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THE COMET may be seen in the Southwest a short time after sunset on clear

St. John's Church. Chatham. and evening, on Sunday next.

CARNIVALS,-Skating carnivals are to be held in the Newcastle Rink on Thursday evening next and in the Chatham Rink on Friday, 4th January.

THE DEATH of Mrs. Anderson, wife of Rev. Jas. Anderson, late pastor of St. James' Church Newcastle, will be heard of regretfully by her many Miramichi friends.

WM. DAVIDSON, Esq., a well known and universally respected St. John lum- W. B. Howard, ber operator, died at Hotel Dufferin on D. Chesman, Skip Wednesday morning of last week. He H. P. Marquis, was 73 years of age.

THE ROYAL ARCANUM is to meet in annual session on Friday evening next. Business of great importance is to be transacted and it will be to the members' Jas. McKay, interest to see that there is a full attend. ance.

"THE Nicest for home happenings" is what the World asserts a gentleman says John Brown, (H. M.) about it. The World ought to know enough not to invent such silly self-

London despatch of the 11th says :- A good work, even when done by the undeship (supposed "S. B. Weldon,") Wright, serving. from Antwerp for New York, is ashore

at Skykerplaat. The Skating Rink

The Directors of the Chatham Skating

the season in our advertising columns today. The weather has been against prompt preparation for skating and the want of the usual full supply of water, which is realised generally on the Miram-

ichi this season has also tended to retard ce-making. If the weather does not again become soft, the Rink will, no doubt, be opened for skating on Saturday, as

good ice now covers about two thirds of it and the finishing supply of water will be available to-day. The Rink patrons

will, therefore, be interested in the Di-ST. JOHN'S. - There will be service in rectors' annonncement, to which we remorning | fer them.

Chatham Curling Club.

Regular Rinks for the Curling season have been made up by the above Club, as follows, ---

G. L. Brittain, Skip. D. G. Smith, Skip, D. M. Loggie, Arthur Johnston R. Burbridge. Geo. Stothart. Thos. Crimmen. C. A. Patterson, John Johnston, Ski Jas. Johnston. A. J. Loggie, M. S. Hockin. Robt. Murray, E. McKay, Robt. Anderson P.H.C. Benson, Skip. Alex. Brown, J. Y. Mersereau.

S. Habberly. D. Ferguson, (H.M.) A. H. Johnson Andrew Brown, Skip. T. DesBrisay, Skip. Geo. Watt. Geo. Tait. A. Harris, A. D. Smith. S. Benson. Jas. Neilson, (H.M.) ip. Wm. Wilson, Skip. Geo. I. Wilson, Ski

J. McDonald. Wm. Johnston. W. B. Gillespie. L. H. DeVeber, G. Blewett.

Gentlemen, you have been pleased to

refer in eulogistic terms to my humble efforts in co-operating with you in raising St. Michael's College, Pro-Cathedral, and

Rink make their official anouncement for

them, to their present state of almost entire completion. Now whilst admitting that I have done and suffered something for the sacred cause. I am not, at the same time, ignorant of the charity and zeal which have ever characterized you; the

faithful people and devoted clergy of Chatham; I am not ignorant of the ever ready promptness and liberality with which you have, on all occasions, both before and since that fire, responded to the appeals of your beloved Bishop.

I will not however deny that I have experienced some annoyances. and met with some little'sacrifices, for these institutions:

Knowing this from the outset, I took the

R. P. B. Joyce, (H. M.) E. Hutchison, Skip. T. H. Fleiger. (H. M.)

Angus Ullock, Dr. McDonald,

The days for the regular rinks, on erable bishops and priests, were mor which the Club skips will have charge than kind in my case ; even those not praise or make such improper use of of the play, will be Mondays, Wednes- belonging to our holy religion were days and Fridays. On the other three not behind hand in their sympathy .days play will be taken charge of by But the humble, living-out girl, the pious such skips as will be chosen by lot. hotel and shop girl, the mechanic and the On Christmas day the usual match belaborer, were my principal friends; as tween the President and Vice-President's | they are friends of every work of charity. sides will take place. The regular rinks There is no country in 'the habitable will oppose each other as follows .-globe which has not received assistance President. Vice-President. from the poor of New York ; the great Prest. E. Hutchison, Rink. V. Pres. D. G. Smith, Rink philanthropic heart of New York never T. DesBrisay W, Wilson, G.L.Brittain, yet withheld its sympathy from the P.H.C. Benson And'w Brown, G. I. Wilson, John Johnstone D. Chesman. needy or afflicted, or the victim of famine, flood, or fire, and what I have said of [For the "Advance."] New York, may, with equal trnth, be

run more than Advertiser Carry the Mails' reasoning out a little further. Last week two Kory M, P. P.'s

were unseated. This is at the rate of 104 per annum. Would the organ say this number were unseated every year' No Episcopal Residence from the cinders to which the destructive fire had reduced doubt they should be, but are they Orilla Times.

