quite satisfied that if the conduct of any

prominent public officer in Great Britian

were brought to the notice of the Minis-

try of the day as that of Mr. Venning has

been by Mr. Smith, and if the charges

were proved as that gentleman's have

been, he would, at least, have some protec

tion from abuse of the class to which Mr.

Venning is permitted to give publicity

with impunity. No public officer in Eng-

land would be allowed to disgrace the

Government by attaching his official sig-

nature to letters couched in the vilest

slang and vituperation, if, indeed, any

ournal read by respectable people could

be found to admit such matter to its co

lumns. If that officer's public letters, which

so clearly indicate the vulgarity of his

character-his unfortunate temper and

quarrelsome disposition, which have caus-

ed him to appear as a fighter and brawler

on the public steeets-his blasphemeous

with fishermen, and even his abuse of his

fellow officials-of all of which there is

abundant evidence-can be condoned by

the Department of Fisheries of Canada, the

people whose interests are almost left at

his mercy must soon lose faith in the sys-

tem which employs so base an instrument

in its workings. We leave Mr. Venning's

threatening private letter he received from

him -- in the hands of the Department,

and with the Minister of Fisheries, while

we proceed to deal with its assumed state-

ments of fact bearing on the public mat-

On the 4th of April 1877, Mr. Smith for-

mulated a charge in which he stated to

er 600,000 salmon ova as being in the

trays at that establishment, there was not

from the first, in connection with the es-

Respecting the work of this season, the

same fraud is being carried on and I will

senses, on which I ask you to assist in pre-

venting further fraud. * * * Having

stated the facts I look to you for such

action as the case demands. If your De-

partment is officially informed that 640,000

eggs were laid down in the Miramichi

Hatching House you are deceived by your

barrier which the Inspector seeks to set up

between the public and his official acts of

deception. You are, doubtless, led to

believe that the reports forwarded from

time to time to Ottawa concerning the

say they are fslse to an extent that you

cannot have an adequate conception of

I learned that he was in the hands of the

myself in the statements I have made *

privilege the latter understood Mr. Wil-

therefore, is the charge and this the in-

vestigation in connection with which, in

of last week, Inspector Venning says :-

Smith's statements, nor even hinted at in-

competency or wilful misrepresentation on

sertion to Mr, Wilmot's own report". * *

House" as Smith falsely asserts". * *

of assertions in praise of Mr. Smith and

his knowledge of the matters referred to.

ning, for that would be silly and egotisti-

Extract from Mr. Wilmot's Report, dated 28th

reported to your Department by the officials as

On the 17th of November, Mr. Sheasgreen, the

From the ab ve official statements I made men-

of 31st December last, "that 600,000 salmon ova

were deposited in the Miramichi Breeding Es-

The difference between the number of eggs reported to have been laid down in the autumn of 1876, and the actual quantity on hand at the time

tablishment during the fall of 1876.

tion in my annual return to your Department,

having been laid down in the Miramichi Hatchery.

" Third, I was never "relieved of the

then Minister". * *

ness on the above points.

tablishment, Mr. Smith said

ters involved.

