

Local and General News.

"GODEY'S" for May at the Miramichi Bookstore. A NOTICE of the Napan D. T. R. meeting will appear next week. SIGNS OF SPRING.—Three horses got in the ice, opposite the town, on Tuesday. PARLIAMENTARY HUMOR.—On our fourth page will be found a clever sketch from the pen of the Ottawa correspondent of the St. John Globe. MARINE SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—At St. John Marine School, on the 11th inst., Mr. Luke DeMont, of Chatham, passed a successful examination as ship master. "A REFORMER," writing from Shippegan, regrets to send his name. His communication will appear next week, should we receive his name in the meantime. CURIOSITIES.—An egg, a little larger than a marble, laid by a common hen and an early butterfly was sent us, as curiosities, by lady readers, last week. PERSONAL.—Hon. R. Hutchison and Mr. James Brown, of Newcastle, were passengers by the Polynesian, which arrived at Halifax on Sunday morning last. NOT TO BE HELD.—We are requested to state that the Committee who had charge of the societies held before Lent are unable to hold one on Monday evening next, as anticipated. CAPTAIN BURNAY.—Captain Burnay, the well-known Englishman who wrote the "Ride to Khiva," is said to have been spending a portion of the past year with the Turkish army. SHEPHERD BREAKWATER.—The contractors for this work have had all requisite material, with the exception of some stones, which will have to be "sowed," placed on the ground in readiness for resumption of work in about a week. TYPHUS AMONG THE RUSSIANS.—Typhus fever is causing sad havoc among the Russian troops at Adrianople. The doctors are nearly all sick, an entire medical corps has been swept away, and 2,000 soldiers who are ill with this disease are billeted on private houses throughout the city. YESTERDAY MORNING (12th inst.) at the seven o'clock mass in the Cathedral, His Lordship Bishop Sweeney conferred the following orders, viz:—Deaconship; Rev. R. L. Walsh, Archdeacon of Boston; Rev. Deaconship, Rev. Mr. Gaynor, diocese of St. John, N. B.—St. John Herald. BOSS TWEED lately died, in Jail, in New York, of pneumonia. Chaffing upon prison restraints, worried by investigation, chagrined at being freed by those who buzzed around him in the days of his prosperity, he has passed away with a broken heart, a blackened reputation and a ruined fortune. COMING ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.—Two important astronomical events take place the present year, one of which is the transit of Mercury across the sun on the 6th May, for the observation of which great preparations are being made at various points, and the other, the total eclipse of the sun on the 19th July. COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.—Those of our readers who intend taking a course at the Commercial College, St. John, will find the present a favorable time for beginning study, as Messrs. Eaton & Kerr have just moved into their new premises, on Prince William Street, and seem determined to add to their already well established reputation. See their advt. LEPROSY.—A case of leprosy came under the hands of Dr. Chandler some time ago. Subsequent to his treatment, the patient crossed the Atlantic, with a view of effecting a cure; it is understood that he has returned cured. He states that the treatment he received was of the same nature as that prescribed by Dr. Chandler. —Borderer. FEARS OF A GENERAL WAR IN AFRICA.—A despatch dated London 11th states the outbreak of Secoceni, the powerful chief, announced on the 7th inst., surprised the Transvaal Government, which was unprepared and only able to send 100 native allies, against 500 Kaffirs who were surrounding Fort Burger. ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.—At the adjourned meeting of the St. George's Society, held at the Canada House, on Monday evening last, it was unanimously resolved that in consequence of the death of Mrs. Snowball, mother of J. B. Snowball, Esq., President of the Society, that the Society would not hold its annual dinner this year. DEATH OF HON. JOHN YOUNG.—A Montreal despatch dated April 13, states that the Hon. John Young, chairman of the House of Commons, died in an early hour of the morning, aged 67 years. He has occupied a prominent place as a merchant, politician, and public man in Canada for half a century. He has been confined to the house for some months past. MONTEZUM EMIGRANTS FOR THE NORTH-WEST.—There is talk of another batch of emigrants from Montreal for the Northwest. The promoters seem to be quite earnest in getting together the number necessary for a pass, but whether the movement will come to anything we cannot say. There appears to be wonderful differences of opinion in reference to the climate of the Northwest.—Times. OBITUARY.—We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. Snowball, mother of J. B. Snowball, Esq., at Truro, on Thursday last. The news of Mrs. Snowball's demise will cause sincere regret to many residents of Chatham, to whom she was endeared by the remembrance of her pleasant relations towards them during her residence here, though many years have elapsed since her removal from Chatham. FITTING OUT OF MERCHANT SHIPS AS CRUISERS.—In order to enable merchant ships to act as cruisers and convoys in case of war, the necessary preparations are being made at Portsmouth. The fittings which they are to be supplied consist of ammunition cases, shell racks, gun gear strengthening for the sides in the wake of a gun, and other fittings. It is expected that an Admiralty draftsman will be specially told off to take charge of the work. OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.—A despatch dated London April 13 says the thirty-first race between the Oxford and Cambridge crews took place this morning on the River Thames. The usual course from Putney to Mortlake, four miles and 2 furlongs, resulted in an easy victory for Oxford. This makes, in the 36 contests, 18 victories by Oxford, over whom Cambridge was successful in 16 races, the other being a dead-heat.

