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The Scott Act in Northumberland.

The Advance of Thursday last takes up almost two columns of its space in endeavoring to show the advantages in this County in again coming under a license system, and that "a majority of the Council are in favor of temperance reform." The County and the Council would be well rid of such temperance reformers, some of whom either because they are engaged in an illegal traffic while others endeavor to foster and encourage such traffic by a constant use of ardent spirits object to the law being carried out. Such are the men who have blocked the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act and now, through their mouthpiece, the Editor of the Advance, state that the Scott Act is a failure and the elections had better go back to the old system of license, and then points out that under the new license law the county would make those engaged in the traffic pay into the funds a portion of the money derived from their privileges obtained by license.

Whoever for a moment thought or thinks that it is possible to restrict the licensed dealers to the regulations as such regulations were seldom acted upon to and seldom will be. Such dealers are notorious as law breakers just as much under license as under the Scott Act and such it will always be. It is well known that they will violate the regulations, they will sell to those thirsty creatures of a bad habit who like Conn. Smith, will sneak into the back door of their establishments on Sunday, they will sell to minors and Indians. Whenever there is licensed taverns there are places licensed to make criminals, to rob the wife and children of the poor man who has not strength to turn away from the cravings for strong drink. These dealers make men fit for the lunatic asylum and the penitentiary, and men, or women either, engaged in such a traffic are expected to adhere to regulations to restrict their sales. It is preposterous to expect that they care not what, and misery and destitution they cause so long as they fill their purses and live on the best while the country is kept poor in consequence thereof. The argument that the amount paid as a license fee relieves the taxpayer of so much tax is a most fallacious one, a much larger amount is required to provide for poor houses, and jails, and the trial of criminals who have been rendered reckless or crazy by intoxicating liquor, no matter whether procured at a licensed or unlicensed tavern. We venture to say that in this County of Northumberland a far larger sum has been paid in its murder and other criminal trials caused by liquor than it has ever received from the license fees, paid for the privilege of making the ratapatters of the County partners in the inhuman traffic of bartering men's souls for intoxicating drinks, and receiving therefore blood money from those thus licensed to sell that which degrades below the level of the field. No respectable community should vote for license but should send men to represent them at the Council Board whose duty was to have the laws enforced and not blocked and repealed and void. Let the Council appoint a man recommended by those who are endeavoring to carry out the law, and not of its own choice, and the law can be enforced and violators punished.

When electing Councilmen, let those all who are engaged in the sale of liquor contrary to law—such men only disgrace the Parish, which sends them there as representatives and also leave alone those whose taste for liquor is so well known that while attending Council they frequent illegal resorts where liquor is sold; purge the Council of such unworthy representatives as they have proved to be, elect men of good character, temperance men preferred, and with the appointment of an Inspector recommended as stated above, we guarantee that it will be made hot for those unprincipled illegal vendors of ardent spirits. The Scott Act is not a failure, the very actions of those engaged in the traffic prove that, as you would not catch them wanting to go back to license while they can sell so much without it. Those engaged in the traffic however keep out of sight, and hide that great moral, temperance, truthful, Christian gentlemen (?) D. G. Smith, Editor of the Advance, to let their mouthpiece to gull the electors into repealing the Scott Act. We have, however, more faith in the sterling common sense of the people of Northumberland than to believe they will do any such thing. It will take much more ability than that possessed by D. G. Smith as a special pleader to make people believe that the sale of liquor is an honorable business, and that it should be encouraged in this County. Don't prohibit, but regulate the traffic and it will help pay your taxes for you. Should such bosh have any weight when put forward by interested persons, men who have lived, vampire like, upon the blood of their fellow man. Rather be guided by those who have your best welfare at heart, and by prohibiting the sale of liquor thoroughly and effectively make this County a good one to live in and prevent so large an annual waste as that caused by the consumption of liquor. Time will tell whether we shall take the backward step but we fervently hope and trust such will not be the case.

Try to Choose a Minister.
St. Andrew's congregation assembled Tuesday last to select a minister. The attendance was not very large. The freeballot, as reported to us, resulted as follows:—Dustin at Halifax 47, McGilvary of Ontario 31, Macdougall of G. John A. Fraser of Halifax 2, Thompson of Bathurst 1. A demand was then made for a vote on the two highest. This was taken with the following result:—Dustin 57, McGilvary 42. The Dustin party asked that the call be made unanimous, but the others refused, and so it was decided that other candidates before attempting to agree on a call.—World.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

The Local Legislature of New Brunswick was opened on Thursday afternoon last with the usual ceremonies. His Honor the Lieut. Governor delivered the following:

SPEECH.
Mr. President, and Hon. Members of the Legislature, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I have much pleasure in conveying to you the third Session of the present term of the General Assembly, having the fullest confidence that your Parliamentary labours will be resumed in a spirit which will attest your zeal for the public interest.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon the fairly prosperous condition of the business of the country generally. Although there was a partial failure of crops last season in some localities, yet the increase in the earnings of vessel property of all kinds, the enhanced value of our wood products and the remunerative returns of our coast fisheries, have created a feeling of general hopefulness and contentment among our people.

