YORK COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

FIRST CONVENTION.

Interesting Report of Proceedings.

Shortly before the meeting of the New Brunswick Sunday School Association at St. John, the Superintendents of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and both Baptist churches, joined in calling a union meeting of the officers and teachers of those schools, to discuss how the Sunday School workers in York County could be drawn together, and organized into a Society for the promotion of a greater general interest in their work. From that time, October 16th, 1884, the attendants at that meeting, which was held in the Session room of St. Paul's church, have been doing what they could to make the late Convention successful. A committee was formed, and in their interests Mr. John T. Clark visited every pastor and S. S. Superintendant in the County, with very few exceptions; these exceptional ones were waited upon by Rev. A. R. Shewsbury of Benton. Signatures to a call for the Convention were obtained, statistics of the schools gathered, and an endeavor made to create an interest in the work. The Convention was not very well attended by people from the country, but city folks were fully appreciative, and filled the room during the evening meetings, and showed in every way that they heartily sympathized with what was being done, and enjoyed the addresses and discussions. The Convention showed too, in a very marked manner, that among the members of the churches of Fredericton, there is an entire absence of any evidence of jealousy and that they were glad to come together and join in promoting the general interests of Sunday Schools.

The first session on last Wednesday evening in the Methodist church, where the Convention assembled, was proceeded by a prayer meeting, led by Rev. F. D. Crawley. At half-past seven o'clock Mr. L. W. Johnston, Chairman of the committee, called the meeting to order and asked that a temporary organization be effected. Mr. John J. Weddall was elected temporary Secretary, and Mr. E. C. Freeze, Vice-President for York Co. of the N. B. S. S. A., was chosen temporary chairman. After a brief address the chairman announced a hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds, and when that had been sung, Rev. Joseph McLeod offered prayer. The following committee were appointed by Mr. Freeze to meet on the next forenoon and report to the Convention at the beginning of the second session, the first person named to be chairman.

Credential and Statistics Committee:—J. J. Weddall, T. Max Graevell, C. F. Richards.

Committee on Constitution and Bye-Laws:—Alfred Rowley, A. W. Coburn, Stephen Taylor, John T. Clark, Wm. VanWart.

Committee to nominate permanent officers:—L. W. Johnston, Martin Lemont, Jas. A. VanWart, John Spurden, Leverett Estabrooks, Jas. W. Smith.

After announcing the above, the chairman introduced the first speaker, Mr. Jas. Watts, President of the Carleton County Sunday School Association, who, on taking the platform, stated that he would feel much better and more at home, if the other speakers from Carleton County who were to address the Convention after him, were at his back on the platform. The chairman immediately invited Mr. S. J. Parsons and Rev. Kenneth McKay, to take seats beside him, and on motion, Mr. L. W. Johnston was requested to do the same. Mr. Watts then addressed the Convention on the topic assigned to him: "What good has the Carleton County Association done?"

The object, he said, was to bring children to Christ, As a means to this end three objects were kept steadily in view: 1st. Improving the character of the present schools. 2nd. Increasing number of schools. 3rd. Multiplying "evergreen" schools or those kept open all the year round. In order to show how far the Carleton County S. S. Convention had accomplished these objects, he submitted the following results; The first result was to impress members with a broader conception of the character, importance and necessity of the work. 2nd, To increase the scope and opportunity of those peculiarly fitted for Sabbath school work. 3rd. Discovering and developing latent talent. 4th. In combatting the idea that the Sunday school is a mere nursery for children, and in influencing young men and women to attend the Sunday school. 5th. In creating a uniformity and introducing a better system of teaching. 6th. In promoting Christian unity among the members of the different Christian churches. 7th. In increasing spiritual life in churches. 8th. In creating a missionary spirit, under the influence of which the New Brunswick association and the present gathering for organization have been brought about. These results were proved by the following statistics:

Comparative statement of increase in Carleton county:

1881.	1884.	Gain.
53 schools	90	37
3,064 membership	4,646	1,621
21 "Evergreen"	43	22
2,142 average attendance	3,119	977
505 church members attending	2,059	553
10 000 papers distributed	23,512	12,512
$712 raised school purposes	$1,040	$328
45 using International lessons	77	32
58 conversions	158	100

Mr. Watts concluded his interesting address amidst applause, and after singing, Mr. S. J. Parsons who attended the International Sunday School Convention at Louisville, Ky., last year, was introduced, and in a very animated way, gave a sketch of "what good had similar Associations accomplished in the United States?"

