

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.

SIR CHARLES 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 dispatches, 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 terms 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 \$45.00 for the year 1887-88 for Newcastle Police Fund? It is a notorious fact that the salary of this officer is only \$400 and the fee collected from the Police Justice go to the officer. 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, author and chains \$35.00; 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; R. L. Call 64 tons at \$3.35, \$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 paid 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.

TICKLER EM-CP.

Newcastle, March 8th, '88.

To the Editor of the Union Advocate.
Sir.—In reference to the article published in your paper of Wednesday last, I find Parish for present year is assessed for \$107.50 for Firewards, town of Newcastle.

World Messrs. Lyons and Morrison, Councillors, or the Firewards please give explanation as to same, and be particular as to details.

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 by all precedent belong to April. If all our snow and ice were spread uniformly over the streets and walks 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 is full of wheels for mother earth is wallowing 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 mill-laborers, who have loafed through the winter lounge in crowds about the wharves waiting for the coming of the ice and the oys. 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 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 Satanist 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 whole souled men whom to see is to admire and to hear is to 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 soprano, alto, tenor, basses etc., some of whose duties are to imitate the Salvation Army chorals and decrease paw rent, became 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 course 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 enlarged 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 must 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?" "Can you do anything with them?" "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 bankers 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 confederates.

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 politeness and attention they object to familiarity.

SANTA CLAUS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HALLOO!

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

MCCORMICK and LAIDLAW.

The Race between these two great skaters in Pictou, having been so close, Laidlaw 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 15.

Laidlaw determined to down 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. D. B. Thompson, from the North, is 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, Pettis, Corsets, Dress Steels, Curtain Poles, Towels, Canebags all

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

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

Newcastle, March 13th, 1888.

B. FAIRY, Newcastle.

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 Hamiltonian Driving Horse,

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 other useful articles.

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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 Doors, Pictou," will be received until SATURDAY, March 31, 1888, for the construction of a new wharf and freight house, at Pictou, N. S. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Chief Engineer's Office, Montreal, 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 five per cent. of the amount of the tender.

Ten 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 or refuses 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 specification.

Tenders not made on the printed forms will not be considered.

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

Railway Office, Pictou, N. B., POTTINGER, N. B., March 9, '88.

CHIEF Supt.

Bank of Nova Scotia.

(Incorporated 1832).

Capital, \$1,114,300.00.

Reserve Fund, \$400,000.00.

Head Office, Halifax, N. S.

Branches in Montreal, New York, Boston, Winnipeg, 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, opposite the new Post Office, Pictou, N. S. Building next to the "Advocate" Office. Hours—From 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Saturdays 10 a. m. to 1 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, 2555 73

" Alms House, 64 75

" Fireworks town of Newcastle, 1067 50

" Newcastle Police Fund, 554 00

\$5051 52

hereby notify all persons liable to assessment in thirty days from this date with statements, on oath, in writing of their Real Estate within the Parish, and 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 MASSON, LAWRENCE DOYLE, JAMES RUSSELL, Assessors.

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 thousand 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 tender to state the place and time that delivery will be required. Payment to be made in cash on delivery.

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

Ten 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 contract is not carried out. When the contract is completed the deposit will be returned.

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

Railway Office, Pictou, N. B., POTTINGER, N. B., March 1st, 1888.

CHIEF Supt.

Notice of Assignm't.

Notice is hereby given that Edward Gordon, of Pictou, 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 how lies at the office of J. S. Harquail, at Dalhousie, afores