The important Act relating to agriculture passed at your last Session has been brought into operation, and from the ready acceptance which its provisions have met with in many sections of the Province, I am encouraged to anticipate from its working very beneficial results.

Availing myself of your generous appropriation for that purpose, I authorized a considerable importation of pure bred fittes and sheep from the mother country, which were disposed of for breeding purposes, at public auction, shortly after their arrival in the Province. The very great interest taken in the sale, and the prices realized, confirmed the expectations I had formed that the enterprise would meet with general approval.

Bills consolidating and amending the law relating to elections to the General Assembly, and to extend the Electoral Franchise, will be submitted for your consideration.

The Commissioners of the Public Hospital, Sir John A. Macdonald, are urging upon my government that legislation in some form should be promoted which will, to a greater extent than now obtains, relieve the institution from charges in respect of patients sent from other countries. I shall ask your attention to this important subject.

My government is becoming yearly more impressed with the conviction that the greatest policy respecting the protection of our timber lands from ravages by fire, requires that the same precautions be taken in this Province as have been deemed expedient elsewhere. I shall lay before you some suggestions upon the subject, to which I invite your careful consideration.

I regret to have to inform you that the recent Act providing for the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages has not as yet proved successful in its operation, and your attention is directed to the fact that the same provisions should not be made to secure the important and desirable result contemplated by this enactment.

Your attention will be directed to the necessity of making additional provisions for the constantly increasing number of patients seeking admission to the Provincial Asylum for the Insane. Notwithstanding the careful economy exercised in the maintenance of this institution, its cost unavoidably continues to increase.

Agreeably to the intimation conveyed to you at the last Session of the Legislature, questions arising upon the claim of my government for priority of payment over other creditors of the Maritime Bank were referred to Judges of our Supreme Court, by whom a unanimous judgment was rendered in favor of the Province; from this decision an appeal has been taken by the Liquidators of the Bank to the Supreme Court of Canada, and I am now awaiting the judgment.

Contrary to the confident expectation I expressed to you at the opening of the last Session, of the early settlement by the Provisional Government of the Eastern Extension Act, a difficulty occurred which deferred its passage, but I am now without the strongest hopes that only a short time will elapse before the matter will be finally and satisfactorily closed.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I have directed the accounts of the income and expenditure for the past year, as well as a statement of the receipts and payments of the current year up to the opening of the present Session, to be laid before you.

Estimates of the probable income and expenditure for the current year will be submitted to you, and I think you will find that the estimates of expenditure have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

Bills relating to the Public Department, to the Solemnization of Marriage, for the establishment of District Courts, and other measures of importance, will be laid before you; and trusting that your deliberations, under Divine guidance may result in the general good, I leave you to the performance of your responsible duties.

Mr. Henry B. Emmerson, the recently elected member for Albert County moved the Address in reply, and which was seconded by Dr. Alward.

Invalid Readers.
We find that one dollar expended for Dr. Parker's great medical work, the "Science of Life," will be of more value to them than ten thousand dollars expended for proprietary medicines, electric appliances, &c. The book contains over one hundred and twenty-five invaluable prescriptions for all diseases that human flesh is heir to. See advertisement.

Personal.

M. Adams, Esq., of Newcastle, and James Robinson, Esq., of Derby, returned on Sunday morning from their visit to Ottawa.

W. A. Park, Esq., Collector of Customs, left Newcastle for Fredericton on Monday last, having been granted a fortnight's holiday. Mr. Grimmen, sub-collector of Chatham will take charge during his absence.

R. H. Lee Young, of Caraquet, N. B., received the Business College diploma yesterday, after passing successfully the usual written examinations.—St. John Sun, March 9.

Mr. W. E. Gilmour, formerly publisher of the Springhill Independent, now proprietor of the Springhill News was in town on Friday last. The plant of the Independent has been sold to a company in Campbellton on the new paper there. Mr. Gilmour is thinking about starting a daily at Amherst, and has received a good deal of encouragement to do so. He left in the afternoon by accommodation for Campbellton.

Dr. H. A. Fish returned from the States on Wednesday last.

