Business Notice.

The ADVANCE office is open for business from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m. every week-day.

It is not open for delivery of papers in the evening. Town and local country subscribers will, therefore, please call for their papers at the delivery window before 6 p. m.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The insertion of advertisements can only be insured each week by their reaching the office before 6 p. m. on Tuesdays.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

CURLING.—St. Stephen now has a curling club.

CARNIVAL,—Don't forget the Children's Carnival at the Chatham Skating Rink on next Tuesday night.

STANDARD TIME is adopted fully in St. Stephen—by the churches and schools, as well as the business community, generally.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, Chatham, will be closed next Sunday morning, as the pastor is to preach in St. Andrew's Church, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Waite. The regular Methodist service will be held in the evening.

THE COLD was intense on Tuesday night, the thermometer at the Dominion Observatory here registering 32° below zero. This is the coldest since Jan'y 8th, 1878, when it was 33 below. The record, for which we are indebted to Mr. Blair's courtesy, shows 33 below on 31st January, 1874, and 36 below on 30th January, 1873, so it is seldom we have a colder night than that of Tuesday.

ACCIDENT IN THE WOODS.—Henry Stewart, of Upper Kent, N. B., while at work in the woods was struck by a falling tree and his skull crushed. He was at work for Crocker Bros., 36 miles above Ashland on Fish river waters in Maine. He has been taken home. There is no hope of his recovery. He is 24 years old and has no family.—*Globe.*

THE FUNERAL of the late Mrs. B. Stapledon, on Saturday afternoon last, was very largely attended. The services at the house were conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Chapman and Waite, and by Rev. Mr. Chapman at the grave. The pall-bearers were Messrs. G. A. Blair, Capt. J. J. Brown, John Brown, Robt. Murray, T. H. Fountain, and Wm. Johnston.

OUT WEST.—Thomas H. Carman, secretary treasurer of the North west lumber company, is a native of Bathurst, N. B., was employed at one time on the Intercolonial, subsequently lived for many years in Missouri, acquired a large amount of business shrewdness and go-ahead, then went to Winnipeg, went into a number of big things and last year was one of three or four who made $200,000 by selling out lumbering interests to an English syndicate.—*Win. Sun.*

FRIENDLY GAME.—A rink from the Newcastle curling club consisting of Messrs. T. McEwen, Jas. J. Anslow, Chas. Ramsay, and James Brown, Skip, had a friendly game with their Chatham brethren on Friday last, being opposed by Messrs. T, Crimmin, A. J. Loggie, Donald Loggie and Geo. Brittain, Skip. The Score was Brown's rink, 5, Brittain's, 14 points. A match was played in the evening when Brown's rink scored 11 to Brittain's 14. The Newcastle men were well pleased with the ice of the Chatham rink.

NAPAN ENTERTAINMENT.—A very interesting entertainment was given on X'mas eve in the Johnstone school house, Napan, by a number of the young people of that place. The programme consisted of choruses by the choir, songs, recitations, dialogues, readings and instrumental music. Owing to the unfavorable weather the entertainment, though very creditable, was not so largely patronized as it might otherwise have been. It is to be hoped that the young people may be induced to repeat their programme at an early date, as it was well worthy of a larger audience.

S. W. BOOM COMPANY.—At the annual meeting of the Southwest Boom Company, held at Newcastle on Thursday last, the following Directors were chosen,—

Allan Ritchie,
Wm. Richards,
John McLaggan,
Robert Swim,
Ernest Hutchison,
John Sadler,
W. A. Hickson,
T. DesBrisay,
Alex. Morrison,

At the first meeting of Directors Allan Ritchie, Esq., was appointed President and Wm. Park, Esq., Secretary-Treas.

SHIP "BRITISH QUEEN" SPOKEN.—News has been received that the ship "British Queen", Capt. Sloan, was spoken yesterday, 10th, off Gibraltar. As the "British Queen" sailed a few days previous to the November storm, which caused serious damage to shipping on this side of the Atlantic, it was feared by some that she was wrecked at Meat Cove. The "B. Q." was bound from Newcastle, Miramichi, for Oran, Africa, for orders. It was known she would go to Valencia, Spain. Capt. Sloan's wife and children were on board; the arrival of the vessel will relieve the anxiety concerning them. The vessel was over 60 days out.—St. John *Globe.*

PRESENTATION.—Miss Annie Griffin, who has been organist of St. Michael's Cathedral Choir for the last three years, and by her fine musical talent and amibility of disposition has endeared herself to her associates therein, this week severed her connection with it as she goes with her mother and the family to live in New York. On Tuesday evening the members of the Choir took formal leave of her at the Episcopal Residence, presenting her with an address, which was accompanied by a purse of $135.00, contributed by a number of co operating friends, who desired to mark their appreciation of the young lady's services to the Cathedral and their friendship for her personally.

