Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

"DOWN BY THE SEA" at Masonic Hall, Chatham, on Monday evening next.

THE "DESPATCH" is the name of a projected semi-weekly paper which Mr. J. R. Needham proposes to establish at Moncton.

THE "SOCIAL" in the Masonic Hall, Newcastle, on Thursday evening last was a great sucess and reflected much credit on the management.

WHO'S AFRAID? The Fredericton Curling Club will not play the Chatham Curlers at St. John, but signify their willingness to meet them at Fredericton. The Chatham Curlers will hardly be able to meet the Celestials this winter.

L. O. A.—The St. John *News* says that the thirty sixth annual session of the Orange Lodge of New Brunswick has been deferred until the first Tuesday in May next, then to be held in Newcastle.

BARK QUEEN OF HEARTS, of Miramichi, Matier, at New York, Antwerp 59 days, January 17, lat. 22, lon. 37, spoke brig *Agenora*, from the coast of Africa from Falmouth, having lost the first officer, boatswain and boy with fever, and the rest of the crew sick; wanted no assistance.

LANDRY'S MUSICAL JOURNAL, the subscription price of which is only 60cts. a year. is among the new publications reaching us this week. It has 16 pages devoted to musical news items, short articles on the same subject and vocal and instrumental, pieces. It is well worth the subscription price.

THE FIRST OF THE SEASON.—We are told by a correspondent at Mill Village, on whose information we can rely, that an Indian caught with a fly in the Port Medway River, at Mill Village, on Tuesday and Thursday of last week, (4th and 6th inst.,) two salmon; one weighing 17 lbs, and the other 7 lbs., which he readily found sale for at 50 cents per lb.—*Liverpool, N. S., Advance.*

CURLING.—The Chatham Curlers greatly enjoyed an opportunity afforded them last week of extending Curlers' courtesies to John Ruddock, Esq., of the St. John Thistle Club, who happened to be visiting Miramichi. He skipped in several games and won in all of them. We observe that since his return home, in playing off his tie for the Royal Caledonia Club Medal with Mr. James Kennedy, the latter won.

A LECTURE upon India is to be delivered in St. Andrews Church, Chatham, on Thursday evening next, by Rev. Dr. Jardine, as will be seen be announcement elsewhere. The lecturer's residence of some years in the East and his well known ability as a platform speaker, cannot fail to make the occasion a profitable and highly entertaining one to those who can be present. There is to be no admission charge, but a silver collection will be made.

MURDER AT SEA.—On the recent voyage of the barque *Winona* of Richibucto, from Liverpool to Charleston, S. C., the mate, whose name is not given, was stabbed and killed by a seaman, named Hugh Munroe. This happened on the 29th December. When the vessel arrived at Charleston Munroe was taken into custody, and on Jan. 28th, he was committed to Jail for safe keeping at the request of the British Consul. He will be taken back to England for trial.

CONCERT:—The Choir of St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle, assisted by Mrs. Perley of St John, are to give a concert on Tuesday evening next in Masonic Hall at that place. Mrs Perley is so well known to Miramichi audiences that it is almost unnecessary for us to remind our readers of her great musical attainments. With such an accomplished vocalist added to what is known as a strong and well-trained local organization, the audience will, no doubt, enjoy an excellent musical performance.

A BAKER'S DOZEN.—A correspondent, whose letter we hardly understand the meaning of, writes, giving a comical account of the researches of his friends "Wm. jr. and Georgie Richard" among the dead men, thirteen of whom they have "counted out" of the next "scrimmage." We do not publish the letter because it is evident our correspondent means mischief. We gather from what he says, however, that the friends of the deceased ones are like the mosquitos, fifty of which always take the place of any one of them that may be "knocked out of time." He also says there are none on the other side to die, as they were all killed on the day of the last fight.

WOLVES ABOUT:—It will, doubtless, surprise a good many persons to learn that wolves have become quite numerous in portions of our forests. They annoy the lumbermen considerably on the South Branch of Renous River, at Monoghan Brook, where they have been seen in packs of dozens at a time. Daniel McLaughlin, Esq., informs us that they dug up the ground in that vicinity last autumn in such a manner as to cause those who found the evidences of their work to wonder what kind of animal had done it, the appearance of the ground being like that dug over by sheep at the same season. Mr. James Kelly, of Renous River, caught a wolf by the foot in an iron trap, but it got away leaving a portion of the foot in the iron jaws. The audacity of the animals is indicated by the fact that the lumbermen's dinners, which the latter take from camp with them when they are working at a distance, have been eaten by wolves within the sound of the owners' axes.