He disclaimed the numerous titles which followed his name on the programme, which made people anticipate too much from him; he never made a speech, only talked. His subject was too extensive, it reached from New York to San Francisco, from Canada to Mexico. He would confine himself to Illinois, as an example of what was done in the United States. The leading spirit there was B. F. Jacobs. In the beginning Jacobs, Moody and Reynolds worked together with Chicago as the centre of influence and support. Gradually the work extended until every one of the 102 counties in that vast state had a Sunday School Association, and twenty-seven of these counties had similar organizations in every parish. Twelve hundred Conventions had been held in Illinois in one year. Ten of the other States had organizations in every county. At the International Sunday School Convention held at Louisville, Ky., last year at which over twelve hundred delegates were present, they had a map of the United States, on a very large scale, which showed the states of each State, as to amount of work done in the way of S. S. Associations and Conventions. Stars of different colors indicated how they stood. A list of delinquent states and territories where nothing had been done, was headed with Utah, followed by Alaska, Washington Ter. and Prov. of New Brunswick. He felt ashamed of the company his country was in, and made up his mind that with God's help, he would have New Brunswick removed from that black list. Sunday School Conventions carried the International series of lessons a wonderful advance over the old unreliable selections, by individual schools, and they in turn, gave birth to numerous publishing houses, devoted to issuing Sunday School literature, in the form of lesson helps, etc., etc., besides the regular denominational houses, which issued hundreds of tons of Sunday School documents and books yearly. There were also Lithographic establishments, whose only publications were illustrations of the International Lessons. More important than all else, the study of the Bible had been greatly stimulated, and the sales of the best kinds of Bibles with appendices containing valuable information for teachers and everybody, had grown to proportions which made the sales of Bibles twenty years ago, seem to be insignificant; this he had learned from men engaged in the trade in New York and Boston.

Of necessity, the above is but a dry summary of a very interesting and enlivening address.

After a collection had been taken up, the Rev. Kenneth McKay of Richmond, opened the first discussion. "How can we best secure 'Evergreen' schools?"

Mr. McKay's excellent address, although given at late hour, was listened to with the closest attention by the large audience, very many of whom, after the meeting, exchanged regrets that it had not been heard by all the teachers of country Sunday Schools in York. Mr. McKay was followed in the discussion, by Rev. G. M. Campbell, Stephen Taylor, Rev. W. F. Parker and William Lemont, After singing, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. B. N, Hughes, and the first session closed.

On the forenoon of Thursday, the several committees met, and the Executive Committee of the New Brunswick Sunday School Association, held a session, eight of the members being present, and transacting important business.

At half-past two, the Rev. A. J. Mowatt, led a devotional meeting for half an hour, when convention work was resumed. Minutes of the first session were read, altered and approved.

Mr. Weddall reported for the credential and statistics committee, announcing the names of all who had signed the call and been reported to him as delegates appointed, and read the following summary of statistics:

Total number of S. Schools in York County,	61
Open all the year,	19
Open from 3 to 9 months each,	42
Number of teachers,	232
Number of scholars,	2,265
Average attendance,	1,640
Number of scholars, members of churches,	563
Schools using International Lessons,	30
Copies of S. S. papers distributed monthly,	1,095
Amount raised for all purposes last year—uncertain.	
Books in Libraries,	6,000

The roll was then called, and the following recorded present as delegates:—

Fredericton—Rev. A. J. Mowatt, L. W. Johnston, Wm. Anderson, Mrs. Eben Miller, Chas. L. Richards, Rev. F. D. Crawley, John Spurden, Mrs. A. F. Randolph, William G. Clark, John T. Clark, Rev. Joseph McLeod, James A. VanWart, T. Max Graevell, E. C. Freeze, Mrs. W. T. L. Reed, Rev. Wm. Tippett, Rev. S. Howard, Martin Lemont, John J. Weddall, Mrs. Jane Sampson.

Marysville—Rev. E. Evans, Alf. Rowley, Rev. W. H. Beckwith.

Gibson—Rev. Jos. Sellar.

