

LOCAL MATTERS.

Large Yield.
Mr. Patrick Connors of the Back Lots, last spring planted two barrels of potatoes from which he has just dug 45 lbs.

Resumed.
We believe Mr. Snowball's mill has resumed for a few days; but only two of the gangs are going for scarcity of hands.

Errata.
In noticing the Blissfield election W. Bamford should have been E. Bamford, R. Artridge, R. Artridge, and J. Holmes, S. Holmes.

Smelt Fishing.
The *Advocate* in its last publishes a well-timed article on the above subject. The time has now come for the united action of smelt fishers, that the trade may not be ruined in the American market, and the fish exhausted only to produce this end.

Curling.
From all we see and hear the Roarin' game will be patronized well in Chatham this winter. The fraternity will have a large covered rink near Davidson's tannery, and its dimensions will be about 130x40 feet. The building will be up soon enough to have the rink ready for the first of the season.

Our Delegate.
We have to congratulate the agricultural community of Northumberland, Gloucester and Restigouche in the appointment of Mr. Robert Swin of Doaktown, as their delegate. The Board meets once a year, the Surveyor General presiding. We may say we are glad to see a man like Mr. Swin to represent our side of the Province.

The "Advocate."
We regret to tell Mr. Anslow that we do not get his paper now, and that we miss its cheerful face, and bright readable little chit-chat very much.

If the paper is still published we would like to get it; and if Mr. Anslow can't afford to give it in barter, we will subscribe for it. With all the *Advocate's* faults, it is a respectable journal; its editor is decent and TRUEFUL, has a good deal of principle and is not a COWARD.

The Barque Lespoit Sinking.
A late despatch has been received from Philadelphia saying:—
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 10.
The Norwegian bark Union, arrived here, brought Capt. Neilson and crew of nine of the Norwegian bark Lespoit, bound from New Brunswick to Liverpool with lumber, abandoned Oct. 16th, sinking.

The Lespoit, Neilson captain, cleared from Newcastle, October 1st, with a load of deals bound for Liverpool, G. B., for orders.

Cruelty to Animals.
It is too bad there are no humane laws here to protect poor dumb brutes that can't plead their own case. Last evening we saw four country folks in a waggon, one beating a poor animal with its neck stretched out, coughing so as to be heard over half the town. The animal stood stock still in the middle of the street to cough, and the man in a frenzy plied the whip the harder. We see so many things like this about Chatham, that we feel sometimes like giving up in despair, and letting the woful state of affairs wag along.

A Meteor Shower.
Thousands of people all over the world stayed up last night to see the meteor shower which is usually seen in some part of the world about the 12th of November in each year. About the 12th, the Earth passes in a region occupied by the meteoric train of one of the known comets, and as those bodies move through space with wonderful velocity, they ignite by friction with the atmosphere of our earth, sometimes escaping into the ether, and sometimes falling into the farmer's field, a mass of molten metal. What we call shooting stars are meteorites, or aerolites, which get out of their latitude, having strayed away from the main body, acting as a tail for some comet, and come to grief by getting into our lower atmosphere. So far as we can learn there were no meteors seen last night, though they may be seen tonight.

The Exodus.
A number of young people, male and female, have gone from Chatham to Boston and elsewhere, by late trains. We may say these are people who have gone in consequence of the peculiar employment of the season, for when winter comes there is never anything for them to do and they go away till spring comes round, and the mills begin to run again. Next spring, therefore, these people with the exception of the women, will return in the same numbers as they have gone out this fall.

OUR YOUNG WOMEN.
We have before pointed out what a pity it is to have so many young women leaving us for the New England towns, when our men of means here, if they only would, might be able to give employment to them all the year round at occupation suitable to the women, and profitable to the employer. In more ways than one we are menaced by this going out. We are all acquainted with the story of the ancient Romans, who had to steal the Sabine women for wives. Our young men will have to follow the women away if the exodus can't be stopped, or they will have to raid the County of Carleton, or somewhere else—and put up with wives not having very small feet.

STAR BRIEFS.

