plaints had been made that the Chief of Police could never be found when he was wanted, and the reason that the matter had been brought forward at the present time was that the decision would come with more force from the Council.

Coun. Lawlor said there was an amount due the Chief of Police which would have to be paid him before he was discharged, and he moved the matter be left in the hands of the Police Committee.

Coun. Fotheringham thought that the money due could be raised.

The Resolution of Coun. Fotheringham was amended to provide that the matter be left in the hands of the Police Committee, and so carried.

The Warden resumed the chair.

Coun. Fotheringham moved that $21,96 be assessed to pay off the debt on the pound at Chatham, together with the cost of collecting. Passed.

Coun. Fotheringham moved that whereas the Chatham Firewards state that the present annual assessment of $1200 as allowed by law is insufficient for the service of the Department. Resolved that in future $2000 be assessed, but failing the necessary Legislation, the sum of $1200, and that the Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to draw up a bill giving power to assess the amount of $2000 and that the same be sent to the Legislature. Passed.

Coun. Fotheringham moved, that whereas it is expedient to reduce licenses for exhibitions in Chatham from $4. Resolved that the last two clauses of the by-law be changed, making the charge for the first exhibition $2 and $1 each subsequent one. Carried.

Coun. Fotheringham moved that whereas $800 has been assessed on the County for market houses in Chatham and Newcastle, that a further sum be assessed on Chatham for a Market House at that place. Coun. Fotheringham said it was the intention to build two market houses, but the County could not stand it.

Some discussson ensued, and motions were made for reconsidering and rescinding the resolution of Jan. 1877, relative to the building of market houses at Chatham and Newcastle, both of which were carried, and it was finally resolved that the $800 assessed for this purpose go to the Contingent fund of the County.

Councillors Park, Burchill and Hutchison were appointed a committee to make an estimate for the amount of the County assessment,

A petition to establish several polling places in the parish of Newcastle for Municipal elections was received and adopted and Messrs. Bourne, Park, Burchill and Hutchison appointed a committee to consider it.

Coun. Attridge moved that steps be taken to have the Law so changed as to permit the several parishes of Northumberland to pay their representatives as in Carleton County. He referred to the great burden Councillors of outlying parishes had to bear, and said the sum asked was only $1.50 per day for the five days. It was finally resolved that the Council apply for power to the Legislature to tax parishes to pay their Councillors if they were willing to do so, carried.

The Committee on the Jail reported that they found the building clean, but the cells wanted whitewashing, and there was a want of bedsteads. There was a general need of repairs, especially in the roof and sills of the barn and a woodshed was required. Report received and adopted.

Coun, Park, on behalf of the committee on the County Contingent Fund, reported that $2,500 would be required to be assessed on the different parishes according to the scale of last year. Report received and adopted.

A petition was read from R. Wilson, Ferryman, praying that repairs might be made on the ferry wharf opposite Douglastown. The petition was received.

Coun. Fotheringham moved, That whereas no proper ferry slip was provided in the Parish of Chatham opposite Douglastown, a committee be appointed to ascertain the cost at which a proper landing place can be provided for. Carried, and Coun. Hutchison, Burchill, and Fotheringham, appointed a committee.

Alexander Ferguson petitioned to be refunded $4.75 assessed on him in Chatham on account of property belonging to Mr. Russel.

It was ordered the petition be received and its prayer not complied with.

A petition was presented from L. B. Quigley relative to damage to the extent of $28, from the inflow of water into his cellar from public drains. Received and laid over till July Sessions.

Coun. Fowlie, on behalf of the Almshouse Committee, stated that they had examined the accounts and found them correct. They recommended the following assessment: Chatham, $500; Newcastle, $500; Nelson, $150; Northesk, $400; Glenelg, $250; Hardwick, $150; Alnwick, $150; Derby, $75; Blackville, $100; Blissfield, $50; Ludlow, $125. The report was adopted.

Coun. Sullivan on behalf of the Committee appointed to inspect the repairs of the Court Room, stated that it presented a neat appearance, and that its present artistic style was a great contrast to its former dingy appearance, and the committee hoped that the improvements that had been made would prevent the judges in future from making derogatory remarks on the County. The Report was received and adopted.

Coun. Scofield moved that the Parish of Blackville be divided into Lower, Middle and Upper Districts, for Municipal Election purposes.—Carried.

