Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

MR. STREET of Newcastle offers, as usual, an attractive lot of Holiday goods.

TENDERS are asked for the construction of Range Towers on Hay Island. See advt.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS are shown in variety, beauty and cheapness at the Miramichi Bookstore.

X MAS:—St. Andrew's Church Sunday School, Newcastle, is to have a very attractive sale on Thursday 23rd inst.

THE BARK, "Sofala," from Miramichi, commanded by Capt. McDougall, is at Placentia Bay, Nfld., waterlogged.

HARRY LINDLEY'S Dramatic Company is to appear in Chatham on Friday and Saturday of this week and also on next Monday evening.

AN APRON FAIR AND ENTERTAINMENT is to be held by the ladies of the Methodist Church, Chatham, on Tuesday evening, 21st inst, in the Temperance Hall. Fuller announcement will be given by bills here after.

OYSTERS:—The Schr "Safe" of Yarmouth N. S., Capt. Purdy, is frozen in the ice in Lower Bay-du-Vin Bay. There are about 300 barrels of oysters on board; which her Capt. intends having hauled to Chatham, for shipment to St. John.

IMMENSE!—The season for smelt-fishing opened yesterday and the quantity caught after twelve o'clock on Tuesday night must have been immense, if we are to judge by the quantities in the hands of different shippers at an early hour yesterday morning. They could be computed by tons.

LOGS:—The quantity of logs rafted by Jas. Robinson, Esq. lessee of the South west Boom, during the season of 1880 was 44,400,000 superficial feet. About 60,000,000 sup. ft. were rafted last year. About 15,000,000 s. ft. were rafted outside of the Boom limits this year.

NEW TIME TABLE:—The new Time Table of the Chatham Branch Railway appears in this issue. It will be seen that by the new arrangement passengers for and from the North wait for their trains an hour an twenty minutes while those bound to and from St. John make close connections with the Intercolonial trains.

SLEIGHS, ETC.—Persons requiring sleighs and Pungs, either double or single, will find a first class assortment at Mr. Alex. Robinson's manufactory, Chatham. The workmanship, in wood, iron and painting, is of the best description—fully equal to any that is imported—and the prices are very low. Encourage home manufacture by purchasing from Mr. Robinson.

FISH SHIPPERS now require a Railway Report Outwards to accompany shipments of fish consigned to the United States either *via* St. John or the Northern route. We have procured the correct form for such reports which are placed on sale at the Miramichi Bookstore, Chatham or will be mailed to any address postage free at 75c. per quire of 48 or 20c. per dozen.

COUNTRY PRODUCE:—Two correspondents on this subject will have to excuse us from correcting the mistakes of others. We do not propose to interfere in any way, just now, with any mis-statements emanating from the source referred to. What ever over or underestimate the party may make of agricultural crops in this country, it is quite certain he has overestimated the crop of fools and knaves.

THE POKEMOUCHE PEOPLE have fallen under the ban of the Post Office Department, and by the advice of their Caraquet enemy, have been deprived of mail accommodation. The closing of two offices and removal of a third, though imposing great inconvenience upon a good many people, is small business for a Government Department to engage in, merely to please a political ally.

KILLED BY A FALLING TREE:—A sad accident occurred at Oscoda, Michigan, on the 15 November last, whereby Ernest Wintney, of Northesk, met with his death. He with a companion was engaged in sawing down a pine, against which a large hemlock was leaning. After the pine was sawn down the hemlock remained upright for a few minutes, and then fell, striking the unfortunate young man on the head, killing him instantly. The deceased was a son of Mr. Peter Whitney, Northesk, was said to be a fine young man and well educated. He left Miramichi about three months ago.—*Advocate*

FOOT FROZEN.—Four sailors started to walk from Chatham to Chatham Junction, I. C. R., one night last week. On the way one sailor fell, it is said, in a fit. He was missed by his companions after a time, and on search being made he was found lying on the track. One foot was badly frozen. The chap who had his foot frozen was about 19 years of age and said to be an Englishman. The party reached Moncton Saturday afternoon, and are on the way to Halifax.—*Times*

The men referred to belonged, we believe, to the barque *Favorite*. Had the vessel's interests been properly looked after they would have now been at sea. The *Favorite* is "cut in" to a safe place.

DIPHTHERIA.—The following is from the *Wesleyan* of Friday last:—

"A post card, from the pen of the father, announces the death of the Rev. A. D. Morton's bright little "Jo." We learn from friends that Mrs. Morton is in the grip of the same dreaded disease—diphtheria. The Lord be gracious to the stricken household. Sad to say, it is but one of thousands. There are such in this city, and we hear of others in every quarter from which exchanges reach us."

