

Union Pacific at Sherman.....\$2,222
Atlantic and Pacific at Campbell's Pass 7,152
Northern Pacific at Echo.....5,884
Texas Pacific at Gueland Pass.....5,716
Canada Pacific at Yellow Head Pass.....5,646

THE SAVING IN DISTANCE.

by the water route from Chicago to the ocean via Lake Superior and the Canada Pacific Railway, is also very great. It compares as follows:—Chicago to Montreal via Lake Superior to Lake Nipissing, thence by rail, 979 miles. Chicago to New York via Lakes to Buffalo, thence by rail to New York, 1,347 miles—distance in favor of Montreal 368 miles. The distance from China to Montreal is fully 1,000 miles less than it is from China to New York. United States railways already extend on the south shores of Lake Superior to Escanaba, which is only 150 miles from Sault Ste. Marie; others are also under construction and projected, which would bring them within 40 miles of St. Marie, but it is but reasonable to suppose that these roads will drain the whole of Northern Michigan, Minnesota, Dakota, and the Great North Western States.

THE ESTIMATED COST.

of the Canada Pacific is as follows:—

Lake Nipissing to Fort William.....\$20,000,000
Fort William to Selkirk.....17,000,000
Selkirk to Jasper Valley.....15,000,000
Jasper Valley to Port.....30,000,000

These estimates include light equipments. Report has it that the Pacific Syndicate say they will have the road completed from Fort William to the base of the Rocky Mountains within three years, and apropos of the apprehension of a corner in the land an account of the supposed intention of the Government to grant the Syndicate 25,000,000 acres. Professor Macoun in his reports estimates that there is 150,000,000 acres of land suitable for agriculture and stock raising between Selkirk and the base of the Rocky Mountains.

A VERY INTERESTING TELEGRAPH SCHEME

is also mooted. A map of the world shows that Canada is situated midway between the masses of population in Europe and Asia and that its geographical position enables it to offer the shortest and most feasible route to the East. At present cablegrams from England to Asia go by four different routes: One by way of Portugal, Spain, Malta, Egypt and the Red Sea; a second passing through France, Italy and Greece also follows the Red Sea, and a third traverses Germany, Austria, Turkey and Persia, whilst a fourth passes through Russia. The two first routes at Aden, and the main line extends from there to India, and from India two lines extend to Singapore. From Singapore lines run easterly to Hong Kong and Japan and south-easterly to Australia and New Zealand. The Pacific Ocean remains untraversed, and it is proposed to lay a cable from Vancouver Island to Yesso, Japan, where it would connect with present lines to Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand. This would complete

THE GIRDLE ROUND THE EARTH, and bring Great Britain in direct and independent connexion with all her colonies. The distance from Vancouver's Island to Japan is 3,300 miles; the distance from Great Britain to Nova Scotia, between which points the present lines are worked, is about 3,000 miles. The Japan cable, it is suggested, could be laid on one of the "out" Islands, which is about half way between the two continents. The present tariff from London to Japan is \$3 per word. Cyrus W. Field is much interested in this scheme, thinks it feasible, and intends leaving New York this autumn for a journey round the world in connexion with it. He now holds concessions from the Japanese Government in connexion therewith.

The North Star.

J. E. COLLINS, Editor.

CHATHAM, N. B., OCTOBER 27, 1880.

A WORD TO HON. MACKENZIE BOWELL.

We have been threatening for some time past, to ask the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Customs, to give his attention to our Chatham Custom House. In this establishment we have a head, or figurehead, who receives a large salary and has a large staff of clerks. The latter seem to us to be both willing and able to do their duty, and under decent management to be capable of conducting a public department according to the requirements of the public. Besides this indoor staff, we have an outdoor force, made up of tide waiters, who are supposed to search every ship that comes into port to see that she lands no dutiable goods without paying the proper duties upon them. With all these officers and all these men, it is yet a notorious fact and on the lips of nearly every one in Chatham, that scarce a ship comes in from Southern France that does not bring costly wines and land them to Mr. A. B. and C. without paying duty; that indeed nearly every ship coming here brings cigars, silks, or wigs of some description, lands them in the broad daylight, under the secure label "ships stores" perfectly safe from independent Customs officers. We called the attention of the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell to this matter before, but he has paid no attention to it, and the disgraceful thing goes on just as it ever did.

