

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

DON'T FORGET Mr. Youmans' Concert to-morrow night. THANKS: K. F. Burns, Esq., has our thanks for late English papers.

OSTERS: A large number of men are successfully engaged at present in the Lower Bay des Vents oyster fishery.

COME to the ADVANCE job printing office now and order your cards, bill heads, letter heads, circulars, etc., for the approaching season's business.

MARRIAGE: We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, over the happy event of Thursday last in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham.

PERSONAL: Wm. Whiten, Esq., of Richibucto was in town for several days.

Mr. Snowball, M. P., starts for Ottawa again this evening.

Dr. Hedley V. Williston, is successfully practicing his profession in Gunnison City Colorado.

Rev. J. A. McLean of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Chatham, having obtained leave of absence for three months, has gone, with his family to spend the needed vacation in Port Dover, Ont.

We join with his many friends in wishing him a pleasant time and for his return in due season with restored health.

"CONSPIRACY OF IRISH LANDS" was the subject of a lecture delivered by School Inspector Cox in St. Peter's Hall, Portland, on Sunday evening last. He declared himself "a Parrelite" in sentiment and appears to have made a favorable impression on his audience.

LOBSTERS: Mr. Ball of Kent County visited Esquimaux last week for the purpose of inspecting the Graham Lobster Fishery, Bay des Vents river. It is said to be the intention of Mr. Ball to purchase this establishment which occupies one of the best stands on the North Shore.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: The Treasurer of Building Committee of St. Andrew's Church, St. John's, Chatham, begs to acknowledge receipt of forty dollars, (40.00) from the Choir of the above church, being the net proceeds of their concert held on the 1st inst. WM. JOHNSON.

NEW CRAFT: Alex. Mills Esq., of Hardwick has in frame a fishing boat of 30 feet keel. This boat is to be of juniper and is the first that has been built in Hardwick for deep sea fishing, for a number of years. Robert Mills, son of the owner and builder will have charge of the boat next season.

OBITUARY: Mr. Thomas Barden, an old and respected citizen of Chatham, died on Thursday morning last and was buried on Saturday. He came to the Miramichi thirty-eight years ago from Ramsgate, Wexford, Ireland. The funeral was largely attended by all classes of the deceased's fellow citizens.

FROM ENGLAND: Among the passengers by the Sarmatian, which arrived at Halifax on Sunday morning last were Messrs. J. B. Snowball and Henry Meritt of Chatham and Henry O'Leary of Richibucto. Messrs. Snowball and Meritt reached home on Sunday afternoon, coming by the English mail train.

CONNECTION: We are obliged to County Warden Walsh, of Gloucester for the following: "In your issue of 2nd Feb'y. Your Bathurst correspondent erred in stating that the Parish of Inkerman was by resolution, divided for Municipal election purposes. It was only divided into districts to define boundaries for Highway purposes," etc.

CONCERT: As may be seen by bills, Mr. Youmans is to favor Chatham on Friday, (to-morrow) night, with one of his inimitable juvenile concerts by 100 voices. Mr. Y. since his visit here a year ago has made himself famous in all the principal Provincial cities and towns, and in addition to his usual attractions, is accompanied by his little niece, Miss May Fitzgerald, who is styled by the press of St. John "The people's little favorite." Miss May will greatly enhance the pleasure of the evening by giving several of her best selections in her usual piping style. A large attendance may be anticipated, as the admission is but 25 cents in all parts of the Hall.

ENGLISH MAIL: It is somewhat singular that the English mail which came by the Sarmatian did not reach Chatham until Monday night. When the train was at Chatham Junction with the Sarmatian's passengers on Chatham afternoon, the mail agent of the Chatham train asked for the English mail, but was told there was "no mail for Chatham." The Postmaster General has no right to treat Chatham in this way, for he has promised that bags should always be made up for Chatham and delivered at the Junction from the trains leaving Halifax on the arrival of the steamers. If political considerations prompt him to deprive us of the service his conduct is certainly unwarranted; if otherwise his inefficiency and incapacity must be blamed.