MRS MORTON is a daughter of Dr. Pallen, of Chatham, and this, together with the fact that the Rev. gentleman was at one time stationed at Miramichi, will awaken the deepest sympathy of Mr. Morton's many friends in this quarter We sincerely hope that Mrs. Morton's valuable life may be spared to her husband and children.—*Advocate*

MR. GOGAIEN AND HIS DIAMOND.—The return of Mr. Jaddus Gogaien, of Kent County, who in company with Mr. M. Coughlan, of Newcastle, went to Europe some time ago to dispose of a supposed diamond found by the latter at the Newcastle ballast wharf after the October gale of last year, has been noted in this paper. It is now stated that Mr. Gogaien visited London and Paris, from the latter city being sent to Maine, where he was informed that his diamond was too soft, but the proposition was made that if he cared to run the risk it could be worked and he be paid what it was worth. This proposition was not accepted. Mr. Gogaien sold his pearls, of which he had about 100, it is stated, for $1,800.—*Times.*

THE "CANADA LUMBERMAN" comes to hand regularly and makes a good appearance. Its matter is rather more general than is usual in specialty papers, but this will, no doubt, be only until its staff and correspondents are fairly in harness. Refering to the delayed drive on the Miramichi it says:—

This arises from the fact that the greater portion of the logs are now cut on a small stream far from the main waters of the Miramichi, and in spring especially, when there is not much snow, as was the case last winter, the water is so scarce that thousands have to remain until the fall rains.

The above conveys a very erroneous impression, as the lumber supply of the river comes from a hundred or more different small streams and branches. It may also be remarked that the delayed drive was hung up quite as much by the "lie and wait" policy of some of those interested in it as by low water. It is to be hoped that the lesson embraced in the results of that operation will not be lost upon the trade here.

Christmas Entertainment.

The pupils of the Convent at St. Louis, are preparing to give a Sacred Concert on "Christmas Eve" at 7 o'clock in the large hall of the new Convent. The ladies of the Convent and friends are also preparing a Christmas Tree and will have for sale useful articles suitable for Christmas presents. The occasion will be a most favorable one on which to purchase Christmas and New Year gifts. Tables and refreshments will also be provided for visitors, and tea will be served between 4 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. According to custom midnight Mass will be celebrated with all the pomp and solemnity possible in the parish Church; none but sober and well-behaving persons will be admitted.

Collection in Aid of the Stellarton Sufferers.

The collections made in aid of the above fund by Miss Hocken and Miss Sophie Benson—together with a few dollars left at this office—are as follows:—