Correspondence.

Confession and Absolution.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance. SIR,-As I am an enquirer after truth perhaps you will give me enough space in your next issue, for a few lines on the above subject, with the view of eliciting (if such is possible) what the truth is, in this matter.

Many of the communications recently published on the subject are, to me, exceedingly misty, as they fail to state but then such is the lot of all persons enelearly and intelligibly whether it is an gaged in works of charity, especally in xhibitive or merely a declarative power those that bear directly on the pocket. they claim for the clergy.

Is this because they feel it would be pledge against insults of every kind ; and blasphemous to claim the former, and I soon became gradually accustomed to still are not willing to be content with the regard such, either as unmeant or as simlatter, as it is evident this would give the ple jokes ; for I could not bring myself to nierarchy no more authority than the believe that any one, bearing the character laity? I am not learned in church hisof a Christian or the heart of a man. could tory, but is it not a fact, that previous to seriously oppose a work so eminently rethe 13th century, the formula used in ligious and philanthropic as mine was the absolution was Deus, or Christus, absoland if I did not regard them by way vit te ; and that it was only after the Latjest, then I looked upon them all as offered eran Council (1215) the formula ego absolthrough a spirit of charity towards m so te came into use ? personally, in order to promote my spirit-

Turning to Scripture, can we find, in ual progress, by imposing an additional the New Testament a single instance of cross. Instances of this kind of charity Apostle, or the convert of an have been very numerous indeed ; but the Apostle, pretending to impart forgivebenevolence, kindness and generosity ess in the name of God? If not, are we which I have also met with, almost everynot justified in assuming that they did where I went, more than compensated for not believe they possessed the power ? the narrow minded selfishness of the un I admit that the portion of Scripture charitable. For instance, His Eminence which speaks of the remitting and retain-Cardinal McCloskey and Mgr. Quinn, V ng of sins, is, on the face of it, and taken G., of New York, His Grace the Arch by itself, rather favorable to the exhibitbishop of Baltimore, and other ven ive theory ; but taken in connexion with Matt. XVIII, 15, 16, 17, 18, it is conceivable that it may refer to church dis-



SMELTS have been very plentiful at Tracadie and Pokemouche, though the condition of the roads and unfavorable weather have operated against getting the fish to market. The N. B. Fish Company at Inkerman have over ten tons on hand. ready to be moved.

ENTERTAINMENT. - There will be an en. tertainment in the School Room, Bay du Vin, on Thursday, 27th inst. It will consist of songs, readings, recitations, dialogues, etc., and will commence at seven o'clock. Admission ten cents. Proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the "Church of St. John the Evangelist."

Too Good .- A respectable kind of ar- much affected by the ceremony which ticle among the World's editorial matter Wednesday, 12th, had a letter of the alpha- of the regular Parish mass. This was the bet at the bottom of it which escaped our notice and led us to treat it as what | Fintan Dowling, by the general Committee it appeared to be. We now accept the of the Church, in presence and in behalf World's editorial disclaimer of responsi- of the congregation. The Committee, bility for it. We might have known fourteen in number, arranged themselves that its comparative freedom from coarse language and American vulgarisms, was

INKERMAN, -Our correspondent, "Critic," writes from Inkerman to say that he has proof at hand of all the illegal proceedings at the late election in that Parish which proceedings were partically exposed in his last two letters. It seems to us, however, that the subject has been thoroughly exhausted, so far as correspondence can do it, and we advise all parties interested to turn their attention to something more profitable than fighting over battles which are already decided

THE TEA MEETING and fancy sale held by the ladies of the Chatham Methodist Church, in Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening last, was, in every way, creditable and worthy of the large patronag it received. The "Tea" was one of the best ever furnished at a Chatham Church entertainment, the ladies were most attentive to their patrons and it is not, therefore, surprising that the net proceeds were large-something over \$150.

