

LOGAL MATTERS.

A Live Butterfly. We had the pleasure of seeing a live butterfly in the STAR office yesterday. It was caught the same day by Mr. A. H. Gillis of Chatham.
Messrs. Russell have started a lime kiln in Belledune. They shipped a car load of lime from here yesterday; and turn out about 40 bbls. per day.
A Moose. A moose, which probably imagined it was in a law abiding community, made its appearance near Douglasfield a couple of days ago. Two or three shots were fired at it, but it escaped.
Beacon Lights Mr Chas Bennett of this town is manufacturing five new brass lanterns for the beacon lights on different parts of our coast. They cost \$150 per pair. He is also repairing two old ones.
Mussel Mud Messrs Loggie and Fenton have a gang of men employed digging mussel mud on the North Shore below Middle Island. In Charlotte the farmers highly approve of mussel mud as a fertilizer.
The Annunciation. Yesterday being the feast of the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin, there were special Masses in the Cathedral, and the Catholic Congregation kept the day holy.
A Bakery Mr Henry Wyso is preparing for the erection of a new bakery and dwelling with shop attached on Cunard Street. It is intended for one of his sons. Success to the work for such an establishment is needed much in Chatham.
In the woods. The small brooks in the woods have nearly all burst open, but no attempt is made at driving so far. Chopping operations have ceased, and those who remain in the woods now, are engaged hauling from the "yards."

It is evident that those engaged for some years past, and those about engaging in the lobster industry, see that the business is hastening on to its end. For some, indeed the most of them, fitting out for the fishery say to the manufacturers, "Make me up a three years rig—that is about as long as I will want it." Surely the marine and fisheries Department will interpose its arm to save this valuable industry from destruction.

Salmon Salmon will be in much demand this season. There is confidence among business men, and those who kept money hoarded away for some years past have opened their purse strings. There is some influence at work call it what you will, or say it is not the N. P. if you like, but there it is. Messrs. A. & R. Loggie of Black Brook, will give the "highest price" for salmon this season, and Mr. J. C. Loggie has lately been down to Bay du Vin, offering from 85 cents to \$1. for large salmon, to fill his freezer at Point aux Car.

From the Gloucester Coast. The town has been full of strangers for several days past. A large number belong to the coast, to Pockmouche, Tracadie etc. These are preparing for the springs fishing, and bring hand made shingles up to Chatham, for which they get salt, cotton warp, powder and shot. The latter articles are for the sea duck, and for wild geese which have appeared already in great plenty. Messrs Young's horses also come to town frequently now, and carry down material for the spring's trade before the hauling breaks up.

Boats Built Our enterprising and first-class boat builder Mr. Wm. Sinclair has completed five excellent boats this winter, either adapted for ships or milling purposes. Three of them vary from 18 to 23 feet long, and are constructed of pine with juniper frame; are strong and neatly built. The other two are to be used as river boats; and Mr Sinclair intends having 4 others built yet this season. He employs five men all winter, and has first-class facilities for boat building. Mr. Sinclair has been building boats on the Miramichi for the past 40 years, and in this business he has no superior if any equal.

Our Oysters. A number of persons, as we stated in a late issue, are basily engaged down the river fishing oysters. Perhaps some of our readers do not know the excellent oyster beds we have a few miles below us. This bed extends from the mouth of Black River down to Fox Island, a distance of 10 miles, its width varying from 2 to 3 miles. From repeated digging some of the most fertile portions of this bed have become barren, and from the increased number and energy of the diggers, the oysters in this fertile spot are on the same road as the lobsters. Our proposal is this—that the Dominion Government grant a portion of the money for the general fisheries for the protection of our oyster beds. They might lay the bed out in 4 or 6 blocks, planting each alternate block, and prohibiting persons digging on such blocks for 3 or more years. At the end of this period they should take up the other blocks, and do in like manner with them, surrendering up the protected blocks to the people, and so on. If the world is to come to an end soon, why it is needless to bother with these things, but if people have to live, it is only fair that an effort should be made to perpetuate the means of their livelihood.

During a bold stand of one half hour in behalf of "Irish Faith and Valor" we cannot better judge of the merit of his discourse than by referring to the frequent rounds of applause that greeted him, especially at the expression of his intense hatred of English misgovernment. In his peroration he hoped that the morning star of Ireland's glory would soon dawn, and that she should soon take her destined place among the independent nations of the earth. Then followed a beautiful tableau, "Death of Brian Boromboe." Next was a scene from Henry IV, "a la chassé." Messrs. Filiatrault and Marichal took their place amid the actors in this play. But the attention of the audience heightened when it was announced that we were to have St. Louis etc. Mr T. Seibert, as royal captive, deserves a crown of praise for this fine acting. Mess. T. Campion, as Sultan of Egypt, and Hennessey as Octavi, two old kings of our college stage contributed richly to the success of the play. Their faultless accounts, their graceful postures might do honor to more professional stage actors; whilst Messrs Murphy and Donahue promised well to make a noble stand in the area of the stage, when the two fore-mentioned veterans shall have retired from the field of honor. Mr. Hurley, as Phillips, sent an echo through every heart that made sympathy universal in behalf of the noble prisoner. But the crowning event of the evening was the very beautiful tableau of "Ireland, Canada and America." Need I now say that our entertainment was a grand success; one that shall long remain fresh in the memory of every Irish student drinking of that fountain of Christian knowledge rising within the sacred precincts of the college of the good Fathers of St. Sulpice.

