

LOCAL MATTERS.

Smelt Notes. Several horse loads of smelt came into town on Monday from Neguac. Those belonged to Messrs. Morrison of Newcastle.

Personal. We regret to say that Senator Muirhead is yet quite unwell, and will from his present appearance, not be able to go to Ottawa.

Bally Burnt. Mr. Chas. Johnson the young man who attends the steam fog whistle at Miscou was in town New Years day and fell against a hot stove badly burning his eye.

To Correspondents. We have received an excellent letter from W. N. W. on the Irish question; but are obliged to hold it over till there is less of a press of matter upon our columns.

That Judgship. His Honor Judge Williston is not going to resign, so it is now said; though the Judge has not informed anyone why.

Purchases. What was known as the old Kelly homestead lately occupied by J. Harris, Esq., jeweller, has been purchased by Jas. Nichol, Esq. merchant, from Mr. A. E. Killam for \$1,300.

Dr. Baxter has purchased a 200 acre plot in Napan, near by Cribbs farm; on which he intends making large improvements. This is money well laid out, and we should like to see others follow Dr. Baxter's example.

The Value of Good Advice. Two and three weeks ago, smelt sold in outmarkets at from 1 to 2 cents per pound, prices ruinous to the shippers.

Ships Built on the Miramichi since 1828. From the year 1828, when the port was established as a port of Registry under the name of Miramichi, up to the present, 1007 new vessels, of 315,094 tons have been registered here.

Christmas sale was held here by one of our worthy church ladies and the proceeds from the same reached I have heard \$184.

Mr. Mappin died at the Waverley Hotel Saturday, after a long illness. He had not been a year married. Our sympathies are extended to his young widow.

Mr. McDade of the News has been here for two or three days. Monday he went around and visited the schools, in each of which he encouraged the pupils, praised the school, and complimented the lady in charge of it.

Mr. McDade called upon the Editor, and informed him, that there was a mistake in a paragraph printed in last issue; that he was not married, in fact that he had no very serious inclination that way, and was up now "merely having a look round, to that end."

John Meehan, Bathurst. Newcastle, Jan. 4th.

STAR BRIEFS.

—Tomorrow is Old Christmas day. —Rev. Father Donette moved into his new residence, St. Margarets, Christmas Eve.

—A meeting of the ratepayers of the different School districts will take place on the 13th inst. —A son of Mr. Zinnie Datcher of Bay du Vin had his foot bally cut a few days ago in the woods.

—Councillor Gozzin is enlarging his premises for the spring hum of the N. P. Free trade is no more! —The interior finishings of R. C. Chapel at Black Brook, which were contracted for last August by Mr. George Cassidy, are nearly completed.

—Mr. Timothy Casey of Morefield, who came to this country 50 years ago from Cork, Ireland, died at his residence, Saturday last. Deceased was in his 82nd year and was universally respected.

—Mr. Johnson, lawyer, was the lucky holder of ticket No. 150 which drew the \$10 cash prize at Colpits lottery the 29th ult. The lottery is perhaps the least objectionable of any of the forms of gambling.

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To Hon. J. C. Pope Minister of Marine & Fisheries.

Late this autumn a certain ship called the Nonantum left the Miramichi with a load of seals, bound for a port beyond the Atlantic. As she sailed down the river many a one stopped to look at her, and speculated upon her fitness for the voyage before her.

She did not sit the water like other ships, but was much heeled to one side, which in seamen's language is called a list; and because of this condition was said by many, who perhaps didn't know what they were talking about, to be not fit for sea.

When she reached the river's mouth, the wide sea before her, the sailors began to tremble and said, "Captain we refuse to go to sea. And if you want our reasons they are that the ship is unseaworthy. We are afraid to put out in her." Immediately the information was communicated to persons representing the owners of the ships cargo, who after consultation, decided upon a survey.

