

# Local Matters.

## Local Government

A meeting of the Local Government will be held in St. John on Tuesday the fifth day of October next.

## Lumber Matters.

Mr. Thomas Power of Derby left yesterday with four horses and twelve men to commence operations in the woods. He is engaged by Alex. Morrison, Esq. His operations are on the Tabusintac River.

## The Saga.

The purchaser of the wrecked vessel *Saga*, despatched a crew with utensils for fishing up the wreck from the hold of the vessel. Mr. Goodfellow obtained the contract for carrying the wrecked cargo up to Chatham.

## Crown Land Sales.

There was some lively bidding at the sale of Crown Lands. One of our merchants had to pay \$400 in excess of the upset price. Large quantities of lumber lands are advertised in the *Royal Gazette* of this week.

## Provincial Exhibition.

Up to the present time some 900 entries have been made by persons for the Exhibition. They are from our own Province as well as from the adjoining provinces of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island. This from present appearances will be the most successful exhibition yet held in this Province.

## Social Dance.

A social dance was held in the Masonic Hall on Monday night by members of the Chatham Battery. The affair was one of the most enjoyable that has been held for some time. The music was all that could be desired and the dancing was equally good. There were about 150 couples present, and the proceeds were handsome.

## Fishing.

The season for fishing bass with set nets commences on the first of October. The prospects are good for the fishermen as the prices are almost exorbitant in the Boston and New York markets. We hope some of the fishermen will take warning and not be so imprudent as last year and lose their nets for the paltry sum of \$1.00 license fee.

## New Sidewalk.

The new sidewalk built on Cunard Street is just completed. We congratulate the Commissioner on the work which has been turned out under his inspection, and hope ere long that all the sidewalks in town may be laid in the same manner. Now if the Commissioner would kindly turn his attention to the sidewalk along the westerly side of the same street, we would be foremost in applauding his energy. We feel it is only necessary to mention this once to have it done well and promptly.

## Attacked by Eagles.

A correspondent from Niel's Harbor informs us that three young men rowing in the Bay, about a week ago, were surprised to find a boat quite near the shore, the only occupants being two eagles. As they approached the eagles assumed the defensive, and with such hideous cries, that the men were afraid to go near them. After they had returned to the shore the two eagles flew over and one of them furiously attacked the men, driving one of his talons into one of the young men's cheeks. Sticks had to be used before they could drive the infuriated birds away. —*North Sydney Herald.*

## The New Enterprise.

R. Hutchison of Douglastown, is building a new school house in Upper Town, near the shore on one of his many vacant lots. It is supposed that he will sell it to the district when built. Well done, R. H. that is a good idea and you will get clear of those vacant lots in this manner more quickly and to better advantage than by any other course within our knowledge. How sweetly you must smile when you think of the Big Bonanza you will reap out of the pockets of the tax payers of your district. But the one man power has lasted long enough and we advise our people to keep their money in their pockets, or if they wish to build, then to do so at the time and place that they think most conducive to their interests. We would wish to have the report of the Inspector in regard to schools in this district, it being whispered around that it is not of the most pleasing character and we marvel at that as the schools are under the supervision of three of the most eminent and most respected citizens of that locality.

## A Lumber Journal.

We have had a call the early part of the week from Mr. Alexander Beggs of Toronto, Ontario. He visited this part in the interest of the *Lumberman*, a journal which he proposes publishing in Toronto after the first of November. This journal, we think, has a wide field for its usefulness. Almost every industry in Canada of any note, except lumbering has a special organ, yet it is one of our great industries. It made New Brunswick, and its decline, helped to unmake it. Why then should not Canada have such a journal? A paper which keeps its hands upon the lumber pulse, and notes its constant condition; a paper that would keep its eye bent towards the base of the Rocky Mountains, at the head of the Saskatchewan where the lumber which our descendants will use is growing? We wish Mr. Briggs well, and think he deserves the countenance of our lumbermen.

## STAR BRIEFS.

—Duck shooting is good this year around the Bays.

—Mr. Patrick Clarkin who came to this country from Monegan, Ireland, died at the residence of Mrs. Townley on yesterday morning at the ripe old age of 80 years.