Rt. Rev. Jas. Rogers, Bishop of Chatham,			$10 00
F E Winslow,	$5 00	Friend	50
W. H. Matthews,	1 00	John McCurdy	1 50
J. R. Ambrose,	1 00	T. Flanagan	50
J. F Jardine,	50	Cash	1 00
Roger Flanagan,	1 00	L. J. Tweedie	2 00
Mrs. Towsley,	25	Geo. Watt,	1 00
Mrs. Conway,	25	Mrs Carrel	50
D. M. Loggie,	50	Mrs Keenan	25
A. Furr,	50	Mrs. McLennan	50
D. Desmond,	50	Mrs. S. U. McCully	60
D. G. Smith,	5 00	R. Hocken, Sr.	5 00
Friend,	25	W. S. Morris	1 00
Friend,	50	Mrs. Cherry	1 00
G Stothart,	1 00	Dr. Street	1 00
Friend,	20	H. Cunard	10 00
W. N. Harper,	1 00	Miss Harley	1 00
Friend,	30	J & C Sargeant	45
"Jones,"	1 00	Miss Percival	5 00
Mrs. Miller,	50	Mrs. McFarlane	25
Cash,	50	Mrs. Brice,	25
F. McKenzie,	1 00	Mrs. Connors	50
Cash,	1 00	Mrs. Coughlan	30
Wm. Muirhead, Jr.	1 00	Mrs A. McDonald	1 00
J. Sadler,	1 00	Willie Gillespie	50
James Hickey,	50	P. C. Benson	1 00
George Savoy,	50	M Martin	1 00
James Neilson,	50	John Smith	50
M. Brennan,	50	John Thompson	50
T. F. Keary,	1 00	R. Hay	50
M. Doyle,	50	Pat. Robinson	25
A. C McLean,	50	Wm. Grey	25
W. Connors,	1 00	F. Doyle	25
Cash,	1 00	James Williams	50
W. L. Germain,	1 00	John Williams	1 00
G. A. Blair,	1 00	Henry Kelly	1 00
M. Salter,	1 00	A. Peterson	1 00
J. B. Snowball,	5 00	Mrs. Kirkpatrick	25
Scott Fairley,	2 00	D. Sickles,	50
J. D McKay,	50	J. Blakley	1 00
Theo. DesBrisay,	50	R. Williams	50
D. McLachlan,	2 50	Friend	2 00
J Ellis,	2 00	M. Moran	50
M. S Hocken,	1 00	Hugh O'Donnel,	50
I. Harris,	2 00	G. Archibald	25
Wm Wyse,	1 00	Thomas King	25
Mrs. Murray,	2 00	J. Hacket,	25
R. Fairey,	1 00	J. Reynolds	50
J. Rundle,	1 00	J. Williams, Jr.	50
J. Christie,	50	P. Phee	50
W. B. Howard,	1 00	H. Huston	25
Charles Patterson,	75	Mrs. J. Hall	25
D. E. Gallagher,	25	Mrs. Wm. Jackson	50
R. S Hocken,	1 00	Mrs. John Keenan	40
W. Wilson,	1 00	Mrs. Blake	25
A. McEachern,	50	Mrs. Murray,	25
G. L. Brittian,	25	Mrs. Dick	25
Friend,	25	Mrs. R. Nowlan	50
James Berrigan,	25	Mrs. J. Keeffe,	25
Geo. Traer,	50	Mrs Healy	40
W Johnston,	50	Mrs. Loggie	25
J Johnston,	1 00	Mrs. J. Walls	50
Wm. A Hickson,	4 00	Mrs. J. Carter,	1 00
D B. Gardner,	3 00	Cash	50
Geo Lee,	1 00	James Firth	50
Mrs. Witton,	25	Mrs. Brennan	25
Mrs. A. Johnston	50	Mrs. W. Sinclair	20
Mrs. D. Walls	1 00	Mrs J. Walls	25
Mrs. Ekin,	75	C. G. D. Roberts	1 00
Mrs. F. Cassidy	25	Mrs. McBean	1 00
Mrs. Lynch	50	Mrs. Marshall	1 00
Mrs. Wm. Kerr	25	George Blewitt	50
Mrs. P. McCarty	25	D. Ferguson	3 00
Mrs. D. Ross	25	S. Habberly	1 00
Mrs. Legler	25	T. E gar	25
Miss Bullock	25	Friend	50
Mrs. Dowdds	25	E. Hutchison	5 00
Mrs. Whelan	12	Geo. Burchill	4 00
Mrs. Coleman	1 00	Mrs. Burchill	1 00
Mrs Doherty	10	Mr. Turner	75
Mrs. R. McGuire	50	Miss Lane	50
Mrs. Cooping	35	Friend	35
Mrs. Cox	50	Mrs. John McDonald	1 00
Mrs. H Bain	4 00	Friend	50
Rev. D. Forsythe	1 00	Mrs. T. Fletcher	45
Mrs. John McGuire	25	Geo Tait	2 00
Friend,	45	W. S. Loggie	50
Miss McLaughlin	25	J. R Goggin	1 00
A. Wambolt	50	Mrs Allan	25
Friend,	10	Mrs. John Sinclair	1 00
Mrs. McDonald	25	Wm. Wilkinson	1 00
Friend,	1 00	S. Barden	1 00
Mrs. Grey	50	J. T. Griffin	1 00
Miss Loggie	50	Mrs Wilson	50
Mr. Sharp	25	Mrs. Coleman	50
Mrs Crimmin	1 00	A. F. Loggie,	50
Geo I Wilson	1 00	Mrs. Rice	1 00
A. J Loggie	1 00	Alex. McKinnon	50
J. Brown	4 00	John Jack	50
J U. Loggie	1 00	Cash	25
A. H. Gillis	1 00	Mrs. Joyce	1 00
Friend,	25	Hon R. Hutchison	10 00
D. Chesman	1 00	Andrew Morrison	2 00
Geo. Ripple	1 00	Capt Brown	2 00
D T Johnstone	50	Thomas Fountain	25
Friend	1 00	Mrs H. Marquis	2 00
Wm. Anderson	1 00	Mrs Frank Martin	50
Wm Johnston	50	Duncan Davidson	1 00
J S. Benson	1 00	Mrs. Cranney	25
James Keoghan	1 00		
		Total,	222 09

Stellarton Relief Fund.

The following correspondence is published for the information of subscribers:—

ST. JOHN, N. B., 18th Nov., 1880.

Dear Sir: I am directed by His Worship the Mayor of St. John to inform you that subscriptions are being obtained in this city, on behalf of the widows and orphans of the late sad disaster at the Stellarton collieries. A considerable amount has been already subscribed, and many of the contributors to the fund are desirous of information respecting the manner in which the relief funds will be distributed, and whether provision will be made for maintenance of the orphans until they are sufficiently advanced in years to earn a livelihood.

