

Miramichi and the North Shore.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETINGS are to be held to-day. DEIVING was freely indulged in yesterday, the sleighing being excellent on both roads and river.

THE "TORCH" continues to shine. It has some capably conceived hits in No. 3, each successive issue being well sustained.

FOR EUROPE.—Hon. Mr. Mulholland is now on his way to Great Britain. J. B. Snowball, Esq., leaves for England to-night.

THE COURT OF COMMONS met at a special meeting on Tuesday, and adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 29th inst., when the annual meeting will be held.

THE KENT COUNTY COURT will meet at Richibucto on Tuesday next, His Honor Judge Bates presiding. There will be quite a large list of civil cases to be disposed of.

RECREATED BRITAINS.—Thermometer at Richibucto on Tuesday, 24° below zero. The roads are first class; business is dull; money is reported by merchants scarce; weather is bracing.

INJURED BY A HORSE.—A few days ago Augustin C. Johnson, son of Urban Johnson, Esq., M. P. P. of St. Louis, Kent, was kicked on the head by a horse and seriously injured.

LET INJURED.—Mr. Simon Graham, a merchant of Kingston, Kent, recently had a bone of one of his legs broken by slipping from a ladder while descending a hay loft. He is recovering.

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.

SEVERE FALL ON ICE.—Jas. Burns, Esq., a prominent magistrate, who resides at St. Nicholas River, Kent, recently slipped on the ice and in falling his head came in contact with a hammer in the mill, fracturing his skull.

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A SPLENDID ORGAN has been purchased from Messrs. Landry & Co., St. John, through Mr. Timothy Harrington, for the use of St. Michael's Total Abstinence Society and the Reading Room Club. It is an Estey instrument, constructed on a new principle and from a new design, its chief points of excellence being round, full and powerful pipe tones, which are given out at a point opposite the organist, who faces the audience. The price was not higher than that of a parlor organ, while the instrument secured has undoubtedly no equal of its class on the North Shore.

Messrs. Landry & Co.'s great success in their business is, no doubt, owing to the fact that they aim to give people the worth of their money.

MORE BEARS.—An obliging Weldfield correspondent writes us the following account of a bear capture: On Friday, 28th ult., four Napan men, having heard that a bear had sallied out to get something good for Christmas, armed themselves with guns, knives and tomahawks and took the track of the animal. For a long time they followed the trail without much success, but at last, by a cry from their dog warned them that the time for action had come. A minute's consultation on the best mode of attack was followed by an advance to the fray by the leader of the party, Mr. Jas. Hannah, jr., who, on account of his great strength was conceded the honor of having the first shot. Elated by the idea of finishing the bear with one shot, he started towards it on the run, rifle in hand, tumbled over a large hemlock log that lay in his course, and while he was recovering himself the gun was taken from his grasp by John Nicholson, who lodged the contents in the bear's body. J. Fitzpatrick followed with a similar dose, which experienced bear hunter, Mr. Wm. Brown, put in shot No. 3. The latter took the bear by his legs and, thinking the animal was dead, Mr. Brown ran in with his gun club and gave it to him on the nose. This awakened the bear from his stupor, and brought him once more to his feet; and now Mr. Brown and Mr. Bruin engaged in a rough-and-tumble fight. The deep silence that prevailed during the fight, was at last broken by Mr. Hannah, who in a large poplar sung out "Go in, Billy, strike him on the nose" and a few moments more and the bear was on top of Mr. Brown and with one stroke of his mighty paw split that gentleman's pants from end to end, thus leaving the poor fellow in the possession of a new pair. The next shot brought the bear to his untimely end, and set our party congratulating themselves on their success. He was carried on poles to Mr. O'Hern's, the nearest house, and here the settlers crowded to see the trophy.

On Monday last Messrs. Colin Fraser, Sam'l Kingston and John Buckley came across two bears on the side of Bay du Vin River, opposite Graham's mill. Having discovered the existence of a den they dug into it thinking that but one bear had taken up its residence there, but on their firing at one which poked its nose out, and looking in to ascertain the state of things, the eyes of a second and smaller one were seen, and formed a guide for a deadly shot. The first bear killed was very large and the second quite small.

