

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN is to meet this evening.

GLAZES—A special line, black. See Mr. Fairly's advt.

HAY, STOCK, BEER, etc., at Auction. See Mr. Kerr's advertisement.

TWO TEACHERS are wanted in District No. 3 Chatham (Black Brook). See advt.

A KITCHEN MAID and a Housemaid are wanted for excellent place. See advt.

SERIOUS LOSS—John O'Brien, Esq., of Nelson lost a fast and valuable mare on Monday last.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY is to be celebrated in Newcastle by a skating carnival at the rink. See advt.

NEWCASTLE CURRIERS visited their Chatham brethren and played at the rink of the latter yesterday.

REV. M. T. DEB OF THE Chatham Methodist Church has been asked to accept an important charge in Prince Edward Island.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT. Mrs. Armstrong, who died at Chatham on Friday night last, was one of the oldest residents of the town, being in her 88th year.

THE BOARD of Northumberland Agricultural Society is to meet at the Canada House, Chatham, on Thursday afternoon of next week, at 3 o'clock, and members are hereby requested to attend.

THE COURTS.—The Circuit Court, His Honor, the Chief Justice, presiding, will open at Newcastle on Monday, 20th inst.

THE COUNTY COURT, His Honor, the Justice Wilkinson, presiding, will meet on Tuesday, 4th April.

OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, which is well known as one of the most efficient in the Province, is well pleased by the World, after that paper's little better acquaintance with Chatham, it will change its opinion in this respect.

SNOW SLIDES from roofs have been a source of some annoyance to pedestrians during the past week. Several persons have been slightly injured by them and in one case, an St. John Street, a young lady was knocked down and completely buried.

SALMON men to strike the coasts of the Maritime Province in the spring earliest between Halifax and Shelburne, as the Lahave river carrying off first honors as a lake. Two salmon, we learn, were caught in a river a fortnight ago, one of which weighed 18 lbs.

THE "WORLD" has, evidently, learned that it was improper to refer to private club matters for the sake of making a point against the editor of the ADVANCE, but it cannot make persons correct as to believe that the "Debates" question had anything to do with the Club, or that such reference was not unworthy and highly improper.

BAND INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE.—The old instruments formerly in use by the 62nd Battalion Band, are offered for sale. As all the pieces (12 in number) are in good order, this is a first rate chance for any one organizing a new band. Full particulars will be furnished by addressing Capt. R. T. Starcke, 62nd Battalion, St. John.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. J. T. Cottier, clerk in the store of Mr. D. Morrison, lost a portion of the first joint of the thumb of his left hand on Saturday night while closing his door. He had placed his left hand on the inside of the door, the thumb slightly overlapping where the door comes to, and when he swung the door to its place, the piece was taken off. Dr. F. C. Cotnam, who was called, found the wound to be a time exceedingly painful. —Advocate.

THE ROAD between Chatham and Napan is in a very bad condition. There should be some provision in law to obligate people to do what is necessary to keep the road in good order. It is a matter of public interest, and one that should be attended to as soon as possible. It is a matter of public interest, and one that should be attended to as soon as possible.

PERSONAL.—D. J. Welsh, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, is in town for a few days during the past week.

Hon. Richard Heston has been confined to his residence for the greater part of the last three weeks by an illness resulting from a severe cold. It is a matter of pleasure however to the community generally to learn that he is recovering and will, apparently, be in excellent health again in a few days.

Capt. John Bell now has charge of the Canada Family Round House at Winnipeg.

Enos Heston, Esq., M. P., visited his family and friends at home, arriving on Saturday morning and leaving for Fredericton on Monday evening.

THE MIRAMICHI BOOKSTORE.—The sale of the Miramichi Bookstore to Mr. Edward Johnson, and its removal from the Advance Building, to which we referred a short time ago, is now completed, and Mr. Johnson has one of the most attractive stores on the Miramichi in the premises next door to Letson's corner and opposite Dr. Falkner's. He is daily adding to the stock purchased from Mr. Smith, and having excellent facilities and his whole time to devote to the business, he cannot fail to be successful. In books and Stationery—especially in School and blank books, School maps and other requisites, fancy goods pertaining to his branch of business, toys, games, wall paper, etc.—he can supply customers at very satisfactory prices and cash customers can rely on finding it advantageous to deal with him.

MARRIAGE.—On Thursday evening last, Millerton was the scene of an interesting event, in which the principals were T. C. Miller, Esq., and the youngest daughter of Mrs. Wm. Wilson. Miss Mary Davidson, of Chatham, acted as bridesmaid, and W. C. Miller, Esq., as groomsmen. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of guests, and after they had partaken of the splendid repast furnished by Mrs. Wilson, the majority of those present accompanied the happy couple to Newcastle, where a number of friends assembled to see them off by the early express. They were accompanied to Halifax by the groomsmen and other family connections, and left on a long journey by the steamer which left Halifax on Saturday. They carry with them the best wishes of home friends. Mr. Miller is taking his bride to Hungary, Austria, whether he goes to charge of a larch extract factory recently erected in that country by Messrs. J. & J. Miller & Co., or which is now about ready for operation. It will probably be many years before the young couple return to this country, but while sojourning in a strange

land they will be cheered by the knowledge that they are held in loving remembrance by those with whom they are connected by family ties, and oft remembered by the many friends who enjoyed their companionship in Miramichi, and who wish them every happiness in their far distant home towards which they are now journeying.—Advocate.

