

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

MILLETTON.—The name of the Post Office formerly called Derby, has been changed to "Millerton" the change taking effect on 1st inst.

CELEBRATION.—The Royal Canadian Club Medal was won, this year at Fredericton, by Skip T. G. Loggie, with a score of eleven points.

ELVEN CARIBOO were killed by Mr. John Connell of Bartibogue in two days. The hind quarter were sold in Newcastle, Douglastown and Chatham at about eight cents per lb. They weighed from 18 to 40 lbs. each.

NEW ENGINE.—The new engine for the Chatham Railway has arrived and is now running over the road, a fact that is creditable to the enterprise of Mr. Snowball, who is keeping this work in operation in the face of many disadvantages.

THE SMELT fishing season has been "tin-tered" so as to extend to 10th inst. Many of the shippers are not well pleased over the manner in which the information was suppressed, until a certain "official" shipper had taken advantage of them to secure a large lot for his operations.

CORRECTION.—Mr. Thos. McLaughlin informs us that for \$235—not \$245—that his own voucher appeared in his account as Road Commissioner. We do not know whether the error was in the Council Committee's report, or made through our reporter's bad hearing, but we gladly make the correction.

THE BANK.—Mr. W. Hulston Matthews, who has been "the popular teller" of the Bank of Montreal at Chatham, for about three years, has been promoted to Brockville Agency. Mr. Benedict, of the New-England Agency temporarily and acceptably fills his place, while Mr. Ambrose, of the Chatham Agency, is assisting Mr. Macdonald at Newcastle.

SEVERE DEATH.—An old man named Michael Crowe of Northesk, who lived alone, died suddenly last week. He was last seen on Monday 24th. On Friday Mr. Jas. Metcalfe went to his house and found him lying dead, in such a position as to indicate that death had taken place while he was attempting to make a fire. Coroner Joseph Chaplin held an inquest and a verdict was returned in accordance with the above facts.

CONCERT.—The programme of the concert to take place at the Pro-Cathedral on Tuesday evening next is as follows:—Instrumental.—Orchestra. Chorus "The Joyful in God" Merz. Duet "The Yerran" Smith. Quintette "Marvelous was the Creation" from Haydn's "The Creation". Bass Solo. Duet "God is Love" Webb. FAULT FINDERS.—Orchestra. Chorus "Magnificent" East. Solo Soprano, "Ave Maria". Quartet and Chorus, "O Give ear unto me O Lord". Schumann. Solo and Chorus "Tantum Ergo" Hagarty. Bass Solo. Chorus "Agnus Dei" Coleman. Tableau.

This will be a meritorious entertainment well meriting general patronage.

Curving.—The match between the St. John and Chatham Curfers played on Wednesday last, seems to have awakened a spirit of emulation in our local Club which is producing match after match on each play-day. A rink composed chiefly of the youngest curlers of the Club had the spirit to challenge a rink of five out of the eight who played against the St. John men. To make the match more interesting "the oysters" depended on the result. The game took place on Friday last, following the players and result:—

Seniors Juniors
T. H. Fleiger, J. Fred McMillan,
W. Wilson, H. C. Benson,
John Johnston, John McInnis,
E. Hutchison, T. S. Desbray,
D. G. Smith, Skip 16 D. Chesman, Skip 10

On the same day rinks skipped by Messrs. James Neilson and Andrew Brown played against each other for oysters, Skip Brown winning by a score of 16 to 5.

As if there was a conspiracy against the victorious players in the match, Juniors vs. Seniors, a lot of "old players" challenged the men who played against the St. John curlers. The deft was accepted and play took place again for oysters—on Monday 31st. It was intended to play five men on each side, but only four in each rink took the ice at 2.30 p.m. "A rink that had never been beaten" came near losing its laurels for under Skip John Brown, his side, scoring six in the first two ends, and having 13 to their opponents' five before the latter rose to the emergency. The sympathy of the whole Club and visitors seemed to be with Skip Brown and his men, but though they had so much in their favor, the stern chase was gallantly maintained and gradually the gap was closed. When time was called, the score stood even, each side having made 20 points. Another end was played to decide the game, and when it was over the record stood as follows:—

T. H. Fleiger, Geo. I. Wilson,
M. C. Clark, W. Wilson,
W. S. Morris, John Johnston,
John Brown, Skip 20, D. G. Smith Skip 21

The oysters won and lost ended the whole Club to meet at the Metropolitan Hotel, where the bivalves were served up in excellent style by host Jardine on Monday evening.