We now appeal to Mr. Ferguson's superior, Mr. Mackenzie Bowell to institute an investigation into this shameful state of affairs and take the necessary steps to put a stop to the scandals floating about the place of the incapacity of our Custom House to protect our revenues. We do not know how much of his time this Mr. Ferguson gives to his business, or how much he spends with Mr. Jabez Snowball, scraping up bits of scandal against the Government and concocting plots to defeat the Conservative party here at next election but we do know more of his time had better be given to the duties of his office, and to seeing that Norwegian Captains do not come in here, and turn our laws into a mockery. Mr. Ferguson has a right to his private political opinions, and even to turn traitor to the party who put him in the office he now mismanages, but he has not the right to matter what his zeal in Mr. Snowball's interests to neglect the duties of his office. There are plenty of good true men in this country far more competent and intelligent than Mr. Ferguson, who would be delighted to get his office, and attend well to the business for the salary he receives. In the interest of the public service in the first, and in the interest of the party in the second, Mr. Ferguson should be promptly removed, and a man who would give satisfaction in the discharge of his duty be put in his place.

THE CANADA PACIFIC.

The agony of our opposition friends is we hope over for the present. The contract for building the Canada Pacific Railroad to the Pacific ocean, within ten years, has been signed by the syndicate of the Government. Three years from now, according to the contract, the road will touch the base of the Rocky Mountains, and countless millions of acres on the vast plains which lie within the Forks, of the North and South Saskatchewan, and north and south of each branch, will be thrown open for millions of settlers. A session of Parliament will be called about a month or so earlier than usual, that the syndicate may have preparations made to begin work when the snow disappears. We may look for a rise in laborers wages to commence with the spring; and engineers will be in their hey day. It will take an army of men to build the road to the foot of the Mountains in three summers. We have been told from time to time there was a hitch in the negotiations but an informed party telegraphs to the Star that "There was no truth whatever in the statement published from time to time by the Opposition press, that there was a hitch in the negotiations."

The Toronto Globe was to believe the paper that made this piece of news, and the Telegraph and other echoes of the big Toronto paper republished the fabrication. In another column to-day we republish interesting statistics from the Witness on the Canada Pacific.

THE VISIT OF THE DELEGATES.

ANOTHER column contains particulars of the visit of the English delegates to the Miramichi. They have as will be seen by our report been quite agreeably surprised with our country and been charmed with our "stately avenue of water" with its many busy places and loading ships. 'Tis true they have not been able to see all our country, but they have seen as much of it as of any other, and we must consider ourselves under obligations to the Surveyor General for their visit here at all. The drive to Napan, and the trip by boat revealed the more important parts of our country, and these it will be seen found high favor in our visitors eyes. We had no cattle exhibition here from which they could judge of the nature of our stocks, but had we they would not have been very well impressed. Here as in other parts of the Province, the farmers have given little attention to the breed of the animals they raise, thinking a cow's a cow and where's the difference. In bygone days this did well enough, but now stock raising as well as agriculture is conducted on scientific principles, and the vendor of scrubs in large markets where fancy cattle are sold, go home telling a sorrowful experience. We ask for a line of steamers between St. John and Liverpool, but what do we intend shipping? If we think it will pay us much better to send our coarse stocks to England than to kill and eat them ourselves, we are very much mistaken. Our first step is then to begin and stock our farms by degrees with shortboreds or those pronounced best, and afterwards attend to the lessons of experts in breeding. Then the line of steamers would be in order.

The delegates have left the most favorable impressions on all they have met here, and in return have been

very favorably impressed. They are warm in their praise of the attention paid them by the Government, and have much admired Hon. Michael Adams method of dealing with our Free Grant Settlements. They think we should lay more stress on our agricultural department, but perhaps there is not as much room for us to hope for what the country would wish to see in this direction, as strangers might think.

THE COUNCILLORS ELECTION.