The Silver Shawl.

FEARFUL ADVENTURES ON MONDAY NIGHT LAST—STRUGGLES WITH THE ICE—UNPARALLELED ACTIVITY, ETC., ETC.

Monday night last was more noted for raising sheet ice than any of its predecessors of the season. The sheets were of several thicknesses and they lay close upon the streets and alleyways.

As usual, when there is any special effort on the part of the weather to be ugly, it is quite a night for parties. The older members of our staff had all been out on previous occasions when it rained ice, so they remained at home, but several of the younger ones had accepted invitations and were unprovided with the code of excuses, known only to those who have seen long service in the social world, they kept their engagements.

Our chief reporter was hauled to the office on a handled on Tuesday morning, and limped up to the editor with a report of his experiences the previous evening.

It appeared therefrom that about mid night he bade his host and hostess adieu. As he lingered on the threshold to say a parting word to the host he thought he heard a woodpile fall close behind him, when, turning around, he was dismayed to find the young lady he had undertaken to escort home, on all fours, making desperate attempts to rise.

Separate forward to assist her, with an apology on his lips, which was cut short by his shoulders striking the roof steps which he went feet foremost with the velocity of a cannon shot, striking the now upright fair one as if the fates had determined he should pass on both sides of her, the result being that she lay on her back, falling upon him and against her feet until after he struck her.

The two got unlimed so speedily as possible, and, having eluded each other and the ice beneath them for some five minutes, they found themselves on their feet and struck out for home.

Soon, she began to slide upwards on the sidewalk, dragging him with her, he

manfully struggling, meanwhile, to hold back, but they were both on "side ice" and just as she struck the board fence they were attempting to pass, his feet slipped from under him, striking her, which, did likewise and, for the second time, the two had a struggle to regain an upright position.

She then suggested that he should go ahead, as each might be able to do better alone. So he crept along, now and then steadying himself by fence, or lamp post, or house front.

Presently, they came to an alleyway, which ran with a down grade from the street. He had kept the outside of the sidewalk, just at this point, and she hadn't. So he missed her and as he came back and clung to the corner of the building to see where she had gone, he heard her making remarks indicating that she had got out of her reckoning very unexpectedly, and was much worse than disappointed thereat.

She told him to stay where he was, so that when she got up near to him, he might reach out and assist her to the street again. He, therefore, obeyed, but just as she reached frantically to catch his outstretched hand her feet slipped and he did his and now they were both in the alley.

For nearly half an hour they struggled in their attempt to regain the street, but, finally, they abandoned the task, and were obliged to knock at the kitchen door near which they found themselves, and after the flight of the housekeeper, over such an unusual alarm, had subsided, and they explained the impossibility of regaining the plain by way of the alley, they were taken in and let out at the front door.

Not far from this they were obliged to cross the street to where the lady lived, and just as they were slipping about in the horse-track, unable to get either one way or the other, they heard sleigh bells approaching.

With a gallantry that almost reached heroism he prostrated himself across the track and allowed her to walk the whole length of him, which placed her out of harm's way; then, with an agility that would have done credit to an acrobat, he stood on his head, fell over the other way, and slant himself up like a jack-in-the-box, to find the runner of the passing sleigh strike his head, taking his fair cap and leaving it to the mercy of the street.

He dare not go to fetch the cap, so he left it where it lay, and proceeded to see his charge to her mother's door.

They reached the steps, of which there were two leading to a small platform. He managed to crawl up these, but when he stood erect and held on to the door knob with one hand, while endeavoring to extend the other to her, he found she could not get near enough to reach him.

She then said she, too, would crawl up. He told her to do it. When she was near enough he held the door knob in both hands and stuck out his foot but she clutched it with such desperate energy that his other leg was pulled from under him. This broke his hold and both went tumbling out as far as the curbstone, she screaming and he making every remark which brought the girl's mother to the door in her night dress.