—Battary dance Monday night.
—Mayor Bridges of Woodstock, died Thursday.
—Large rafts of logs come daily into Indiantown, St. John.
—Hon. Mr. Hibbard is very low—not expected to recover.
—The bridge leading from Maher's to Browns is to be sold the 19th.
—A lobster establishment is being built at Neganac Beach by Mr. Morrison.
—Dr. Stewart of Sackville, preaches in the Methodist Church, Chatham, Sunday evening.
—Mr. James A. James, Barrister at Richibucto, is dead. Mr. James's death is generally regretted.
—The North now looks bleak and black. The late storms have stripped the trees of their last bit of withered raiment.
—A hundred dollar horse belonging to Mr. Plattent of the Island; was drowned last evening at Guy, Bevan & Co.'s wharf.

Lobster Fishery on Bay Chaleur.
Messrs J. & J. Windsor & Co. of Bay Chaleur are preparing 400,000 lobster cans for next season's operations which commence in May. This firm has shipped from 500,000 to 600,000 lbs. of lobsters this season to parties in London, Paris and Havre; and to Ontario and Manitoba. The names of the principal Lobster shippers on the Bay Chaleur and the quantity of lbs. shipped are as follows:—

	lb. cans.
Messrs. Hoage & Co.,	120,000
Messrs. DesBrisay,	100,000
S. Bishop,	90,000
Smith, Mann & Co.	300,000
James Baitmer,	72,000
Taylor & Mayo,	150,000

These fish are caught along the coast and within the Bay. In market the fish bring about £1 sterling per box of 48 lbs.

Sneak Thieves.
A sneak thief went on board the schooner Bell, and carried off Captain Williston's refer in which was \$4.
Some nights ago Mr. Regan's store Chatham was entered and about \$20 worth stolen. The police think "the parties should be well punished if caught."

Personal.
Mr. D. J. Greene, of St. John's Newfoundland, was registered yesterday at the Duferin, St. John.
Newcastle Local Items.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Sweet proprietor of the "Duferin" St. John, arrived by express Thursday morning and in company with some others proceeded to Tabusintac for a few days shooting.
The Surveyor General has arrived home.
FIRE.—About 8 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the barn owned by O. Willard Esq. near the English Church. The steam and hand engines were quickly on hand the latter in charge of fireman Morris doing excellent work. Through the exertions of those in charge of the steam fire engine the fine residence of Mr. John Harvey was saved from fire, but the building was badly torn up by a number of destructionists. It would be well for the fire department to furnish a few men with shot guns for use on such occasions. The loss of the barn and contents is estimated at \$1,000.00 The former was insured for its full value.
Cow PASTURES.—The Dr. in his efforts to suppress his laughter endangers his specs, every time he passes it. Sawney sits in his window quietly enjoying the sight of his breechy cow scratching herself against an ornamental tree. Mr. McKenzie—has no cows. The other man has a cow but he has not laughed since the last election.
Dr. Stewart of Sackville will preach in the Methodist church at 7.30 this P. M.
The poor *Advocate* has just got the item about the burning of Robertsons mill. I saw it in the STAR nearly 3 weeks ago.
[From another correspondent.]
We had a fire here this morning about 8 o'clock; it broke out in Mr. O. Willard's barn, and the Steamer did good work. They had to stretch their hose to the river and may have lost a little time, but they took a wise course by going to where they would not have to change a line for water for the old hand engine that they got to work; also, pumped one of the tanks dry in a short time, and if the Steamer had to depend on that the damage to property for want of water would have been great. Our Firewards are practical and able men and have sufficient common sense to know what to do and how to do it at the right time. I saw Mr. Call and Mr. Ritchie in the thick of it and of course the others also were at their posts doing their full share of the work at other points. I think our Firewards will compare favorably with those of any other city. I hope they may see their way clear to do something about their water supply.

Notes from the Capital.
The new Post Office is nearly finished.
Staunch up-towners are the coming men for the pivot ward.
Mr. Mowatt, Presbyterian minister is very ill; and Hon. John A. Beckwith is still very low.