—We must commend the Commissioner for having laid a crossing on Cunard street between the residence of Captain Allen and J. R. Goggin's store. Pedestrians can now cross without sinking to their knees in mud.

—We are sorry that at this writing some of the mills which have been shut down for want of logs, have not yet resumed operations and it is generally supposed that many of the vessels now in the river will have to remain here over their lay days, before receiving cargoes.

## Personal.

John Horn Esq., of St. John is in town.

Sir John A. McDonald arrived at Ottawa on the 26th inst.

The Surveyor General left this morning for Fredericton.

L. J. Tweedie Esq., returned from Montreal on last Saturday.

S. Adams Esq., was in town yesterday. He leaves for New York this morning.

Thos. Williston Esq., of the firm of Williston & Co., Bay du Vin, was in town on Monday and returned Tuesday.

Mr. J. E. Collins has gone for a few days to Andover. He will spend a couple of days shooting partridge about Tilley Settlement; and will likely be also a couple of days taken up with his libel suit. He will be away nearly a week in all. Meanwhile the STAR will go on as usual.

## Newcastle Local Items.

OUR policeman is now doing well.

STREAM driving on the Main South West is a failure so far.

Messrs. Ritchie lower mill commenced sawing this morning. More work for our labourers.

THE Mill Cove Hill requires some immediate repairs. We should ask the attention of our members to this.

R. D. SOUTHWOOD has opened a new tinware store in the Fish tannery. We wish him a fair share of public patronage.

LUMBERING operations are lively. Messrs. Ritchie are placing men and teams in the woods. Loads of provisions are leaving daily for the camps.

AROUND TOWN.—THE STAR was a success Saturday evening. All parties give it praise for its enterprise, the number of copies sent are not sufficient.

Duncan McDonald, Esq., of Montreal, and formerly contractor for Section 10, I. C. R., arrived by train this morning. He goes over the road in company with some other gentlemen.

THE suit of Hutchison vs. Sinclair, referred to arbitration is set down for hearing on Thursday next at the Court House. Judge Wilkinson presiding. Davidson, Q. C. for plaintiff, Adams & Lawlor for defendant.

JUSTICE NEVIN, our Police Magistrate has also issued a warrant or summons against our High Constable and Special Deputy Sheriff Samuel Loggie for interfering with Constable Thibedeau while in the discharge of his duty. He only presented a revolver.

JUSTICE KAIN of Nelson, will, on Wednesday next hold an examination in the case of English vs. Fleet for assault. Mr. Davidson has been retained for the defence. Samuel Thompson, Esq., will represent the Crown.

JUSTICE NEVIN has issued a warrant for the arrest of a person named Desmond, for an indecent assault committed on an aged woman. No arrest has yet been made, though the warrant has been in the Sheriff's hands for some few days. He may be non est.

W. M. Buck, Esq., Government engineer of the New Brunswick Government arrived in town on Monday evening. He has been engaged in making an examination for a site with a view to the building of a new bridge across the River St. John at Woodstock.

LEGAL.—The cause *Swim vs. Wallace* was postponed until the next Circuit Court on application of Mr. Williston, Attorney for the defendant. Affidavits in support of the application were read by Mr. Williston. A. A. Davidson, Q. C., made no opposition. Postponement allowed on payment of plaintiffs cost.

It is understood here some new and important legal works are to be published shortly. Tweedie and Thompson on "Deviations;" Wilkinson on "Settlements;" Adams & Lawlor on "Arbitrations;" new edition; Jack on "Contracts;" Davidson on "Doubtful Questions;" Quigley and Barker on Insurance; Weldon and Williston on "Faith;" Johnson and Thompson on "Trespass;" and Judge Duff on "Delays by Attorneys."

## Douglastown Notes

It is reported that John Woods of Douglastown is an aspirant for municipal honours for the parish of New Castle this year.

It is also on the *qui vive* that John Ellis of Moorefield, is also desirous of becoming one of our civic rulers, and as Mr. Hays our present Councillor does not intend running, the contest will probably be between these two.

The Barque *Thale* lying at Douglastown, is being pumped out preparatory to undergoing repairs. She will be thrown down and the keel which is supposed to be loose will be fixed, and in a short time (Mr. Hutchison M. P. under whose charge she is undergoing repairs) expects to have her ready for sea.