Councillors Fotheringham, Hutchison and Crocker were appointed a Committee to determine Valuators pay and their term of office.

Coun. Wallace moved a reconsideration of the resolution of Wednesday, appointing W. D. Shaw a surveyor of Lumber, carried.

In reply to Coun. Hutchison, the Sec-Treasurer said that Mr. Shaw had not yet fyled his Bond.

The Council now adjourned until evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Council met at 7 o'clock, and the vote for the reconsideration of Mr. Shaw's appointment as a surveyor was recorded as follows—

Yeas—Councillors Brown, Somers, Wallace, Banford, Betts, Scofield, Underhill, O'Brien, McNaughton, Fitzpataick :—10

Nays—Hutchison, Burchill, Bourne, Park, Fotheringham, Attridge :—6

Coun. Betts moved that W. D. Shaw's name be struck off the list of Surveyors for the County of Northumberland. A protracted discussion ensued in which it was urged by those in favour of Mr. Shaw, that he was a competent surveyor, employed by some of the largest firms here and, in fact, that he did more surveying than any other surveyor on the Miramichi, and if it was said that he surveyed 1100 to the thousand, the other surveyors were stated to be as far wrong on the other side. It was also urged that if Mr. Shaw did not survey fairly, it was the most sensible course to bring him under the law when they would have a remedy, whereas now they had none, and he could survey as much lumber as he chose. It was further stated that if Mr. Shaw's surveys differed from those of other surveyors it was because he rejected rotten and defective logs, and that it was narrow-minded and impolitic to reject him as an interloper because he came from another part of the Province, and as long as he was a ratepayer and competent for his work, he had a right to be appointed under the law.

On the other side it was contended that Mr. Shaw's petition was signed for last July session, and had erasures made in it to adapt it to present circumstances, and that Mr. Shaw's survey bills were generally unsatisfactory to the people of the County, several instances being cited in which parties felt themselves aggrieved, though no re-survey had been held.

The debate continued till about 10 o'clock and much amusement was caused by Coun. Bourne persisting in illustrating the value of the reports against Mr. Shaw by the story of the man who was reported to have vomited three black crows, in spite of the frequent objections of Councillors Attridge and Sullivan to this line of argument.

Coun. Crocker finally moved to adjourn for five minutes, but being ruled out of order, Coun. Brown made a motion to adjourn which was carried unanimously, leaving Mr. Shaw's appointment as it stood before the motion for reconsideration by the council.

[Instead of "Coun. Attridge said he only objected to the man Shaw," etc, in the 12th paragraph of Council Report, 1st page, read Coun. Wallace—REPORTER.]

Miramichi and the North Shore.

FOR MATTER of interest, see fourth page.

"HARPERS" AND "SCRIBNERS" for February, at the Miramichi Bookstore.

COUNCIL REPORT—Our Report of the Municipal Council is commenced on the first page.

KENT COUNCIL.—The Municipal Council of Kent will meet at Richibucto on Tuesday next.

"IT IS SO."—A long letter from this correspondent was in type for this issue, but owing to the great length of our Municipal Council Report it was crowded out. It will appear next week.

M. C. CLARK, DENTIST, can be found in Newcastle at Mrs. McAllister's residence every Friday and Saturday, where he will be prepared to attend to those desiring his services, commencing Friday, Oct. 5th. '77.

THE COUNTY COURT is in Session. There is no Criminal business. One Civil cause was entered, Alex. Ferguson *vs* Wm. Johnston, Mr. Tweedie for Plaintiff and Mr. Wilkinson for Defendant. The hearing of this case was proceeding yesterday.

"ST. JOHN."—Yes, we observe how your old friend abuses his superior and the superior is informed of it. The obscurity of the medium he employs is an evidence of the desperation of his case. We believe the *News* has refused him his "accustomed privileges."

PORTRAITS.—The last number of the *Canadian Illustrated News* contains very good portraits of Mayor Earle and Sheriff Harding of St. John. The *News* announces that these are the first of a series of portraits of prominent men in that city which will appear in its columns during the next four or five weeks.

THE ENTERTAINMENT of the season will be that announced by St. Michael's R. C. T. A. Society in St. Patrick's Hall, Chatham, on Monday evening next. The literary part of the programme is well selected and the music will be rendered the more effective by the use of the new organ recently purchased for the Hall.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT.—On Saturday the 12th inst., David Dykeman, an employee in Roderick McDonald's forge at Kingston, Kent, met with a serious accident. Dykeman was filing a knife, which by some means slipped from the vise in which it was held, and struck Dykeman's left eye. It is feared he will lose the sight of the eye.