An effort is being made to get J. E. Colter and Bat Dever to come out for Carleton ward.
I understand the Local Government will have everything in good shape for the coming session.
I may say to you a strong effort will be made this time to sweep the "Kearneys" out of the Council.
The epizootic has left us; but Mr. Devereaux has returned, and many think he may have brought it back with him.
Henry Chestnut, if we are to judge from the production over his name in the *Sun*, has plenty of money,—*always had*—and has some to spare for Tom Sloven.
Soft headed people here wear the Tam O'Shanter hat. In this connexion I may say to you Zebbin Everitt would like to be Mayor—or anything else; but Mr. Mulligan and a hundred others would defeat him in such a contest.
Mr. John Piekard and Mr. A. E. Randolph will be sued by the city for damage to the property at the end of St. John street. Messrs. McLean & Dowling rented this wharf for 21 years, covenanted to give it up to the city in proper repairs. Messrs. Randolph and Piekard received a transfer of the property, assuming all obligations. The lease is expired, and the wharf is in ruins.
The botany department in the Normal School has been done away with. It took Prof. Fowler, assisted by 135 students a whole month summer before last to dissect one buttercup. At the end of the month, a wag one day strolled in a large sunflower, asking Prof. Fowler if he could operate on it. I have figured out that it would take about 200 years to dissect that sunflower. Hence the Government abolished the department.
The formal opening of the Normal School took place to-day. The school officials, the Chief Commissioner and others were present. Mr. Creed was there, looking sharply through the faces. I was just wondering if he was looking to see how many Catholics were there to vent his bigotry on through the session. I may tell you 109 candidates applied for admission; 11 were rejected, and in the balance there were 19 French students. Forty per cent was the admission standard. I may say now to you, that is it felt here if Mr. Creed continues to persecute students because of their religion, he should be sent back to Nova Scotia—where he was a local preacher before he came here.
I interviewed the Indian Commissioner yesterday, on the Mayors election. I stopped him opposite Mr. Tom Lucy's store. I said—
"What chances has Fred of getting in for Mayor?"
He wheeled, describing a semi-circle, bowed profoundly forward, then straightening himself said:
"Do your observations refer to my nephew?"
"Yes."
"Well, judging from the prevalent indications, and as in matters of this kind, such portends often help us to conclusions, Fred, that is my nephew, will be returned to the chair with a majority sufficient for all purposes?"
"But suppose Mulligan ran against him?" I said.
"I could not in that case answer for definite results, not being conversant with the attainments of the gentleman you mention. But I think Fred, that is my nephew, possesses in a remarkable degree the forensic talent which would seem to be indispensable in the administration of those responsibilities devolving upon the incumbent in the civic chair."

At this moment a band of "Ingun people" came along, the Commissioner gave a sudden bow, wheeled about and left me.
In this connexion I may tell you, that Charley, after coming from church Sunday, and he would not then make a statement which he did not believe, assured me Fred would be returned. Mr. Russell has expressed the same belief—so that Fred's election is now a moral certainty.
The opinion of all sensible people in town is, Mr. Sterling will be elected, no matter who comes out.
Yours,
CELESTES.

CANADIAN NEWS
The portions of the Canada Pacific road completed, or in course of construction, which will be handed over to the syndicate, are as follows:—
Miles.
Fort William to Selkirk [main line] 406
Selkirk to Penabias [branch] 85
Selkirk toward the Rockies [main line] 200
In British Columbia [main line] 127
Total, 818
Professor Macoun and other authorities estimate that there are at least 200,000,000 acres of good land in the North West, so that after satisfying the land grant to the syndicate and their own reserves, the will still have 150,000,000 acres to dispose of. It is proposed to sell enough of this to enable the Government to construct branch roads running North from the main line, and to improve the navigation of the Saskatchewan and other rivers. There is no doubt that the syndicate arrangement will be ratified by Parliament. The Government have a majority of nearly 90 in a House of 206 members, and, moreover, many members of the Opposition approve of the bargain, since it rids the country of an enormous burden.
The *Halifax Herald* states there is a good market for Canada cattle now in Liverpool. Beef at 8c.

