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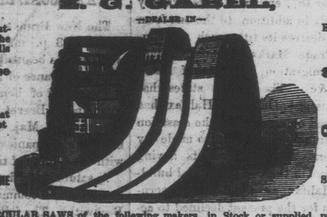

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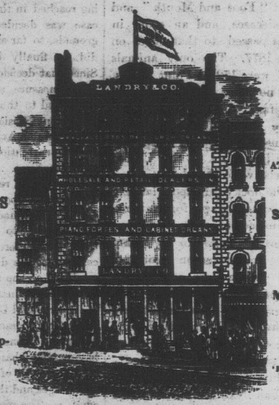

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5 hhds. Brandy;
5 hhds. } GIN.
25 qr.-casks }
50 cases GIN;
10 quarter-casks PORT;
10 quarter-casks SHERRY;
20 cases, half pints, BRANDY;
20 cases, pints, BRANDY;
10 cases John Bull Bitters, large;
10 cases John Bull Bitters, small;
30 cases, flasks, Bourbon Whiskey;
20 cases, quarts, Bourbon Whiskey;
10 cases, quarts, Old Tom Gin;
10 cases, pints, Old Tom Gin;
30 bbls., quarts, Bass Ale;
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Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1878.

Miramichi Religious Tract Society.

The annual public meeting of the Miramichi Religious Tract Society was held in the Temperance Hall, Douglastown, on Thursday evening, 24th February 1878. Mr. Jas. Henderson was elected chairman, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. McBain. After the Chairman had explained the object of the meeting, he called upon the Secretary who read the Report for 1877 as follows:—

"The committee of the Miramichi Religious Tract Society beg to present this, the Society's Thirty-second Annual Report. During the thirty-two years of its existence the society has always adhered to the principles and object of its founders in year after year placing at the lowest price possible, within the reach of the people of Miramichi and neighborhood, the publication of the London R. Tract Society. In this long period our Society has been instrumental in distributing a very great number of tracts on almost every useful subject, in furnishing a number of Sabbath Schools with libraries at a very small cost, and in spreading amongst the homes of the people a great number of valuable books, containing sound religious instruction, and supplying an antidote to the effusions of scepticism and materialism, which fail not to make their appearance year after year. Hear it may not be out of place to mention the fact, that of the fourteen gentlemen who met at Chatham on the 12th day of May, 1846, and organized our society, there are only three, as far as known to us, now living, viz; Messrs. Henry Cunard, Richard Hutchison and Allan A. Davidson. Though the large majority of these gentlemen have passed away to their eternal reward and rest, yet their good work remains a blessing in our society which is a noble memorial to their christian worth and benevolent character. Tho' dead, they speak to us, asking us to support by our prayers and active sympathy the society in its efforts to do the good work in this part of our beloved land for which they founded it. Nor will we be recreant to the precious trust. The operations of the society in the dissemination of religious literature for the past year have been more limited than in former years, for two reasons. In the first place, the society's field is almost wholly limited to the towns of Newcastle, Douglastown and Chatham, the country districts being occupied by the colporteur of the British American Book and Tract Society, at Halifax, and in the second place, the Treasurer in view of the commercial depression which has affected this as well as every other part of Canada for the past two or three years, did with characteristic sagacity import a smaller quantity of books last December, than in any previous year. The supply however has been commensurate with the demand, with the exception of copies of "Leisure Hour," and from the following statement, it will be seen that the society is financially in a healthy condition.

ACCOUNT CURRENT, 15th JANUARY, 1878.

1877.			
Jan. 16	By bal. in Treas's hands,		$205 72
1878.			
Jan. 15	By Books sold by—		
	John Ellis.	$345 69	
	W. & G. Watt.	48 68	394 37
	SUNDRIES.		
1877.			
Jan. 25	By subscriptions from Douglastown,	$9 00	
Feb. 20	By collection at meeting,	5 75	
April 21	Freight returned by Messrs. Allan,	31 00	
Oct.	Subscript'n Miss Percival,	50	
1878.			
Jan. 14,	Subscriptions from Newcastle,	3 50	—49 76
			$649 84
	PAYMENTS.		
June 7	Paid for Sight Bill for £74 2s 4d at 10½ per cent.,	$363 30	
Dec.	Paid Duties on Books,	12 70	
	Paid carriage from Halifax,	2 74	
	Paid J. Ellis, commission on $345 69,	17 28	—396 02
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,		$253 82
	691 Vols Books at Chatham,	$280 80	
	—do. do. Newcastle,	51 18	
		$331 98	
	Off 40 per cent.,	132 79	—199 18
			$453 00
1877.			
Jan 16	Due Parent Society £74 2 4		
	Books imported 1877 38 5 4		
		£112 7 5	
	Less Bill as above,	74 2 4	
	At 11 per cent.,	£38 5 1	—188 70
	Bal. favor of society in cash & books,		$264 30

JOHN ELLIS, Treasurer.