REV. MR. MCCULLAGH, lately in charge of the Presbyterian Church at Redbank, is the subject of complimentary reference in the St. Andrews *Standard*, which refers to the fact that before leaving Miramichi, he was presented with a beautiful wide-margin Bible for manuscript notes. The *Standard* also says, that at College, the rev. gentleman was highly distinguished, gained first prizes and medals in Hebrew, Greek, Mathematics, Elocution, Sacred Rhetoric and Systematic Theology. He has thus enjoyed the full benefit of a thorough scholastic and collegiate training, and his testimonials are of the highest character. His ministrations, during the short time he has been in St. Andrews, have given universal satisfaction, and we trust he may be induced to accept the charge which has been vacant since the lamented death of its late Pastor, Rev. Mr. Richardson."

CHATHAM DRAMATIC CLUB is to give its second performance on Monday evening next at Masonic Hall. "Down by the Sea," a modern drama full of capital points, and the funny farce, "Hit Him, he has no Friends," together with music by the Orchestra, will compose the programme. A capital performance is expected.

We have a suggestion to make, in view of a very objectionable practice that is becoming almost a fashion among those who have the management of public meetings and entertainments. It is this:—as the performance is advertised to commence at eight o'clock, let the curtain rise at that hour and let an effort be made to prevent weary intermissions between acts or other portions of the performance. Both amateurs and professionals would please their audiences much better than they do if they would prevent entertainments from dragging along as if the chief object in view was to kill time. A programme played with spirit in an hour and a half is much better than if it were spread over two hours or two and a half hours. We do not think the Chatham Club any worse in this respect than many others, but a word to the wise from a friendly source ought to prove beneficial to all concerned. Indeed we are assured that our Chatham Club friends deprecate and will endeavor to avoid the fault we refer to.

Y. M. C. A.

At the annual meeting of the above Society held last Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, Geo. Whittaker.
Vice Presidents: W. S. Loggie, A. W. Patterson, J. Y. Merserau, Samuel Irvine, Wm. Rae.
Recording See'y, Jas. Creighton.
Corresponding See'y, Jas. Nicol.
Treasurer, W. S. Loggie.
Librarian, Wm. Simpson.

The See'y stated in his report that the receipts from all sources amounted to $129.56 and the expenditure $150.13,

Entertainment of the Dutcher Reformers.

On Tuesday evening the Dutcher Reformers gave their weekly entertainment in the Masonic Hall. The chair was occupied by John Shirreff, Esq., and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Revd. Mr. McBain. Miss C. Johnston presided at the organ.

PROGRAMME.

Chorus—"Blessed River" by the Choir.
Address—By the Rev. Mr. McBain.
Solo and Chorus—"Temperance Glee," by Miss Jessie Johnston and the Choir; accompaniment by Miss Annie Shirreff.
Address—By Mr. Jas. Nicol.
Solo—"I'll meet thee in the Lane," by Miss Templeton; accompaniment By Miss Annie Shirreff.
Recitation—"The Warrior Band," by Master Ernest Murray.
Address—By Mr. E. A. Strang.
Chorus—"Morning's Ruddy Beam," by the Choir.
Address—By Mr. John Galloway.
Instrumental Music—by Misses A. Johnston, Jennie Shirreff and Master C. Johnston on the drum.
Address and Reading—By Mr. L. J. Tweedie, Reading; "Pyramus and Thisbe"
Recitation—"The two Glasses" by Master C. Ferguson.
Duett—"Star of the Twilight," by Misses Jessie Johnson and M. A. Letson.
National anthem.

Mr. E. A. Strang, as one of the Visiting Committee, reported he had visited Douglasfield on Monday last and found the Society there at a low ebb. They agreed, however, to call a meeting for the 26th, and Mr. Strang promised them that a delegation of the Chatham Dutchers should attend. He also visited Lower Napan and found the society there required rallying, and he intended to visit them again shortly. There were no other reports from the Visiting Committee.

Miramichi Religious Tract Society.

The annual public meeting of this Society was held in the Mechanic's Institute Newcastle, on Thursday the 6th inst., at 7 p. m. Allan A. Davidson, Esq., was called to the chair. After the singing of a hymn, the chairman called upon the Rev. Mr. McKeown to open the meeting with prayer. The report for the past year was then read and is as follows:—

REPORT FOR 1878.—Your Committee has much pleasure in reporting that the business of the Society during the past year (the 33rd of its existence) has been very satisfactory.

The increasing desire on the part of the public generally to obtain the books as soon as possible after they are received at the depositaries is the best evidence that those books are appreciated, and that the selections are judiciously made.

