

CALENDAR. SEPTEMBER.

Table with columns for Moon phases (New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter) and Rises/sets for Sun, Moon, and Tides.

TIDES.

The times of high water at Chatham, for the month of September, are approximately as follows:

Table showing high water times for September 1st through 30th.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

BOOKS LOST.—See advt.

"GRIP'S" first exhibition number is a splendid one.

PAINTERS are interested in tenders asked for by the Firewards and which go to-morrow.

SEVERAL OTHER BOARDS, Clayboards, Palms, etc. are offered for sale by Geo. Barchill Esq., Nelson.

O'BRIEN'S CREEK.—The rebuilding of John O'Brien's Creek Bridge was, we understand, awarded yesterday to Mr. John MacLaughlin of Chatham at \$650.

RECOVERING.—We are happy to state that Dr. J. B. Benson, whose severe illness was mentioned in last week's issue, is now recovering.

THE BRIG, "MARY J. WILBUR," 365 tons, Capt. J. P. Murphy, from Liverpool for Miramichi, consigned to J. B. Snowball, Esq., is dismantled. [per cable.]

OATS.—We have been shown oats 5 feet 9 inches high, heated out heavily and full rip, grown on the farm of Mr. John McDonald, Douglasdale, the time between seeding and reaping being 23 months.

ARRANGEMENTS.—The arrangements for the special steamship trains on the Intercolonial at Halifax during the winter months.

FLOUR, ETC.—Mr. D. Chesman, whose store on Water Street, Chatham, is one of our best flour, produce and provision establishments, advertises flour and other stock this week. We bespeak for him, a good share of patronage.

"THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE" is the appropriate name of the well-stocked establishment of James Brown, Esq., Newcastle, who is one of our oldest patrons. His latest announcement in another column will be read with interest.

LUMBER.—Logs are so scarce, owing to a big drive being hung up on the Miramichi, that Mr. Snowball's has been, for some time, the only mill running steadily. Monday last appeared like a holiday, so far as the mills generally were concerned.

EXPRESS.—James Johnston, Esq., Postmaster of Newcastle, has accepted the position of Intercolonial Express Agent vacated by the resignation of Mr. Fleming, Station Agent, who is now enjoying his well earned holidays by a trip to the West.

IMMENSE STOCK.—Messrs. Sutherland & Creghan of Newcastle, who have recently enlarged their store at the head of the Public Wharf, advertise a splendid lot of goods. Their improved facilities and greatly increased stock ought to attract purchasers in both town and country.

LOVELL'S advanced Geography is received. It is arranged with due attention to method, and its maps show the more recent changes of geographical boundaries, etc. It is tastefully printed and adorned with a creditable educational work. It is for sale by Messrs. McMillan & Son.

FOR THE UNIVERSITY.—The students of the University of Miramichi, Messrs. Harley of Newcastle and Russell of Douglasdale, for Frederick on "Tuesday evening. Mr. Ernest McKay of Chatham—a new student—accompanied them. Mr. J. W. Davidson of Newcastle is to return next week.

THE MATRONS' WEEK.—The Ladies of the Reformed Episcopal Church have, for some time, been making preparations for a tea meeting and fancy sale, which is to be held this evening at the Temperance Hall, Chatham. Such entertainments are always attractive, and we have no doubt that of this evening will be no exception to the rule.

THE PRESS.—Frederick's new tri-weekly paper, "The Capital," has reached us. It is published by H. A. Cropley, Esq., and presents an admirable appearance. We hope it will be a great success. It will be so if the merits of the first number continue to characterize its subsequent issues and the people within its field of circulation are properly appreciative.

TESTIMONY BY A HORSE.—On Monday 6th inst. a boy aged 6 years, son of Mr. Angus McLean, Pilot, was playing with a horse in a pasture at Chatham Head, the animal made a sudden kick, inflicting a severe wound between the child's eyes, and also splitting his upper lip. The boy was brought to town and the wounds dressed by Dr. J. S. Benson. The escape was a narrow one.

