

LOCAL MATTERS.

Accident. A boy named Peter Gray of Chatham, had a finger of his left hand cut off, while whittling with a crooked knife, on Thursday night.

The Price of Mackerel. Fresh frozen mackerel are now worth 8 cents each in New York. One freezing concern there will make thousands of dollars at that price.

Good Weight. Mr Hugh McDonald of Black River killed two steers a few days ago, one of which, only one year and a half old, weighed 320 pounds; the other, two and a half years old, turning the scales at 500 pounds.

The School Meetings. We print as much as we could get, up to going to press, of the doings at town and border School Meetings. The appointment of Dr. Benson as a school Trustee will be read with a good deal of satisfaction.

Five Days Unburied. Mr Alexander McLean, an old and respected resident of Hardwick, died last week; and so deep was the snow that his body had to remain in the house five days before it could be got to the graveyard at Blackville.

A Plimsoll Needed. We badly need a Plimsoll now in our Canadian Parliament. If reports speak true, more than one ship left the Miramichi this fall in an outrageous condition, resulting in sufferings of the crew, and disablement of the ship.

From Bay du Vin. The first loads of bass and mackerel since the heavy snow; came up yesterday evening, the horses jaded, and the poor fellows near frozen; but was it not too bad when they went to the station to find no cars to take their long dragged loads!

Fishing Notes. The parties fishing on Black River had to take up their nets this week, the ice being full of slush.

There are at present only about eleven nets on Tabusintac. These are mostly owned by persons from Chatham.

Society Meetings. The annual meeting of St. Vincent De Paul Society takes place on Sunday afternoon in the R. C. Vestry.

Nearly forty names have been handed in to the President of St. Patrick's Society for initiation, and a special meeting will be held in a fortnight's time to enroll them.

Epizootic. Mr. James Fitzpatrick of Napan, lost a fine horse by the distemper this week.

Rev. Mr. Parnell's lecture in the Temperance Hall on Wednesday night was well attended.

Mr Peter McDougall of Black River lost two fine horses by the Epizootic—one of which was only four years old—a short time ago.

A Straying. On Wednesday night, as on every other night, the mail is due here at 6 o'clock. But never a mail came here at 6 o'clock that night. Knots of people stood by the door and shivered till nearly 8: when to their satisfaction they saw one of Mr. Snowball's clerks come straggling along with the mail bag from Newcastle. He threw it down on the office floor, but just as Mr Vandy went to break the seal he found it was the Newcastle bag. The Chatham bag had been left at Newcastle. No mails either that night. Have we a postoffice department in Canada?

Loss to Our Shippers. The other day when shippers had piles of smelt at the station, the old trundle-jog was broken down and they had to allow their property to stand over. They felt the embargo all the more because they had learned that smelt were at the high figure then in Boston. Two or three days elapsed before the affair moved again—and when the fish reached Boston, a spell of warm weather had come spoiling the fish. Some shippers lost from \$20 to \$40 on the transaction. It is just doubtful if under the circumstances Chatham would not be much better off without the old branch, because then goods for shipment could be left with confidence at Newcastle station.

To Correspondents. "Ratepayer of Alnwick" sends us a communication but does not enclose his name. Had the name accompanied the letter, which seems to set forth a great grievance, we should have published the communication: as it is it must stand over till the writer sends his name, or for all time if the writer does not send his name.

Another letter signed "More Anon" we content ourselves with referring to. The STAR contained a paragraph some days ago saying that on one of the holiday nights some rowdies tore down Mr. Traer's new fence. It appears Mr. Traer did not want that fence, and our correspondent says it was put up to darken Mr Traer's windows; and that the light of heaven ought to be as free to one person as to another. So it ought too. As to the other part of the letter, however much we might be inclined to concur with the views of the writer, a newspaper's columns are not the proper place to deal with such matters. At least the STAR never deals with such matters, and in this case too must decline to break its rule.

STAR BRIEFS.

The last snow fall averaged 18 inches.

The South-West snow is at present 26 inches deep.

Mr Thos. Barden of this town is at present seriously ill with inflammation of the lungs.

School district No. 8 will pay the last instalments on their new school house this year.

Mr. Peter Loggies mill will resume sawing shooks in a few days. This mill has sawn shooks for over 4,000 boxes this season.

Messrs W. & R. Russell have received orders for three thousand barrels of lime between this and May, from parties in Nova Scotia.

Mr Snowball's friends were loud in denouncing the railway on Thursday. One gentleman had 3 or 3 loads of oysters at the station and could not get them shipped.

