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He had visited one of the great milling establishments of the Miramichi and seen the giant force of steam employed in making the monster trees of the forest into well-shaped beams and other timber and these were being rapidly put into the great ships which are an important element in the trade of the port. As he stated this he asked himself if they who were engaged in the work of the Convention and of the Associations could not, by the Great Master's power, be the means of doing good to the world, as the Master's Kingdom. He believed they could and he asked for the prayers and sympathy of those whom he addressed to the end that the work of the Convention might thus be blessed.

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Hon. Mr. Muirhead having taken the chair, called upon the Rev. Dr. Burns. Rev. Dr. Burns then addressed the meeting concerning the ministry and educational resources of the church, and urging the imperative necessity of having a ministry trained in the country. It was proposed to raise an endowment fund of \$100,000, of which \$70,000 had been already secured.

The Presidency of Halifax had raised \$30,000 or \$40,000 of this, and the little town of Miramichi, \$5,000, and last evening about \$100 had been raised in the Presbyterian Church of Newcastle, and he hoped that Newcastle and Chatham would go together in the work as they depended much upon this part of the country, having lost about \$10,000 by the calamity which had befallen St. John.

Rev. G. M. Grant, then briefly addressed the large audience, saying the united voice of the Church had declared this thing to be a vital necessity.

It was then explained that the payments of the subscriptions whatever they were, would be made over nearly three years, the first instalment commencing in October next.

Two books were placed on different tables, one for St. Andrew's Church, and the other for St. John's, and the subscription being headed by Mr. Muirhead was speedily augmented by those present, the amount promised being about \$1,000.

Masonic Excursion to Moncton.—On Thursday last the Masonic excursion to Moncton in aid of the new Masonic Hall at Newcastle, which had been postponed from the previous Monday, on account of the weather, was successfully carried out. A train of 13 cars drawn by two engines left Newcastle, and arrived at Chatham Junction a little before 10 o'clock, where some 200 Chatham excursionists were waiting to join it. The whole party, numbering about 640 then proceeded to Moncton where they arrived about 12.30. The day was very fine, and during the afternoon the excursionists passed the time by inspecting the Railway Workshops and the town, and at a later hour many went to the Skating Rink for a dance. About 5 o'clock the excursionists started for home where they arrived safely about 11 o'clock, after a very pleasant excursion.

DANGER TO YACHTS.—The attention of the Marine and Fisheries Department is directed to the obstruction in the Miramichi, about a mile off the head of Portage Island, caused by the wreck of the large steamer, the hull is now settled in the sand and is covered at high water. On Saturday last, a large number of vessels of different tonnage, making a harbor, which has been long a Frenchman of (Shipgon, we believe), ran against the obstruction and filled. A number of other boats went to the assistance and succeeded in getting her ashore for repairs, but the loss and damage to the owners was considerable.

The wreck is a source of great danger to schooners and smaller craft, working up the river from the Bay, and several American skippers, who have narrowly escaped running up it, do not comment very favorably on the efficiency of the Department which is responsible for neglect of duty in leaving it without some warning mark. Even a barrel or keg stuck upon a staff would be better than nothing, and we hope that if the Marine and Fisheries Department will not interfere itself in the matter some pilot, mariner, or fisherman, will do what is necessary for the present for the protection—as far as possible—of those of their own profession who may not be aware of the existence of the danger.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—On Friday last Richard McDougall of Richibucto, and Henry McCaffery, son of Mr. Thomas McCaffery who lives near Dickson's, on the Richibucto Road, were engaged at Graham's Mill, Bay du Vin, when the edging car from the mill along the track to the dump, where the edging are burned. The wind was blowing the smoke partially across the track, which, no doubt, had the effect of confusing the young men somewhat, and as they reached the end of the track McCaffery passed along to the site of the car next to the fire. McDougall did not observe this, and as usual, he tipped the top of the car, throwing the edging down to the fire and McCaffery with them. The poor fellow fell upon his side in live coals, with a quantity of the edging upon him, when his awful position was soon observed by McDougall, who, as usual, jumped down and made every endeavor to extricate him, a work in which he was soon assisted by other men from the mill. In a short time McCaffery was taken out of his hands, feet and side were so burned that the flesh came off, in some cases bringing the nails with it. McDougall's hands were also burned in his efforts to rescue his companion.

