

Local Matters.

The Great Fire.
Yesterday was the 55th anniversary of the great Miramichi fire.

Still Another.
The battery are to hold another dance in the hall Monday evening next.

Closed.
Most of the lobster packing establishments along the North Shore, are closed for the season.

Painful Accident.
A few days ago Captain Calmot of the barque St Helena, now lying at Kerr's mill, fell from the beams into the lower hold. He was seriously hurt, but is now mending.

Chatham Sailors.
A great number of our young men who have been at sea are now fast returning home. The boys of Miramichi are none the less brave and hardy on the stormy sea than on the land; and some have attained in a short time to second mateship.

The Exhibition.
The Exhibition closed yesterday, and is pronounced to have been the most successful ever held in the province. Spacious as was the building, accommodation had to be extended to meet the wants.

Mackerel.
Mackerel are still numerous, though a St. John paper says the fishery is at an end for the season. As many as 4 barrels have been caught in a day by one fisherman, and that in several instances, the past fortnight down about the coast.

Moose and Bears.
Two moose were seen in the woods near the almshouse a few days ago—and a lad a few mornings ago taking a walk in that direction saw a bear moping through the bushes. At first he thought it was a large dog.

Council Meeting.
The Provincial Government will hold a Council meeting in St. John on Tuesday next. This reminds us of the story of old times, when a certain M. L. C. was Surveyor General, and went down by boat to St. John, with his departmental papers, and provisions for the trip tied up in a red cotton handkerchief.

Bears Killed.
The bear industry bids fair to soon come to an end. In the parish of Glenelg since spring eighteen bears have been entered upon the death roll. Of these John Brophy killed 6, John McGraw 3, Joseph Lynch 2; the balance by Mr. Buckley and John Rigley & sons.

The Bark Factory.
The foundation of a new extract factory on the ruins of the old one at Derby is raising itself. Mr. Miller's energy is again to the front, and hundreds of persons are once more employed shipping bark.

A Translation.
We publish in another column a translation from the French on Physiology, by a young gentleman from Chatham, lately a student at Memramcook. It is an example of the practical language in which an abstruse story can be told.

Appointment.
We are pleased to learn that Mr. P. J. McPeake of Fredericton, so well and favorably known to a large number on the North Shore, has received a conductorship on the Grand Southern Railroad. Mr. McPeake is a thorough business man, and we congratulate the managers of the road on getting such a conductor.

Potatoes.
Farmers are foolish to be selling their potatoes at 60 cents a barrel. If they hold them over till midwinter they will get six or seven shillings for them. This was the case along the St. John River last winter. Island schooners come in here with cargoes of potatoes and rather than carry them away again they sell them for half price. The Province farmer would be foolish to regulate his price, by the forced sale of the Island man.

Social Dance.
There was a social tea held in the Masonic Hall Thursday evening by the ladies of the Presbyterian congregation. Over two hundred persons sat down to the well-laid tables. The proceeds reached about \$100. After the conclusion of the tea, the young folk present enjoyed themselves at a dance for a few hours. Last evening the dance was resumed, and kept up till midnight. A large number attended.

Partridge.
Each year the partridge all over the Province, and the Miramichi is not an exceptional spot, is becoming scarcer and scarcer. It is not so long ago, since people killed them in the pastures, when they went out to bring home their cows. Each year the shooting ground is moving farther away, and you now can scarce get a bird within a dozen miles of any settlement or town in the Province. Our Chatham "shots" have to go to Black Brook, and further down the coast for a day's shooting, and even there birds are like angels visits. Our leading sportsman, Mr. Matthews cannot get more than half a dozen of a morning which speaks for the falling off of partridge and woodcock in these quarters.

STAR BRIEFS.

—Cold nights and gray frost.
—Vennor has predicted a snow storm soon. Get your chickens in.
—A special Parliament to discuss the terms of building the Canada Pacific Railroad is spoken of.
—The over coat season has commenced. A. J. Loggie & Co's is the place to supply one's wants.
—That threatening shed up town, has been propped up; but that dangerous hole near the Cathedral has not been seen to.