Nashwaaksis—Rev. Wm. Kinghorn, Turner Howard, W. E. Johnston, Alonzo Kelley.

Nashwaak—Miss Rosanna Young, Clara McLean, Maggie McBean, Rev. A. Lucas.

St. Mary's—Rev. B. N. Hughes.

Keswick—Leonard Inch, Rev. Thos. Allen,

Prince William—Leverett Estabrooks,

Harvey—A. W. Coburn, George Pearcy, John Swan.

Millville—J. S. Murphy.

Bright—Rev. J. H. Coy.

Eel River—Stephen Taylor.

Queensbury—David C. Parent.

Mr. Alfred Rowley read over the Constitution and Bye Laws submitted by the committee, of which he was chairman, and on motion they were severally read, section by section, amended, added to and then adopted as a whole.

The committee to nominate permanent officers for the Association reported, Mr. Johnston explaining the reasons which had influenced their selection of Rev. Jos. McLeod as President, paying a hearty and well deserved tribute to him as one, who aside from his influential position in his own denomination, possessed the esteem and affection of the people of the County for his long, continued unselfish devotion to all good works, calculated to promote the general welfare of the community. Explanation was also made of the work of the Vice-Presidents for the several Parishes, and that contrary to general experience, the men filling these offices would be kept well occupied in promoting the growth of existing Sunday Schools, the starting of new ones, and especially in endeavoring to have the schools kept "Evergreen." On motion the following officers were then elected by the Association for the ensuing year:—

President—Rev. Jos. McLeod.

Vice-Presidents—L. W. Johnston, Fredericton; Alfred Rowley, St. Mary's; Rev. J. S. Mullen, Stanley; William H. Mitchell, Bright; Adam Sharp, Queensbury; A. W. Coburn, Manners-Sutton; Leverett Estabrooks, Prince William; Edgar Everett, Kingsclear; Turner Howard, Douglas; Dan. Schriver, Southampton; Stephen Taylor, Canterbury; Isaac Collier, North Lake; A. W. Flemming, Dumfries; Wm. Anderson, New Maryland.

Corresponding Secretary—Martin Lemont.

Recording Secretary—John J. Weddall.

Treasurer—John Spurden.

Executive Committee—Rev. E. Evans, Rev. F. D. Crawley, James A. VanWart, E. C. Freeze, Wm. G. Clark.

By appointment of the chairman, Messrs. Johnston and Parsons escorted the President to the platform, and when Mr. McLeod, reached the chair the members of the Convention heartily applauded. In a few words the President returned, thanks for the honor, and stated how he thought they could best accomplish the objects they had in view. A hymn was then heartily sung in true congregational style. The singing was one of the features of the meetings, deserving especial mention, and prayer offered by Rev. J. F. Coy, after which Rev. J. F. Fotheringham, of St. John, was introduced, who opened a discussion on "Blackboard and object teaching," which he illustrated practically and by drawings used in the Sunday School connected with his own church.

Mr. Fotheringham was followed by Mr. S. J. Parsons, who told of what he had seen done by several teachers in the States. The session then closed in the usual way. In the evening the usual prayer meeting was held, led by Rev. Wm. Tippet, after which Rev. W. E. Parker, of Woodstock, opened the discussion, upon "The church's duty." Mr. Parker is a young man of good abilities, and excellent promise as his thoughtful and original address showed, Some exagerations of expression, may perhaps, have caused some of his hearers to dwell upon them rather than the ideas he sought to impart, but those ideas, found in the short synopsis below, are well worth the consideration of all church members.

First, in explanation. We shall use the term Church with reference solely to the local organization. By the term Sabbath School, we mean simply a school where the Bible only is taught.

I. The church's duty can be more clearly seen when we understand her relations to the Sunday School.

(1) From the parting injunction of Christ, and the example which he set before us in uniting teaching with preaching.

(2) From the example of His inspired Apostles, in teaching as well as preaching;

(3) Also, from their statement, that the leading officer (Elder or Bishop) in every Church, should be "apt to teach" as well as preach.

We have no hesitation in concluding from these premises that "teach" and "preach" are twin brothers, and the church is their parent. In other words that the Bible School is of equal importance with the preaching services.