Yours, faithfully,
J. MACGREGOR GRANT,
Sec.-Treas.

To the Secretary, Central Relief Committee, Stellarton, N. S.

ALBION MINES, N.S., 26th Nov., 1880.

Dear Sir,—Your letter of 18th inst. to hand. Please convey in the most public manner possible, the sincere thanks of the Albion Mines Relief Committee, to the contributors at St. John, for the handsome and very liberal donations for the sufferers by the late terrible accident at these mines. The views of the committee are to help all orphans as long as the funds will allow, up to the age of 12 years for boys and 15 for girls. There are in all 123 to provide for viz: 103 from the fire and 20 by the water. 25 widows from the first and 5 from the other; while 9 aged persons are also deprived of their supporting sons. Twelve years is the age for boys beginning work in the mines. A committee meeting will be held on Monday next, when the scale of payments will be finally settled.

Yours truly,
GEO. L. CARRETT,
Sec. to Central Committee.

To the Sec.-treasurer Relief Fund, St. John, N. B.

Derby Election.

There was no little excitement over the election of Councillors in Derby on Thursday last. The Candidates were Messrs. Frank Jardine, James Robinson and John Betts, the two latter being the Councillors of the previous year. What the objections were to Mr. Robinson it is not easy to determine, but as Mr. Jardine was very popular in the upper part of the Parish, where Robinson was supposed to be strongest, certain gentlemen encouraged him to offer in the hope that he would divide Mr. Robinson's supporters. Mr. Betts was, of course, considered the sure man, as he had many strong and hard working supporters, including ex-Councillor Crocker, who went up from Newcastle to assist in the work of the day. The result was a surprise all round, for although Mr. Betts received forty one "plumpers" he was lowest on the poll, his total vote being 58. Mr. Jardine led the poll, having received 31 "plumpers" and a total vote of 74. Mr. Robinson's "plumpers" numbered 21 and his total vote 63. The new Councillor is well known as the Postmaster of Renous Bridge and proprietor of anglers' headquarters at Indiantown. Whether he will make as good a Councillor as Mr. Betts did remains to be seen. He has a colleague who is well acquainted with the duties of the position and with whom he will, no doubt, act in harmony for the interest of the Parish and County.

Death of Samuel R. Thomson, Q. C.

A cable telegram of yesterday from London, announced the death in that city, by typhoid fever, of Samuel R. Thomson of St. John, one of the most eminent lawyers of Canada. Mr. Thomson was we think born at St. Stephen, where his father was, for some time, Rector. He was called to the Bar of this Province in 1848, and rapidly rose to distinction, being endowed with natural gifts of a very high order. Among the most important cases in which he was engaged was the Halifax Fishery Arbitration. At the time of his death, he was in England in connection with Municipal Assessments of Bank property in St. John.

Bathurst Notes.

Nov. 23rd, 1880.

TEA MEETINGS AND BAZAARS:—The Ladies of the Methodist congregation held a tea meeting on Tuesday evening last in the old Church building. Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather which prevailed during the evening, the affair was well patronized and the handsome sum of $104 was cleared, which is to be applied towards paying the debt on the new Church.

The ladies of St. George Episcopal congregation intend holding a bazaar and fancy sale about the 15th prox; there will be a tea and refreshments in connection therewith. St. Luke's Presbyterian congregation is also to have a bazaar about the 28th prox. A liberal patronage is bespoken for both.

THE WEATHER:—Snow fell here on Saturday night last to the depth of about seven inches, which has made excellent sleighing. It was accompanied by a cold snap which still continues. The harbour is frozen over and the appearances are that winter has fully set in.

OUR SIDEWALKS.—Can not our Commissioner of Highways arrange some plan by which our sidewalks could be kept clear of snow?

Death of Hon. John A. Beckwith.

Hon. John A. Beckwith, died at his residence, Fredericton, at four o'clock on Tuesday morning. The event was not altogether unexpected, as Mr. Beckwith had been for some time seriously ill, and had, moreover, reached the advanced age of nearly eighty years. The Evening *Telegraph* says: "The deceased gentleman was widely and favorably known as a public man. He had in his time held a great many public trusts in connexion with his native city of Fredericton, the Government of the Province, and various public corporations, in all of which he served with ability, diligence and fidelity. He was long prominently connected with the Orange Association, in which he held the position of Deputy Grand Master at the time of his death. He had been at various times respectively, Mayor of Fredericton, Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands, and Surveyor General, Chairman of the Provincial Board of Agriculture, Major of the 1st Battalion York County Militia, and a Director of the N. B. & Canada Railway.

