

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

TEACHERS WANTED.—See advertisements.

HARDWICK NOTES are unavoidably held over until next week.

OF COURSE it is a good corset. See Messrs. D. M. Loggie & Co's advt.

A HARVEST HOME SUPPER was held by the Methodists of Campbellton last week.

A NEW ORGAN has been placed in the Presbyterian Church, Nelson. Miss Clara Flett is organist.

A DANGEROUS TRAP has existed at the Methodist Church Corner for a week. Such neglect is very reprehensible.

NEWCASTLE SCHOOL MEETING notes, County Court and other matter from that direction will appear next week.

HELD OVER.—A good many school meeting reports and some other matter is unavoidably held over until next week.

SALE.—Effects of the late H. W. Baldwin, Bathurst, are to be offered at Public Auction by Mr. Vail on Thursday next 26th inst.

READY-MADE CLOTHING in great variety and just the thing to meet fall purchasers' requirements is now opening at Messrs. I. Harris & Son's establishment.

MR. J. J. McGAFFIAN has received the largest import of tea by the "Cedar Grove" more than double that of any other importer—his being 290 half chests.—Globe.

WAGONS.—Truck Wagons, double and single, Portage Wagons, second hand driving wagons, etc., are to be had at Mr. Alex. Robinson's factory, St. John Street, Chatham.

THE STEAMER "LILLIE," apparently about eight hundred tons, passed up-river yesterday. She is from Montreal and consigned to Messrs. R. A. & J. Stewart. We hear that four other steamers are chartered for Miramichi.

THE STEAMER "LORNE" was down-river again this week not-hurrying, and in the direction of Oversow Wyse. He had no cargo on board and consequently returned as he went—but the party had the usual "good time" of it.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The members of Chatham Head Lodge intend holding a literary and musical entertainment at their hall, to-morrow, Friday, evening commencing at 7.30 o'clock. Admission 20 cents; children 10 cents.

DEATH OF A PILOT.—One of the most respected residents of the Miramichi—Mr. James Wall, Pilot—died at his residence, Lower Chatham, on Tuesday, 18th inst. The funeral is to take place from his late residence at 3 p. m., to-day.

LARGE POTATO.—Mr. Thos. Dolan, of Nelson, (John's son) is ahead on potatoes raising. A specimen dug from his garden last week, weighed two and three quarter pounds. He wants to know if any of the farmers of the County have beaten this.

NOTE.—Mr. G. J. Latour, from Montreal, is working with Mr. W. S. Loggie as cutter in his custom tailoring department. Mr. Latour's credentials speak well of his ability as a cutter, and, doubtless, the establishment will maintain its reputation for first-class work.

FIRE IN RESTIGOUCHE.—A large barn, belonging to John Mowatt, Esq., Dec. Side, was recently destroyed by fire. Besides containing hay there were valuable farming implements in it. The loss will be about \$400. The fire was supposed to be a work of an incendiary.

AGROUND.—The Ship "Beaconsfield" was grounded four times between Newcastle and the outer bar while leaving port. She sailed on Saturday and got clear of the bar yesterday morning. As she drew only 21 feet, and we now have spring tides, this ought not to be.

"THREE DAYS' EXERCISES" are at the pro-Cathedral closed last evening and were rendered unusually attractive by the preaching of Rev. Father Burke and the music of the Clerical Choir. The evening services were largely attended, many protestants assisting in making up the congregations.

NEW CANNERY.—Wm. Ferguson, Esq., is building a lobster packing establishment at the Big Tracadie Gully. The building is 132 feet long and 24 feet wide for a length of 42 feet the remainder being 19 feet wide. Mr. Ferguson takes a new departure in establishing his factory on the gully instead of on one of the beaches.

LARGEST BEET.—A blood beet weighing four and a half pounds has been left at this office from Mrs. Wm. Gray's farm, Moorfield. It is a well-formed root and we believe about as large as any of the big beet raisers can produce. We have turned half a dozen young men out of this office for saying "it cannot be beat"—en.

MONDAY NEXT is the day on which nominations for the Municipal Council must be filed. It is understood that Councillor McLaughlin will not seek re-election. Coun. Loggie seems to have given satisfaction to the electors, many of whom would like to see Mr. Roger Flanagan associated with him in the representation of Chatham for the ensuing year.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—The annual Missionary Meeting of the Methodist Church of Chatham will take place—D. V.—on Tuesday evening the 24th inst., commencing at 7.30 o'clock. The Revs. Thos. Hicks of Newcastle and R. W. Weddall, A. B., of Bathurst, will address the meeting and a collection will be taken up in behalf of the funds of the Methodist Missionary Society.

