

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

23 BELOW ZERO was the point reached by the thermometer at Chatham, yesterday morning.

REV. MR. SWEET of Newcastle, is to deliver the next lecture in the course at Baie des Vents.

BLACK BROOK Bridge Contract has, we understand, been awarded to Mr. T. McLaughlin of Chatham.

THE ROYAL ARCADE Council is to meet in its rooms, Masonic Hall, this evening. A full attendance is requested.

ELECTION VOIDED.—The Shipigan Municipal Election has been declared void by the Municipal Council of Gloucester and a new election ordered.

NORTH AND SOUTH ESK.—Councillor Tozer has succeeded in getting the assessment difficulties between the above parishes settled.

REV. WM. MITCHELL, of St. Andrew's Church St. John, has been complained of to the Presbytery of that district and after a rather stormy hearing of the matter he has been advised to resign.

SHOP-LIFTING.—A man named McAlpine of Lower Barboque has been committed for trial at the next County Court for stealing a muff from Messrs. A. J. Leggie & Co. He is also said to have stolen articles from Robert Bain, Esq.

LECTURE.—The Rev. S. T. Teed, will deliver a lecture in the Methodist Church, Chatham, on Tuesday evening, the 24th inst., at 8 o'clock. Subject—"Forgiveness, or look out for a Rainy Day." A silver collection will be taken up at the close of the Lecture.

THE WHALE WAS among the curiosities which attracted people to Newcastle Railway Station one night last week. Those who paid their ten cents for a sight of the stuffed monster say it was worth seeing. Those however who believed it weighed 30 tons were "sold."

THE SOUTHWESTERN COMPANY'S officers for 1882 are as follows:—Alex. Morrison, Esq., President. Messrs. John McLaughlin, Allan Ritchie, William Richards, Alex. Morrison, Robert Swin, W. A. Hickson, Ernest Hutchinson, John Sadler and Thos. DesBriay, Directors. W. A. Park, Esq., Sec'y and Treasurer.

THE SCOTT ACT.—The Secretary-Treasurer in reply to Councillors Sullivan and Cameron—said yesterday in the Municipal Council—that he did not think the Council had any power to grant Tavern Licenses. This indicates that the Scott Act will go into force in Northumberland on the adjournment of the Council.

PETITION.—Mr. Smallwood, who petitioned the Northumberland County Council to look into informatics and breaches of the law in reference to the election of several Councillors had his petition rejected because it was not made under oath and did not name any particular persons. We understand he proposes to amend it in these particulars and "try again."

FIRE ALARMS.—We had two fire alarms during the past week, one caused by a stove-pipe igniting the roof of a house occupied by the widow of the late Thomas Carter, and the other by a slight fire at the Blacksmith shop of Mr. Geo. Hays, which was extinguished without the aid of engines being required, although they were on hand. A second unnecessary alarm was given in connection with the latter fire.

"ANSWERED."—The Advocate had better drop the question of closing the schools on account of the prevalence of diphtheria, as it may be exposed in again committing the offence of making unauthorized use of persons in authority to strengthen its position, in which it is almost entirely alone. A few years ago it made use of the name of a clergyman for a similar purpose and was exposed by him. Will another exposure be necessary?

THE GROWTH OF PINE.—There appears to be an impression abroad that large pine trees on Miramichi land indicate that the land escaped the great fire. Such, however, is not the fact as there is now a white pine growing on the property of Mr. John Murphy, Millstream, Northesk, which was planted by him in 1829 and which, it is estimated, would produce 1000 feet of lumber if cut up. Its girth three feet above the ground is 8 ft. 10 inches and nineteen feet above the ground, 7 ft. 8 in., where the branches commence.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Geo. W. Loggie who has been absent from home for several weeks in the Western States, is visiting Miramichi relatives and friends who are very glad indeed to see him. He is one of the class of young men who do credit to New Brunswick at home or abroad. Geo. McLeod, Esq., left St. John for New York, on Monday last, en route for England. Hon. Robert Young was in town last evening.

OBITUARY.—The death of Mrs. John Sadler, eldest daughter of Hon. Senator Matthews, which took place on Saturday last, has removed from the community a very estimable lady whose memory will long be fondly cherished by a host of friends. The poor lady lost by her decease a kindly and charitable friend, one of whose greatest pleasures was the relief of those in less fortunate circumstances than herself. The remains were interred in St. Andrew's burial ground on Tuesday, the funeral procession being one of the largest ever seen on the Miramichi.