According to this statement the Society's assets exceed its liabilities by $264.30 in cash and books. This is most gratifying, still in looking over the statement of books sold, the conviction is forced upon us that the sale of books at the depositories has been less than we might reasonably expect in view of the rapid increase of the population. Turning to the Society's report for 1865, we find the sales to have realized,

At Newcastle,	$284 14
At Chatham,	297 56
	$581 70

while the amount realized for books sold at both these places in 1877, is only $394.38, being $187.33 less than in 1865. Now we may venture to say that the population of Chatham and Newcastle in 1877 exceeds that of 1865 by at least one fourth. In this increase of population we might reasonably expect an increase of the buyers of the society's books. What is the reason that this expectation is not realized? Is it because the parent society's publications in matter and form have not kept pace with the progress made within the past twelve years in the different departments of religious literature and in the art of the printer? We do not think so. For in looking at its catalogue of published books, we see evidences that it has availed itself of the services of men eminent for talent, literature and piety, belonging to all evangelical denominations, and a visit to either of the depositories will show that it has availed itself of the best art of the printer. The diminution which has taken place in the sale of books, cannot then be attributed to their inferiority either as to matter or form. What then is the cause? Is it that the people's desire and taste for religious literature are less extensive and keen in 1877 than they were in 1865? We would scarcely dare answer this latter question in the negative, in view of the increased interest and activity manifested by the people of Miramichi during the past year in religious and moral movements. Perhaps, then, the reason is that the people have had during the past year such a good supply of pulpit and platform literature that their attention has been withdrawn from the printed literature offered by our society. But we would respectfully remind them that our books form the best auxiliary to the pulpit and platform, dealing with the same subjects as these vehicles of instruction, while at the same time they are thoroughly *unsectarian*, treating of the principles of christian truth on which all evangelical denominations are agreed. We confidently then commend the interests of our purely benevolent society to the prayers and increased support of the christian people of Miramichi and neighbourhood. As in the past so in the current year the society is prepared to offer very cheap to the heads of families the yearly volume of "Sunday at Home," the "Leisure Hour," etc., and to Sabbath Schools books suitable to their libraries, and to ministers and teachers, books fit for the study. While we would record our heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for the measure of success He has granted to our society's efforts in the cause of true religion and pure morality in the past, we would earnestly pray for His blessing upon our work in the future, and that He would gather around our society the prayers and sympathy and liberality of all christians.

CLERICAL.

The following Committee for 1878 is appointed:—

Wm. Wilson,	H McKeown,
J. A. F. M'Bain,	T. Smith,
E. Jenkins,	Mr. Munro,
T. G. Johnstone,	Jno. Robinson,
W. Fogo,	J. Anderson,
A. R. B. Shrewsbury,	W. M'Cullagh.

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W. Murray,	D. Ferguson.
J. B. Snowball,	F. Letson.
H. Cunard,	A. A. Davidson,
R. Hutchison,	John Flett,
Judge Williston,	W. Gremley,
John C. Miller,	John M'Laggan,
A. Loggie,	Jno. M'Naughton.

Messrs. J. Ellis and W. & G. Watt continue to be Society's Depositories at Chatham and Newcastle respectively,

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ANDERSON, Secretary.

After the reading of the above Report the following resolutions were unanimously passed by the meeting:

1. Moved by Mr Jessiman and seconded by D. Ferguson, Esq., "That the Report now read be received and adopted, and given to the local newspapers for publication."

2. Moved by Rev. J. A. F. McBain, and seconded by D. Ferguson, Esq., "That the Meeting desires to express its thankfulness to the Giver of all good for the success which, during the past year, has attended the Society's operations in the circulation of religious literature; and it prays that the Divine blessing may rest on its continued efforts to circulate in our beloved land a healthy, Christian literature."

3. Moved by Rev. J. C. Herdman and seconded by Wm. Russell, Esq., "That for the success which has attended the Parent Society at London, England, and kindred Societies in spreading abroad in various parts of the world, the great doctrines of the Giver of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and also in counteracting the influence of pernicious literature, we offer our unfeigned thankfulness to Almighty God."

4. Moved by Mr. A. W. Paterson, seconded by George Fraser, Esq., "That we present our renewed prayers to our Heavenly Father for the increased dissemination of the Gospel through the agency of the press, and that the operations of the Society may be carried forward with still greater wisdom, vigor, and success."