The ordering towards the close of the year, of the latest publications of the parent Society, of a strictly moral tone, with contents of a most interesting and instructive character, printed, illustrated, and bound in the best style, furnishes a supply of gifts most suitable for Christmas and New Years' times. There is one matter, however, which appears to be overlooked, and it is one which your committee desires to bring prominently before the public. The object of the Society, the substitution of a healthy, moral literature for the trashy and baneful stuff too often imported, is admittedly a good one, the annual subscription for membership is very low, being only fifty cents, and entitles the subscriber to a large discount on his purchases, while at the same time each Church may receive to the extent of its subscription list, books for its Sabbath school; yet an increase of subscribers would enable your Society to extend its usefulness, make larger importations, be still more liberal to Sabbath Schools, and obtain a better supply of tracts for free distribution. To all this your Committee would call the attention of their friends who are at present merely purchasers, and it is to be hoped that a marked improvement in this direction will be made during the current year. We submit the following abstract of the Treasurer's account which must leave a very favorable impression of the present position of the Society:

MIRAMICHI RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY ACCOUNT CURRENT, JAN. 21, 1879.

1878. Jan. 15.	By balance in Treasurer's hands,		$253.82
Jan. 31.	By books sold by J. Ellis, as per acc't audited,	$367.42	
"	Do. per W. & G. Watt,	37.55	404.97
"	Collection at meeting at Douglastown, 15 Feb., 1878,		4.60
			$663.39
	PAYMENTS.		
May 17.	To paid for bill for £38, 5s. 1d. stg., at 10 per cent.,	$187.30	
Dec. 13	" Expenses on books at Halifax,	5.05	
"	Duty on books,	13.60	
"	Freight from Halifax,	3.20	
1879. Jan. 21.	" J. Ellis commission on books sold,	18.67	
"	Expenses on books at Newcastle, per W. & G. Watt,	12.85	$240.57
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,		$422.82

Our account with the parent Society in London stands as follows:

1878. Nov. 21.	Books imp'ed for Chatham,	£56, 8, 9, stg.	
	Do. for Newcastle,	29, 8, 9	
		£85, 17, 6. or $429.37	
To meet this we have 623 vols. books at Chatham,		$241.45	
"	Newcastle,	184.80	
		$426.25	
Off 40 per cent.		170.50	
		$255.75	
Add bal. in Treasurer's hands,		422.82	$678.57

The value of the books imported by the Society since its formation now amounts to $12,400. A great proportion of these truth bearers is still in existence, continuing to do their good work, and it must be admitted that this is much for a small Society to have accomplished and calls for the gratitude of all who have at heart the best interests of the community.

Respectfully submitted,
D. FERGUSON, Secretary.

After the reading of the report the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to by the meeting:

Moved by Mr. W. Gremley, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Anderson:

I. "That the Report which has just been read be received and adopted and that a copy of it be sent to each of the local newspapers for publication."

Moved by the Rev. Mr. McKeown seconded by the Rev. Mr. McBain:

II. "That this meeting recognizing the value of the work of this Society—of the parent Society of London, and of kindred Societies, as helps in disseminating Christian truth in different parts of the world—record their gratitude to Almighty God for the past success and anew press the duty of increasing efforts, prayerfulness and devotedness to the work."

Moved the Rev. Dr. Jardine seconded by Mr. John R. Nicholson:

III, "That in view of the important work which the Miramichi Religious Tract Society is being enabled to do, this meeting would press its claims for more generous support on the Christian community."

Very interesting and instructive speeches were made on submitting the resolutions and it was regretted that owing to some other meetings being in town the same evening the audience was not as large as was expected.

The chairman, who is one of the original members who aided in forming the Society (and of whom only three are known now to be living) gave an account of the origin and objects of the Society correcting some erroneous impressions and showing its non sectarian character. After a vote of thanks to the chairman another hymn was sung and the meeting closed with the benediction.

Dramatic Entertainment of the R. C. Total Abstinence Society.

On Monday evening a very successful dramatic entertainment was given by members of the R. C. Total Abstinence Society in the Masonic Hall. The plays selected were the comic pieces, "Cherry Bounce" and the farce, "A Race for Dinner," with a character burlesque between them. There was an excellent amateur orchestra led by Mr. T. Harrington. There was a very large audience, the hall being completely filled.

In the comedy, "Cherry Bounce" the characters were as follows:—

OLDRENTS, a Landlord,.....James Connors.
GREGORY HOMESPUN, his man, J. L. Harrington.
GAMMON, } Farmers, ...P. Landers.
SPINAGE, } .....W. Tillisch.
DOCTOR'S BOY.....Pat Noonan.
OLD HOMESPUN, Gregory's father, R. Waddleton.

The plot of this piece is very simple and its humor depends upon the way in which Gregory Homespun, the servant of Oldrents, inadvertently brings about all sorts of catastrophes, through his very circumspection. This state of things finally causes the administration of some horse medicine to his master and some tenants instead of the famous Cherry Bounce, and poor Gregory is finally dismissed, though the curtain falls on his reinstallation. It will be sufficient to say that the characters were well got up and sustained and the piece was much enjoyed by the audience.