Le Crédit Foncier Franco-Canadien, a corporation established by the Legislature of Quebec, will demand at the next session of the Parliament of Canada an Act to authorize the said Credit Foncier to extend its operations throughout the Dominion of Canada, [We learn that Mr. Chapleau is likely to be President of this company at a salary of \$5,000 a year.—Ed.]
The New Brunswick Railway Company apply for power to extend to the River St. Lawrence.
The following is one of the ways the N. P. is crushing out St. John—according to the *Telegraph*:—Dwelling houses of a comfortable and convenient size, suitable for tenements, are very scarce in the city just now, especially in the central part of the city. There are plenty of vacant lots and there are indications of a lively building business next spring and summer.
At the opening of the Circuit Court in St. Andrews, Judge Wetmore paid a warm tribute to Hon. Mr. Hibbard's career as a politician; and said though publicly he had differed from Mr. H. that privately he had been friends. There was no criminal case in the Docket; and as usual Mr. John S. Magee, our Derry man, telegraphed to the St. John papers that "John S. Magee, Esq., was foreman of the jury."
Hon. MacKenzie Bowell would not attend the Guy Fawkes celebration, but apologized for his absence. It is too bad, if ministers are getting ashamed of the organization.
There is talk of starting a beet sugar factory in Joliette.

The Governor General has sent out circulars inviting the journalists of Canada to give prizes for the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.
During the temporary absence of Lieut. Col. DeWinton, Mr. J. Kidd, Chief Clerk in the Governor General's Secretary office, will perform the duties of Governor General's Secretary.
More vessels have loaded and unloaded at Moncton this summer than for years past. The *Times* says the activity at the wharves continues and increases as the time for the closing of navigation draws in. Is the N. P. also guilty of this state of affairs?
The Coldbrook rolling mills resumed work about a fortnight ago under the management of Mr. E. G. Scovil, both the rolling mills and the nail factory being under way.
Mr. Thos. Oliver, Liberal M. P. for North Oxford, Ont. has just died of heart disease.

St. John's import for
October, 1879 were \$335,487
do. 1880 do. \$490,563
Exports,
October, 1879 were \$240,101
do. 1880 do. \$376,507
This shows the rate at which the N. P. is ruining St. John.
Newfoundland News.
DEAR STAR:—
Your weekly gets here bright and readable but it does not contain Newfoundland news enough. One of my letters you did not publish.
OUR MINES.
I may say to you that nearly every day reveals an addition to our mineral wealth. A valuable deposit of copper has been discovered at Dunnage Island, and will be vigorously worked. Cann Island is also rich in copper, and Indian Island is turning out to be a Bonanza in lead and silver. The Cann Island ore is worth \$25 a ton.
A valuable mica deposit has been found on the Labrador Coast, and unlike the other specimens, the sheets are large, and quite transparent. Indeed I think in olden times, before the swipwrecked sailors on the Coast of Syria, accidentally made glass, had such mica been in use for window panes, we might have had it to this day.
Mr. Alexander Murray recently visited Brigus and examined the quartz of that locality. From the first blast, 10 or 12 "sights of gold" were made manifest. The fracture of a fragment of milky white and translucent quartz, which was broken off the large piece, revealed two patches of Gold, both of which together, if removed from the matrix, would probably produce about a dwt. (pennyweight) of the metal; whilst several small masses or nuggets were found adhering to the small broken fragments of quartz at the bottom of the pail in which the rock was washed, the largest of which contained about 10 or 12 grains of Gold. I fancy our quartz here is fully as rich as the Nova Scotia quartz; but that would not be a very wonderful discovery. The papers are slightly crazy here about it—but after they have begun to work the mines this will pass away.
I often wonder why the Bennett O'Rielly mine is allowed to stand idle in Placentia. I have been informed from the best quarters that there is plenty of lead rich in silver there yet; that there is "a fortune for ten in Strouter Hill,"—that further up the South-east arm the same rich deposits exist. Then why is not this mine worked? Why do not some of the men of means turn their attention from the fishery to this source of wealth? On this more bye and bye.
THE FISHERY QUESTION.
There has been a great newspaper war here over Newfoundland being cut out by Norwegians in the Spanish markets. My opinion is that while all the agitation about the question may do some good, that the root of the matter has not yet been touched. It would be foolish to give the question to the legislature; it would be impertinent for the latter to