DEBRY ENTERTAINMENT.—A very enjoyable entertainment was given at Debry on Friday evening last for the benefit of the St. Peter's Church fund. Rev. Mr. Hiltz showed some magic lantern views which were much appreciated. Mr. John C. Miller and Miss Letitia Wilson's duet, "Larboard Watch," the same lady and Mr. Allan A. Saunders' duet, "Jamie and Jennie," Mr. Jack Miller's assumption of the role of Farmer's Girl, and the fine singing of Miss Whitford, Annie Wilson, Maggie Allison and others, were features of the entertainment which made it very enjoyable and thoroughly successful.

THE HIGHLAND SOCIETY of Miramichi is in great perplexity. It has a considerable fund on hand for charitable purposes, and is looking around in vain for worthy objects on which to bestow some of its accumulated income. Every body that is willing to work has work to do—lumbering, fishing, etc.—and is earning enough to supply the wants of his family. Thus more than can be said of most of the places whose praises are continually sounded in our ears. Charity funds grow fat in very few places for work of worthy objects upon which to bestow alms.—Moncton Times.

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THE NEWCASTLE BAND.—During the past week the Newcastle Band has purchased some additional instruments and the organization now numbers fifteen pieces. Under the efficient instructions of Mr. T. M. Stewart, the members expect to make rapid progress in acquiring knowledge and mastery of their several instruments, so as to play good music during the coming season. The pieces now in the Band are: 4 b flat Cornets, 2 e flat Alto Horns, 2 Trombones, b flat and e flat, 1 b flat Tenorhorn, 1 b flat Baritone, 2 e flat Bass, 1 Bass Drum (32 inch), snare do, (16 in.), 1 pair Cymbals (12 in.).

These instruments were purchased from J. C. Haynes & Co., of Boston, and at first class prices. The wind instruments have patent light piston-valves and the drums are of the Russian pattern with patent snare and tighteners. The Band deserves great credit for the industrious enterprise it has manifested and we have no doubt that in a short time it will be one of the best organizations of the kind in the Province.

PRESENTATION.—On Tuesday evening about nine o'clock, prior to the departure from Chatham of the Rev. T. A. Colter, who has, for some time past, officiated in the vacant charge of St. Andrew's Church, a number of ladies, with several gentlemen, assembled in the parlor of the Canada House to bid the Rev'd gentleman goodbye, when the following address (accompanied by a purse of \$40) was read to him by Geo. B. Fraser, Esq.:

CHATHAM, N. B., Jan. 17, 1882. To the Rev. T. A. Colter:—We, the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, beg to present you with this small token of our sincere regard and appreciation of your labors during your short sojourn amongst us, your earnestness and assiduity being not only apparent in the regular services of our church, but in visiting the sick and afflicted. In conclusion, we assure you that in returning you your home you will be accompanied by our best wishes for the welfare of yourself and family, and that you may be long spared to labor in your chosen work of the ministry, and remain, Rev'd and dear sir, sincerely yours, Mrs. J. H. Gray and Mrs. Alex. Sweezy, on behalf of the ladies of St. Andrew's congregation.

The Rev. gentleman in replying to the address expressed his surprise and the impossibility of saying what he could wish to say on the occasion. They must, however, take the will for the deed. He could only say that he would value the gift more for the love that dictated it, than for its intrinsic value. He had spent a very pleasant time here and he would look back upon it with pleasure, and be glad to visit them again. He felt as if he was leaving home and friends, and never had he left a place with so much regret. He could only wish them the choicest temporal and spiritual blessings. His heart overflowed and he could only express his devout thankfulness for many acts of kindness and the hearty appreciation which prompted their present and address. After short addresses by Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Fraser, the proceedings were brought to a close with devotional exercises.

A Carnival will be held at the skating rink on Thursday, 27th Feb. The ice of both skating and curling rinks will be used by the skaters and offer a fine area for the display of the characters and the exhibitions of skating. It is contemplated to have tickets for the Carnival issued from Moncton, Campbellton and intermediate points over the Intercolonial. Prizes will be offered for the two best characters (lady and gentleman) on the ice, the judges for gentlemen being Messrs. J. C. Miller, R. A. Lawlor and R. Mackenzie, with power to add to their number, if necessary. Ladies to decide on the merits of the ladies' costumes will be chosen on the night of the carnival. A good opportunity is afforded to get up original characters of local interest and these ought to have a special chance. On the several committees are the names of: R. Mackenzie, J. C. Miller, R. R. Call, Chas. Sargeant, W. A. Park, R. A. Lawlor, Allan Ritchie, Jas. Mitchell, John Ferguson, C. E. Fish and others—a sufficient guarantee of the popularity and success of the undertaking.