Mr. T. Crimmin now came before the curtain and briefly explained to the large audience, that owing to the sickness of a gentleman amateur, some songs would have to be omitted from the programme, which was to be regretted. He then thanked the audience for their attendance and stated that the object of the entertainment was to pay for the organ purchased by the society, and to provide books for the library.

Mr. James Connors, now gave "the death of Marmion" as a recitation, with much spirit and good effect.

The great character song and chorus of the evening was the "Skidmore Guards," Sergt. J. F. Maher, and Drummer J. J. Harrington—Guards, Messrs. T. Lynch, J. Noonan, John Keoghan, P. Landers, Patrick Noonan, and Wm. Tillisch. The chorus and manœuvres of this talented colored company produced a decided hit.

The Farce, "Race for Dinner" was the concluding piece, and probably the best. The cast of characters was as follows:—

Sponge,.....J. J. Harrington.
Dorrc, a Retired Merchant,.....R. Waddleton.
Measureton, an Architect.....J. Costigan.
Robert Freedwell, an Inn keeper,.....P. Gower.
Dalton, a Rich Merchant.....J. Connors.
Lovell, his friend,.....P. Noonan.
Frank, Servant to Dalton,.....W. Tilisch.
Gammon, a pretended Bailiff,.....P. Landers.
Waiters,..... John Noonan, J. Keoghan.

The success of this piece depends mainly on the efforts of Sponge, an adventurer, to obtain a dinner under difficulties, and though, it must be admitted that Sponge did his best and exhibited much *sang froid* and ingenuity under trying circumstances, he was so ably supported by the rest of the company, that though he obtained invitations for the rest of the week, the fail of the curtain left him dinnerless for that time at least. The entertainment was a very successful one; the pieces were well put on the stage; the "make up" very good, and though the patience of the audience might have been a little tried between the scenes, the music was so good as to prevent any manifestations of impatience and the audience signified their appreciation of the performance by frequent and hearty applause.

The proceedings concluded with the National Anthem by the Orchestra.

Fire at Douglasfield.

A Douglasfield correspondent, writing on Monday last, gives the following particulars in reference to a fire attended with circumstances of pecular hardship: "The residence of Mr. Wm. Fitzpatrick, Douglasfield, was burned to the ground on Sunday morning, 16th inst. The fire obtained such a hold on the building before it was discovered, that, Mr. Fitzpatrick his wife and two small children, narrowly escaped being burned to death. In night dress he had to jump through his bedroom window, and standing underneath, lift his almost naked family, out into the snow. The afflicted couple then betook themselves and their children to the house of Jose Trevors for shelter, and in doing so, Mr. Fitzpatrick had one of his feet badly frozen. Husbanding his summer earnings, Mr. Fitzpatrick laid in a sufficient supply of provisions last fall to carry himself and family through the winter. Now all are gone, and the family homeless and naked. This case requires something more earnest and enduring than the mere expression of such sympathetic conventionalities as,—"tis too bad;"—"I am sorry for him," or, "he is a young man and will soon brush over it." With this end in view, the kind neighbors,—having supplied the more immediate wants of the family—will appeal to the generosity of the people of Chatham, in their behalf."

Hardwick Notes.

BAY DU VIN, 17th Feb '79.

DEAR ADVANCE.—We are getting along pretty well down here considering dull times. If it was not for the smelt fever, which has been succeeded by the influenza, we would have no excitement at all. Times have been pretty lively on some occasions, especially when Geordie endeavoured to clip Luther's wings at Ullock's Point, or when Jack and Jim had to shoulder a small meshed net and run to hide their sin.

We have now the Rev. Mr. Flewelling as our stationed minister among us he makes weekly visits to Bay du Vin and the Village. This arrangement is a good one, as under the old order of things we had not even fortnightly services, and services only on rare occasions at the Village—that is by the Church of England Parson.

Last session of the House of Assembly there was a special grant to cut out a road from the Victoria Bridge across the mouth of Black River, to the bridge across Napan near Patrick Larkin's. This grant was got by our late members, and it was only enough to cut the road about half way through. Through the efforts of T. F. Gillespie, Esq., there was enough got to cut it all the way, since that gentleman was elected to the House of Assembly. This road shortens the distance to Chatham from three to four miles and it runs all the way through a well wooded country, which prevents drifts. This winter it has been travelled on but not as it would be if it was levelled; all that has been done to it has been to cut down and clear the wood off it the full width for a turnpike road. I would urge on our Local Representatives the necessity of having a grant of about $300 to level it off and to turnpike one side where the land is soft.

We had quite a lively and interesting School Meeting here on the 30th of Jan. A Petition is now going the rounds of the upper portion of the District, addressed to the Chief Superintendent, asking that the District be divided and it also blames Inspector Ramsay for the course pursued at the meeting. I will, Mr. Editor, get a copy of the Petition, with the signatures attached, and send it to you for publication, and we can then see how the Inspector has acted in this District or how his actions are viewed by a large number of the Ratepayers.

