

great deal of the time of the conference was consumed on the determined efforts of Her Majesty's plenipotentiaries to have the question of increased freedom in our commercial relations considered, but that the American plenipotentiaries told us over and over again that it was utterly impossible for them to deal with the question in that way.

also laid on the table all formal protocols, which the American plenipotentiaries would consent to have published, and they merely contain the treaty protocols and modus vivendi already published in the press digests, and brief minutes in protocol of each day's proceedings. The house then went into committee of supply and passed the charges of management, and nearly all the items of civil government without a division, when the items of the ministers of justice's department was under discussion.

Correspondence.

To Mr. DONALD MORRISON, COUNSELLOR. DEAR SIR.—You were elected by the votes of the late-payers of this town, and we expect from you a careful watchfulness of our rights. Will you or can you state why our Citizens are assessed for 4s year \$55.00 for Newcastle Police Fund? It is a notorious fact the salary of this officer is only \$400 and the fees collected from the Police Justice go to the constable. Did you examine into this matter at your last meeting and if so will you be kind enough to submit the matter to the late-payers. Is it your intention to burden us for the next year with policemen when there is no necessity for same. "Nero fiddled while Rome burned."

Newcastle, March 11, '88.

Miramichi, March 8th, 1888.

Mr. EDITOR.—I find in the public accounts published under the head of statement of expenditure in connection with "Light Ship Miramichi." James Wright, anchor and chains \$36.00; Robert R. Call, towing \$90.00. Would Inspector Mitchell or Mr. Jas. Wright or Master Daley please inform the public in reference to above; also for "Eucumene Light." Sinclair & Jack, Lading Coal \$640.00; H. L. Call 64 tons of coal, \$342.40. A little enquiry into above would do no harm. Just how it cost \$640 for "Landing Coal," and the price of \$3.35 per ton Mr. Call are not important.

The report is a most interesting one and I thank our member for sending me same. There are some other matters which may require some explanation.

St. John Letter.

Advocate Correspondence.

St. John, March 12th, 1888.

Let me begin this letter in the good old fashion and talk for a few lines about the weather. For ten days the March sun has been doing its work with the result that to-day in St. John should be all precedent belong to April. If only our snow and ice were spread uniformly over the streets and walk I hardly think the covering would be half an inch thick. The sidewalks of main thoroughfares are as clear as in July; there are twice as many carriages as in winter, the Street Railway is almost replacing omnibuses with wheels for mother earth is swallowing her covering and coming to the front herself. Everything has the appearance of spring even if the time is not at hand; the mills are preparing for work and the ship laborers, who have loafed through the winter lounge in crowds about the wharves waiting for the coming of the ice and the ogs. Lime kilns are already in full blast employing scores of workmen in an industry which until last summer was almost wholly neglected.

The religious revivals in the Methodist and Baptist churches are attracting much attention and converting a large number of young people. They are doing more and better work I must confess than the Salvation Army, and it would seem that the leaders of this latter body are of the same opinion for they have summoned reinforcements and the assaults on their inveterate and persistent enemy are so fierce and prolonged that the Satanic Commander is having a tough time. He has enlisted Cupid in his service in one church where there is a leading Evangelist—a stranger in St. John who has been winning hearts and souls by his touching appeals and commanding eloquence. This leader of Evangelism is one of those earnest young men whom we see to admire and to hear in respect. When he sets out to convert a man or woman to the good cause he bends every energy and all his magnetism to the task and the end of the campaign is the absolute surrender of the sinner. One of the prettiest girls in the city who for years earned her own living in a family where she was looked upon more as a friend than a domestic, strolled a few weeks ago into one of the churches and listened to the service. It chanced that the Evangelist came to her in his tour among the congregation. Was it love at first sight? It would appear so for she came again and again and he night after night worked for her conversion. He succeeded and so did she. They are to be married in a short time. Queer place to court wasn't it, and a queer way to do it; but properly speaking that is their business. Many a man has seen his wife first in church and he couldn't find her in a better place. I heard a gentleman say once "My wife is a good woman. The first time I saw her she was kneeling to be confirmed." I know several happy households who heard their wives before they saw them—a remarkable fact after marriage but only explainable before the ceremony by her presence in a church choir.

Speaking of church choirs reminds me that one of those indescribable collections of spruce, alto, tenor, basses &c., some of whose duties are to imitate the Salvation Army chorals and decrease pay rent, because indignant at the mildly sarcastic

and critical comments of the congregation and refused to howl last Sunday. There was considerable commotion when they announced their ultimatum about the middle of the week and the critics began to hunt up a choir. To say that they succeeded is a poor compliment; they pleased the congregation so well that the strikers went back; and the good old Presbyterian hymns will regain their charm for the church goers.