Donald McLeod of Hardwicke parish, still lies at his daughters residence, Napan; being yet unable to leave the bed in consequence of his broken leg.

On Thursday our Reporter called on Mr William Morrison for some information regarding the school meeting of which he was secretary. Mr Morrison refused on the grounds that he never gave newspapers any news about school meetings. If every one were like Mr. Morrison, there would be little use for the newspapers; but it so happens, however, that the papers must and do have such information notwithstanding. Now why did, or why should Mr Morrison withhold information in which the public are interested? He was not afraid, we should think, to make the affairs of the school public. The correct secretary of any public body, and a school body is essentially and formally a public body, should never hesitate to give the public such information as they ought to have, and in which they are interested. It is the public who sustain and own that school, and they ought therefore to know all about it. If Mr Morrison take any of the St John's daily papers he will see they get and publish records of the school meetings;—and by the way if he takes the STAR too he will find it publishing the very information which he so very unreasonably withheld. We take it that Mr. Morrison should have felt it a compliment and a favour for a newspaper reporter to wait on him; and so would any secretary of which we have ever heard or read, unless it be Mr. Morrison. President Hays is not too great a man to condescend to explanations to a newspaper reporter and there is then no reason why Mr. Morrison should be.

Beaufort. This settlement is much indebted to the persistent and intelligent enterprise of Mr. Beaufort Mills its founder for its success; and has not a few words of praise and thankfulness for the Surveyor General as well, for the interest he has taken in it. Mr. Mills some time ago purchased a Waterous portable grist mill, which promises to be a mine of wealth to the owner. It appears that in Johnville as down here, there has been so little rain this winter, that the mills are standing; so that the farmers round about all come to Mr. Mills, whose mill runs by steam. Rain or no rain, he will get as much as he can do for the new mill, and we are glad to learn that he brought a mill wright up from Fredericton to Johnville with him this week.

Improvements. Mr George Fowley's grist and saw mill at Black River, has been thoroughly overhauled, and turns out between four and five barrels of flour daily, since the season began.

The tug St George is to have a new and larger engine placed in her. Her pipes are to be of brass instead of metal, the object being to make her lighter. She is also to have a new top put on. The improvements will cost between \$500 and \$600. Mr Patrick Desmond has the contract for the wood work.

Neilson's tug is to have her boiler thoroughly overhauled in a short time.

Obituary. Mr. James Cook, of St. Margarets, who had been canvassing for newspapers over in Amherst, died there Thursday morning of inflammation of the lungs. His remains were brought on here yesterday morning and taken to St. Margarets burying ground. His age was 26.

Personal. Hon. M. Adam has arrived home from Fredericton. This trip he went and came by stage, that he might have an opportunity of seeing his constituents on the route.

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To the Editor of the Star.

DEAR SIR,—Pilot Nowlan must have lately been taught to write. I know he signs receipts of payment or when doing other business—

his
JAMES | X | NOWLAN.
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Who wrote his letter?
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NEWCASTLE LOCAL NEWS.

In a former communication I stated I would give Councillor Brown some assistance in his efforts to deal with Police matters in our town, and I now respectfully request his attention to the following important matters:—

1st. To the report submitted by the Police Magistrate for the District for the year 1880.

2nd. To note the number of arrests for drunkenness made by Policeman Cassidy within the district during the year.

3rd. To note the number of fines imposed for selling liquor without license; and for selling liquor after the prescribed hours within the police district.

4th. The number of arrests made by Policeman Cassidy under the several sections of by-laws "For the prevention of vice and immorality, and breaches of the Peace," and "for the preservation of order."

5th. The value of property recovered and restored to the lawful owners.

6th. The number of warrants issued and cases tried on complaint of the Policeman.

7th. The amount of fines collected in all cases brought to trial through the means of the Policeman.

8th. The number of charges brought before the Policeman and dismissed.

9th. Read sections 5, 6, and 7 of the by-laws "Relating to Police in the towns of Newcastle and Chatham."

10th. Do your duty and dismiss at once the "remiss," "negligent," "unfit" and utterly incompetent Policeman.

We learn from the Advocate that:

There is to be a skating carnival held at Campbellton on the 27th inst;

That the Freemasons of the same place will hold a carnival there on the 20th inst;

That Mr. Jedediah D'Orsay was killed on Friday while rolling logs for Guy, Bevan & Co. on Martins head stream. He was working below the brow of logs, when a large log having jumped the stakes set to check it, came bounding down the hill side. It struck him on the chest and killed him almost instantly.