Escuminac is moving along in the same good old fashion the present season.—Messrs. William and Alexander Wilson are busily engaged in fitting up a Lobster establishment, and will have it all ready for the Spring's business. Mr. Graham is also about starting a Lobster establishment near the lighthouse.

Miss Yorston, a first-class teacher from Douglastown, has been engaged in the Escuminac School since the 13th Jan.

Dutcher Reform is not yet dead. The meetings are still held at the village, and seem to be well attended. I was present at the last meeting and a very entertaining one it was, although there was not any addresses given on account of the principal speaker suffering from a very bad cold; if not that, he was not in his usual good humour on that particular evening.

Since the Smelt fishing has come to a close, we have any amount of idle men to be disposed of. I am sorry, Mr. Editor, that I cannot agree in all you say about the Bag-nets not injuring the Bass fishing, for I really believe they do. It is very true about what you say in regard to catching small Bass in the North West, but you must allow that "Two wrongs do not make a right." I saw, myself, a very large number of small Bass caught in a Smelt net this last November. I counted over 200 out of one evening's fishing, and that not on the Miramichi. The day will come when something will have to be done or good-by Bass.

Yours respectfully, TEAZER.

[Our Correspondent, who is an extensive salmon fisherman ought to be informed in reference to the merits of the bass and smelt controversy and the position the ADVANCE has taken in reference thereto. If he were so informed he would not make his knowledge of the capture of a few hundred small bass *in November*, a reason for differing from us, because we have said already that no bag net fishing should be allowed until the latter part of December. Unfortunately we have too many persons who, like "Teazer," jump at conclusions. Our position is and always has been this—that the number of small bass which would be killed by bag-nets, if the fishery by that means were properly regulated, would not justify the prohibition of bag-nets. Do we understand "Teazer" to differ from us? If he does, would he advocate the prohibition of bag-nets for taking smelts and thus bring the Miramichi smelt trade to an end?—EDITOR.]

GO AND HEAR THE ORCHESTRA music at Masonic Hall next Monday evening.

A Witness found.

Ex-Overseer Wyse published in the *Sun* of last Tuesday, a characteristic letter concerning the catch of small bass in January 1878 and appended to it an affidavit which he had induced Mr. James Chapman to make. We do not attach much blame to Mr. Chapman in the matter, for he is one of those easy-going members of the community whose memory may be assisted very much under the manipulation of such a person as Mr. Wyse. Mr. Wyse ought to feel ashamed of his work; ashamed that he has obliged a person whose weakness of intellect is well known—and who is one of the poor creatures he had engaged last winter in going from hole to hole on the ice gathering small bass—to make, under oath, a statement which those who know him would believe quite as readily if made without the illegal profanation resorted to.

When Mr. Chapman made the affidavit he may have thought he was doing right—the sin is not his, but that of one whose experience in bringing dishonor upon his fellow-creatures renders this last job a very simple operation. The gentleman whose letter in reference to the Miramichi fisheries appeared in the *Globe* does not propose to discuss that or any other public question with Mr. Wyse, because he does not consider the conditions equal. His self-respect has prevented him from having any personal intercourse with Mr. Wyse since he become aware of that person's character. If Mr. Wyse chooses to force himself into the discussion he does so at the risk of replies to him being prefaced by certain statements of a personal nature which will enable the general reader to properly estimate the value of what he may say. The judge and the criminal ought not to be placed on equal terms in court and Mr. Wyse ought not to provoke a fresh indictment at our hands, just at the present time. It is true that he has paid the penalty of some of his official sins, but there are other penalties, far heavier, which may yet be exacted and which will be, unless he keeps his proper place so far as we are concerned. In this community such a position on the part of Mr. Smith is understood and approved of. We, therefore, now propose to drop Mr. Wyse and his witness.

Accompanying the same communication when it appeared in a local print, were some remarks purporting to be editorial, which charged Mr. Smith with falsifying former figures of the writer. Mr. Smith instructs us to say that in his letter to the *Globe* he referred to statements which appeared in the *Sun* purporting to be from the local print and doubtless placed in the *Sun* at the instigation of Inspector Venning. The latter circumstance may account for their being exaggerated. As the party claiming to be their author repudiates them Mr. Smith cannot surely be blamed for having also challenged their correctness.

"HIT HIM, HE HAS NO FRIENDS"—except at Masonic Hall next Monday evening.

THE TIMES MAN explains that he was not in earnest when he complained of not receiving any of that moose meat. He also publishes a biographical sketch of one of his relatives who behaved badly to him and in reference to whom he has our sympathy.

COUNCILLOR SCOFIELD propounds some conundrums regarding smelts in his region of the country which we "give up." We may remark, however, that it is highly probable that the smelts got disgusted with Blackville for its taste in electing such a Councillor, and kept away from its waters.

