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Our Country, with its United Interests.

Newcastle, N. B., Wednesday, January 15, 1879.

EDITORS & PROPRIETORS.

WHOLE No. 584.

WAVERLY HOTEL,

NEWCASTLE,.....MIRAMICHI, N. B.

House has lately been refurnished, and

very possible arrangement made to ensure

the comfort of travellers.

LIVERY STABLES, with good

OUTFIT, on the premises.

ALEX. STEWART,

Proprietor.

NEWCASTLE, Dec. 2, 1878.

UNITED STATES HOTEL,

NEWCASTLE,.....MIRAMICHI,

NEW BRUNSWICK.

THIS HOTEL is very pleasantly situated,

has recently been fitted up in first

class style, in close proximity to the

C. Railway Station, and the wants of travellers

will be attended to promptly.

Meals prepared at any hour. Oysters

served up in every style

at short notice.

JOHN FAY, PROPRIETOR.

Newcastle, Oct. 8, 1877.

KIRK HOTEL,

THE SUBSCRIBER has rented the New

Building erected by Mr. McKean, near the

Post Office and Custom House,

and having newly furnished the same

throughout, is prepared to accommodate the

TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

No pains will be spared to secure the com-

fort to guests.

COACH will connect with the train.

Good stabling accommodation.

D. KIRK, PROPRIETOR.

Newcastle, May 18, 1878.

CANADA HOUSE,

CHATHAM,.....NEW BRUNSWICK.

WM. JOHNSTON, Proprietor.

CONSIDERABLE outlay has been made on this

house to make it a first class Hotel, and

travellers will find it a desirable temporary

residence both as regards location and comfort.

It is situated within two minutes walk of

steamboat landing. The proprietor returns

thanks to the public for the encouragement

given him in the past, and will endeavor by

courtesy and attention to merit the same in

the future.

Good Stabling on the Premises.

May 18th, 1878.

ROYAL HOTEL,

KING SQUARE.

I HAVE much pleasure in informing my

numerous friends and the public generally,

that I have leased the Hotel formerly

known as the "CONTINENTAL," and

thoroughly renovated the same, making it,

as the "ROYAL," situated on an elevated

site, one of the best Hotels in the Province.

Excellent Bill of Fare, First-class Wines,

Liquors and Cigars, and superior accommo-

dation.

Blackhall's Livery Stable attached.

THOS. F. RAYMOND.

St. John, July 9, 1877.

VICTORIA HOTEL,

RIVER DU LOUP,

JOSEPH A. FOUNTAIN, PROPRIETOR.

THIS HOUSE is situated in the immediate

vicinity of the Railway Station, and is well

calculated to meet the requirements of travellers, as neither

pains or expense have been spared to secure the

comfort of guests. Situated on an elevated

site, it affords a splendid view of the St. Lawrence

and adjacent country.

October 24, 1877.

TRUNK FACTORY,

ESTABLISHED 1862.

MR. W. H. KNOWLES

HAS much pleasure in announcing to his

many friends and customers that he

Law and Collection Offices

ADAMS & LAWLOR,

Barristers and Attorneys at

Law, Solicitors in Bankruptcy,

Conveyancers, Notaries Public, &c.,

Real Estate, & Fire Insurance Agents.

CLAIMS Collected in all parts of the

Province.

OFFICES:

NEWCASTLE AND BATHURST,

M. ADAMS, R. A. LAWLOR.

July 18th, 1878.

SAMUEL THOMSON,

Barrister and Attorney-at-Law,

Solicitor in Bankruptcy,

NOTARY PUBLIC & C.

LOANS Negotiated, Claims Promptly Col-

lected, and Professional Business in all its

branches, executed with accuracy and des-

patch.

OFFICE—PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI, N. B.

July 17, 1878.

WILLIAM A. PARK,

Barrister & Attorney at Law,

SOLICITOR,

NOTARY PUBLIC, &c.

OFFICE—Over the Store of William

Park, Esq.

Castle Street, - - - NEWCASTLE.

May 1, 1877.

L. J. TWEEDIE,

ATTORNEY & BARRISTER

AT LAW,

NOTARY PUBLIC,

CONVEYANCER, &c.,

CHATHAM, - - - N. B.

OFFICE—Snowball's Building.

May 12, 1874.

WILLET & QUIGLEY,

Solicitors, Barristers, Attorneys,

NOTARIES PUBLIC, CONVEYANCERS, &c.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

JOHN WILLET, RICH'D F. QUIGLEY, LL. B.