"Mr. Beckwith entered political life in 1866, and assisted in carrying the scheme of union through the Provincial Legislature. At the reconstruction of the Provincial Executive immediately after the union, he became a member of the Government and Provincial Secretary, which position he held till February, 1871. He remained a representative of York in the House of Assembly till April, 1874, when he was elected to a seat in the Legislative Council, which position he continued to hold until his decease.

"Mr. Beckwith was descended paternally from an old family, who resided at Norwich, England. On the maternal side his relationship was traced back to DuPlassis, a cousin and private secretary of the Cardinal Richelieu. He was born at Fredericton in December, 1800, and there began his studies, which were afterward extended and completed at Toronto, Montreal and Windsor. He was twice married, first to Miss Annie L. Jouett, who died, and second to Miss Maria A. Berton, both of Fredericton."

The *Globe* says of Mr. Beckwith:—"In many respects he was a genuine Frenchman, for he was airy, volatile, humorous, polite, gallant, but he had also undoubted English quainties. He was plucky, determined, energetic, and a genuine lover of sport. It is, we think, within five years that he played in cricket, and played well too.

* * * "He was Grand Master of the Orange Fraternity, and at the time of the election between Mr. Elder and Mr. Clark, issued the now historic order to the society to support Mr. Elder. The cares of life sat lightly upon Mr. Beckwith, and so he lived to a ripe old age, achieving honors if not wealth, and leaving a memory with which people will deal tenderly. It was impossible not to like him, and even his fiercest political opponent bore him no ill will."

THE HON. FRANCIS HIBBARD died at his residence, St. George, on Thursday morning last, in his 70th year. Mr. Hubbard was born at Halifax, removing early in his life to St. George. He was in business for a time in Shediac. Latterly he was interested in the development of the mining industries of the Province. He was elected to the Assembly in 1866, and given a seat in the Legislative Council of the Province in 1874. His second wife, who survives him, is a sister of Mr. Gilmour, M. P. for Charlotte.

Increase of White Fish.

The Essex Record published at Windsor Ont., gives the following testimony respecting the effects of fish hatching at Sandwich:

Every day we hear of fresh evidences of the great good effected by the establishment of the fish hatchery at Sandwich. The main bulk of the white fish taken this season are of an average weight of a pound and a half each. There are hardly any old ones taken, shewing beyond a doubt, that the hatchery has provided the catch, and that but for its having been put into operation, white-fishing on the Detroit River and connecting lakes and rivers, would by this time practically have become a thing of the past. So long as the catch was made up largely of old fish, it was difficult to convince skeptics that the fry turned into the river each spring survived the dangers of young fish-life and returned to the place where they first took water; but none now can find a reason for disbelief. Not only is the existence of the fish unquestionably due to the hatchery, but their numbers are immense—just what we and others favorable to the enterprise at the outset predicted they would in a few years become. Even in parts of Lake St. Clair where a white fish had not been taken for a long period, they are now quite abundant. All that is necessary to bring back the old time big fish-harvests here and consequent cheapness of price to consumers all over the continent, is to work up the fish hatcheries to their highest capacity. The matter of supply is entirely in the hands of the authorities.

A SUCCESSFUL DAY.—At one of Mr. Chas. Gauthier's river fisheries, two thousand white fish were taken last Monday. At the same place only three thousand were taken in the whole season of 1879.

This is gratifying news to the public and must be especially so to Mr. Samuel Wilmot. If his experiments with salmon could be shown to share in the success that has attended the whitefish operations, there would be a great change of sentiment in reference to a source of public expenditure which is now looked upon as a great waste of money.

The Princess Louise and Canada.

From time to time rumors appear in so-called "Society" journals, announcing that Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise left Canada solely because she neither liked the country nor the people. The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto *Globe* learns upon excellent authority that Her Royal Highness, whilst on the journey to England, several times during the voyage expressed to a distinguished passenger her profoundest regret at the publication of such rumors. Their publication gave her pain because, first, they were entirely devoid of foundation, and, secondly, were unjust to the Canadian people, for whom she felt the greatest regard. As for Canada, instead of despising the country her feelings towards it were entirely the reverse. Her journey to England and Continental Europe was undertaken solely upon the urgent advice of her medical attendants, who further urged her to remain there during a part of the winter, so as to restore her health from the influences of the nervous shock she experienced during the unfortunate runaway accident last winter. Her Royal Highness will probably return to Canada about the end of February.—*Evening Telegraph.*

The Stellarton Horror.

VERDICT OF THE JURY AT THE INQUEST—SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE.

NEW GLASGOW, Nov. 25.

At 1.30 o'clock to-day the jury assembled in the court house to agree upon a verdict in the case of the death of Angus McGillivray. After a long consultation the jury finally decided on the following verdict:—

COUNTY OF PICTOU.