AN OUTRAGE which should make the perpetrator a marked man in the community was committed on Monday night, when Mr. D. T. Johnstone's carriage shed was visited by a villain and a double phanton and top buggy were partially destroyed by a knife. The spokes of the wheels were hacked, the upholstery ripped, the spatter-guards slashed and the dash-board of the phanton broken down. Both vehicles were valueless and one of them quite new.

GRAND BEAZAR.—The Bazaar of the season is to be held at Petit Rocher, under the auspices of the R. C. Congregation at that place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. The Bazaar room will be but ten minutes walk from the Railway Station. The music of the new peal of bells will form an extra attraction, each day and on the 26th the Campbellton Brass Band will be in attendance. Arrangements are made for the issue of Excursion Return tickets at one fare at all stations between Chatham and Campbellton, good to return on 27th. It is needless to say that there will be an abundance of refreshments provided during the three days.

A PATENT DEVICE.—The Marine and Fisheries Department is considering the advisability of adopting a fish pass patented by Mr. James A. Grant, of Halifax, for use in salmon streams. It will allow the fish to ascend to their natural spawning ground and away with the necessity of maintaining the hatcheries at present in use.—Ez.

The Department now pretends to see that all dams on salmon rivers are so arranged as to allow salmon to pass over them. Of course everyone knows that this is only a pretence. In any case it is gratifying to hear of any sign of intention to abate the hatchery nuisance. When the hatchery on the Miramichi is abandoned we shall accept it as evidence that the Department is managed by its head, rather than by each subordinate officer in his own branch.

CELESTIAL LITERATURE.—A copy of "The Oriental Chinese Newspaper," sent from the Pacific coast by Mr. Geo. W. Loggie, has been placed before us. It is about half the size of the ADVANCE and is nearly as badly printed as the World. The first page resembles the "fresco work" usually found on the sides of tea chests, while the characters on the inside and third pages are rather more compactly stowed together. When we first saw the paper we imagined it was one of those torturing insect pads, on which flies alight and stick fast until death terminates their sufferings, but a closer inspection assured us that the supposed flies were characters of the Chinese alphabet. When we grow rich by our subscribers paying in advance and have nothing else to do but study Chinese we may understand what all the hieroglyphics mean.

DRINK, ETC.—We quoted a verse of poetry from the Advocate last week, in which reference to drink was made, and good-naturedly expressed the hope that the Advocate was not going back on the Scott Act. The Advocate retorts on the "ADVANCE" man. Now, there is quite a difference between a paper and its editor, personally, and we assure the Advocate that we did not mean to make our reference personal at all, and made no allusion to the rumor that a certain temperance-professing "Advocate" man was "jolly drunk" on a certain occasion in a town not a hundred miles from Newcastle.

The Advocate also permits a correspondent to refer to the "ADVANCE" man, instead of the ADVOCATE, but said correspondent is recognized as the fellow who anticipated his privileges very disgracefully on a certain occasion, his impertinent wish for a picture shows that his temerity is on a par with his morality. The Advocate has had lessons enough to cause it to be careful how it violates the impersonality of journalism. It can secure a few more if it desires to go into the business. We have some severe ones if it desires to have them advanced.

The Skating Rink. Arrangements for building the Skating Rink are progressing satisfactorily. The Directors have made a contract for the construction of a reservoir which is to be placed on St. John Street, opposite the upper school house. Water has been found there at a level six feet below the surface. The reservoir will be 10x6 ft. and 10 ft. deep, with a boring of twenty feet from the bottom—in all thirty feet from the surface. The head will be about 16 feet above the level of the rink. The water will be carried to the rink through an iron pipe 1½ inches in diameter and provided an ample supply. It will be seen that tenders for leveling the ground are advertised for, and before that work is done the contract for erecting the building will be let. The Directors are sparing no pains to secure for the town the best Rink possible within the means at their disposal and the prospects of their having the building ready for skaters by the time the weather will afford the ice, are good.