RAY DU VIN PICNIC, in connection with the Church of England Mission there, is to come off on Wednesday next. The Andover is to run especially to take excursionists to the Picnic and will leave Newcastle at half past eight in the morning, calling at Douglasdale, Chatham and Black Brook on the way down. There will be music on the boat for dancing.

The Committee are preparing for games and amusements of different kinds and the dinner and refreshments will all be first class.

THE REBELS.—Our report of the Dominion Rifle Association matches among the matter crowded out this week.

New Brunswick had nineteen competitors and won 21 prizes, including \$244, besides a rite; P. E. Island had sixteen competitors and won sixteen prizes, including \$147. Nova Scotia had 26 competitors and won 53 prizes, including \$614.

Sergt. M. C. Clark and Sergt. Pallen represented the Miramichi.

PIC-NIC.—The Black River picnic held on Thursday last was a first rate one in every respect, notwithstanding the unfavorable appearance of the weather in the morning. The committee in charge deserve great praise for the thoroughness of their arrangements, and the attractiveness of the whole affair—excepting the handsome Black River ladies who officiated so gracefully, they being something to thank Providence for. We understand that about \$300 were realized.

OBITUARY.—Intelligence of the death of James Miller, Esq. of Upton, Ont. father of John C. Miller, Esq. of Derby reached the latter gentleman on Sunday last. The deceased gentleman was on his way from Great Britain on the steamer *Saratoga* which reached Quebec on Saturday night. He was a prominent business man of Upton—having been, until recently, a member of the firm of J. & J. Miller & Co.—in all the relationships of life. Mr. Miller has maintained the reputation of an honorable man and useful citizen.

ASHORE.—The *Black Hawk*, Capt. Silveira, from Liverpool, with 200 tons salt, iron, tin and other general cargo, consigned to J. B. Snowball, Esq., struck yesterday (Wednesday) morning at Escumacine. She labored on rock bottom, and was being driven up further towards the shore at last accounts. In response to a message from the Captain, the Consignee despatched the tug *Albatross* with two schooners in tow from Chatham with a view of rendering assistance, but the prevailing easterly gale and heavy sea compelled the tug to cut the schooners away before reaching Oak Point and all had to return to port.

PERSONAL.—Geo. J. Chubb, Esq. of St. John was among Chatham's visitors of last week. He has been enjoying a trip to the upper Provinces.

We regret to learn that Michael Searle, Esq., is still very ill.

Rev. W. S. Neales, formerly Rector of Chatham, accompanied by Mrs. Neales, closed a welcome visit among their old friends here on Wednesday last.

They were the guests of G. A. Blair, Esq., while in Chatham, and of Geo. Barchill, Esq., while at Nelson.

Rev. Mr. Fleswell of Baie des Vents officiated at last Sunday evening's service in St. Mary's Church, Chatham.

NEW BUILDING.—Thos. Yve, Esq., of Wilson's Point, is replacing his residence, lately destroyed by fire, by a commodious new structure. He was fortunate in being insured to the amount of \$1400, which was promptly received through Mr. C. S. Ramsay, who represents the Lancashire Company. This sum, together with his private means, enables Mr. Yve to restore his dwelling without any aid from his neighbors that which is paid for.

The fact that some jackknives has represented Mr. Yve as having been gratuitously assisted by his neighbors in rebuilding is our reason for thus placing him correctly in the matter before the local public.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.—On Saturday night last Mrs. McBain was pleasantly surprised on reading a pink coloured note which was handed to her at the door. It ran as follows:—

"Will Mrs. McBain please accept the enclosed \$41 from the Ladies of the congregation in Chatham; with best wishes for a pleasant journey and return.

This generous token of esteem and affection is of intrinsic value, but is prized specially by the recipient for its significance on relative grounds. It was wholly unexpected, and not the slightest hint had been received that the gift was contemplated. Mrs. McBain accompanies her husband to Philadelphia to be present at the General Presbyterian Council which is to meet on the 23rd inst.