The next match is to be between natives and aliens—4 rinks a side, of 32 men in all. It will be the most interesting of the season and will, probably, come off on Friday.

St. John's Church Lecture Course.—Last Tuesday evening in the Temperance Hall, the people of Chatham were afforded the opportunity of a rare pleasure in the lecture on "Mind and Books and their Relation and Influence" by the Rev. Andrew Barrows of Truro, N. S. This lecture was of a high order of excellence. The audience showed their appreciation by close attention and hearty applause. In style it was eloquent. In matter it was not only entertaining, but in a unusual degree, instructive, elevating, stimulating and suggestive. He showed the immense power of mind and the means as well as the importance of mental improvement. For a psychological outline of the various powers and departments of mind, as new, probably, as instructive to many of the young to whom in an especial way the lecturer addressed himself throughout, he proceeded to a review of English literature in its branches of biography, history and poetry. He set the Book of God in its right place as the crown of literary excellence and the first subject of mental study. But we feel that we spoil the lecture and wrong the Rev. gentleman again visiting our town on a similar errand.

A cordial vote of thanks, moved by Rev. J. McCarter of Redbank and seconded

by Rev. J. C. Herdman, was unanimously tendered the Lecturer. At the close Mr. McInnis, to whom the public is indebted for these lectures, announced that the Rev. J. C. Herdman, of Campbellton, would deliver a lecture next Tuesday evening, Feb. 8th in the Temperance Hall at 8 p. m. on "Every Day Wonders." It is needless to say to the Chatham public, that Mr. Herdman will sustain the excellence of the lectures already given. This will be the last lecture of the course and should be well patronized. Admission 10 cents.

Meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Miramichi held its quarterly meeting in St. John's Church, Chatham, on Tuesday last. There were seven ministers and two elders present, and a good deal of business was transacted, some of which of general interest we report.

Mr. Maxwell, Missionary at Metapedia, etc., submitted a very gratifying report of his work there last season. There was also one from Rev. Mr. Mason from Tabusintac.

Rev. John Leishman reported his work at Douglastown, from which it appeared, as also from verbal reports by Messrs. Wm. Russell and James Henderson, of Douglastown, that very marked success attended his services. He was welcomed in all the homes he visited; and a universal regret seemed to prevail that his services could not be permanently secured. The Church has been freed of debt, and is now regularly kept for worship. This is largely due to Mr. Leishman's efforts, and the very liberal contribution of \$100 by the Hon. R. Hutchison Rev. Jas. Murray will supply for a time. The boundaries of the congregation were defined as follows:—"That St. Mark's congregation shall comprehend all those families on the North side of the river, between Rosebank and the Lower Mill Cove, with the exception of such families as still remain bona fide supporting members of the neighboring congregations."

Rev. Mr. McInnis gave in his report of the action of the Supplementing Board. A letter was read, signed by the Revs. Mr. Sedgwick and Dr. McGregor, setting forth the position and claims of this Board, and urging increased liberality in its support.

The Presbytery considered the remit of the General Assembly regarding the proposal of a general Sustentation Fund for the Church. After due consideration it was unanimously agreed to express a preference for a supplementary Fund, and to urge a greater amount of liberality in support of the fund than has been hitherto accorded to it.

The Rev. Mr. Herdman called the attention of the Presbytery to the illness of Rev. Mr. McInnis, and he moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Aitken, that the Presbytery grant Mr. McInnis, 3 months leave of absence, from the second Sabbath of February, and further that the Presbytery supply the pulpit during his absence, by its members giving each a day's service. The Presbytery expressed cordial sympathy for Mr. McInnis, in his present disposition, and also their earnest hope and prayer that he might be speedily restored to his wonted health and work. After making arrangements to secure supply for Mission Stations during the coming summer, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. James' Church Hall, Newcastle, the first Tuesday of April next at 10 a. m.

Annual School Meeting.