## Sabbath Desecration.

It is a sad thing to think that there are found in this parish people who wantonly and shamefully desecrate the Sabbath, and break the laws by selling liquor to misguided persons, who drink to make beasts of themselves. The writer of this article was driving down from New-castle to Chatham after dark Sunday evening, and when about a mile above Douglastown encountered a party of about a dozen men, some dead drunk and others irresponsible, who shouted, sang and swore the most blood-curdling oaths. Where the gang came from we could not say, but we can say their brutal blasphemies and songs on the Sabbath night was an outrage upon the community and a disgrace to the myriad magistracy of that part. We thought such carousals on Sabbath evenings were only seen among untaught savages. There is an awful responsibility resting with someone. But this was not the worst, monstrous as it was. When the writer came to the ferry, he stumbled over a Norwegian sailor lying dead drunk on the slip, and a short distance away, another grovelled on the road, unable to get upon his feet. Three or four other sailors themselves barely able to walk took up their helpless comrades and carried them on boards and threw them as you would a sack upon the deck. The Captain said, "Isn't that shocking? But it is a good deal of that." Shocking! It is a disgrace to Northumberland, an outrage too heinous for words to describe. We may add just this, there are magistrates peppered all over the country. If they fail to protect the county from those who sell liquor on Sunday as from those who get drunk on Sunday, they should be dismissed and fined in the bargain.

## Hunting on the Miramichi with a Clergyman.

### FAST IN THE TRAPS.

[WRITTEN FOR THE STAR.]

Some few years since an eccentric clergyman of the Church of England came to me and proposed that we should go into partnership as hunters, he appeared to have plenty of money and I had no objections. We chose for our hunting ground the rough spruce covered hills which surrounded the Miramichi lake. As game of all kinds at that time was abundant—there being not only plenty of sable and mink, but also caribou on the neighboring heath, and moose were yarded on nearly every hill around. We took the toboggans of Humbell's camp on the head of McLean Brook—one of the branches of the Nashwaak. Here we loaded them up with pork, flour and other hunting supplies and started on our journey. We reached the outlet of Miramichi Lake the same evening, it was about the 10th of January and the weather was extremely cold, but we passed the night tolerably comfortably in the old hunting camps which stand a few rods south of the eastern extremity of the lake. Fixing our residence here, we set up a few traps for mink and sable. These we baited with fish of which we caught abundance in the lake; as well as with partridge heads. My Rev. partner was but a poor hunter. We spent a few days endeavoring to still hunt caribou, but failed. And as I generally succeed in my hunting undertakings (which I have always conducted in silence), I charged the want of success to the noisy tongue of the clergyman. We saw one drove of these animals numbering eleven but failed to get within range and so abandoned this business.

Among other traps which we had set, there was one intended for louperviers. Its position was west of our camp and about three quarters of a mile distant from it. It stood on the shore of the lake or quite close to it. The trap was of steel and was placed in the doorway of a little brush house about three feet high in which was set as bait the body of a hare which we had shot.

One morning while I was at work preparing breakfast, since, as my partner would never soil his hands with the dirty kettle or frying pan, this was always left to me, as was the chopping of the wood, the carrying it in as well as the putting it on the fire. My associate said to me, "I will go and see if there is a loupervier in the trap," and accordingly sallied forth on this expedition. About twenty minutes after he had left me, I heard the report of his gun and on going to the camp door heard him calling at the top of his lungs. Putting on my snow shoes, not even waiting for my cap, I ran across the snowy surface of the lake. There he stood looking at a dead animal which lay on the snow beside him. A glance showed me that it was a loupervier which had fallen beneath the bullet of his rifle. My brother hunter was in a great state of excitement. "What a narrow escape I have had," he said. The fact of the matter was that a small bush had been fastened to the trap so that the animal could not carry it to any great distance. Although he might succeed in getting a few rods away, the surrounding trees were sure to bring him up at last, and the traces of loupervier trap and bush were very easily followed. In this instance when the animal had got caught by the foot in the trap, he had started off as soon as he felt the teeth in his leg and had succeeded in gaining the top of a snowy entrance a few feet distant which overlooked the bait house.