II. But have these children of the Church received equal attention from their parent? there has also been partiality shown here. For long ago, her neglect toward this child has been painfully apparent.

The Dark Ages was the result of this. The Reformation could not have lived a century if Bible study and teaching had not followed the eloquent preaching of the Reformers.

Thank God, this forgotten and neglected child of the Church is beginning to be recognized by her. Sabbath Schools are multiplying and developing as never before in the history of christianity. Viewing then the relation between the Church and the Sabbath School to be that of a parent to its child, we conclude

III. That attendance upon the Bible School is equally as necessary, in order to good standing in the Church, as attendance upon the preaching. Every member should, if possible, attend the Sabbath School.

IV. That the Church has as much right to support, financially, the Sabbath School as her other children. She should see that this child is not permitted to develope unavoidably in selfishness, or left to the care of charity.

V. That her control should be as carefully, wisely and fully exercised here so in any other deparment of work.

In conclusion, when this relation is duly recognized, and these duties discharged, then shall our churches go forth conquering and to conquer, more gloriously than ever before.

Rev. G. M. Campbell, Rev. B. N. Hughes, Rev. W. H. Beckwith, and Mr. James Watts followed Mr. Parker in a disscussion of the topic.

The second topic, "The parents responsibility," was introduced by Rev. E. Evans. No address made to the Convention was more enjoyed, and as the President intimated at its close, there was little left for any one else to say. Rev. Mr. Hughes did, however, make some very timely and appropriate remarks.

SYNOPSIS OF ADDRESS DELIVERED BY REV. E. EVANS.

The subject committed to my care is very important. "The Parent's Responsibility." To the word responsibility, [illegible] y, as here used, attaches a tenfold meaning, it implies the holding of large trusts, and the accountability to some higher power, for the right discharge of those important obligations. For the discovery of the nature and extent of those practical obligations, we may apply to two sources for information. The scriptures, containing the teaching of the Divine Mind, and Moral Science, containing the teaching of the human reason and conscience. The two authorities are one, in their estimate of the nature and extent of the onerous duties resting upon parents with regard to the well being of their children. That parents are responsible for the maintenance of their children, is almost self evident. He that provideth not for his own, is worse than an infidel." But parents are also under the most solemn obligation to educate their children. By education, I understand in the words of an eminent writer of to-day, that it is that "which fits us for complete living." That all the powers and capacities of the whole man, shall be trained and disciplined, as that they may eventually attain unto their highest development, body, soul and spirit, each to be fitted for the attainment of its chief and ultimate purpose and the combined end, the glory of God, the welfare of man. The parent is thus responsible for the intellectual training of his child. But perhaps some may think that the state has assumed in virtue of its sovereign authority, a part of this responsibtlity, in the provision made for common school education. But the parents obligation remains intact, it can neither be delegated nor assumed by another party. The state comes to the aid of the parent, by furnishing a superior quality, both in the teacher, and in the methods of instruction that could be obtained by the parent, in his individual capacity. But his watchfulness, sympathy and authority are needed as much, as if he personally taught the lessons of the day. It is his duty to become acquainted with the character of the teacher, mode of instruction, companionship, etc., and all that that the state has done, or may do, cannot absolve him from this duty.

I do not overlook the fact that state education, owing to the lamentably sinful inertness, and gross neglect of thousands of parents, becomes a necessary measure of self-defence, for a government, must ever fear the increase of the number of her immoral and dishonest citizens, who becomes a pest and a standing menace against all righteous laws. But the moral and spiritual powers and capacities of the child, require training also, and here the responsibility of the parent becomes vast indeed. These are the great regulative principles of human nature; this is the side nearest to God; most receptive of his influences, most responsive to his touch. And such education of the soul in moral and religious truth and habits, is best accomplished by the natural teachers, and in the home circle, amid the glow and susceptibilities engendered by the warm affectionate contact of the family. But again it may be said, has not the church shouldered a portion of this parental responsibility, by the use of the Sunday School. Nor at all. She merely places this instrument of religious instruction, within the reach of the parent, as an auxiliary; she pledges her watchful oversight and authority, as the character of the instructors, books and general and othodox character of the instruction given. She uses the great motive forces which are elicited by such an organization, she gives her guarantee to the parent, that she will do the best that can be done for the child, under the circumstances. The responsibility she assumes, is great, but it is a part of her divine vocation, "Feed my lambs," which she carries out partially by this agency. But the responsibility of the parent, is undiminished, perhaps enlarged, if it can be. Your child still demands your utmost oversight and solitude, for its spiritual welfare. You can aid to a very large extent, the efforts of the S. S. teacher. Never disparage the teacher in the presence of your child. See carefully to the study of the appointed lessons, the memorizing of scripture and catechism, encourage sympathy with child and teacher; and above all, godly example and prayer, for divine blessing upon these combined efforts. But all must be supplemented by loving home culture, where a christian devotion sustained by a living faith, brings heavenly influences on the childs mind all the time. This responsibility is increased by the knowledge, that it is work whose results may be, and are likely to be eternal. Also from the wonderful receptive power of children, at no other time are they so susceptive to spiritual forces; the Godward side of the soul is now most responsive to the Divine touch, and now truly a word may win or mar a soul.