profane language in his intercourse

\$1,280 55

6,394 85

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						MIRAMICHI ADVAN	1
MUNICIP	ALITY	OF NORT	HUMB	ERL	AND.	COUNTY SCHOOL FUNDIN ACCOU	JN
Statement of	Receipts ar	d Expenditure	for the	Year	1878-9.	Dec. 21st, '78.—To amt. expended to date, To amount School Drafts for term ending To Commissioners disbursing \$3,017.40,	g
JANUARY.—To accordant Committee,	ounts passed Jan	expenditure. nuary Sittings 1878 a	and paid:-	-1.	\$558 31	Jan'y. 23rd, '79.—Paid Receiver General of Cr Jan'y. 18th, '78.—By balance on hand,	
Coroners' accoun Samuel Thomson do.	ts,	surer, ce, k up House keeper, p			722 63 191 87 228 25 85 50	By amount collected from delinquents, By assessment for 1878, paid, 23.—By balance due SecTreasurer,	
John Lawlor, ma	king new Index	to County Records.			40.00	E. P. WILLISTON, AUDITOR. Dated, February 20th, 1879.	
Call and Miller, Constables' accor Witnesses' fees,	etc. Criminal Pr	isoners, s per "New Era," . osecutions,			21 75 25 40 37 35 30 30	Miramichi Advance.	1
E. P. Williston, County building	Auditor's Salary s, fuel,	······································			$ \begin{array}{c} 108 & 00 \\ 75 & 00 \\ 20 & 00 \end{array} $	CHATHAM MARCH 6, 1879.	0 001
Insurance on Ga	certifying Lunat	nes,	ria c		$ \begin{array}{r} 9 20 \\ \hline 2,327 96 \\ 40 00 \end{array} $	Northumberland's Representative at Ottawa.	
J. W. Cassidy, to MARCH 29.—Const	Crier, attendance taking D. Donov tables and Crier,	County Court, Janu an to Asylum, attendance Court, M	ary term, '78 Iarch Circuit,	'78,	40 50 18 60 30 00	Those self-constituted "delegates," Messrs Tweedie, Call and Sadler, have returned from Ottawa. It seems that	1
9.—Secretar Clerk of	ry Treasurer's qu f the Peace	attending County Con arter's Salary, do.			18 00 145 00 15 00	the private business of our Senator is of greater importance to him than that of	1
Constables' accord	ints,	ssed at July Sitting	\$	22 40 19 90		it and, for the time, he made those three gentlement his proxies, in order	1
do. Pris W. P. Bishop, C	soners' board, oroner, attending	ock up House keeper 	it '78	40 00 8 16 12 00 32 50		that they might do congenial work for him at the Dominion Capital. The]
Maurice O'Donne Gaol Committee,	ell, costs crimina	l prosecution,	. 1	7 50 63 90 52 00		mission on which they went was one that few in this County would approve of. It was a mission prompted by the same	1
July 4.—John Pov 9.—Sec. Treas. o Clerk of the Peac	wer, wood for Ga quarter's salary, ce. do.	ol, per tender, .	en and the	10.3	658 36 321 12 145 00 15 00	envious and revengeful spirit that has constantly characterised the course of the party whose misrule in Northum-	1
Dr. Dawson, pos Bank discount of	and Criers, atten t mortem examin n Jury list,	nation at Inquest, .	ounty Court,		30 00 8 00 30	berland met with condemnation at the polls in the late election. It was not	f
do. on William Cottier	taking Geo. Han	t 1877, t 1878, tilton to Asylum, Salary,		::	11 88 12 00 25 00	to strengthen, but to weaken the influ- ence of Mr. Snowball who had hurried back from Great Britain to his parli-	1
Clerk of the Peac Witnesses' fees (do. O	ce de Queen vs. Godin, Queen vs. Frecker	Sept. Court.	k ilo ko sas. Ada, letektar		145 00 15 00 29 20 18 70	amentary duties. It was not to pro- mote the interests of Northumberland,	1
do. Q do. Q J. & A. McMillar	neen vs. Angus oneen vs. John R n, engrossing add	C. Campbell, oss, dress to Lord Dufferin			15 90 11 20 5 79	but an effort to do harm by those who were powerless to do good. These gentlemen, to cover the disappointment	1
Valuators' per ce 28.—Constables a	entage for 1878, and Crier, attend	Rainsbottom and Mar ling County Court, C st mortem examination	Oct. term,		32 20 334 00 39 00 8 00	with which they met, give out in cer- tain quarters that they succeeded in	
Bank discount on	Jury draft, riers, attending	Court, Sept. Circuit,			25 30 00 1,840 38	rendering the representative of the County powerless and that they have taken such steps as will force him to	
January 8.—By ba	alance on hand	RECEIPTS.			\$6,385 74	occupy the comparatively useless posi- tion at Ottawa which our late represen-	1
Wholesale and Tamount transfers A D. Shirreff, Au	avern Licence m	oney, collected Janu House account, 1876 and 1877,	iary. '78,		\$833 50 1,355 00 729 59 28 00	tative pleased to assume. Of ccurse, they could not do that, but, even if their statements were true, would the facts	1
Joseph White, lie	do. do. quor fine from C	1877,		::	20 00 20 00 7 00 8 00	Mr. Snowball was elected by a decisive majority. Had it not been so	
Gordon Strang, fi Angus Buckley, John L. Scofield,	ine, selling liquo do. collected on def	do. do. ault list, Blackville,	1877,		5 00 5 00 12 75	there might have been some show of reason in the "protest" now before the	-
John Goodfellow, John Lynch, taxe	balance taxes les for 1877, New	castle,		 	3 00 1 73 1 60	Election Court, and for the extraordin- ary conduct of these people generally, but will any fair-minded person ac-	
Jas. T. Griffin, co JULY.—Wholesale	ollected from De and Tavern Lice	neer's dues from W. faulters, Glenelg, 18' nee money collected kville. on account ba	77, July '78.	77.	$ \begin{array}{r} 20 & 00 \\ 20 & 09 \\ 945 & 00 \\ 3 & 78 \end{array} $	quainted with the course of the late con- test be bold enough to say the large	
DEC. 2.—Charles M d JANUARY 8, '79.—V	larshall, Auction o. Exhibit V. Wallace, coll-	eer's dues for '78, ion fees for '78, ector, Ludlow, Exhib	oition fees for	•	20 00 21 60 4 50	majority gained was not due to at least as legitimate and honorable agencies as those employed on the defeated side?	
13.—Bernard Coo	ok, collector, Gle	aulters 1876-77. Cha nelg, account of bal. ulters, 1877, Alnwich	tham, due from '77		22 50 6 08 8 00	Take, for instance, the conduct of the Surveyor-General in using, as he did,	
Interest from Sa	vings Bank to 1s	t July 78, sessment for 1878.—	Collected.		6 00 25 44	all the patronage and power of the Pro- vincial Government in the most un- scrupulous manner to defeat Mr. Snow-	
Blissfield Blackville Derby			2	34 74 55 49 37 40 02 64		ball and thwart the wishes of many of his own best friends! Where the facts	
Northesk Nelson Newcastle Chatham			1	76 24 . 37 39 85 40		are not known it is urged that Mr. Snowball was strengthened by the influence of the Dominion Government,	
Glenelg Hardwick Alnwick			1	74 22 09 07 96 00 43 99	2,252 58	but, the truth is, very few of those holding Government appointments voted for him while it is a well because for	
out in court		ar (a) dank ar ili a. Galagoni (alarka)	a Arjusto Garago		\$6,385 74	for him, while it is a well known fact that some of his most open and power- ful opponents were Government offi-	
Bye-Road Expension The County of Northum with Secretary-Treas	berland in account	Bye-Road Expendi	iture by Com	mission	ers, 1878.	cials. The Inspector of Lighthouses and Fishery officers by the dozen were among the active canvassers for Mr.	