March 24, 1876.

A. H. JOHNSON,

BARRISTER AT LAW,

SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC,

CHATHAM, N. B.

July 10, 1877.

A. D. SHIRREFF,

AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION

MERCHANT,

Life, Fire & Marine Insurance

AND

GENERAL AGENT,

Chatham, N. B.

August 29, 1876.

HERBERT T. DAWSON, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.

NEWCASTLE, N. B.

OFFICE—In Mr. John Dalton's House;

RESIDENCE,

At Mr. Wm. Greenley's, opposite Office.

Newcastle, March 26, 1877.

DENTISTRY.

Dr. Freeman,

will attend to DENTISTRY in its various

branches, as the other engagements will per-

mit.

Having procured every appliance and the

most recent improvements, Dr. F. guarantees

all operations and gives special attention to

the extraction of teeth.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH,

Either on Rubber or a new and improved

Base called Celluloid.

Being a resident in the County his

patients will find no difficulty in having every

guarantee made good.

S. F. SHUTE,

Direct Importer of

PETER LOGGIE,

Wood Moulding & Planing

MILL,

Near the Ferry Landing,

CHATHAM.

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF

FINISHING

for House or Ship Work, manufactured

to order.

Venetian Blinds, Doors and Sashes,

Pine and Walnut Mouldings.

Jig Sawing and Planing, a Specialty.

Estimates and Specifications furnished

on application.

Orders attended to with despatch.

P. LOGGIE.

To Mill Owners and Mechanics.

THOS. B. PEACE,

MANUFACTURER OF

ALL KINDS OF SAWS,

Is prepared to fill orders from any part of

the country. His saws are now being widely

used, are made of the very finest quality of

English Steel, and are warranted to be equal

to the best English or American manu-

factures. A fair trial will prove the rectness

of these statements.

All kinds of Repairing Done.

References by Permission:

Hon. Wm. Mulholland, Chatham;

J. B. SNOWBALL, Esq., Chatham;

D. J. RITCHIE & Co., Newcastle;

J. FLETCHER, Nelson;

BAKER & Co., North Ek.

SHOP—Water Street, Chatham, N. B.

September 18, 1876.

HARNESS! HARNESS!

THE subscriber having rented the shop

and purchased the stock belonging to

the estate of the late Wm. Casey, is now pre-

pared to fill promptly and satisfactorily all

orders for

HARNESS & COLLARS

of every description, at moderate rates.

Repairing Neatly Executed.

All orders shall have the very best atten-

tion.

M. O. THOMPSON.

Newcastle, Jan. 21, 1878.

EDWARD B. ROWE,

BOSTON FORWARDING AGENT

—FOR—

FULTON Fish MARKET,

—AND—

COMMISSION FISH DEALER,

47 Central Wharf,

BOSTON, U. S.

Consignments of Salmon

carefully reeled and placed in best hands at

very low charges.

All packages must be plainly marked care

of E. B. ROWE, Boston.

Stencils furnished if desired.

Lowest shipping rates obtained and

information furnished upon application.

May 6, 1878.

FISHERIES FOR 1879

WE are prepared to supply at short

notice, at

Net, Seine, Pounds, Traps, Hedges,

(cheaper than brush); for the

ensuing year's fishery.

AMERICAN NET & TWINE COY,

BOSTON.

November 21, 1878.

HALL SELLS

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS.

HALL Sells—

College and School Books.

HALL Sells—

Bibles and Commentaries.

HALL Sells—

G. A. BLAIR,

Merchant Tailor,

CHATHAM, N. B.

Always on hand a large and select assort-

ment of

BROADCLOTHS, Doeskins,

Cassimeres, Beavers, Meltons, &c.

SCOTCH, ENGLISH, & CANADIAN TWEEDS.

Velvet and other Fancy Vestings.

Gentlemen's APPAREL.

Made up promptly, and in the best and most

Fashionable Styles.

Orders from a distance will receive

Special Attention.

LATEST FASHIONS

ALWAYS ON HAND.

Remember the Stand.

Stone Building, adjoining Dr. Pallen's

Water Street, Chatham.

June 25th, 1878.

CUSTOM TAILORING.

THE Subscriber has opened a FIRST CLASS

TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT in the

Shop formerly occupied by Mr. P. H. Ans-

low, and owned by the Hon. William Mul-

holland, near Leisler's Scales, Water Street,

Chatham.