The aim of this parental care, should be early conversion and consecration to God, it is our privilege to look for this, and how much a father's wise counsels, authority and example' and a mother's affectionate pleadings may conduce to this end, eternity alone will show. In this respect alone, how true is the proverb, "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of priest." The other part of this responsibility, the accountability of the parent, for the proper discharge of these vast trusts to the Almighty Judge, must be passed over at present, the allotted time having long since elapsed.

After Rev. Mr. Hughes had spoken, Mr. James Watts, by request, made an appeal for a good collection, and it was liberally responded to.

The President opened the last discussion, "The Teacher's Rewards," and Rev. W. H. Beckwith, Rev. A. Lucas and Mr. Turner Howard, spoke to it. The Convention then passed a cordial vote of thanks to the speakers from outside the County, who had rendered the most valuable assistance, mention being made of the universal excellence of the addresses, evincing the care and thought the speakers had given to the various topics assigned to them. Mr. Watts responded for himself and associates in a few happy remarks. The first York County Sunday School Convention, which, in every respect, had been thoroughly enjoyed, was brought to a close, with prayer offered and benediction pronounced by Rev. E. Evans.

Shortly afterwards, the newly elecred officers of the Association met, and as an Executive Committee elected Mr. L. W. Johnston chairman, and proceeded to map out their work. Mr. Watts and Mr. Parsons were requested to meet with the Committee and tell how the Carleton Society worked. Valuable information was thus gleaned, and the committee was presented as well, with copies of blanks, etc., used by the parent society. The finances were found to be in such good condition, that the sum of seventeen and a quarter dollars was voted to the treasury of the New Brunswick Sunday School Association, which needs funds and looks to the County organizations for support. A sub-committee was appointed, and the Executive adjourned.

England Preparing for War.

There was a special meeting at London, on Sunday, 18th inst., of the officials of the war office, in the rooms of Rear Admiral Sir Francis M. Sullivan, director of the department of transport. The meeting was in session for several hours and the unusual occurrence of a council at the war office on Sunday, causes every one to connect the circumstances with the startling information received to the effect that Turkey was about to take an active part in the Egyptian war. The officials were ominously serious as they emerged from the council room, but they were very reticent and would neither admit nor deny that their meeting was in reference to the action of Turkey.

A later despatch says:—"The excitement caused yesterday by the unusual occurrence of a council at the war office on Sunday was greatly increased to-day by the report that the Government had decided to resist any attempt on the part of Turkey to occupy any portion of Egypt. There is considerable bustle and excitement at the war office to-day, and orders have been sent to Chatham, Portsmouth and Woolwich, which have caused much activity at those great naval stations. Another battalion of troops at Malta has been ordered to embark at once for Alexandria, and other troops are under orders to be in readiness to move at a moment's notice. Indications all point to stirring events in Egypt, and there is no doubt that the ministry is determined not to allow Turkey to interfere in Egyptian affairs by placing an armed force in any portion of Egypt."

The Vienna correspondent of the London *Telegraph* says Fehmio Pacha's mission is to obtain England's opinion on the proposal of the Czar for a secret treaty between Russia and Turkey, in accordance with which the Czar will lend Turkey armed assistance in the event of foreign complications.

