

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

RAY DU VIN BRIDGE is at last passable, but for foot-passengers only.

GEORGE AND BRANT are very plentiful at Bay du Vin and Black River.

INSPECTOR COX visited Bay du Vin last week, and was well pleased with the results.

MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY.—A report of the Miramichi Presbytery, will appear in next issue.

THANKSGIVING Day was generally observed in Chatham by the closing of the stores and services in some of the churches.

LOCAL.—Miramichi Council, No. 441, Royal Arcanum, meets in its Council Room, Masonic Hall, this evening 7 o'clock.

Mrs. DAVIDSON'S letter, which came late for last week's issue, was published for this week, is withdrawn by the writer.

THE ETHIOPIANS who gave the popular performance in Newcastle, recently are to appear in Masonic Hall, Chatham, this evening.

No School.—There has been no school at the Bay du Vin Village since last April in consequence of the Lower Creek Bridge not being rebuilt.

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Charles C. Hamilton and James O. Fish vs. John E. Dunphy; E. P. Williston. Jabez B. Snowball, Claimant, vs. William Muirhead; A. A. Davidson.

Alexander Morrison vs. Alexander H. Gillis; L. J. Tweedie.

Thomas F. Gillespie, John Sadler and Daniel Crimmen vs. Alexander Forrest; John J. Harrington.

Daniel McLaughlin vs. John McLaughlin; Adams & Lawlor.

Robert Swin vs. Samuel Coffin; Samuel Thomson.

The first, seventh and eighth cases on the docket were settled and records withdrawn.

MURHEAD vs. FAY, CUSHING ET AL.—William Muirhead Assignee of the Sheriff of the City and County of St. John vs. Edward Fay, G. B. Cushing and G. R. Pugsley was moved for trial by L. J. Tweedie, Esq.

This was an action on a bail bond, and defendant resulted in a verdict for the Plaintiff, damages \$81.54. Court adjourned till Wednesday morning.

HAMILTON AND FISH vs. LUNPHY.—Charles C. Hamilton and James O. Fish vs. John E. Dunphy, was moved for trial by E. P. Williston; Messrs. Thomson and Williston for Plaintiff, L. J. Tweedie, Esq. for Defendant. This was an action of common Assumpsit. Plea not guilty with notice of set off. This case occupied the attention of the Court till Friday afternoon, and resulted in a verdict for the Defendant, damages \$138. Mr. Williston moved for a stay of \$102 to enable him to move the Court to set the verdict aside, motion granted.

QUEEN vs. JOHN KNIGHT.—On Friday afternoon the case of the Queen at the instance of the Alma House Commissioners of the Parish of Derby vs. John Knight, was moved for trial by Saml. Thomson, Esq., R. A. Lawlor, Esq. for the defence, resulting in a verdict not guilty.

Court adjourned till Saturday morning.

SNOWBALL vs. MURHEAD.—J. B. Snowball, claimant vs. William Muirhead, was moved for trial by A. A. Davidson, Esq., Messrs. Tweedie and Wilkinson for the Deft.

This was an interpleader case. The Sheriff having executed against one Allan Lewis, levied and seized on certain property which was claimed by different parties. The Sheriff applied at Chambers to the judge, who directed an issue to be tried by a jury, in whom was the right of property. This case occupied Saturday and Monday.

Court adjourned Monday evening till Thursday morning and the trial occupied the remainder of the week. The jury found the issue in favour of the execution creditor. The case was concluded on Saturday evening last, and the Court adjourned until the 16th Nov., when the stabling case will be taken up.

Semi Annual School Examinations. INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT, DIS. NO. 1.

On Thursday morning the examination of the Intermediate Department of District No. 1 in charge of Miss M. Haviland took place in the School House, St. John Street.

The exercises commenced at 10 a. m. by the pupils singing "Hail Smiling Morn," after which the Lord's Prayer was said and the pupils repeated some texts of Scripture.

The Trustees present were G. A. Blair, Esq. and Thomas Crimmen, Esq. There were also present during the morning C. D. Roberts B. A. of the Grammar School, Miss Williston of the Advanced Department, Dis. No. 8, and Miss Alexander of Primary Department Dis. No. 1.