Gentlemen wanting clothes made to order

for

SPRING AND SUMMER

will do well to examine his splendid assort-

ment of

ENGLISH & CANADIAN CLOTHS

to select from.

GENTLEMEN'S GARMENTS made up

under the general supervision of a First Class

Cutter.

Cloth Purchased elsewhere will be

made up on the premises.

W. S. MORRIS.

Chatham, April 30, 1877.

Jas. R. Howie's

CUSTOM TAILORING

AND

CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT.

MARBLE HALL,

Queen Street, Fredericton, N. B.

SPRING STOCK OF

NEW CLOTHS

of the Latest Styles just to hand, to which

inspection is respectfully invited.

Fancy Worsted Coatings, Trouser-

ings, Tweeds, all makes, &c.

A GOOD FIT GUARANTEED in every case.

Orders from the country especially attend-

The Union Advocate.

Established 1867.

NEWCASTLE, JANUARY 15, 1879.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1879.
THE SMELT TRADE.

We publish below copies of invoices and letters received by some of our fish dealers from the United States. By these it will be seen that the trade is in a very unsatisfactory condition, owing to the reckless manner in which such large quantities of smelt have been exported, and reduced the price to a figure which in some instances has brought the shipper in debt. Our advice to those engaged in the business is to curtail; unless they do this they will suffer serious loss, for it is even now hinted that should, a soft spell set in, the probability is that large quantities will be bought up by the farmers at a sacrifice, to fertilize their land. There is also another view to be taken. It must be conceded that the taking of such large quantities of smelt in this river must eventually injure the fishery, and the propriety of curtailing it to an extent at least which shall be a present as well as a future benefit to the fishermen, will very naturally come up for consideration by the Department. The wholesale slaughter of smelt in the Miramichi at points near the entrance to the North West River, has without doubt inflicted considerable injury on the fishery by the destruction of young bass in the smelt nets. We are not prepared to say that the falling off in the catch of bass this season is altogether due to this, but that it has something to do with it we have not the least doubt. One case and we believe it is only one of many others, has come under our own notice, of a fisherman who had caught but one bass in three weeks, his family consequently being in destitute condition. The present state of the smelt trade calls for the immediate curtailment of exports, and unless this is done voluntarily by the fishermen, we shall not be surprised if steps are taken to protect this fishery, the product of which is at present of very little value owing to the supply being so much greater than usual, and far beyond the requirements of the American markets.

The following is a copy of a letter sent to one of our shippers from Boston:

BOSTON, Jan. 9, 1879.

Dear Sir:—Just received your postal advising another shipment of smelt to-day. They are only worth from one to one and a half cents per pound, and as near as I can calculate there are fifty tons here. So weather for a few days will assist to reduce the quantity and clear the market. Country farmers are looking forward for them as fertilizers. A new stock and cold weather will perhaps do better. The railroads are making the profit just now—nothing is left for the commission merchant or shipper.

The following is a copy of a New York letter:

NEW YORK, Jan. 7, 1879.

Dear Sir:—Send me more smelt to New York without preparing the freight; the market is glutted and they are selling for one and two cents per pound. If you do not curtail your supply the business will be ruined.

E. B. R. & Co.

Similar letters are coming in almost every day from the commission dealers. We give below copies of two invoices of smelt forwarded to Philadelphia:

PHILADELPHIA, January, 1879.

Jan. 1.—1,113 lbs. smelts, at 3 cts., \$33.39
Freight, 82.70
Carting, 40.00
Commission, 3.33
Total, 158.42

This shows a balance against the shipper of 64 cents, and to this loss is to be added the cost of catching, collecting, boxing, &c. Annexed to the above accounts is the following postscript:

"The market has been completely glutted with smelts for a week past. As we wrote you by postal card, New York dealers are shipping to this market at two cents for the past week to any lot that will order them. Most of our fish men here have, like ourselves, received consignments. Never knew so many to come in before."

Other invoices:

Jan. 3.—6 boxes, 278 lbs. smelts, at 3 cts., \$8.34
Freight, 86.50
Carting, 40.00
Commission, 3.33
Total, 138.17

Jan. 6.—1 box, 46 lbs. smelts, at 3 cts., \$1.38
Freight, 81.15
Carting, 40.00
Commission, 3.33
Total, 124.66

It is scarcely necessary to further urge the reduction of exports with such evidence before our shippers as that given above. The business has been overdone, and the supply must be lessened very materially before it can be carried on with profit to those engaged in the business here.