ARTILLERY RIFLE PRACTICE.—On Monday last the Rifle practice in connection with the drill of No. 7 Battery, Lt. Col. Gillespie commanding, took place at the Chatham Range. Sergt. Andrew Hay took the Mitchell and Subscription cups with the highest score. The next best marksmen in order were Bomb. D. T. Johnston, Corp. D. Patterson, Lt. Col. Gillespie, Gunners Stephen Daly, Forrest, Corp. Ferguson, Gunner Thos. Fitzpatrick, Assistant Surgeon Baxter, Gunner Gamson, Sergt. Wm. Johnston, Gunner Ross, Sergt. Wm. Gunners Bernard, Loban. There were in all 23 men at the Range. A dance was enjoyed under the auspices of the Battery at Masonic Hall in the evening, about 100 couples being present.

GUNNING ACCIDENT.—On Saturday morning 11th inst., as a lad named Joseph Russell, and a companion named Charles Watt, were in a field near the Intercolonial Railway with an old gun, they were joined by two others named Clement Ryan and Fred. Campbell, who were co-hunting. A bird being discovered, Russell fired at it when the gun was shattered, a piece of it penetrating young Ryan's breast, who soon fell and became unconscious. He was taken to the residence of Jas. W. Troy, Esq., near by, where Dr. McDonald attended him. It was at first feared that the wound was fatal, but, though severe, it is not dangerous. The piece of iron which the wounded lad extracted from his breast before he fell, was about an inch long. The lesson of the above will, we hope, not be lost upon those who permit lads to use crazy old firearms.

THE CHATHAM CLUB is the name of a society of our leading young men, formed for the purpose of mutual improvement and social intercourse. Its by-laws are such as to guard the organization against excess in any objectionable direction, the introduction of intoxicating liquors, gambling, etc. being strictly prohibited. We are glad to see our young men taking this step and hope they will be encouraged by their elders, who, while they may not need the advantages which the club offers to younger men, might find their interest in becoming members and thus encouraging those who have formed the society.

The officers are: President—M. S. Benson. Vice-pres.—J. R. Rundle. Secretary—J. Fairley. Treasurer—J. F. Ambrose.

The above, with Messrs. W. Germaine and Peter Turner are Committee of Management. The club occupies the two rooms over the store of John Brown, Esq., lately occupied by the Y. M. C. A. The rooms are open each day from 10 a. m. until 11 p. m. and are being furnished with Books, Newspapers, chess materials, etc.

THE CIRCUIT COURTS open at Newcastle on Tuesday. Important insurance causes, besides ordinary civil business. Among the

legal talent present on Tuesday observed the following:—

S. R. Thomson, Q. C., C. W. Weldon, Q. C., F. Barr, Q. C., A. A. Davidson, Q. C., W. Wilkinson, Q. C., C. A. Palmer, L. J. Tweedie, R. F. Quigley, W. A. Park, A. H. Johnson, R. A. Lawlor, and E. P. Williston.

The case of R. R. Call, Wm. Muirhead and John Sadler vs Union Mutual Insurance Company, which was commenced on Tuesday afternoon, was finished yesterday. His Honor, Mr. Justice Duff, granted a nonsuit on application of Mr. Weldon, Q. C., but the plaintiffs, through Mr. Thomson, Q. C., would not accept it, and given in their favor. The obtaining of the verdict will have the effect of compelling the defendants to move to have it set aside. Another case by the same parties against the Western Insurance Co. of Providence, was withdrawn. Both these suits were brought to recover the insurance on the late steamer *Sultan*.

Our complete report will appear next week.

RIFLE COMPETITION.—The Council of the Northumberland County Rifle Association has made up an attractive prize list for the annual competition of 1880, which is to come off on Thursday of next week (23rd inst.). It will be seen by the Secretary's advertisement that there are to be two matches, the first of which will be for \$40 and the Provincial Association medal, at the 200, 500 and 600 yards ranges, 5 shots at each. In this match there are fifteen prizes. In the next match the sum of \$30 is divided into thirteen prizes, which will be competed for at the 400 and 500 yards ranges, 5 shots at each range. One sighting shot is to be allowed at each range, on payment of five cents per shot. The time for the competition to commence is nine o'clock and there should be a good gathering of the marksmen of the County at that hour. It will be seen that there are no less than twenty-eight prizes, or ten more than have been heretofore offered for at any competition held for three or four years. Any resident of the County may join the Association on payment of \$1, or if he be a member of the Active Militia, the fee is only 50c. The boat from Newcastle arrives at Chatham early enough to admit of marksmen from that place or Douglasdale reaching the Range in ample time for the 1st match of the day and it is to be hoped they will avail themselves of the privilege of competing with their down-river friends for the prizes offered.

