onion juice, one-eighth of a teaspoonful of cinnamon, two heaping tablespoonfuls of grated cheese, two tablespoonfuls of butter, four hard boiled eggs, mayonnaise and a dash of cayenne pepper. Put the four eggs to be boiled hard in a saucepan, cover with boiling water and simmer twenty minutes. Take a piece of beef in the bulk, cut off the rind and fat and cut very fine. Put in a saucepan, add one cupful of tomato, and put over the fire to cook slowly for six or eight minutes. Mix well the onion juice, cinnamon, cheese and butter; turn into it the tomato and cook three minutes longer. Break the other four eggs, heat enough to mix and stir into the mixture. Season with paprika to taste. Serve on hot plates. Also, heat the dish into which the eggs are poured. Cut the hard boiled eggs in slices and put them around as a border. On each slice lay a half teaspoonful of mayonnaise dressing. This may be made in a chafing dish if one desires. It is in the right condition to be eaten when it has the consistency of scrambled eggs.

The Hungarian red pepper, called "paprika," is not as strong as cayenne, and, as it has a more delicate flavor, can be used in larger quantities. It gives a very pretty red color to a Welsh rarebit, and makes it much more digestible than any other seasoning. It also improves the flavor of French salad dressing, and, if well mixed, as it should be, colors it a delicate red.

Day of Sunshine.

O gift of God! O perfect day!
Whereon shall no man work but play,
Whereon it is enough for me
Not to be doing, but to be.

Through every fibre of my brain,
Through every nerve, through every vein,
I feel the electric thrill, the touch
Of life, that seems almost too much

I hear the wind among the trees,
Playing celestial symphonies:
I see the branches downward bent,
Like keys of some great instrument.

And over me unrolls on high
The splendid scenery of the sky,
Where, through a sapphire sea, the sun
Sails like a golden galleon,

Toward yonder cloud-land in the West,
Toward yonder Islands of the Blest,
Whose steep sierra far uplifts
Its craggy summit, white with drifts.

Blow winds! And waft thro' all the rooms
The snowflakes of the cherry blooms!
Blow winds! and bend within my reach
The fiery blossoms of the peach!

O Life and Love! O happy throng
Of thoughts whose only speech is song!
O heart of man! canst thou not be
Blithe as the air is, and as free?

Longfellow.

Change of Seasons.

The budding forth of plant life as spring advances reminds one forcibly of the changes that are constantly going on in nature. Nor is man exempt from this change of the seasons, for with the spring, comes either renewed strength and vigor, or a feeling of lassitude and a generally enervated condition. If you have that tired exhausted feeling you require a course of Hawker's nerve and stomach tonic, the greatest invigorator, blood builder, appetizer and restorative tonic of the age. All druggists sell it.

Hawker's nerve and stomach tonic is all that its name signifies, and more. It is a great blood and flesh builder, restores healthy digestion and renovates the whole system.

The best of all spring medicines—a course of Hawker's liver pills and Hawker's nerve and stomach tonic.

Young Men's Christian Association of Chatham.

Meetings held every week in their rooms up-stairs, Hocken 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 all of these meetings.

DIED

At Willow Brook, the residence of her son, Mr. B. N. T. Underhill, Blackville, on the 30th inst, Mary Sutherland, aged 85 years, widow of the late T. W. Underhill, Esq.

Shipping News

PORT OF CHATHAM.

Entered from Sea

June 1—Ship Winefred, 1359, Lains, London, J. B. Snowball, bal.
4—Bk Fordenskyold, 362, Clausen, Dublin, J. B. Snowball, bal.

Entered Coastwise.

May 31—Sch Florence May, 74, Anderson Charlottetown, J. W. & J. Anderson, gen cargo.
31—Sch Levinia, 18, McCarthy, Tignish, Master, bal.
June 1—Sch Caughnawaga, 14, Dugay, Tracadie, Master, bal.
1—Sch Bessie S. Keefer, 79, Horton, Charlottetown, Master, gen cargo.
1—Sch Lorne, 18, Sonia, Kouchibouguac, W. S. Loggie, gen cargo.
1—Sch Evening Star, 22, Ache, Shippegan, Master,