

THE "STAR."

WE need not tell our readers how the STAR has "got ahead" since we established it at Chatham. When it first appeared it met an eager reception.

This is why our semi-weekly, full freighted with the latest news, local and outside, meets such an eager reception twice a week.

The success of the WEEKLY STAR is no less marked. It contains all the matter of the other two issues, more than is given in any weekly paper outside of St. John.

Most people who read the STAR once, like to read it the second time—and in this way each week now we get from 6 to 20 subscribers.

We have said we began with a large list. By this list we mean the names of the persons who subscribed to the Fredericton STAR.

OUR PATRONS.

Our many St. John patrons will find the STAR an excellent advertising medium; and to prove that they have believed this we now refer to the advertisements which they have kindly sent us.

Mr. A. B. Sheraton, whose large advertisement appears today, does the largest trade in carpets of any merchant in New Brunswick.

Mr. J. Chipman Smith the oldest established Druggist in New Brunswick, advertizes his excellent stock also in another column.

Those who wish to buy a stock of choice Xmas wines; or to lay in a household stock of pure liquors, will find advertised just what they want in another column, by Mr. T. Furlong of St. John, whose name is a guarantee for his goods.

Few people from the North go to St. John about the holiday season who do not want to buy china, glass and crockery ware.

The reputation Mr. John W. Nicholson has earned for keeping one of the most select stock of liquors to be found in the guarantee that what he advertizes in another column, has no superior in St. John.

Mr. M. A. Finn wine dealer of St. John by his affability and

courtesy has made himself a favorite. He has now many customers at the North, and the number should increase.

Need we say a word for the Dufferin, whose reputation keeps it at the head of the hotel list in St. John? The proprietor Mr. Sweet is at once the favorite of whoever meets him; and he now monopolizes about all the North Shore trade—and a large share of the travel from other quarters.

Foremost among those who supply steam fittings, rubber belting, hose, iron pipe, oils etc. stands the firm of Messrs. Wisdom & Fish.

TO COME.

The above shows how St. John regards the STAR as a circulating medium. We hope we shall still continue to merit the patronage of St. John, and to make our paper a still better medium for conveying the advertisements of its business men to quarters whence profits may flow.

Those who apply for space in our paper in future will have to choose between the semi-weekly and the weekly STAR. The former is full now, but we may be able to transfer advertisements from it to the weekly.

THE CONTRACT WITH THE SYNDICATE.

The agony is at length over, and the whole country now knows just what the terms of the contract between the Government and the Syndicate are.

In another column we publish the gist of the contract; and we think our readers will prefer the gist in plain English to the three column legal dose.

We presume Sir Leonard Tilley is in a measure to blame for this—on no other grounds can we account for it. Sir Leonard represents St. John, and this perhaps is a strong reason why every office of a provincial character in the gift of the Government must be filled by a St. John man.

Our Local Government as a whole supports Sir John McDonald's Government—then by courtesy the position belonged to the Provincial Attorney General: Mr. Fraser was to a great extent a better lawyer and fitter in every way for a judgeship than Mr. King—for these reasons the latter's appointment is all the more extraordinary.

Mr. King had an interest in the Sun—let us hope he will promptly take himself out of that association, and try to be, if he possibly can, a man unconcerned in private interests, and an impartial Judge.

The opposition seem in a wretched plight at Ottawa this winter. They have courted issues twice this session already—and read in another column how they have stood on division!

one company, met them at Ottawa, and for weeks tried to make the terms better than we see them. It appears the company would "go back" had any concession in the contract been withheld.

The Government grant a cash bonus of \$25,000,000 and a land bonus of 25,000,000 acres, equivalent to \$75,000,000. This looks large, but when our readers consider how long it will be before these 25,000,000 acres can be converted into cash, they will not think the syndicate is getting such a wonderful sum.

We would like to see the Government retaining the railway, and compelling the company to work it—instead of making the same over to the company. We would like to see the right of building lines in any direction from the main line withheld from the company, because monopolies are always dangerous; and owning the one road and 25,000,000 acres will give the syndicate a very great monopoly.

We would like to see a clause something like this inserted: That so long as the road is the property of the syndicate it shall be efficiently run by the syndicate; and that in the event of the said syndicate failing to so run it, it be forfeited with all it inherits to the Government.

The Grits have looked upon this road as an impossibility, as they have looked upon the North-West as a worthless wilderness. They would all be gray, and dead and resurrected before they could make such a bargain; a feature or two only of which we do not approve, the balance coming up to our highest expectations.

We see in some of our American exchanges that the Syndicate above referred to has also undertaken the construction of the Northern Pacific, an American road, with a capital of \$40,000,000 for the undertaking.

CONTRARY to the wishes of the large majority of the people and the bar of the Province, contrary to the courtesy due the Government of this Province, and contrary to the right and equity of the case, they have appointed Mr. King Judge after all. The haste shown by the Government in making the appointment is something remarkable; indeed Judge Fisher could hardly have been sold, before Mr. King had been hurried into his shoes.

JUDGE KING—A QUEER APPOINTMENT.