We notice the Advocate has adopted the STAR's style of heading to its local paragraphs. The change is an improvement in the paper, as it helps to enliven the appearance of the reading.

We are rather incensed to think that the gas stockholder, to whose aid the Advocate comes in its last, would have been just as much obliged to the editor had he held his tongue. It is hardly fair to a conscientious vote bearer now a days to state what his politics are 2-1-2 years before an election; for in that time what winds may blow, or what king may reign, no man knoweth. Oh no—the Advocate ought to be merciful.

OUR LOBSTER FISHERIES.

Some good Conservative newspapers have been saying of late that Hon. Mr. Pope gives very little attention to certain matters in his department; that Mr. Wilnot paid only one flying visit to the St. John River hatcheries in the year, and that there is no use in writing to Mr. Pope on any subject, because he allows the subordinates in his office to think, and say and do for him. All this so far as we know yet, requires confirmation. We do not believe it.

We have now undertaken the task of presenting such information respecting our Lobster and other fisheries to the department, as we think will be productive of much good. That the present method of taking lobsters will eventually kill the industry, and that its end will come within ten years from now no one doubts; and all information upon the subject, as well as all suggestions for avoiding, or removing the evils now existing, ought at least to have careful consideration. We have been informed that the officials in Mr. Pope's department, prevent certain matters from falling into the hands of the Minister; if that be so, it is surely a great shame, and sooner or later the minister will have to bear the brunt of his subordinates impertinent interference.

What we now wish to say is that in Mr. Pope's very Island, Prince Edward, there are now in course of building not fewer than 30 additional lobster factories for next summer; that the Maine Government some years ago had to prohibit the taking of lobsters for three years, to give the fish a chance of recovering breath; that the factory men thrown out of employment came in large numbers to our shores, and that a large number of them went to Prince Edward Island—and that now the same causes which prostrated the Maine fishery, are at work, and on the sure road, to serve ours the same. Our lobster industry is quite too important for us to stand mutely by and see it wiped out, when proper regulations, and proper official watchfulness could preserve it to us in all its productiveness and profit.

Let us give Mr. Pope a few more facts. The fishery grounds of Tracadie, Pokenouche and of Neguac, represent roughly 150 miles of coast. All along the coast the women used to go out at low tide and pick up the lobsters from the beds or shallows; and three lobsters out of every four were spawn lobsters, as it is that lobster which frequents the spawn bed. It would be worth while enquiring from official quarters, as to the state of things there now.

In Gaspé County at Percy the time was when tons of lobsters were taken with a scoop net, in places where you could not get one to cook for breakfast now. The same cause there as else where—hence the same result.

But 8 miles from Bathurst last year a man found a place fished out, and lost his summer, where in other years he made half a fortune. We have not ended this subject yet.

BATHURST NOTES.

The teachers' drafts have arrived at last, and are only about four weeks behind the proper time. It is to be hoped that those in authority will see to it that these exceedingly useful (though humble) public servants, the country school teachers are not so imposed upon in the future.

It is currently reported in town that the Board of Trustees are making arrangements to centralize the schools. This step is taken none too soon. There is nothing like having all the departments under the eye of the Principal, who can then be held responsible for the efficiency of them all. At present the schools are scattered all over the town and the rooms though the best that up to this time could be secured are altogether unsuited to the purpose. Now, however, when an opportunity occurs to secure better school accommodation the Trustees would certainly be neglecting their duty to the youth of this town did they not embrace it. They ought too to provide the schools with at least, decent furniture. As one of your correspondents from this place some time ago remarked the desks of the Grammar School are simply disreputable. No blame could be attached to any one, however, for not putting costly furniture into the Masonic Hall, when it was liable to be tumbled out doors for every ten cent show that came along. But now, when rooms can be secured to be used exclusively for school purposes, it is due to the teachers as well as to the rising generation that provision be made in the estimate at the approaching school-meeting to supply this deficiency.

A few days ago a large bear was killed in one of the suburbs known as Kingfisher town, though sometimes called by a less euphonious name.

Last night we had our heaviest snowfall, about 8 inches. This morning our rising young merchant, Henry Bishop Esq., very kindly cleared the principal streets with his snowplough.

CORRECTION.—By a typographical error you made your correspondent say that Miller & Gatineau were going to make two million cans and S. Bishop Esq., two thousand. Each of these firms intends to manufacture two hundred thousand tins for their next season's lobster trade. They are our heaviest operators in this industry.