Presbytery of Miramichi. This Presbytery met in the Hall of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the 17th instant, and was opened with devotional exercises by the Rev. John Boyd, of Bass River, and the Rev. Malcolm McKenzie, of Richibucto, Moderator of Presbytery. There were eleven ministers and five elders present. The minutes of the last two meetings were read and sustained. The Rev. John McCarter, of Redbank, was appointed clerk by ballot in lieu of Rev. Samuel Houston, who had been translated to Elgin, etc., in the Montreal Presbytery.

It was resolved to send an agent into the lumber camps of the Restigouche District to do the work of Colporteur and Evangelist. Reports from several mission stations were given, which showed that they were prospering.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend to the favourable consideration of the supplemental committee, the case of New Carlisle, for the continuance of the same amount of grant, as formerly.

The project of a Ladies' College, to be established at Pictou, N. S., under Presbyterian auspices, was commended to the favourable considerations and patronage of the congregation within the bounds.

The law expenses in securing the temporalities fund to the United Church, were commended to the liberality of presbytery.

The next presbytery is to be held in the Hall of St. James' Church, Newcastle, on the third Tuesday of January, and it was agreed to appoint the Commissioners to the next General Assembly, at that meeting.

The Court was closed with the benediction, at 10 p. m., by the Moderator.

The Driving Park.—The Races. The prospects of the approaching opening of the Chatham Driving Park being a very attractive and successful one are excellent. The Directors have correspondence showing that much interest is manifested in the event in different parts of the Maritime Provinces and it is probable that horses from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, as well as from principal points in New Brunswick, will compete. The local races, we believe, be also filled, as there are a good many excellent trotters and running horses owned in the County and their owners should come forward in large numbers. In reply to an enquiry received this week we may say that horses are often ridden in running races by kids of 14 years and upwards and it is probable that nearly all the riders in the running race on Thursday next will be boys.

The first afternoon (Wednesday) will be taken up with the 3 minute and 2.40 events, which will be well worth witnessing and the trotting and running local races, together with the most attractive event—the free for all—come off on Thursday afternoon. The racing will commence at two o'clock sharp. The Park gate will open at one o'clock. Tickets will be sold by members of the Committee and at the window at

the corner of the Park near the gate, on the days of the races; also at the places in Chatham where tickets are usually sold. No tickets will be sold at the gate, so visitors to the Park will provide themselves therewith before going to the gate, to avoid inconvenience. Grand stand tickets, 25 cents.

No spectator must pass beyond the fence separating the track from the Park grounds surrounding it—the track being for the exclusive use of those engaged in the racing, the Judges and others connected with the management of the racing.

Persons climbing on the Park fence, or otherwise interfering with the good order and conduct of the Races, will be promptly arrested, ample police provisions being made therefor.

School Meetings. ESCUMINAC SCHOOL MEETING was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. and James McLean, Esq., was chosen Chairman.

Mr. Michael Bransford was elected trustee instead of Mr. Daniel Lewis, the retiring trustee. Mr. Henry Phillips was elected Auditor. An assessment of \$150 was voted for School purposes.

DISTRICT No. 5, GLENELG.—Meeting was called to order by Mr. Phineas Gunn, Trustee. Mr. Benj. Sweeney was elected Chairman. Mr. Trustees' report showed a balance of \$84 in favor of the district.

The retiring trustee was Mr. Phineas Gunn, who was re-elected. Mr. John Taylor was re-appointed Auditor. An assessment of \$85 was voted. The Trustees for the current year are Messrs. Benj. Sweeney, John R. Taylor and Phineas Gunn.

DISTRICT No. 9, CHATHAM.—J. J. Pierce, Esq., was elected Chairman. The Trustees' report showed balance in Secy.'s hands \$400.00. A amount voted for the current year was \$900 and \$1000 also to pay off debt on building—in all \$1,300.—T. F. Gillespie, Esq., being the retiring trustee. He was again re-elected. Robt. Murray, jr., Esq., was elected Auditor. The trustees now are Messrs. Thos. McLaughlin, Pat. Coleman and Thos. F. Gillespie.

DISTRICT No. 4, CHATHAM.—The annual meeting in District No. 4, Chatham, found financial matters in a healthy state. The Trustees also added a new department during the Summer and are empowered to engage a first class male teacher to take charge as soon as possible. The sum of \$500 was ordered to be assessed for general school purposes for the ensuing year.

Mr. Dennis Sullivan, the retiring trustee was re-elected. C. Sargeant, Esq., was re-elected Auditor.