MAYOR FENETY.—A Fredericton despatch of Monday last says,—"Mr. Fenety's election to day, for Mayor, was a foregone conclusion, although his return by so large a majority was not expected by everybody. The vote stood:—Fenety 431; Wilson 213; majority for Fenety 218—the largest majority ever obtained by any Mayor in a contested election. Fenety's speeches were warmly cheered. Wilson, vanquished, after the result of the poll was announced. This evening, a magnificent bonfire blazed in front of the residence of the newly elected Mayor, and, within, his friends and foremost supporters, who, together, were legion, were entertained in princely style. Altogether election day was a triumphal one for the citizens. In front of Linden Hall, the mayor's residence, the Fredericton brass band discoursed excellent music during the time of the supper, and an indoor entertainment to the citizens. Mayor Fenety and his sons were indefatigable to their attentions to the guests."

THE RINK:—We observe that a mischeivous *World* corsespondent makes some misstatements respecting the contents of a petition recently presented to the Rink Directors by a number of patrons of that popular resort. The petitioners were met in a fair and concillitary spirit, and so far as the Board is informed the great majority of the ticket-holders are satisfied with what the management has done. It is impossible to please every individual among nearly three hundred regular rink patrons and it would be unreasonable to expect it, but the attempt of the *World* correspondent (?) to magnify the little complaints that have been made will, probably, not be succesful in accomplishing its evident purpose.

PERSONAL.—Hon. John McMillan, P. O. Inspector, visited Chatham officially on Saturday last.

Mrs. Griffin, widow of the late esteemed Inland Revenue collector, and family leave Chatham by to-night's express, *en route* for New York, where they are to reside with Mr. John B. Griffin.—She leaves behind her many warm friends who regret her departure and will follow her with every good wish for her future life. Mr. Thomas Griffiin of the Inland Revenue office and Mrs. J. R. Lawlor, are the only members of the family remaining at Miramichi.

Hon. Senator Muirhead left for Ottawa on Monday evening. Previous to his departure he was waited on by quite a large number of friends who wished to see him on public business, and also by a good many desiring to wish him a pleasant time during the session of Parliament.

Temperance.

The announcement of a public temperance meeting in the Temperance Hall Chatham, —in connexion with the "week of prayer"—brought together a large audience on Saturday evening last. The chair was taken at 8 o'clock by Mr. Geo. Stothart, who — after singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer—in a few compact sentences stated the object of the meeting and introduced the speakers. The meeting was addressed by Mr. A. D. Smith and the Revds. Messrs. Hicks, Chapman, and Waits. The addresses were "short, sharp, and shiney," having the true ring of conviction, and elicited the hearty applause of the audience. The announcement from the Chair of meetings of like character, to be held fortnightly during the winter, was hailed with general satisfaction. The first of these meetings will be held on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock.

Curling Match.

The challenge cup presented by Isaac Harris, Esq., to the Chatham Curling Club, has been competed for by the regular rinks of that organization. The sub-skips had charge of the play, as usual. In the first play the result was as follows,—

G. Bluett,	Jas. Girvan,
W. B. Gillespie,	Geo. Stothart,
John Johnston,	D. G. Smith,
Jas. Johnston, Skip, 17.	Arthur Johnstone, Skip 13
T. Crimmin,	A. Ullock,
R. Burbridge,	R. Murray,
Geo. L. Brittain,	E. Hutchison,
D. M. Loggie, Skip, 30.	A. J. Loggie, Skip 4.
Dr. McDonald,	R. Anderson,
A. Ullock,	A. Harris,
P. H. C. Benson,	And'w Brown,
Alex. Brown, Skip, 9.	Geo. Watt, Skip, 15.
Geo. Morris,	Geo. Bluett,
J. Y. Mersereau,	L. H. DeVeber,
D. Chesman,	W. Wilson,
H. P. Marquis, Skip, 18.	Wm. Johnston, Skip 16.
D. Chesman,	Geo. Brittain,
W. B. Gillespie,	J. S. Benson, Jr.
Geo. I. Wilson,	Wm. Wilson,
J. McDonald, Skip 15.	Geo. Tait, Skip 16.

