

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

UNDERTAKING.—See Mr. Phelan's card.

WASH-DAY.—See Mr. Phelan's card.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—The Rev. Arch. McDougall, from Nova Scotia, will preach in St. John's Church, on Sabbath, 6th August, morning and evening.

ST. MARY'S PICNIC.—The R. C. P. Picnic advertised to take place at Newcastle on Tuesday next has been postponed for two or three weeks; due notice of day and date will be given hereafter.

THE INTERNATIONAL S. S. Company's steamers are making four trips a week. The extra trip enables North Shore passengers to leave home on Saturday night and reach Boston on Monday afternoon.

THE "NEW ERA," commencing to-day discontinues her fifth trip to and from Chatham, leaving Newcastle at 5.30 and Chatham at 7 p.m. The steamer "Andover" on her 6 p.m. trip from Derby will proceed to Chatham, leaving for Newcastle at 7.30.

MISAPPROPRIATION.—How is it that Mr. Adams has given forty dollars out of the Northumberland by-road appropriation to pay the mail contractor for getting over the difficulties caused by the tumbling down of the Bay du Vin River Bridge, which was a Great Road structure?

PRE-NIC.—The Newcastle Masonic Picnic at Jacques River, on Monday last was a success. The *Loyalist* did not bring excursionists from Redbank and Whiteville as promised, causing considerable disappointment all round. All the other arrangements worked well and the occasion was heartily enjoyed.

POSTAL ACCOMMODATION.—Under the old regulations publishers were allowed to mail papers to subscribers in the town in which the paper is printed, at the rate of one cent per pound. These papers are now designated as drop-papers, and must be prepaid by a stamp, one half cent each. Publishers would rather have the old regulations, than be subjected to this annoyance.—*Advocate*.

ACCIDENT.—A young man named John Halleran, a brakeman on the I. C. R. R., met with a severe accident at Bathurst station on Friday night, 18th ult. He was running on the top of some cars which were being shunted, and was thrown off by a sudden jolt caused by a concussion of a number of cars moving in an opposite direction. He alighted partly on his feet, but when he attempted to rise it was discovered that one of his legs was fractured.

PERSONAL.—Wm. Smith, Esq., Steamboat Inspector, is in town. Jas. Murray, Esq., of the Hecla Foundry Newcastle, who has been laid up some eight weeks with severe burns received from molten iron, is getting out again and will be at business in a few days.

H. T. Stevens, Esq., of the Moncton Times was at Miramichi last week. Rev. C. B. Pibbald, visited Chatham last week and held service in the Methodist Church last Sunday and on Monday evening.

IS IT TRUE?—A correspondent writes giving certain data which go to show that liquor sold in violation of the Canada Temperance Act in Chatham was personally ordered by a merchant in an opposite direction. He alighted partly on his feet, but when he attempted to rise it was discovered that one of his legs was fractured.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE CO.—This celebrated company lately playing in selected audiences in the Exhibition Building, St. John, will stop off one night on their way to Quebec, and give a performance in Masonic Hall, Chatham, leaving on the 4 a. m. train for Quebec. The Governor will be played here, and no Comedy ever written has provoked more laughter than has this most amusing piece. It was played by Lytell's company in Halifax within three weeks, before the largest and most select audience ever drawn to the Academy—so says one of the Halifax papers—and, in St. John, it has never failed to delight large audiences. The Fifth Avenue Company is the largest and most complete that has ever been this way and we anticipate a crowded house. The price of seats is fifty cents to all parts of Hall. Tickets are on sale at Mackenzie's Drug Store.

SOMETHING LIKE FISHING.—Messrs. J. J. McGaffigan and M. Farrell, accompanied by John O'Brien and Bathurst on Wednesday morning for the head waters of the Tracadie River. Taking a team of horses, with Melvin Connors as driver, and Emory Connors as guide, everything went well until they met the South Branch of the Tracadie. For a distance of seven miles they had to chop a road for the horses as no team had gone over for this portion for eight years. Mr. McGaffigan, who had fished the lower portion of this river, was anxious to see the head waters and was willing to undergo the fatigue but did not expect to meet so much of it. The display their trout makes to-day is the window of Mr. Farrell's store, Dock Street, however, ample recompense. They got at least twelve dozen of trout, some of them over four pounds, many of them three, and altogether a finer display of fish is not often seen here.—St. John Globe.

Startling Attempts at Murder.