Campbellton Notes.
CAMPBELLTON, March 4, 1889.

Mr. Villiers, the famous war correspondent of the London "Graphic," will appear in the Masonic Hall on 13th inst. He will tell his interesting war stories, and give time light views of sketches taken by him during his travels.

The liquor license inspector is now energetic, and continues prosecuting the violators of the law.

The plant of the Campbellton paper has arrived and its first issue will appear within a week. It will be called the Tribune.

Weather delightful, still trade is dull.

Mr. McFarlane & Son will reopen the work on the Bay de Chaleur Railway in about a week's time.

W. H. Parker, merchant of this place, has closed up business, and moved to Middleton, N. S.

The Curling Club is flourishing, and members are looking forward to another friendly game with the Bathurst Curlers.

Campbellton, March 11th, 1889.
Probably many of your readers know that a newspaper bearing the bold and suitable name of "The Pioneer," will be published here in future, the first issue of which will appear next Friday, 15th inst. The plant of the Springhill Independent was removed here for that purpose. C. Bruce Macdonald will be editor and he has many friends in the county who believe the enterprise will be a successful one.

Posters announcing that Villiers the War Artist and correspondent of the London Graphic would lecture in the Masonic Hall here, on the evening of the 12th inst. have been seen posted throughout the town the past few days but the date on them has been changed to the 20th inst. He will likely be greeted by a large audience.

The statement in the Moncton Transcript of the 8th inst. that J. E. Prior, Esq., of the Division of the I. C. R. between Moncton and St. Flavie is to be removed from that office we believe incorrect. He is an efficient and deservedly popular official. It is evident he has some bitter enemies but men of his merits always have. His office and residence are here.

Campbellton Division No. 300, Sons of Temperance held a basket social in their hall about a week ago. The proceeds amounted to about fifteen dollars. Readings, recitations, solos and duets were well rendered by members of the Division. The H. M. and V. basket was considered worthy the liveliest competition.

Last week's English mail special passed through here on Saturday evening, and was followed by an immigrant special on Sunday morning.

It rained here on Thursday and Friday, but Saturday was a bright, warm day. The snow has disappeared very fast in consequence.

Notes from Black Brook.

MARCH 4th, 1889.

Our fishermen are now resting on their oars, the season for smelt net fishing is over, the extension allowed, was not so prolific in producing as large a catch as last season but enough has been taken for all purposes. Prices were sustained up to Thursday last, when they fell from 4c. 3c. 2c. to 1c. this, with the soft winter weather was worth a dozen fishing officers in preserving the young fish.

Napan Bay and Oak Point presents an appearance of a battle field, lately deserted. Piles of ice debris where lately the fishing stands were, look as if they were embankments thrown up in a hurried engagement, the burnt timber left where the camp stood, and the deserted camps and numerous poles, in fact it would be worth an imitation of a Land-seer to put it on canvas.

Quite a surprise party was given on Sunday evening, by the officer in charge of the district, on the north side; it was expected something was going on not in keeping with the Sabbath, and on examination some twenty nets were found in position waiting for the flood to roll along the poor little smelt that are now wending their way to the fresh water to deposit nature's bounty for future use; but oh the greed of some fishermen in less time than I take to write this the alarm was given and soon the 30 stands were out of sight. Such a stampede was a picture on ice.

Be Sure and Read these Offers.

Send to F. P. Shumway Jr., Boston, Mass., for a free sample copy of the COTTAGE HEARTS, a beautiful illustrated magazine, or call at the ADVOCATE office and see a copy of this superior monthly, and so realize what a good offer we are making when we offer to send both the COTTAGE HEARTS and the UNION ADVOCATE for a full year for only \$2.00, when the price of THE COTTAGE HEARTS alone is \$1.50 a year, thus giving you two standard publications at little more than the price of one.

Persons wishing to improve their memories or strengthen their power of attention should send to Prof. Lolette, 237 Fifth Ave., N. Y., for his prospectus, post free, as advertised in another column.

The Postal Law Amendments.

The proposed changes in the postal law are not in the interest of the public with the exception that the weight of letters carried for three cents is increased from half an ounce to one ounce. The increase of charges on registration and drop letters will not find favor in the eyes of the public as such extra charges appear unnecessary except with the view of increasing the receipts of the Post Office Department and making the annual deficit of smaller dimensions than formerly. The placing of a cent a pound postage on periodicals published less frequently than once a week places a tax on a valuable class of literature which should be as free of such a charge as the daily or weekly newspaper. It is to be hoped that such representations will be made to the Government by our members of Parliament as will induce it to adopt no change making postal charges a heavy burden on the public. Cheap postage is a general benefit to all classes, and the policy of the government should be in the direction of cheaper not higher postage.