take it. The cure for the matter, if cure there be, rests with the mercantile body, who must take such steps as to secure the co-operation of the fishermen. As you know full well hundreds of thousands of quintals of fish are landed in St. John, not half dried, dun, and slimy. This fish is pitched into the stores, where it heats; it is then after an hours "airing" stowed into the ships hold, for foreign port. Is it any wonder our fish stank the Spanish ports, and that loads of it had to be thrown overboard? For many years it has been going on in this way, till now the Norwegians have the markets where St. John's merchants reaped such a golden harvest. Prompt steps should be taken to seek a remedy. [It is our opinion the Commercial Chamber, should take up this matter, and in this way. They should appoint an Inspector and an assistant whose duty it would be to see that slimy, damp or dun fish should not be shipped to markets where it is subjected to a great climatic test. No fish but the hard dry merchantable article should be sent to Spain; the Maderia might be sent if heavy enough in salt, and well dried. It is damp shipped fish light in salt which has ruined the markets in Spain, but a little care will remedy this. The merchants then should cause their "cutters" to be more rigid in their classification; and the prices should strictly rule according to the quality. Then the fishermen would not bundle his fish onboard of his craft in the outposts of a misty or a foggy day as the writer has seen them do, or send their fish off before it is half "made." There is plenty of wind and sun in Newfoundland to dry the fish, so that it is the people not Providence who are responsible for the state of affairs now complained of. We may say, it would be well too, if the large merchants in St. John's were to provide themselves with more flake room for drying damp cargoes before sending abroad. We commend this to the attention of our brethren.—Ed. STAR.]

STORIES OF THE SEA.
The Minnie Butler late here from Halifax reports that on the 8th ult. in the Gulf passed a bottle appearing to contain papers, and shortly after a portion of a woman's body with some clothing attached and a large shark devouring it. Weather would not permit lowering a boat.
The Highland Lass has been wrecked at Bay St. George; general cargo.
A man named Butler, of Harbor Grace was drowned of a dark night from the Mastiff in Montreal the 5th ult. The body was found next morning.
MISCELLANEOUS.
A lot of out port people in town.
A number of the railroad surveyors have arrived.
Capt. A. Jackman has been returned for Ferryland without opposition.

BY TELEGRAPH.
Trade in Wives in the Punjab.
LONDON, Nov. 11.
The *Indian Herald* says that a somewhat novel branch of trade—a trade in wives—has sprung up in some of the Punjab frontier districts. Women are kidnapped beyond the frontier, purchased by the Afreedeas and others from their kidnappers, and hawked about for sale in British Territory. These women are often forcibly married to their purchasers, in spite of the fact they may have husband and children at their own homes.
The Story of our FASTER in a Far off Land.
GREAT DESERT, Nov. 9.
A St. Petersburg paper tells of a Russian traveller who was recently wandering in the Great Desert of Gok, when he was thus addressed by a Tartar chief: "Have you the secret how to live without eating? Give me the talisman and I will become subject to the Czar and will give you ten fat sheep, a camel, a brood-mare and fifty pounds of brick tea. Tell me how to go empty and live and you shall dwell in my tents and have my daughter without dowry. The story of the man who lives on nothing has come to us through China; it happened in a far off land.

CABLE BRIEFS.
The Channel squadron has been ordered to Ireland.
The Government of the Isle of Man has decided to extend the franchise to qualified unmarried women.
Mr. Parnell is going to be married. One would think he oughtn't to be much in favor of *union*.
A man named Hooker on the Santa Fe Road fired two shots at President Hayes a couple of days ago. Neither shot touched the President.
It is thought Grant may be War Secretary under Garfield, and Senator Conkling, Secretary of State. The Democrats are yet foolishly hopeful.
The great Nihilist trial has commenced in St. Petersburg.
During the celebration of Guy Fawkes' Day in London on Friday, a serious disturbance was provoked by the exhibition of Parnell and Healey as Guy in some districts inhabited by Irish laborers. Sticks and stones were freely used. Several heads were broken, and the obnoxious Guy destroyed, and their bearers put to flight.
It is reported that a telegraph cable is to be laid by the Japanese Government between Nagasaki, Japan, and Fusan, Corea.