The second heat was played as follows,

H. P. Marquis,	18	Geo. Watt,	7
D. M. Loggie,	16	Geo. Tait,	9
Jas. Johnstone, *bye.*			

The third heat resulted as follows,—

H. P. Marquis,	6	Jas. Johnston,	19
D. M. Loggie, *bye.*			

The final play resulted in a victory for Johnston's rink, the scores being,—

Jas. Johnston,	13	D. M. Loggie,	10

Skip John Johnston's Rink, therefore holds the cup for the current year.

Play for the Hutchison medal is now on.

Highland Society.

The annual general meeting of the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi, was held at Newcastle in the Waverley Hotel on the 14th inst.

The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year,—

President—Hon. Richard Hutchison.

Vice Presidents—Hon. Wm. Muirhead, Hon. P. Mitchell, R. R. Call, Esq.

Chaplain—Rev. J. Robertson.

Treasurer—D. Ferguson.

Secretary—G. B. Fraser.

Piper—H. Marquis.

Directors—Hon. J. Ferguson, Hon. R Marshall, Messrs. Alex. Morrison, Allan Ritchie, J. Niven, James Brown, W. A. Park, R. Bain, R. B. Haddow, James Robinson, J. C. Miller, W. W. McLellan, W. Murray, John Sadler, A. J. Loggie. P. Turner, E. Hutchison, Jas. Mitchell, R. Ritchie, D. T. Johnstone, J. Ferguson, James Johnstone, Alex. Loggie, D. T. Johnstone, jr.

School Committee—D. Ferguson, R. B. Haddow, W. Murray.

Charitable Committee for Newcastle—Rev. Mr. Aitken, J. Niven, J. Brown.

For Chatham—Rev. J. Robertson, D. Ferguson, Wm. Murray, D. T. Johnstone.

The amounts for the Bursaries were voted, also, the amounts of $50 to Newcastle, and $50 to Chatham for charitable purposes.

A sum was voted towards an entertainment under the auspices of the Society and a Committee appointed to expend the same.

Mr. Nicholson's Estate.

The will of the late John W. Nicholson, Esq., has been filed in the Probate Court. The real estate is valued for Probate at $85,000 and the personal estate at $375,000, total 460,000. The whole estate is trusteed to Olivia St. Clair Nicholson (his widow), James Macgregor Grant and Simeon Jones. Mrs. Nicholson has the use of the dwelling house on Mecklenburg street for her life-time; on her decease the right of tenancy to vest in her son, at whose death it is to be rented or sold. The testator leaves to his widow all his household furniture, plate, &c., with reversion in tenancy to his children at her death. He directs that a sum of $75,000 be set apart to provide an annuity of $4,000 per annum for his widow, the principal at her death to form part of a residuary fund hereafter mentioned. He further directs that a sum of $210,000 be set apart, the interest arising from which is to be divided pro rata among his six children and their children in succession. A sum of $25,000 is to be set apart to provide a marriage portion of $5,000, with accumulated interest, for each of his daughters. He leaves his sister, Margaret Outram, an annuity of $600; to his sister, Mary Greet, an annuity $200; to his sister, Isabella Grant he bequests $1,000, and to each of her children he bequests $1000. The balance of the estate is to form a residuary fund for the benefit of his children and their descendants. He directs that the usual commissions be paid to the trustees of his estate, and, further, that an annuity of $400 be paid to James Macgregor Grant or extra services in connection with the estate. The will was drawn up by Messrs. Gilbert & Straton. It is dated the 2nd of March, 1880, and according to its provisions probably sixty years will elapse before the estate can be wound up.

Northumberland Municipal Council.

Northumberland Municipal Council assembled in its Chamber, Court House, Newcastle, at noon on Tuesday. All the Parish representatives were present, as follows,—

Ludlow—John Campbell, John S. Pond.
Blissfield—E. A. Bamford, Samuel Freeze.
Blackville—J. L. Scofield, Michael Whelan.
Northesk—Anthony Adams, Michael Ryan.
Southesk—Jared Tozer, John Parks.
Derby—James Robinson, F. H. Jardine.
Nelson—A. A. M. Saunders, Dan'l Baldwin.
Rogersville—Urbain S. Cormier, Peter Thibedeau.
Newcastle—John Morrissey, Chas. E. Fish.
Chatham—Roger Flanagan, Peter Loggie.
Glenelg—Hugh Cameron. Chas. Rainsborrow.
Hardwick—T. B. Williston, Jeremiah Sullivan.
Alnwick—Romain Savoy, A. J. W. McKenzie.