TABUSINTAC, Jan. 25th, 1881. MR. EDITOR:—The Annual School Meeting in District No. 7, Alwivick, was held on the 13th inst., in the new school house. Mr. William Blake was appointed Chairman, and John Johnston, Secretary to the Board, acted as Secretary. The Trustees reported showed the receipts of the year to have been \$175.66 and the expenditure \$156.01, leaving a balance in favor of the District of \$19.65. The amount assessed last year was \$50 and the amount collected was \$61.60, including the defaulters' lists of 1877, '78 and '79. Mr. Ebenezer Vandeest was the retiring Trustee, and Mr. Charles W. Murphy was elected in his place. Mr. John L. Blake was chosen Auditor. The amount voted for general school purposes for the ensuing year was \$60. A second class teacher is wanted for the District. JOHN JOHNSTON, Secretary.

DISTRICT NO. 14 DERBY. Mr. Joseph Amos, was appointed Chairman, and Mr. John Russell, Secretary. Mr. Edward Robertson, retiring Trustee was re-elected, and an assessment of \$120 was voted for the current year.

The County Court.

Our report of the proceedings of the County Court is crowded out this week. His Honor Judge Botsford presided, for Judge Williston was indisposed. The following address was presented by the Grand Jury:—

We the Grand Jury of the County of Northumberland, assembled to make enquiry into the affairs of this County generally, beg to make the following presentation:—

1st. We are glad to meet you for the first time presiding over our County Court since the late session, and take this opportunity of showing our appreciation of the remarks in your address relative to the state of Northumberland in particular, and the northern counties in general.

2nd. We in the name of the inhabitants of the County, thank you most cordially for having so readily responded to the request of our esteemed Judge, His Honor Judge Williston, and will never cease to remember your kindness in consenting to come here at a great personal inconvenience, which will cost you a vast amount of labor for some time to come.

3rd. We wish also to express our regret at the indisposition of His Honor Judge Williston, and trust that he may, in the course of a few days be sufficiently restored to enable him to attend his duties with his usual judgment and impartiality.

Trusting that you may be long spared to continue the course of integrity and honor that you have always pursued.

We beg to remain, Most respectfully yours, JOHN O'BRIEN, Foreman. His Honor had in his address referred to the fact that he was no stranger to the County having studied law here for some time, and he showed that his interest in our affairs was, therefore, all the greater.

Douglastown Notes.

DOUGLASTOWN, Jan. 31st, 1881. DEAR ADVANCE:—In one of your late issues I notice a communication from Douglastown, giving among other items news, a short account of St. Mark's Church here, and that a tea meeting would be held in connection therewith on the 27th inst., for the purpose of clearing off the debt on the church. For the past few weeks and up to the date on which it was to be held, the ladies were very busy in preparing for the event. They met with some drawbacks, but their energy never flagged but rather their zeal seemed to increase. The day was fine, and gave promise of a lovely night which seemed to add more vigor to their efforts, now that they were likely to be crowned with success. Nor were they disappointed.

As the time announced for opening, arrived, sleigh load, after sleigh load from Newcastle, Chatham, and surrounding country came pouring into our quiet little town, giving it quite a lively appearance. The ladies had everything in readiness, so that when 7 p. m. arrived, the company were able to sit down to tables well laden with mostly everything to please the eye and tempt the appetite of the most fastidious. Ample justice having been done to the tables, and the tables cleared away, the company was treated to some music both vocal and instrumental. A good many of the young folk, and some "not so young as they used to be" wished "to trip the light fantastic too" which they did for some time, though owing to the crowded state of the Hall, under slight difficulties, during the first of the evening. Too much praise cannot be given the young ladies who arranged and carried out the tea meeting, for through their efforts the debt has been swept off the church, and Douglastown congregation can now rejoice in having, free of debt, an handsome church as can be found in New Brunswick. The amount realized at the tea meeting, after paying all expenses amounted to the handsome sum of eighty dollars.