UPPER NELSON, DIST. No. 8.—The meeting was called to order by Mr. John S. O'Neil, who also acted as Secretary. Mr. O'Neil, Nathaniel Underhill was chosen Chairman. The accounts were submitted and passed unanimously and the sum of \$120 was voted for general school purposes for the ensuing year. The retiring trustee was Mr. Stephen Duthie, whose place was filled by Mr. Wm. McKinley. Mr. Jas. Russell, was chosen Auditor. The trustees for the coming year are, Messrs. William McKinley, Chas. McInley and John S. O'Neil.

DIST. No. 6, PARISH of Chatham, (Douglasfield) Meeting was called to order by Mr. Geo. Trevors, Secy. to Trustees. Mr. John Thompson was chosen Chairman, and Mr. Geo. Trevors acted as Secretary. The Trustees' Report showed a balance in favor of the District. The retiring trustee was Mr. Mathias King and Mr. Andrew Irvine was elected in his place.

An assessment of \$120 was voted. The Trustees for the current year are Messrs. Geo. Trevors, John Riley and Andrew Irvine. During the past year the school house has been clappedboarded and furnished with maps, blackboard, etc. Miss Baldwin, a first class teacher, has charge of the school and is very efficient, giving much satisfaction to the District.

DISTRICT No. 1, CHATHAM.—G. A. Blair, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and Mr. Thos. Grimmin, Secy. of Trustees, as Secretary. The Trustees' report was read by the Secretary and was accepted and adopted. It showed that five schools are in operation with a total enrollment of 265 pupils.

The receipts to date were \$1,349.16 and the expenditure was 1,154.28 leaving a balance of 194.88.

The Trustees asked for an assessment of \$1100 for the next year. The Auditor's report was then read and adopted. Mr. W. H. Howard was unanimously elected Trustee in place of Mr. Blair, who declined re-election. Mr. W. T. Connors was elected Auditor.

Wm. Murray, Esq., brought to the notice of the meeting the condition of the furniture in some of the schools and it was resolved that \$1200 be assessed on the District for general school purposes for the coming year, and that the Trustees be authorized to borrow \$400 for re-furnishing the schools.

Important Meeting. THE HIGHLAND SOCIETY, CUP.—Inquiry was made, at the recent meeting of the Chatham Curling Club, for the cup which the Highland Society voted the club, but no one present appeared to know anything about it. The money \$40 has been paid by the society, for the purchase of the cup, and it is time for it to be handed over to the club.—World.

We are authorized to say in reference to the above that when the gift of the Highland Society to the curlers was referred to at the late annual meeting of the Chatham Curling Club, the matter was explained to the satisfaction of everyone present—excepting the writer of the above ill-judged paragraph, whose failure to comprehend what was said, or his desire to misrepresent it, do him very little credit. The Highland Society generously voted a sum of money to be expended in procuring a suitable article—cup, medal or whatever might be selected by the gentleman to whom the duty was entrusted—to be competed for by the curlers of Miramichi, and not alone by the Chatham Club. It was at the suggestion of some of the Chatham Curlers, we believe, that the Society made the grant, but the Chatham Club never misunderstood the position of the matter, nor do its officers or members—save with one exception—wish it to be understood that they believe there has been any undue delay whatever in carrying out the Highland Society's instructions. The gift was voted last winter, but not in time for a suitable article to be procured for competition. When the approaching season for play arrives the article—whatever it may be—will be offered, and no doubt, handed over to the winning club or rink. The officers of Chatham Curling Club desire it to be understood that the World has no authority to meddle in the above matter as it has done, and especially to reflect upon the gentleman entrusted with the duty of carrying out the Highland Society's instructions, that gentlemen having their

entire confidence in the matter. All interested will, we think, feel that the writer of the paragraph above quoted should have informed himself better than he appears to have done before venturing to publish his inaccurate and mischievous comments on a subject which is none of his or even the public's business. Last winter little club affairs, which no member of taste would think of referring to outside of the rink, were paraded in the columns of the World, which commenced the present season a few days ago by publishing a malicious attack upon the curlers of Chatham generally. It is to be hoped we shall have no more of such exhibitions of unbridled meddling and that the World will learn to be silent in reference to matters which are evidently so new as to be novel to its uninformed mind. A lad came from the country and was employed in a store, where his wonder over things which were quite common in the eyes of his fellow-clerks furnished the latter with no little merriment. His employer, however, remarked one day—"He will know better when he is long enough in town." If the World will be content to let its uncouth ventriloquism pass with merriment, we shall not complain, but it behooves it to be checked when it blunders into the domain of malice and mischief.