"SEAL BLUE ETC."—The St. John *Sun*, which, we believe, has a special fashion editor, represented several ladies at a recent Ottawa reception, as having been dressed in "seal blue silk," "seal blue" trimmings, etc. It is probable that the genius who penned the *Sun's* descriptions of the toilettes on the great occasion would have written "sky-blue-scarlet" if some wag had told him that was a regulation color. The Moncton *Times* man says Mrs. DeWinton wore "a black grass-grained silk" and the St. John *News* gravely informs its readers that the Princess wore "a diamond necklace on her left breast."

ANXIOUS.—The *Advocate* works itself into a fever this week, because the representative of Northumberland was not in Ottawa at an early day, in order that he might secure the extension of the smelt-fishing season. People were given to understand, a short time since, that it was the Senator from this County who was to be our sole representative under the new *regime*. Could'nt the *Advocate* oblige us with a few spasms over that gentleman's absence in Europe and his contempt for almost everything connected with his legislative position, save the sessional allowance which he is always on hand to receive?

Correspondence.

Illegal Fishing at Bartibogue.

To the Editor of Miramichi Advance.

MR. EDITOR.—As you have been an advocate for the proper use of our fisheries and the administration of fishery matters, can you inform me how it is that in Overseer Russel's District, parties were fishing smelts with bag-nets since the night of 14th up to the night of the 17th and, perhaps, longer. I have seen the illegal fishing going on from the south side of the river where all of the fishermen on this side closed their smelt fishing by Overseer Perley's orders, as by law directed. The illegal smelt fishing is carried on at the mouth of the Bartibogue as the Overseer must know if he takes the trouble to leave his house in his official capacity. The difficulty is that the Overseer is prevented by age, infirmity and a very easy-going disposition from properply discharging his duties, to the disadvantage of honest fishermen and the scandal of the Department. We begin to look for a better state of things in this quarter.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Rev. Mr. Munro and the Violin.

MR. EDITOR.—Your late correspondent, Mr. Moore of St. John, with whom I am not at all acquainted, seems to rate his musical ability and attainments very high, and according to the manner in which he *puts things* appears to claim for himself special attention because of his *seniority* in a "musical family." It would also seem that he has quite circumambulated the globe and has seen all kinds of musical instruments and "heard some of the best performers" and concludes that the fiddle is "decidedly" "the king of instruments." I believe this is your opinion, Mr. Editor, also, and some others; but I do not choose to accept of your judgments for it is quite evident, to me at least, that you have got, somehow or other, into a kind of fiddle-frenzy and therefore are liable to worship the little goddess too much, and hold it up too high for the veneration of those who positively will not bow down to this much adored idol of Mr. Moore and *some* others.

Allow me to inform your new correspondent—and *instructor* of "Orpheus"—that I still remain unconvinced as to the position I have taken, and propose to continue in well doing, and as for the "Art" of "Paganini" or paganism I would much rather know the art of making melody to the Lord in my heart, where dwells the true music.

Once more; If I have fallen into inaccuracy of "statements" as Mr. Moore perceives that I have, I am willing to acknowledge it, but I shall not do so, till it is known to be the case. The "*goose*" upon which I fed on "Christmas" even to more than a becoming sufficiency, I think I could practice this quite every day in the year and then write *salvo jure et salvo pudore*, as much as Mr. Moore of St. John, who I believe had no goose on Christmas. T. M. MUNRO.

Newcastle.

[We beg to assure Mr. Munro that so far from being in a "fiddle frenzy" we had—after "cooking his goose" on the violin subject—dismissed the matter almost entirely from mind until Mr. Moore's letter came to hand.—EDITOR].

Mr. John Young replies to "Informer".

Tracadie, Feb. 15th, 1879.

To the Editor of the Advance.

SIR:—In your issue of the 13th inst., I noticed a communication signed "Informer," complaining of the management, or mismanagement of the affairs of the Lazaretto.

If there is any just cause of complaint, would it not be more satisfactory to the public, for your correspondent to come out over his own signature and give the country the benefit of his knowledge?

Your correspondent intimates that he will probably go back a few years, and expose the expenditure. For my part there is nothing in the matter that I wish to have concealed. On the contrary, I want the whole matter brought out. He may go back as far as he chooses, and if anything indefensible is found, it will either be on his own part, or on the part of the party in whose interest he writes.

Informer is certainly very moderate in his demands, and if his wishes receive favorable consideration that little political clique ought to be materially assisted. He only calls upon the Government to hand over to himself, the Sec.-Treasurer, and their two dear friends Messrs. Ferguson, and Davidson, the management of the Lazaretto, or in other words to dismiss such members of the Board as may interfere with their controlling influence.