COMMISSIONERS. LUDLOW - William Wallace Moses Pond	Амт. РАІВ СОМ \$13.00 57.00	Commissioners.	Balfrom 1877 Amt. allotted.	Amt. ex- pended.	Over ex- pend're. unex- pended.	Mitchell. These officials were appointed during the latter gentleman's term of	
Samuel Betts John T. Bamford Harvey Arbo	100.00 100.00 110.00	LUDLOW— William Wallace Moses Pond		\$42.56 51.80		office and it was a most fruitful source of dissatisfaction and complaint against the late Government that they did not	1
BLACKVILLE— John Doolan John Underhill	90.00 300.00 200.00 200.00	BLISSFIELD— Samuel Betts John T. Bamford	100.00		ques tran maternas s	replace, with their own friends, such of them as were acting in a hostile manner	
Morgan Hays NORTHESK— John Keys	200.00 	Harvey Arbo BLACKVILLE— John Doolan	200.00	220.68	1.30	from the day the "Grits" succeeded the Conservative Administration. While it was true that the late Government had	-
Edward R. Whitney DERBY— Francis Parks Hugh Parker	273,30 	John Underhill Morgan Hays NORTHESK—	200.00	201.92	20.68 1.92 2.11	many admirers on account of its evident honesty of purpose and adherence to	1
Nelson— Joseph Hays Thomas McDonald	250.00 100.00 200.00	John Keys (inc's spl. gran Ed. R. Whitney (includ bal. from P. Whitney \$29.	es		14.05	principle, these officers had rendered the Marine and Fishery administration so unpopular that Mr. Snowball's	
William Cushman Newcastle— Alexander Jessamin Alexander Atchison	75.00 175.00	DERBY— Hugh Parker Prancis Parks	\$2.53 140 00 110.00	138.99 110.27	1.01	real or supposed alliance with the "Grits" afforded him no strength.—	
Robert Wall CHATHAM— Robert Murray	200 00 450.00	Nelson— Joseph Hays Thomas McDonald William Cushman	100.00 200,00 100.00		7.96	It is true that the Tariff question in- fluenced many, while others believed much that was said was misunderstood	-
Patrick Connors William Kelly	150.00 150.00 450.00	Newcastle— Alexander Jessamin	75.60	75.00	dan dan sasa	and Mr. Snowball's greatest opposition arose from his assumed preference for	-
Robt McNaughton John McDermaid William Dickens HARDWICK-	204.00 210.00 186,00 ———————————————————————————————————	Alexander Atchison Robert Wall CHATHAM— Robert Murroy	70 200.00	175.00 183.54	17.16	the Government—and in, in this con- nection, we mean the Government as represented through the Marine and	-
James McLean James Gregan Alex. Cameron	210.00 47.00 166.00 450.00	Robert Murray Patrick Connors William Kelly		145.00 150.00 148.80	11.65	Fisheries Department, for, in this County where Dominion administra- tion is chiefly judged through its influ-	
ALNWICK — John L. Robicheau John McKenzie Balance on hand due I	306.00 300.00 Parish	GLENELG— Robert McNaughton John McDermaid Wilham Dickens		218 40 218.97 186 00	8.97	ence on that large interest, that Depart- ment rules the popular mind in its esti-	
Northesk Credit	5.70 \$4,800.00	HARDWICK— James McLean James Gregan (Includes Spl. Grant \$50)	•	211.90	1.90	mate of the Government's general character. Notwithstanding all these drawbacks	1
By balance down due I Northesk on Grant	Parish for '78 5.70	Alexander Cameron ALNWICK	166.00	237.87	70.87	it was felt that Mr. Snowball's large in- terest in the country entitled him to a	
Bal. due do. on Grant i Balance on hand due i Northesk	for '77 25.00 Parish \$30.70	John McKenzie		0 304.22 0 241.74	58.26	representative position. He had, by an honorable and manly course so far succeeded well in the management of	
	ALM	sessments for 1878. S HOUSE ASSESSMENT.				all matters under his control, and had gained the confidence of the people, so	
	Assessment. Col	ssing and of lecting. Assessmen		Col- lected.	. Surplus.	unmistakeably expressed. The ques- tion now suggests itself—will the voters of the County approve of this continued	
Ludlow Blissfield Blackville Northesk Derby	\$125 00 50 00 100 00 400 00 75 00	\$12 50 \$137 5 5 00 55 0 10 00 110 0 40 00 440 0 7 50 82 5	00 55 00 00 110 00 00 440 00	\$25 00		opposition by a few disappointed office and patronage seekers? And will the	-
Nelson	150 00 500 00 500 00 250 00	15 00 165 0 38 75 538 7 33 75 533 7 25 00 275 0	00 165 00 5 570 20 5 502 17 00 255 36	31 58 19 64		Government refuse to consult with and be advised by the representative of the County? The friends of good govern-	-
Har wekAluwicz	150 00 150 00	15 00 15 00 165 0 217 50 165 0 2,667 5	00 149 43 00 165 00	91 79		ment and honorable administration are watching the course of events with no little interest.	1
LudiowBlissfieldBlackville	\$58 00 70 00 222 00	FINGENT ASSESSMENT \$5 80	0 \$40 54 0 62 49	823 26 14 51	san da la	The Fisheries Question at Ottawa,	1
Northesk	182 00 116 00 205 00 582 00	18 20 200 2 11 60 127 6 20 49 225 4 45 08 627 0	10 194 44 60 114 24 19 157 88 63 63 48	5 76 13 36 67 61	3 40	the Miramichi Fisheries, expresses the belief that a profitable market might be	-
Chatham	665 00 142 00 96 00 162 00	44 38 709 3 14 20 156 2 9 60 105 6 16 20 178 2	68 618 60 60 123 27 60 105 60	90 78 32 93 18 01		found for both bass and smelts at several points in the Upper Provinces—especi-	-
Total	2,500 00 80	214 75 2,714 7 THOOL ASSESSMENT.	2,467 33	266 22	18 80	to waste on the ice. On the want of proper regulations the same paper	
Chatham Newcastle Ludlow Blissfield Blackville	1,546 66 152 68 185 86	132 42 \$1,898 1 116 00 1,662 6 11 44 164 1 13 92 199 7 44 28 635 6	1,662 66 12 164 12 18 199 78	\$200 00		says: "But fishery regulations do exist and they prohibit the abuses which every-	
Northesk	596 78 484 58 305 32 544 32 378 36	44 28 635 6 36 33 520 6 22 89 328 2 40 80 585 1 28 35 406 7	520 91 21 328 21 12 585 12	50 36		body deplores. Officers are appointed to enforce them. If the regulations are defective those officers should see to	
Hardwick	252 25 431 48	18 90 271 1 32 34 463 8 497 67 7,135 6	15 271 15 32 471 03	250 36	7 21	their amendment, and if requisite, adapt them to local necessities." * * "Now, we happen to know that the	-
Chatham Newcastle	Pe	DLICE ASSESSMENT. 814 00 \$800 0 27 00 427 0	00 \$300 00	200 86	1 21	injuries which these Miramichi fisheries have suffered, and are said to be still suffering from, have been greatly ag-	
Chatham Newcastle	1,000 00	FIRE ASSESSMENT. 185 00 \$2,135 0 67 50 1,067 5 ELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	50 1,067 50			gravated, if they were not actually caused by want of vigor and practical attention on the part of those whose	
Accounts. Chatham Firewards Newcastle Firewards. Chatham Police	Re 82 2	ceipts. Expenditure ,000 00 \$1,998 60 ,017 34 217 34 ,023 19 1,153 35			on hand. \$ 140 1,800 00	immediate business it is to regulate and protect them. It is one thing to denounce abuses, but another to correct	
Newcastle Police		051 47 516 27	8130 16		597 00	them, and the public has much more	1