You have frequently noticed in the newspapers very favorable mention of the portrait painting of the Messrs. Marten of this city who are known to the business world as H. C. Marten & Co. Of these they are artists and true artists who alone could exhibit such finished work as is seen in their window on King Street. Many persons, in fact all who please, enjoy the keen pleasure of inspecting the splendid portraits of these gentlemen. I have seen a customer of theirs produce an old and faded tintype group in which was the only representation of the features of a dear friend or relative. You would not suppose that even a true artist could make any use of such a picture yet a few weeks later I saw a life size portrait the faithful endearing counterpart of the tintype. The owner was so thoroughly delighted that he would take no amount for the portrait even from those who were nearer friends of the original, and would have prized it more. The same remarkable work is done by the Messrs. Marten from photographs which have been in the family album for generations and any picture which is any representation of the original is capable of enlargement and improvement under their skillful touch.

Among the portraits I have seen in their gallery are those of Sir Leonard Tilley, Alexander Gibson, the late Dr. Brydson, Jack, Hon. Isaac Burpee and George S. Grimmer, Hon. A. G. Blair, Sir Charles Tupper, Justices E. L. Wetmore and Wilkinson, President J. R. Jack, Prof. Burwash, Dr. Pickard and Mayor Thorne. Hundreds of ladies and gentlemen will be named who have patronized them but those I have mentioned suffice to convince the public that their work cannot be excelled. Mr. Marten says that he receives old photos and other pictures daily with the question, "Can you do anything with them?" We do not care about the cost if you can give us a faithful portrait which we can frame and hang where we can see it always. In reality the cost is reasonable and the artist is able to answer in every case. How will you have it done in ink, water colors, crayon or oil?

I hear that as soon as the affairs of the Maritime Bank are settled the Merchants Bank of Halifax propose to establish a branch in St. John. I have remarked before upon the enterprise of the Nova Scotia bankers which by the way recently led to the statement in a Halifax newspaper that more than half the money in circulation in New Brunswick was Nova Scotian. It occurs to me that unless New Brunswick was a good place to do business in the Halifax banks would keep to their end of the line. The facts are that the average New Brunswick merchant is so enterprising that he gives the banks plenty to do—a contrast to the inertia of their Nova Scotia confreres.

There is some activity in newspaper circles in town. It is rumored that an evening edition of the Conservative daily will be published May 1st. About the same time a new Saturday Weekly called "Progress" is announced to appear.

The resignation of the organist of a city church has caused some comment in musical circles and the reason is not far off. It may be that after his departure the choir will be larger and more efficient. Report says that it has gone down of late because while lady members like politeness and attention they object to familiarity.

SANTA CLAUS.

What's this! Great Race between the two would be World Champion.

MCCORMICK and LAIDLAW.

The Race between these two great skaters in Pictou, having been so close, Ladies wanted another chance to secure the championship, and arranged for a fourth contest on

Chatham Skating Rink, which is to take place on

Thursday Evening, March 15th.

Laidlaw determined to beat McCormick. Great excitement. Don't miss this race.

Admission, — 25 cts.

Chatham, March 13, 1888.

Temperance Lecture.

Another Temperance Lecture will be held in the

Masonic Hall, Newcastle, on

Monday, March 19th,

under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The Rev. J. Baird and Thompson, from the North, are expected.

Newcastle, March 13, 1888.

MARCH 14th, 1888.

NEW MILLINERY.

Ready for inspection, on Thursday, 15th inst., one case of Ladies' Misses and Children's new Spring

STRAW HATS AND BONNETS,

in all the Latest Styles. Also; White and Cream Laces, Linen Collars and Cuffs, Veiling, Lace Collars, India Muslins, Fancy Gauze.

A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF FLOWERS Etc.

Opening on Tuesday, March 13th, 1888.

A further supply of New Prints and Gingham, Jacket Cloths, Lace Flouncings, Cashmere Shawls, Fancy Braids for Dresses, Pelts, Corsets, Dress Steels, Curtain Poles, Stair Carpets, Towels, Osmaburgs all

prices; Men's Braces, Hosiery, Shawl Straps, Carpet Binding, Picture Cord, etc., etc.

P. S. A new lot of Spring Beds and Mattresses.

B. FAIRY, Newcastle.

Newcastle, March 13th, 1888.

New Advertisements.

Horses and Waggons FOR SALE.

I will offer for sale at Public Auction, on Wednesday, March 21st.

at the FACTORY BARN. The following:

1 Extra fine Brood Mare,

1 Hambletonian Driving Horse,

1 Single or Double Fung,

1 Dean Swift Colt rising 2,

1 Driving Mare, weight 1000 lbs.

1 Single or Double Fung,

1 Set Buffalo Robes,

1 Double Seated Wagon almost new,

1 Double Truck Wagon, do.,

1 Single Driving Wagon, do.,

1 Heavy Express Wagon, do.,

1 Double Seated, Pole and Whimble-trees.

1 Pair Bob Sleds, very handy,

1 Cart in good condition,

1 Set Driving Harness,

1 Set Working Harness,

1 Set Cart Harness.

Also Pole and Whimble-trees, Chains, Rugs, Whips, etc., and a lot of Cedar Fence Rails.