The *St. James Gazette* hears that England will solve the Egyptian trouble by assuming for a certain period the entire administration of lower and middle Egypt, together with all financial responsibilities, and giving to the Sultan the upper and equatorial Egypt, with any port or ports on the Red Sea.

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Town and Country.

Skating at the rink Friday evening.

There is to be a Tea and Social Entertainment at Oromocto next Tuesday evening.

The Curlers will play at points for the local medal, on Friday, commencing at 10 A. M.

The Woodstock *Press* says arrangements are being made for a holiness convention to be held in Fredericton, in a few weeks.

Mr. G. R. Parkin lectured in the Mechanics Institute, St. John, Monday evening, on the training of Canadian boys and girls.

Snow shoes have been served out to the Infantry School Corps. The Corps had a march out this morning for snow shoe practice.

Messrs. John Richards & Son have our thanks for a very handsome Calendar, issued by the Intercolonial Railway, for which they are ticket agents in this city.

Rev. C. H. Paisley of Fredericton, formerly principal of Mount Allison male academy, has been studying at Edinburgh, but is now working at Oxford University. He proposes to spend some time in study at Paris and London before returning.

The Carnival, last night, was an unqualified success. There were over 200 skaters in costume, many of the characters being splendidly taken, The promenade was filled with spectators; the ice was good, and the music first-class. The management is to be congratulated. Another Carnival will be given the 10th February.

Court St. Mary's, order of Foresters, has been organized at St. Mary's, with the following officers:—James E. Simmons, Chief Ranger; Lieut. Boone, V. C. R.; Charles Miles, R. Sec.; Alfred Haines, Treas.; John Hall, S. W.; Alonzo Kelly, F. Sec.; Rainsford Staples, J. W.; Wm. McKeen, S. B.; Robert Fletcher, J. B.; Dr. Barker, Court Pays.; Jacob Barker, Guap.; Rich. George, P. C. R.; Elisha Vanwart, D. D. H. C. R.

The Municipal Council is in session. It opened yesterday, and all day was spent in the election of the Warden. Mr. Coburn and Mr. Estabrooks were nominated for the position, and on a ballot being taken, they tied at 13 votes each. Afterwards the vote was taken openly, and Mr. Estabrooks was elected by a majority of two over Mr. Coburn, the vote standing 14 to 12. The business of the Council is now proceeding with despatch. The full report of the proceedings will be published next week.

The Fredericton Curling Club came out of the Bonspiel last week with flying colors. It defeated both the St. Andrews and Thistle clubs of St. John, the former by 14, and the latter by 18 points, and won permanent possession of the Coleman Cup. The visitors were entertained to a dinner at the Barker House after the Bonspiel, and returned home delighted with the reception given them. The Fredericton Curlers are deservedly proud of their double victory.

A petition to the Dominion Government to prohibit the exportation of patridges is being signed at Woodstock. As an idea of the fearful slaughter of these birds for the outside marked, Abbott of McAdam Junction, shipped to the United States about 9,000 brace of patridge the past season. At this rate, says the *Press* those fond of sport will soon be deprived of that pastime, and it is their duty and also every resident in the country, to append their names to the petition.

Early in February H. Henry's Premium Minstrels are to appear in this city. It will be the first trip of the the company to this Province, and our citizens may rely on seeing one of the best troupes in the country. It introduces six end men, and was the first to begin that feature when it organized, other companies following its move in that direction. The array of special artists is very large, and the programme is a credit to minstrelsy. The burlesque Opera, which it gives, shows a new departure in burnt cork, that will be heartily appreciated. The brass band is not excelled by any Ministrel Company in America.

Of all the publications of nurserymen, there is no other that can be compared with *Lovett's Guide to Fruit Culture*. It is really a valuable work on Horticulture, giving, as it does, full instructions for planting, pruning, culture and management of fruits of all kinds, and impartial descriptions of all worthy varieties. It is a book of over 70 pages, with an illuminated cover, elegantly printed and embellished with hundreds of engravings and several colored plates true to nature. Everybody at all interested in fruit culture should send to J. T. Lovett, Little Silver, New Jersey, and get a copy. See advertisement in this number.