—People have begun to bank their houses and lay in the winter's coal. Last year they could not do this; for money was too scarce. Times are vastly improved—yet the N. P. is murthering everything!

That Sink.
The presence of that foul sink near our office, is a disgrace to the town of Chatham. The sawdust thrown into it, has only aggravated the nuisance. Last summer it was notable that two or three persons doing business near this poisonous slough, were laid up for months with typhoid fever. If the laws respecting the town health and the safety of the public are to be so disregarded, why then tax ourselves to pay officers to see that the laws are enforced? Our town laws are burlesques, and our officers represent a mockery.

Our contention is, not that the people should have additional taxes put upon them; but that the taxes they pay should be judiciously expended. If the taxes collected the past few years in Chatham had been properly laid out, we would not find it necessary now in every paragraph to call attention to some crying town subject.

Slave Driving.
A few days ago a big millowner here walked down and saw one of his men going up the pile with a load of deals, at a pace too slow to suit his idea. He said, "Can't you step any faster than that?" The man who was a good and honest workman said not a word but maintained his pace. When the employer came back he saw the mans pace was unaltered. So he went to the "boss" and said, "Discharge that man,"—and the man was cast forth! A good thing for these employers to carry with them, would be a whip,—and then they should be allowed to scourge the men as the slave drivers used to do down upon the plantations.

Personal.
The Surveyor General will be home next week.
Mr. Jas. H. Crockett, of the printing and binding Co. of Pitts and Crockett Fredericton, was in town yesterday. He is making a tour of the North visiting his friends.
Mr. J. J. Gaynor late of Memramcook College is spending some days with his friends in Chatham. He went through a medical course in Memramcook; and goes at once to Buffalo Medical University to complete his studies. We wish him every success.

Newcastle Local Items.
Inspector Cox is recovering.
It is not true that policeman Cassidy has resigned.
THAT COW PASTURE.—The Committee has resigned. They deserve credit for many things done during their term of office.

THE LATEST.—"The plot of ground in the centre of the town"—This is the way the ex-committee describe the cow pasture. Next!
In your last issue I notice a communication from "Richard" whose game was blocked a short time since. He has since taken a hand in another game in which one of the rules is you must follow suit.

OFF THE TRACK.—An engine and tender ran off the track yesterday in the Station yard, through the carelessness of a brakeman who had turned the points in the wrong direction. Within an hour they were placed on the Rail again.

MORE OF THEM.—Snowshoe, Skating and Curling Clubs are now threatened. Your correspondent declines to be hurried even by club organizations, and they will please take notice that he can't report more than one every week.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday, Edward Watt, son of Charles C. Watt, Esq., fell from a scaffold on the loft of Morris's livery stable to the floor below, a distance of 20 feet. His face was badly bruised though no bones were broken. Ed. will be himself again in a few days.

LACROSSE.—On Saturday a game of Lacrosse played on the Cricket ground above Davidson's attracted quite a number of spectators. There appears to be a great deal of shouting necessary for the success of the game. Expressions such as "Upla," "Scoop," "Toss her" etc., are frequently heard on all sides. A number of our young men met last evening, organized a club and selected their officers for the season.

ALNWICK NOTES.
Mr. John Bobicheaux of River des Caches, sold Indian Brook Road Bridge, the 1st. inst. at public auction. Mr. Jule Savoy got the contract for \$70. On the second he sold Bogg's Bridge at Lower Neguac. Mr. B. Robicheaux, taking the contract for \$199—Both amounts payable next summer. Both these are worthy men, and will make good contractors. These were the lowest possible figures, and the result of the keenest bidding and competition.

YESTERDAY was Alnwick's Agricultural Society's ploughing match and cattle show. The day was fine, though the morning was gloomy. A good many ploughmen assembled, 7 ploughed for 1st. prize and 9 ploughed for 2nd. Mr. William Coulthart obtained first prize and Mr. Jas. Johnston the second. The exhibit of horned cattle was good. The Judges were Mr. John Vanesdestine, John Robertson and John Gratten. The show was held at Mr. E. McCallum's Tabusintac. There was a goodly number present, and they were all satisfied with things.