OUR LOCAL LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. MONDAY. Mr Elder introduced a bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. The House passed the bill doing away with the division of the Supreme Court. The House went into a committee on a bill to abolish the Legislative Council. Hon Mr Wedderburn said there was no necessity of maintaining the upper House, and \$10,000 a year would be saved by the abolition.

Mr Blair, Hon. Mr Adams, and Mr Morton urged the passage of the bill; Messrs Lynott and McLellan did not see the necessity of the measure; Mr Barbardie did not think the Government were sincere; Mr Hill thought the matter should be brought before the people at the next general election; Mr Elder felt he could vote for the bill as a measure to test the sentiment of the country and advance certain services which had been urged upon the Government and to which they were unable to respond. The bill was agreed to.

TUESDAY. The chief business was a further discussion on the bill to abolish the Legislative Council. Mr Willis who is a positive nuisance, occupied the hour for a long time supporting the government's bill, yet abusing the government, and Mr Elder and other intelligent and consistent gentlemen. When the Bill came up, for a 3rd reading it passed by 29 votes to 3. The three who voted nay were Mr McLellan, Mr Lynott, and Mr Johnson. Mr Lynott of course was sincere. He contends the constitution cannot get along without the council; that they exercise a salutary effect on hasty legislation. We do not know what his precise views are respecting their usefulness when the Grand Southern people asked for an extension of their charter.—Ed. STAR.

WEDNESDAY. The House went into committee on a bill in amendment of chap. 104 of consolidated statutes of public health. Hon Mr Fraser said the bill was to authorize the Governor in Council to establish boards of health in any town or parish. The bill was agreed to.

COMMUNICATIONS. ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT MONTREAL COLLEGE. (For the STAR.) Mr. Editor.—A fact universally admitted is, that wherever you find an Irishman, you also find the Faith, the memory and virtues of St. Patrick—the glorious Apostle who brought to the verdant hills of Erin. The gift of God in Faith—The sweet light of his love." And the Irish-American element of Montreal College have not been slow in verifying that proverbial saying, after the manner in which they hailed the advent of Ireland's national feast. They have never yet forgotten that they sprung from that noble food which has fertilized the garden of God's Saints. The weather, though not as Mr. Venmor predicted, was in every way propitious. The programme for the evening was both a lengthy and an agreeable one, containing some excellent parts, all in harmony with the occasion. The band, opened with a piece entitled Metropolis, and it was well rendered. Mr. Fred Paquette, leader of the band, then favored us with one of his fine cornet solos. After which Mr J W Varrity appeared on the stage. The appearance of this gentleman, being an enthusiastic young Irishman, gave general satisfaction.

ance Law on the statutes there ought to be opportunity afforded for thoroughly testing its efficiency, and for carrying it out. Mr Butler said he had a strong disapproval for the act of the Senate. Mr Killam hoped Landry would not withdraw his resolution, as the action of the Senate was not in the interests of a majority of the people. Mr Blair thought the Canada Temperance Act on the whole wherever tried had been beneficial and he would be sorry to see it tampered with. Lynott was not in favor of the action of the Senate, and approved of Landry's resolution. Black gave the Debating School view of the matter—censuring the senate. Mr Hutchison, very sensibly said he did not think the House of Assembly had any right to pass any such resolution. The Senate had the right to pass whatever amendment they saw fit and interference by a body that could not effect the action of the senate, was impertinent and silly. He moved in amendment that it was not deemed expedient this House should interfere in the matter. Mr Fred Thompson said "I will go for the resolution whether it is parliamentary or not." Mr Morton tried to prove Mr Hutchison illogical, but he failed. Mr Ritchie said he was a good temperance man, but had yet to learn that the Legislature should go so far as to say what a man should eat or drink, and he would be slow to be convinced that the House, if it had the power, should pass such an Act as the Scott Act. This resolution would have the effect of saying the Legislature approved of the Scott Act and this was a late hour to bring in the resolution. Moral suasion was his platform with reference to temperance and he had yet to learn that the Scott Act would put down drunkenness. Mr McManus did not wish to pass any opinion on the Scott Act and thought the Legislature should not criticise the actions of the Senate. The members have certain duties to perform and should try to keep within that sphere. The House might with equal propriety pass a resolution regarding the war in South Africa. He had no prejudices against the Scott Act but would feel more justified in voting for the amendment. Mr Colter also set his face against the action of the Senate. Mr Landry then declared he would put his motion—but probably had he felt as we do, that such a motion may prove the destruction of the Senate, he would not have moved it. It may be, however, that he has declared Delenda est! and this is his first step towards its overthrow. We are glad to notice he had some qualms about prejudicing the Senate in the eyes of the Commons, and prejudicing the mind of the latter body, before the proper time. His resolution was carried by 21 votes, and not carried by 8.

The bill relating to the Gloucester parishes passed. The Medical Bill passed with some amendments. It was opposed by Hon Mr Landry, Mr Hill and others; and fortunately for the public taking medicine Hon Mr Landry's three month's hoist was lost. The House went into committee on a bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Mr Elder said there was no society at present for the purpose. The bill incorporates certain persons who wish to give effect to the laws now in existence in the Province for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

DIED. In Chatham, on the 26th inst., Roderrick McLeod, eldest son of Alexander McLeod, aged 42 years. (P.E. Island and Boston papers please copy.)

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