S. brigts. "Annie W. Goddard" and "Magala," of this port, and "D. M. Dickie," of Windsor.—St. John Globe. REMOVAL.—Mr. Isaac Harris, who has catered so long and so ably to his many patrons in the well known stand in the Commercial Building, has removed to the store formerly occupied by Messrs. Robertson & McAndrews, which, in addition to the improvements made on it last year, has been lately newly painted inside and otherwise improved. The stock of jewelry and like goods and tobaccos, cigars, etc., kept by Mr. Harris has always been full and up to the mark, and its present complete state will be supplemented by arrivals of fancy goods in variety this week. Mr. Harris offers good inducements to buyers, as those making inspection of his stock will find. SHOOTING CASE.—On Saturday last, John Horne was brought before Police Magistrate Blair, for preliminary examination on a charge of firing a gun and wounding a boy named Allan McKay, on Friday evening. It appeared from the evidence that boys had been annoying and tormenting the prisoner by throwing pieces of iron, bricks and billets of wood at him several of which struck him, and one piece cut the finger of his right hand. Being very much exasperated he ran in and loaded his gun, with what he believed to be a charge of powder, and fired in the air for the purpose of frightening the boys, and not of injuring them, but some shot mixed with the powder struck the boy in the back and also grazed his side, inflicting very slight wounds. The prisoner was cautioned and discharged. SUDDEN DEATH.—John Whelan, Esq., late proprietor of the Kent Hotel, Esq., died very suddenly of heart disease, in that town, on Saturday last. A correspondent of the Advocate pays the following tribute to the memory of the deceased gentleman:— Mr. Whelan was a man of warm and generous impulses, and although, like all others, he had his peculiarities, yet they were not such as to be a cause of offence or of evil influence to his neighbors. Kind and courteous in his manner, he won many friends among those with whom he was brought in daily contact. He was foremost in all charitable enterprises, and always gave liberally when he deemed the object worthy. For many years he had been one of the Wardens of the Episcopal Church, and will be much missed by the members of that congregation. Indian Drowned.—A correspondent kindly sends the following:— Black Brook, April 17, '78. "An Indian named Mitchell Cloud, who came from Chatham this morning, under the influence of liquor, attempted to cross the river on the ice from Black Brook—with an iron pot on his back—on his way to Burnt Church. Two or three minutes after leaving the shore he disappeared through the ice. Three men went out immediately after he sunk but could not find any signs of him. Only one old squaw—his mother, I believe—was looking at him when the accident happened. Before starting he was advised not to venture on the ice, but said he wasn't afraid." Entertainment of the Dutcher Reformers.—On Tuesday evening the Dutcher Reformers held their weekly meeting in the Masonic Hall. The chair was occupied by Vice-President John Shirreff, Esq., who called upon the Rev. Mr. McKeown to open the proceedings with prayer. The following was the programme of the evening:— "Ring the Bells of Heaven," by the Choir. Address—By the Rev. T. L. Smith. Solo—"Wrecked and saved," by Miss Fairie, accompaniment by Miss Annie Shirreff. Recitation—"The Frenchman and the Landlord," by Albert Patterson. Quartette—"A Home by the River," by Mrs. J. R. Goggin, Miss Annie Shirreff, and Messrs. H. Patterson and D. Chessman, accompaniment by Miss C. Johnston. Temperance Dialogue, by Masters Ernest McKay and Harry Shirreff. Chorus—"Where are the Reapers," by the Choir. Address—By Master Ernest Murray. Solo—"Molly Avourneen," by Mr. H. Patterson, accompaniment by Mrs. David Patterson. Address—By Mr. P. M. Jack. Chorus—"To the Work, Yield not to Temptation," by the Choir. Address—By Mr. R. Harper of St. John. Duet—"Come with the lute to the fountain," by Misses Mary Anderson and Maggie Johnston, accompaniment by Miss Annie Shirreff. Address—By the Rev. Mr. McKeown. Solo—"Napoleon and Josephine," by Mr. L. Deabray. Address—By J. R. Goggin, Esq. Chorus—"The village chorists," by the Choir. The proceedings were closed by the Choir singing "God save the Queen." There was a very large audience, and during the evening singers to the pledge were called for, a number of whom came forward. Freewill Committee's Report on the Resurrection Church's Question.—The following is a copy of the report of the Committee of Freewill appointed to inquire into the above matter:— THE RESURRECTION CHURCH. To the Presbytery of Miramichi.