Messrs. Carvell Bros., a well known and highly respected firm at Charlottetown, P. E. I., have failed. Their liabilities are estimated at \$90,000, assets \$100,000. The suspension is said to have been caused by the many failures of smaller firms, and also to the decrease in the value of property held by Carvell Bros. Those who are best acquainted with the gentlemen composing the firm deeply sympathize with them in their present difficulties. There are many friends in Miramichi who hope to see them resume business at an early day.

PERSONAL.—A cable despatch received at Chatham on Tuesday last week announces the arrival of the steamship *Frederick* at Miramichi. Senator Muirhead was on board, on his way to England.

J. B. Snowball, Esq., left a few days before Mr. Muirhead. These gentlemen are making their usual visit to Britain on matters in connection with the lumber business. It would be almost hopeless hoping to expect a favorable report of the lumber trade when they return.

The Cornish Bank at Truro, England, has failed. The liabilities are placed at over a million pounds, and it is anticipated that great distress among the miners will be the result.

Annual School Meetings.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

NEWCASTLE.—District No. 7.—The annual school meeting in this district came off on the day appointed by law, the second Thursday in January. The attendance of the ratepayers was good. The meeting was called to order by S. Thomson, Esq., one of the Trustees, and on motion A. A. Davidson, Esq., was appointed Chairman. The Trustees were then called upon for their Report which was read by Mr. J. R. Nicholson, and is as follows:—

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, PARISH OF NEWCASTLE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1878.

The Trustees of School District No. 7, Newcastle, beg to submit the following report of their doings for the year 1878.

School attendance was as follows:

| | Enrolled. | Attended. |
|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Boys | 100 | 85 |
| Girls | 100 | 85 |
| Total | 200 | 170 |

Harkins' Seminary, High School, Intermediate, Primary Department, 400 00

Primary, Miss Parker's, 60 00

Mixed Schools, 60 00

Mr. Siveright, 15 00

Mr. Morrissey, 15 00

455 457

Making the average attendance of the enrolled pupils for the year amounting to 456.

The average attendance for the year 1877 was 450 making a decrease of 10.

The following is the estimate and receipts for the year 1878, the estimate and resources for 1879, and also a statement of liabilities.

EXPENDITURE.

The general expenditure for the year ending 31st Dec., 1878, was as follows:

Teacher's Salaries, \$7,338 96

Paid Alex. Ferguson's third instalment of \$1,000, 1,000 00

Paid Robt. Falconer's note of July 6, 1878, \$1,000, 1,000 00

Paid John McLaughlin's note, to pay first quarter's salary Teachers in arrears, 800 00

Paid attendance on Schools, Harkins' Seminary, 400 00

Paid interest to Alex. Ferguson, 100 24

Paid interest on J. McLaughlin's loan, 37 33

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Paid insurance on Smith's School, \$2,000, 20 00

Paid incidental expenses including wood and coal, 282 51

\$5,958 24

Cash on hand, \$177 62

Interest from Savings Bank, 12 87

Teachers' Warrants, 1,147 72

Proprietor of the Free Press, 123 93

Salaries of Harkins' Seminary, 400 00

School on Railroad, 20 00

Loan from J. McLaughlin, 800 00

Amount of assessments, 1,569 13

Less 3 per cent. on assessments, 47 08

Leaving a balance on hand of \$204 38

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1879.

Teachers' salaries, at present, \$7,338 96

Coal, wood and attendance, 300 00

One year's rent of Harkins' Seminary, 400 00

Incidental expenses, 250 00

Insurance on School buildings, 20 00

\$8,428 96

Balance on hand, \$204 38

Government Warrants, 1,000 00

Proportion of County Fund, 600 00

\$10,233 34

Balance, \$2,275 62

To pay 1st instalment, Alex. Ferguson, 1,000 00

To pay note of J. Falconer of Jan. 15, 1874, 600 00

Teachers' salaries, \$7,338 96

Statement of liabilities: monies borrowed by Trustees of School District No. 7, Parish of Newcastle.

April 3, 1874.—Robt. Falconer, \$1,000 00

Dec. 22, 1874.—Do, 600 00

March 26, 1875.—Alexander Ferguson, 200 00

Total, \$1,800 00

Liabilities in 1878, \$5,400 00

Paid off, \$1,800 00

Do, 1878, \$3,600 00

Leaving above, 1,200 00

The Trustees have not anything very special to report in connection with the schools during the past year. They have endeavored to do their duty, and have been working expenses, and no amounts have been expended except for absolute necessities. The Trustees of the Harkins' Seminary have had built, the past summer, a very neat and handsome addition to the Seminary, and have been working expenses, and no amounts have been expended except for absolute necessities. The Trustees of the Harkins' Seminary have had built, the past summer, a very neat and handsome addition to the Seminary, and have been working expenses, and no amounts have been expended except for absolute necessities.