As soon as she understood what the trouble was she procured a clothes-line out of the summer kitchen and threw one end of it to her daughter, who laid over her reporter good night and was towed up the steps and into the house two hours after leaving that at which she had spent the evening.

Our reporter reached home an hour after, feeling like a jelly-fish that had grounded on a coral reef. In making up the list of casualties he found one kneecap knocked off, a thumb disjunct, some hair and a piece of scalp removed from his head, fur cap gone, eye blackened, nose flattened and cut, trousers torn and overcoat split open at the back.

Our junior reporter, who was at another party and started for home with the girl he is engaged to, did not suffer so much as his colleague. He had further to go than the latter and, finding it was no go at all he sat on a door-step all night happy in the society of his loved one but both were a little chilled before sunrise.

St. Andrew's Church Choir, Chatham, assisted by a few other amateurs, gave a Concert in Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening. The programme was as follows:—

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height in 1868. Everybody here knows how Mr. Adams denounced Mr. Snowball's alleged transactions in connection with the road; how he vowed that all kinds of imaginary swindles should be uncarted. It is, therefore, interesting to read what came out of all the bluster and misrepresentation. In the debate on the address in the Legislature the present session Mr. Blair referred to the investigation that Mr. Adams had been boasting of and was, of course, not complimentary to the Government over the matter. In his reply, Attorney General Fraser—who had, no doubt, been misled by Adams, but was willing to make amends—said:—

"The leader of the Opposition undertook to say that the Government never intended to pursue the action in the Chatham Branch, and that it was a mere sham. The Government found the railway levied upon under an execution and about to be sold. This members of the Government were not aware of until after the fact. Snowball's books and documents, and were satisfied that his claim was a good one. They should purchase the road under this execution, and then undertake to run the road, which was a losing speculation, and expend from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in putting in running order, and it is not clear to any one who wanted it. When the papers are laid before the House they will see that the Government acted in the most proper manner. From what Mr. Blair says the running of the road from year to year necessitated an outlay. The country will not be called upon to pay one dollar in the suit of the Government against Mr. Chatham Branch. After the session of 1880 these matters were investigated and the arrangements made. As soon as they were made the government said it would not be sold and whoever likes purchase it. The Chatham Branch affair was not arranged to carry out personal feelings. He had known Mr. Snowball for many years and always had a very high opinion of him.

When Mr. Adams and the pigmies who are still echoing his sentiments respecting the Chatham Railway have found their proper level in the public affairs of Northumberland, many others who may now be misled by them will like the Attorney-General—be constrained to acknowledge how wrong and unfair their attitude has been towards this Railway and its management.

Mr. Blair positively affirmed the contrary, so the matter remains one to be determined by those who are sufficiently acquainted with the parties to judge between them as to their veracity. When there is so much smoke however there must be some fire.

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his Government, and declared that no promise of seat in Council had been made any member, and in name of Government promised absolute to any man who could rise up and say so before the House and country, or for ever after hold his peace.

After recess Mr. Ryan addressed the House, and in closing said "I would not make this communication if I had not been challenged to do so by the Provincial Secretary in name of Government under promise of absolute, because it was to be a secret. I was approached directly by three members of the Government, and indirectly as well, and offered a seat in the Legislative Council, and I would be cowardly if I did not now say so after the challenge of the Provincial Secretary, and he cannot be ignorant of the fact. I asked him if there was any consideration, and was told I would be expected to support the Government in the suit of the Government against Mr. Chatham Branch. This straightforward expression of Mr. Ryan created such a sensation as has probably never been experienced in this House. He was followed by Mr. Sayre, who previously voted with the Government, but on this occasion announced his intention of voting against the Provincial Secretary's amendment to Mr. Blair's resolution, which created sensation number two.

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