On motion of Coun. Campbell, seconded by Couns. Loggie, Fish and others, Coun. Robinson was unanimously chosen Warden of the County.

On taking the Chair Coun. Robinson returned thanks for the honor done him, and said he would rely on the consideration and assistance of the Council in the discharge of the duties of the office.

The minutes of last Council meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Coun. Morrissey Messrs. John Cassidy and Wm. Dalton were appointed Constables to attend Council during its session, and their pay, which Coun. Morrissey moved to have made $1.50 per day each, was fixed at $1 a day, each.

COMMITTEES.

On motion of Coun. Campbell, the Committee on Parish Accounts was appointed as follows,—

Couns. Campbell, Parks, Whalen, Morrissey, Baldwin, Sullivan, Couns. Bamford, Jardine, Ryan, Loggie, Cormier, McKenzie, Cameron.

On motion of Coun. Cameron Committee on County Accounts was appointed as follows:—

Couns. Adams, Saunders, Fish, Tozer, Freeze.

On motion of Coun. Morrissey, the Jail Committee was appointed as follows:—

Couns. Sullivan, Schofield, Rainsborrow.

THE ALMS HOUSE

Coun. Campbell objected to a motion for the appointment of the usual Alms House Committee, on the ground that the Council had no control over the Alms House management. Ludlow, he said, was, practically, without a Commissioner, as the Government's appointee for that Parish had not attended the Commissioners' meetings for years.

Coun. Adams said the Council had power to order or alter the Alms House assessment on each Parish, or refuse to order such assessment, and Councillors had opportunity to criticise the assessment required by the Board. It was, therefore, proper that the Committee should be appointed.

Coun. Sullivan favored the appointment of the Committee, and the usual audit of the Alms House accounts in the interest of the several parishes.

Coun. Bamford desired to know whether the Council had the power to appoint the Committee asked for specially given to it by law.

Coun. Cameron favored the appointment of the committee in the interest of the several parishes.

The motion for the Committee passed, and it was appointed as follows,—

Couns. Loggie, Fish, Adams.

Adjourned till 2 p. m., "Warden's time."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

On re-assembling of Council, Coun. Campbell moved the following resolution:

REPORTING PROCEEDINGS.

Whereas, the representatives of the press who are in attendance reporting at the Council are deserving of some recompense for their services, and in order that the doings of the Council may receive proper publicity—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with newspaper proprietors concerning the probable cost of providing each householder in the County with a copy of their report, and to report to the Council at 12 o'clock to-morrow.

This matter was discussed for some time, the mover of the resolution leading off with some flattering references to the press of the County, which seemed to be a mixture of "taffy" and fact, interspersed with ironic references to the "largest circulation" claims of the respective papers. He said York Council paid for having its proceedings reported in one of the Fredericton papers, and he urged the Northumberland Council to follow its example.

Coun. Adams thought the well known and customary enterprise of the local papers would furnish the people of the County with the necessary report. He referred to the fact that one paper (it was the ADVANCE) had condemned the vote of a dollar a day to the reporters last year, and said that a reporter who was not worth more than that could not be expected to make a report that was worth anything.

Couns. Sullivan and Saunders also spoke in favor of leaving the matter to the enterprise of the local papers, and Couns. Campbell, Tozer, Bamford, Morrissy and Loggie argued in favor of appointing a committee, with a view of ascertaining the best arrangement that could be made.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 12 to 8, and Couns. Campbell, Loggie and Adams were named as the committee.

Adjourned until 4.30 for committee work.

On the reassembling of the Council it was ordered that a ventilator be put in the ceiling of the Council Chamber, under direction of Coun. Morrissey.

OVER ASSESSMENT.

Coun. Morrissey brought up a matter of over-assessment upon Mr. Patrick Wheeler, of Newcastle, amounting to some $3.00 a year for two years—1881 and 1882.

The Sec'y-Treasurer, in reply to a request for his opinion, said the matter should come up in the form of affidavit and petition—which Coun. Morrissey said Mr. Wheeler was ready to make.

Coun. Loggie read report of Geo. B. Fraser, Esq., showing that Mr. Gardiner Archibald, of Chatham, was exempt from poll tax, he being over 62 years of age.

A Committee, consisting of Couns. Adams, Loggie and Morrissey was appointed to report upon petitions and applications of this nature.

Coun. Loggie read a petition of Thomas Reid, Black Brook, claiming reduction of taxation. Referred.