TERMS: Under \$20.00 cash, over that amount 3 months on approved joint notes. Sale at 11 o'clock, March 21st.

GEO. CASSADY.

Chatham, March 13, 1888.

Trustee's Sale.

SEALED TENDERS for the purchase of the following parcels of the estate of C. H. LaBilloy, deceased, merchant, assigned, will be received by the undersigned trustee, at his office in Dalhousie up to

Monday, March 26th

instant, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The entire stock in trade of the said C. H. LaBilloy, consisting of Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes and Hardware.

And also (by separate tender) The Book debts due the said estate.

And also, (by separate tender) The Land and Store on same, lately occupied by the said C. H. LaBilloy.

With Allow, (subject to a mortgage) The Dwelling house lately occupied by the said C. H. LaBilloy.

The Stock and List of Book debts can be seen on application to the undersigned trustee, and buildings can be seen at any time.

The highest or any tender not accepted.

Terms Cash or approved security.

Dated the 6th day of March, A. D. 1888.

JAS. S. HARQUAIL, Trustee.

Teacher Wanted.

A third class female teacher is wanted for District No. 4, Blackville, to take charge on the 1st of May. Apply to

DAVID ALEX. COUCHMAN, Sec'y to Trustees.

Blackville, March 11, '88.

FISHING TWINES.

The usual large stock of the celebrated Houn-

Salmon, Trout, Mack-

erel and Herring,

has just been received at the

SALTER BRICK STORE,

and is offered to Retail Purchasers on the usual liberal terms.

JNO. FERGUSON.

Newcastle, March 13, 1888.

Spring! Spring!

Cottons, Hats, Clothing.

New Cottons! Cheap!!

100 Pieces unbleached Cottons, the best value ever shown in Miramichi. Call and examine.

NEW HATS! NICE!!

50 doz. Men's and Boy's Hat and Soft Fur and felt Hats. They were bought very low and will be sold at a small advance on cost.

NEW CLOTHING! GOOD!!

200 Suits Men's and Boy's Clothing. This will be found the best and Cheapest lot of Clothing I have ever shown, which is saying a great deal, but it is really the case, and you will find it so.

TEAS and ROOM PAPERS.

New Teas!!! New Teas!!!

25 Chests! 25 Chests!

Try the Tea at 25 cents per pound, you will find it Strong and Fine Flavour, and any 25 cent Tea is something extra.

NEW PAPER HANGINGS!

5,000 Rolls, English, American and Canadian

HALL and ROOM PAPER,

Cheap to Good.

The Cheap Cash Store.

JAMES BROWN.

Newcastle, March 13, 1888.

New Advertisements.

Intercolonial Railway.

TENDERS FOR WHARF AND FREIGHT DOORS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside, "Tenders for Wharf and Freight House, Pictou," will be received until SATURDAY, March 31, 1888, for the construction of a wharf and Freight House, at Pictou, N. S. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Chief Engineer's Office, Moncton, N. B., and at the Office of the Station Master, Pictou, N. S., where forms of tender may be obtained.

Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit equal to 5 per cent. of the amount of the tender.

This deposit may consist of cash or of an accepted bank cheque made payable to the Hon. Minister of Railways and Canals, Canada, and marked accepted by the bank on which it is drawn; and it will be forfeited if the party tendering neglects to enter into a contract when called upon to do so; or if after entering into the contract, he fails to complete the work satisfactorily according to the plans and specifications.

Readers made on the printed forms provided for that purpose.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

Railway Office, Moncton, N. B., March 9, 1888.

D. POTTINGER, CHIEF SUFF.

Bank of Nova Scotia.

(Incorporated 1832).

Capital, \$1,114,300.00.

Reserve Fund, \$400,000.00.

Head Office, Halifax, N. S.

Branches at Montreal, New York, Boston, St. Louis, Victoria, B. C., and all towns in the lower provinces.

STERLING EXCHANGE BOUGHT AND SOLD. AMERICAN DRAFTS NEGOTIATED. Collections made at all accessible points. Interest at 4 per cent. allowed on special deposits.

OFFICE AT CHATHAM.—Benson Block, Chatham, N. S. (Opposite the Court House). Building next the "Advocate" Office. Hours—From 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Saturdays from 10 a. m. to 12 p. m.

F. R. MORRISON, Agent.

Newcastle, March 6, 1888.

Assessors' Notice.