THE FISHERMEN must settle their grievances with the World without our aid. We have always believed they abling us to replace on the same site our buildings destroyed by the fire of Feb. should not be prohibited from fishing 1878. off Chatham, but the Chatham Overseer and the Inspector managed to drive them. stanced. off that ground for a time, and they may thank them and the World for the whole meddling referred to. In justice to the a more unfavorable

Interesting Ceremony in St. Michael's Pro-Cathedral.

On last Sunday (Dec. 16th) the Roman to remit on an average, £100 a month, Catholic congregation of Chatham were exclusive of time lost through illness and

other unavoidable interruptions. took place immediately after the chanting Gentlemen, it was sweet to work among souls so good ; it was sweet to work for presentation of an address to the Rev. souls so good. It was sweet to work for the holy and venerable man whose hair has grown gray in well-doing, and whose zeal and whose piety the hills and the valleys of Miramichi, and the very woods outside of the altar rails while the Revproclaim. If-in the words of the famous Mr. Dowling stood in the middle, inside

inscription-you seek a monument. ("si the rails, during the reading to him of the monumentum quaeris, circumspice"-)lift address. The rev. gentleman replied in a up your eyes and look around and you touching discourse, which was listened to will behold ample subject for eulogium in with the deepest interest by the large the sanctuaries and institutions of learnaudience present. The following is a copy ing that have risen under his fostering of the written address, together with a recare and are scattered so numerously port of Father Dowling's spoken reply. throughout this new Diocese ; if you seek ADDRESS

a monument of his zeal, look around you Of the congregation of St. Michael's and behold it in the institutions of reli-Cathedral, Chatham, N. B., to the gion, piety, benevolence and philanthropy Rev. Fintan Dowling .which surround us, whither the poor and REV. DEAR FATHER,-When it became the afflicted may come and find a balm known to us that you had returned to for all their woes and wants. Yes it Chatham after your long continued labors in the interest of the Diocese, your preswas sweet indeed-to use the language of the Apocalypse-to work for the Angel ence made all feel more sensibly the debt of gratitude we owe you, awakened in us of the See of Chatham. But gentlemen. a special and affectionate interest in your my work was sweeter still. for my motive visit, and inspired us to show you a hearty was still a higher and a holier one-the welcome. For, your name, as that of a friend true in the day of need, has become glory of God and that of his highest Archfamiliar to and revered by us during those angel, St. Michael. years of your absence, according as we

Gentlemen, I thank you, and through earned the extent of our obligations the timely remittances made by you to the Treasurer of our building fund. you, the Cathedral congregation, for your kind expression of sympathy and condol-Therefore, on learning last Sunday that ence with me in my late illness ; and I you would be with us to-day we rejoiced thank you in a special manner for the effithat thus we would have an opportunity to express to you in person our warm cacious prayers you poured forth for my gratitude for this most important aid, enrecovery at the time ; it is to these good prayers, under God, and to the kind ministrations of the good sisters of St. Francis

that I ascribe my restoration to health. To any people, however well circumremittances netting \$16,577 I should not however, omit, to mention (after deducting all expenses) would be another party to whom I am deeply invalued; but to us in a new Diocese, who debted not only for his assiduous attenfound ourselves burned out and placed in tions during my long and painful sickness; played such activity canvassing the elecstant assistance, in enabling me to attend valued proportionately to the great need. In taking note of our indebtedness, we the istocl of repentanct very properly, last Saturday. mission ; to this good work he devoted his evenings for months, yea I might say for years ; hence I take this occasion to

tioned there, are certainly in connexion with a supposed case of this nature. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, would it not be well for writers on the subject to try and be a little less hazy, and not to write in one sentence "God only can forgive sins," and then a little further on to endorse the words "I absolve thee" as fit words to be used by one mortal to another

in the connexion intended. The two statements, to my mind, are utterly extraordinary and incapable of being harmonized. repeated of other cities visited : viz.

One writer "Layman," in your last Brooklyn, Baltimore, Troy, Cohoes, etc. issue, refers to fasting, and in doing so I It was such generosity that enabled me think he does "self styled evangelicals" an injustice.

I am not aware of any "self styled evangelicals" who reject and deride fasting, when it is an evidence of sorrow for sin, although they may reject and deride it as a "mode of righteousness."

JAS. NICOL. Chatham, Dec. 18, 1883.