AN ENTERTAINMENT, consisting of vocal and instramental music, was given in the Temperance Hall, Richibucto, on last Thursday evening in aid of St. Mary's Church Sabbath School. The concert portion of the programme was admirably well carried out. Refreshments were supplied in abundance, and met with a ready sale at the hands of the generously disposed patrons. The proceeds netted $52.

A BRUTAL SON.—A young man named Owen McGowan, of Newcastle, inflicted a very dangerous wound upon his mother on Sunday night last, by striking her over the eye with a stick of wood. McGowan was intoxicated at the time. It was, for a time, feared that the wound would prove fatal, several arteries having been cut. The services of Drs. Dawson and Bishop were, however, procured, and the life saved.

MR. QUIGLEY'S LECTURE.—It is rumored that R. Quigley, Esq., L.L.D., Barrister of this city, will deliver the next lecture in the course under the auspices of the St. Aloysius Association, Portland, on the first Sunday in February. The members of the St. Aloysius Association are to be congratulated on procuring the services of a gentleman of Mr. Quigley's well-known ability to deliver the coming lecture in a course so auspiciously opened by the Very Rev. T. Connolly, V.G.—*St. John Herald.*

PERSONAL.—James Brown, Esq., of Newcastle, left home on Friday last for Great Britain. He goes to buy goods for his well known establishment in the Shire Town and also to visit his home in Portsoy, Banffshire, Scotland.

Alex. Morrison, Esq., is to leave on Saturday for Great Britain on his usual annual trip. *Bon voyage.*

J. B. Snowball, Esq., arrived in England on Tuesday afternoon.

Thos. Hanford, Esq., is in town.

Engineer A. E. Eddy of the *City of St. John*, is visiting his Miramichi friends.

THE MCCARTHY MYSTERY.—The girl, Parker who lived at the Osburnes' Hotel at Shediac now swears that Timothy McCarthy was murdered in the Hotel Bar room by Mrs. Osburne and Harry, her son, Eliza Osburne and the informant being present and assisting to dispose of the body. She says McCarthy was drugged by Mrs. Osburne and then struck twice on the side of the head with the back of a shingling hatchet by Harry, who afterwards put a stone about the neck of the corpse and put it in the Scadouc River, a mile above the Scovill Mill. The case is now before the Magistrates' Court, Moncton.

"LARGE SALMON OVA.—John Mowat, Esq., Overseer of Fisheries, Restigouche, accompanied by Inspector Venning, came to town yesterday, with 200,000 salmon ova, taken from large Restigouche salmon, which have been placed in the Miramichi Breeding House. The fish from which this ova was taken weighed over forty pounds."—*Advocate.*

Does our cotemporary mean that 200,000 eggs were taken from "the fish" which "weighed over forty pounds" or from *fishes* weighing forty pounds *each*? We presume the latter was intended and that what is said is not really meant. In connection with the above we may say that these 200,000 ova, added to the million which the *Advocate* stated were in the Northwest establishment a few week since, ought to stock the house to nearly its full capacity, and we shall expect the result to be taken as a test of its utility.

BOIESTOWN.—Rev. W. W. Colpitts, Missionary to the lumbermen, has already returned from some of his travels, and reports the usual glad welcome with which he and his message have been received. At Mr. Cameron's camp on Bartholomew's River he was presented with a liberal subscription from the men, and in other camps intimation was given that they would do likewise.

The tidal wave of temperance now sweeping through these Provinces is making itself slightly felt here also. One of the liquor dealers has closed his bar, and another has promised to do so as soon as the present stock of liquors is expended, and it is to be hoped that the urgent appeal made by letter to all the dealers there by the resident Minister, will induce the other to go out of the business, and that as the Reform Club extends its operations in that locality it will find many persons to give it hearty and loyal support.

The late fall of snow is of great benefit to the lumberers, many of whom are doing a fine winter's work.—*Reporter.*

A Two-Edged Sword.