The Normal School Debating Club was organized Friday afternoon, and the following officers appointed: Principal Mullin, hon. President; N. W. Brown of Southampton, York Co., President; S. L. T. McKnight of King's Co., vice president; Chas. McQ. Avard of Shemogue, Westmorland Co., Secy-Treas.; Heber J. Burgess, Apohaqui, King's Co., M. E. Macdonald of Wickham, Queen's Co., and Frank E. Churchill of Woodstock, committee for chosing subjects; S. L. T. McKnight, Basile J. Johnson of St. Ignac, Kent Co., and Edward L. O'Brien of Bathurst, committee on bye-laws. The club has a membership of thirty-eight, and meets every Friday evening.

The York Circuit Court, Judge Wetmore presiding, opened at 10 A. M., yesterday. There was no criminal business, and the Grand Jury was discharged. The civil docket was made up as follows:—

Steph. E. Currie, *vs.* Israel Stairs. Messrs. Wetmore & Winslow, for the plaintiff J. A. & W. VanWart, for defendant.

Chas. H. McCormack *vs.* Absolom Grant. W. Wilson for the plaintiff, H. B. Rainsford, for defendant.

The first case which is an action for slander, arising out of the Queensbury church scandal, is now before the Court. Mr. E. L. Wetmore Q. C. for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. A. Vanwart for the defendant.

The following most reliable old English and American Fire Insurance Companies, viz: the IMPERIAL of London, England; the NORTHERN of London, England; the ÆTNA of Hartford, Conn.; the FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION of London, England, and the CITY OF LONDON, Fire Insurance Company of London, England, all Companies of the highest standing and representing in capital and assets upwards of *One Hundred Millions of Dollars*, are all represented in Fredericton and York County by JOHN BLACK, Barrister, &c., who is prepared to insure all kinds of insurable property at fair rates. Special inducements to insure *detached residences* and contents, in City and County on *three year* plan. All losses are *fairly adjusted*, and prompt payment made. Mr. Black is also Agent for an old established English Life Insurance Company, THE BRITISH EMPIRE, which issues an unconditional Policy at low rates.

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At the annual meeting of the York County Agricultural Society last Thursday, there was a much larger attendance than usual, and a disposition was evinced by the members to continue the society's existence, notwithstanding the withholding of the annual grant by the Board of Agriculture. A resolution was passed to erect a show building on the Exhibition grounds, and hold a fair open to all, next Autumn. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President—John H. Reid.

Vice-President—A. A. Sterling.

Secretary-Treasurer—John Richards.

Executive Committee—Gorham Steeves, John A. Edwards, S. H. McKee, Jr,

Audit Committee—W. T. Whitehead, Wm. McKay, R. A. Estey.

Track Committee—A. A. Sterling, John H. Reid, S. H. McKee, Jr. M. Tennant, J. A. Edwards, R. A. Estey.

The appointment of the Track Committee is a step in the right direction. It is composed of the same gentlemen that managed the trotting meeting last fall, which was a success financially. We hope the committee may see their way clear to give a Stallion Race, open to the Maritime Provinces, at their next meeting. We understand that some of the owners are [illegible] expecting it, and are anxious [illegible] that the programme be announced at once, that they may have their horses' work for the summer laid out. It would probably be the greatest race ever trotted in Canada. The list of entries should be very large with such horses as Dutchman, Mambrino Charta, and Sandy Morris, in St. John, Dean Swift and Island Chief in P. E. I., Messenger Boy and Col. Knox in Moncton, Vanderbilt in Salisbury, Zulu Chief in Newcastle, Rampart, Allie Clay, Agitator, All Right, and Potentate, in Nova Scotia, Col. Haskell in Sussex, Sir Charles in St. Mary's, Blackwood, Mambrino Monarch, Dreadnought, and Boy Douglas, in Woodstock, and others, to draw from, Who could predict from this field of flyers, which one would win? If the purse was made sufficiently large to attract these horses, their would be a great number of people from all parts of the Provinces come to witness the race. We call the committee's attention to the matter, with every confidence that it is in the right hands.

Every Woman in the Land

owes it to herself and her family to take care of her health. When she finds her health failing, and debility and weakness, undermines her strength, her surest and best remedy is Kidney-Wort. It builds up the general health, keeps the secretary system in perfect order, regulates the Kidneys and Bowels, and enables these important organs to perform their natural functions in throwing off the accumulated impurities of the body.