Mr. Jones was summoned to attend the unfortunate man, who, it is feared, will hardly recover.

MIRAMICHI ADVANCE, CHATHAM, NEW BRUNSWICK, SEPTEMBER 13, 1877.

THE POTATO crop is excellent. BUT GOOD READING, at low prices, at the Miramichi Bookstore.

PERSONAL H. T. Stevens, Esq. of the Moncton Times was in town yesterday.

BRIDAL YOUTH was worth \$2,000,000 which is willed to this numerous wives and children.

KINGDOM SERVICE—Rev. Mr. Cruikshank is to preach in Kingston, Kent, on Sunday next.

"WELFORD METEORIC" is crowded out this week. The conclusion of these interesting letters will appear next week.

EXCURSIONS—About 200 Temperance Excursionists visited Miramichi from Moncton yesterday and picnicked at Beachville's lakes.

DAILY NOON PRAYER MEETING—A Monday prayer meeting is appointed to take place in the Methodist Church from 12 to 1 p. m. daily.

A RESIDENCE IN NEWCASTLE—One of the most pleasantly situated and commodious in the town is offered for sale in this week's ADVANCE by Mr. Winslow.

GAZETTE—Alex. Dickham, Esq., is appointed a Justice of the Peace for Kent County, and Dr. McCurdy, of Chatham, a Coroner for Northumberland County.

BROKEN PROMISES—Two cases of breach of promise of marriage will engage the attention of the Circuit Court for Kent at its next Session, which meets on 26th inst.

Y. M. C. A.—At a meeting of the Chatham Association, held on Tuesday evening last, forty proposals were received from those wishing to become members.

THE PRESS—We congratulate the Borderer on its change of proprietors. Mr. Reynolds—the gentleman who now owns and edits the paper—will, no doubt, improve it very much.

RESPONSE EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Services at the Reformed Episcopal Church on next Sabbath, at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. All strangers invited, and especially sailors and captains of vessels heartily welcomed.

SALES.—The contract for carrying Her Majesty's mails between Richibucto Post Office and Welford Station, L. C. R. is awarded to B. S. Bailey, Esq., of Kingston, Kent. The new contractor takes charge on the 1st Oct.

THE BARK "UNITY," Bulmer master, made the round voyage from Richibucto to Gloucester, G. B., and back to Buctouche in sixty two days. Of this time the "Unity" was in port in England twenty five days—leaving thirty seven days for sailing both ways.

DWELLING.—Mr. Robert Johnston offers two eligible dwellings to rent—See advt.

Mr. T. F. Keary also offers his household furniture etc., for sale on Wednesday next.

Two BARS.—The local market has been almost entirely without fresh fish for the past two weeks, for which we have the blame policy of the present fishery administration to thank.

GAZETTE.—The largest catch of Gasparre during the spring season in Miramichi waters was taken on Monday last, brought by a fishery Overseer who is notorious for making merchandise of his official position.

WHEAT.—We have seen some excellent specimens of red ball and headed wheat grown on the farm of Mr. Robert Brown Lower Newcastle, and ripened some three weeks since. The grain is full, large and sound and shows that the agricultural capabilities of the Miramichi are equal to those of parts of the province which are popularly supposed to be more favored in that respect.

"JOSEPH HOWE."—During Rev. J. M. Grant's visit to Chatham the present week he was presented with a request, infamously signed, asking him to deliver his lecture on Joseph Howe in Chatham, at some time convenient to himself.

ACCIDENTS.—On Tuesday evening last, Richard Evans, a sailor belonging to the brig Wellington, was seriously injured by falling into the hold of the Gloucester, lying at Miramichi's mill wharf. He had come out of the fore-cabin of the latter and not being well acquainted with his whereabouts, walked directly into the hatch-way.

The first mate of the M. E. Corn, lying at Snowball's upper wharf, was badly injured by falling into the hold of that vessel on Tuesday last. He was taken to the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Circuit Court.—Our Report of the proceedings of the Circuit Court, which commenced its session in Newcastle yesterday, is crowded out but will appear next week.

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