The Trustees have to state that they consider the schools under their management to be in a very good condition at present in regard to their educational status, and have no less than double the number of scholars than in the previous year, and are favorably working under the present school act.

The last examinations held were very creditable, and we believe gave satisfaction to the visitors attending. The Trustees will not add anything further in recommendation of these schools, as any favorable mention by uninterested Trustees in our former public school meetings has been distasteful to many. But as the best interests of the community will be served by educating youth in this we would urge on behalf of those schools a more generous support and treatment of the system they will be well repaid in that the best results possible may be obtained.

There has been pleasure to observe signs of emulation among the pupils attending the schools during the last term, this should be encouraged and encouraged as much as possible by the parents at the same time to require the pupils to prepare their lessons at home and not receive their education at the school, as this is positively not true, whatever may be said to the contrary. And if the public in this community will heed the educational rather than the financial features of the system they will be well repaid in the better education of their children, providing there is regularity in attendance with even ordinary application and industry on the part of the latter.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMT. THOMSON, Trustee of Public Schools, Northumberland.

JOHN LAWSON, Trustee of Public Schools, Northumberland.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Jan. 15, 1879.

The Auditor, Mr. C. P. Bourne, was then called upon for his Report, which he read, as follows:—

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Jan. 9th, 1879.

To the Ratepayers of School District No. 7.

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the school accounts for the year 1878 and find them correct. The accounts are in accordance with the law, and I have no objection to their being published.

Yours respectfully,

C. P. BOURNE, Auditor.

Mr. John Hogan asked for a return of tuition fees paid for scholars residing out of the district, as there had been a good many such scholars educated here.

He thought the district should be credited with their tuition fees, as it was not just to the ratepayers that they should provide first class teachers for their schools, and other districts send their scholars here to reap the benefit of such

tuition, and get the education for which their own districts would not assess themselves. Mr. H. also mentioned a case of a person who owned property in Newcastle, but who paid his assessment in another district; yet he sent a scholar here to be educated, and he had to learn that any tuition fees had been exacted for this service.

Mr. Thomson said that no tuition fees had been collected, but there would be no trouble to collect them.

On motion, Report of Trustees was received.

On motion, the various accounts in the Secretary's Report were read in detail.

Some of the items for attendance &c. were sharply discussed, and the impression seemed to be general that these matters should be put up to public tender.

The Chairman then read the resignation of Mr. J. R. Nicholson, which was assented to by the other Trustees, S. Thomson, and John Lawson, Esqs. Also the resignation of John Lawson, Esq., assented to by S. Thomson, Esq., and J. R. Nicholson, Esq. The Chairman then announced that as Mr. Thomson's term had expired, he having served the full term, it devolved upon the meeting to appoint three new Trustees.

The following resolutions were put and carried:—

Resolved, That all fuel, housing the same, cleaning, including all necessary material, and repairs for this district be put up to tender either in bulk or separately at the discretion of the Trustees.

Resolved, That shutters be put on the Grammar School windows, by tender, and that the Trustees be authorized to keep the Grammar School building in repair, insured and painted at the cost of the district.

Trustees were then appointed in the following order:—Messrs. B. A. Lawson, John Ferguson, Richard Davidson, Mr. C. F. Bourne, was appointed Auditor. S. Thomson, Esq., after some preliminary remarks moved the following preamble and resolution, which were seconded by Mr. C. F. Bourne.

Whereas, It appears to this meeting that the scale adopted at the last annual meeting of the district for the payment of the Teachers' salaries is susceptible of a more equitable adjustment.

Therefore Resolved, That the adjustment of the Teachers' salaries in the district be referred to the discretion and judgment of the Trustees, both as regards the present incumbents or any new teachers that may be hereafter engaged.

After considerable discussion this preamble and resolution were withdrawn.

The amount of assessment for the present year was then taken up. According to the Report of the Trustees the amount required for the current expenses and to pay off half the debt was \$13,125, but that \$5,000 would pay off everything. As this amount was between \$8,000 and \$10,000, the Trustees, after some preliminary remarks moved the following preamble and resolution, which were seconded by Mr. C. F. Bourne.

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