Coun. Loggie also brought up the case of Mr. Wm. Forrest, of Rock Heads, Chatham, who, he said, was about 65 years old and blind, and entitled to reduction of taxation, his sons being taxed on the property he once owned, but which he had divided among them.

The Committee on tax-reduction claims was directed to report before close of present Council meeting.

Coun. Saunders read petition of John Newman, Lumber Surveyor, who claimed to have been unjustly taxed the amount of $4 in Chatham.

Coun. Campbell said these petititioners should have applied to the Assessors, and failing to get satisfaction from them, to the Valuators, before coming to the Council.

Coun. Saunders said Mr. Newman's home and property were in Nelson, where he had lived for the last two years, while he had no property in Chatham and he claimed he should not be required to pay taxes in both places. Referred.

A MISSING BOND.

Coun. Tozer said that while in the office of Warden, he learned it was his duty, by law, to hold the bond of the Secretary-Treasurer, which had not, however, been handed ever to him by his predecessor. He had made enquiries concerning its whereabouts and learned that while it had been properly furnished by the Secretary-Treasurer on his appointment to office and given to the first Warden, it had, in some way, been mislaid.

Coun. Adams said he was the immediate predecessor of Coun. Tozer as Warden of the Municipality and he did not know, during his term of office that he was required to hold the bond.

Coun. Tozer said he had traced the bond back to ex-Warden Park, since whose incumbency of the office he could not learn, that it had been in possession of any of his successors. The Sec'y-Treasurer said he had given the Bond, as required by law, into the custody of the first Warden and he had not seen it since. He was, however, ready, on being satisfied that it was lost, to replace it with another. He had endeavored to assist in finding it, but had been unsuccessful.

Coun. Tozer explained that ex-Warden Park was under the impression he had given the Bond to the late ex-Councillor Bourne, but it could not be found among that gentleman's papers.

The Warden and Couns. Tozer and Freeze were appointed a Committee to wait on Mr. Park and endeavor to find the bond.

Council adjourned until 10 a. m., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16TH.

Council met pursuant to adjournment

The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and approved, and the Council adjourned until 12.30 for committee work.

On reassembling at 12.30—

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S BOND.

Coun. Tozer, from the Committee appointed to ascertain, if possible, where the Secretary-Treasurer's bond is, reported that, upon interviewing ex-Warden Park, they were informed that he had given the bond to ex-Warden Lawler, his successor in office.

The report was received and the Committee directed to telegraph Mr. Lawler an the subject and report to-morrow.

Coun. Loggie, from the Committee on the reporting and publication of Council's proceedings, reported that they had received an offer from the publishers of the ADVANCE and *Advocate*—the only papers represented at the Council—as follows,—that the two papers would report and publish the business done by the Council, together with a synopsis of the discussions thereon, and an exhibit of the County Accounts in detail, or as might be required by the Council or a committee thereof appointed for the purpose, at the rate of $5 per "breveir leaded" column of 24 ins., said rate to cover the work of reporting and publishing in both papers.

Coun. Loggie said that when the Committe received its instructions the representatives of the ADVANCE and *Advocate* were the only press reporters present and their offer was all that was obtainable under the resolution. The *World's* editor was, he observed, present, and could, no doubt, speak for himself. Coun. Loggie continued, referring to the desirability of a report of Council proceedings, and especially a full exhibit of the accounts being given to the ratepayers of the County.

The report being received—

Coun. Adams urged that the offer was not a businesslike one, as the Council should know exactly what the cost of the proposed report was to be. He thought the *World* might be added to the report at the rate of $2.50 per column additional, and then it would be seen whether the scheme would be approved off by the Council.

Councillor Saunders said the report now being given by the papers was quite a good one and satisfactory. It would be better to go along as at present, without incurring additional expense.

Coun. Cameron said the people required more information than they received in reference to the disposal of the public moneys and would not object to paying reasonably for it.

Coun. Sullivan argued that the people generally did not need the information, as they understood pretty well all about the County expenditure. The cost of publishing reports would be grumbled at by the ratepayers and as the papers have subscribers abroad why should the Council pay for furnishing these with information. [Laughter.]

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Coun. Whelan proposes to offer the following resolution during the session of Council,—

Whereas the system of hook-survey generally adopted in this County is illegal and unjust, being contrary to the letter and spirit of the law regulating the surveying of lumber in this Province, and

Whereas the said system of survey is strongly and universally condemned by the voice of public opinion, and by the admissions of the Surveyors themselves.