John Ferguson

John Cassidy

COLLECTORS OF DOG TAX.

Collector. Amt. Collected. Commission.

\$92 **00**

89 00

Newcastle Police

Parish.

Alms House

Chatham ..

Newcastle ...

Pub. Wharf and Lands, Newcastle, .

to Cr. Alms House.

\$82 80 71 20

COUNTY SCHOOL FUND. -- IN ACCOUNT WITH SECRETARY-TREASURER 21st, '78.-To amt. expended to date, in payment of spl. drafts, etc. \$4.362 82 amount School Drafts for term ending Oct. '78. Commissioners disbursing \$3,017.40, 19 . 23rd, '79.—Paid Receiver General on account Provincial Loan, . 18th. '78.—By balance on hand, amount collected from delinquents, assessment for 1878, paid, -By balance due Sec. · Treasurer, ering the representative of the ity powerless and that they have such steps as will force him to py the comparatively useless posiat Ottawa which our late represene pleased to assume. Of ccurse, could not do that, but, even if their ments were true, would the facts ct any credit upon them ? . Snowball was elected by a demajority. Had it not been so might have been some show of on in the "protest" now before the tion Court, and for the extraordinconduct of these people generally, will any fair-minded person acnted with the course of the late conbe bold enough to say the large ority gained was not due to at least gitimate and honorable agencies as employed on the defeated side? , for instance, the conduct of the ne patronage and power of the Proal Government in the most unpulous manner to defeat Mr. Snownot known it is urged that Mr. wball was strengthened by the ining Government appointments voted him, while it is a well known fact The Inspector of Lighthouses Fishery officers by the dozen were ng the active canvassers for Mr. hell. These officials were appointand it was a most fruitful source ssatisfaction and complaint against late Government that they did not ice, with their own friends, such of as were acting in a hostile manner the day the "Grits" succeeded the servative Administration. While it true that the late Government had ciple, these officers had rendered Marine and Fishery administration deputy. unpopular that Mr. Snowball's or supposed alliance with the rits" afforded him no strength.true that the Tariff question ina that was said was misunderstood Mr. Snowball's greatest opposition from his assumed preference for Government-and in, in this conion, we mean the Government as esented through the Marine and eries Department, for, in this aty where Dominion administrais chiefly judged through its influon that large interest, that Departtrules the popular mind in its estiof the Government's general otwithstanding all these drawbacks eeded well in the management of natters under his control, and had ne County approve of this continued osition by a few disappointed office of duty. patronage seekers? And will the ernment refuse to consult with and dvised by the representative of the nty ? The friends of good governand honorable administration are ching the course of events with no Fisheries Question at Ottawa.

CHAS. F. BOURNE, WARDEN. E. P. WILLISTON, AUDITOR. ted, February 20th, 1879. remedy may be applied. If the Inspec-Niramichi Advance. tors neglect or fail to make the best use of their powers and the laws they en-HAM. MARCH 6, 1879. gage to administer, they should give place to others who will. thumberland's Representative The difficulty appears to be that it is at Ottawa. a rule of the Department to depend allose self-constituted "delegates," most entirely upon its Inspector for inors Tweedie, Call and Sadler, have formation. When that officer happens med from Ottawa. It seems that to be a conscientious, truthful, intelliprivate business of our Senator is of gent and efficient man the public interter importance to him than that of ests must, as a matter of course, be well public, so he is absent attending to guarded, but when the reverse is true, d, for the time, he made those such a condition of affairs as now exists gentlement his proxies, in order on the Miramichi cannot but follow. they might do congenial work for Many fishermen lose respect for the

at the Dominion Capital. The Department in a great measure and ion on which they went was one that | when they know that parts of regulan this County would approve of. tions are unreasonable and absurd, they as a mission prompted by the same hastily conclude they are justified in ous and revengeful spirit that has evading the whole. When they act tantly characterised the course of upon these ill-advised conclusions their party whose misrule in Northum- example leads their more correct fellowand met with condemnation at the fishermen to become dissatisfied. Then, in the late election. It was not the minor officers, if they are efficient rengthen, but to weaken the influ- do what the law directs and seizures and of Mr. Snowball who had hurried | confiscations are the result. Nearly all from Great Britain to his parli- these difficulties are due, in the first ntary duties. It was not to pro- place, to the Department not being prothe interests of Northumberland, perly advised in reference to the regulaan effort to do harm by those who tions necessary. Miramichi people powerless to do good. These gen- generally look upon the present regulaen, to cover the disappointment tions as very inadequate and wonder the Department at length the result of a which they met, give out in cer- when a change for the better will be quarters that they succeeded in effected. The Free Press, under the head of 'Smelts again," also says :-

The St. John Sun persists in re-

proaching "the late Government" with

the waste of smelts and young bass at one half of that quantiy. In his charge, Miramichi. It adds a new, and, this which was an open one, addressed to the time, a distinct charge. After stating Minister of Fisheries, after referring to that illegal fish are snipped at Chatham the deception practiced upon the public, railway station without detection, it says :- "There was altogether too much "of this sort of thing done under Sir "A. J. Smith's management of the Department, and when an officer became too active in the discharge of his duty, give you the evidence of my own eves and 'the political influence was sufficiently strong to get him removed, and leave the Chatham district to a man more conveniently pliable to political influences." This refers, no doubt, to the removal of Mr. Wyse, of which we heard something at the time. It appears that, own officers. I say nothing in my paper for several seasons past, the destructive but await your action in removing the and unlawful practices of which the Sun complains have been worst at Chatham. where Mr. Wyse resides, and that he never interfered with them. The late Minister, whom the Sun finds so much veyor-General in using, as he did, fault with, took the trouble to visit the district, and heard the fishermen and the fishing officers face to face. He found that, although Mr. Wyse was lording it over several neighbouring and thwart the wishes of many of officers, and acted as a sort of local dewn best friends! Where the facts | puty to the Chief Inspector at St. Johns. ne did an extensive country store business with the fishermen and their friends. They got supplies and nets ace of the Dominion Government, from him-even the illegal ones that the truth is, very few of those did so much damage. Of course they did as they pleased. Sir A. J. Smith is said to have called Mr. Wyse's attention to this anomalous state of affairs. some of his most open and power- and the result was that Mr. Wyse opponents were Government offi- voluntarily resigned his office. What was there "political" about this? If his successor does not do his duty any corruptly or ignorantly advised in referbetter than Mr. Wyse did, why does ence to them? not the Inspector expose him and have him dismissed? Possibly he, too, has uring the latter gentleman's term of dealings with the offenders. If so, it

ing to his own statements, violating the through the ADVANCE and a few days fact connected with his official history and it is a little singular that while the y admirers on account of its evident | Inspector for the Province was, for a esty of purpose and adherence to long time, aware of the facts he continued Mr. Wyse in his position as chief

would be better to persuade the present

set by his predecessor.