At the earnest and repeated request of leading citizens of Newcastle "The Dutch Temperance Reform Society of Chatham" paid a professional visit to that town last Thursday evening. About 70 earnest men and women there resolved to inaugurate a similar association in the shire town. They had a delightful drive on the ice and, on their arrival, were courteously entertained at the "Waverly House" and comfortably warmed before the hour of meeting. At 7.30 they proceeded to the Masonic Hall, which they found filled to the door. Every available spot was occupied. On entering, the delegation from Chatham was received with applause. In a short time the meeting was opened by the Chatham Land playing "Titus March."

The chair was taken by D. Davidson, Esq., President of the Chatham Society, at whose request the Rev. J. Anderson of Newcastle offered prayer. The President then called upon the "Chatham Dutch Choir" to favour the meeting with music, when they sang with much spirit "Rock of Ages."

The Vice-President of the Chatham Society, L. J. Tweedie, Esq., M. P. P., explained the object of the meeting clearly and in earnest terms. He said the object was to secure total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks as a leverage; that the organization consisted of all who signed the pledge and aided in the work; that all the meetings were public; that the society had a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, a Marshall, and Assistant Marshall, besides an Executive Committee of six persons who prepared the programme for each meeting, a Ladies' Executive Committee, who furnished the music and a Visiting Committee of twenty-six persons.

His exposition of the association and its object was received with applause. In the course of the evening, lucid, earnest and telling addresses were delivered by Rev. J. A. F. McEain, J. R. Goggin, Esq., Rev. J. C. Herdman and Wm. Sinclair Esq., each in the order mentioned. These addresses were alternated with music by the Choir and Band, and solos by Mrs. Goggin, Miss Sadie Gillis and Miss Templeton, Mr. Harvey Thompson and Mr. L. Desbray, all of whose efforts were thoroughly appreciated.

During the proceedings opportunities were afforded to persons who wished to do so to sign the pledge. Much enthusiasm prevailed throughout the evening which will be fully manifest to all when the fact is stated that about 470 persons—men, women and children—signed the pledge before the meeting closed. Those who signed were requested to appoint a committee who would visit and select officers for the Newcastle Society, while the following gentlemen were chosen, viz: Charles Sargent, Samuel Thomson, Q. C. Richard Davidson, Allan Ritchie, J. M. Troy, M. Russell, George Brown, Thos. Mullans, Wm. Park, Charles Bourne, Timothy Crocker, and C. C. Watt.

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MR. BROWN'S RESIGNATION.—Rev. J. D. H. Brown has formally tendered his resignation as Rector of Dorchester and Sackville, in consequence of a state of health which will preclude him, for a time at least, from active clerical duties. His resignation is to take place in April, but Mr. Brown will leave sooner if a successor can be found before that time.

A \$10,000 FIRE IN PETTICOAT.—On the evening of the 2nd inst., about seven o'clock, a fire broke out in George Cameron's sash and door factory, Petticoat, and notwithstanding the great exertions made to save it, the building was burnt to the ground in a short time. By a great effort a small adjacent building was saved. The loss will not be less than \$10,000, and it is feared there is little if no insurance.

A PORTLAND SHOOTING AFFAIR.—Portland boys are eccentric; at times they do the most unaccountable things. James Collins and Thomas Richardson were lately playing together, when the former, who had a pistol, asked Richardson to hold up his hat to be shot at, and upon his refusal, shot him in the back, giving a serious wound at the base of the spine. Collins was about 11 years of age, and was duly arrested.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE I. C. R. R.—On Friday last a man named Daniel Campbell, of Campbell Settlement, Sussex, was instantly killed by the train going on the I. C. R., about a mile below Sussex station, near Aiken's crossing. The unfortunate man was known to be in a pitiful state of intoxication. He must have been lying on the track when the train struck him.

THE DIGBY, N. S. ELECTION.—It appears that the Minister of Militia who has resigned in consequence of having violated the Independence of Parliament laws, is to be opposed in Digby by the Hon. John C. Wade, a former Speaker of the House of Assembly. In his card Mr. Wade remarks that he has consented to become a candidate, and that on the 12th inst., the day of nomination, he will explain his views. It is quite clear that the opposition to Mr. Vail is, under the circumstances, only vexatious.