Be it therefore *Resolved* that the said system of survey is condemned by this Council, and the surveyors are hereby required to adhere more strictly to the provisions of the law, and to be particularly careful to mark the superficial contents on every log surveyed by them;

And be it further *Resolved* that neither the surveyor nor his assistant, the tallyman, shall survey or tally lumber, unless duly qualified and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties as such—the certificate of which qualification shall be produced by them when required, for the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Newcastle Firewards' report is as follows,—

To the Municipal Council of the County of Northumberland:

The Firewards of the town of Newcastle beg leave to submit the following report,—

We have much pleasure in stating that our town was entirely free from fires during the year 1883. There were a few alarms, but none were of a serious nature. So far, in 1884, we have not been so fortunate. On the 9th instant a fire occurred, when the house occupied by the Rev. P. W. Dixon was totally destroyed. Owing to the distance to the tanks it was considerable time before the hose could be stretched, and as the fire had gained so much headway, the building could not be saved. It was, therefore, considered best not to throw any water, unless it was necessary for the safety of surrounding buildings. The fire did not extend beyond the building and, consequently, no water was thrown.

In the month of January last, the Firewards purchased 1000 feet of Maltese cross fire-engine hose, at $1.25 per foot, from T. McIlroy, agent of the Gutta Percha and India Rubber Manufacturing Company. In May next we will have to arrange for the payment of this hose by a note for the whole or part of the price, payable in one year. We have now on hand 2,250 feet of this hose, all in good condition.

Mr. Robert Beckwith, who has had charge of the engines, etc., during the present year, has been engaged on the same terms for another year. The room formerly occupied by the Inland Revenue Department has been rented to him at $20 par annum.

In the month of November last the block for the new engine house was erected under the supervision of Fireward John Hogan. Next summer it is the intention of the Board to erect thereon a new and more suitable engine house.

In the month of August last the steamer was taken to a fire at Sinclair's mill and did good service in saving deals. The Firewards have since received $50 from the Insurance Companies for the use of the engine on that occasion.

At the last meeting of the Board a resolution was passed recommending an assessment of $1,000 for the ensuing year, for which amount we would resspectfully request the Council to order an assessment.

Annexed thereto is a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures during the past year which is respectfully submitted.

R. R. CALL, Chrirman.
W. A. PARK, Sec'y.

Newcastle, Jan'y 14th, 1884.

Correspondence.

Confession and Absolution.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

SIR,—As "M. A." declines to let himself be known, and thus afford me some safeguard against ungentlemanly allusions, I must decline to further discuss the subject of our late controversy. However, M. A.'s last letter does not require discussion to expose its fallacies; they are quite apparent.

I am sorry my definition of the doctrine of Regeneration does not satisfy him, but I cannot alter it on that account. Neither can I follow his advice with regard to Church of England Catechism, etc., for, believing as I do, that the only revelation of God's will now extant, is that contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, I must be excused from recognizing any other authority.

JAS. NICOL.

Jan. 14, 1884.

SACRILEGE.—Constables Scott and Acorn arrived at Amherst on Tuesday, of last week from Joggins mines, having in custody seven prisoners arrested on a charge of forcibly entering the Roman Catholic church of the place and breaking the altar, burning flowers and vases, stealing the chalice and deranging the vestments. The outrage was committed on Christmas eve, but the perpetrators kept out of the way till pay day, when they made their appearance and were arrested as above.

COTTON PRINTS.—A short time ago a firm in Truro imported a lot of print cottons, on which they paid duty to the amount of $837. Had they waited till after the New Year they would have had to pay $315 additional— the increased duty on print cotton for the benefit of the Magog (Q.), mill, coming into force January 1st, 1884. Merchants who import print cotton since the increase of duty takes effect will of course add the amount to the selling price of the goods, and yet N. P. organs say the consumers don't pay the duty.—*Truro Guardian.*

The Pope and O'Connell.

The Pope recently gave audience to the Very Rev. T. Brosnan, parish priest of Cahirciveen, in the diocese of Kerry, Ireland, the birthplace of Daniel O'Connell. Father Brosnan has been raising money to erect a church in memory of O'Connell's services. The Pope warmly praised the project and eulogized O'Connell, whom he said he saw in the House of Commons in 1848. His Holiness blessed the contributors to the building fund. He also promised to furnish the first stone for the church and to depute the Most Rev. Thomas W. Croke, the Archbishop of the province of Cashel, to lay it.

Mrs. Langtry.