Jan. 11th 1881.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

One correspondent sends us the following under date 11th January:—

We had seven inches of snow last night, and today the air is comparatively mild, it looks as though we are going to have a quiet session this season; the House of Assembly is getting on very well.—There was a good deal of bribery in the Mayor's election, yesterday, and there was but little interest taken in it.—The whole crowd was below par. Thomas Smith, I think, was sorely disappointed.

Our regular [or somewhat irregular] correspondent writes:—

Thomas Smith is now a sadder and a wiser man; and a great scandal is created because of the "division" in the church. The ministers refused to take sides from the pulpit, though Thomas Smith's oldest boy was of the opinion that that is the only way Fisher could be beaten. As it was found no other man was coming out but the three who ran, for the credit of the city a delegation should have waited on ex Mayor Gregory, asking him to reconsider his intention of resigning. It is not likely however Mr. Gregory would have changed his mind, yet this had nothing to do with the peoples duty in this regard.

You will see from the return which stands.

Fisher, 350
Smith, 193
Zeb Everett, 92

that only about half the city votes were cast, proving that the city was so disgusted with the candidates, that they did not take interest enough in the election to vote. When the contest was over therefore a mob gathered and very appropriately, carried their candidate home on a shutter. I do not agree with you as to the three men. Fisher is by all odds the best of the three, though that is not saying very much for him. As for Zeb Everett, he actually thought till he saw his 92 votes counted out that he was the most popular man in the city; but the worst of it is some do maintain that he thinks so yet, and is strongly of the opinion that the reason he was not elected was because the people did not think the office important enough for him, and this too was why no doubt since I come to think of it, that he said would come on one other occasion, when the people would have an opportunity of recording their vote for him. He means he will run for Ottawa,—though some maintain that this winter he will have the Lieut. Governor of the Province made elective, and that he therefore means he will run for Mr Governor Wilnot's place. It is hard to tell just what Zeb will do, before the final catastrophe of explosion overtakes him.

The Capital lent its powerful influence to Everett; and the Farmer bitterly opposed Fisher. The result is some indication of the "power of the press" in these quarters—since the STAR left. It will take the Farmer a long time to work Julius Inches into the Senate. Don't you think so?

Mr. Wm. Vanwart is thirsting for the Secretary's Treasury; and declares that this time he will wrench it from Mr Henry B. Rainsford.

Bread and butter parties are all the rage here now.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETINGS.

ELECTION AND RETIREMENTS OF TRUSTEES, ASSESSMENT ETC.

CHATHAM DISTRICT NO. 1.

In district No. 1 the meeting was opened by G. A. Blair Esq., trustee, taking the chair. On motion Mr. Blair was appointed chairman.

The report of the trustees was read and adopted. The total receipts for the past year were \$1,677.16 disbursements \$1,595.87 leaving a balance on hand of \$81.29. Henry A. Muirhead was the retiring trustee and Dr. John T. Benson, was elected in his stead. \$1,500 was voted as the assessment for the coming year. A motion recommending a union of the three districts of the town was lost on a division. 7 being in favor and 12 against. The trustees for the coming year are Thos. Crimmon, A. G. Blair and Dr. John T. Benson. The meeting adjourned at 11 a. m.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Rock Heads, was opened by Wm. Fenton. W. H. Russel was elected Chairman. Trustees report school in good order. The retiring trustee was William Hay, who was re-elected. The assessment on the district was \$150. The amount realized from outsiders was \$17.90. Received from county fund draft \$75.61, and from Board of Education \$11.38. The amount expended last year including teachers salary, and clearing off a debt of \$36.77, was \$253.88; balance on hand \$15.70. The number of pupils attending is 26.

The trustees are Andrew B. Walls, William Fenton and William Hay, Secretary.

An assessment for \$150 was granted.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7.

Black River, was opened by Hugh Cameron who was the retiring trustee, T. G. McRae was elected in his place. James Cameron was elected chairman, and John McRae elected auditor. Trustees report school in good order. Last years assessment was \$84, with county fund draft of \$85. The expenditure was \$153.81. Balance on hand \$35.09. The number of children attending averages 26. The assessment granted for the ensuing year is 110.00. The trustees are James Cameron, T. G. McRae, Hugh McDonald, Secretary.

[Other reports too late for this issue will appear in next.]

DISTRICT NO. 8.

W. T. Connors called the meeting to order. L. J. Tweedie was elected chairman. The retiring trustee being W. T. Connors, it was moved by Michael Brennan and seconded by John Bannan, that Samuel Wadleton be a trustee of schools for District No. 8. Carried unanimously. D. McLaughlin, Esq. was elected auditor.