The number of children on the register is 59 and the average attendance 37, the ages ranging from 7 to 12 years. The school is divided into 3 grades.

Grade 5 was examined in Grammar, chiefly on the parts of speech, and acquitted themselves very satisfactorily.

Grade 4 read from the third Royal Reader, and were afterwards exercised in spelling on their slates. Both reading and spelling were good.

Grade 3 was examined in the elementary rules of arithmetic by means of the blackboard, the exercises extended to fractions, the first idea of which was conveyed by dividing an apple into parts, the pupil making the corresponding symbols on the blackboard.

Grade 5 was examined in Arithmetic, the questions being principally practical examples in reduction. The pupils sang the "Greeting Song."

Grade 4 drew some very good maps of New Brunswick on their slates, from memory indicating the counties, rivers, etc. They were afterwards examined in the geography of the Province, pointing out on the wall map the counties, towns, bays, rivers, etc.

Grade 3 was examined in English History from the Roman to the Norman period.

Grade 3 showed some neat work on their slates from the last series of drawing cards. They afterwards read from the 2nd Royal Reader, both in class and individually. They were then exercised in spelling.

The pupils sang the song entitled "The Headlight."

Grade 5 were examined in plant life and growth, and the lesson was illustrated by Prang's colored prints.

Grade 4 were examined in the elementary rules of Arithmetic.

Grade 3 read from the 4th Royal Reader, and were afterwards exercised in spelling, words being dictated to them which they wrote on their slates.

Grade 5 drew maps of Nova Scotia showing the situations of the towns, coal fields, etc. The maps were very neat.

It will suffice to say that it would be difficult to find fault with the general progress of the pupils of this school.

G. A. Blair, Esq., one of the Trustees, said he was much pleased with the neat appearance and intelligence of the pupils, and the prompt answers they had given, showed they took a pride in their lessons. They were obedient scholars, and had a good teacher, and had great privileges. He was glad to say there was no report of misconduct. There was one point, however, he might mention, that when lifting their hands to signify they were ready to answer, it would be better to have some uniform motion less fatiguing than the one of holding up the arms, as at present, which was ungraceful, though common to all schools, and he thought it would be much better to elevate the hand, and keep the elbow close to the side. He trusted, that as trustees they would be able to visit the school again before Christmas, as they were desirous to give them every encouragement.

C. G. D. Roberts, B. A., of the Grammar School, said he was much pleased with the progress exhibited by the pupils, and trusted that it would be as satisfactory next term.

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ADVANCED DEPARTMENT. On Friday morning at 10 o'clock the examination of the Advanced Department in charge of Miss Williston took place in the High School building. The Trustees present were G. A. Blair, Esq. and Thomas Crimmen, Esq., also F. E. Winslow, Esq., Dr. McCurdy, Mr. Roberts B. A. of the High School, Mr. Duke, District No. 9, Miss Quinlan, District No. 8, Miss Haviland, District No. 1, and Miss Gordon, Napan were also present.

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The whole school was then formed into one class, and the Teacher put the pupils to practical tests as to their knowledge of colors, in which a large card was used which was illuminated with the various colors, in every variety of shade and of different shapes, such as squares, triangles, etc.; in this pieces of colored paper were used, being scattered before the pupils who were then desired to pick up their colors as the teacher named.

Ethel Falen and Florrie McCallie recited pieces which were very well rendered for such little ones.

Prizes for efficiency were awarded to Bertie Pallen; for regular attendance to Maggie McMahon, and for good conduct to Bridget Patterson, which gave great satisfaction.

At the close of the examination a few remarks of a congratulatory nature were made by one of the visiting parents. We here notice an increasing interest taken in the Schools by the parents of this District, which is a very encouraging sign. Miss Davidson appears to have the happy faculty of successfully training the young mind, and the manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves reflects much credit upon her, showing that there is a bond of sympathy between them which makes her duties largely a "labour of love." The total number on the register of this School is 80, of which 53 were present at the time of examination. This we consider to be too great a number for one teacher to train successfully, and though the best of order appears to be enforced, and the progress of the pupils is very satisfactory, we con-

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