A Sergeant of Police and the Police Magistrate of Fredericton have both been shot at. The Sergeant was summoned to his door at night but went to an upper window at which a shot was fired doing him no harm. A few days after, he and others went to arrest the parties suspected and he received a load of shot in one arm when ascending a loft where the would-be murderers were concealed. Two of them, old offenders, have been arrested.

Restigouche Steam Service.

Great dissatisfaction exists among people interested with reference to steam communication between Campbellton and Gaspe. The "St. Lawrence," a large and

safe boat, which had given satisfaction to the travelling public in every respect (excepting the matter of fares), has been withdrawn, and the "Clyde," a much smaller boat—very stable and loaded upon by Quebec people as well as in other respects, has been put upon this route. The Hon. Thos. McGreevy, one of the M. P.'s for Quebec, is President of the company owning the steamers. The Government pay a handsome subsidy for the service and we suppose the public will be glad to submit to the imposition, as Mr. McGreevy is a particular friend of the present administration. The fares, since Mr. McGreevy's Co. have had control have been largely increased—in some cases over double what was paid in former years.

The Salmon Tax.

Because we protest against the salmon tax, the *World* says we are trying to stir up hostile sectional feelings and it defends the imposition. The tax cannot be defended, because it is not and never was legal to impose it upon fishermen up river and as a matter of correct and equitable policy it was and is unjust to compel down-river fishermen to pay it, for that discriminating in favor of one locality as against another in the same branch of the fishing business.

Why does the *World* object to the down-river fishermen being relieved of this tax when the last detailed returns show that the Miramichi fishermen pay over one half of all the fishery taxes imposed by the Department in the province of New Brunswick? Does the *World* think that is equitable? If it is more than Miramichi fishermen should in all fairness, pay, what is the *World's* objection to the partial relief which the rescinding of the salmon tax regulation would afford? What possible interest can the gentlemen who own the *World* have in the maintenance of this unjust impost? There can be only one—their desire to assist Inspector Venning in carrying out his old-time threats against our fishermen. The tax is and always was unjust, and where injustice is made some one must be a minister of it. A local paper, however, ought not to side with the strong against the weak, as the *World* does in this matter.

Lucky Fishermen.

The fishing party consisting of the Surveyor General, and Mr. John J. Adams, Mr. A. D. Williams, and Mr. Amos Cummings, of New York (the latter of the *N. Y. Sun*) met with excellent sport at the fishing ground on the North West, near the falls. The party were there about a week, during which time they secured over sixty salmon and grise. Messrs. Williams and Cummings in returning, started in company with two of their guides on a catamaran on which they intended going as far as John's Bay. After they had gone some distance, passing through the Little Falls, the two New Yorkers decided not to run the risk of going through some very rapid water ahead of them, and accordingly landed, intending to join the guides a mile or two further down stream. Reaching that point, they anxiously looked for the catamaran, and after waiting awhile first saw a biscuit floating along—then a piece of board used for a seat on the catamaran, then a log or two—until finally the convicrion dawned upon them that the catamaran was no more. As all their fishing gear, clothing etc., had been lost, they had to make the best of the circumstances in which they found themselves. Being fond of adventure, they expected to have their fill of it this time, fully expecting to have to search for the dead bodies of their guides, which would have given Cummings a splendid opportunity to display his versatility as a sensational writer. Their only regret was that their friend Walsh was not on hand to undertake a job. But the guides turned up all right, and some time after made their appearance. They constructed another floating craft and finally reached Wally. Judging from the appearance of the party when they reached Newcastle they must have paid dearly for their success, and it should not be at all surprising to find Cummings penning an article bearing the heading—"What I know about flies, and that sort of thing." Messrs. Cummings and Williams have returned home, much pleased with their visit, as do all American gentlemen who visit any portion of the Northern section of New Brunswick, whose people are famed for their kindness and hospitality.—*Advocate*.

Are We to Lose Our Toes and Have Hoofs?

If walking on good wooden sidewalks, with the planks laid crosswise tend to bring upon men and women so great a physical change as deprives them of their toes, what is the effect upon the feet of Chatham if our present cross-planked sidewalks, now so worn out and rough, are not replaced with something better? A correspondent of the Toronto *Globe* deals with the subject as follows.—I beg to call your attention to the practice which seems to be persisted in by your Toronto street authorities of laying the planks on the sidewalks cross-ways instead of lengthways. The waste of material is a small matter compared to the injury which it works on the feet of those who use them. I leave out of consideration the old feet of business pedestrians, and refer to the young whose feet are growing, and consequently are easily detoured. In walking on planks laid in this manner, the elasticity and spring of the foot is seriously interfered with; the strain is thrown on the toes, or, unevenly distributed over them, rendering the gait cobbled and rolling. You can imagine the injury which will be done by the wearing of such a foot, whose constitution is naturally weak and scrofulous. If this mode of platform is continued, it will only be a matter of time when the future Toronto will be born without toes, having all the small bones of the foot completely absorbed, and his pedal extremity strongly resembling that of a horse or ass.