How Orchards are Robbed. Bathurst was the scene on Thursday last of an event which might have been worked up into a "bean story." It appears that while His Honor, Judge Wilkinson was taking his morning walk over a portion of his domain, where the autumn-tinted trees embower silent glades suggestive of profound meditation, his reverie was disturbed by the presence of a black shaggy-haired animal with short graying legs, terminating with heavy claws, eyes which suggested that their owner might be safely let alone, and a general appearance the opposite of attractive. His Honor concluded that if the animal did not want to meddle with him he would not intrude upon it with overtures for a closer acquaintanceship, so he pursued the even tenor of his way—the Judge going to breakfast and the disturber of his morning meditations to his—perchance.

That afternoon Mr. George Trevors who is the efficient Secretary to the School Trustees of No. 6 District, Chatham, and the party alleged to have a large and wonderful experience with bears, happened in the same vicinity and he thus related his experiences at the office of the ADVANCE.

Last Thursday Joe King and I were going home to Douglasfield after working on board the Welch harrow Payant at Douglaslaston ballast wharf all day. We were taking a short cut through the woods on Judge Wilkinson's property, when we saw a porcupine and, tired it. I climbed up after it, King entreating me not to go because it might shoot its quills into me. I followed it up about thirty feet, however, when I looked and saw the Judge coming. Just as he reached the foot of the tree I made the porcupine let go and fell plump against the side of Joe King's head, and he drove a few quills, and also let fly some over the Judge's coat. It was fun to see the Judge and Joe trying to kill the thing with sticks. I dropped down to the ground and soon finished him, however, and then carried the carcass to the road for the Judge who, I understand, obtained a wheelbarrow load of quills for penholders out of it. The Judge didn't know what a porcupine was until we killed that one.—He saw it in the morning and, I guess, thought it was a bear.

"The porcupine is a common animal in this country" we remarked "very harmless and living principally on roots and the bark of young hickmatacks."

"Oh yes" said Mr. Trevors, "but they are very fond of apples also and frequently do much mischief."

"I never heard of their doing that," said the editor.

"I've watched them," said Mr. T. "They climb the apple trees and get hold of a limb on which they shake until it drops to the ground. Then they get down and gather the apples all together as closely as possible. Then they erect their quills and roll over on their backs upon the apples. When they turn upon their feet each quill has an apple on it and they walk off loaded up in this way—in fact two apples on some of the quills."

"You have seen this?" we asked—"at the same time reaching over for a No. 10 Remington double-barrelled shot gun that stood in the business corner of the sanctum."

"Well" said Mr. Trevors, "not exactly, but I've heard it from very good authority. At any rate it's true about our killing the porcupine on Thursday, for the Judge himself came in just at the critical moment and he helped pull the quills out of Joe King's head."

An Undesirable Reward. Chatham seems to have acquired quite an unenviable notoriety through the inventions of the World regarding bears. Most of the bear stories published by our neighbor were, of course, very silly and their untruthfulness was self-evident; yet, with a certain class of readers abroad, they obtained some belief. Persons at a distance who gather their ideas of the Miramichi from the World only must imagine the place to be a very crude and uncivilized one. They could not do otherwise if they judged it by the appearance of our contemporary and the tone and quality of the matter in its columns. Nearer home, where its predecessor, the Star, had died on a reputation a little better, but very like the World's, less harm was done by the local and editorial literature for which the publishers made Miramichi responsible. In Moncton they seem to be heretofore the World's deputy thoroughly, but when admitting its own, and it was generally felt that the prize was due to an official who asserted that he had known his brother to messenger a box of hitting powder and made good as possible. The Times says,—

The permanent and transient boarders at the Weldon House have been engaged in a lively competition for a jack-knife. The prize was intended for the man who told the most improbable story expecting his auditors to accept it as the truth, and the match was open to all comers, whether habitual or spasmodic liars. It was witnessed by a traveller from Montreal who asserted that he prevented McLeod from killing himself on the train by knocking him down when he started to cut his throat. The story, however, came from a second-hand woman who wanted to sell a story of a coffin while a conductor took a high rating in a purely personal matter. Several other tales were told and made good, and it was generally felt that the prize was due to an official who asserted that he had known his brother to messenger a box of hitting powder and made good as possible. The Times says,—

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