He says:—"I call upon the Government to dismiss &c." The Government ought to shake at a call like that. But, at the same time, I hold that these gentlemen who are anxious to undertake the management of the Lazaretto ought to bring out their charges in proper form, in order to enable the Government and the people to judge fairly as to the justice or the injustice of their demands.

As a specimen of "informer's" honesty I shall merely direct attention to the last lines of his letter. He says:—"I may now administer one antibilious pill by saying that the account of Mr. John Young alone for three months is over $330.00 What would it be were the secretaryship in their own hands?"

It is evident from the above, and from the preceding part of his letter, that he wishes to convey the impression that I have used my position as member of the Board to swell my account out of proportion, and that I have charged my own, I suppose he means to insinuate, unfair prices.

At our last meeting of the Board when the accounts were produced the largest were, if my memory serves me right:—

John Young,	$332.00
William Ferguson,	319.00
William Davidson,	290.00

In order to expose the deception and venom of your very reliable correspondent, "Informer," I may tell you that the supplies for the Lazaretto are contracted for at public sale annually, and, since I have had a seat at the Board everything that competition could be gotten up for, was put up at public contract, therefore, excessive prices cannot possibly be secured for any article supplied. The remainder ed is ordered at the quarterly meeting, except what may be required in the interim, which is sent in by order of the Supplies Committee.

Reference to the contract list, and a reference to my account, will show that $274 of that account was supplies contracted for at public competition. The remainder of the items of the account were ordered at the November meeting, with the consent of the whole Board except a few dollars worth which were sent in by order of the Supplies Committee, between the November and February meeting.

In conclusion, sir, I must say I have no desire to waste time over "Informer's," other statements, as they are all on a par, but I can tell him that if he will come out over his own signature, I shall be glad at any time, to meet him. Otherwise, I shall pay no further attention to his anonymous slanders.

Asking an insertion of the foregoing in the next issue of your paper,

I remain, dear Sir, Yours truly,
JOHN YOUNG.

Expose the Fraud.

Patent medicine venders are now putting up condition powders in packages as large as a nigger's foot for 25 cents, but they are utterly worthless. One small package of *Sherdian's Condition Powders* is worth a dray-load of them.

An Astonishing Fact.

A large proportion of the American people are to-day dying from the effects of Dyspepsia or disordered liver. The result of these diseases upon the masses of intelligent and valuable people is most alarming, making life actually a burden instead of a pleasent existence of enjoyment and usefulness as it ought to be. There is no good reason for this. If you will only throw aside prejudice and skepticism, take the advice of Druggists and your friends, and try one bottle of Green's August Flower, your speedy relief is certain. Millions of bottles of this medicine have been given away to try its virtues, with satisfactory results in erery case. You can buy a sample bottle for 10 cents to try. Three doses.

The Death-rate of

Our country is getting to be fearfully alarming, the average of life being lessened every year, without any reasonable cause, death resulting generally from the most insignificant origin. At this season of the year especially, a cold is such a common thing that in the hurry of every day life we are apt to overlook the dangers attending it and often find too late, that a Fever or Lung trouble has already set in. Thousands lose their lives in this way every winter, while had *Boschee's German Syrup* been taken, a cure would have resulted, and a large bill from a Doctor been avoided. For all diseases of the Lungs, *Boschee's German Syrup* has proven itself to be the greateset discovery of its kind in medicine. Every Druggist in this country will tell you of its wonderful effect. Over 950,000 bottles sold last year without a single failure known.

"The Old Life Preserver" is what they call *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment* way up in Maine where it is made. This name is well deserved, for it is the best liniment in the world. It will certainly prevent diptheria, and will relieve croup and asthma instantly.—*Western Paper.*

CALL at the first Drug Store and procure a bottle of Gray's Syrup of Red Spruce Gum for coughs, colds, &c. We recommend its purchase at Drug Stores of respectability, as there is an attempt to place in the hands of the public an article under a similiar name, put up in a similar style, but of a white milky appearance—the genuine being of dark brownish-red colour. It is a wretched imitation, and should be as once rejected.

INVALIDS, do you wish to gather flesh to acquire an appetite, to enjoy a regular habit of body, to obtain refreshing sleep, to feel and know that every fibre nad tissue of your system is being braced and renovated? If so, commence at once and use the Quinine Wine prepared by Northrop & Lyman of Toronto and in a short time you will feel the whole system invigorated and strengthened. It is a well-known fact that Quinine has been acknowledged by the medical faculty for many years as the best appetizer and tonic known. And for general debility, this combination will be found superior to all other preparations. And combined as it is with fine sherry wine and choice aromatics, it is made an agreeable and pleasant invigorator to the whole system. The properties of Quinine are a febrifuge tonic and antiperiodic. Small dozes, frequently repeated, strengthen the pulse, increase muscular force, and invigorate the tone of the nervous system. The peculiar opperation of this medicine in general debility and as an appetizer, has undergone long and close observation, and it is believed it will never fail, if properly and judiciously administered, unless other diseases predominate of a different character. Persons of weak constitution may take it without the least difficulty, as it strengthens the stomach and digestive organs, and seldom require more than one or two bottles to effect a decided benefit, as it contains nothing injurious to the most delicate constitution. Remember to ask for the "Quinine Wine prepared by Northrop & Lyman, Toronto," and we are sure you will be satisfied that you have full value for your money.