Reports have been received in Yokohama from various parts of the Empire of disastrous results from the recent typhoon. In Tokio alone over a thousand houses were totally demolished, while the lives of hundreds of fishermen were lost in the bay.
Smallpox is Epidemic in San Francisco.
At the close of a lecture in England, Lord Montague, a young peer, said that so far as his own feelings went he should be glad if the House of Lords were abolished tomorrow.
The persons expelled from Hamburg in accordance with the new Socialistic law, include Aarlmann, member of the Reichstag, Aver, a Saxon deputy, and the whole staff of the "Gericht Zeitung."
The Irish Orangemen are soon going to take the Land League in hand. There will soon be a mighty row in Ireland if things move much longer as they are now going.
Sara is making a fortune in New York.
Maye, a farmer at Midlon, who was fired at last February, has surrendered his farm to the Land League, after nine months defiance.
Coroner Rigby has been summoned before Judge Palmer to show cause for his extraordinary fanaticism during the trial of Malone by the Coroner's jury. It would seem as if the Government should dismiss Coroner Rigby.

Irish News.
At a conference of the Roman Catholic bishop and clergy of the diocese of Cork, the bishop dwelt upon the necessity of a change in the land system, and urged that efforts to bring about such a change must be guided by reason and good sense. The greatest hindrance to success would be the commission of crimes against person or property. Some murders had been committed which excited the horror of the whole nation. Every good man who heard expressions approving of such crimes shouted at random at public meetings should endeavor to have them repressed. He encouraged the people to give assistance to the Royal Commission, and looked forward to a future created by sound public opinion as one in which the spirit of industry would be stimulated through out the country. Resolutions were passed that the real evil of rack-renting could be remedied by a valuation made by a competent, independent, impartial and legally-constituted authority; that the landlord should be deprived of the power of eviction so long as the rent thus fixed was paid; that tenants should not be allowed to contract themselves out of such rent; that Government should remove legal obstacles to the sale of land, as contemplated by the British clauses, with a view of creating a peasant proprietary. The resolution was unanimously agreed to:—"That whilst advocating a settlement of the land question, and declaring readiness to cooperate with our flock in constitutional efforts to secure its accomplishment, we would fail in duty as ministers of religion if we did not proclaim in the most emphatic manner our uncompromising hostility to all who propound doctrines destructive of the rights of property, or who, by violent language, seem to suggest to our excitable people that crimes may help the advancement of the tenant farmers."
The Land commission, Dublin, continues to receive important evidence, principally favoring the principle of long leases at fair rents, the tenant's right of sale, and the creation of a peasant proprietary. The evidence of several landlords has strengthened the tenants' case very much.
The *Aurora*, the organ of the Pope, publishes an article favorable to the Irish Land League, in which it says: In consequence of the insupportable state of the Irish peasantry, the people must shake off their oppression. The crimes committed in Ireland are not attributable to the Land League. Radical reforms are indispensable; otherwise Ireland will be compelled to choose between anarchy and starvation.
The Orangemen of every part of Ireland oppose the Land League movement, but that strong and growing body pay no attention to this insignificant band.

Chatham Markets
CORRECTED AND REVISED FOR THE STAR
Flour, best brands Spring Extra. \$ 6 10
Higher Brands. \$6 50 to 8 50
Corn Meal, per bbl. 3 40
Oat Meal (Canada) 6 00
do. (home made) 5 00
Beef, Mess, per bbl. 14 00
Prime Mess, do. 12 00
Pork, Mess, do. 20 00
Prime Mess, do. 17 00
Pork Hams (covered) per lb. 10
Home Made (none) 10
Fresh Pork. 08
Salt Pork, per lb. 11
Salt Beef, do. 10
Butter (firkin), per lb. 20
Butter (in roll), do. 24
Eggs, per doz. 15
Cabbage, per doz. 60
Salmon (in case) 20
Lobster do. 12
Oysters do. 12
Oysters (Harrington's best) p. bbl. 2 00
From other sources. 1 00
Mackerel (fresh) per doz. 30
Mackerel (salt) 25
Codfish (dried), per lb. 04
Potatoes, per bbl. 60
Carrots, per bush. 50
Turnips. 40
Fresh Beef, per lb. 07
Mutton, per lb. 06
Lamb (good), per lb. 08
Partridge, per pair. 30
Braut, do. 50