The young ladies not content with having a tea meeting, are now busy preparing for a concert to be given by the Sunday School scholars, and which will, I've no doubt, be creditable to those concerned in the undertaking. Rev. Mr. Leishman, who has been preaching here for the last seven Sabbaths, has left us, and intends starting for Montreal to-day where he will preach next Sunday, and then proceed to Ontario. Our schools are all now running. Two departments having lately been opened. Mr. McLintosh has charge of the advanced and Miss Russell, Miss Purvis and Miss Sullivan the Primary and Intermediate departments.

Now Mr. Editor, hoping you will excuse me for taking up so much of your valuable space, I am yours &c. R.

Fatal Accident near a Lumber Camp.

On Monday, the 24th inst., Mr. Thomas Cal of the parish of Welford, Kent Co., came to his death under very painful circumstances. He had been engaged during the winter in carrying on lumbering operations on Trout Brook, a branch of the Richibucto river. It would appear that on Tuesday evening the 18th inst., the cook, in attempting to cut down a tree near the camp, had lodged it in another tree near it. The next morning, as Mr. Cal was leaving the camp to go where his men were at work he happened to notice the tree, and seeing that it was likely to fall at any moment, he stopped, called to the cook and told him to fell the tree as it might come down and do some mischief. He had scarcely uttered the sentence, when the tree suddenly, letting go its hold, came down striking him on the head and crushing him to the ground, the blow fracturing the skull, depriving him of reason and leaving the body paralyzed. Two doctors were soon brought to his assistance, but their efforts were of no avail. He remained in much the same state as the blow had left him, until the following Monday evening, when death relieved him of his sufferings. He was in the 65th year of his age. Mr. Cal was a mill-owner, and having carried on lumbering operations to a considerable extent for many years, was well known and also highly respected in the community where he lived. Just a year ago he buried his wife. He leaves a large family to mourn their loss. The community sympathize deeply with the sorrowing family in their bereavement.—Telegraph.

A Contradiction.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance. DEAR SIR:—I observe that Mr. James Brown, Councillor, stated, at the late meeting of Council, that he had applied to Mr. W. C. Anslow the Trustees' Report for School District No. 7, Newcastle, that the Trustees were ashamed to publish it. Mr. W. C. Anslow made the same remark to me when I refused to give him the Report, and my reply to him, he has expunged, for the same reason, I suppose, as they expunge a good deal of other matter. For the benefit of those who care to read my reply to him, I beg space enough in your valuable columns. I stated that we were not compelled to publish our Report in the Advance, and if he wanted to publish it he would have to wait until he got it from the columns of some other paper. He again made the same statement. I replied, "Mr. Anslow, I do not want any of your dirty insinuations, and I do not think I have much occasion to be ashamed of any thing I have done since I came to the town as you have?"—which I now reiterate, and if he desires me to stipulate what I mean, he can make the request through the columns of the Advance, and I will, at once, show him where and how. I have less occasion to be ashamed of my doings than he has. Why he expunged this reply of mine to him in the last issue of the Advance, I cannot conceive, unless it is that he considers it "false and malicious" but it is not. This expunging propensity must have received development to an extraordinary degree, as I notice he has expunged from his report of the meeting, a good deal of what took place—he expunged the fact of a gentleman having moved an amendment to a resolution, which I will refer to by and by, and he also expunged the fact that he, as Chairman of the meeting, refused to receive the amendment, and told the mover of it that he could vote in the negative, and that as good as his amendment—which piece of proceeding he has no precedent for. Great and partializing are strongly manifested here. He did not wish to have an amendment recorded in opposition to the pet resolution. It would have a tendency to spoil the efficacy of the new born child which he assumed the god-fatherhood of, when he assumed the meeting that they need not feel at all alarmed about the pet not reaching their parent, as he intended sending it to him.

I enclose you a memorandum of the proceedings of our Annual School Meeting, with the exception of a resolution ordering that that part of our Report referring to the dismissal of Mr. McCully, be expunged, and declaring that our reference to his dismissal was false and malicious, as the few Ratepayers who were at the Meeting had no power to expunge anything from the Report. I send you this Report just as it was issued by the Trustees and by state that notwithstanding the resolution to the contrary, Mr. McCully was dismissed on the grounds set forth in the Report. Yours, etc. JOHN FERGUSON.

The meeting was called to order by E. P. Williston, Esq., who nominated Mr. W. C. Anslow as chairman, and having put the question, declared Mr. Anslow elected. The Trustees submitted the following Report of School Trustees for District No. 7, Newcastle, for the year ending 1880.