THE people of Tabusintac begin to talk pretty lively about the election of Councillors. There are three persons named for the position, viz., present Councillor Robert Loggie, John Johnston and John Styhuirt. I have been informed that the people of Tabusintac will very soon hold a meeting of the ratepayers, for the purpose of choosing a man to be nominated with Mr. Romain Savoy. It is hard to say which of the above three persons named is the most popular in Tabusintac district, as in my opinion they are all equally popular.

Mr. Oliver Kain will soon have Rev. Joseph Theberge's house completed. It will be a first class job.
BRANT, geese and duck are getting numerous in our Bay. We soon expect some of your town-folk down this way. October 8th. 1880.

[The remainder of our correspondents excellent letter we have to hold over till next issue. ED. STAR.]

"SOUTH WEST" NOTES.

We learn the following from a travelling correspondent's note book:—

The grain along the river is all harvested and the people are delighted to see the crops. The threshing machine is also on its rounds. I never did see better potato crops than along this section. The fine clean tubers rolled out of the earth large and numerous.

On Tuesday I passed along the south west road, and saw the smouldering ruins of what looked a once comfortable farm house. It belonged to Mr. Duncan Kennedy who came from Pietou County, Nova Scotia, two years ago, and bought this place. I saw his wife, and she was in tears as she told me the following story. On Sunday night last they went to bed, she said, leaving everything all right. There was some wood in the stove and the wind blew hard. They could not have been long in bed when the doors blew open, scattering the brands over the floor. When they woke the house was ablaze and smoke steamed into the bedroom. They tried to fight the fire with blankets and threw all the water they had in upon the flame. But it was no use. The storm raged, the fire gained ground, and the house burned down. Upstairs was all their buckwheat and other grain; everything was burned nearly, and Mr. Kennedy had not even a pair of boots left to him. The family is now living in the barn, sleeping upon the floor and cooking outside.

Met a large number of men and teams going to the woods.
Partridge is plenty.

TABUSINTAC NOTES.

For the want of better employment, some of your newspapers up there have begun to find fault with the bridge and road management down about here. But that is no matter, as the people here know just about that. We were never better cared for than now, and no one believ s, or can be made to believe the contrary. What Mr. Landry has not seen to himself, Mr. Adams looked after for him, going over every inch of road, and seeing every great bridge, and granting as much money as they had to grant, and as the people expected. Tabusintac bridge has been finished, and a thorough good job it is. Mr. John Young our coming politician had the contract; Mr. John Curry of Chatham was his foreman, and a first-rate foreman he made.

The rot has come upon a vast deal of the potatoes in this quarter. Other crops are good; and people are fairly provided for, for the winter.

Mr. John Robertson one of our very industrious and intelligent farmers, this morning drove a pair of oxen up to Chatham. Beef is a poor price up there now I believe—worth only 5 cents a pound.

Mackerel are numerous here, and the most wonderful catches are recorded along the coast. A man takes out his canoe in the morning and with hook and line—using sprat bait—he often brings in 4 barrels in the evening.
Tabusintac, 8th Oct. 1880.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Not the world over are there lovelier sights than are to be seen now of a calm evening from our own doors. The hills seem all aflame, because the beeches which in summer looked like towers of green have turned to dark brown and deep gold. The weather of late has been charming towards sun set. Scarce a leaf stirring: the warm sun—flush resting upon everything. We have a few wood boats about the city; some taking shingles, some deals and some a little of everything.

The railroad hands at Gibson ask themselves, Will there be any change under the new management?

The beautiful little volume, Orion and other poems, by Mr. Chas. G. D. Roberts, is for sale here, and highly spoken of by all cultured readers. Of course in the eyes of a faculty who publish Latin poems on a partridge, it was full of defects; but the animus was plain enough. It was

"Jealousy that green eyed monster" that lent sneers to the critics in the Capital. You know the Capital, beside having a Latin loan man, has also a poet on its staff. Now this poet is not very successful himself, and the only publication that will take his verses is the paper he gathers items for; and that paper only takes his effusions in homoeopathic quantities. He has been limited by his own paper then, and refused by every other; so we can easily understand his carping at the success of another.