Suddenly Killed.—On Saturday morning last, an inquest was held by Coroner Dr. J. S. Benson, on the body of Anders John Rutherford, a seaman on board the Swedish Bark *Ostergren*, Capt Brown, lying at Mr. Snowball's mill wharf, who was accidentally killed by the falling of a tub of ballast. It appeared from the evidence that about 6:20 the previous (Friday) evening, while he was working in the lower hold on the starboard side of the keelson, filling ballast tubs, one of the tubs, which was being hoisted, accidentally unhooked and fell upon him crushing his head, the whole of the left side of which, was driven in to such an extent that portions of the brain were forced out through the left ear. Deceased was removed from the hold to the cabin and Dr. J. S. Benson was immediately summoned, but could render no assistance, the man being then in a dying condition, and only living three hours from the time of the accident. The unfortunate occurrence does not appear to have happened through any unskillfulness of the tackle, but the vessel had a considerable list and the tubs were swinging considerably, though the tub in question had not struck anything, nor even arched at the upper hatchway, when it suddenly became unhooked. The men were working overtime in order to finish unloading the ballast that evening. The deceased was buried on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The work of restoring the Derby Bark Extract Factory, destroyed on Tuesday of last week, has been proceeding since the day after the fire and is being pushed forward by Mr. Miller's characteristic enterprise. A member of our staff visited the place on Saturday last and found the men at work. In some places there were piles of iron hoops—all that remained of the 300 casks of extract destroyed. These, like other indestructible materials, much of which had formed parts of valuable machinery, were placed conveniently together, preparatory to being hauled away. The large copper vacuum pan, which cost several thousands of dollars was lying at rest where it fell—partly upon its original foundation and partly upon the machinery near. It appears not to have been injured in its fall. Near by are the remains of the iron smoke stack which was over 100 feet high, but is now broken and crushed by its fall and the subsequent heat to which it was subjected. The leaden pipes are almost completely destroyed, and will have to be made entirely new. We observed several vats, the staves of which were burned off at the top, while they were tight and sound below. These also will, no doubt, have to be renewed. A noticeable feature of the premises is the color of the warehouse, near by, which was saved, although the end was much charred. It is caused by the extract from the leaches and casks in process of destruction, flowing into the brook from which the factory had engine-draw its water supply. The stream from this source was more of a rose red and left its mark upon the building as if to prove its preserving qualities.

It was encouraging, even amid the ruins, to hear Mr. Miller speak philosophically of the loss sustained by his factory. Although he was not fully informed of the subject he thought they were fairly insured in Great Britain. He had, the previous day, received cable instructions to proceed with the rebuilding of the Factory and had arranged with Messrs. Muirhead and Ruddle of the Miramichi Foundry Co. for all the necessary work in their line. He said that, of course, he was not anxious that large quantities of bark should be brought to the place at once, yet he knew that a good deal had been got out for them and many persons both up river and down were depending on his sale for means to prepare for the winter season. He would, as the ADVANCE had stated last week, buy all bark offering, as usual.

In this connection it may be well to remark upon a little litigation that we have heard of in the lower part of Gloucester County, near Northumberland, against the bark-packing business. It is claimed that hemlock, which will ultimately be of value as a commercial wood, is being destroyed and the bark is being carried off to the detriment of the provisions of the Act of 183 and 184 sections of Insolvency Act of 175. He also took exception to the evidence of the demand which was in the form of an Attorney's letter which was not sufficient.