An inquisition having been taken before George Murray, M. D., gentleman, one of the coroners for the county, in view of the body of Angus McGillivray, then and there lying dead, upon the oath of John McKay, foreman, A. G. McDonald, Peter Campbell, Jeffrey McColl, William Madden, Peter R. Merkle, David S. Fraser, Alfred Fraser, John D. Ross, R. S. McCurdy, Daniel McDougall and George McDougall, to inquire into what manner the said Angus McGillivray, on the morning of Friday, the 12th inst., came to his death in the Foord pit, coal mine of the Halifax Company, limited, at Stellarton, in the county aforesaid, by inhaling choke damp, caused by a fire damp explosion that had actually taken place an instant previously in said pit, in some unknown part of it, by some unknown agency; and so the jurors aforesaid do say, that the said Angus McGillivray, in manner and by the means aforesaid accidentally, casually and by misfortune, came to his death, and not otherwise.

SUGGESTIONS OF THE JURY.

From the evidence given in connection with the investigation of the accident in the Foord pit, we feel justified, in addition to the above verdict, as to the death of Angus McGillivray, in making the following findings and suggestions:—

First—We find that the general management of the works in and at the Foord pit is in conformity with the act of the Legislature for the management and working of the mines, and that the manager, Mr. James Hudson, has in every way tried to make the pit a safe one by using all necessary precautions. Passed unanimously.

Second—We further find that the plans of the old Dalhousie pit and bye pit, according to the evidence of the present manager and the inspector of mines, was incorrect and consequently made the Foord pit more dangerous than it otherwise would be. Passed unanimously.

Third—We further find from the evidence of the inspector of mines that the plans of the Foord pit are not as correct as we think plans of this description should be, but that as inspector of mines he was satisfied with them. Passed—Juror Alfred Fraser objecting.

Fourth—We further find that the foremen to whose charge the safety of the pit is entrusted do not get their orders or instructions in writing, nor are they subject to any examination in the theory of mining before being placed in the position of overmen, and this will apply to all the mines in the country. Passed unanimously.

Fifth—We further find that, for the safe condition of the mines, that there should be a monthly inspection of all coal and iron mines.

(Juror Alfred Fraser objected to this, but it passed.)

Sixth—We would therefore recommend that for the better management and safe working of the coal and iron mines of the provinces, that the province may be divided into two districts, say Novo Scotia proper and Cape Breton, and that a deputy inspector be appointed for each district whose duties should be in these districts the same as those now performed by the inspector, and that the inspector, besides having a supervision over the deputy inspector should inspect all mines other than coal and iron mines in their districts at least once every month. Passed, Juror Alfred Fraser objecting.

Seventh—We would recommend that it should be the duty of the inspector or deputy inspector to verify the plans of all the working of the mines in their respective districts, and have an amended copy filed in the office of the commissioners of mines at Halifax at least quarterly. Passed unanimously.

Eighth—We would also recommend that there be a board of examiners to examine all candidates for the position of overman, to whom on passing a satisfactory examination they shall grant a certificate of competency provided such candidate shall have served a term of three years at least as a collier or practically employed in a mine. Passed, Juror Alfred Fraser objecting.

Ninth—We would also recommend that several sections of the Mining Act should be made more explicit or definite, such, for instance, as what constitutes a single or a double shift in a flamable mine, what average number of cubic feet of ventilation is necessary for the safety of each man in a mine, and the powers of the inspector as to holding investigations into accidents. Passed unanimously.

Tenth—We would also recommend that the Mining Act be so amended that the inspector should have the power to stop the working of a pit or mine immediately when he thinks it is being dangerously worked, but so guarded that he could not use the power arbitrarily. Passed, Mr. Alfred Fraser objecting.

Eleventh—We would also recommend that when the Foord pit is again worked the plans be at once verified in accordance with the survey, and where found incorrect be corrected; and that the question as to whether the water came into the Foord pit from Humphrey's or Muir's board in October, be tested by a series of borings, and thus to ascertain the extent, verify the plans of the old bye-pit. Passed unanimously.

Signed by all Jurors.

Correspondence.

About Undertaking.