The Morality of Our Prohibition Friends.

The Advance of Thursday last, under the above heading reiterates its charges against the temperance committee of Newcastle in reference to Scott Act accounts and Coun. Smith at last endeavoring to prove his assertion by stating what he knows is a wilful lie of his own manufacture, and on a par with many others of the same kind. He says:—

"Respecting our statement in reference to the crooked Scott Act accounts, which the cultured and cultivated Advocate has often denounced as a lie, we will repeat it, as made in open Council, in the hearing of the editor of that paper. He suppressed it, although acting as official reporter at the time. Coun. Ryan stated that in looking over the Scott Act accounts presented for payment to the Council he saw that there was money paid down as paid to him which had never been so paid. He said he had been summoned as a witness in a Newcastle Scott Act case and received his mileage and travelling fees. But while in Newcastle in connection with that case, he had also been examined as a witness in a second one, against another person, and although he had received no money for his services in this latter case, yet he found that a like sum, as in the other case, was put in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer."

The editor of the ADVOCATE did not report the matter for the simple reason that there was no motion before the Council in reference to it and it appeared to be but a little side discussion between two or three of the Council, one of whom was not in a condition to speak plainly or coherently on any matter, and it would be impossible to report his endeavors at the bumptious. However, the fact that this motion was not reported gave the humbugging councillor of Chatham the opportunity of manufacturing a wilful lie to injure the temperance committee, and there is hardly a word of truth in the statement made in the Advance.

Lie No. 1.—Coun. Ryan did not say in the Council that in looking over the Scott Act accounts presented for payment to the Council he saw that there was money charged as paid to him which had never been paid.

Lie No. 2.—Coun. Ryan did not say he was examined as a witness in a second one or even in any case.

Lie No. 3.—Coun. Ryan did not say that a like sum as in the other case was charged as paid to him.

Lie No. 4.—Coun. Ryan did not say that such amount was sought to be recovered from the Scott Act fund in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer.

The editor of the Advance goes on to say in another paragraph, that, if the statement is a lie it is not his. But the lie was manufactured by him. Coun. Ryan having made no such statements as those contained in the above extract from the Advance.

In the paper no such amount is charged in the Temperance Committee's accounts, and why? Because a conviction was obtained against the parties complained of without trial, the defendants pleading guilty and paid the fine and costs, the former being \$50, and the latter made up by Police Magistrate Ryan who was paid the case. Convictions having been obtained the defendants paid all the costs, and money advanced by the Committee was paid back to the Inspector by Mr. Murray.

What Coun. Ryan said was that he understood that Mrs. Wheeler was charged with witness fees paid to him and which he had never got. As a matter of fact Mr. Ryan was not examined as a witness at all in either case and is not entitled to any money at all in the second case, and the amount is no doubt yet in the hands of Mr. Murray and should be handed back to the defendant in the case as an over-charge of costs.

If no conviction had been obtained in these cases the Temperance Committee might have placed the amount in their accounts for payment out of the Scott Act fund realized from fines collected by their endeavors to enforce the law, or they might as in several other cases have kept such charges back, paying such out of their own pockets.

The moralizing indulged in by Mr. Smith in reference to the editor of the ADVOCATE has no weight coming from a person of Mr. Smith's disreputable character, a man whose every effort has been to drag other men into his own low level, by the manufacture of malignant and wilful lies, who was years ago posted up as a wilful liar and who has striven ever since to deserve the well earned title. Moralizing with him is but an endeavor to pull the wool over the eyes of those who fortunately for themselves are not personally acquainted with him so that they may be led to impute wrong doing where none can be found. For a thorough exposure of the gentleman (?) who edits the Advance—as well as his methods—see the World of Saturday last.

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The Sons of Temperance.

New Divisions.

A new Division of the Sons of Temperance was instituted on Monday evening last by P. G. W. P. W. C. Ansel assisted by Rev. Mr. Murray, P. G. Chaplain, Bro. James Fraser, Sec. of the Grand Council, a number of members of Newcastle Division being present.

There were forty-one names on the application for a charter, thirty-three of whom were initiated. The new Division is called Whiteville Division, and will meet every Monday evening. The following officers were elected and installed for the quarter:—

W. P.—Robert Adams.
W. S.—Laurie Morrison.
R. S.—Maggie J. Danneft.
A. R. S.—Susan Russell.
F. S.—Chas. A. Travis.
Treas.—John McCallum.
Chaplain.—George McLean.
Com.—George A. Anderson.
A. C.—Mrs. Benj. Forsyth.
I. S.—Prince E. Baker.
O. S.—Robert Murray.