The *Advocate* repeats an objection made by some of its friends against Mr. Snowball being elected to represent the County at Ottawa on the ground that his business takes him to England every year. Mr. Mitchell has, no doubt, ere this told the *Advocate* to be quiet on that score, because it applies with equal force to a distinguished member of the Senate who was appointed through the influence of the Leader of the "Left Centre." Besides, Mr. Mitchell knows how it is himself to be absent from the constituency winter and summer and realises that his friends are very short-sighted when they touch on the subject of absenteeism. He also knows that there are some people who have not business enough to take them anywhere in particular.

The Smelt Fishery.

The fishermen who were operating in the main river appear to have made a move in the right direction by transferring their operations to the vicinity of the Tabusintac, where the fish caught are very much like the Bathurst smelts in the matter of size and bring nearly twice the price of those taken from our main river. The fishermen say that they were induced to change the ground of their labors also because of the annoyances to which they were subjected by Overseer Wyse, and an officer from another district, who persisted in misrepresenting them and threatened to stop their fishing. Their fears were, however, groundless for it is quite probable that the Department would not treat the fishermen with the injustice recommended by Mr. Wyse, through the *Advocate* and endorsed by that paper, without an enquiry through reliable persons. We are glad, for the fishermen's sake, that they have been so fortunate as to find such good fishing at Tabusintac. As the season advances the smelts grow more plentiful in the main river, also.

Meeting of the Dutcher Reformers.

On Tuesday evening the Dutcher Reformers gave their usual weekly entertainment in the Masonic Hall. There was a large audience present and both the platform and the body of the hall were completely occupied.

The President D. Davidson, Esq., presided, and L. J. Tweedie, Esq., Vice President and other office bearers of the society were present.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Chaplain, Mr. R. Gordon, after which the choir sang "Where are the Reapers."

Miss C. Johnson presided at the organ.

The Rev. Mr. McCullogh, of Red Bank, then addressed the meeting, saying he had been so charmed with the recent meeting at Newcastle, that he afterwards got 130 signers and at a late meeting at McKay's settlement all signed. His entertaining speech was received with much applause.

An Irish song "Long Barney," by Mr. William Smith followed, and received an encore, but under the new rule, the vocalists of the evening, while they appreciated the compliment, were not required to respond with another song, this demand being a somewhat unfair tax on the singer and interfering with the programme.

A humorous poetical recitation entitled "The Removal" was next given by Master Charles Kelly.

The Rev. Mr. McKeown then delivered an address, alluding to the generally increasing strength of the temperance cause and urging that the enemy they were least able to reach was the legalized traffic.

Signers to the pledge were now requested to come forward, during which the choir sang "Dare to be a Dutcher."

Mrs. Nichol sang the "Beggar Girl," which was received with applause.

A dialogue followed by Masters Ernest McKay and A. Templeton, "How to make all the world teetotalers."

Mr. L. DesBrisay next sang "Hard Times come again," the choir giving the chorus. The song received an encore, and was followed by a song by the choir, and a Duet by Miss Jessie Johnston and Mr. A. Ridling, entitled "Juanita" which was also encored.

Mr. Peter Loggie delivered a short address, saying he had come forward that evening to say he was a Dutcher, and he was glad to see so many old friends had joined the cause.

During the signing of the pledge Mrs. D. Patterson gave a performance on the organ, after which Mr. H. Patterson and Mrs. J. R. Goggin sang "Have courage boys to say no," which received an encore.

John Shirreff, Esq., next gave a reading, "Mose Skinner's Centennial Address," characterized by some racy Yankee humor, which caused much amusement, after which the choir sang "Britannia the Gem of the Ocean," followed by Mr. L. DesBrisay with "The land of the Leal," which was received with a continued encore, notwithstanding which the rule was wisely adhered to.

Vice-President L. J. Tweedie, Esq., said that the rule as to encores might perhaps be relaxed as regarded gentlemen.

(President—"Not to-night") Mr. Tweedie continued saying that henceforth collections would be taken at the door. On this and previous evenings there had been some donations, of shirt and other buttons deposited on the collection plate. That evening, by way of variety they had a conversation lozenge with the motto "Will you marry me," which was probably intended for the Secretary. At Newcastle they raised a collection of $19 at their meeting, while at Chatham, the Tuesday evening collections averaged only $5, which hardly paid expenses, especially when they had to organize societies in other places. The printing of the certificates had cost $6.00, there being now over 1,000 members belonging to the Dutcher Reformers. An application had been received from Tabusintac, as already stated, and a deputation from Chatham intended to visit that place next Wednesday. The Templars of Lower Napan would hold an open meeting on Thursday evening. On Wednesday evening 16th, a deputation from Chatham had established a branch of the Association at Douglasfield, when 50 persons signed the pledge, and there was no doubt that the society would be a success.