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THE SPIRIT OF LATEST DEPARTURES.

The Viceroy of India is growing worse.

Hiram D. Holbrook of Iowa, shot his little daughter in a sleeping car, and then shot himself.

The English press declare Ireland is hurrying on by strides and bounds towards a revolution.

It is said England is preparing to send 5,000 men to Ireland.

The Americans are now asking the British Government to protect their countrymen in Persia.

The Pope has conferred the hereditary title of Marquis on D. J. Murphy of San Francisco, for his service in the cause of religion in America.

The London Standard thinks since the Government will not grant coercion of Ireland, Forster should resign.

There is trouble in the British Cabinet. The Irish magistrates say they can't stop the current by reading the Riot Act.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERY DISPUTE.

A COUPLE of summers ago a lot of American fishermen, of a sabbath morning, cast out their nets, and contrary to the laws of the Island, began hauling fish to the shore.

KELLY'S DOWNFALL.

It is a long time since we have seen a newspaper paragraph which gave us such pleasure as that announcing the downfall of "Boss" Kelly.

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CARPET REMNANTS!

Our fourth annual sale of CARPET REMNANTS commenced on Wednesday, 1st December.

And will be Continued till January 1st, 1881.

The great success which has always attended these sales will be a guarantee to intending purchasers of the special value they will get for their money.

Brussels Remnants, from 15 to 30 per cent. Reduction. Tapestry " " 15 to 30 " " Wool " " 15 to 30 " " "

In all Lengths from 1-2 to 25 Yards. It will be necessary to call early to secure best patterns.

A. B. SHERATON.

XMAS PRESENTS!

Nothing is more suitable for a sensible CHRISTMAS PRESENT than a handsome

STEEL ENGRAVING.

Of which the subscriber has over 200 in stock, selected and purchased by him during his recent visit to London, from the Original Engravers.

"THE ROLL CALL," "WORN OUT," "CANT YOU TALK," "SPARE THE WEEDS," "THE PRINCES IN THE TOWER,"

With others too numerous to mention, including the celebrated "ZILLAH," which created such a sensation in London on its publication last spring.

These Goods are offered at Prices that defy Competition

Four bales NEW WOOL and TAPES-TRY CARPETS.

A B SHERATON,

CORNER KING AND GERMAIN STS. : : : FOSTER'S CORNER, ST. JOHN, N. B. Dec 15-1t

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Keeps constantly on hand:—Fine Drugs and Chemicals, Materia Medica, Druggists' Sundries, Dye Stuffs, Perfumery, Soaps, Brushes, Combs, &c., &c.

Wholesale agent for J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., Manufacturer of the following goods: Originally prepared Soda, by W. O. Smith—Smith's Anti-Bilious Mixture—Smith's Astirgent Cordial—Smith's Ready Relief—Ess. Jamaica Ginger, Frother's Balsam of Horshorn—Chemical Hair Tonic—Smith's Anti-Bilious Pills—Ingalls' Liniment, &c.

SPECIAL!

For Xmas and New Year!

We would remind our customers and others that our stock of

Fine Wines.

is the largest and finest in the Province, embracing as it does a variety of Wines to suit the taste of every class of consumer.

Always in stock: a wide variety of best Wine, Brandy, Whiskies, Gin, Rum, and all other articles. All the stocks are personally selected and of the best brands. Orders from outports promptly filled.

F. Clementson & Co

Have a heavy stock of

GLASS, CHINA AND EARTH-ENWARE,

which they manufacture and import. The quantities vary to suit all purchasers.

Orders from country or out towns promptly filled.

Articles carefully packed and forwarded to any address.

F. CLEMENTSON & CO., Dock Street, St. John N.B., Dec 15-1t

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE.

The January Number, which commences a new volume, is a VERY BRILLIANT HOLIDAY one, opening with a poem, "Christmas," and followed by "Christmas Carols and Customs," "The Children's Carols," "St. Nicholas, the Patron of Xmas," "Xmas Eve in Madrid," "Christmas in the Far West," etc., etc.

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WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS, TOBACCO, BACCOS AND TOBACCO-NISTS' GOODS.

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PRINCE WM. ST., Cor. Princess, Hotel Dufferin Building, ST. JOHN, N.B.

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ALEXANDER STEWART,

Proprietor.

NEWCASTLE, - - N. B.

August 30, 1880.

The Great American Remedy for COUGHS, COLDS, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, LOSS OF VOICE, HOARSENESS AND THROAT AFFECTIONS.

In this preparation the Gum never separates, and all its antispasmodic, expectorant, tonic, and balsamic properties are preserved. This Syrup, carefully prepared at a low temperature, contains a large quantity of the finest Gum, and a complete solution.

GRAY'S SYRUP OF RED SPRUCE GUM.

Its remarkable power in relieving certain forms of Bronchitis, and its most specific effect in curing obstinate hacking Coughs, is now well known to the public at large.

Sold by all respectable Chemists. Price, 25 and 50 cents per bottle.

HERRY, WATSON & CO., Wholesale Druggists, and Proprietors and Manufacturers, Montreal.