The Trustees beg to submit the following Report:—SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.

Table with columns: School, Summer Term, Winter Term. Rows include High School, Advanced Department, Miss Hickey, Miss Hanson, Miss Parker's School, Miss Reid's, Miss Morrell's, W. Stewart's, Miss Moran's.

Total amount required to pay Teachers' Salaries, \$2,365 00. Attendance on Schools, 250 00. Fuel, 200 00. Rent, 50 00. Insurance, 20 00. Incidental expenses, 257 79. Interest, 115 00. Commission for collecting, 25 00. \$3,262 79.

RECEIPTS. Cash on hand, \$456 33. From County Fund, 59 04. Back taxes collected, 384 76. Tuition Fees, 1 75. Interest, 160 00. From Govt. Super. Act, 20 00. Loan—, 178 26. Amount of 1880 assess., 1,968 99. Rent collection, \$726 83.

Cash in hand at date, \$612 79. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1881. Teachers' Salaries, \$650 00. M. Coggin, 400 00. Wm. Stewart, 200 00. Wm. Hickey, 230 00. Miss Parker, 165 00. Miss Hanson, 160 00. Miss Reid, 160 00. Miss Morrell, 160 00. Miss Moran, 150 00.

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of New Brunswick, balance due the Province on school loans \$1117.40. D. G. Smith, printing \$18.00.

John Buckley, repairs to gate, County Buildings, \$1.00. Samuel Thompson, Sec. Treas. \$195.70. John Shirrell, High Sheriff, 116.00. Revisors of Votes, \$208. E. P. Williston, Auditor \$37.50. Chatham Lock-up, \$78.31. This amount to be paid out of Chatham Police Fund. County Buildings Commission, \$24.50. John Shirrell, \$10.80. S. Thompson, \$65.00. A. C. Smith, certifying three lunatics, \$14.00.

Anthony Gratian, for conveying a lunatic from Tabusintac to Newcastle, \$3. Patrick Whalen, a similar account, \$18.55. John L. Gould, account \$7.40. Committee received \$6.30 be paid in full. S. Y. Loggie, constable's fee \$3.00. F. L. Pedlin, Coroner, account \$26.50. Committee recommend that he be paid in full \$29.50, the remaining account for \$6.00 to be referred to Alms House Commissioner for that Parish, it being for burial expenses.

Corn. Bamford explained that this inquest was held on the remains of a man found in the vicinity of Cain's River, and it was thought best by those finding the remains to notify the Coroner, and he thought the bill should be paid in full, and was also an overcharge in this account for \$2.45 were taken off the amount accounted, leaving the balance due the Coroner \$18.05.

Patrick Keoughan, for taking lunatic to asylum, \$20.00. Accounts in connection with trial of A. C. Campbell, \$17.20. To be paid by County as the law requires. W. Woods, for conveying lunatic to asylum, \$20.00. Gaol Committee account, \$355.38. John Buckley, labor \$2.00. Gaol Committee to John Ferguson, \$2.18. To Wm. Harding, digging drain, \$5.32. Gaol Committee to Jas. R. Goggin for two pairs handcuffs \$10.00. James Brown, \$64.25. Gaol Committee to Wm. Gifford, \$2.29. To Chas. Cranmore, \$7.00. To John Murray, \$39.75. To R. E. Call, gas \$25.50. To D. J. Ritchie, lumber \$34.32. Gaol Committee to Jas. H. Plimney, \$10.25. Ordered that \$10.00 be paid in full. Gaol Committee to Wm. Cottier prisoners' board \$157.00. Council adjourned.