The Executive Committee wished to tender their warmest thanks to Mr. Stewart of the Waverly Hotel, Newcastle, who, on the evening of the organization of the Dutcher Reformers there, had entertained the people from Chatham in a very handsome manner, gratuitously. The Executive Committee also wished to thank the Ladies' Executive, through their President, for their efforts in making the Newcastle inauguration such a success, The thanks of the Committee were also due to the Band of the 73rd Battalion, which accompanied the Chatham people to Newcastle on that evening. In conclusion he was requested by the chairman to thank the meeting for the good order which had been maintained. There were some fifteen additional signers of the pledge on Tuesday night; the proceedings being brought to a close by the choir singing the National Anthem.

Bengough.

Mr. Bengough's Illustrated lectures in the Masonic Halls of Chatham and Newcastle, on Wednesday and Thursday evening last, respectively, were well attended and gave general satisfaction. His talking is in the serio-comic style with occasional dashes at the tragic and operatic, which display great talent for the stage and platform, while colored "chromos," rapidly created on common brown paper before the audience, are lifelike and happy hits, to a degree that is really astonishing. His first picture represented the Hon. Mr. Mitchell (and there was no mistaking the likeness) endeavoring to "dodge a Snowball." This was given both in Newcastle and Chatham and bought down the house. "Skip" Gray on the Curling Rink was an excellent hit in Chatham as were also the cartoons of Messrs. D. G. Smith, Robt. Bain, Wm. Wilkinson, the Chief of Police and Jas. T. Griffin, Esq. A miss was made in the "*Counter*feit presentment" of one popular citizen who holds no spite, however. The pictures sold at good figures at the close of the lectures.

"His Policy."

Referring to an *Advocate* Correspondent's account of a meeting held in Northesk recently by Hon. Mr. Mitchell, the *Freeman* says it was more remarkable for what it suppressed than what it reported. Our cotemperary also says:—"It would "be interesting to know what Mr. Mitchell said about the Fishery Regulations, and what he said about Free "Trade and Protection. His party are "Protectionists; he used to be a strong "Free Trader, we believe."

The *Freeman* ought to know that Mr. Mitchell's policy is a kind of double-jointed-patent, back-action one, suited to the political complexion of the majority in the different localities which he may favor with a visit. He is one of the Great Liberal-Conservative-Reform-Tory-Left-Centre-Right-about-face-now-you-see-him-and-now-you-don't "statesmen," whose light is fast fading from our political firmament before the rising sun of common sense and correct public sentiment.

Bathurst News.

A Bathurst correspondent writes:—

On Saturday last the proceedings of our Municipal Council were enlivened by a lengthy discussion on a resolution brought forward by Councillor O'Brien to remove T. DesBrisay, Esq., from the Office of Secretary Treasurer. The charges preferred against him were for issuing a Warrant to assess the County in the sum of $600 without the authority of the Council, and for neglecting to notify the Town Clerks of the respective parishes in the County of the persons holding licences for the sale of liquor, as by law required. After discussing the resolution and hearing an explanation from the ex-Warden and Mr. DesBrisay in his own defence, the Council, by a vote of 7 to 6, decided in favor of the resolution. John Sivewright, Esq., was appointed to fill the vacancy, and I may add the appointment is well received.

Bengough's entertainment on Tuesday night was very enjoyable, some of the local hits being very good, particularly those of our legal friends.

This is a delightful day, and crowds of our townsfolk are enjoying themselves in their sleighs.

Kent County Court.

The following is a list of the cases entered for trial in the above Court:—

CRIMINAL DOCKET.

The Queen *vs.* Thomas Simpson, forgery—J. D. Phinney for the Crown, A. L. Palmer for defence.

CIVIL DOCKET.