His Honor ruled against Mr. Weldon; that he would have to leave to the jury the question as to whether the delivery and taking of 27th September was in pursuance of sale of 3rd July. As to whether the insolvents were in a position on 27th Sept. to deliver the goods was a question of law. After some further discussion between the Counsel on both sides and hearing Mr. McKean's (one of the Debtors' evidence) in connection with the 133 and 184 sections of Insolvency Act of 175, the jury returned a verdict of 3rd July, the following special case was agreed upon for the Court above: That a pro forma verdict be entered for \$3,300, the defendants to move for a rule nisi for

the question. The objections hang upon contingencies, such as the prospect of an over-burdened, obliged to fall back upon hemlock for commercial purposes, and the risk of forest fires. On the other hand, we have the positive benefit to a large number of people which the bark industry undoubtedly is. There is no more danger of fire from hemlock than from spruce, for it is in the top—not the trunk—of the trees that the danger lies, and the argument is, therefore, stronger against the spruce lumberman than the bark-peeler, for while each leaves the top of his tree in the woods the spruce man leaves his just on the spot where fire from it would positively burn over a large ground. All things considered, therefore, the restoration of the bark factory will be a source of satisfaction to the public generally, and particularly so to the people of the Miramichi, who would view the departure of so estimable and enterprising a citizen as Mr. Miller, and the closing of his business with genuine regret.

Newcastle Notes.—September 13th. Newcastle, on Saturday last, enjoyed a cricket match between an eleven from Newcastle Club and an eleven from the Moncton Club. The arrangements made were that the wickets were to be pitched at 1:30 p. m. and drawn at 6 p. m. In the event of there not being time for two innings the first was to decide the game. Newcastle having won the toss, went to bat first:—

NEWCASTLE 1ST INNINGS.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for Newcastle 1st Innings.

Runs. 2. J. Hunter, b. Bayne, 2. J. J. Anslow, c. and b. Currie, 4. E. Lee Street, b. Henderson, 4. J. A. Davidson, b. Bayne, 2. Dr. McLaren, b. Henderson, 2. James Fairry, r. o., b. Henderson, 30. J. Abram, b. J. M. Davidson, 2. D. Harlow, b. Henderson, 0. J. Fred Harley, b. Bayne, 0. M. A. Quigley, b. Bayne, 0. J. R. Taylor, not out, 12. Leg Byes, 3. Wides, 5. Total, 69.

MONCTON, 1ST INNINGS.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for Moncton 1st Innings.

Wm. Currie, b. McLaren, 15. E. Henderson, c. McLaren, b. A. A. Davidson, 10. James Bayne, b. J. M. Davidson, 10. James Fairry, b. McLaren, 1. L. B. Tweedie, r. o., b. McLaren, 1. J. H. Wan, not out, 4. J. Abram, b. J. M. Davidson, 1. A. L. Miles, b. McLaren, 1. J. McHaffie, c. J. M. Davidson, b. 0. John Russell, b. Anslow, 0. Chas. Watt, b. Anslow, 0. Leg Byes, 3. Wides, 8. Total, 69.

NEWCASTLE, 2ND INNINGS.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for Newcastle 2nd Innings.

J. J. Anslow, b. Bayne, 2. E. Lee Street, b. Henderson, 4. J. Hunter, l. b. w., b. Henderson, 3. James Fairry, b. Henderson, 3. Dr. McLaren, not out, 11. J. A. Davidson, b. McHaffie, b. Bayne, 4. J. A. Davidson, b. Bayne, 4. D. Harlow, b. Bayne, 0. J. Fred Harley, b. Bayne, 0. M. A. Quigley, c. Bayne, b. Henderson, 0. Leg Byes, 4. Wides, 3. Total, 34.

The hour for the closing of the match having arrived, the game was decided on the first innings in favor of Newcastle.

During the afternoon the Newcastle Club provided suitable refreshments on the field and in the evening they entertained the visiting cricketers and some other friends at an oyster supper at Fay's Hotel.

The visit, the game and the subsequent proceedings were all calculated to leave a favorable impression upon all concerned.

J. There are in port seven vessels and the Dominion Dock, *La Laurende*, of the above does not include three at Sargent's and two at Flett's.