Annual School Meetings. The Annual School Meetings were held on Thursday last week and reports from the following districts have come to hand:—

NO. 1, CHATHAM. There was a good attendance and the chair was occupied by John Shireff, Esq., Mr. T. Crimmin, Trustee, and Secretary of the District being Secretary. The Trustees' and Auditor's reports showed that the receipts of the District for the past year had been For assessment, \$1,473 76 County fund, 419 40 Bal. from last year, 81 29 \$1,974 45 The expenditures were For Salaries, \$1,350 00 Rent, 235 00 Repairs, 216 05 Fuel and Com- munitations, 72 31 Commission, 73 68 1,902 04 Balance on hand, \$72 41 The amount of the assessment for 1881 was \$1,500 and the default list amounted to \$61.34. At the request of the meeting the report of Inspector Cox on the Schools of the District was read by the Secretary as follows:—

GENTLEMEN:—I completed the annual inspection of the Chatham Schools April 21st, and now beg leave to submit the following brief report concerning the schools in your District. At first, permit me to express my deep regret at the continuance of Miss Alexander's sickness and the hope that she will soon regain her usual health and strength. She was a faithful, capable teacher, possessing the rare gift of being able to manage and teach with great success the little flock of her department. Her department, now in charge of Miss Thomson, maintained its former high standing, and the children gave abundant proof of having been carefully and thoroughly taught. I was delighted with the result of the examination. I regard the school over which Miss Hamilton presides as a model department. Her pupils combine neatness, accuracy, taste and intelligence in such an excellent degree, as to justify me in saying that her school equals in every respect the best in any of my district. She does her work thoroughly. Miss Williston's school, too, was quite satisfactory. The number of subjects, principally English Grammar and Geography in which I detected a weakness among some of the pupils, but on the whole a majority showed a good acquaintance with these branches. There was no doubt, but of irregularity of attendance or otherwise causing. I am satisfied that the teacher has uniformly done, doing her duty to the best of her ability. There must necessarily be some gaps in the Grammar school, since being a County

school, it is a difficult matter to secure a class of pupils uniformly and well qualified to undertake the work of any particular grade. This entails an extra and irregular work on the teacher who will often find it impossible to "level up" the weak in one or even more years. These are drawbacks from which the teachers in purely district schools do not suffer, and are conditions that must be taken into consideration when judging of the work done in the school. The results in this respect are careful in the management of my school, and I was quite satisfied with the progress made. Last November I visited Miss Duffy's school and examined a few classes for the purpose of being able, in April, to judge of the nature of the services she had, in her marking, rendered the District. I find a great improvement has taken place in most matters in reading, arithmetic and writing, and an appeal to say that in my opinion the school under her careful management is realizing the expectations of the Board of Trustees.

I have great pleasure in the honor to remain, Your Obedient Servant, JOHN COX, Inspector.

There was a short discussion, opened by Mr. John Shank, in reference to some of the children of the district being kept in school after the regular hour for closing in afternoons. Some of the ratepayers thought the course of studies prescribed by the Board of Education too exacting and attention was directed to the Regulation requiring time of study each day to be not longer than five hours. The Trustees said they had endeavored to prevent the evil complained of and would still labor in the same direction.

Mr. Thos. Crimmin, retiring Trustee was unanimously re-elected, several ratepayers complimenting him on the efficiency with which he had discharged the duties of Trustee-Secretary. Mr. W. B. Howard was also re-elected Auditor and the sum of \$1,300 asked for by the Trustees was ordered to be assessed on the district for the current year's school maintenance.

NO. 2, NORTHESK. At the meeting in No. 2, Northesk, Mr. Thomas Shaddick was chairman and Mr. Wm. Copp, Secretary. The latter gentleman was retiring Trustee and Mr. M. Russell was elected to the vacancy. Seventy dollars were ordered to be assessed for the current year.

7. GLENELG AND HARDWICKE. In District No. 7, Parishes of Glenelg and Hardwicke, Mr. Kenneth McKnight was Chairman and Mr. Peter Kelly, Secretary. Mr. Alexander McKay was re-elected Trustee, Mr. George Fowlie was appointed Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year and Mr. Peter Kelly Auditor. The sum of \$85.00 was ordered to be assessed on the District for school purposes for the year, and the sum of \$10.00 was ordered to be paid to Mr. Thomas A. Kelly for supplying the school horse with wood for the year 1882 from date.