In another column we give a fairly full report of the doings here yesterday in Council matters. We congratulate the people of Chatham on their electing Mr. Lawlor, because he is a good practical man, who has ways made a capital councillor; and besides being equal to the work, takes a pride in doing it well. He therefore could not from among those likely to be aspirants for the honors of the Council have been improved upon. For Mr. Goggin we cannot say so much, for the reason that for him we can say nothing. We do not ever remember having heard his name before yesterday morning, and any one we enquired of, seemed to know just as little about him. While he may turn out to be a very good man, it was a stupid piece of business not to elect in his stead, say Mr. Murray, or Mr. Johnson, or Mr. D. McLaughlin, or one of a half dozen other whose names will readily suggest themselves to the reader.

We are much of the opinion, however, though we can not say so just now positively, that the affair yesterday was a solemn farce, being an election, because of informality in prescribed procedure. For the past ten days prior to yesterday it was the opinion no election could be held on the 26th, but two or three persons here who glory in being to the front of making impotent and meaningless organizations and carrying men of just as much importance, regardless of the supposed illegality of the act, rushed in quite indecent haste to the Hall yesterday morning and had matters concluded.

We hope it may turn out all right though we much doubt it. It is quite probable, the candidates so farcically elected yesterday will have to resign and run again. In this case Mr. Lawlor would hardly offer the second time and this is the only consequence we would regret. It would not make so much matter about Mr. Goggin.

LAND GRANTS IN AID OF IMPROVEMENT.

A good deal of outcry has lately been raised by certain parties against the granting of land which is to be granted, to a private corporation for the purpose of aiding in the construction of the Canada Pacific Railroad. As regards the subject of land grants to railways in the United States, a report by Willis Drummond, Jr., has lately been published under an order of the House of Representatives. The first Act in the U. S. House making a donation of land in favor of internal improvements was approved on the 30th of April, 1802. Since then, including the grants for canals or wagon roads, there have been granted, more than two hundred and fifteen millions acres. That quantity, if embraced in one compact body, would form an area of more than three hundred and thirty-five thousand square miles, or a tract of land more than seven times as large as Pennsylvania, and only about six thousand miles less than the area of the original thirteen States. But in fact the grants will only realize about one hundred and eighty seven millions of acres. By the aid of these grants, however, about 15,000 miles of road have been constructed. Those roads have been the means of developing vast fields of magnificent territory and securing to the people many lesser lines built by private capital. Mr. Drummond says fears have been awakened as to the power to ultimately control the corporations to whom these tracts have been granted, on account of the enormous extent to which they have expanded; but as it may, their influences have been felt by all, and their benefits have extended to the remotest sections of the country. They have opened a link between the Eastern and Western States— anxiously sought for by Washington when the lateral limits of the United States were less than half what they are at this time. They have united the Pacific with the Atlantic, and the Rocky Mountains of the West with the Alleghenies of the East. They have dispelled all views look-

ing to the removal of the seat of Government, for they have put in direct communication the people of Oregon with the people of Maine. From ocean to ocean requires but days, where only a few years ago weeks were required.

The railway has brought to their doors the harvest of their fields; hauled to their mills the vast resources of their mines, and opened to them direct communication with the older civilization. Such being a view of the United States, rich and powerful as they are, we who are to a great extent similarly situated, may well follow their lead; since not only will the Canada Pacific Railroad open up vast tracts of fertile land, but also intersect the great Rocky Mountain chain which is to America what the Urals are to Russia, the great mineral and metal bearing source from which countless millions have been, and yet will be, derived.

NEWCASTLE MATTER.

INSPECTOR COX publishes a lengthy letter in to-day's Advocate. From his statement of the case, the conduct of the school trustees of Newcastle can hardly be defended. The better way now is to hush the whole matter up, and hire Mr. McCully who is an efficient teacher, for the next year. In this connection we may add we can hardly believe the Telegraph is so perfidious as the Advocate would make it appear by its statement that Mr. Elder was "bluffed into revealing the name of the Newcastle correspondent" who had furnished a certain item to it. This is such a breach of journalistic decency, that if Mr. Elder is innocent, he should promptly state the same. If guilty, then what guarantee has any writer not wishing to sign his name, that the editor may not be again "bluffed" into "giving him away."

