

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

REVISED NEW TESTAMENT at the Miramichi Bookstore.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY was generally observed as a holiday here, and flags were displayed in various parts of the town.

BROKEN.—The crank-pin in Messrs. Burchill & Sons' mill broke on Thursday last, and work was stopped for a few days in consequence.

CONFECTORY.—Messrs Stables and McAllister have established a confectionery store and cream saloon in two of the Canada House stores Water St., Chatham.

THE GREAT FIRE.—The Sackville Transcript says:—"One house east of Chatham boasts of having survived the great Miramichi fire of 1823. There are houses both east and west of Chatham that survived the fire."

THE TUG Laddie had a slight breakdown on Thursday last week while moving a vessel to her ballast berth. Capt. Haviland, with the Teaser, went to the disabled tug's assistance and towed her to a place of safety where repairs were soon made.

NEW STORE.—Mr. Patrick Noonan of Chatham who has spent some two years in Boston, has returned home and opened a store in the Noonan building, last occupied by his father. His principal lines are ready made clothing and gentlemen's furnishings, groceries, etc.

EXODUS.—That wretched "Fires," one does the exodus backwards for the Moncton Times, made a pretty mess of it in that journal of the 10th. He will have to try again, and several times, before he will be able to make 39 and 49 add up 157.—Summerside Journal.

Surely the Journal does not expect the Times to be accurate!

SCANDALS.—One of the worst acts of the present local Government has been announced in the Royal Gazette—a change in the office of Sheriff in Gloucester county. A better Sheriff than Mr. Vail could not be found in the Province and the person appointed in his place is said to be not at all qualified to succeed him. Shame on such men!

PLANTS AND FLOWERS.—Carmichael Bros. daily expect a choice lot of house and bedding plants, including some of the leading varieties of Roses, Pelargoniums, Geraniums, Calceolarias, Fuchsias, etc. As they intend to have them every week through the summer, they invite lovers of the stock to call and see them as they will be sold low.

POSTAL.—Mr. Charles Murray, of Campbellton, was recently appointed Postal Clerk on the I. C. R. to run between Moncton and Campbellton, in the place of the late Mr. Joseph McKenna. The politicians of Gloucester and Northumberland who supposed they were running the machine tried to secure the place each for a friend, creating quite a breeze in the attempt, but failed in the end.—St. John Globe.

BE. ST. HELENA OF BELFAST ABANDONED.—Capt. Jas. McGonnel of the barque Forest Queen, reports that on Friday the 6th of May, he passed the barque St. Helena of Belfast, bound from Antrossan to Quebec, with coal, which had been abandoned and was then in charge of a crew from the steamer Manuka of Liverpool. The crew of the St. Helena were on board the said steamer. The officers in charge of the St. Helena said he intended to take her to her destination.

AS USUAL, the fact that Excursion return tickets would be issued on the Intercolonial Railway for Queen's Birthday trips, was announced at the eleventh hour. The aliphod, procrastinating manner in which business is attended to in the Moncton Railway offices, indicates that the management is in very inefficient hands. The difficulty seems to be that although the principal officials are very good men for ordinary positions, they lack the calibre and capacity for the work required of them, and are incapable of appreciating the difference between doing just what is required of them and doing just "enough to get along with."

THREE TRIPS A WEEK are now made by the International Line steamers between St. John and Boston, calling at the intermediate ports of Esport and Portland. The change from two to three trips per week is made nearly a month earlier than usual this season, showing an increased appreciation by the public of the accommodation offered by this excellent Line. After July 1st, five trips a week are to be made. We yet expect to see a daily International Line service between St. John and Boston. Capt. Chisholm is agent of these steamers at St. John, and much of their success is due to his judicious and enterprising policy.

OUR HO.—The Advocate published the following in its leader of yesterday:—"Notwithstanding the fact that the policy of the present Government is impairing to the commercial affairs of the country a buoyancy such as was unknown during the Grit regime—new manufactures springing up in all directions, depressed industries reviving, and a most encouraging condition of affairs prevailing generally from Sarnia to Gaspe—the obstructive still maintain an open warfare against Protection."

"From Sarnia to Gaspe" represents the Protectionists' idea of Canada. The Maritime Provinces go for nothing, together with the west and British Columbia. We saw the expression in an Ontario Conservative paper but did not expect to find it reproduced verbatim in an editorial even by so original a paper as the Advocate.

SHIPPING FISH.—The summer fishing season being at hand the International S. S. Company are to the fore in offering the necessary facilities to old and new patrons. They enjoy a first class reputation as forwarders of ice salmon and easily hold their own against competing railways, which make special combinations in order to overcome the advantages which the water route possesses. The fact that the inevitable jolting of railway cars is avoided and a comparatively cool atmosphere secured between St. John and Boston will always be powerful arguments in favor of the steamers, especially when they so successfully compete with the railways in point of time.

SHIPPERS may obtain the fullest information by address Capt. H. V. Chisholm, the obliging agent at St. John.