Appointed acting P. W. P. John Murray. Recommended to be appointed as D. G. W. P. Benjamin Forsyth.

This Division has been started with every prospect of a successful career, it commences with a large membership and the advantage of a fine hall wherein to meet.

Seaside Division, No. 357 S. of T., was organized in Foulgh, Gloucester county, on Tuesday evening, 5th inst., by members of District Division, No. 4. The following officers were elected and installed:—

W. P.—Alex. S. Veer.
W. S.—Susan Armstrong.
R. S.—Thos. Armstrong.
A. R. S.—Elizabeth Landels.
F. S.—Jessie R. Beatty.
Treas.—James Armstrong.
Chap.—Louis Ross.
Com.—Robt. Armstrong.
A. S.—Alex. Landels.
I. S.—Thomas Timms.
O. S.—Lewis Morrison.
P. W. P.—Richard Willis.
D. G. W. P.—Richard Willis.

Mr. Sinclair's New Steamer.

Mr. J. M. Ruddock has just completed, as far as can be done under cover, a new steamer for Mr. E. Sinclair. She has been built in Mr. Blake's boat house, chiefly by Mr. Blake and Mr. John Fleiger, after Mr. Ruddock's designs. Her timber and joinery, the bottom, and topsides and deck plate. She is strongly timbered, and thoroughly fastened. The model is a very pretty one, and the boat is expected to plough her way cleanly through rough or smooth water. The steamer's length is 47 ft., width 9 ft., depth 4 ft., draft 3 ft. She will be driven by a 3 ft. propeller, of 34 pitch, cast from a model made by Mr. Ruddock. It is a modification of the Thorncroft, and is designed as a medium between a speed and a towing propeller. Mr. Ruddock has the engine ready, and everybody with an eye for machinery calls it a beauty. It is of Mr. Ruddock's design—the Ruddock yacht engine—the same pattern as those he built for Mr. John C. Miller's and Mr. Jas. Robinson's steam launches. It is compact and graceful, and is simplicity itself. It has two 650 cylinders, and will indicate 30 horse power. The boat will be moved to the beach, where the machinery will be put in and the house built. There will be two cabins, 9x5 ft., which will afford accommodation for a small fishing party. The steamer is intended as a dispatch boat and to light towage. She will, we hear, be called Bridgetown. The burgeo of the Miramichi Yacht Club will look well on the Bridgetown, if Mr. Sinclair enroll himself and her in that organization.—World.

Handsome Medals.

Some years ago we were pleased to print in our columns that Mr. W. A. Ferguson had been with great success in his studies at McGill College, having received the gold medal in the Arts course, and afterwards the gold medal for graduating at the head of his class in medicine. A few days ago we had the pleasure of examining these handsome gold medals. The first mentioned is known as the John A. Macdonald medal and was won in 1881, the other the Holmes gold medal being obtained upon the completion of his studies in 1884. Dr. Ferguson is to be congratulated upon the possession of two such handsome prizes, testifying to the success and ability with which he pursued his studies.

Resolution of Sympathy.

At the last meeting of the Commissioners of the County Asylum the following resolutions were passed on record:—

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Northumberland County Asylum at their annual meeting assembled, regret exceedingly to learn of the illness of Misses Constance Estey, one of the Commissioners for the parish of Chatham, and they desire to express their sympathy for him in his present affliction, and also to record their regret at the absence of one who for upwards of twenty years has been most regular in his attendance and by his straight forward and many course won the good-will and esteem of every member of the Board.

R. R. C. L. Chairman, Board of Commissioners.

An Important Railway.
We publish to-day a letter regarding the railway from Newcastle to the Temiscouata Railway in the vicinity of Woodstock. The publication notice for incorporation is also in another column signed by the solicitor, the Hon. M. Adams, and so important a line should receive the favorable consideration of the Dominion Government.

The Sonatorship.
The Bathurst Courier says that the rumor that Mr. Burns is to be elevated to the Senate has been revived. Among the candidates mentioned in case there should be an election are Messrs. John Siveright, E. J. McManis, Hon. Robt. Young (Legislative Councillor), and N. A. Landry.

Lecture.
Rev. Nell McKay will lecture in the Mission Hall, Newcastle, on Monday evening next on "Defects of our Civilization, and what we should do with them." Doors open at half past seven. A silver collection will be taken up towards seating the hall with chairs.

An Alleged Thief Caught.