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Douglastown choir, who in the intervals between the speeches sang some appropriate hymns. After rendering a vote of thanks to the Chairman this hearty and successful meeting was closed with the Benediction, pronounced by the Rev. James Anderson.

Correspondence.

[We invite correspondence on all local subjects and will be glad to publish anything that will advance the interests of our readers, individually, or in the communities in which they live. Local News Items, Notices of Improvements—either moral or physical—Reports of Meetings, Agricultural, Lumbering, Fishing, Mechanical and other Industrial notes are especially welcome. We do not expect that all who desire to assist us in the above way are good writers, but that should not deter them from sending along their favors. We want the news and will see that it goes into the paper in proper shape.]

"That Boat and Sail."

CHATHAM, Feb. 23rd '78.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

SIR:—As the public would, perhaps, like to] know something about that boat and sail I have in my possession, about which there has been so much said through the press and otherwise and about which I have been so much annoyed by a great many persons asking me questions about her. I will describe her and her sail as I can, but, before doing so, I will refer again to Mr. Wyse's letter in the *Advocate* of Feb. 13th. Mr. Wyse says:—"The first is about the purchase of a boat for the use of Overseer Perley to visit the lower portions of the river. It was got for his especial use, has always been in his possession, and is now in his charge and under his control. I had nothing whatever to do with the matter, except to carry out the written instructions of the Inspector" Mr. Editor, I would like to see the written instructions of the Inspector, concerning the boat and sail, that I have in my possession. True, Mr. Venning instructed Mr. Wyse and myself *orally*, to buy a boat or build one suitable to transact business on the Horse Shoe Shoals, in Miramichi Bay to take nets that were set there illegally etc, but I don't think it can be possible, that this is the vessel, that the Inspector told us to procure for that purpose. Let us see:—The boat in question, is a small sized double canoe, or dug out, as it is often called, about 20 feet in length, composed of the remains of two pine trees, which, by appearance, the insects had been digging at for many years, before the hands of man commenced to fashion her into a canoe, her bow and stern are nearly all patches, the inside, at the stern and bow, is covered with tin or zinc, tacked on very neatly, to make a good appearance; the vessel is painted red outside. She was got by Mr. Wm. Wyse expressly, for the purpose of going down to Portage Island in Overseer Russell's District, the time Mr. Russell and myself went down with the *whale boat* to transact some business in that locality. She entered the service about the 1st July, 1875. The sail is composed of about 6 yards of grey cotton, and suits the canoe very well.

Overseer Russell will testify to the truth of the above statement, of the description of the canoe and sail, and what she was got expressly for.

This is the kind of boat and sail belonging to the Government, that I have in my possession, and when Mr. Wm. Wyse, has got me discharged from office, as he has been boasting among the fishermen, what he will do, I will deliver up the boat and sail to him at once. She might do very well for a tender to that cutter that he has so often been speaking to me about, during the last four or five years,

Yours truly,
AMOS PERLEY,
Fishery Overseer.

The Church at Escuminac, Glenelg.

16th, Feb. 1878.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

SIR:—I notice that the Presbytery is going to investigate the Escuminac Church in Campbellton at an early date. For their guidance and information of the public I send to you for the publication a list of the subscribers to a fund for the purpose of building a Church at our Escuminac free to all Protestant Ministers, but to be owned by none. The following is a copy off the original list with the heading:

"List of subscribers to a fund to build a Church at Escuminac free to all Protestant Ministers to hold religious service in."

Names of subscribers who have been marked paid:—

Philip Lloyd, $20; Robt. McLean, $10; William Tait, $10; J. W. Tait, $5; John Lewis, $10; Luther Lewis, $5; Daniel Lewis, $10; Joseph Lewis, $10; Henry Sargent, $10; Thomas Sargent, $5; Geo. Lewis, $5; James McLean, $10; Daniel McLean, $5; George Fowlie $8; Alex. Taylor, $4; Peter Loggie, $4; Henry Phillips, $5; Alex. Mills, Esq., $4; John Mills, $4; Thomas Phillips, $10; Hon. W. M. Kelly, $15; Alex. Morrison, $20; J. Muirhead, $2; James Neilson, $4; Wm. Wyse, $10; S. U McCully, $1; W. G. Creighton, $1; T. H. Fountain, 50c.; W. H. Frecker, $4; George Stothart, $1; Jas. McNutt, $2; Allen Lewis, $5; Alexander Fraser, $1; D. G. Smith, $5; William Murray, $5; George Traer, $1; Alexander Leishman, $2; Murdock Gillis, $5; Geo. Cassidy, $2; Wm. & G. Watt, $5; John Sadler, $2; Richard Davidson, $4; John Falconer, $1; Michael O'Keefe, $2; James Chapman, $1; Thos. Vanstone, $3; Wm. Stewart, $1; Capt. M. Munro, $2; G. H. McAndrews, $2; George Robertson, $1; James Walls, $2; T. B. Peace, $1; Robt. Neilson, $1; John Wilson, $1; Captain Federson, $1; John Brown, (Chatham Head) $5; Wm. Anderson, $1; Dudley P. Walls, $2; Robert J. Walls, $2; Caleb McCully, $2; Donald McLaughlan, $2; D. Ferguson, $3; J. J. Anslow, $2; J. & R. Sinclair, $3; John Johnston, $1; John Brown, $4; W. B. Howard, $2; T. H. Flieger, $4; W. S. Loggie, $1; A. G. Williston, $3; Edward Gulliver, $1; A. & R. Loggie, $2; W. Ullock, $1.