SAID the Fredericton Capital speaking of the delegates departure: "This morning they left by boat for Sanbury, where they will be the guests of Hon. W. E. Ferley, after which they will proceed to St. John. Thence their tour will lie through Sussex, Sackville, the Napan District, Northumberland County, to which place the Hon. Surveyor General has prevailed upon them to pay a visit."

A lot of matter held over till next.

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New Advertisements

LECTURES.

Archibald Forbes, the Special War Correspondent of the London "Daily News," will deliver a Lecture in the

Masonic Hall, Chatham,

on the evening of

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1,

subject:

ROYAL PEOPLE I HAVE MET

And in

Newcastle, Masonic Hall.

Tuesday evening, Nov. 3rd.

subject:

The Inner Life of a War CORRESPONDENT.

A plan of the seats for the Chatham Lecture will be on exhibition and tickets by which the choice of same may be secured will be for sale at the Miramichi Bookstore on and after Saturday, 23rd inst. The price of tickets will be 50 cents for all parts of the Hall.

Tickets for the Newcastle Lecture are on sale at the Drug Store of E. Lee Street, Reg., Newcastle.

MAIL CONTRACT

Tenders addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, 10th November, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, three times per week each way, between Lyttleton and Newcastle from the first January next.

Conveyance to be made in a suitable vehicle drawn by one or more horses, subject to the approval of the Postmaster General.

The mails to leave Newcastle on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week at 8 o'clock a. m., reaching Lyttleton in four hours from hour of despatch.

Returning, to leave Lyttleton, same days, at 1 o'clock p. m., reaching Newcastle in four hours and thirty minutes from hour of despatch.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen, and blank forms of tender may be obtained, at the Post Offices of Lyttleton and Newcastle.

JOHN McMILLAN, P. O. Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office, St. John, Oct. 22, 1880. Oct27nov19

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The Subscriber offers the most select stock of BOOTS AND SHOES, for

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THOMAS LUCY

Fredericton, Sept. 1, 1880.—1y.

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I am sole manufacturer for the agent for the Cooley Patent Milk Cans in the northern counties. No dairy should be without the excellent article, which is now used entirely by the Dublin and numerous other creamery associations. For sale low.

H. P. MARQUIS, Conard St. Chatham, N. B. Chatham, Oct. 16, 1880.—1y

Tenders.

Sealed tenders for providing heating apparatus for Legislative Buildings, Fredericton, will be received at the Department of Public Works, till 1st day November next. Plan and Specification of be seen at the Chief Commissioner's office. Department not bound to accept lowest or any Tender. Good securities will be required.

P. A. LARBY, Chief Commissioner.

Fredericton, Oct. 19, 1880.—oct192128

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TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa, until Noon, on FRIDAY, 29th OCTOBER, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, once per week each way, between

CHATHAM AND ESCUMINAC, from 1st January next.

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The mails to leave Chatham on Thursday of each week at 8 o'clock a. m., reaching Escuminac in seven hours and fifteen minutes from hour of despatch.

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INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY!

1880 SUMMER ARRANGEMENT. 1880

On and after Monday, the 14th June, the Trains will run daily, Sundays excepted, as follows:

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EXPRESS for Halifax, connecting at Moncton with accommodation for North..... 7.55 a.m. 8.00 a.m.

Accommodation for Point de Chene..... 11.45 a.m. 11.50 a.m.

EXPRESS for Sussex..... 5.10 p.m. 5.15 p.m.

EXPRESS for Halifax and Quebec..... 10.25 p.m. 10.30 p.m.

A Pullman Car runs daily on the latter Train to Halifax, and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, a Pullman Car for Montreal is attached. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday a Pullman Car for Montreal is attached at Moncton.

A Special Freight will continue to leave for Sussex for accommodation of passengers..... 6.30 p.m. 6.35 p.m.

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EXPRESS from Sussex..... 9.05 a.m. 9.10 a.m.

Accommodation from Point de Chene..... 1.55 p.m. 2.00 p.m.