The Fish Mill shut down on Saturday afternoon, having no logs to saw. Ritchie's lower mill has been shut down for the last fortnight for the same reason.

The Circuit Court opens to-morrow, Judge Duff presiding.

Bathurst Notes.—Sept. 14, 1880.

CIRCUIT COURT.—John Silverlight Assignee, c. of Ferguson Rankin & Co. Insolvents, vs. Carrivell McKean & Co. This was an action of trover brought by the assignee of a quantity of goods taken by Defts. from the store of the Insolvents on the 27th of September 1878 or fourteen days before the issue of the writ of attachment in Insolvency against them. The declaration contained two counts, the first for the wrongful conversion by Defts. of the property of the Insolvents before Insolvency and the second for the wrongful conversion by Defts. of property of Defts. as Assignee &c. The plea was not guilty, 2nd, the property was not the property of the Insolvents, and 3rd, the property was not the property of the Defts. The first count was proved by the Defts. He proved the taking by Defts. of the goods but that it was done with the consent of the Insolvents and through a fear of a distraint warrant at the instance of Robert Rankin. His cross-examination showed that on the 3rd of July 1878, the firm of Ferguson Rankin & Co. applied to Defts. for an advance of \$6,000, and in order to obtain the \$6,000, he sold the Defts. their entire stock of goods in trade. The sale was made in St. John and the money paid there. The sale was reduced to writing afterwards in Bathurst but the writing not being under seal and no delivery under it, His Honor ruled no property passed by it. The goods remained in the possession of Insolvents and their business went on as usual until the goods were removed by Defts. as above.

At the close of the Plaintiff's case Mr. Weldon moved for a nonsuit on the ground there was no case to go to the jury. The goods were taken with the consent of the Insolvents than whom the assignee stood in no better position and was consequently bound by it. The sale was a bona fide advance for the purpose of enabling the Insolvents to carry on their business and did not come within the provisions of the 133 and 184 sections of Insolvency Act of 175. He also took exception to the evidence of the demand which was in the form of an Attorney's letter which was not sufficient.

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the Plaintiff to show cause why the verdict should not be entered for the Defendant; the Court to draw inference of facts from the evidence and the verdict to be taken on the finding of any fact.

There being no further business the Court adjourned sine die.

PERSONAL.—J. B. Snowball M. P. wife and two sons spent Sunday last in town.

PURCHASE.—R. Carr, Harris, Esq., Professor of Civil Engineering in the Royal Military College Kingston, has purchased the property known as Somerset Lake Farm, situated on the Tetagouche River about two miles above Bathurst. The farm contains 1200 acres, 200 of which are cleared upland and 1000 intervals, and the remainder woodland. It is well stocked in every particular. The live stock alone being worth \$1500. The crop on it this year is estimated at \$1,700, and there is machinery and implements on it to the value of \$800. The Tetagouche river in what there is good fishing, runs through it and the I. C. Railway also at a distance of about a hundred yards from the house.

EXPLANATORY.—The ADVANCE of last week published the returns of shipments of lumber from Miramichi up to and including Tuesday, the 7th inst., but in the introductory remarks referring to the 1st carried off the 1st prize which it might be inferred that the returns given related to the trade of that place only. That may not have been the intention of the writer, but might be so construed.—Advocate.

The returns referred to were headed "Miramichi Lumber Shipments," but it is possible that from the absence of mention of Newcastle, which was entirely unintentional, some readers unacquainted with the subject might draw the inference suggested by the Advocate. The names of Messrs. Stewart, Ritchie, Hutchison and Burchill would, to the trade at least, indicate the shipments which would be possible according to individual sections of ordinance of the Rev. Dr. Berelly, and the Rev. Dr. Payne, delegates from the sister Churches in the United States; the Bishops in order of seniority of their dioceses; the Bishop of Montreal, being preceded by his chaplain, the Rev. Canon Evans; the Bishop of Ontario, preceded by his chaplain, the Rev. Canon Jones, bearing his Lordship's pastoral staff; and the Most Rev. the Metropolitan being preceded by his chaplains, the Rev. T. E. Dowling (bearing his Lordship's pastoral staff), and the Rev. Charles Hamilton, and immediately preceded by the Right Rev. Dr. Niles, Bishop of New Hampshire.

