

LOCAL MATTERS.

Is getting more unsafe every day. In some places it is not more than five feet thick, and it is generally believed it will break up by the 15th of the coming month.

The wild goose shooters at McLean's Gully have put up a number of ice houses in which they screen themselves when awaiting shots at the wary game.

Numbers from various parts have gone down river, wild goose shooting. Each day brings additional flocks of the anser Canadensis to the shooting grounds.

One of the Preston beacon lights which are six miles from Escominac up the bay is to be shifted 200 yards from the other, for the benefit of mariners.

On the 26th instant, at the residence of Miss McCully, by the Rev. Geo. Howell, Mr. G. Y. Meisereau was married to Miss Florence A. Steves of Summerside, P. E. I.

There is an excellent chance now in Napan for an enterprising person with a little capital. For Napan has not yet a grist mill, though it raises not less than 20,000 bushels of oats in a season, and a large quantity of other grain.

It is said a shingle factory will soon be established at Burnt Church. Last week a carload of shingles was purchased from Messrs. Millan at Carleton Station by Newcastle parties.

"A Subscriber" sends us an entertaining communication without enclosing the name of the writer. We do not publish communications unless we have the writer's name; and so subscribers well written communication cannot appear.

Mr Stephen White who is clearing an extensive farm lying between Escominac and Point Sapin, will also give cranberry culture a trial this summer. Near his farm is a large cranberry marsh which yields about a thousand bushels of berries each year.

The "Favorite" is the Scandinavian vessel that was caught in the ice last fall—owing somewhat to the Captain's obstinacy, and his ignorance of the danger delays are to shipping here when the cold north winds begin to pipe over our hills.

Messrs Davidson of Newcastle have established their office in the old post office.

His Honor Judge Wilkinson has vacated his Chatham office, and established his chambers at his residence, Bushville.

Mr John Wilson who left here some time ago for New York where he proposed to settle, will come back, and his favorite song is "Home sweet home, there is no place like home."

He has very sensibly purchased the Walsh and Keloe farms in Douglasfield, converted the two into one, and settled down to what promises a successful future.

Says the Thunder Bay Sentinel, N. W. T., in a late number, — NEW BRUNSWICK.

As sprightly a paper as we could name is the Star published by J. E. Collins, at Chatham, N. B. It is conservative to the backbone and is just now occupied in denouncing the action of one Jabez B. Snowball, M. P., in running off to England just as the debate on the C. P. Bill came up in the House of Commons, and did not return until it was over.

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On Barnaby River has ceased for the season—Michael Gratton, Esq., who lumbers there got out up to date, 500,000 feet of logs and 150 ton of birch and ash timber. This stuff is for Morrison.

Messrs C. & A. Fish of Newcastle, who also lumber there, got out about 600,000 each. They have also about 300,000 at Carleton, which will be brought to the Barnaby River by rail.

The ice down to the Barnaby River boom is broken up,

Mr. C. A. Landry who owns a saw mill at Eel River, will soon put up a grist mill in connexion with it. When the road to Escominac is completed he will not lack grist for his mill.

We do not know whether the North is a good place for frogs or not, but if it be we have only to say that gathering and saving the reptile would prove a profitable business.

A horse belonging to a Tracadie Acadian got in the ice opposite Senator Muirhead's mill Monday, but was not drowned. The same day a horse belonging to Mr. T. Williston of Bay du Vin, very appropriately broke through the ice at Point Cheval, but was not drowned either.

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A young folks concert will take place in Dalhousie on Tuesday evening next, the 5th April. Proceeds in aid of the Presbyterian Church.

Judge Wetmore paid a high compliment to an address made before the court in Kent, by Mr. G. V. McInerney.

We understand that Dr. Jardine has received a call from Brockville, Ontario, and we regret to hear it is likely he will accept it. His many friends will feel sorry to learn of his intended departure.

Mr. M. Russel arrived home from Liverpool on Sunday week, having reached Halifax by the new steamer the Parisian.

Allan A. Davidson, Esq., Q. C., M. P., and his son Allen A., have entered into co-partnership under the style of Davidson & Davidson, with offices in Chatham and Newcastle.

It learns the following from a Jaquet River correspondent:—About 11 o'clock on the night of the 22nd inst., the snow, which had accumulated on the roof of the Spool Factory slid off, entirely demolishing the engine house and breaking about \$500 00 worth of machinery.

STAR BRIEFS.

—Mr Thos Flett is about building a large residence in Nelson.

—There are 35 men now engaged on Hon. Senator Muirhead's mill.

—Chatham S. of T., held a social dance in their hall last night.

—Mr E. A. Strang has been confined to his house the past few days.

—A large number of young men during the past week started up river for the drives.

—Mr Thos. Gower, moulder, of this town, is suffering from neglected erysipelas in his right arm.

—The ice on several parts of the river is reported bad, especially opposite the Miramichi Foundry.

—Mr John Hild is engaged building five or six boats among which is a temporary ferry for Mr Haviland.

—Mr H. E. Thompson of Chatham, intends opening a Photograph saloon in Amherst, N. S., in a few days.

—Messrs Alexander Wilson & Co. will build two new boats for the lobster fishery at Escominac, immediately.

—The tug St George has been made 2 feet 3 inches higher than last year. A new and large engine has also been put into her.