No successor to Mr. Wyse has been appointed in Chatham for only one Overseer is required. The seizures retown for fishing after the close season had commenced-were of fish illegally taken in Overseer Hogan's district, ten or fifteen miles up the river. That officer followed the buyer of the fish out of his own district and made th seizure in Chatham, in order to give color to the complaints which were being published in reference to destruction of small bass at Chatham. Seizures of bag-nets engaged in smelt-fishing after the 15th Feby. have been made at points several miles below the town of as felt that Mr. Snowball's large in- Chatham and we do not think anyone st in the country entitled him to a sympathises with those who have resentative position. He had, by broken the law and reaped the reward nonorable and manly course so far of their wrong-doing. A correspondent whose letter appeared in the ADVANCE of 20th Feby, directed attention to the ned the confidence of the people, so bag-net fishing going on after the 15th, nistakeably expressed. The ques- and we are pleased that the officer in the now suggests itself-will the voters | district referred to-as well as others-was thereby stirred up to a practical sense

Legislative Councils.

The Legislative Councils do not appear to be looked upon as absolutely necessary bodies by the Governments of New Brunswick and P. E. Island. Speech at the opening of the Legislature in the latter Province says :-

A Bill will be submitted to you altering the constitution of the Legislature and providing one Legislative Chamber for the Province in lieu of the existing Legislative Council and House of Assembly. To this important constitutionchange, I invite your earnest at-

The New Brunswick speech says; Your attention will be directed to the consideration of the propriety of amending the constitution of the Province by vesting the powers of legislation in one Legislative Chamber, subject, nevertheless, to the rights of the Crown, and under such provisions as may be deemexpedient in the interests of the

interest in knowing that something is

being done than that something ought

It is said by some of the members of the New Brunswick "House of Lords that the Government probably proposes to retain that body as the "one legislative chamber".

A Reply to Fisheries Inspector

tolerate an officer so degraded as to em- rect attention specially to it. Let it be ploy the language in which it was couch- remembered that Mr. Smith, the "slaned. The questions at issue between the derer' referred to above by Mr. Venning, editor of this paper and Inspector Ven- visited the Hatching House on the 4th of ning are not personal ones. They affect April, 1877. Then turn to Mr. Venning's the material interests of the Miramichi, letter to the Minister of 31st Dec., 1877, on Wilmot's report, and the following will and Mr. Smith deals with Mr. Venning only on his merits as an officer. We are

> mpt made, so far as I know, to keep back any facts or make any false statements to cover up facts. Those disposed to respect the truth and know it on presentation, will observe, at once, that not a word of any appreciable loss of ova was reported to the Department up to the day when Mr. Smith made his charges. On that day the care-taker was informed that the deception was forth with to be reported. It was then Mr. Venning set to work to cover up the fraud he had been carrying on, and, hence, his tardy report of 11th and 13th April, 7 and 9 days, respectively, after what he terms "this slanderer's lies" were "formulated. Yet Mr. V. says it was before that time. So much for Mr. Venning's first denial of

> March, it was reported by the caretaker "that the total loss of eggs did not exceed 50,000." Taking his statement to be correct, there would still have been on hand about 92 per cent., or nearly

Mr. Smith's impeachment. Mr. Wilmot

The caretaker informed Mr. Smith and Mr. Snowball on 4th April '77 that he reported to the Department what he was instructed by Mr. Venning to report and

blackguardism-as Mr. Smith once did a Referring to the loss of 50% of the eggs reported by Mr. Venning to have been laid down, Mr. Wilmot reports as have little to say, for but little is neces-

This great loss of fish eggs being of such an extraordinary nature, the statement of their numbers on the trays so confleting, and the cause of their mortality as related being untenable, has not Venning's subsequent declaration, made been satisfactorily explained : I am therefore compelled, however unpleasant it may be, in following true cause of the difficulty and loss of ova at the diramichi Fish-Breeding Istablishment, has repersonal examination of the Miramichi sulted, in my opinion, from incompetency or ne-Hatching House. The point of the charge glect, or both, or the part of the officer in char; e the building, and that deception has been rewas that while Mr. Venning who then sorted to in order to cover up the actual state of had control of the House, had reported ov-Incompetency has leen shown either in the in-

correct method of counting the eggs when first taken, whereby the number became so great'y reduced o the 16th of April, to what they were represented to be when first laid on the hatching trays in the previous month of March Neglect must have been practised to allow such an extraordinary percentage of ova to die (assum properly fertilized) as it would be aimost impossible, even with the most rdinary care (and quite

unprecedented elsewhere) that the enormous loss of fi ty per cent, of the whole should take place in so short a time, and at that advanced period of incubation when the embryos had become almost perfect fry, and possessed great power of endur-Deception, I fear, has been resorted to in order very sensibly and reasonably at it. Mr. to cover up incompetency or neglect, by attributing the falling off in numbers and the death of the

eggs, to sedimentary matter in the water, and to alleged injury in the use of zine trays. As this is the second occurence of a similar misfortune in the serious loss of salmon ova at the Miramichi Balmon-Breeding Establishment, I reel it incumbent upon me to make the plain statements of my views with regard to the working of that institution. Of the loss there in 1875, I very plainly stated to your Department that it was caused by the negligence and want of attention to the work; I am of the same o inion still. Of the loss of 1876, I am compelled to say that the inompetency, added to mistatements of the number of ova, and of other facts, have produced results similar to the season of 1875.