Besides these there is about $4.30 marked to "Friends," and $140.00 collected by Elizabeth Tait, names of subscribers not given. There has also been work such as hauling of lumber from the mills and out of the woods; this does not appear on this subscription paper. Lumber has also been given, the leading donor in this respect being J. B. Snowball, Esq.

This Church has been built by mixed people, the adherents of Church of England and the Presbyterians giving the greater part of the money. I do not think it is hardly fair for the Wesleyans to have charge of and, therefore, have it deeded to them. It has been built to be free to all, and I do not think that any one body, ought to have the power to close the door against another Protestant Minister. The Methodists have that power now; whether they will use it or not only time well tell. I will close this for the present, but before doing so I would advise our Methodist brethern to call a meeting of the subscribers to this Church, of the different denominations and form a committee, and let this committee have charge of the Church. There are a few subscribers on the list that I have seen, that have not paid, but they might have done so, and not been so marked. Any person whose name does not appear on the above published list can easily communicate the fact to the proper quarter. If you, Mr. Editor, will receive the names, and send them to me I will see that proper credit is given. By publishing the above letter, Mr. Editor, you will oblige a large number of your readers both in Hardwicke and Glenelg,

I am yours, respectfully,
BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

MIRAMICHI, Feb, 11th, '78.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

DEAR SIR:—I was among the auditory who listened so patiently to that farrago of absurdity, with which Mr. Mitchell regaled the people of Barnaby River, on the evening of Feb. 2nd, and which your special correspondent gave so correctly to the public, through the columns of your paper. It was a discourse in which you could not discern, neither order, nor method, or eloquence; egotistical and virulent, it was also a confused and disjointed tissue of congenial vulgarity. Through the votes of the electors of Northumberland he has had the *entree* to the highest public and social circles at home and abroad; he has had the honor to belong for twenty five years to the first profession in the world—the Canadian bar. How has it happened that the twilight murkiness of his soul, has not been illumined with a single ray shot from the lustre of the able men with whom he has associated? Devoid of taste and of genius, how can he have had memory enough to preserve his original vulgarity? He is, indeed, an object of compassion, and, from my inmost soul, I bestow on him my bounteous pity. In the speech referred to he called us Railway Employes, "place-men from the South and aliens to our County" but if any of the "precocious" boy's political colleagues from the South had been listening to him, they would have cried; "Hold, I have seen the Aliens do their duty!"

Yes, Mr. Editor! we have always done our duty during election times—each in his own county, we have ever been loyal supporters of the Macdonald party, for the simple reason that the Tories are not so parsimonious with dollars and cents as the inexorable Grits. Mr. Mitchell is well aware of this, but then we will excuse him, as he was only at one of his old tricks again, that of telling a different story in each district that he visits, and adapting it to some necessary reform, peculiar to that particular place. But again I say, we must not mind him, as he forgets all his fair promises when he gets up to Ottawa. Mr. Mitchell is also perfectly acquainted with the undeniable truth that every Railroader from Moncton to Campbellton, excepting those within the county of Gloucester, is in direct opposition to the present administration. But why not include those within the county Gloucester? This is my answer. Gloucester has the exceptional honor of being represented in Parliament by the first Commoner in the land; by the ablest Irish Catholic in the Dominion; by one who has truly the interests of his constituents at heart; by a man whose ability, even Mr. Mitchell had to acknowledge in a speech delivered at Bathurst, the exordium of which was: "Gentlemen, Electors of Gloucester, you must not expect much from me to-day, as I have to contend with the ablest man in the Province." Yet Hon. Peter Mitchell and his friends will tell the public that he never was afraid of any man. At the same time Mr. Mitchell had boasted in Northumberland that "He would stir heaven and earth to keep Anglin out," to which boast, Mr. Anglin tersely replied, that, "probably he (Mr. M.) would have most influence in the lower regions," and I am inclined to believe that the Hon. T. W. Anglin was right. I expect Mr. M. will be as