My pastor who had straggled carelessly up to this gun in hand, with his eyes fixed on the door, seeing nothing there, stooped to look in. When, on a sudden to his utter amazement from the top of the little snow hill above his head, there arose a frightful sound, something between a cry, howl and shriek. Springing up like a flash he saw before him the glaring eyes of a furious wild beast apparently ready to jump upon him. Not a moment was to be lost. So clapping his rifle to his shoulder in less time than I am relating it, he put a bullet through the head of the monster.

When his voice came to him he called to me. I found him standing just where he had fired from, great drops of perspiration oozing from his forehead. "What a narrow escape I have had," he said, "he was just preparing to spring one moment more and he would have been on top of me."

I walked up to the dead loupervier which the animal proved to be and found it fast in the trap, where it could not make three feet away under any circumstances. The clergyman was crest fallen enough when he found that the cause of all his terror was an unfortunate loupervier fast in a trap.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

War rumors through Asia. Winter approaches in Ireland and affairs are unsettled.

The Princess Louise leaves for Canada the 11th inst.

Thousands of workmen are striking in Free Trade England.

A new issue of the *Nihilist Will of the People* has been put in circulation in St. Petersburg. It bears date Sept. 3rd.

A despatch from Quetta says the loss of the Afghans in a recent battle was much greater than at first expected, and the villages are strewn with dead. It is estimated that the dead number 1,000, and wounded over 2,000. The natives are stunned at Ayob's defeat. General Roberts is intrenching the Argandab Valley.

A FULL meeting of the stock holders of the "Union Sociere" (sugar association) of Canada was held in Paris on the 16th, and the first issue of the capital stock of ten millions of francs has been effected. A million of francs of stock will be sold to Canadian subscribers. M. Legru leaves France for Canada about the end of this week.

MR. McNAME of Montreal who arrived here last week from a long trip through British Columbia, gives this Province, so little known, great praise. He says that he has travelled it from one end to the other and does not hesitate to say that he regards it as one of the best sections of the Dominion, and that it has only need to be opened up to civilization by railroad and to give it communication with the more populated districts of the east to make it one of the richest and most flourishing parts of the Dominion.

## RETURN OF THE MINISTERS AND THEIR MISSIONS.

Reports have reached us of the safe arrival in Canada of Sir John A. McDonald and his associates from England. Everywhere along the line they have been greeted in the heartiest manner. Full details of the arrangements for the building of the Pacific Railway will not be made public until they have been first presented to the House. So far as can be ascertained some modifications in the arrangements previously announced have been made but the main result remains the same. An agreement has been completed with a powerful London, Paris and American syndicate; and a provisional contract signed by the Ministers in London, on behalf of the Canadian Government; subject to approval by the Canadian Parliament at its session in February next, and not at a special session to be called, as previously announced. Another point is that the name of the capitalists or firms composing the syndicate are not the same; and they do not cover so wide a field in the financial world. But they are quite equal to the undertaking and that is enough. Messrs. Morton, Rose & Co., are the London firm mentioned; La Societe Generale de Paris, the French; and the American comprise the Canadian and United States capitalists before referred to in connection with this enterprise. In our eyes, especially in view of the tone of the English press, it is particularly important to have these last, because of their experience. The London *Economist* throws cold water on the project, but its assertions are based on the manifest ignorance of its editor of the question, on which he yet undertakes to dogmatise. The London *Times* further published a leading article on the question on the day after the Ministers sailed, which has been telegraphed by the Atlantic Cable. We might take exception to some points in the tone of this; but we do not to the general tenor of the argument. It states the shady side of the bargain for the capitalists to whom the concession had been assigned, is the portion of the road north of Lake Superior. This cannot be denied. We have in fact ourselves set forth the same. That region is yet a howling waste, but it is known to possess great mineral wealth, probably much greater than that of the south shore, of which there has been profitable development. The question has been asked, will the Canadian Parliament ratify the Act of the Government? We cannot ourselves see any reason for doubt on this head. The fact is that both sides are deeply committed to the principle of the arrangement. We believe it will be found on comparison that the scheme which Mr. Mackenzie's Gov-