A Trip to Miramichi. I left home for Miramichi, Thursday, December 9th. The night was bitterly cold. The engine broke down half way between Truro and Amherst, so we had the pleasure of waiting two hours on the road, until a new engine came from Truro. Some of the passengers growled; some, like true philosophers, resolved to make the best of the inevitable. We got to Moncton about 2 o'clock. I stayed there till 12 o'clock next day, and then left by the Accommodation train for Chatham. It was an accommodation train in every respect, except that it gave no opportunity to those who neglected taking their dinner in Moncton, to get anything to eat till 6 o'clock in the evening. I preached in Chatham Sabbath day; in St. Andrew's Church in the morning and St. John's in the evening. Monday night I went to Bathurst to find my old friend "Leumas" waiting for me at the station, hale and hearty. Wednesday evening I went to River Charles, and on the following day, forgetting such low and earthly things as colleges and money, went with Mr. Nicholson to assist him in making two persons rapturously happy. Thursday night I wheeled round and got, sometime before daylight, to Newcastle. On Sabbath morning I preached for Mr. Aitken. Monday I went by stage to Blackville, a distance of twenty-five miles, and returned Tuesday night. Wednesday I spent in the pleasant work of—begging some one will say,—no, but of giving people an opportunity of doing something towards the elevation of their country and the maintenance of their religion. Thursday evening I returned to Chatham and got through with my work there on Friday. I left Chatham, Friday at midnight, and got to Chatham Junction about 1 o'clock. The train from Quebec was five hours behind time, so I had to sit up in the station house at the junction till 6 o'clock Christmas morning. I was happy enough, but I pined for my heart a poor man who came with me from Chatham. He expected to meet his wife, who had been away several months and was on her way from the west, at 1 o'clock, but instead of meeting her then, he had to wait patiently counting the hours and minutes and seconds till the train came. At one time he heard the whistle of a freight train, and before others had opened their eyes he was out on the platform. He looked, but saw not what he expected. It took him a good deal longer to come in than it did to go out. At last the train came, and I went with it as far as Welford station. Thence I went by stage, a distance of about twenty-five miles to Richibucto. I preached in Kingston to a large congregation Sabbath morning, and in Richibucto Sabbath evening. I was sorry to find that Mr. MacKenzie has been unwell for about two months. He was first laid aside with diphtheria, and then with rheumatic fever. He was, however, almost fully recovered. He intended to preach the Sabbath after I was there. I started on a canvassing expedition Monday morning, and before tea time got new subscriptions to the amount of \$275. About \$150 had been signed before. In the evening it began to storm. Tuesday was unable to go about, owing to the state of the roads. This was the first day I was idle. As I could not work for the college, I worked for myself. I read all I could of Hannay's History of Acadia. It is a well-written and interesting work. Wednesday I left Richibucto for Moncton. At Moncton a wild storm was raging which detained the train several hours. Some of those on the train were fresh from the States. Of course, although there were two feet of snow on the ground, they complained of the train. It was so slow; not to be compared to the glorious trains between Boston and Providence, trains which would run like lightning even though Vermont's eleven feet storm should be trying to block up the track. Well, we got to Truro, in time for the morning train, at any rate in time for the evening train. That night, Thursday night, I got home. I had been away just three weeks.

The question will now very naturally be asked, What did I do? I hope I did not do any harm, but it is not very easy for me to say much good I did. I can state what I tried to do.

In the first place, I tried to create a deeper interest in our College, by advocating its claims in public, by speaking in its behalf in private, and by writing in the local papers; and I have reason to think that I was somewhat successful.

In the second place, I tried to stir up

the pure minds of old subscribers by way of remembrance, to collect as much as I could myself, and to set others to work to collect. I have now been collecting five weeks, two in our own Presbytery, and three in the Presbytery of Miramichi. I have received in that time \$1250. In one place two or three did not wait to be called upon, but sent on a few days before my arrival what they owed, \$76. I have the promise of a good deal before the first of March.

In the third place, I tried to get new subscriptions wherever it was possible to get any. In Sherbrooke I got a new subscription of \$10, in Derby a new subscription of \$20, in St. Andrew's congregation, Chatham, new subscriptions to the sum of \$34, and in Richibucto new subscriptions amounting to \$274, in all \$338. For the new subscriptions in Chatham, I am largely indebted to Dr. Jardine, who kindly called around with me.

The sums signed in the Presbytery of Miramichi are as follows:—\$1,310. St. John's, Chatham, \$500. St. John's, Chatham, \$250. Bathurst, \$645. Blackville and Derby, \$411. Rev. Charles, \$239. Redbank, \$160. Campbellton, \$625. Richibucto, \$424.