Mrs. Langtry made her reappearance on the New York stage on Monday evening of last week and crowded the Fifth Avenue Theatre to overflowing with an audience of excellent quality. Says the *Sun*: The various vicissitudes of Mrs. Langtry's professional career since her last engagement here have apparently agreed with her remarkably well. Her health seems to be superb; she has a great many wonderfully beautiful clothes, and her acting is vigorous and sincere, and embroidered with all means of nice artifices and pretty subtleties which she must have been at infinite pains to acquire. She has really improved very much, and if she is just as far as ever from attaining to any considerable artistic achievement, she is nevertheless a very interesting and pleasing figure in her own particular line.

Gulston the Oarsman.

Mr. Frank Gulston, of London, Eng., the famous amateur oarsman, who was supposed to have been drowned some time since, has reappeared in a new *role*. Mr. Gulston was the stroke oar for the London crew in the Philadelphia Centennial regatta. After his return to England he became involved in many speculations, and in a comparatively short time lost a considerable fortune. He left London, and shortly afterward a report was circulated and generally believed, that while out rowing his boat had capsized and he had lost his life. It now appears that Mr. Gulston's alleged sudden demise was a ruse and that, instead of being drowned, he went to Grimsby, a fishing port near Hull, and engaged himself on a smack as a deck hand. He toiled in this humble capacity until recently, when he was discovered by some of his numerous friends in London, who immediately set to work to modify his strtened circumstances. Fifteen hundred pounds were soon subscribed. This sum has been devoted to the purchase of a superior fishing vessel, which will shortly be presented to the exoarsman. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who has built up a philanthropic fishing fleet in the Grimsby waters, has taken a great interest in the fortunes of the London rower, and it is stated that when he takes command of his new boat she will probably appoint him her admiral.

Five hundred compositors are to-day out of employment in this city and unable to obtain work.—*New York Tribune.*

An Ottawa despatch says,—"In view of the city of Ottawa deriving no benefit from the taxation of Government property in that city, a proposition has been made by the Government to the City Council, which will be brought up at the next meeting, in which it is suggested that the Government bear the cost of the maintenance of Dufferin and Sapper's bridges and the bridge over the Chaudiere slides; also, the cost of maintenance of Wellington street, between Dufferin bridge and Bank street; also, that the suspension bridge between Hull and Ottawa be made free to the public use. The proposed assumption of these charges will not come into operation until the city corporation, by by-law or other legal obligation, accept the same in full of all claims for compensation from the Government as well as all claims for income tax from civil officers and servants.

Victor Hugo received form Lord Lyons the following reply to the request addressed a few weeks ago to Her Majesty, for exercise of the royal prerogative in the case of O'Donnell: "Monsieur le Senateur The letter that you did me the honor to write to me on the 14th inst., was received with the deference due to the high source from which it emanated. The duplicate which accompanied it was, as I have already had the opportunity to communicate to you, carefully forwarded to London, and placed in the hands of Her Majesty's Secretary of the Home Department. I have just received the commission to inform you that the Queen, in a matter of this kind, acts in accordance with the advice of her ministers, and that Her Majesty's Government, having carefully considered the case of O'Donnell, regret to have found it impossible to counsel the Crown to interfere with the carrying out of the law. In sending you this information, I congratulate myself on the opportunity presented to me of offering you anew, Monsieur le Senateur, the assurance of my high consideration.

(Signed) LYONS."

A Bright Gleam of Winter Sunshine.

In New Orleans, on Tuesday, December 18th, 1883, Gen'ls G. T. Beauregard, of La. and Jubal A. Early, of Va., in the presence of a large throng, proceeded to execute their duty as the Commissioners for the superintendence and management of the 163d Monthly, the Extraordinary Semi-Annual Drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery, with the following result: Ticket No. 7,507 was sold in fractions, and a portion of the $150,000 went to a lucky man in San Francisco; ticket No. 21,405 of $50,000 was also sold in fractions, one-half of which costing $5, drawing $25,000, to John Keyes Paige, care L. D. Alexandre & Co., 7 Nassau St, New York city; No. 19,155 drew the third capital prize of $20,000, was sold by mail in New York; Nos. 44,971 and 63,460 drew each $10,000, the fourth capital prizes, was sold in Savannah, Ga., and New Orleans. Other large capital prizes were scattered broadcast by the unquestionably fair distribution among the holders of tickets Nos. 13, 319, 36,643, 57, 955 and 62,361, each drawing $5,000, living widely apart in the cities of New York, Boston, Chicago, Washington, D. C., Mansfield, O., St. Louis, Louisville, San Francisco, Cal., Columbia, Ga., Milan, Texas, and New Orleana, La. Names of lucky ones are omitted by request. The next drawing takes place Feb. 12, 1884, about which M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La., will be happy to give every information.