Enforcing the Scott Act.

Police Magistrate Blair appears to have determined upon a vigorous crusade against the comparatively large number of persons who, in disregard of the fact that the Canada Temperance Act is in force, have been supplying liquor from bars or bottles to old and new customers. When the Act came into operation here the better class of dealers ceased to sell, but, immediately, a number of smaller places were opened, kept by men and women who had little property and less character, the result being exhibitions of drunkenness and rowdiness more frequent and open than was ever before known in the town. There seemed to be no attempt at any practical effort on the part of either the authorities or regular temperance organizations to grapple with the evil, and it was believed by almost everybody that, with the suppression of the license system through the efforts of the temperance organizations, an unlicensed traffic far worse in all its aspects was created and would be maintained. That the validity of the Act was still questioned was, no doubt, a serious impediment in the way of a free prosecution of those who so openly set the liquor law and the peace of the town at defiance, but the fact that bad and reckless rowdiness ruled whenever it pleased to do so, was a living reproach to those who were specially charged with the maintenance of law and order. This condition of things, no doubt, tempted some of those

who had, before, been legally in the business, and whose mode of carrying it on had never been in any way under control in the community, to meet the requirements of their old customers, although several of this class abandoned the trade as soon as it was decided to be illegal. A week or two ago matters were in this position.—In one part of the town there was drunkenness and rowdiness, by day and night. The sidewalks were frequently occupied by loafers who rendered themselves offensive to passers-by and who, now and then, took a howling and horse-calling stroll through other streets. In many of our localities there were no such signs of illegal traffic, although it was said liquor could be had by those whose character was a guarantee that they would not abuse their privileges. So far, the howling and rowdy locality has not been disturbed, but a vigorous crusade has been begun on the others. It is said that half a dozen parties have been proceeding against the "Law Defence Association" does not appear to have done anything in the matter, the Police being to the fore in all the cases. Proceedings in Court were commenced on Tuesday forenoon before G. A. Blair, Esq., Duncan Davidson, Esq., acting as associate Magistrate. Mr. Tweedie appeared as prosecuting counsel and Mr. R. A. Lawlor for some of the defendants and Mr. R. B. Adams for others.

The first case called was that of Nelson Strang, but he being absent, David Loggie, Police Constable, was called to prove that the summons had been served on him. The Police man swore that he had served it on Friday, 28th July. James Johnson said he resided in Chatham; knew Nelson Strang and that he was a merchant. Strang kept his shop opposite the Water St. Engine House. He didn't have a bar-room, but had sold liquor for liquor at 60 cents. He (S.) sold gin. Witness obtained liquor there in the daytime during June. Arch. Fleigher was with him. He (Johnson) had been through the law for some time, as he had no money, but promised to pay for it. He (J.) took gin. He was the first and last time he got any. Strang was not present at the trial on the hill. Kuev N. Strang by eight; John Ross, sworn, said he lived down on the hill. Kuev N. Strang by eight; John Ross, sworn, said he lived down on the hill. Kuev N. Strang by eight; John Ross, sworn, said he lived down on the hill.

The Circus.

Judging from the press notices in the papers of the Upper Provinces, the Circus which is to visit Newcastle on Monday next, is the best that has ever come to New Brunswick. It will stop over in Newcastle, as the Intercolonial Railway authorities could not make such arrangements to enable it to be brought to Chatham, although trains and the boats will run to take passengers to Newcastle on that day and all who desire to do so will have ample facilities for witnessing the great exhibition. The Toronto *Globe*, which notices it at great length, says it is the best circus ever seen in Canada and referring to some of its specialties the *Ottawa Free Press* says,—

THE CYNOSURUS.—As well as the variety, is the characteristic of Ryan and Robinson's Circus and Menagerie. Besides a large corps of the most famous male and female riders in the world, Mr. James Tweedie will introduce the *Cynosurus*. It is a variety of the Simia tribe, known as *Galada Apes*. *Odo Cephis*, as he is called, has been thoroughly trained by his owner to ride on horseback in the circus. He is of immense size, and when riding keeps the audience in a continuous roar of laughter. He is equal to the best of the breed, he never fails to drive the "gentleman in motley" completely out of the circle, to the infinite amusement of everybody present.