The Valley Railway—A Correction.

John L. Scofield, Esq., of Blackville writes us to say that he was not correctly reported at the Derby Railway meeting in reference to the mode of paying for the Miramichi Valley Railway. He says:—

"I do not wish to say that the amount paid by the Legislative Council would pay interest on the railway bonds and create a sinking fund that would pay them in 25 years. That I did say was that half the stampage collected in Northumberland and York Counties yearly would pay the interest on the bonds, and the amount saved yearly by the abolition of the Legislative Council would be used to pay the interest on the bonds in a five per cent sinking fund, would redeem the bonds in twenty five years."

We are sorry that our report, which was necessarily brief, made Mr. Scofield out a rather wild financier. Had it been correctly reported, the Legislative Council would have been of little benefit to the people of his political references to the Legislative Council, which he termed "that hospital for political infirmities." He will be glad to learn, no doubt, that the Government has decided to proceed with the carrying out of the Temperance Act, and that the influence of the Temperance Society is being felt in the Province.

TEMPERANCE.

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Angie Young—Italian Posay.

Mrs. Massinger—Evening Star.

R. Hutchinson—Middie.

Nina Benson—Fairy Starbright, (Prize).

D. M. Loggie, J. Currier.

P. H. Benson—Claude Daval.

The Committee decided during the evening to give a prize for the best lamp, lampstand and the judge, Messrs. Geo. I. Wilson, John Johnston and J. L. Stewart awarded it (a pair of plated A. C. skates) to Miss Nina Benson as Fairy Starbright. The experience of the Committee who have afforded so many skaters in Chatham a week's excellent enjoyment on the ice, shows that a skating rink would be in the town and we hope an effort will be made to secure one before next winter.

The Scott Act.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance:

Sir:—Could not the Temperance Society in this town, by a forcible enforcement of the Scott Act, now that the summer is coming on, set against two or three temperance coffee houses such as have been started and run so openly in other places. They would not only be profitable to those who under took them if properly managed, but would be of immense advantage in assisting in the carrying out of the Temperance Act, and in counteracting the influences of the illicit grog shops.

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The Fishery Interest.

In the Common on last Wednesday Sir A. J. Smith, Esq., in a long and able speech, endeavored to show that the fishery interest was not to be permanent or only to continue in force as the Treaty of Washington in so far as, and whether the fishermen were to be made known when the vote for that purpose is before the House.

Mr. McLennan, in moving for reports of engineers and petitions respecting Arisaig Pier, Cape George Pier and Bayfield Pier, 1882, the second year of the present Government had been very neglectful of the interests of the Nova Scotia fishermen and had spent far less than their predecessors on such works and conveniences to the fishermen. The appropriation for harbors and piers in Nova Scotia in 1874, when the Mackenzie Government was in power, was \$300,000, when in 1879, under the present Government it was only \$17,500, or \$187,500 less. In 1879 the receipts on revenue were \$23,307,400 against \$24,668,715 in 1874, \$21,842,000 against the present Government receipts. In 1879 the expenditure was \$24,500,634, and in 1874 it was \$23,713,071, or \$1,787,563 less than the present Government expended in the first year of its power, was \$300,000, when in 1879, under the present Government it was only \$17,500, or \$187,500 less. 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The Tax Juggle. Says the Protected Manufacturer: 'Why don't we manufacturers pay our proportion with the rest?'

Many astronomers have held the opinion that *Alcyon*, the chief star of the Pleiades, is the centre about which our solar system revolves.

Numerous cases of fire from the spontaneous ignition of coal have been recorded. After considerable experiment, Mr. W. M. Williams has concluded that spontaneous combustion takes place in some degree in all cases where coal is exposed to the air.

Granular vegetable carbon, saturated with sulphuric acid, of which it holds about seventy times its own volume, is now being tested as a destroyer of phylloxera.

It is proposed by Mr. C. F. McGlashan, editor of the Santa Barbara (Cal.) Press, to place moving railway trains in constant telegraphic communication with the rest of the world.

An OMBLIZING MAN.—'You had better get rid of that stove pipe hat; you'll be freer without it,' said a powerfully built, red-faced truck driver the other day, as he nearly drove over a delicate-looking gentleman on Park row, New York.

The driver heard him and pulled up his horse at once. 'What do you mean?' he asked in gruff tones.

The gentleman took a few moments to consider the question. Then he said: 'No, I'll leave that job for the hang-man; but I'll fasten your nose, if that will suit you.'

It was done before the words were well out of his mouth, and he lay on his back in the gutter, the expression of his blood-poisoned countenance was that of mingled pain and amazement.

'What did you strike that man for?' asked a policeman, hurrying up, and seizing the gentleman by the arm.

'Because he asked me to strike him, you know,' was the reply, 'and as he looked like an honest, good-natured young fellow, I didn't like to do anything else.'

The policeman looked at the truckman, who rose slowly, and without making any complaint mounted the seat of his wagon and drove off.

'Well,' said the policeman, impressive as he walked away, 'there's no account in' for tastes.'

Archeological researches have shown indisputably that the art of weaving was practised in prehistoric times. It may even date back nearly to the creation of man, as fragments of woven cloth have been found among the relics of the Lake Dwellers, who are supposed to have been about the first representatives of the human race.

The oldest historical reference to the art of weaving, is furnished by the Bible. Job lamented that his days were passing with the fleeciness of a weaver's shuttle; and Joseph was attired in 'vestures of fine linen.'

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