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County Council. Northumberland County Council commenced its January Session on Tuesday. As considerable local importance attaches to the proceedings of this body, we will publish a full report thereof, reserving it, however, for next week, so that it may appear in one issue of the ADVANCE.—Anthony Adams, Esq., of Northesk was chosen Warden and makes an excellent presiding officer. A good deal of business was done, all of which together with the proceedings to follow will be fully reported next week.

Highland Society. The annual meeting of the Highland Society was held in the Waverly Hotel, Newcastle, on Friday, 13th inst., and was well attended. Hon. Richard Hutcheson, President, occupied the chair. The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Hon. Richard Hutcheson, President. Hon. F. Mitchell and Messrs. Alex. Morrison and R. Call, Vice Presidents. Rev. Mr. Aitchison, Chaplain. D. Ferguson, Treasurer. Geo. B. Fraser, Secretary. J. J. Robertson, Bard. J. Niven, Piper. Hon. John Ferguson, Hon. Robt. Marshall, Hon. W. Muirhead, Messrs. Allan Ritchie, Hugh Marquis, James Brown, W. A. Park, Robt. Bain, R. B. Hardwicke, James Robinson, J. C. Miller, R. McKenzie, Wm. Murray, John Sadler, Wm. McEwan, A. J. Loggie, Wm. Muirhead, jr., J. E. Hutchison, James Mitchell, Robert Ritchie, Alex. Leishman, G. I. Wilson, John Ferguson, Alex. Loggie (Barrat Church) Directors.

D. Ferguson, Wm. Murray and R. B. Hardwicke, School Committee. The usual appropriations were made for the Society's scholarships and for charitable purposes and the sum of forty dollars was voted to the President to procure a challenge cup or medal for competition by the several Curling Clubs in the County of Northumberland.

The Scholarship fund referred to above, amounting to \$120 annually, is intended to aid the children of members who may require assistance in obtaining a collegiate education. There are two scholarships—one of the value of seventy dollars a year and tenable for three years; and one of the value of fifty dollars, open to the daughters of members of the Society. These scholarships are under the control of a committee to whom application may be made through the Secretary of the Society.

BATHURST NOTES. JANUARY 17th, 1882. SCHOOL MEETING. The annual school meeting for District No. 2 (town) was held in the Court House on Thursday last. Mr. F. Meahan, retiring Trustee, was re-elected. Mr. C. H. Mann was re-elected Auditor. An assessment of \$700 was ordered for next year. The salaries of the different teachers were increased as follows:—Mr. Morrison, \$100, Miss McEwan, \$90, Miss Welsh, \$80.

In District No. 16 (Village) Mr. George W. Dawson was the retiring Trustee and James W. Thomson was elected in his stead. John E. Baldwin was re-appointed Auditor. An assessment of \$700 was ordered for the ensuing year.

COUNTY COUNCIL. The January session of the Gloucester County Council opened this morning. Coun. Welsh of Invermay was re-elected Warden. Adolph Hache of Shipigan petitioned against the return of Messrs. Robicheau and Alexandre as Councillors for the Parish of Shipigan. Thos. DesBriay, Esq., was heard on behalf of the petitioner. The petition was referred to a committee who reported this afternoon finding the election to have been illegally held, and also legal return from polling District No. 2. On motion the report was adopted and the Secretary-Treasurer has issued his warrant for a new election. A full report of the business transacted will appear next week.

A farmer named William Carney committed suicide at his home in Bellefleur on Thursday morning last. He rose early and fed his cattle as usual, after which he returned to his house. Shortly after, he again returned to his barn and cut his throat with a scythe, nearly severing the head from the body. His wife went out to call him to breakfast and receiving no reply went to the barn to look for him where she found his lifeless body. A coroner's inquest held by Coroner Hutchinson returned a verdict of temporary insanity. A brother of the deceased committed suicide in Bellefleur some seven years ago by hanging in his own barn. Another brother was an inmate of the Lunatic Asylum for some years.

FIRE. A house and out buildings owned and occupied by Dominique Gallien in Carquet, were burned to the ground on Tuesday morning the 16th inst. Gallien has carried on a trading business in Carquet for many years and his house and buildings were among the best of the French settlers. He also had a quantity of boat rigging, sails, nets, etc., which he had stored for the sale.

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