The trustees report for the year shows amounts expended \$1455.13. Amount received \$1516.72, leaving a balance to credit of District of \$63.59. The trustees will require for the coming year \$1,100, which amount was carried.

A committee consisting of L. J. Tweedie, John Bannan and D. Finn was appointed to enquire the cost of a lot of land running from the school house to the high road, and to report to a special meeting at a future time.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Chatham. The meeting was opened by T. W. Gillispie, M.P.P., Secretary of School Trustees. S. U. McCully was elected chairman.

The trustees reported schools in good order, graded and well supplied with school furniture; that they had four teachers and one class room assistant employed; that there were 234 children attending schools; that they had paid \$500 last year towards liquidating the debt on new school house, and required an assessment of \$800 for general school purposes for 1881.

John Ferguson was the retiring trustee.

John Coleman, Thos. McLaughlin and John Ferguson were then nominated for trustee when Thos. McLaughlin was elected.

Wm. Fennedy and Patrick Coleman, were nominated for auditor, when Mr. Coleman was elected.

The meeting voted the \$800 asked for by the trustees.

The meeting was well attended, nearly 60 persons being present.

Held Over.

Till next; a letter from "Farmer" Tobique, Victoria County; and Alnwick notes; also Fredericton notes.

MOTHERS! MOTHERS! MOTHERS!

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it, there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use; in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States.

Sold by all Druggists. 25 cents a bottle.

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NOTICE OF SALE.

To Sylvanus Arcevaux of Baribouque in the County of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick.

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the fourth day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty made between Sylvanus Arcevaux of Baribouque in the County of Gloucester section man on the Intercolonial Railway of the one part and Alexander Loggie of Burnt Church in the Parish of Alnwick and County of Northumberland of the other part duly registered in the Registry office of the County of Northumberland the sixth day of September A. D. 1830 in volume sixty of the County Records pages 276 and 277 and numbered 272 in the said volume—there will, for the purpose of satisfying the money secured by the said mortgage default having been made in payment of the first instalment thereof with interest thereon, be sold at Public Auction in front of "Lesion's weigh scales" in the town of Chatham in the County of Northumberland on Wednesday the twentieth day of April next at 12 o'clock noon, "All that certain piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the Parish of Alnwick aforesaid in the County of Northumberland aforesaid in that part of the said parish known as the Fair Isle Settlement and the bounded as follows:—On one side by lands owned by Justus Robitaille and on the other by lands owned "Fidei Arcevaux containing one hundred acres more or less" with all the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances belonging thereto.

Dated the 12th day of January A.D. 1881.

ALEXANDER LOGGIE,
Mortgagee.

L. J. TWEEDIE,
Solicitor for Mortgagees. [12 3m

Administratrix Notice.

All persons having legal claims against the estate of Francis Flynn late of the Parish of Nelson in the County of Northumberland, Farmer deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested at the office of Jno. J. Harrington, attorney at Law within three months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the said Jno. J. Harrington.

Dated 19th day of November A.D. 1880.

ANNIE FITZPATRICK,
Administratrix.

The Sunday Magazine for February.

This is the second number of the ninth volume of this excellent periodical, which is now conducted, we see, by the Rev. Alfred Taylor, an experienced correspondent and editor. The former editor of the Sunday Magazine, Rev. Dr. Deans, will it is announced, be henceforth a regular contributor, and other attractive features have been added which will increase its already great popularity. The present number is literally crowded with good things, of which our space will only permit a general notice. The Temperance movement, by Alfred H. Gurnsey, Missionary Successes in Tahiti, by the Rev. Daniel Edwards. Characteristics of the Esquimaux, are replete with interest and information, and liberally illustrated. Hard places in the Bible, by Rev. Dr. Deans. Women of the Bible, International Sunday school lessons. The Home Pulpit, etc., are among the many noteworthy features. In the department of fiction, "Out of the World," is continued, and there are numerous short stories, sketches, essays, and poems by distinguished writers. The miscellany is unusually abundant. In fact, the number is a rarely attractive one in its literary and artistic features, and highly creditable to the editor. It contains 125 quarto pages and over 100 illustrations. 33 a year; single copy, 25 cents—postpaid. Frank Leslie's Publishing House, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place, New York.

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To our Country Subscribers.

Some of the gentlemen in the country who have not paid for the STAR yet, might bring us a load of good hard wood—or any kind of wood for that matter.

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The Subscriber has opened a ware room in the building known as

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Where all classes of the above goods are on exhibition.

I can quote prices for these goods which will commend them to purchasers.

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