1. Susan Simpson *vs.* Antoine Girouard, trespass—J. A. James for plaintiff, C. J. Sayre for defendant.

2. Norman Fraser *vs.* Urbain Johnson, Assumpsit—Hutchinson & Phinney for plaintiff, C. J. Sayre for defendant.

3. Michael Savoy *vs.* Thomas Fahey, trespass—C. J. Sayre for plaintiff, Hutchinson & Phinney for defendant.

4. Michael Graham *vs.* John Potter, Senr., Assumpsit—C. Richardson for plaintiff, Hutchinson & Phinney for def't.

5. William Anthony Simpson, by next friend *vs.* Antoine Girouard, trespass—J. A. James for plaintiff, C. J. Sayre for defendant.

6. Joshua F. Black *vs.* John Stevenson, junr., Assumpsit—Hutchinson & Phinney for plaintiff, C. J. Sayre for defendant.

7. Andrew Dale *vs.* Charles Lawson, Assumpsit—C. Richardson for plaintiff, C. J. Sayre for defendant.

8. Mary Stothart *vs.* W. M. Kelly, Assumpsit—C. Richardson for plaintiff, Hutchinson & Phinney for defendant.

9. Duncan Stevenson, Administrator estate late James Stevenson *vs.* Thomas Sawyer, Assumpsit—J. A. James for plaintiff, H. A. Foster for defendant.

10. George Woods *vs.* Robert Baldwin, Assumpsit—Hutchinson & Phinney for plaintiff, C. Richardson for defendant.

11. Augustine Babino *vs.* Joseph Herbert, Assumpsit—C. J. Sayre for plaintiff, C. Richardson for defendant.

12. Edward P. Cormier *vs.* James McNarin and David Keswick, trespass—C. Richardson for Plaintiff, H. A. Foster for defendants.

13. Duncan Stevenson *vs.* Andrew McIntosh, Assumpsit—C. Richardson for plaintiff, H. A. Foster for defendant.

14. Fabian Landry *vs.* James McNarin and David Keswick, trespass—C. Richardson for plaintiff, H. A. Foster for def't.

BASTARDY DOCKET.

1. Overseers of the poor, Parish of Welford *vs.* Thomas Nesbitt, C. J. Sayre for Overseers.

2. Overseers of the poor, Parish of St. Louis *vs.* Henry J. Beattie, C. J. Sayer for Overseers.

The case of the Queen *vs.* Simpson for forgery resulted in a verdict of "Not Guilty." A. L. Palmer, Esq., Q. C., defended Simpson.

In the case of Simpson *vs.* Girouard the jury found a verdict for defendant.

Fraser *vs.* Johnson. The jury in this case brought in a verdict for plaintiff for $152.

In re Graham *vs.* Potter, the jury failed to agree.

Correspondence.

BLACK BROOK, Jan. 21., '78.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

SIR.—I see in a published letter from Brook Brook that reference has been made to the change in the Post Office here, the correspondent choosing to say that it savors of politics. So far as I am concerned, I beg to say the intimation is incorrect. If the correspondents will call at the Office I will show them my appointment which I think will convince him I am right. I have also been very credibly informed that these young gentlemen accuse me of replying to their "May Be So" letter, but this also is not true, as I would think it beneath my notice.

If either of these gentlemen have anything to say to me in regard to my public or private character, I will not notice their communications, unless they come out like gentlemen over their own signatures. In reference to my replying to the "May Be So" scribbler, Mr. Editor, would you please inform them otherwise.

Hoping that you will give this space, I remain yours respectfully

ANDREW LOGGIE.

[It is only right, we suppose, for us to state the fact that the Postmaster of Black Brook is not the gentleman who replied to "May Be So." We confess to a wish that other residents of that favored locality would estimate the correspondence referred to as the Postmaster does.—EDITOR.]

Bankruptcy in Canada.

It appears from Messrs. Dun, Wyman & Co,'s statement of the business failures in 1877, that New Brunswick shows a greater proportion of failures to the number of traders than any of the other Provinces, though the average liability is smaller. In 1876, New Brunswick occupied a better position in this respect than any of them, and the change noted must be attributed to the disastrous fire. The published statement is as follows:—

Province.	No of traders.	Proportion of failures. 1877	1876	Average liability per failure.
Ontario,	26,924	1 in 28	31	$11,750.00
Quebec,	19,874	1 " 31	33	17,291.00
Nova Scotia,	5,149	1 " 44	41	10,227.00
New Bruns'wk,	3,471	1 " 25	44	9,961.00
P. E. Island,	707	1 " 31	31	10,477.00
Manitoba,	359	1 " 58	..	10,966.00