It ought to be too soon to talk civic politics yet: notwithstanding they are on the tapis. It is said a wide change will be made in the personnel of the new board: that only adds, Burchill, Moore, Clinton and Wilson will be returned, the rest left out for all time. In this connexion I may say that I learn Mr. Gunter has stated confidentially that he will run for Mayor. But I fancy the field this time belongs to Mr. A. A. Sterling, who would make a thorough Chairman. Some one said Mr. John Black was coming out, but there is nothing in this rumor. Of course his worship Mayor Gregory who has filled the chair so long and so ably will not offer again for Mayor, but will give his time to his legal duties and preparing himself for O.tawa. [Yes, but we must be assured that he is a thorough Conservative. Ed.] It is generally acknowledged here, that no man in the County can poll a larger vote than he can; and while a good many speak of opposing him when the time comes, it will be found that all will have sense enough to stay at home unless it be Carley Fisher and John Pickard. And I presume with two such opponents as these, Mr. Gregory would hardly take the trouble of making a canvass.

But I have digressed. I will be able to tell you in other issues who it is proposed to bring out for aldermen, instead of those to be deposited. We could get four in the Capital office, viz: Jas. Sharkie, George Perks, Capt. Croypley—who never yet retreated before the enemy!—and Charlie Lagrin our Madawaska lawyer; but I do not suppose they would be elected. Besides Messrs. Perks and Sharkie are busy as nailors stealing Latin poems on partridges.

The great question agitating the gossips here now is, Which is the livelier of the two, the Reporter or the Capital? Also, which of the two is the Latin editor, Master Sharkie or Mr. Perks? It is not much matter which.

A few loads of cordwood are seen in the markets: also a few chickens and some hay.

A series of quadrille assemblies is to be held in the Masonic Hall, commencing the 14th inst. Bryson's band will be there.

Two young lads, McInnis and McIntosh, fell out of a canoe on Sunday last opposite the camps. Two Indians brought them ashore, else they would have been drowned.

Parties here are preparing to engage largely in the ice-cutting business this winter. But what guarantee have they for markets?

Mr Lawlor is pushing things ahead gloriously.

The Equity Court is in session, Judge Palmer presiding. The worthy Judge has an excellent memory for cases; but it is said he is singularly forgetful of one case—I think it is the *Brothers' Pride*.
Fredericton 7th Oct. 1880.

Northumberland Teachers' Institute.

The Third Annual Meeting of the County Institute opened in the Academy Thursday forenoon, and closed last evening. It was gratifying to see the interest taken by the Teachers, who assembled to the number of fifty. After assembly Mr. C. W. Hutchison was chosen Chairman. The meeting was called to order, and the following officers for the ensuing year appointed.—
Philip Cox, B.A. President, C.M. Hutchison Vice-do. C. G. D. Roberts, B. A. Seen Treasurer, Donald McIntosh, Asst. do. The Committee of Management consisted of the above gentlemen with Mr. Siveright and W. H. Duke. It was generally regretted that Inspector Cox was unable to attend, owing to injuries received by him a few days ago by being thrown from his wagon.

The first subject taken up was how to develop the idea of a fraction' by Miss Mary Davidson: This she showed by means of objects. It must be remembered now the genius of the present system is to lead from the known to the unknown; to tell nothing but by skilful handling to elicit everything from the frailest mind. To this end objects are used in teaching fractions. Miss Davidson cut the apple in two—there was a name for one of the parts—that name was a half. Then she cut the half in two. The name of the part was a quarter—the child telling then that a quarter was the half of a half and so on etc. She cut the apple into eight parts. The name of one of these parts was an eighth—three of these parts were three-eighths and so on. Lines were used, and so were bits of paper etc. to further illustrate the method. If there was any fault in the lesson, it was in a little too much TELLING instead of ELICITING. It was good without and endorsed by several speakers.