CHATHAM, Nov. 29th 1880.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance:

SIR:—Believing I am the person refered to in the advertisement which first appeared in your issue of the 18th inst. from the gentleman who styles himself "The Chatham Undertaker," and as it appears to me, there is more venom than business truth in it, perhaps you will kindly give me a small space for a few remarks. To begin, both he and you do me wrong in that issue, you ignorantly, he knowingly. "The Chatham Undertaker" has not a better stock of goods than I have, nor has he a better assortment. My goods can be had lower, I think, than "The Chatham Undertaker" can possibly sell them, as they were all purchased at the lowest cash prices at the factory. For the information of "The Chatham Undertaker" let me say I am a stranger in the matter of discounting notes to raise funds; I am not a new Undertaker, but nearly the oldest in Chatham; neither am I the man who ran the Boarding House in Boston, and when wanted could not be found, nor am I the person who rented the Blink Bonnie cottage and had to fly from it, either from the upbraiding of a bad conscience or an imaginary ghost. And for the information of the public generally, I have on hand a very nice assortment of both rosewood and walnut coffins which I can show and quote prices to all who desire.

WILLIAM MCLEAN,
Undertaker.

The Pokemouche Mails.

UPPER POKEMOUCHE Nov. 1880

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance

SIR:—On the first of October last the Post Offices of Upper Pokemouche and Lower Pokemouche were closed, and the Pokemouche Post office was removed from that settlement. Petitions have been forwarded to the Hon. Post Master-General from the residents of Pokemouche and also from Upper Pokemouche against the changes. Since the above removal took place, great inconvenience has been felt in sending and receiving mails. The P. O. at Upper Pokemouche accommodated all the residents on the north side of Upper Pokemouche river, and the P. C. at Pokemouche accommodated those residing on the south side of said river and the settlement of south river. Not more than four families of this Parish are satisfied with the change, as it deprives them of their convenient mail accommodation. In the Parish of Caraquet there are four Post offices; in Tracadie there are three, and, now in the Parish of Inkerman there is only one. Why should all the residents of the above named districts of Pokemouche be deprived of mail privileges?

JUNO.

THE UNITED circulation of the *Montreal Witness* publications is by far larger than those of any other publishing house in Canada. They are as follows:—*Daily Witness* 13,300; *Weekly Witness*, 28,390; *Northern Messenger*, 59,000; *Aurore*, 900—in all 101,500. Now estimating the population of Canada at 4,500,000, and five souls to a family, there are 900,000 families in the Dominion, from which it will be seen that one of those *Witness* publications—if no two were taken in the same family—would be sent to one out of every nine families in the Dominion, including all races and religions, and, besides, leave a good fraction over for foreign circulation. The publishers of the *Witness* are not satisfied with this wonderful success, and are endeavoring to increase their proportion of subscribers by some certainly very attractive inducements, which can be explained to those interested by every subscriber of the Montreal *Weekly Witness* or *Northern Messenger*.

The William Goat.

(From the Philadelphia Times.)

Mary had a William goat,
And he was black as jet;
He followed Mary 'round all day,
And liked her! you just bet!

He went with her to school one day.
The teacher kicked him out;
It made the children grin, you know,
To have the goat about.

But though old Whackem kicked him out,
Yet still he lingered near;
He waited just outside the door
Till Whackem did appear.

Then William ran to meet the man—
He ran his level best;
And met him just behind, you know,
Down just below the vest.

Old Whackem turned a summersault;
The goat stood on his head,
And Mary laughed herself so sick
She had to go to bed.

DIED.

On Sunday the 28th ult., at the residence of William Anderson, Esq., Chatham, Mr. Robert Hadwin, a native of Cumberland, England, in the eighty seventh year of his age. His remains will be removed for interment in St. John's Church burying ground. Funeral will take place at half past two on Friday.

(Pictou papers please copy.)

At Bay du Vin on the 25 ult. George Williston, in the 81st year of his age.

MARRIED.

At the Church of St. Ann, Bay du Vin, on the 25th ult. by the Rev. H. H. Barber, Mr. Richard Maltby, of Newcastle, to Miss Maggie Williston, of Bay du Vin.

On the 30th ult. at the Canada House, Chatham, by the Rev. Dr. Jardine, William Anderson, of the firm of J. W. Anderson & Co., of Burnt Church, and Miss Janet Sewell, eldest daughter of Mr. John Sewell, also of Burnt Church.

New Advertisements.

Notice of Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the Co-Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the style and firm of Perley & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due to any person or persons by the late firm, will be paid by Philip Perley, and he is authorised to collect all debts due the said firm.

Dated at Chatham, this, 27th day of November, A. D., 1880.

PHILIP PERLEY.
S. U. MCCULLY.

R. R. M. No. 4.

Fish Reports,

OUTWARDS.

To accompany shipments of Fish, to United States.

75 cents. per quire of 48.
25 cents per doz.

Sent by Mail, postage, free to any address, on receipt of the money named.

D. G. SMITH,
Miramichi Bookstore

New Advertisements.

SLEIGH FOR SALE.

A second Hand Sleigh, nearly new, for sale a the Subscriber's.
Terms easy, money payable 1st July.