Breeding House and its work are true. I We think that in the above Mr. Wilmot fully confirms "Smith's statements" and pretty broadly "hints" at "incompetency and the Department has sufficient on which to proceed to protect itself and the public and wilful misrepresentation" on the part from further imposition. * * * When of the Inspector who, at the time had your Inspector thought proper to go into charge of the Hatchery and made the rethe press and misrepresent both my knowledge of the facts and my motives in enports in reference to it.

deavoring to check him in matters by which But when Mr. Wilmot sustained Mr. I felt he was threatening injury to our Smith's charges, and indeed ever since, fishery interests, I did not follow him after Mr. Venning has endeavored to make it appear that the charges of "deception." Department at Ottawa, but I find him still disgracing his position by scurrilous letters "incompetency," etc., made by that offi to the press and I want a chance to justify cer were all aimed at Mr. Shaesgreen and not at himself. In this he displays the Will you leave our fishery interests to be mean and selfish spirit of a craven. Many mismanaged as they are now, or seek to ascertain whether you are not badly and persons living on the Miramichi remember the rumors concerning the small quantity of ova laid down at the Hatching House A few days passed after Mr. Smith had in the fall of 1876, and how orders were forwarded the specific charges which acgiven to Mr. Shaesgreen, the keeper, by companied the above and he heard nothing Mr. Venning, to admit no visitors unless Minister to follow the example worthily from the Department. Knowing the ova they presented an order from himself or would soon be matured and fearing the overseer Hogan, of Newcastle. The belief Mr. Wyse's semi-partnership with deception he had reported would not be that this order was issued to prevent disdozens of fishermen who were, accord- investigated he made the matter public covery of the actual state of affairs was general in the neighborhood. When, fishery laws, is a somewhat notorious after he was officially informed that an in- however, Mr. Smith visited the place on vestigation was to be made by Samuel 4th April, 1877, he found the door un-Wilmot, Esq., Chief of the Fish Culture locked and walked in. The care-taker Branch. When Mr. Smith visited the was washing ova, and was civil enough. Hatching House and discovered the con- He said there were about 700,000 eggs in dition of things he informed the keeper, the trays, and that there had been hardly -who, even then, stoutly contended any mortality. But when he discovered that there were nearly 700,000 ova in who Mr. Smith was, and when the latter the trays, -of his intention to report the began to show him that his estimate was correspondent has sent us the following facts to the Department. The keeper erroneous, and that there was not one-half letter :posted off to Newcastle and caused the the quantity of eggs represented, he beported to have been made this year in Inspector to be summoned at once. The came very impertinent, and threatened nced many, while others believed Chatham-excepting those of some latter visited the Hatchery five days after personal violence. The care taker was alsmelt-nets taken several miles below the and when the state of things there was so impertinent to another gentleman who Feb: 6th, that you are charged with suppublished in the ADVANCE the Advocate arrived an hour or two later, and said Mr. published, at the request of the Inspector, | Venning had instructed him not to admit the statment that a number of losses of visitors save by order from himself or ova had taken place which had been re- Hogan. He refused to allow this gentle ported to the Department "as they oc- man to make an estimate of the eggs, and curred." Mr. Wilmot had already arrived when remonstrated with in reference to and visited the establishment in company his conduct, said he was only carrying out with the Inspector and Overseer Hogan- Mr. Venning's orders, etc. Referring to who had, evidently, assisted him in his this matter Mr. Wilmot, in his report,

> misrepresentations-thus depriving Mr. Smith of assisting in the investigation-a In addition to my instructions concerning the loss of eggs at Miramichi my attention was directed to a complaint against the officer in charge for incivility offered to certain gentlemen while visiting mot was instructed to extend. This. letter, admitted his error in this case, it will be un necessary for me further to revert to it. I may, lowever, here state for your information that I his letter which appeared in the Advocate have made it an invariable rule to draw the attention of the officers in charge of the several fish preeding establis ments to the fact that it was desirable that every possible attention and civility "First, then, I state that before this should be extended to visitors; and one of the slanderer 'formulated' his lies all the facts princ pal objects aimed at by me has been to make connected with the Miramichi Hatching the several institutions as attractive as possible, in order to induce people to visit and inspect them, House were faithfully reported to the for by this means more knowledge would be disseminated amongst the people in relation to this somewhat novel, yet highly important national en-

> "Second" Mr. Wilmot never confirmed All this is calculated to convince the careful reader that there was something my part and I appeal for proof of this aswrong going on in the Hatching House when Mr. Venning ordered it to be closed to superintendence of our own Hatching visitors. The fact that he has endeavored to show that the loss occurred just about Now we do not propose to make a string the time the exposure was made by Mr. Smith is an evidence of his shallow cun ning, only, for those best acquainted with as the Inspector does concerning Mr. Venthe history of the establishment are convinced that if it had not been for the visit cal, but as Mr. Venning appeals to Mr. of the latter gentleman on 4th April no Wilmot's Report we will let that bear witlosses would have been reported by Mr. Venning, and the public would have been misled to a far greater extent than they were the following summer by the reports On the 6th of November last, 650 000 eggs were of young fish produced and distributed. So much, therefore, for Mr. Venning's

> "second" denial of Mr. Smith's impeach caretaker, writes thus: "Between 600,000 and 700,000 eggs laid down here ; they look well." On the 2nd December, Mr. Venning reports: Ir an official communication to the De-Loss almost inappreciable, not more than 1,500 dead ones having been removed; the eggs show partment dated 31st Dec. 1877, W. H a bright and heathy appearance, the embryo be Venning, Inspector of Fisheries, address-

> > SIR :- I have the honor to submit the following report of proceedings in connection with the Miramichi Fish-Breeding Establishment, from the 31s. Samuel Wilmot, Esq., assumed its entire control

ing the Minister, opens as follows:-

of my visit to the hatchery on the 16th of April, would show a falling off of one-half of the whole, or fif ty per cent, of a loss. This appears very extra-And yet, Mr. Venning, in his "third" denial says, "I was never relieved of the nary indeed, in the face of the several state ments which were made from time to time, "that "every thing was going on well, and that the loss-

Sept. 5, 1877, says:-" After leavin you and Mr. Venning at New

eastle, I received instructions from the Minister that the Miramichi Fish-Breeding Establishment had been put wholly under my charge and super It is true that Mr. Venning tried to get

on his dignity and that he made an at tempt to get clear of doing some work that 5th. The difference between the number of eggs was required of him in connection with aid down in the autumn of 1876 and the actual mantity on hand at the time of Mr. Wilmot's visit the establishment under Mr. Wilmot, but, n the 16th April, 1877, was jully reported by me in he was directed to assist when called upon y letters dated 11th and 1: th April, and no atand it is a significant fact that in the fall of 1877 between Messrs. Venning, Hogan and Shaesgreen, the operations of the establishment were rendered a disastrous and expensive failure.