A FEARFUL LEAP.

One of the novel sensational feats performed in Ryan and Robinson's circus, is the infra-dome dive of Mlle Ella Rondin, who plunges nearly 60 feet downward from the top of a pole 70 feet high, erected expressly for the purpose, alighting into a powerful but elastic net, performing a double somersault during the fall. It is one of the most astonishing adventures ever attempted by a female, and attracts thousands of eager visitors to see the daring deed.

MR. ROBINSON'S.

Since he was in the Dominion of Canada, which is nearly ten years ago, he has travelled three times round the world. The beautiful white steed, on which he has ridden, is the best of the breed, and heads of Europe, and drawn three valuable diamond prizes from foreign potentates, still continues his faithful *companion de voyage*. Mr. Robinson is a first-class artist, and the proprietor of the popular circus to appear here to-morrow, and we venture to predict the largest crowd gathered in years will be present to give him a warm ovation. He is said to ride better than ever, appearing in all the consummate grace and ease of a champion of the first order.

FIRST-CLASS CIRCUS.

The Ryan & Robinson show should not be judged by the street parade which is not large. We have witnessed the performance through this afternoon and hesitate not to say it is one of the very best that has appeared in Kingston for years. All the riding by males and females is on bare back horses, while each and every performer is a star of the first order. The great James Robinson and the Twin Jet, sisters fairly outdid themselves. The audience was delighted with the show.—*Kingston Whig*.

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their fees, which were taken by all except Messrs. Burr and Wyse. Told them they had to appear at the Police Court to-day at 10 a. m.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lawlor.—Received the summons in the morning; served Samuel Harris shortly afterwards; would swear he served Michael Doyle with correct copies as also did the rest of the party. Mr. Lawlor.—Did you read the whole of each copy and of the original? Witness.—I did not; and I have noticed here to-day that the original copy could not read His Honor's writing and you could hardly expect me to. Witness continued, saying that when he saw the name of the person to be served in the body of the summons and on the back of the copy, he concluded it was a correct copy and, on these grounds, he swore it was a correct copy. He only used the original subpoena for comparing it with the copy and for making returns on it to the magistrate. When he served the parties he did not read the time they were to appear. He would not swear that the name G. A. Blair was affixed to each copy, but he would swear that he had read both the original and the copy. The case was adjourned till Friday.

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own life to rescue the drowning children. Fortunately Miss Randolph succeeded in obtaining a foot hold on a rock which bordered on the hole and clambered out in safety. Locked in each other's arms Miss Chestnut and the heroic woman struggling, sank Miss Randolph, who, by this time had gained the shore, on seeing the accident, ran up the bank to the road for assistance. A man named Dunphy arrived on the scene, but being unable to swim could give no assistance. A number of men soon reached the spot from Spring Hill, half a mile distant, with grappling-gear to recover the bodies. In about an hour Mrs. Babbitt's body was brought to the surface directly at the spot where she disappeared. Efforts were made to resuscitate her, but the attempt was useless. Miss Chestnut's body was not found until ten o'clock, when it was found floating by a raft of logs a few yards from the scene of the disaster. Mr. Chestnut and Mr. Babbitt, with hundreds of their friends from the city, remained by the scene while the search for the bodies was in progress, presenting a sorrowful sight. This (Monday) morning at 9 o'clock the remains of Miss Chestnut were interred at Spring Hill.

The greatest sorrow and sympathy exists throughout the city on account of the dreadful affair. No inquest was deemed necessary. Sympathy was extended from all the city pulpits yesterday, and the grief of the little ones in the Methodist Sabbath school, of which Miss Chestnut was a member, was very affecting.

Modern Extravagance in Funerals.

From Dr. Talnage's Sermon, 59th inst. I give the funeral of a man in up-town New York the facts authenticated. The undertaker was not to blame; he only sold them what they asked for. The only blame was for those who bought when they knew they could not pay: Casket, covered with Lyons velvet, \$ 850 Silver mountings, 60 Heavy plated brass, engraved in Roman letters, 75 Ten linen scarfs, 25 Floral decorations, 150 Music and quartet choir at the house 20 Twenty carriages, walking to the cemetery, 40 Then food and other important expenditures, amounting to, 336

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