Will this amount be paid? Yes, except a very little; for the Presbytery of Miramichi is a good, working, loyal Presbytery, and the Presbyterians of Miramichi are good, honest people who believe that we should "owe no man anything but to love one another."

There are several congregations in the Presbytery which have yet to be canvassed. I intended to go to New Richmond. Mr. Herdman of Campbellton was going with me. I wrote Mr. Lindsay asking whether it would be better to visit his congregation now or next summer. He sent me the following expressive despatch: "Time unsuitable; people luxurious; no money; summer better." I trust I am not due in Richibucto. It is a large and wealthy congregation, and should have been canvassed three years ago. A good many of the nominal men have yet to be called upon.

The work of canvassing cannot be finished in the Presbytery of Miramichi till next summer. The summer is the best time for visiting the congregations there; not merely because it is a time of neither snow, storms, nor cold, but because it is the time in which money is most plentiful. The congregations to be visited are New Richmond, New Carlisle, Dalnoisie, Back River, Richibucto, and Bass River.

A. McLEAN SINCLAIR.

Esthuary Notes. JANUARY 25th, 1881. COUNTY COUNCIL. The Tracaine Election petition was not abandoned as stated last week. It was abandoned by Mr. Lawlor, but not by Mr. Savoy, who argued the protest on his own behalf, with Mr. Young contra, resulting in a confirmation of the election by a vote of 9 to 2.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.—Ordered that a warrant issue for the arrest of Collecting Justice Theophile Blanchard, he having made no return to the Sec. Treas. of the amount collected by him. Constable Cullen started at once for Carleton to make the arrest returning on Saturday night last after an unsuccessful trip. It is generally believed that some of Blanchard's friends who were in Bathurst at the time of the passing of the order apprised him of it, thereby giving him an opportunity to secrete himself in order to escape arrest. He is said to hold about \$250 of County monies. The remainder of the day was occupied with the Committee work.

In the evening the Sec. Treas. threw out some suggestions in reference to paying off the County debt, stating that money could be now borrowed at a lower rate of interest than they were paying for it and for a longer term.

THURSDAY.—The forenoon was occupied in Committee. In the afternoon the Parish Lists were read and adopted. Report of the Committees on Parish Accounts and Collectors and Collecting Justices read and adopted. Resolutions were passed dividing the Parish of Inkerman and Shippagan, each into two polling districts for the election of County Councillors.

FRIDAY.—The early part of the forenoon was occupied in Committee. On the Council re-Read Commissioners Accounts were read and adopted. Owing to a number of Commissioners not having made any returns, it was suggested by Commissioner Alexandre that in future such Commissioners be dealt with according to law.

The Report of Committee on County Accounts was read and adopted. The report recommended the payment of accounts to the amount of \$1270.23. A resolution was passed exempting from taxation for a period of ten years, any starch factory erected in the County within two years, provided it employs ten hands; also any out mill, provided it is of such a class as will warrant such exemption.

The attention of the Council was called by Mr. T. S. Desbray on behalf of the Clerk of the Peace to repairs and improvements required in the office of the Clerk of the Peace. The Council visited the office and ordered the County Buildings Committee to look after the matter. The Council also visited the Gaol in a body.

A resolution was passed ordering that whereas no return had been received from Collecting Justice Blanchard of Carleton, and the Council were unable to ascertain the correct indebtedness of that parish to the County, only half of the indebtedness as ascertained at the last July session be assessed on that parish this year.

[Your correspondent regrets that owing to the absence of the Sec. Treas. from home, he is unable to give a full report of the afternoon's proceedings, also the latter part of Thursday afternoon's proceedings among which are the Assessments, list of liquor licenses granted, a resolution expressing the appreciation by the Council of the integrity and sterling abilities displayed by Samuel Adams, Esq., while a Councillor at the Board, and also expressing their regret at his leaving the County, and one or two other minor matters all of which will appear as soon as obtainable.]

The following are resolutions passed in reference to the Pacific Railway Syndicate:—

Whereas we consider that the people of this Province are interested to a certain extent in the growth, wealth and prosperity of the country at large, and we rejoice to learn that the Managers have succeeded in contracting with capitalists for the proposed growth, wealth and prosperity of