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D. POTTINGER, Chief Superintendent, Railway Office, Moncton, N. B., 9th June.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

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The "Star" at Newcastle.

The STAR did not reach Newcastle Saturday evening, but this was not our fault. The publisher, having the same impression as the public, that the boat on Saturday did not leave her wharf for Newcastle until 8 o'clock, did not send the bundle up before six on Wednesday evenings.

Thanksgiving Day.

November 3rd has been appointed a public Thanksgiving day in the Province by Governor Wilnot, in these words:—

It having pleased Almighty God of His great mercy to crown the labors of the husbandman with an abundant harvest, and to bestow upon the people of this Province, manifold and great blessings during the current year;

I do therefore appoint Wednesday the 3rd day of November next, as a Day of Thanksgiving, and recommend the general observance thereof throughout the Province.

And I do also hereby appoint and proclaim the said 3rd day of November a public holiday.

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"Bliss in their little nests agree
And 'tis a shameful sight
When children of one family
Fall out and chide and fight."

With best wishes for Brother Anslow's spiritual welfare we are
THE EDITOR.

The Lumber.
The logs have been at last set free, and anxiety has passed away from our millmen. The long-wished for rain came on Friday night, and lasted until Sunday. In the early part of the rains, people who live along the South-west wondered much that the river showed little signs of rising. Of a sudden, however, the change came, the river in a few minutes rose perceptibly and ended in a thorough freshet. It appears the huge jam of logs above had dammed up the water, but that when the latter had accumulated to a great height, the logs broke way,—hence the sudden rising. All the logs, about 15,000,000 feet are now in the South-west boom, 15 miles from Chatham. The boom is 5 miles long. Most of the lumber is owned by Guy, Bevan & Co., Senator Muirhead, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Morrison. The chief contractors interested are Fairley, Richards and Lynch. Mr. Swin had nearly a million for Mr. Morrison, and this we are glad to say is also safe in the boom.

Rafting commences immediately, and pretty cold work just now rafting is, will be finished in about three weeks. The mills shut down for want of logs will again commence and will not stop till the close of the season, so that the demurrage anticipated will be in great part avoided. About 4 weeks sawing will end operations, probably for the season.

All the logs now in the boom will not be sawn this fall; but those remaining will be taken in rafts to secure places and left there till spring. The ice would carry them away if left in the boom.

[Since writing the above we have been informed that the logs came too late; and that the mills shut down will not start again for the season.]

Mr. Alex. Morrison has commenced lumber operations on the Tabusintac, and several of his teams laden with provisions went down this morning.

As "Backwoodsman" from Douglstown

does not send us his name, we do not publish his communication.

"Knight of the Olden Time." Newcastle, sends us a communication, which we think on a moment's reflection he will see is totally unfit for the columns of a newspaper. We are never behind hand in dealing with the public acts of public men, no matter to what party they may belong, but we have never yet invaded the social circle, or the family altar, and may Heaven grant we never may. This matter you speak of is a shameful one from beginning to end, and not creditable to Newcastle. But we do think it is time now it ended, and that all responsible began to blush for the past, and make wiser resolves for the future. Mind however: personally we endorse your view, publicly not a word have we on it.