Several days ago Henry Nelson presented himself at the Merchants Bank, Newcastle, and asked to cash a cheque. It was drawn by the Merchants Bank, Truro, N. S., by the Union Fur and Merchandise Company, of Bass River, Colchester County N. S. in favor of John B. & S. H. Thompson, and was for \$65.55. He also displayed drafts of the same company amounting to upwards of \$500. The cheque was not cashed and failed to realize on it outside. Then he came to Chatham and Policeman Rigley, who knew the man, seeing him trying to negotiate some of the paper, warned the parties, and determined to keep track of him. Mr. Thompson made inquiries, learned that Nelson had not come honestly by the papers, and got a warrant for his arrest from Police Magistrate Niven. It was given to Officer Rigley, who drove out to Black River, pounced upon him and took him to Newcastle. The examination was conducted today, and the prisoner was sent up for trial. Edward Fallon, secretary-treasurer of the company, was a witness against him. It appeared by the evidence that Nelson had been entrusted with a letter containing these valuable papers, and that he had opened it and abstracted them.—World.

Mrs. Margetta's Death.

The many friends of Major Margetta, late divisional officer of the Salvation army in the maritime provinces, will deeply sympathize with that gentleman in the loss which he has sustained by the death of his wife, which occurred at Toronto on the 3rd inst. As will be remembered by the readers of this paper, Mr. and Mrs. Margetta were married by Rev. W. B. Brewer, in the roller rink in this city, during the autumn of 1887. From that date till the 13th of last December Mrs. Margetta remained with her husband in this city, very materially assisting him in his duties. Mrs. Margetta was in poor health, but had charge of several important districts in the province of Ontario, and was a very earnest and ready speaker. The deceased's memory will long be cherished by the poor of St. John, whose wants, whilst a resident of this city, she was always ready and willing to relieve. At the time of her departure from this city Mrs. Margetta was in poor health, but the announcement of her death was entirely unexpected.—Telegraph.

The McLeod Will Case.

HALIFAX, N. S. Feb. 26.—The contest over the will of the late Alexander McLeod has taken a sensational turn. Deceased was supposed to be worth half a million. He made several wills and left the residue of the estate to Dalhousie College, cutting off many friends for posterity. It is alleged that he had promised to provide. Legal steps were taken to upset the will which have been going on for two years. Recently, Dr. Slater, who attended the deceased, swore that he was mentally unfit to transact business for two months before his death. It was during this period that the alleged final will now contested was made.

Blue Ribbon Band.

The gathering at the Blue Ribbon Band meeting on Monday evening was very large, and the following entertainment was very successfully carried out by the Band:—

Chorus by the choir.
Reading—W. R. Robinson.
Inst. Music—Master T. Keating and others.
Duet—Mrs. H. M. Johnston and Miss Somers.
Recitation—Master Jack Mercereau.
Song—Miss L. Edgar.
Chorus by the choir.
Inst. Music—Master T. Keating and others.
Song—Miss F. Elliott.
Recitation—Miss Bamford.
Song & Chorus by Mrs. Harvey.
Songs Grenley and Edgar.
Remarks by W. R. Robinson.

Obituary.

Among the death notices, will be found the record of the death of Edward L. Whitely, an old and respected resident of Whiteville where he was born and brought up. Last fall he took a severe cold which ultimately resulted in congestion of the lungs and caused his death. He leaves a widow, five sons and four daughters, as well as a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

The Grippe.

Grippe for March is well fitted with interesting matter as well as valuable information to those who travel. Every body should read it. For sale at book stores at ten cents a number, or by forwarding \$1.00 to the publishers, Messrs. Knowles & Reynolds, St. John, it will be sent for one year.

The Weather.

Soft April weather has prevailed since the first of March, and the snow is fast disappearing.

Don't give up, my poor, sick friend! While there's life there's hope; 'tis said; Sicker persons often mend; Give five up when you are dead. Purer, richer blood you need; Strength and tone your system give; This advice be wise and heed—Take the G. M. D. and live.

Those letters stand for "Golden Medical Discovery" (Dr. Pierce's), the great strengthening, purifying and disease expelling remedy of the age.

Died.

At Newcastle, on the 15th February, after a short illness of heart disease, JAMES, youngest son of John Nicholson, aged 19 years.

At Whiteville, N. B., on the 24th February, EDWARD R. WHITNEY, in his 75th year.

At Nelson, March 3rd, HARRY DAVISON RAYMOND, daughter of Jos. A. Davidson, of Nelson, aged 15.

At Nicholas River, Kent County, N. B., on the 24th ult., EDWARD, eldest son of Charles and Jane Curtis, aged 25 years and 6 months. He leaves a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

In Charlottetown, St. John, March 6th, RACHAEL T., beloved wife of Rev. Edward Hickson, aged 67 years.