Mr. Hutchinson thought small children should not be troubled with too many details.
A question was raised on the definition of fraction in the text book, but Mr. Roberts, Mr. McCully and others showed it was strictly correct.
The meeting adjourned till 2.30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Duke opened the session by a paper on geometry. The subject was excellently conceived and showed a thorough grasp

of the principles underlying Wormell's method. The advantages of making the study of geometry concrete as its abstract nature would permit, he clearly pointed out; and showed the subject even dealt with in the way he proposed while being of increased practical utility, would be equally as good an educator. We know in the days of Euclid, nearly three centuries before Christ, Alexandria scholars waded through the six books before entering upon the study of philosophy—but that is little against Mr. D.'s theory.

Mr. McCully thought Mr. Duke did not do his subject justice in the way of blackboard illustration.—that is, he did not show the bent of his contentions so plainly.

Mr. Roberts concurred in this: he thought the board would have helped to heighten the effect of the lesson.

Mr. Hamilton and others spoke approvingly.

The subject of "Sight singing or practical music" was next taken up by Mr. Hutchison. Mr. Hutchison illustrated his points with the help of Miss Thompson who presided at the organ. Mr. H. concluded that musical notes were repulsive to the child; being mystic and meaningless as the alphabet of Egypt; that taking the seven tones as a starting point, all that was necessary in the first stages could be built up therefrom. His lecture was excellent, and he said he would carry it further at another meeting.

Mr. Siveright thought music made children and old men happier, holier and better. Music had charms to soothe the cross old man—the savage beast; and thought it would be a great protection for the children when the master was in fighting humor. The evening session was occupied by an examination of pupils from the City Schools, in manual work.

FRIDAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Mr. Chas. G. D. Roberts opened the session on History in general, and Canadian History in particular.

MR. ROBERTS' PAPER.

We give a digest of Mr. Roberts' excellent paper: It was obvious to attain a connected realization of the course and progress of events, we should have method in our arrangements, for where there was confusion in the mode of presenting the subjects to our mind, there would be confusion in the mind on receiving it. There should be a thread in history, with particular epochs, and particular events should have particular place. One king threw his weight in with progress, another against it, some exerted a beneficent, others a baneful influence; then to measure our periods in history by the duration, and connect them by the succession of monarchs, seemed much like making a string of beads, no one bead being better adapted for its position than its neighbor, and no one of the beads being necessary to the string, no more than the latter was necessary to the beads. Such a mechanical and arbitrary method helps to defeat an acquisition of knowledge in logical order. Instead of taking the actors in the great play we should take the play itself: dividing into periods the different phases and stages of some particular line of mental, moral, political or scientific development.

[We are obliged to hold over by for the largest portion of this report till next issue.]

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF CHATHAM.

ENTERED.
Oct 7—bg Ekenas, 468, Bertol, Galway, order.
6—bk Thyra 612, Christensen, Bristol, bal J B Snowball.
bk Mandasin, 785, Sayers, Gloucester, bal W. Muirhead.
bk Heidi, 450, Kundsén, Liverpool, bal Guy' Bevan & Co.
9 Saranna, 748, Brennan, Dublin, bal A Morrison.

CLEARED.

Oct 6—bk Maria, Logan, Liverpool deals W Muirhead.
8 bk Warrior, Olsen, Penath Roads, deals William Muirhead.
bk Saga, Omendsen, La Rochelle, deals J B Snowball.
bk Sraen, Angell, River Mersey, deals J B Snowball.
bk Le Plata, Henriksen, Havre deals Guy, Bevan & Co.

PORT OF NEWCASTLE.

CLEARED.

Oct 5 bk Atlantic, Nielson, Larne, deals D & J Ritchie & Co.
7 bk Prinz Regent, Harving, Marseilles deals R A & J Stewart.
bk Idmansach, Ulleberg, London deals do
bk Vigo, Bieman, Granto, deals do do

BY TELEGRAPH.

The War in Basutoland.

LONDON, Oct. 9.
There is unfavorable news from Basutoland. A regular war has broken out, and the Cape Government has called out 30,000 riflemen. Basutos, numbering 7,000, have been vigorously attacking the Cape forces, and fight well. Sir Bartle Frere's friends are preparing a reception for him next week to console him. The Basuto war, the latest outcome of his policy, must however, depress the rejoicings.

Parnell in Ireland.