There lives in Chatham three portwardens, and these were called upon and asked to go down and see the ship. At the bidding, these went on board a tug, and down to the ship which they found at the river's mouth. It was a dark night, but nevertheless the wardens proceeded to carry out the intention of their mission.

Some of them at least, climbed upon the ship, and found her so badly listed, that they could not stand on the deck without holding on to something. They saw the sailors there, quiet and sullen, standing with folded arms. They asked them if they refused to go to sea, and they said they did; and for reasons they gave the same as they had before offered to the Captain.

Then the port wardens ordered the men to run down top masts, and top sails, to take down and hoist their boats, to throw off their deckload—and proceed to sea. Then the storm began to whistle through the ships rigging, the night became more dark and surly still, and the wardens wrapping their heavy coats about them, darted into the warm cabin of the tug, and the boat put away up river.

Their haste was accelerated by Mr. Call the owner of the tug, who shouted to them to "hurry up," and "come away."

Next morning came, and the poor ship Nonantum was nowhere seen upon the coast. She put out to sea that very night and men forgot to talk about her.

A week passed over, a fortnight went, when the tidings of a shocking marine disaster filled the public ear. Despatches came from Newfoundland that a ship had been tossed upon the cruel friendless coast of Georges Bay, that such of her unlucky crew as had not been drowned after undergoing the most terrible agony from hunger and cold, perished upon the friendless unsheltered land.

The ships name was Nonantum. Then the paragraphs that had been published about the ship that "went down the river so crooked in the water" were hunted up, and re-read with searching interest. Men who have some little interest in sailor's lives and who know the laws respecting ships declared unfit for sea, at once enquired if a lawful survey, or any survey at all had been held upon the ship, and if the sailors had not been deluded into believing that a legal survey had been held, that the law would give them no more, and therefore accepted the only course open to them to go to sea—unless indeed they preferred going to prison.

Some boldly said the survey was only a mockery, a make believe to get the sailors off, and because of these statements, the portwardens are said to feel themselves much belied and the agent of a lumber firm here feels himself aggrieved, and some or all of them threaten to look for justification in a court of law. We deem it then to be the duty of the Marine and Fisheries Department and the public are of the same mind, to at once order an investigation into this affair, enquiring if the survey was lawful or unlawful, that is if it was a mockery or a reality.

Honorable men should not lie under the horrible suspicion of unlawfully sending an unseaworthy ship to sea, so long as there remains upon the face of the earth any way by which they may establish their innocence. It is considered here, and indeed through the Province generally to be Hon. Mr. Pope's duty, to promptly order the investigation.

Epizootic Ravages. Mr. Thos. Flanagan lost a fine horse on Monday by the epizootic. On Sunday Mr. Matthew King of Douglasfield, lost another fine animal also with the distemper.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

At latest the Chilians were within 20 miles of the capital of Peru. There will be a large emigration to Canada from Ireland next summer. A rifle brigade was heartily stoned passing through Tuam.

Ireland is bristling now with bayonets. The military patrol the towns and villages every night to suppress the drilling which is said to be going on. It is now felt in Ireland that the Government will be unable to procure a conviction of the Land Leaguers. Irish juries will not find guilty.

It is said that the Irish Land Bill to be introduced by the Government will not include even the Minimum requests of the Land League party. It will probably be laughed at and powerless to quell the disturbance. Parnell openly states he will be in London tomorrow to attend the opening of Parliament though he will be needed to attend his trial. He says he will plead the Queen's proclamation against the Queen's writ.

At Drogheda on Saturday ten thousand Land Leaguers met: and after Healy and Davitt had spoken two magistrates read the Riot Act. The meeting dispersed peacefully. At Killalla the same day 3,000 met; and there was also a monster meeting at Bally Castle. It is not comforting to the landlords to learn that there is little sympathy felt for them outside of London and Lond owners generally. The agitation in Ireland is not half so obnoxious to the Empire at large now as it was 6 months ago.