[We may say in connection with the above named matter, that we have read in the St. John "Telegraph," and heard from other quarters, of a disgraceful occurrence in the parish of one of the public schoolhouses in Newcastle. We believe it was nothing short of a physical contest between teacher and trustee, that blows were given and exchanged, and injuries received. Now we know nothing of the particulars, and can reach conclusions no way except as to the scene being a disgrace to Newcastle. The teacher on the one hand should know his duty towards the trustee, but on the other the trustee should know his duty toward the teacher. Both understood, and observed there would be no friction; misunderstood or not completed there is a dangerous jarring to the pupils the teacher should appear above all others; for if they know that parties in authority outside, are only awaiting a chance to exercise their authority over the teacher, they soon forget their respect and find a hundred ways of disturbing the harmony of the school. It is an outrageous thing for a trustee to lecture a teacher before the pupils, and equally as bad for him to set himself up as a censor of school management when he is an unprofessional man. We once taught school ourselves. Two trustees, their hats full of hay seed and their homespun woolly as a sheep's side, came in to supervise our methods of instruction. We asked them to take a seat, and then opened up Todhunter's Algebra for beginners. We said, "Now, Mr. Lynch, and you Mr. Alcorn, I wish a word of instruction. Would you prefer using brackets in simplifying [a+b] cubed—or would you prefer multiplying it out?" There was a moment's hesitation, then an unintelligible stammer. We hastened to their assistance, "You never studied Algebra—like our M. P. in that respect—but you will assist me in translating the following little exercise from Bryce's First Reader,—because I can't construe it to my liking." "Magni sunt greges ovorum in silvis." Now, Mr. Alcorn," we said, "I translate that as follows, but it hardly suits me. 'The cows climbed into the potato patch.' But I think it is pretty near right. What do you think?" looking to both, "I guess it is near as near as one can come to it," said Charlie Alcorn; "I guess so," chimed in Mr. Lynch. We then turned to a big boy in his bare feet, and said "Translate." He looked at the two trustees and said, "There's a lot of 'cows in the woods,'" "Succinct!" we said, "and correct enough." The two rusties went out and never after showed their noses in our school house. Suppose the Newcastle trustees tried a little Latin on the trustees? How would that do?—Ed. Star.]

STAR BRIEFS.

—Horses are in such demand at present. All for sale are readily bought up.

—The Mallard owned by Wm. Murray Esq. of Chatham, has arrived safely in Dublin.

—Messrs. Vanstone and Wambolt have just purchased about a dozen head of fine cattle at the Island.

—A good deal of pork in market.

Depleting a dairy-herd.

A few nights ago Mr. Tillish left a dozen ducks in his yard, but when he got up in the morning, there was not one there. He has heard nothing of them since.

Island Horses.

W. S. McGee, Esq., of P. E. I. came over here on Monday with 11 draft horses. Five were bought by Mr. J. B. Snowball, and one by Mr. Wm. Muirhead Jr. [The remaining five have since been purchased, most of them by Mr. D. McLaughlin.]

Personal.

Mr. Mordaunt Samuel of Nottingham, England, who has been visiting his numerous friends on this side of the Atlantic for a short time, sails for home on Saturday next, per steamer Moravian from Rimouski. Mr. S. has spent the last few days in Chatham.

Professor Sheldon, Mr. Sparrow, the Surveyor General, Hon. Robt. Young, Hon. W. E. Perley and Mr. McNutt of the Sun, and Mr. Hazen of the Telegraph were in town today, and went home this evening.

Notes From the Capital.

Two or three young lads who are minors, and pay no taxes here, are speaking of starting an art gallery. Let the newspaper advocating this, first see if the town can maintain it; then for the art gallery. Speaking of this paper, I may tell you it has remained independent much longer than I thought. For two months it begged for patronage at Ottawa, but failed to get on the list. When it received its last letter, to effect that the "Government did not feel warranted in extending the List," it changed from Independent or M.Lawber attitude to Opposition. This is why it thinks Sir John wants to get a constituency for some friend, among the Equimaux. Do you think it would be any use for Sir John trying to get one of the editors in for the Commons at Andover? Was it thirty votes he got there? Mr. Beveridge knows.

James Sharkey and George Perks

have both it would seem turned over to the Church of England. They propose a chorus of male voices in the parish church, through the Capital, and think that those of the congregation who have ever heard a choir of trained male voices, will, doubtless, favor the proposed change. Both these gentlemen have interviewed Miss Fisher on the Loyalists in Fredericton. This should have gone to the Reporter. Miss Fisher does not relate her own experience, but accurately those of her grandmother. It appears this poor old woman came near falling into the hands of the Indians at Ormotto, in 1873. She waxed eloquent in some parts, and from her mode of composition, would be a valuable aid to the Capital's staff.

On Monday last, His Honor Judge Wetmore shot a partridge. On Tuesday it fell into the hands of Mr. Pilkington taxidermist; on Wednesday, true to life, it was presented to one of the clerks in Fraser and Wetmore office—so says the Capital.