DUBLIN, Oct. 9
The reception to Mr. Parnell at Cork, on Sunday, was a splendid success. A large number of mounted farmers and others met Mr. Parnell at Blarney, where the procession commenced, and escorted him to the city. At the outset a serious disturbance was narrowly averted. It seems that a party of armed Nationalists seized a waggone containing the Secretary and Treasurer of the Cork Land League, turned the occupants out and compelled them to walk the whole distance. The parties, Cronin and O'Brien had denounced the robbery of the arms from the Norwegian barque in Cork passage, some months ago. The

meeting in the Park numbered 30,000, and was most enthusiastic. The corporation of Cork had previously presented Mr. Parnell with an address. All of the local notabilities and the Clergy ignored the demonstration.

CABLE BRIEFS.

REMOVALS OF WAR ALL OVER EUROPE.

THE anti-rent agitation continues in Ireland.

THE Princess Louise sails for Canada the 11th inst.

AYOUB KHAN is still combative.

THE Nile is rising nobly and the people are joyous.

THREE separate meetings are to be held in London this week to protest against the Government's Eastern policy.

A MAJORITY of the evening newspapers published in Vienna on Saturday were confiscated for publishing the manifesto of the Constitutional party.

THE anti-naval demonstration that was to have taken place at the Cirques Fernando, Paris, on Sunday, was prohibited because the organizers did not comply with the police regulations.

A DESPATCH from Berlin says it is reported that the Sultan on Saturday signed a circular ceding Dulcigno to Montenegro.

A CONSTANTINOPLE despatch says the Ulemas have petitioned the Sultan to defy the Powers. Intermittent Cabinet councils have been held at Constantinople. It is rumored that England contemplates the re-occupation of Cyprus and the abrogation of the Anglo-Turkish Convention.

A DESPATCH from Gravosa says the fleets are assembling at Cattaro and that a conference of the admirals was held on Sunday.

A DESPATCH from Kilkenny, Ireland, says that ten thousand people were present at a demonstration of the Land League held on Saturday, at which Mr. Parnell was the principal speaker. Nothing disorderly occurred.

RYAN FOLLY, a farmer in Ballintogher county Sligo, has been murdered. One Boylan, a process server, was murdered at Cross Moylan, county Armagh.



INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY!

1880. SUMMER ARRANGEMENT. 1880

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

WILL LEAVE ST. JOHN

| EXPRESS for Halifax, connecting at Moncton with accommodation for North... | RAILWAY TIME. | ST. JOHN TIME. |
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| EXPRESS for North..... | 7.55 a.m. | 8.00 a.m. |
| EXPRESS for Sussex..... | 11.45 a.m. | 11.50 a.m. |
| EXPRESS for Halifax and Quebec..... | 5.10 p.m. | 5.15 p.m. |
| EXPRESS for Quebec..... | 10.25 p.m. | 10.30 p.m. |

A Pullman Car runs daily on the latter Tr. in 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.

WILL ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN:

| EXPRESS from Quebec and Halifax..... | RAILWAY TIME. | ST. JOHN TIME. |
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| EXPRESS from Sussex..... | 6.00 a.m. | 6.05 a.m. |
| EXPRESS from Sussex..... | 9.05 a.m. | 9.10 a.m. |
| EXPRESS from Halifax and points South of Campbellton..... | 1.55 p.m. | 2.00 p.m. |
| EXPRESS from Halifax and points South of Campbellton..... | 7.35 p.m. | 7.40 p.m. |

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

Travellers, Rest!

The subscriber keeps a

HOTEL,

affording the best of accommodation for persons travelling between

Chatham and Escuminac,

HORSES TO HIRE, should parties wish to visit the beautiful natural surroundings.

The Proprietor also keeps a large

VARIETY STORE.

General Goods,

Boots & Shoes,

Choice Groceries

& Liquors,

For sale low.

James McMurray,

BLACK BROOK

Northumberland County,

Chatham, August 30, 1880.—td

NOTICE.

NEITHER myself nor Consignee will be responsible for debts contracted by the crew of the ship "Champion," without a written order from me.

DAVID D. RAITT, Captain.

GEO. McLEOD,

Official Consignee. Chatham, Sept 22, 1880.