CHANGE IN THE ST. JOHN FIRE DEPARTMENT.—At a meeting of the St. John City Council on Friday last, the special Fire Committee reported that they had received the resignation of Thomas Marter, Chief Engineer of the department, and recommended its acceptance, as well as that he be appointed a salary of \$200 per annum, Inspector of Stores of the department.

It was recommended that A. Chipman Smith, Esq., be appointed Chief Engineer at a salary of \$1,500 per annum. After some discussion the motion was carried by a vote of 13 to 5.

LUMBERING ACCIDENTS.—A correspondent of the Woodstock Sentinel writes to that paper from Argyle, Carleton County, that on the 31st ult. a man named Rockland, belonging to Jacksonville, attending the landings in Mr. Phillips' lumbering operations on the Miramichi, was found lying at the "Landing" to all appearance dead; he was quite senseless till 3 o'clock; when he was carried through Glouceville, about 9 o'clock that night, he was still alive, but not able to speak.

Another man, in the same crew, had his leg broken and ankle put out of joint, about the same time, and was carried out of the woods on the same sled that conveyed Mr. Rockland. The men in Mr. Bell's crew, on the Nashawak, cut themselves on the same day. Mr. John Smith, also on that day, had his ankle very badly hurt while loading logs in the woods.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—A correspondent of the Halifax Beacon makes some quotations on the use of corporal punishment in Public Schools, urging its necessity. After quoting Henry Kidd Esq., City Superintendent of New York, he says the Rev. John May, an Inspector in the Province of Ontario, recently addressed the teachers and students of the Carlton County Model School, and speaking of discipline, says: "I am as far as possible from sympathy with those who would banish the rod. It will be, to our schools, a day fraught with disaster, when the Legislature of the Department (Educational) condemns the rod. It will open the floodgates of license and youthful riot. Let the rod remain. Give it a conspicuous place. Use it in

Correspondence.

[We invite correspondence on all local subjects and will be glad to publish anything that will interest our readers, individually, or in the communities in which they live. Local News, Notices of Improvements—either municipal or otherwise, and especially Agricultural, Lumbering, Fishing, Mechanical and other industrial notices are especially welcome. We do not expect that all who desire to assist us in our work are good writers, but that should not deter them from sending us their favors. We above the news and will see that it goes into the paper in proper shape.]

Letter from Mr. Scofield.

MR. EDITOR:—In a communication in the last ADVANCE, D. McLaughlin asserts in a letter to the Advocate dated Dec. 20th, I used Mr. Wm. Whalen's name without his knowledge, or consent; and he also publishes, in confirmation what he says. Now I ask is this not a rather singular proceeding considering the fact that I never used Mr. Wm. Whalen's name, either directly or indirectly? What I stated was that "When I signed the petition in favour of site No. 1, I promised Mr. Whalen, I would write a letter to the Advocate in favour of said site; and I also stated, that Mr. Whalen informed me, that the length of the settlement was fifteen miles. These statements I am prepared to prove. I, therefore, advise D. McLaughlin, if he again attempts to prove that any statements of mine are false, not to take a "leap in the dark," and again exhibit himself before the public in the ludicrous position he now occupies. As I cannot possibly see, how any stretch of the imagination can construe what I said to mean Mr. Wm. Whalen's name, a genuine case of backing up the wrong tree. Your correspondent prides that I was correct in my statement concerning the saving in distance, by asking "why do people have business to do with Fairleys and Scofield come around by my place, a circuit of fourteen miles, when it is so much shorter to go across if the road is passable as he says?" Now, any person who reads my letter will see that I did not say the road was altogether passable, as I excepted the White Rapid Brook Bridge, which I said could be repaired for less than \$50; and if this was done all the travel between Upper Renous and Blackville would come that way. A settler on this land has just informed me that he could, leaving out the White Rapid Brook Bridge, make the remainder of the road passable for a wagon, in two hours.

JOHN L. SCOFFIELD. Blackville, Jan. 8th, 1878.