LUMBERING.—A number of crews from here, have gone to the woods. Mr. Alexander Gibson, will carry on large operations on the Nashuak this year where he has many a prime tract that axe has not yet been struck in.

Mr. A. F. Randolph will operate heavily this winter, and has sent a large percentage more men and horses in than last year.

The literary critic of the Montreal Gazette, after a lengthy commentary on Mr. Chas. G. L. Roberts' Poems, concludes thus: "For our part, we confidently predict for Mr. Roberts, unless the gods love him too well, a career as a poet that will outstrip merited fame on himself and lasting honor on his country."—Capital.

This isn't much like the Capital's criticism; is it?

Mr. Wm. Murray will also increase his operations, having sent in large gangs. Wages range from \$14 to \$20 per month. In this connexion I may add that Morvions will run next summer, to its fullest capacity.

No one yet has said positively he will offer for Mayor Groggin's place. But there is little doubt about Mr. A. A. Sterling coming. He would make an excellent man.

Mrs. Hazen our accomplished artist, will contribute to the St. John art gallery this winter. Mr. T. G. O'Connor, Mr. Phair and others are also spoken of as probable contributors.

Municipal Election.

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, there was a meeting in the Masonic Hall to consider the election of Councillors for next year. As no one could be induced to take interest enough in local politics, there were only two in the building with a disposition to run. These were Mr. Wm. Lawlor and Mr. Goggin. The town clerk Mr. J. Wilson, called the meeting to order, and explained the object of assembling there. After some delay Mr. Jas. Penney was chosen Chairman, and William Lawlor and J. Goggin were nominated. As no opposition could be raised by those who like the "fun of a contest," the two gentlemen above named, were declared elected by acclamation. After this announcement Mr. Lawlor rose to his feet. He said he was deeply sensible of the trust the people of Chatham had reposed in him. This was the sixth time in succession he had been elected to this post; but the present time, he had had no notion of offering till that very morning. But since they had prolonged their confidence in him, he would continue to perform his duties to the very best of his abilities. He said he felt proud of his past record; and would endeavor to act in the future as he had in the past. [Applause.]

Mr. Goggin followed Mr. Lawlor. He made a short address in which he stated that he was thankful to the electors of the parish for the confidence they had reposed in him; and assured them he would always be found faithful to his duties, using his best abilities in promoting their interests. [Tremendous applause.]

To the stranger it seems surprising to see so little interest taken in county politics; elsewhere in the Province, there is a good deal of enthusiasm showed. The people here should not be tepid and insignificant as the position of Councillor may seem to them, there is a good deal of business comes up before the board which requires practical mind and care in dealing with it. It is perhaps this very indifference to the honors of councillorship that lies at the bottom of the gross mismanagement exhibited at our Council. However, in electing Mr. Lawlor again, the town of Chatham did wisely and well; for it would puzzle us to know, where among those aspiring to Councillor honors, his equal could be had. He is a careful business man, and has a good practical head, and while sitting as Councillor will worthily, we believe, fill his post. This is why we congratulate Chatham on his re-election; and as he has now represented the town for the past six years as Councillor, we have not any doubt but he will represent it for the next six in the same capacity. As for Mr. Goggin we can say nothing about him, never having heard of his name till we saw it on the handbills. He may be wise as Socrates, or simple as Tom Steele,—time can only tell that. It affords regret to a good many however, that Mr. Goggin was not left at home for a few years more, and some man like Mr. Johnson or Mr. Murray or Mr. McLaughlin or a score of others could name, brought out in his place. For our part we should like to have seen Johnson and Lawlor go

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OUR RAILROAD AND THE MIRAMICHI.

It is hinted here in well informed circles, that when the railroad is built across the Island, Chatham on the Miramichi may likely be the summer port of the GulfLine. That will make the bond between us more sympathetic still.

J. F. C.

[We conclude our letter in next—Ed.]

BY TELEGRAPH.

GLoucester.

Election of Councillors.

(Special to Star.)

BATHURST, Oct. 27 1880.

The election of Councillors took place through the county yesterday. The following are the results.

BATHURST.

Four took the field. Here are the names and the vote:—

Molanso, 122
O'Brien, 120
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