Worse than that-the reports on the subject bear on their face a mass of contradictions and equivocations which do discredit to the Department which retains in its service those who were parties to it -viz., Messrs. W. H. Venning, John Hogan and Isaac Shaesgreen. But this is new ground and we will pursue the sub ject no further upon it, than to repeat our formerly expressed conviction that the Miramichi Fish Breeding establishment has been a positive injury to our fisheries and a source of public deception and At a period as late as the end of the month of wrong doing ever since it was established.

In his letter Mr. Venning advances two points in addition to the above. Fourth-I again state that Smith's own report of the Napan meeting, as published

the Advance, refutes all his subsequent assertions respecting what took place; that my Report on the Smelt Fishery, as pub lished in the Blue Book for 1876, appen dix 14, page 269 e seq, contains a full and correct description of it, and that all subsequent experience has fully corroborated its entire truth. Respecting this fourth statement we

sary. The Inspector and Mr. Smith agree in reference to what took place at the Napan meeting. They only differ as to Mr. privately to Mr. Smith and Mr. Crocker, that the bag-nets were to be prohibited on the Miramichi. Mr. Venning afterwards denied having made this declaration, but the ADVANCE of the date immediately follow Venning's denial, although we had at that time, no difference with him and did not know how very unrealiable he was. It was, we believe, on account of Mr. Crocker refusing to bear false witness against Mr. Smith on this point that Mr Venning as saulted him last winter in the Newcastle Post Office, and received a thrashing fo his blackguardism. So far as the Napan meeting was concerned it was properly conducted and the Inspector behaved

Smith, who was, we remember, chairman, never, in any way, found fault with Mr. Venning in that connection, so the latter's fourth point is a meaningless attempt to mislead. Mr. Venning's last point is as Fifth-The statement that Smith refus ed to print the letter of his correspondent which described the great destruction of

young bass near John O'Bear's, in Bay do Woods. Vin, was made to me by a gentleman who was told the fact by the correspondent. and this very letter was alluded to in the Advance's notices to correspondents, but a few issues back, in which the writer was old that he must look elsewhere to get 11 orinted. And yet Smith has the unblushing hardihood to say that he never heard of the letter, never received it, and never refused to print it!

When Mr. Venning made the above charge in a former letter to the Sun we gave it a full and complete contradiction At that time we had no idea of who the supposed correspondent was, but last du Vin correspondent, "Teazer," who, in a letter written on the 17th Feb., -more than a fortnight after Mr. Venning's letter containing the charge appeared-and published in the ADVANCE of 20th, Feb., re ferred to some small bass being taken at Eel River last November. That being the we did not, of course, notify the writer 'that he must look elsewere to get it print-

Bay Du Vin, 3rd March, 1879. D. G. Smith, Esq.,

Editor Miramichi Advance: ferring, among other things, to the capture of some small bass. I beg to say that I am the vriter of the letter referred to. hat it was written on 17th Feb, as you stated, and published promptly in the Adrance of 20th. I showed the letter to no person before sending it to you nor did I tall any person I intended to write it; and further, it was the first and only time I wrote to you making any allusion to destruction of small bass by bag-nets. By publishing the above you will oblige Yours truly, A. G. WILLISTON.

It is unfortunately, true that a person who has alike forsaken truth and honor, as Mr. Venning has done, may so abuse the license allowed him by the Depart nent as to render himself not only a public nnoyance, but a reproach to the Civil Ser vice. We are quite sure that Mr. Smith would prefer employing his time with more profit to himself and the pub'ic than in answering personal abuse and state ments such as those above dealt with, but Mr. Venning holds a position which re quires that his attacks should be repelled When he has the hardihood to publish such stuff as we have refuted and sign his name to it, as a public officer, the Minister ought to consider whether it is not his duty to require of him that he shall stand or fall by the discussion he thus provokes. Unless the Department does its duty and purges itself of such a living disgrace, it cannot hope to secure the respect of those whose interests it so largely controls, nor should it be surprising if the fishermen, rown desperate under the rule of such a man, should become as lawless as the In spector is indecent, ignorant and untruth-

New Brunswick Legislature

The New Brunswick Legislature as embled for business at Fredericton, on Thursday, 27th ult. Since the last session Mr. Tilley's term as Lieut.-Governor ended. It is proper, here to say that in the discharge of the duties of that office Mr. Tilley won new friends and admirers, on account of the ability which marked his acts of administration and his manifest desire to conduct the af- view to encourage and facilitate the fair fairs of his native Province constitutional- trial of so interesting an experiment as the Superintendence of our Hatching House. ' ly and to the advantage of the interests If he was not, will he please explain what entrusted to him. The hospitalities of Yet Mr. Venning asserted that the loss- he meant by the language we have quoted Government House, too, were no less pop- and due notice will be given upon its ares were reported by him to the Minister above from his pen. We affirm that he ular and successful features of the late Go- rival. The proposed manner of distribu-"as they occurred!" Is it probable that was relieved of the Superintendence of the vernor's term of office than the other tien, together with the probable expendi-"as they occurred!" Is it probable that the Minister would have ordered an investight Hatching House a little more than two phases of his administration and the for your consideration. I sincerely hope The Inspector of Fisheries for New tigation if this were true? Would he not, months after Mr. Smith made the charges pleasent recollections which New Bruns- the cultivation of sugar best in this Pro-Brunswick caused a letter to be published instead of sending Mr. Wilmot to investi- in reference to the deception that was wick society will long entertain in this vince may prove successful and remunera-Paid to Sec.-Treas. Ottawa makes defective regulations in
Ottawa makes defective reg to be done. If the Department at in the Advocate of last week which no gate Mr. Smith's charges, have said to the practiced upon the Department by him in connection are largely the result of tact tive. Ottawa makes defective regulations incapable of enforcement then the fact out feeling ashamed that any public Dethis to me?" We wish to have this point report proves the fact, but we will also
who was so worthily its leader for the time.