ernment was committed to, and which it advertised, would have been far more onerous to the country than that which the Government of Sir John Macdonald will submit to Parliament. The details of this will probably be reserved for Parliament. The *Times* put one point in its leading article, containing an expression of doubt. It asked: If the enterprise is to prove so profitable, why does not the Canadian Government retain it in its own hands? Why give it to others, especially as a community is better able to wait for future profits than individuals? The answer is, as has several times been insisted on, in these columns, because a private company can much better manage and carry out a great work of this kind than a Government can. We believe that it is purely an intimate knowledge of this fact which took the Ministers to London, and led them to sign the concession, of which we have now the announcement. If it were otherwise, if a government, responsible to a popularly elected legislature, were not hampered by party exigencies, and liable to change, and if it could successfully and continuously carry out large schemes of immigration and settlement, the action taken would be a mistake, but it cannot, and its function seems rather to provide facilities than to attempt the work itself.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

### PORT OF CHATHAM.

Sept. 23.—bk Mettle, Margrethe, 429, Christopherson, bal J B Snowball.  
bk Sarrpsburg, 583, Klouman, Liverdool, bal A Morrison.  
bk Alexandria, 43g, Haagensen, bal A Morrison.  
bk King Oscar, 415, Jensen, Glasgow, bal Reid.  
27, bk Ocean Traveller, 622, Whiteford, Belfast, bal J B Snowball.  
29, bk Albertine, 545, Schytte, Bordeaux, bal Gray, Bevan & Co.

### CLEARSD.

27, bk Bargermester, Schwing, Saegert, deals G. Y. Bevac & Co.  
28, bk Forest Queen, McGonnel, Belfast, deals W Muirhead.  
bk Armenia, Schanke, deals G. McLeod.  
bk Skinfar, Oelson, Mersey, deals J B Snowball.

### PORT OF NEWCASTLE.

ENTERED.  
Sept 23, bk Idina Saak, 652, Uteberg, London, bal R & J Stewart.  
24, bk Bertha, Bahrbas, 526, Wilseky, Barron, bal do.  
bk Ocean, 477, Oelsen, Liverpool, bal do.  
25, bk "Suez" 508, Ternstrom, Sevans, bal R A & J Stewart.  
25, bk Monsoon, 678, McIlroy, Galway bal R A & J Stewart.

### CLEARSD.

Sept 22, bk Gustar, 417, Roir, Hull, deals R & J Stewart.  
bk Adriatic, 444, Blix, Liverpool, deals G do.  
25, bk Medoria, 774, Cater, Sharpness, deals D & J Ritchie.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

### SPECIAL FROM ANDOVER.

ANDOVER, Sept. 29.

(Special to STAR.)

Supreme Court opened here yesterday. The first case was an action of libel brought by Brown of Grand Falls vs. Editor of STAR. The Grand Jury found a true bill, but in a short time the belligerents concluded a treaty of peace.

Mr. Collins and Mr. Brown shook hands and bade each other God speed on the way. This was a literary offense and it would be monstrous to submit it to a country jury.

Messrs. Blair, Wetmore, Collins, Risteen and others went down to Fredericton this morning.

### From Grand Falls.

[Special to STAR.]

GRAND FALLS, Sept. 29

Mrs. Costigan, mother of John Costigan, Esq., M. P., died here last night. She was upwards of seventy years old.

### The Russians in Turkestan.

A telegram from Ki snovodsk confirms the report of General Skobeloff's arrival there, and adds that Colonel Scribitchsch has been left in command of the expeditionary force at Bali. Supplies are being actively forwarded to the front. The Turcomans occasionally attack the convoy.

### The Nihilists in England.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

The despatch sent stating that Nihilists were the authors of the dynamite plot to wreck an express train on the London and North Western Railway, discovered on the 13th inst., has been confirmed. The intention, however, was presumably not to kill the Grand Duke, but to mortify the Czar, and show the vitality of the revolutionary cause. The Nihilists are very strong in numbers in London. They reside mostly in Kentish Town, where secret meetings are frequently held. It is said that a meeting held last night the dynamite plot was fully discussed.

A Geneva despatch to the *Daily News* says the Catholic members of the Federal Assembly will oppose vigorously the proposed revision of the constitution, and as the measure is highly unpopular in the Protestant Cantons, there can be little doubt that it will be rejected by a large majority.