Temporance at Little Branch, Black River.

"LITTLE BRANCH, Dec. 29th, 1877. To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance. SIR:—I take the liberty to enclose a short report of a temperance meeting, held in the Little Branch School House, on the 27th Dec. under the title of the Little Branch Dutch Reform Society. Notwithstanding the state of the roads there was a large attendance. After a few very touching, and most appropriate remarks by Mr. Hugh Cameron, V. P. of the Black River Association, of whom we have to make special mention for the valuable services he rendered us on this occasion, the meeting was opened with prayer. The pledge was then presented, on which there were fifty-six names enrolled, each one coming to view with the other in their zeal for the cause. The following officers were then elected:—

Mr. George Fowle, President. Mr. James Fowle, Jr. Secretary. Kenneth McKnight, Chaplain. Alex. Cameron, 1st V. P. Allan McKay, 2nd V. P. Kenneth McDonald, 3rd V. P. J. M. Cameron, Treasurer.

An Executive Committee of six—three ladies and three gentlemen—was also appointed. After the association was duly organized and things put in working shape we were entertained for about fifteen minutes with an eloquent address from Mr. H. Cameron. There was then some singing. A vote of thanks was tendered to the speaker, and after singing the Doxology the meeting adjourned to meet again on Thursday.

We shall be most happy to see any of the brethren from the town who may honour us with their presence or favour us with a speech at any of our meetings. I am, Sir, yours, most respectfully, ALEX. CAMERON, V. P.

The Ludlow Election.

BOISTOWN, Jan. 5, 1878. MR. EDITOR:—As one of our Councillors for Ludlow resigned, a new writ was issued for the election of a Councillor. We met on Jan. 4th in the School room near the residence of John Pond Esq., Parish Clerk, who at 10 o'clock opened the meeting.

John Campbell was elected Chairman, who, after taking the necessary oath, called for nominations when Ernest Hutchison, Esq., was nominated by Messrs. Justice Fairley, Kenneth Cameron, Wm. McKay and a number of others. Aaron Price was nominated by Mr. Walter B. Hovey and a number of others. Any person who saw our friend, Justice Fairley, Esq., employing himself in acquainting others with the requirements of the occasion, would have known at once that he was bound Hutchison could be elected. The result was that Hutchison polled 37 votes and Hovey 9, which is quite a good vote, for at this season of the year the ratepayers are mostly engaged in the woods.

Ludlow is to be congratulated on having a gentleman so well qualified to represent it at the Municipal Council Board.

THE BAIT QUESTION IN NEWFOUNDLAND.—In consequence of supplies of bait obtained by American fishermen on the coast of Newfoundland, it is said they are enabled to make three trips a season, instead of two. This matter is attracting considerable attention in Newfoundland.

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MR. BROWN'S RESIGNATION.—Rev. J. D. H. Brown has formally tendered his resignation as Rector of Dorchester and Sackville, in consequence of a state of health which will preclude him, for a time at least, from active clerical duties. His resignation is to take place in April, but Mr. Brown will leave sooner if a successor can be found before that time.

A \$10,000 FIRE IN PETTICOAT.—On the evening of the 2nd inst., about seven o'clock, a fire broke out in George Cameron's sash and door factory, Petticoat, and notwithstanding the great exertions made to save it, the building was burnt to the ground in a short time. By a great effort a small adjacent building was saved. The loss will not be less than \$10,000, and it is feared there is little if no insurance.

A PORTLAND SHOOTING AFFAIR.—Portland boys are eccentric; at times they do the most unaccountable things. James Collins and Thomas Richardson were lately playing together, when the former, who had a pistol, asked Richardson to hold up his hat to be shot at, and upon his refusal, shot him in the back, giving a serious wound at the base of the spine. Collins was about 11 years of age, and was duly arrested.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE I. C. R. R.—On Friday last a man named Daniel Campbell, of Campbell Settlement, Sussex, was instantly killed by the train going on the I. C. R., about a mile below Sussex station, near Aiken's crossing. The unfortunate man was known to be in a pitiful state of intoxication. He must have been lying on the track when the train struck him.