The Buildings in Fredericton were a ked for and those received will be duly laid. should be made known in order that a partment would for a moment continue to thoroughly understood, and therefore di. quote his favorite witness, Mr. Wilmot, Mr. Chandler, who succeeds Mr. Tilley, is before you.

who in a letter to Overseer Hogan dated a gentlman of great experience in public affairs, his parliamentary life having extended over a term of some fifty years. He cannot fail to discharge the duties of the office-both political and social-in a manner which will maintain its dignity and prestige unimpared.

Of course, Fredericton was all astir on the day of opening. By three o'clock there was a concourse of citizens assembled in front of the Parliament building. The old structure contrasted unfavorably with its surroundings, if the woodpiles at the rear may be excepted. A Guard of Honor embracing two companies of the 71st Batallion, under Major Staples, w formed up before the portico and Major Beckwith had some guns of his battery in the usual place for the purpose of tiring the customary salute. In the Legislative Council Chamber, the ladies were gathered in large numbers, affording the gentlemen of that body opportunity for the display of their proverb-

The more thoughtful habitues of the old red chamber, missed the late venerable President. Even in the midst of the gairty and flutter and the accustomed 'pomp and circumstance" attending the ppening, the fine old gentlemen who had so long presided over the Upper House, was remembered with respect, mingled with regret that so honorable a link between the past and the present had been removed by death. Even among the ladies, the question of the Presidency was discussed as the arrival of the Lieut-Governor, another gentleman, who last year. lent dignity to the Council, was waited for, the favorite candidate being Mr. Seely, although Mr. Hanington, had quite a number who would have liked to know that his chances for the desired promotion were good.

Meanwhile members of the Assembly had been making ready for their part of the proceedings. This House, our readers know, is composed of 41 members. whose name and constituencies are given below. Those with an asterisk (*) affixed were members of Assembly at some preious time, but not of the late House. Those with a dagger (†) affixed are gentlemen who never sat in the Assembly before the present session. The others sat in the late House.

Albert, -Gaius S. Turner, + W. J. Lew-

Carleton .- G. W. White, * ; J. S. Leigh-

Charlotte, - B. R. Stevenson; Geo. F. Hill * : Thes. Cottrell ; J. E. Lynott +. Gloucester, -P. G. Ryan; J. F. Mc-

Kent, - Urbain Johnson ; Chas. J. Sayre. + Kings .- Hon. J. H. Crawford ; E. A. Vail *: Fennimore E. Morton. + Madawaska, - Levite Theriault.

Northumberland, - Michael Adams *: E. Hutchison †; T. F. Gillespie *; A. A.

Queens,-Walter T. Butler; Francis

Restigouche, - J. C. Barbariet; T. F. Kenney. † St. John (City.) -- Wm. Wedderburn :

St. John, (County,) - David McLellan +; Wm. Elder; R. J. Ritchie +; Edward

Sunbury, -W. E. Perley; J. S. Covert. Victoria,-W. B. Beveridge.

Westmorland, -P. A. Landry *; D. L. Hanington *; A. E. Killam +; J. L. Black +. York. - J. J. Fraser; Geo. J. Colter +; Andrew G. Blair +; Fred. P. Thompson + There are thus 18 members who sat in the late House, 7 members who did not sit in the late House, but were at some previous time members of the Assembly, and 16 members who have seats this session for the first time. All the members, except Mr. Leighton, were sworn in about one o'clock and we believe that gentleman put in an appearance in the afternoon.

His Honor arrived at three, p. m., and as he passed, the guard presented arms ed". That statement is, therfore, entire and the artillery salute was fired. Atly untrue-a pure invention on Mr. Ven- tended by Lt. Maunsel, Macshane, Saunning's part - and neither he nor any other ders, Marsh and other officers of the person can find it in "the ADVANCE'S no | Active Militia, he passed into the Council Chamber and took the seat on the dais. Hon. Wm. Hamilton, of Restigouche,

was the correspondent Mr. Venning refer | the senior member of the Council.gave the red to we at once challenged the statement | necessary directions for the summoning of and showed what the facts were. To the members of the Assembly, who soon prove, however, that the whole story was apppeared, headed by their Clerk, Mr. deliberately invented by Mr. Venning our Bliss. Mr. Hamilton announced that His Honor would not communicate with them until they had elected their Speaker and they withdrew.

In the Assembly, on motion of Hon. Mr. Fraser, seconded by Hon. Mr. Wedderburn, Hoz. S. R. Stevenson was elected speaker, without opposition. He was conducted to the chair by the mover and seconder, and from his place asked the indulgence of the House in the discharge of ais duties, and thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him. His address of thanks was well received and created a very favorable impression. Headed by the Speaker, the House again went to the Council Chamber, where confirmation was asked by the Speaker of the Assembly's selection and all the ascient privileges craved for the loyal members, also indulgence for any error of his own. These were graciously accorded through

the acting President. His Honor then read the Speech from the Throne. It referred to the death of the Princess Alice and expressed regretful ympathy with the Queen in her affliction; also referred in fitting terms to the appointment of the Marqu s of Lorne, as Governor-General of Canada and his arrival accompanied by the Princess Louise. It expressed satisfaction with the general condition of the Province, notwithstanding the commercial depression existing and thanks for the success which attended the labors of the husbandman during the past season. Continuing, His Honor said :-

Many unavoidable circumstances of an important character operated against the Provincial Exhibition held in the city of Fredericton during the month of October When due allowance for these is nade, however, it may be fairly affirmed that the exhibition was satisfactorily successful. A detailed report on this sub-

ject will be submitted to you.

During the last year my Government ordered the importation of a number of pure breed Leicester sheep. They arrived in time for the Exhibition and were highly commended by the best judges in such matters. A detailed statement upon this subject, also, will be laid before you. The seed wheat imported by the Government during the last spring was very generally distributed over various sections of the Province, and, so far as I can learn, the results have fully justified the expenditure in that behalf

A large amount of intelligent covi meration has been recently directed to the subject of the cultivation of the sugar beet in different parts of the world. With a culture of the sugar best in this Province. my Government has ordered the importa-