Children Cry for

Pitcher's Castoria.

Correspondence.

T. N. AND S. RAILWAY.

To the Editor of the Union Advocate:

Sir:—The now contemplated "Temiscouata, Newcastle and Shipigan Railway" whether, received as an Inter Provincial or local line of Railway; or, as part of a great transcontinental line, for the accommodation of passengers, from Saint John, Newfoundland, via a railway across that Island to the harbor of Saint George's Bay, and thence to Shipigan, by steamship and from thence by the T. N. and S. Railway and its connections to Quebec, Montreal, Boston, New York, and other cities and places in Canada and the United States; must, when completed and in operation, prove a boon to the people all along the said line of railway; and, in a greater or less degree, an advantage to the whole people of Canada.

As at present contemplated by the promoters this combined through and local road, will start, at or near the southern terminus of the Quebec and Temiscouata Railway, at a point north of Woodstock, N. B. passing through a multifarious region, to the Newcastle deep water terminus of the Intercolonial Railway, on the northern bank of the Miramichi River and Bay, thence along the margin of the said River and Bay, through Douglastown, Lower Newcastle, Paribogue, Oak Point, Neque, Tabusintac and thence through fine farming and lumber lands to a deep water ocean terminus at the splendid Harbor of Shipigan, so well and favorably known by Canadians at all familiar with the reports of such an eminent civil engineer, as Mr. Fleming—This Railway will also accommodate the fish operators, of the Bay Chaleur, Miramichi and adjacent waters. The fisheries of these waters, as you are aware, rank with the best fisheries of the commercial world.

Agriculture—Russell, Hetherington, Quinton, Taylor, Morrissey, Humphrey, Leblanc, Turner, Theriault, Young, Baird, Ketchum, Bellamy, Harrison, Lablanc, Berryman.

Municipalities—Palmer, Emmerson, Killam, Babin, Bellamy, Murray, Glaser.

Law practice etc.—Blair, Ritchie, Harrington, White, Tweedie, Emmerson, Alward.

Contingencies—Emmerson, instead of Lewis.

The report was adopted.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell submitted the 28th annual report of the crown land department.

Hon. Mr. McCallan submitted the auditor-general's report.

Adjourned.

FREDERICTON, March 9.—Hon. Mr. McCallan submitted the estimates.

Mr. Burdell gave notice of motion for copies of all claims made against the government by Michael O'Brien of Northumberland county, for alleged overcharge of stamps, together with all reports on said claims by the government or any committee thereof: also copies of all correspondence had between said Michael O'Brien and the government or any member thereof in reference to said claim.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McCallan seconded by Hon. Mr. Blair, consideration of supply was made the order of the day for Tuesday next at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Atkinson gave notice of inquiry: What was the amount of interest due but unpaid on the bonded debt of this province on January 1st, 1888, and what is it now?

Mr. Atkinson gave notice of a motion for copies of all propositions and representations made by the St. John Valley and Railway company to the government respecting the building of the road from Fredericton to Woodstock, and all minutes of the council passed thereon or in relation thereto, and a copy of any contract entered into between the government and the company, and a copy of all letters addressed by the company or any person on behalf of the company to the government or any member thereof in relation to the building of the road.

Adjourned till Monday morning.

[Special to Advocate.]

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 14, 1889.

Answering Atkinson, Mitchell said fishery regulations under Act of 84 would be found on page 79 of last year's Crown Land Report, and page 86 of this year's report.

Turner introduced bill amending law relating to County Courts.

Atkinson gave notice of motion for statement showing names of all persons obtaining leases of the rivers and streams of the Province under the fisheries act of 1884 for 85, 87 and 88. Also since January 1st of this year, amounts paid for each lease. The names of the parties to whom with the consent of the Surveyor General the streams so leased have been sublet and the term of each lease. Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 12, 1889.

Burdell gave notice of enquiry—Have the leases of the Tabernacle and Tracadie rivers been required by the Surveyor General to place guarantees on these rivers if not yet so? If so how many guarantees have been on duty on said rivers and what are their names. Re-comm.

McDade.

New Advertisements.

Mr. Ole Larsen,

Photographer,

NEWCASTLE.

Studio over GEO. STABLES' STORE.

Competent licensee pronounces my work superior to anything executed in this town for some time.

FRAMING AND ENLARGING.

Newcastle, March 12, 1889.

STATEMENT

of

The Mutual Life Insurance Co.

OF NEW YORK.

RICHARD A. MCGURDY, President.

For the year ending Dec. 31st, 1888.