—The Millinery shop of Mrs. Thomas Noonan is being taken down. Mrs. Noonan will confine her shop to her residence.

—Mr John Haviland has again taken up his residence in Chatham, where he intends resuming his old business in a few days.

—A man named William Murray belonging to Belledune, Gloucester Co., had two of his fingers nearly cut off Friday last while working at Mr Muirhead's new mill.

—Mrs Wm. Fitzpatrick of Douglasfield, died in the Hotel Dieu Hospital on Friday last. This makes the third death that has occurred there this winter.

[Since writing the above we learn that a young man named Francis Goody belonging to P. E. Island, died of typhoid fever in the Hotel Dieu Hospital last night. Deceased worked in the employ of A. H. Gillis & Co.]

—Hon Wm. M. Kelly was in town yesterday. —Street cleaners have not been at work yet. —Several fronts are being improved and painted about town. —Only one wild goose has made its appearance in the market yet. —Mr S. C. McCully intends importing a quantity of limestone this spring. Messrs Lyons of Mill Cove, have commenced digging mud of their beach for farming purposes.

ALNWICK NOTES.

Since my last letter Mr. Augustus Alain lost a fine young horse by the distemper, and being the only horse he had he was obliged to buy one immediately to replace his loss.

We have also been visited by human deaths. Mr Mileme Savoy died on the 27th day of February last. The wife of Louis Commo, Madame Marguerite Commo, daughter of Mr. Damien LeBlanc, formerly of Kent County, also died. Both died of consumption. And Mr. Desider Caisly lost two of his family, both girls aged 1 and 3 years old.

As you are aware the census of 1881 will begin the fourth day of April next. I am informed that Messrs James Stymiest, Jr., Romain Savoy and Joseph McNat are the three persons appointed enumerators to take census in Alnwick. But since, I am informed that Romain Savoy, Esq., C. C. resigned the position in favor of Mr Bathrops Savoy of River des Caches, who is a respectable young man, and competent for the office. The resignation being accepted, the recommendation of Councilor Savoy was kindly endorsed by Hon. William Muirhead, Senator; and Mr. Euthrops Savoy was then appointed enumerator.

I also saw by the papers that the Dominion Government was prorogued on the 21st instant, and having carefully examined the work of our representative in the Commons I find that he did not spend many days to represent his country; but instead of representing Northumberland he went to England to sell his deals.

(I would like to know Mr. Editor if our member was paid in proportion to the time he attended Parliament or the whole sitting.) —[He tried to get pay for the whole sitting, but was refused; so with much grumbling he took about one fourth of the sessional allowance. —Ed. STAR.] But before the House was prorogued, so his country would not think that our M. P. was quite dead yet he made enquiry about the Tabusintac Light, that is to say the Crab Island Light, and has a great deal to say about the said Light, which I hope the Government will not act upon. I ask one simple question to our M. P. about the old and new gully of Tabusintac. If the new gully is so good and so convenient for the navigation, why did not our M. P.'s steamboats while towing his (our M. P.'s) rafts last summer, use the good deep new gully? This alone will show to the public that praising up of the new gully is only a political dodge.

The new gully has changed a great deal since it has been opened, is constantly changing, and therefore is not certain to remain open. The old gully is the only gully fit to enter with safety at any time at present; the light keeper might be induced as far as personal interest is concerned to favor removing the light, as he owns the property where the new gully is made, and a light were built there he could expect a handsome rent for his property. And as far as lighting is concerned it does not make any difference to him: as long as he remains the light keeper of Tabusintac Light, he would have to light it either at the old or new gully.

If Mr Snowball claim that he represents Northumberland County, why does he not enquire about Portage Island matter which belongs to the Dominion Government? Who authorized the parties who have lobster establishments there to cut firewood in large quantities for the use of their establishment on said Island? I fancy he would be very careful to make no such enquiry as it would interfere with his friends and business. Can you inform me Mr Editor if these parties can cut all the wood there is on Portage Island without any authority? I think it is about time that the Dominion Government should take proper steps to stop the trespassing on said Island.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Says the Montreal Witness, on the action of Lord Jones, and Lady Lindsay & Co., in rejecting the annihilation bill. "The grandfathers of their country in the Legislative Council of New Brunswick, have given the affirmative answer to the question, 'To be or not be?' having thrown out the bill sent to them from the Lower House providing for the abolition of their Chamber. Unless the Imperial authorities can be moved by a strong popular appeal to make the desired constitutional change, it seems as if the Governments of the three Provinces that possess these mimic lords' chambers will each have on the one hand to wait for the patriarchy to gently step out in due course of nature, and on the other to make an agreement with all aspirants to succeed them, that whenever the question comes up they will vote for abolition."

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Peace negotiations are pending in the Transvaal. A despatch from Teheran says an attack upon Urmiyah by the Kurds is daily expected. The Persians are unprepared for a renewal of hostilities. The son of Mayor Kallech who shot De Young, editor of the Chronicle, in San Francisco last year, has been acquitted by the jury. Verily an editors' life counteth for nothing. A gorge of ice formed in the valley of the River Platte, Omaha, two or three days ago. The water dammed up behind it, in great volume, and bursting loose, swept the lower part of the valley, carrying away houses, and their inmates, cattle, public buildings, railways, etc. The loss of life and property is said to be very great.

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