The following statement shows the number and amount of failures in Canada during the last two years:—

Province.	1876. No. of Fail.	1876. Amt. of L'ab.	1877. No. of Fail.	1877. Amt. of Liab.
Ontario,	873	$ 9,488,052	968	$11,573,550
Quebec,	600	13,678,646	637	11,014,780
Nova Scotia,	150	1,419,921	116	1.186,403
New Brunswick,	78	740,854	139	1,384,634
P. E. Island,	23	149,684	23	240,975
Newfoundland,	4	40,833	1	44,000
Manitoba,	..	....	..	65,797
	1,728	$25,517,991	1,890	$25,510,147.

A Merited Testimonial.

Capt. H. W. Chisholm, the popular agent of the International Steamship Co., at St. John, was on Thursday last the recipient of a very valuable gold chronometer, gold seal and chain, the gift of the Queen Insurance Co., as a mark of their appreciation of the Captain's gallant services on the day of the Great Fire, when valuable lives and much property were saved by Captain Chisholm's efforts. A large number of persons assembled in the Common Council chamber to witness the presentation. The Lieutenant Governor acted as Chairman, and presentation speeches were made by Mr. C. E. L. Jarvis, the Company's General Agent, and Mr. John Boyd, who also spoke for the Company. Mayor Earle and Hon. A. McL. Seely, a director of the Steamship Co., also spoke. Captain Chisholm was very much affected but replied in a fine spirit. There was a great gathering of representative men and public officials on the occasion.

GENERAL NEWS.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE arrived at Gravesend on the 21st.

A ROYAL MARRIAGE.—A Hague despatch says that a marriage is contemplated between the Prince of Orange and Princess Beatrice of England.

RECOVERY OF LORD DERBY—A despatch dated Jan. 21, says Lord Derby is better and will resume his duties immediately. He is to be present at the Cabinet Council to-day.

SIR GARNET WOLSELEY ON THE SITUATION.—Sir Garnet Wolseley in the Jan. number of the *Nineteenth Century* says "Holland, Belgium, France and England allied together would form a league that even proud Germany would feel was too powerful for her to face."

TEMPERANCE IN HIGH QUARTERS.—Mrs. Hayes, wife of President Hayes, gets approval from the Temperance advocates. She had no wine on her table at her silver wedding dinner, and the wife of the Secretory of War gave her New Year's callers only chocolate and coffee.

FISH OILS DECISION OF THE U. S. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The U. S. Secretary of the Treasury rules that, notwithstanding the stipulation in the Treaty of Washington for the free admission of fish oil, the product of the Dominion of Canada, Prince Edward Island, &c., cod liver oil refined and purified for use as medicine will be treated as dutiable, whether imported in bottles, casks or barrels.

BURIAL OF A FENIAN.—A despatch dated Dublin, Jan. 21, says the funeral of the dead Fenian McCarthy took place yesterday. It is estimated that 60,000 persons followed the remains to the cemetery. There were 40 bands in the procession, which was the largest since the burial of Daniel O'Connell. Other Fenian prisoners, recently released, were among the principal mourners.

GREAT FIRE AT HONOLULU, SANDWICH ISLAND.—A fire at Honolulu, in December, the principal seaport of the Sandwich Islands, devastated a portion of the city; destroyed the Government War offices, the Custom house and the wharves and the sheds devoted to the use of the ocean mail steamers, and a number of private buildings, also lumber yards, manufacturing establishments, etc. Loss, quarter of a million; insurance sixty-three thousand.

CONTEMPLATED NEW HOTEL.—It is reported that Mr. A. Jones, late of Barnes' Hotel, is taking steps with a view to the purchase of the Mount Pleasant Park house to be converted into a first class hotel. The situation and extensive grounds render the location a very desirable one. Mr. Jones having a through knowledge of the hotel business is just the man to carry out such an undertaking in a way that will cause the hotel to be well patronised. A firm of architects is now engaged in the preparation of plans.—*Tel.*

THE ST. JOHN GLASS WORKS.—Mr. Richard Davis, who was formerly connected with the Glass Works at Courtenay Bay, purchased the building and plant lately, and intends putting everything in good running order. Mr. Davis is supported by some of St. John's prominent merchants in his undertaking, and we wish him every success. Mr. D. intends making certain repairs and improvements upon the machinery, and expects to be able to start on the manufacture of window glass, globes and bottles of all kinds in about six weeks. It will be very satisfactory to see these works again in operation, as there seems to be no obstacle, save bad management, in the way of the success of the enterprise.