## The Political Crisis in France.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

The *Times* correspondent at Paris says the real cause of M. de Freycinet's fall was his foreign policy, and it was resolved upon the day he opposed General Thomassin's mission to Greece, as also more definitely on his replying to the disquieting Cherbourg programme by his pacific Montauban programme. Hence the crisis, and everybody here and elsewhere is convinced of this.

All the Paris papers are advocating a pacific foreign policy. Some of the journals demand that the Chambers be summoned for a special session; but it is improbable that they will meet before the usual time. It is announced that as soon as the new Cabinet is definitely constituted a circular of a very pacific character will be despatched to the representatives of France abroad.

Negotiations to determine upon the selection of a Minister of Foreign Affairs continue. Seven members who have not resigned will retain their portfolios. The evening papers say the Minister of Foreign Affairs has been offered to M. Tissot. M. Carnot has accepted the Ministry of Public Works. The Marquis De Noailles has definitely declined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and that post has been offered to Admiral Jaurez, whose reply is anxiously expected. The health of Admiral Dupre is so bad he cannot accept the Ministry of Marine.

## The Afghan War.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

Latest reports from Afghanistan state that the wounded in the recent battle near Canahar are comfortably attended to, and are doing well. The total British casualties, killed and wounded, amount to 248. In all, 32 guns have been captured, including two lost at Maiwand. Ayob fled to Khakrez without stopping, and it is believed that his intention is to go straight to Herat. We hold Ayob Khan personally responsible for Lieutenant MacLaine's murder. Lieutenant MacLaine's diary, which has been found, ending August 15th, says that he was badly treated until Sirteep arrived at Ayob's camp.

A Candahar despatch says it is reported that at the battle of Kushk-i-Nakhud the loss of the Afghans must have been enormous. The Afghans were employed for eight days after the battle in burying the dead. The health of General Roberts is quite restored. The remainder of his force leave Candahar shortly, and will be replaced by General Phayre's troops, numbering 13,000.

## The East.

LONDON, Sept. 29th.

The Manchester *Guardian's* correspondent at Antivari telegraphs as follows:—"By the courtesy of Vice-Admiral Seymour I have accompanied the British despatch vessel "Helicon" in its reconnaissance on the Albanian side as threatening. The commandant at Antivari estimated the number of Albanians on Mount Mazura and about Dulcigno to be 6,000; Riza Pasha, with ten battalions, remains at Gorica, four hours from Dulcigno. He will not advance further. A fresh Albanian camp is forming at Sutripotek, half way between Scutari and Dulcigno. Several thousand irregular troops are already there. The Turkish regulars are disguising themselves as Albanians, and are joining the latter. The Montenegrin headquarters are at Suttorman, three hours north of Antivari. The English Commissioners sent by the Vice-Admiral to arrange for combined action, arrived there on Wednesday last. The Montenegrin Commander in Chief, Bozo Petrovich a cousin of Prince Nicholas, says the Albanian intrenchments on Mount Mazura can be shelled from the sea, so that the Montenegrins could advance along the ridge overlooking the Adriatic, under cover of a bombardment from the fleet."

## CABLE BRIEFS.

There has been a fall of snow in Scotland.

The Grand Duke Constantine will shortly visit Constantinople.

A Cape Town despatch says the Tambook has combined with the Basutos against the British.

It is rumored that the Albanians have assassinated Riza Pasha, and that fighting has commenced near Tusi.

Sir William Harcourt is determined to stop the imprisonment of children. He declares the practice ruinous to them, and promises fresh legislation.

A despatch from Ragusa says the Consuls in the Scutari and Dulcigno districts have been warned to remove their families immediately.

The Sultan has decorated all of his Ministers, Said Pasha with the first-class Order of Mejedie, set in brilliants, and Mahomud Pasha with the Order of Merit.

A despatch from Calcutta says a land slide occurred at Nainatal, Bengal, and thirty-even civil and military officers, fifteen soldiers and nine civilians were killed and many injured.

A Vienna despatch says certain representatives of the Powers recommended the blockade of the Dardanelles by the Russian fleet, and the blockade of the Bosphorus by the combined squadrons.

Sir Bartle Frere, in his valedictory speech, challenged the Government to declare him either a great public servant or a great criminal; This is foolish bravado—neither party will undertake the responsibility of employing him again.