— Your committee beg to submit the following statement of facts in regard to the building and deed of a church at Esquamine, Northumberland County, N. B.: 1. After careful and extensive enquiry your committee find that no section of the people at Esquamine or neighborhood petitioned the Miramichi Methodist District Meeting or any of its clerical members for a preacher, lay or clerical. This statement is corroborated by the following facts:— 1. When, in the Fall of 1875, the first Methodist lay preacher was sent to Esquamine, he was immediately preceded by no Methodist Preacher connected with the District (at Esquamine). 2. When Mr. Williams, Rev. S. Huschison, was laboring at Black River, Bay du Vin, and Esquamine with much success, his ministrations being highly appreciated and himself much beloved by the people. 3. When Mr. Williams, the said Methodist lay preacher, arrived in the District it was with the stated difficulty of getting a house to board in, the people being ignorant of his coming, and no provision having been made about his board, and his case if the people had sent for a Methodist Preacher or if there had been one Methodist family resident in the place. 4. About six months after Mr. Williams arrived, Mr. Russell left for another field of labor, so that Mr. Williams had no one to assist him in the matter and he proceeded to dwell on the various details in connection with the various phases of the subject. 5. The Rev. Messrs. Houston, McBain, Anderson, Robertson and Mr. W. S. Loggie also spoke on this subject. 6. The convention met at 3 p.m., and after devotional exercises the minutes were read and sustained. 7. The fifth subject—"Schemes of Lessons, Catechism, etc.," was then taken up. The Rev. J. A. F. McKeown introduced the subject by reading an interesting paper, in which he remarked there were many schemes of Lessons but of these he had not and most generally known were the "Edinburgh" and "International Series." The Rev. gentleman gave many interesting particulars under this head, and after some remarks on the Catechism, particularly in regard to the (Shore) catechism which he thought was without a parallel in design and beauty of statement. 8. The Revs. Messrs. Robertson, Houston, Russell, McCullagh, and Messrs. C. M. Hutchison and Ramsay also spoke on this subject. 9. The sixth subject—"Infant Classes," was next introduced by the Rev. J. C. Herdman in an interesting paper, in which he said the infant's charter was that given by our Saviour, "Suffer little children to come unto me." Sunday Schools were intended to supplement fireside instruction. He then spoke of the different methods of instruction and the capacities of children. 10. The Rev. Messrs. Jas. Anderson and J. A. F. McKeown followed on the same subject. 11. The seventh subject—"Teachers, their qualifications and duties" was introduced by the Rev. Mr. Houston. He urged that knowledge was the requisite, especially that of the Bible and its history, geography, and doctrine. He then proceeded to dwell on the various details in connection with the various phases of the subject. 12. The Rev. Messrs. McCullagh and Mc-

vernment and out of it, he knew, and Mr. Kelly knew, that the time when it was generally thought the contract was to be given to the Kent Company by the Government was the opportune one for the settlement of the Chatham Branch contract. This was natural and did not at all render necessary any new undertaking on the part of Mr. Kelly who had always done all he could to get the contract for the Company while Brown, who felt that he had taken advantage of the Company which Mr. Kelly represented, was not having done right towards the Chatham Company and his fear that it might affect his relations with the Richmond Company that induced him to take the "Royal" settlement. The debate is still going on. LATER. FREDERICKS, April 17 p. m. The debate on the Kelly-Young matter was adjourned this morning at 12.30 and recommenced later on. It is supposed it will last until after midnight. It is expected the House will be prorogued to-morrow. DOMINION PARLIAMENT. WEDNESDAY, April 10. Mr. Laflamme introduced a Bill amending the election Act. He explained that it does away with envelopes. The voter is to sit with a ballot numbered with his number as an elector, which he marks, folds, and gives to the presiding officer who examines it and sees that its number corresponds with the number of the annex and then destroys the latter. Mr. Mackenzie gave notice of the following resolution:— That the Government be authorized to enter into an arrangement with the requesters for the Grand Trunk Railway Co. for acquiring control of the River du Loup branch of