Sold by all Medicine Dealers.

MARRIED.

At the Cathedral, Norwich, on the 23d ult., by the Rev. E. H. Hansell, B.D., rector of East Ilsley, Berks, the Rev. Edward Shuttleworth Medley, Canon and Precentor of Inverness Cathedral, youngest son of the Right Rev. John Medley, D.D., Lord Bishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of Canada, to Katherine Maria, eldest daughter of the late Henry Hansell, Esq., of the Precincts, Norwich.

DIED.

At Black River after a short illness of ten days, David Murray, in the 49th year of his age, leaving a wife and six children to mourn their loss.

St. Stephen paper please copy.

At her residence in Caraquet, Gloucester County, on Monday, the 20th ult., after a short illness, Mary Alexander, wife of the late John McIntosh, Esq., aged 69 years. Deceased was a native of West Kilbride, Scotland.

On the 2d February, at the residence of his son, James Morton, Sr., aged 88 years.

At Chatham, on Thursday, 6th inst., after a short illness, Peter Walsh, a native of Queen's County, Ireland, aged 81 years.

At Napan, on the 5th inst., of diphtheria, James Gunn, aged 66 years, leaving a large number of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. "An honest man's the noblest work of God."

At Littleton, Northesk, Feby. 12th, Donald Campbell, aged 93 years. Deceased was a native of Dowanriehino, Scotland, and emigrated to this country in 1820.

On the 18th, at Bay-du-Vin, Bridget, wife of Thomas Mcgrath, Jr.

New Advertisements.

CONCERT.

The Choir of ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Newcastle, kindly assisted by

Mrs. Perley, of St. John,

will give a Concert in the

Masonic Hall, Newcastle,

on TUESDAY, NEXT, the 25th inst.

Doors open at 7.30; Concert to commence at 8 o'clock.

Tickets to the body of the Hall, 20 cents, and for reserved seats, 35 cents; may be obtained at Mr. Street's Drug store, and from Mr. Walter M. Buck.

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NEW BRUNSWICK, KENT COUNTY.

To the Sheriff of the County of Kent, or any Constable within the said County greeting:—

Whereas Wm. M. Kelly, Administrator of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of John Stothart, late of the Parish of Harcourt, in the County of Kent, deceased, hath applied for a License to sell the Real Estate of the said John Stothart for the payment of his debts.

You are therefore required to cite the heirs and next of kin of the said deceased and all creditors and others interested in the said Estate to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be holden at the Registry Office in Richibucto, within and for the said County, on Saturday, the 15th day of March, next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to hear and examine the proofs of the said Petition, and to show cause, (if any they have) why a License should not be granted to sell the Real Estate of the said deceased, for the payment of the debts against the Estate of the said deceased.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Court this, twelfth day of February, A. D. 1879.

(Signed.) ROBERT CAIE, Registrar of Probates, for Kent County.

(Signed.) THOS. W. BLISS, Judge of Probates *pro hac vice in re* the Estate of JOHN STOTHART.

HUTCHISON & PHINNEY, Proctors.

Reward Offered.

I will give to any person or persons the reward of TWENTY DOLLARS, for box, papers and jewelry, stolen from me some time ago.

7y27 ALLAN McDONALD.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Entertainment Committee, in behalf of St. Michael's T. A. Society, tender thanks to members of the Orchestra for kind services on the evening of the 17th inst.

LECTURE UPON INDIA.

The Rev. Dr. Jardine will deliver a lecture,

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS,

upon INDIA, in ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, on

Thursday, Next, 27th inst.

at 7.30 p. m.

A SILVER COLLECTION will be taken up at the close, in aid of the St. Andrews Church Sabbath School.

DRAMATIC.

THE CHATHAM DRAMATIC CLUB will give its second performance on MONDAY EVENING, 24th inst., at

Masonic Hall, - Chatham,

when the beautiful modern, 2 act Drama,

"DOWN BY THE SEA,"

will be performed, followed by the celebrated and laughable farce,

"HIT HI, HE HAS NO FRIENDS!"

Come one, come all, and you shall see
The treasures found Down by the Sea.

Music by the Orchestra, as on former occasion.

Admission, 25 cents; Front Seats, 35 cents; Children, 10 cents.

Tickets for sale at stores of Hon. W. Muirhead, J. B. Snowball, Esq., D. M. Loggie & Co., A. J. Loggie & Co., the