RAILWAY MORTALITY IN THE U. S.—During the past year the mortality among railway companies in the United States has been immense. The number of companies involved, the mileage of road put under foreclosure and the amount of money lost were larger than they have been in any former year. Fifty-four roads, having 3,875 miles of way, and capital stock or bonded indebtedness amounting to $199,000,000, were sold under judical order. Sixteen other roads, having 2,388 miles, and $256,000,000 of debts, have been ordered by the Courts to be sold, but have not yet been put at auction. In addition to these there are forty-four roads against which foreclosure proceedings are pending. These last roads have a length of 5,409 miles, and are indebted to the extent of $320,000,000. There are thus 114 railroad companies with 11,672 miles of road, and stock and debts to the enormous extent of $775,421,630, either dead or in process of dying, and the greater part of the money invested in these undertakings has vanished. The losses in 1877 on account of the shrinkage of railroad securities amount to not less than one-sixth of the national debt of the United States, and involve about a sixth of the entire railroad investment of the country.

From Lewis Johnston, M. D., of Horton, N. S.

"My convictions of the value of the PERUVIAN SYRUP are such, that were I again in general practice, I should rely on it as more efficacious in many diseases than any of the agents usually resorted to. I shall consequently avail myself of any fitting opportunity to recommend it for trial, and shall be glad to learn that it is more and more coming to take the place it merits in the healing art."

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Thomas' Eclectric Oil! Worth Ten Times its Weight in Gold. Do you know anything of it? If not, it is time you did.

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MARRIED.

On the 16th inst., at the residence of G. M. McAndrews, Chatham, by the Rev. H. McKeown, Mr. Harvey E. Thomson, to Miss Agnes, second daughter of John Jenkins, Esq., of St. John.

DIED.

At Chatham Head, on the 14th inst., Grace, wife of John Johnston, in the 80th year of her age—A native of Miramichi.

An Item for the Public.

THE SINGER MANUFACTURING CO., of New York, Manufacturers of the celebrated SINGER IMPROVED Sewing Machines, have reduced their prices so largely that FOR CASH, the Machines can now be obtained for nearly one half the former price. Machines can also be had as heretofore on lease or note at a small advance. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. A call is respectfully solicited at the Company's Chatham Agency—THE MIRAMICHI BOOKSTORE.

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A MUSICAL and LITERARY entertainment under the Auspices of the

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—ON—

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PROCLAMATION!

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NORTHUMBERLAND, TO-WIT:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Electoral District aforesaid, that in obedience to Her Majesty's Writ, to me directed, and bearing date the 17th day of January, 1878, I require the presence of the said Electors at the Court House, in the Town of Newcastle,

On the 5th day of the Month of February next

from noon until two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating a person to represent them in the House of Commons of Canada; and that in case a Poll be demanded and allowed in the manner by law prescribed, such Poll will be opened on the 12th day of the month of February, in the year 1878, from the hour of 9 in the morning till 5 of the clock in the afternoon, in each of the Polling Districts, that is to say:—

FOR THE POLLING DISTRICT NO. 1.—Consisting of all that part of the Parish of Newcastle, lying West of a line commencing at the Westerly side of the Steam Ferry Landing in the Town of Newcastle, thence in a direct line to the Westerly side of Henry Street at Gifford's Blacksmith's Shop, thence Northerly along the Westerly side of Henry Street to the North Side of the Queen's Highway, at Fay's Hotel, thence Easterly along said Highway to Prince William Street, thence Northerly along the West side of Prince William Street and the Chaplin Island Road to its intersection with the Westerly boundary line of said Parish:—AT THE COURT HOUSE.

FOR THE POLLING DISTRICT NO. 2.—Consisting of all that part of the Parish of Newcastle, lying Easterly of the East boundary line of District No. 1 above described, and Westerly of the line dividing Upper and Lower Douglastown:—AT OR NEAR JOHN ROBINSON'S.

FOR THE POLLING DISTRICT NO. 3.—Consisting of the remaining portion of the said Parish of Newcastle, lying East of the line dividing Upper and Lower Douglastown:—AT OR NEAR THE SCHOO