Lord Houghton's notes on Endymion have appeared. He denounces Beaconsfield for invariably holding up the representatives of literature in a ridiculous light. The caricature of Shakespeare he says is false and feeble. He says that Baron Seignis is Baron Stackmar the bosom friend of Prince Albert, etc.

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. 12 Home Made do. 12 Fresh Pork. 11 Salt Pork, per lb. 11 Salt Beef, do. 10 Butter (firkin), per lb. 20 Butter (in roll), do. 22 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. 05 Mutton, per lb. 06 Lamb (good), per lb. 08

Mr. Anglin. The Gloucester member followed Mr. Cimon. He denounced the bargain as the worst yet; said there was too much paid for it, that it was monstrous to grant away so much land. But it is not so long as was proved by the records since Mr. Anglin who opposes everything and proposes nothing, said the North West was a barren wilderness, that its lands were not worth opening up. This was read in his teeth from Hansard, but now he asserts it is another Canada—a land of unbounded worth and fertility. He spoke for four or five hours, though he is reported nowhere except in Hansard. He was very tiresome, and before he ended there were few in the House. The debate was then adjourned.

Communications. Tabusintac Notes. DEAR SIR:—I noticed in the STAR a very young piece entitled "Borrowed Feathers," signed "A Friend," who that friend is I am well aware; and remembering some of his late remarks I judge him to be a very curious friend. Borrowed feathers reminds me of that dear little piece in the Third Royal Rader, about the peacocks and jackdaw. The Tabusintac correspondent is like the peacock, while the Portage River brant is like the jackdaw: they would gladly gather up the cast off ones. I do not think the Tabusintac correspondent would profit much by either the friend or the gentle hint. Also I would say that self praise is a poor recommendation.

Yours, ROSE.

Farmer's Helps. The Montreal "Weekly Witness" is a paper that devotes especial attention to the Farmers' needs. The Agricultural Department is edited by W. F. Clarke, Esq., Lindenbank, Guelph, who is widely known as at one time the editor of the "Canada Farmer" and more recently the "Witness" lecturer on agriculture. His editorial articles and "Agricultural Letter Boxes" are especially attractive. The "Witness" Markets are all perfectly reliable and very full. Hardly less valuable is the Veterinary College conducted by D. McEachran, F. R. C. V. S., Principal of the Montreal Veterinary College and the Dominion Inspector of live stock. His name stands in the front rank of veterinary surgeons on this continent, and the prompt replies given to correspondents are valuable. A "Poultry Column" has just been added, and promises to be of great assistance to poultry farmers, who are growing in number. In the cities and towns especially the raising of fowls is increasing in popularity. While these departments are of especial value to the farmers, the cultivators of the soil in a smaller way and the gentlemen and ladies who are fond of gardening, are not neglected. The Legal Department, in which all legal questions are answered by one competent to perform this work, is a valuable assistance to all men of business. And then the paper is full of information of especial interest to a cultivator to himself. An especial feature about this paper is that, no advertisement is so creditably edited, nor so thoroughly h.p. hazard, so that those relying on any information given are not likely to be misled. Every subscriber of the Montreal "Weekly Witness" can tell of special offers whereby old and new subscribers are benefited.

Persons who are very susceptible to sudden changes of weather would do well to keep a supply of Gray's Syrup of Wild Cherry in the house. This syrup is a scientific preparation of the Gum which exudes from the Red Spruce Tree, and holds a large quantity of the gum in perfect solution, never separating. Its remarkable power in relieving certain forms of Bronchitis, and curing obstinate hacking coughs, is now well known to the public at large. No remedy can equal it as a safe and thoroughly reliable Cough medicine. Sold by all chemists. Price 25c and 50c per bottle.

TESTIMONIALS. Fredericton, Oct. 27, 1880. John Wiley, Esq.—We have used Chamber's Epizootic Powder and Liniment, and take pleasure in recommending it as a speedy and certain cure for the distemper now prevailing. Gunter & Atherton, Libry Robert Orr, Wm A Gaunce, Chas E Smith, etc., &c.

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STOVES! STOVES!

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