AT HOME FROM ABROAD.—Mr. Samuel Freeze, Land Surveyor of Doaktown, is in the city on his return from Colorado, to which place he went in October last, to look after some property which he held there. Mr. Freeze first went to the territory in '66, when he invested in real estate, and returned some years afterwards with the intention of holding the property until it should rise in value. He left it remain for some years untouched, and hearing that the Government were about making arrangements for re-locating abandoned mines, he started last fall for the locality to look after his investment. On arriving, he found that he was too late, the property having been

sold for \$7,000. Mr. Freeze says that the country there is swarming with New Brunswickers, who are, some of them, doing very well, and others very poorly.—Capital.

PERSONAL.—Sir Leonard Tilley, Lady Tilley and members of their party arrived in St. John on Sunday morning, and took rooms at the Royal Hotel. They will remain in St. John this week, leaving on Saturday for St. Andrews.

Mrs. Lipsett, wife of Mr. Andrew Lipsett, Chief Engineer of the Fredericton Fire Department, died shortly after noon on Friday, after a very lengthy and severe illness. She had been confined to bed since Christmas and during the past few weeks suffered most acutely. Mrs. Lipsett was a daughter of Thomas Morris, Esq., of Fredericton and a sister of Major Morris, of Chatham. Mr. Lipsett has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in his sad bereavement.—Sun.

Sir John A. Macdonald and Lady Macdonald left Quebec on Saturday morning by the Parisian for England. Sir John seemed greatly fatigued and weak. He saw only old friends, and few of them, while in Quebec. He remained in his quarters all day Friday and did not go out.

NEW STEAMER.—The most diminutive steamer of the Miramichi fleet is a new one completed last week by Mr. Richard Blake, of Chatham, for R. C. Call, Esq., and now being fitted with engine and boiler by the Miramichi Foundry Company. She is a lapstrake, wherry-shaped boat, 16 ft. long, 4 ft. wide and 22 inches deep from the top of keel to top of combings. The keel and gunwale strakes are of birch, the stem and stern of hamaetac and the remainder, excepting the timbers—of pine. The boat is decked flush with the top of gunwale about two feet and a half inwards from bow and stern, leaving nearly the whole of the interior open and trimmed around with a combing two inches above the gunwale. The boiler is a diminutive one, having iron shell and copper tubes and the engine is correspondingly small. The propeller is 16 inches in diameter. Of course we cannot all accompany Mr. Call when the trial trip is made, but we hope it will be a successful one.

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"Ready" for Business. A thriving factory is that of Mr. Jas. Ready, brewer of lager beer and manufacturer of crested waters, which is located between Church and Wellington Sts. near the Metropolitan Hotel. The establishment, which is a branch of that at Fairville, St. John, is in charge of Mr. Chas. Cassidy, who has for several seasons carried on his business about a mile from Chatham, on the road to Nelson, but which he leased the large building formerly occupied as office, each house and forge house by Hon. W. M. Kelly, and fitted it up for his purpose. He has constructed an ice house in it, and has about 100 tons of that essential commodity stored away, and has also erected a ten feet square box refrigerator, which he purchased from Mr. E. A. Strang. Water is conducted to the establishment through pipes from a spring a quarter of a mile away, and is forced by gravitation sufficiently to keep up the supply during all seasons of the year. The generators, cooler and cylinders used are of copper and sent to any in the country, while the facilities for bottling are of the most modern character. The lager beer is brewed in St. John and received the highest commendations and diploma at the Exhibition for the Maritime Provinces held last fall. It is brought to Chatham in ten gallon cases and bottled here. The crested beverages made, include lemon and plain soda, ginger ale, champagne cider and sarsaparilla. The business thrives in warm weather and our people look upon Mr. Cassidy's wagon as a moving temperance lecture and, at the same time, a great source of supply to a thirsty public. Mr. Cassidy supplies stores and residences in Chatham and Newcastle and the more customers he has the better he likes it.

Mr. Alexander Robinson's Carriage Factory. In an industrial locality like that of Chatham, where there must be a considerable demand for vehicles of all kinds, and more especially those of the lighter and more ornamental varieties, adapted either for business or pleasure, there would seem to be no reason why carriage building especially, should not become one of the staple industries of the place. Many, people however, seem to think when they want a vehicle that they can do much better by purchasing abroad, both as to quality and price, and often end by paying more than they would have done for the same, if not superior article, to a Chatham carriage maker. It is moreover, now the fashion (theoretically) to support home industries, however uneconomical they may be, and it is a matter of regret that many admirers of the N. P. diverge so much between their theory and practice. In connection with these remarks, and to show the facilities which exist in Chatham in the carriage building line, we may take among others the carriage shop of Mr. Alexander Robinson on St. John Street, which comprises the necessary conveniences for turning out all classes of vehicles from a heavy sloop to the most stylish buggy. The establishment consists of the necessary wood-working, blacksmith's and paint shop, the latter of which is on the second floor.

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