More Inkerman.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance. DEAR SIR,-In your issue of Dec. 6th I notice a letter from Councillor Walsh in which he complains of being unjustly assailed by a party in this Parish whom he styles as the illiterate class and treats all the charges brought forward by "Critic" as mean and malicious slanders. Now, as one who is perfectly independent of either party, it never was my intention to interfere in any party squabble. but it is hard to keep silent when we hear a man called a slanderer and a liar for plainly and fearlessly stating the truth. In Mr. Walsh's letter he failed to prove that any of "Critic's" statements were not correct, but simply said that the writer of these statements was a slanderer and a fool. He is evidently horrified at "Critic's" allusion to the lengthy lame fellow who cut such a figure on election day and almost weeps when he points out how sinful and unchristian-like it is to reflect on a fellow-creature who might be so unfortunate as to have accidently got lame, for it seems to be the will of the Almighty that such accidents do sometimes happen. It is pleasing to see a man raise his thoughts to Heaven at any time, even at the eleventh hour, for it's an old saying, "Better late than never," but he is not doing justice to "Critic," for that gentleman never reflected on any person on account of his limbs, but merely pointed

tages. For detailed information, get the Maps and Fold-

World, however, we may say that it, no setting out-by a debt still due on properdoubt, published the mischievous para. ty destroyed-this large amount was graph referred to, ignorantly and took

KENT NORTHERN RAILWAY.—On and fter Wednesday, 7th November, and until wrther notice trains will run daily on the after Wednesday, 7th November, and until further notice, trains will run daily on the further notice, trains will run daily on the Kent Northern Railway, (Sundays ex-cepted) as follows: Will leave Richibucto at 10.30 a.m.: .Will leave Richibucto at 10.30 a. m. ;

Kingston, 10 45 a. m. connecting at Kent Junction for Kingston with Intercolonial accomodation trains, north and south. Returning will leave Kent Junction for Kingston and Richibucto, on arrival of Intercolonial accomodation from the south. Mr John C. Brown is Manager and Mr.

E. E. Phair Superintendent.

THE MARITIME BANK. - The sharehold. ers of the Maritime Bank met on Tuesday of last week, to consider the proposition to amalgamate with the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, of which notice was given some time ago. After a general discussion of the Bank's affairs and of the prospects for its successful continuance as an independent local institution, the following resolution, moved by Hon. Isaac Burpee, M. P., and seconded by Judge Paimer was unanimously adopted Whereas, Since this meeting was called,

roumstances have arisen which, in the opinion of this meeting, will enable the bank to make more satisfactory arrange-ments than the proposed amalgamatson would afford : therefore *Resolved*, That the proposition to amal-gamate this bank with the other bank be

not entertained.

DISASTERS. - News still continues to be received of the destruction among the shipping on the other side during the late gales. While the ship "Albertine," from Quebec, was being towed into Greenock harbor the tow line broke and the St. John, while shifting her berth, missed most cordial thanks. stays and was beached. It is feared she While listening to your address, I was will be damaged, -Ship "Edgar," Dur. for a time, at a loss to ascertain how you Barque "Mermaid," from Quebec for Evidently. however, I forgot for the mo- Toronto Mail. Liverpool, is ashore at Lytham. The ment where I was; I forgot I was in Chat- This is a sample of Mail honesty. To

return my sincere thanks, in my name and yours, to this gentleman, Mr. John

that form additional motives for our gratitude, and excite our admiration of your zeal and perseverance in the work accepted by you in our behalf. But our joy on seeing you return is not unmingled with regret, on learning

that the malady-whose well nigh fata attack we have alluded to, and which the physicians predict must inevitably return in our cold climate -necessitates your withdrawal from our Diocese

order to preserve your health in warmer climate. For this reason, we understand that our Bishop has consented-though with regret for the cause by which he loses a devoted and faithful priest-to your earnest desire to join the good Fathers of Mercy, who will send you to their house in Florida, and whose Fathers in New York have treated you, and lose his own soul?" and your mission in our behalf, with so

much and such constant kindness. In humble submission to the will of Him who does all things well, we bow my future welfare, and for the assurto the inevitable ! But our affectionate sympathy, and fervant prayers that God half. These prayers I most gratefully may bless you and your labors in what appreciate : I have experienced their effisoever field employed, shall ever accom pany you. May you find bodily health in Florida, and every spinitual consola-tion in the Society of the good Fathers of Mercy, to enable you to labor for many long, happy and fruitful years yet to come, in the Master's vineyard, is our fervent wich and prayor cacy in the past ; and I doubt not, they

fervent wish and prayer ! WM. T. CONNORS, Secretary of the general Church Committee, on be half of the Cathedral congregation. Chatham, N. B., Canada, Dec. 16.

and your friends ! FATHER DOWLING'S REPLY. Gentlemen of the committee of the O'DONNELL, Carey's murderer, was