J. R. GOGGIN.
Chatham, Dec. 2, '80. d7r 16

Tea. Tea.

Just Received, per S. S. Caspian, direct from London.

A CHOICE LOT OF

CONGOU & INDIAN TEAS.

FOR SALE LOW.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

ISAAC HARRIS,
Water St. Chatham.

HAY WIRE & HARDWARE.

5 Bdls. Best, Annealed Hay Wire,
Brass and Copper Wire, all Sizes,
Wire Cloth, Nos. 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16,
300 Bars Best Sleigh Shoe Steel, ¾, 1¼, 1½, 2, 2½, 2½ 3 inches
Firth's Best Cast Steel, ⅝, ¾, 1, 1¼, 2x½.
Firth's Best Octagon Steel, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 1 in.
Blister Steel,
Edge Tools of every kind made from the best Steel,
1,300 Bars Best Refined Iron, all sizes,
3,000 lbs Best Refined Horse Shoes,
15 Boxes Superior Horse Nails,
900 ft. Proved Coil Chain, 5-16, to ½ in.
48 prs Chain Traces,
36 prs Team Hames,
75 Kegs Cut nails and Spikes,
Wrought Nails and Spikes, all sizes.
Boat Nails, Nuts and Washers all sizes.
12 Sets Cottage Fire Irons and Stands, (very, choice, neat and Cheap.)
Joiners' Tools, every description, cheap and good, Smoothing Planes, 75c, Jack do., $1. Handsaws, 26 in warranted for $1.25. Other goods equally cheap.

X'MAS.

A Choice Lot of

SILVER AND ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,

Ivory Table and Desert Knives,
70 doz. Table Knives and Forks, at $1, to $3.75 per dozen,
60 doz. Pocket Knives, common to choice,
20 Violins, $2.50 to $8.50.
30 doz. Steel and Gut Strings,
Skates in variety,
4 very choice Coal Vases, (suitable for parlor or Drawing Room)

Together with the largest and most complete stock of Hardware ever offered for sale in Miramichi, and equal to any in the Province for variety. I give my strictest attention to my business, so that I keep constantly on hand, every article the country equires. I am confident I can sell as low as any other Retail Hardware Store in the Province.

J. R. GOGGIN,
General Hardware Store,
Chatham, N. B.

X'MAS X'MAS.
1880.

THE "Elephant" has just arrived at the Newcastle Drug Store loaded with goods suitable for

X'mas & New Year's Gifts.

both for Young and Old.

Come one, Come all and see them!

viz:—

Ink Stands in olive wood, tartan & glass; Card Boxes in Olive wood & Ebony, Flagon Boxes in olive wood; Ladies' Work Boxes; Ladies' Companions and Card Cases; Ladies' and Gent's Dressing Cases and Writing Desks; Paper Knives; Whist-Markers; Autograph Albums; Pocket Photo Albums, Scrap Books and Scrap Pictures; Toilet Setts and Vases, *very cheap.*

Games for Children,

such as Cats and Mice; Cantlope, Lost Diamond; Tivoli; Go Bang; Fox and Geese, What Do Ye Buy; Old Maid; Snip Snap Snorum; &c., &c. Also a great variety of

Children's Toys,

too numerous to mention, and DOLLS from 2 cents upwards, as well as the best assortment of

X'mas and New Year's Cards,

ever imported into Miramichi, all for sale cheap for Cash.

Call and examine before buying elsewhere. Don't forget the place—NEWCASTLE DRUG STORE.

E. LEE STREET
Proprietor.

Newcastle, Nov. 30, 1880.

TENDERS.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Hay Island Lights," will be received at Ottawa, up to the 31st December next, for the erection of Two Range Light Buildings on Hay Island, at the mouth of the Miramichi River, County of Northumberland, N. B.

Plans and specifications can be seen, and forms of Tender procured by intending contractors, at this Department, here, at the office of the Inspector of Lights, Newcastle, and at the office of the Collector of Customs, Chatham.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

WM. SMITH,
Dy. Min. of Marine and Fisheries
Department of Marine, &c.,
Ottawa, 22nd November, 1880. 1w

THE CHATHAM

UNDERTAKER.

The Subscriber having been the first in Chatham to establish the Undertaking business, and keep on hand the best

CASKETS & COFFINS,

begs to intimate that he is constantly improving his facilities and can guarantee satisfaction.

He has on hand everything required for the proper interment of both rich and poor, and having started the business to supply a want long felt in the community, begs that the public will recognise his claims to patronage and support.

Orders entrusted to the subscriber will, as usual be satisfactorily attended to.

John McDonald, Undertaker,
CHATHAM, N. B.

MANCHESTER HOUSE.

JUST OPENED:

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