QUEBEC, Sept. 8.—Accounts received from Upton in this province, (Quebec), convey terribly sad tidings of ravages of bush fires in that neighborhood; 20 houses at St. Helen, County of Bagot, have been burned; around Drummondville, numerous farmers' dwellings have been destroyed. At St. Charlotte Range the settlement is in ashes. At St. Valran, Shefford County, a saw mill and five houses have fallen a prey to the flames. Nine persons are missing, supposed to have perished in the flames. The fires around Valcour have caused damage to the extent of \$40,000. The victims of the flames are Telesphore Joseph Bourcier, whose bodies are buried to the number of one person, at least of those badly burned will not recover. Food and clothing will have to be forwarded at once. The fires seem to be subsiding, but until the burnt district can be explored, the full extent of damage cannot be ascertained.

OTTAWA, Sept. 9.—The circumstance that the Government press claim the successful completion of the Ministerial mission excites no enthusiasm among even Conservatives. Many await further details with dread and suspense.

The Conservatives of Brome have nominated a local man named Morrison, while the Mail and leading Conservative organs say that he is not satisfactory, that Mr. Carten, C. C., must be chosen.

In the Douce case, to-day, before the Exchequer Court, Mr. Thomson, Q. C., St. John, testified that his appointment as Dominion counsel, before the Halifax Fishery Commission proved ruinous to his business and that he regretted ever having undertaken it.

Sir Albert Smith was examined at length in behalf of the Crown, and testified that the arrangement made with Mr. Dowling was that he should be paid \$1,000 monthly while the commission at it was final. It was to be optional with the Government to allow a gratuity in the event of obtaining a handsome award. The counts are paid \$1,000 for the last eight days. Justice Forester reserved his decision on the case.

At the Dominion Rifle Association matches to-day, the Macdonald Challenge Cup was won by Lt. Whitney, of the 60th Batt., with a score of 47. No New Brunswick appears to have carried off a prize.

In the extra series match, 50 yards, Sergt. Pallen, of the N. B. Artillery, scored 33 and stands among the highest. In the affiliated associations matches, the Nova Scotia Rifle Association with 98 came first, and the New Brunswick Provincial team with 93 as fourth, winning a prize. The scores in the latter team were Lieut. Hunter 57, Sergt. Weymann 34 and Sergt. Mercer 22, total, 93. Among individual prize winners, Lieut. Hunter, of the N. B. Artillery, scored 73, Sapper Holmes, E., comes fourth with 37, Sapper Holmes, of the Engineers, comes 7th with 37, Sergt. Weymann, of 8th Cavalry 17th, with 34, and Major Arnold of the 7th comes 4th with 31. In the Provincial match, New Brunswick team competing, the match was not completed, but Ontario is ahead at first range.

The Dominion Government have agreed to pay part of the expense of transporting the Manitoba exhibits from Montreal to St. John, in time for the New Brunswick Provincial Exhibition. A suitable building is required.

RECORDED.—Sept. 9.—Sir Charles Tupper and Messrs. Carron, Dennis and Pope sailed to-day in the steamship *Circassian* from Liverpool for Canada. Sir Alexander T. Galt and Sir John Macdonald sail on Thursday for Canada.

TONTO, Sept. 11.—The *Globe* this morning, has the following special cable, dated London, Sept. 10th.—The *Times*, speaking of the Pacific Railway bargain, says the definite settlement must await the assembling of the Dominion Parliament. It is not at all probable that the route taken by the railroad, and expresses the hope that the disbursement of the money expended on the construction of the Pacific Railroad during the next ten years, will materially improve the position of all railway-land and industrial undertakings throughout Canada. Sir A. T. Galt, Hon. J. H. Pope and Sir John Macdonald sail on the 16th inst. I understand they expect to take the signed agreement complete with them. I believe the minor matters of detail are referred to New York. There is only one unsettled clause. Sir Charles Tupper remains in London, in Ireland, where his daughter is dangerously ill.