Cathedral congregation, I thank you, and hanged in London on Monday last. vessel was driven out of sight. She has through you, the entire congregation, for Binns, the new English hangman, seems not yet been found.-Bark "Genii," from this kind address and for the honor- to have performed his work well, as Dalhousie, N. B., for Gasgow, has put able impulse which inspired it. I thank O'Donnell's neck was dislocated by the into Holyhead. She has lost her sails you for the very kind but too flattering drop and he died easily and, apparently, and deckload and is leaking. -Brig"Thos. words therein referring to me; for all this, without pain. O'Donnel was firm until Campbell," at Killorglin, Ireland, from and much more, 1 beg to offer you my the last and declared that he died "for Ireland."

TORY ARITHMETIC. - One Canadian can kee, Liverpool for Delaware Breakwater, could find so many good things to say of ning company spent last year \$6,000 in which put back leaking, has been severe- me; for, I assure you, praise sounds very wages. This year it pays out \$400 a week, ly damaged by collision with a pier .- novel-like to my ears, especially of late. or at the rate of \$18,000 per annum.-

but also for his most valuable and con- tors on polling day, probably to distinguish him from other canvassers equally to the very large correspondence of my active. Lameness is not always the result of accident, and that Mr. Walsh and some of his friends ought to know; for instance if we see a man with one leg shorter than the other it is not to be supposed that it was caused by any accident that might have befallen him, unless indeed it You allude in regretful and feeling must have been at some very early period

terms to the causes which oblige me to of his existence. He also seems to take sever my official connections with the hard the charges made against the chair-Diocese of Chatham. I assure you I re- man whom he says always discharged the ciprocate these painful sentiments, and duties of his office in a manner creditable most sincerely regret to be separated to himself. I would like to ask Mr. from so worthy a people, so estimable a Walsh was it creditable to him to let a clergy, and from a superior whose good- boy go in and vote in a brother's name, or ness and kindness have become prover- a man, after voting in his own name, to bial; but at the same time I cannot lend | again return and vote in the name of a a deaf ear to the voice of duty which tells friend who is absent at the time from the me to take this step, which is calculated Parish? Is is creditable for him to allow to conduce not only to the health of a man from another County to vote under the body, but to that of the soul likewise; an assumed name? These are no slanderfor here the sacred words seem to apply ous charges, but facts that cannot be diswith all their force ; "What doth it puted, and which I am prepared to prove profit a man to gain the whole world if it were necessary to do so, although I have no doubt that for these few state-In conclusion, permit me, gentlemen, ments I too, like "Critic," will be de-

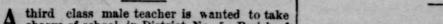
to thank you for your good wishes for nounced as a slanderer and a liar. Thanking you for space in your valuance of your fervent prayers in my be- able paper, 1 remain, Yours,

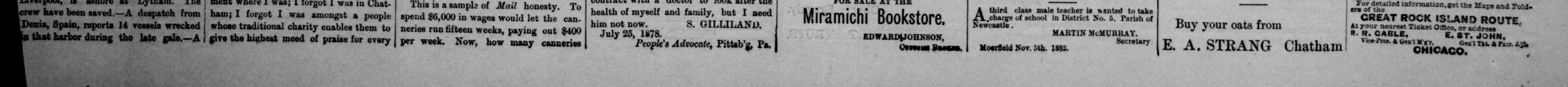
Inkerman, Dee. 15th. 1883.

[We beg to notify our friends interested. will prove equally efficacious in the future. in this Inkerman matter that we have On my part also, I beg to reciprocate given all concerned as much space as we those good wishes; and to assure you can afford to, and any further matter that I shall ever remember you, espe- on the subject will only be inserted cially there, where you desire chiefly to be at regular advertising rates in remembered, at God's holy altar, praying advertising columns. Regular rates are Him to bless you abundantly, both here 60 cents per inch of space occupied and at and hereafter-yourselves, your families, least \$5 in cash must accompany each communication. -EDITOR.]

A Voice from the Press.

I take this opportunity to bear testimony to the efficacy of your "Hop Bitters." Expecting to find them nauseous and bitter and composed of bad whiskey, we were agreeably surprised at their mild taste, just like a cup of tea. A Mrs. Cresswell and a Mrs. Connor, friends, have likewise tried, and pronounce them the best medicine they have ever taken for building up strength and toning up the system. I was troubled with costiveness. headache and want of appetite. My ail ments are now all gone. I have a yearly contract with a doctor to look after the health of myself and family, but I need





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