Total Assets, \$1,063,083,253.26

Surplus in Assets, \$7,512,301.07

Surplus in four per cent., \$7,540,000.00

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New Advertisements.

Dr. W. A. Ferguson.

OFFICE up stairs in SUTHERLAND & CREAGHAN'S building. Residence Waterbury Hotel.

Newcastle, March 12, 1889.

KEEP YOUR FEET DRY.

American Boots or Rubbers.

And the very place you can procure them is at the

Salter Brick Store,

where 30 cases of the celebrated

"CANDEE"

make has just been opened and more will arrive in a few days. One pair of this make will outwear 3 pairs of any other make and people who have worn them know this.

JNO. FERGUSON.

Newcastle, March 13, 1889.

B. & C.

We have just received and opened

Room Paper and Blinds.

Man's Waterproof Coats,

Lady's Circulars,

Umbrellas.

A nice lot of New, Stylish Ready Made Clothing for Men and Boys.

NEW SPRING HATS.

In latest styles.

NEW DRESS GOODS and TRIMMINGS.

These added to what we already had in stock has made a nice assortment of General Dry Goods, which customers will find of good value and low in price.

BRYNATON & CLARKE,

Williston Brick Store,

Newcastle, March 11, 1889.

SALE OF STORE and WHARF PROPERTY IN NEWCASTLE.

To be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION, on

THURSDAY, March 26th, on the premises at

the Castle Street Property.

The Castle Street Property

fronting on Castle Street, formerly

occupied by John Fitch, and now in the

occupation of the Bank of Nova Scotia, with the warehouse and other buildings in the rear. This is a valuable property being one of the best business stands in the town.

For terms and particulars apply to

M. ADAMS,

Barrister.

Newcastle, March 12, 1889.

Assessors' Notice.

The Assessors of Rates for the Parish of

Newcastle, having received the warrants

authorizing the assessment of rates for the

present year as follows:

For County Contingencies, \$220 78

For County Police, \$200 15

For County Poor, \$200 15

For County Roads, \$200 15

For County Schools, \$200 15

For County Bridges, \$200 15

For County Parks, \$200 15

For County Cemeteries, \$200 15

For County Libraries, \$200 15

For County Hospitals, \$200 15

For County Asylums, \$200 15

For County Prisons, \$200 15

For County Gaols, \$200 15

For County Courts, \$200 15

For County Towns, \$200 15

For County Villages, \$200 15

For County Hamlets, \$200 15

For County Farms, \$200 15

For County Estates, \$200 15

For County Lands, \$200 15

For County Waters, \$200 15

For County Air, \$200 15

For County Soil, \$200 15

For County Sky, \$200 15

For County Earth, \$200 15

For County Fire, \$200 15

For County Wind, \$200 15

New Advertisements.

HORSE FEED & HAY.

Salter Brick Store

JUST RECEIVED.

5 tons CRACKED OATS,

COBBLERS and

BARLEY.

Also Feed.

30 tons good TIMOTHY HAY.

JNO. FERGUSON.

Newcastle, March 13, 1889.

FARM FOR SALE.

The Subscriber offers for sale his valuable

and well known farm, situated about one

mile above the town of Newcastle, comprising

One Hundred Acres.

more or less, about fifty of which are cleared,

well fenced, well watered and as a whole will be

convenient for a comfortable dwelling

house, outbuildings, and large lot of land

about 2 1/2 miles from the town of Newcastle.

All farming implements and stock now on the

property can be arranged for by the purchaser

if so desired.

If the above farm is not disposed of on or

before the first day of May next they will then

be offered for sale at Public Auction on the

premises.

James Russell,

Newcastle, N. B., March 5, 1889.

C. P. Curtis & Co.,

GENERAL COMMISSION

MERCHANTS,

175 Atlantic Avenue,

Boston, - - - Mass.

All the Smelts, Trout, Bass, Eels and 1

kinds of Fresh Fish in their season, as soon

as possible to supply their wholesale trade.

Ship early and often.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that JAMES P.

DOYLE, under an act to authorize the

creation of a Board across the droptail River,

in pursuance of chapter 92 of the Revised

Statutes of Canada, Sections 5 and 6, has been

deposited with the Minister of Public Works,

and also in the office of the Registrar of deeds

for the County of Antigonish, in New Brunswick,

a plan and description of the site of

certain lands constructed by the said James P.

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NOTICE.

FOR SALE.

Two Lots of LAND situated on the North

Side of the Queen's Highway in the Town of

Douglasville, being part of Lot Number

Twenty-one, and known as Lots Number

Twenty-seven and Twenty-eight on the plan

of Douglasville.

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