MOTHERS DON'T KNOW.—How many children are punished for being uncouth, wilful, and indifferent to instructions or rewards, simply because they are out of health! An intelligent lady said of a child of this kind: "Mothers should know that if they would give the little ones moderate doses of Hop Bitters for two or three weeks, the children would be all a parent could desire."

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., Jan. 31, 1879.

GENTLEMEN.—Having been afflicted for a number of years with indigestion and general debility, by the advice of my doctor I used Hop Bitters, and must say they afforded me almost instant relief. I am glad to be able to testify in their behalf. THOS. G. KNOX.

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Bridge Notice.

SEALED TENDERS, marked "Tenders for Clarke's Cove Bridge," will be received at the Department of Public Works, Fredericton, until TUESDAY, 5th February next, at noon, for the erection of a Bridge over Clarke's Cove, Chatham, Northumberland County, according to Plan and Specification, to be seen at the said Department, and at Hon. T. F. Gillespie's, Chatham.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted Bank cheque or cash deposit for an amount equal to 5 per cent. of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so. If the tender be not accepted the cheque or cash deposit will be returned.

P. G. RYAN, Chief Commissioner.

Department of Public Works, Fredericton, January 12, 1884.

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THE Battery will meet for Winter Drill at the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, at 7.30 o'clock, Standard Time

A few recruits wanted. None but respectable men will be taken. No loafers need apply.

By order.

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Farm for Sale.

THE SUBSCRIBER offers for sale his farm on the Bathurst Road, within six miles of Chatham. It contains one hundred and seven acres, and has a good dwelling on it, two barns, good water, etc. There is also a good meadow connected with the farm. Terms reasonable.

Also for sale on the premises, three tons wheat, two tons good, upland hay, sixty bushels oats and three tons oat straw. Apply to JOHN CONNELL.

Bartibogue, Jan. 16, 1883.

FOR SALE.

The Property on the West Side of Bartibogue lately occupied by James Cody, containing 200 acres, with Dwelling House and Barn, well fenced and in good order.

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Douglastown, Nov. 3 '83 8y.8

Executor's Notice.

ALL PERSONS having any claims against the Estate of Joseph Hays late of Nelson, Merchant, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within THREE MONTHS from the date hereof to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to

MARGARET HAYS, Executrix, and
J. P. BURCHILL, Executor of said Estate.

Notice of Sale.

To ALEXANDER STOTHART TEMPLETON of Chatham in the County of Northumberland in the Province of New Brunswick in the Dominion of Canada Merchant, and Mary E. Templeton his wife and to all others whom it may concern.

NOTICE is hereby given, that by virtue of a Power of Sale, contained in a certain Indenture of mortgage bearing date the Twenty-Eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and eighty, and made between the said Alexander Stothart Templeton of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick in the Deminion of Canada, Merchant, and Mary E. Templeton his wife of the one part, and Jane C. McFarlane of Moncton in the County of Westmorland, in the Province of New Brunswick, Spinster, of the ther part, which mortgage was duly recorded in the Records of the County of Northumberland on the Seventh Day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-One in Volume 60 of the County Records pages 423, 424 and 425, and is numbered 410 in said volume. There will in persuance of the said power of sale and for the purpose of satisfying the monies secured by the said Indenture of Mortgage, default having been made in payment there of, be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION on WEDNESDAY, the second day of April next, in front of the Post Office, Chatham, in said County, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the lands and premises in said Indenture mentioned and described as follows, namely,—All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the town and parish of Chatham, aforesaid, being part of the lot number thirty-seven granted to the late Thomas Loban, deceased, and abutted and bounded as follows, to wit: On the westerly side by the house and land formerly owned by the late Cornelius Ghegan, in front by Water Street, on the easterly side by lands owned and occupied by Henry W. Tillisch, and on the southerly side by the north side of the road or lane called the Foundry Lane, being the land and premises conveyed to the said Alexander Stothart Templeton, by William V. Ullock by Indenture bearing date the nineteenth day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, as by reference thereto will more fully appear. Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon and the rights, members privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining. Also the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, etc., of the said Alexander Stothart Templeton and Mary E. Templeton of, into or upon the said land and premises and every part thereof.

Dated the 26th day of December, A. D. 1883.

JANE C. McFARLANE, Mortgagee.

L. J. TWEEDIE, Solicitor for Mortgagee.

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