TONTO, Sept. 13.—The *Globe* this a. m. commenting on the Canada Pacific Railway says:—

We learn from London that during the last three days, a change of a plan has taken place in reference to the Pacific Railway. The Rothschilds, Erlangers and Barings have dropped out. The affair has been undertaken by Messrs.

hot, but the wounded are doing well and the troops are healthy.

OTTAWA, Sept. 8.—At Winnipeg, Chief Justice Wood, has issued a summons for Amos Rowe, of the *Times* (Conservative), to appear before the Court to show cause why he should not be committed for contempt of Court for comments made on a report of Judge, in regard to the revision of Selkirk voters' lists. In these comments the Chief Justice was charged with refusing to revise the lists because there were more Conservative than Liberal names to be put on the returns. The Judge refused to do so on the ground that the law did not empower him to revise lists for the Dominion elections.

An order in Council has been passed granting Mr. Sandford Fleming \$45,000 for his services as chief engineer on the Pacific Railway and consulting engineer on the I. C. R., he having received no salary for acting in these capacities.

In the Battalion Match at the Dominion Rifle Association meeting, to-day, the sixty-third of Halifax carried off the first prize, scoring 225 points. The western battalions carried off the four remaining prizes for highest individual score.

The only New Brunswick who won a prize was Sergt. Miller of the 74th, who scored 51 in the 1st carried off the 1st prize. The following are the unsuccessful scores in the New Brunswick Battalions:—

No. 21, 8th Cavalry, 174. No. 22, Engineers, 167. No. 23, and last was the Halifax Garrison Artillery, scoring 165.

MONTEAL, Sept. 8.—The Provincial Synod opened this forenoon in Synod Hall, here. A procession was formed in the following order:—Lay delegates; Clerical delegates in the order of dioceses, according to priority of erection, and as nearly as possible according to priority of erection, and as nearly as possible according to individual sections of ordinance of the Rev. Dr. Berelly, and the Rev. Dr. Payne, delegates from the sister Churches in the United States; the Bishops in order of seniority of their dioceses; the Bishop of Montreal, being preceded by his chaplain, the Rev. Canon Evans; the Bishop of Ontario, preceded by his chaplain, the Rev. Canon Jones, bearing his Lordship's pastoral staff; and the Most Rev. the Metropolitan being preceded by his chaplains, the Rev. T. E. Dowling (bearing his Lordship's pastoral staff), and the Rev. Charles Hamilton, and immediately preceded by the Right Rev. Dr. Niles, Bishop of New Hampshire.

QUEBEC, Sept. 8.—Accounts received from Upton in this province, (Quebec), convey terribly sad tidings of ravages of bush fires in that neighborhood; 20 houses at St. Helen, County of Bagot, have been burned; around Drummondville, numerous farmers' dwellings have been destroyed. At St. Charlotte Range the settlement is in ashes. At St. Valran, Shefford County, a saw mill and five houses have fallen a prey to the flames. Nine persons are missing, supposed to have perished in the flames. The fires around Valcour have caused damage to the extent of \$40,000. The victims of the flames are Telesphore Joseph Bourcier, whose bodies are buried to the number of one person, at least of those badly burned will not recover. Food and clothing will have to be forwarded at once. The fires seem to be subsiding, but until the burnt district can be explored, the full extent of damage cannot be ascertained.

OTTAWA, Sept. 9.—The circumstance that the Government press claim the successful completion of the Ministerial mission excites no enthusiasm among even Conservatives. Many await further details with dread and suspense.

The Conservatives of Brome have nominated a local man named Morrison, while the Mail and leading Conservative organs say that he is not satisfactory, that Mr. Carten, C. C., must be chosen.

In the Douce case, to-day, before the Exchequer Court, Mr. Thomson, Q. C., St. John, testified that his appointment as Dominion counsel, before the Halifax Fishery Commission proved ruinous to his business and that he regretted ever having undertaken it.

Sir Albert Smith was examined at length in behalf of the Crown, and testified that the arrangement made with Mr. Dowling was that he should be paid \$1,000 monthly while the commission at it was