The Assessors of Rates for the Parish of Newcastle, having received the warrants authorizing the assessment of taxes for the present year as follows:

For County Concessions, \$900 14

" School Fund, 2556 18

" Aids House, 544 75

" Fireworks town of Newcastle, 1067 50

" Newcastle Police Fund, 854 00

\$5081 52

herby notify all persons liable to assessment within thirty days from this date with statements, in writing of their Real Estate within the Parish of their Personal Property and Income, to guide them in their assessment.

N. B. The Valuation Lists can be seen, when completed, at the office of the Assessors in Newcastle, and at the residence of the Assessors in the middle and lower Districts.

WILLIAM M. MASON, Assessor.

LAWRENCE DOYLE, Assessor.

JAMES RUSSELL, Assessor.

Newcastle, March 5, 1888.

Intercolonial Railway.

Tender for Scrap Wheels.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside "Tender for Scrap Wheels" will be received until MARCH 20th, 1888, from persons wishing to purchase the whole or any part of a lot of two hundred tons of scrap cast iron wheels.

The whole will be delivered free of freight charges on cars at any station of the Intercolonial Railway, the time to state the place and time that delivery will be required. Payment is to be made in cash on delivery.

The deposit of five per cent. of the amount of tender will be required from each person whose tender is accepted.

This deposit may consist of cash or of an accepted bank cheque made payable to the Hon. Minister of Railways and Canals, and it will be forfeited if the contract is not carried out. When the contract is completed the deposit will be returned.

WILLIAM M. MASON, CHIEF SUFF.

Moncton, N. B., March 1st, 1888.

Notice of Assignment.

Notice is hereby given that Edward Gordon, of Dalhousie, in the County of Hants, and Province of New Brunswick, Merchant, has by deed bearing date, the twentieth day of February, A. D. 1888, assigned all his Estate and Effects to us in trust for the benefit of his creditors.

The said Trust deed lies at the office of Jas. S. Harquail, at Dalhousie, aforesaid, for inspection and for the production of the same within sixty days from this date and will be sold at a small advance on cost.

Dated at Dalhousie, this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1888.

C. BARBERIE, J. S. HARQUAIL, Trustees.

Flour. Flour.

RECEIVING TO-DAY;

125 Bbls. Queen City Choice Superior.

125 " White Granite " Patent.

TO ARRIVE—

250 Bbls. Queen City Choice Superior.

250 " Daily Bread "

250 " White Eagle " Patent.

250 " Olive Spray "

125 " Pride of Peel " "

250 " White Eagle " "

250 " White Granite " Patent.

For sale low by

Moncton, N. B. A. J. BABANG & CO.

MILLINERY.

The Subscriber has just imported a Large and well Assorted Stock of FALL & WINTER

Millinery and Fancy Goods, consisting of Ladies', Misses' and Children's

HATS and BONNETS,

in all the new Shapes and Shades. Also a

Handsome lot of new Finishes, Velvets, Veneers, Ribbons, Feathers, Agribettes, Birds

Wings, Flowers and Ornaments. Also Ladies' Wool Vests, Hoods, Fascinators, Yarns and

Burlies, Old Ladies' Dress Caps, Ladies' and Children's Collars and Cuffs and Laces in great variety. Trimmings Hats always on hand and orders promptly attended to.

MRS. J. DEMERS.

Newcastle, Nov. 14, 1887.

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Orders filled promptly.

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Valuable Residence.

For Sale by Tender.

The Subscriber, intending to leave Newcastle this evening for the coming Spring, offers for sale and

Commodes and thoroughly built new Residence.

situated in one of the most pleasant parts of the town. The house is two stories, with French roof, is 25 x 34, with 120 x 24. Tenders will be received for this valuable property, until TUESDAY, March 20th. A large portion of the purchase money may lie on mortgage. Tendres will also be received until March 20th, for the purchase of the

Two Tenement Houses, on Regent Street, also owned by the Subscriber. These properties must be disposed of, and somebody will get them at less than their cost to build. Particulars on application. The Subscriber does not limit himself to accept the highest or any tender.

Newcastle, Feb. 28, '88.

C. B. McKEEN.

E. C. COLE, MERCHANT TAILOR.

and—

Gentlemen's Outfitter, Palmer Block, Moncton, N. B.

Our traveller will visit the different towns on the North Shore, during the year, with a superb range of samples. Will make first trip early in MARCH. Wait for him and inspect our samples and prices before placing your order. We guarantee all our workmanship equal to any Tailoring Establishment in the Province. Moncton, Feb. 21, 1888.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that application will be made at the next sitting of the Legislature of New Brunswick, for the incorporation of a company to build a line of railway from the Parish of Dalhousie through the Parishes of St. John's, and St. John's, in said Parish, to connect with the Restigouche and Victoria Colonization Railway