Great interest is manifested among the Nova Scotia Presbyterians, in the proposal to cede the New Hebrides to France. The New Hebrides were christainized by Nova Scotia missionaries. John Geddie of Pictou, was the pioneer, and when he went there, there were no christians, but when he died there were no heathens. Two Pictou men, brothers, named Gordon were martyred there. There are two or three Nova Scotia missionaries there now, but these will be driven out by the French. Public meetings will be held protesting against ceding the islands.

A Settled Fact.

It is a significant fact that Hagyard's Yellow Oil is the best household remedy for internal and external use in case of pain, soreness, lameness and inflammatory complaints.

Births.

In this city, on the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. Alonzo Staples, of a daughter.

Marriages.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 1st inst., by Rev. John Goldsmith, William C. Miller of Rocky Brook, to Mary daughter of John McDougald of Riley Brook, Victoria Co.

At Christ Church, St. Stephen, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. Theodore E. Dowling, Andrew Wright of McAdam Junction, to Margaret Quigg, of the same place.

At the Barony, York Co., Dec. 28th, by the Rev. A. H. Trafton, Charles Gilman of Dumfries, to Susan Hall of Barony.

At Upper Hainesville, York Co., on the 1st inst., at the residence of Simeon Clark, by Rev. A. H. Trafton, S. H, Walsh of Forest City, Maine to Maggie Clark of Upper Hainesville.

At Waterville, Carleton Co., on the 10 inst, by Rev. William DeWare, George A. Peoples of Hartland, to Alma Rideout of Brighton, Carleton Co.

Deaths.

In this city, on the 9th inst, William H, infant son of Michael and Sarah E. McNally, aged 5 months and 20 days.

At Upper Woodstock, Carleton Co., Nov. 18th, Abigail, wife of Mark D. Freeman, aged 51 years and 6 months, formerly of Southampton York Co.

New Advertisements.

Public Notice.

TAKE NOTICE, that an application will be made at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick, to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a line of Railway commencing at some point in the Parish of Blackville, and running through portions of the Parishes of Blackville, Blissfield and Ludlow, and thence to the River St. John, at or near the Town of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton.

Miramichi, Dec, 6, 1884

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NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Fredericton Leather Company, will be held at their Office, in this City, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on **Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 1885**

M. RICHEY,
Secretary.

Fredericton, December 31, 1884

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next Session thereof, for an Act to Incorporate a Railway Company, to be called the "Tobique Valley Railway Company," such railway to run from Perth Centre Station, in the County of Victoria, New Brunswick, on the line of the New Brunswick Railway, to Plaster Rock and Violette Brook in the said County and Province.

Dated the 13th day of January, A. D. 1885.

JOHN E. STEWART.

NOTICE.

APPLICATION will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session, for an Act to Incorporate a Company for the purpose of building, constructing and maintaining a Railway Bridge across the Saint John River, at or near the City of Fredericton, in the County of York.

Dated December 9th, A. D. 1884.

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Fredericton, Dec. 31st, 1884—3 mos.

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Fredericton, January, 14, 1885

INTERNATIONAL AND COLONIAL EXHIBITIONS.

Antwerp in 1885—London in 1886.

IT is the intention to have a Canadian representation at the INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION at Antwerp, commencing in May, 1885, and also at the COLONIAL and INDIAN EXHIBITION in London in 1886.

The Government will defray the cost of freight in conveying Canadian Exhibits to Antwerp, and from Antwerp to London, and also of returning them to Canada, in the event of their not being sold.

All Exhibits for Antwerp should be ready for shipment not later than the first week in March next.

These Exhibitions, it is believed, will afford favourable opportunity for making known the natural capabilities, and manufacturing and industrial progress of the Dominion,

Circulars and forms containing more particular information may be obtained by letter (post free) addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

By order,

JOHN LOWE,
Sec., Dept. of Agric.

Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, December 19th, 1884

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MR. ANGUS FAIRBAIRN, leader of the celebrated "Fairbairn Family" of Scottish Vocalists, writes from *Boston, Mass., Feb. 6, 1880*: "Ever since my hair began to give silvery evidence of the change which fleeting time procureth, I have used AYER'S HAIR VIGOR, and so have been able to maintain an appearance of youthfulness—a matter of considerable consequence to ministers, orators,