the said company's line by lease, purchase or otherwise, in order to obtain complete control of the Intercolonial Railway traffic to the city of Quebec, any such arrangement to be subject to ratification by Parliament at the next session. In the Senate, Mr. Miller's motion that cases under the liquor law may be carried to a higher court by writ of certiorari, was carried, 30 yeas to 28 nays. Mr. Scott opposed the amendment and committee adjourned. Mr. Mackenzie, in proposing the Address to the Governor General, said his department would be regretted by every member of the House, and spoke in high terms both of the Governor General and Lady Dufferin. Sir John, in seconding the address, said Lord Dufferin had fully and fitly restored the dignity, power and usefulness of the Crown. His duty had been fully and ably performed. Messrs. Laurier and Langevin spoke in French, heartily endorsing, on behalf of the French Canadians, the encomiums passed upon their Excellencies. The address was passed and sent to the Senate. On motion to go into supply, Sir John moved the following:— Resolved, That the recent dismissal by the Lieut. Governor of Quebec, of his ministry under the circumstances, unwise and subversive of the position accorded the advisers of the Crown since the concession of the principle of responsible Government to the British North American colonies. He contended at length that a violation of the constitution. Mr. Mackenzie said a more indecent and unwise resolution than that before the House was never offered in Parliament. Until other cause for interference was shown he would object to it and resist it and ask the lovers of responsible Government to vote it down as being contrary to every principle on which responsible Government is based and reflecting on the people to whom this constitution applies. FRIDAY, April 12th. Mr. McInnes, the new member for New Westminster, was introduced by Mr. Macdonald (Toronto) and Mr. Dewdney. A return brought down shows the expenditure in connection with Paris exposition to the 1st of January, 1878, to be \$23,358. Mr. Laflamme's bill respecting persons imprisoned in default of giving securities to keep the peace, provides that when such a person has remained imprisoned for a period of two weeks the jailor shall give notice to a judge of the court of general sessions, who may, thereupon, give notice to complainant, or otherwise order the discharge of such person, or make such other order respecting him as might be made by the court of general sessions of peace. The discussion on Sir John's Quebec motion was resumed until the house adjourned at 2.05 a. m. SATURDAY, April 13th. The discussion on the Quebec motion was continued amid great disorder. At six o'clock Sir John agreed that if the debate was adjourned the vote might be taken on Monday evening after the arrival of the Montreal train, without further debate. Mr. Mackenzie agreed and the House adjourned. Monday, April 15th.—The liquor bill was read for the first time. Mr. Laflamme's penitentiary bill passed. The Independence of Parliament bill was re-committed and amended so to render ineligible for election no local government officials, except such as are engaged in carrying out the election law. Dr. Tupper will move on the motion for the House to go into Committee of Supply. "That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to submit such an amendment of the tariff, as will empower His Excellency the Governor General, to increase the existing duty on imports from any foreign country to the extent of any drawback allowed by such country on goods exported to Canada." On Sir John's Quebec motion coming up, Mr. Mitchell made a long speech condemning Lieut. Governor Letellier. The house divided as follows: Yeas 70, nays 112—a party vote. MARRIED. At the residence of the bride's father, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. T. C. Johnston, Mr. Wm. Duncan, to Maria, second daughter of Mr. Robert Sturgeon, all of Blackville. At Rochesdale, on the 9th April, Frederica Elizabeth McGee, daughter of William McGee, in the 17th year of her age. One more loved one has passed away To the strange and silent land, Come in her young life's early hour, To join the Angel band. When the traveler weary halted, Finds sweet rest in peace above, And where friends long since parted, Meet again above. To this haven she has gone, Left the cares of life on earth, And mending the garments of peace, Are rejoicing at her birth. H. B. At Moorfield, on Friday 12th inst., of Paralytic, Elizabeth McMurphy, wife of Hugh McMurphy, aged 67 years, a native of Miramichi. (Native papers please copy.)

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