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Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

ROYAL ARCANUM meeting to-morrow, Friday evening.

FOUND-A Gold Ring. Apply at Macto rather a novel lawsuit on Saturday last kenzie's Medical Hall. CURLING.—Chatham and Bathurst County vs. the Municipality of Glouces-Clubs are to have a friendly game at ter. The point involved is whether the

PERSONAL .- Mr. Snowball left Chatham for Great Britain on Saturday morall the Counties of the Province. Previning last

Bathurst to-day-4 rinks a side.

ELECTRIC LIGHT SKATING. -Mr. Fairey deserves well of the public for having secured the electric light at his rink for a petitioning for an increase it being only week, as per advert sement in another column. Tickets for the different nights January 1884 they cut it down to \$1.40, pany, are for sale at Mackenzie's Drug Store, Chatham, and Street's Drug Store, New- for the difference on his half-yearly acct. ordered that the Warden and Sec.-Treas. castle.

north. The storm may have had some- A. Landry for Doucet-T. S. DesBrisay patched from the Chatham office on question fully and will no doubt insist on Thursday evening they should have their right to regulate the affairs of the the I. C. R. on Friday. This edition and will not be intimidated to do otherleaves this office and Chatham on Wednesday evening and should reach Newcastle, Nelson, Bathurst, Dalhousie, Campbelltraceable to negligence of post-masters ing. Coun. Poirier of Grand Ance was precept and mail-carriers is becoming of such fre- chosen Warden. A full report of the quent occurrence that we will be obliged | business transacted will appear again. if our patrons report irregularities to us.

Burned to Death

On Wednesday night last, while the storm was raging, the dwelling of an old couple, Mr. Wm. Ross and wife. aged about 80 years, living about a mile and a half up Bartholomew River, in this County, was discovered to be on fire. Their daughter, the only other person living in the house with them, gave the alarm to her brother, whose dwelling was near by, but before he got to the scene the fire had made consid. erable progress and it was with difficulty that he rescued his mother, whose face and hands were severely burned. Getting her ouside, the son returned through the smoke and flames to the bed where his they will be fined for neglect of duty. father, an invalid, was lying, but he succeeded only in barely touching the bed post when he was forced to retreat and leave the poor old man to his fate. When the building was consumed the body was found burned to a crisp.

Kent County. Notes.

JANUARY 27th. The County Court opened on Tuesday last, Mr. Justice Botsford presiding. The

following cases were disposed of:-Philip Woods vs. Alfred D. Weldon and George Raymond, jr. - verdict for plaintiff as against defendant Raymond, and verdict for defendant Weldon-C. Richardson for plaintiff; G. V. McInerney for Sheriff of Westmoreland County-Verdict for plaintiff \$150-C. J. Sayre for plff.; C. A. Steeves for deft. This case was tried before His Honor Judge Wilkinson. to polling districts for the election of share towards building up the country that the makings have been among our men or to polling districts for the election of share towards building up the country that the issue was confused by the deci-John Robertson verdict for defendants. No. 2 to be that part of the parish of The news of the dynamite explosion at along the lines of true prosperity, if it had judgment cr. vs. J. W. Harnett and Rock settlement. District No. 1 to be has been the one all-absorbing topic of defts. The Court will probably termiline. nate at the close of this case.

"OUR COUNTRY," Mr. G. V. MeInerney lectured on this subject on Monday evening in the Temperance Hall to a large, intelligent and highly appreciative audience. The talented lecturer was listened to with marked attention through- Hache, Brisson, Legere, Roy, Ahier, out, and made a favorable impression on Ferguson. his hearers. Robert Hutchison, Esq.,

The recent cold weather has been high ly favorable for the smelt buyers and packers. The catch of fish has fallen off slightly and prices have advanced some of erection, be exempt from taxes for a

The weather to-day has been very cold, with high winds. Thermometer about 5 degrees below zero.

His Honor Judge Wilkinson left by Coun. Ahier that a Committee of one from train yesterday morning for Newcast?e. Richibucto will be well represented [mun-Council what roads should be used as icipally) at the Ball at "Brunswick winter roads in order that the commis-House," Moncton, to-morrow evening, The shire town mourns the sudden de parture of one of its promineut merchants who has joined the exodus.

Richibucto, Jan. 27.

Bathurst Notes. [Deferred from last week.]

JANY 20th, 1885. SUPPER AND PRESENTATION .- Owing to Young that the sum of \$1,750 be assessed several of the agencies of the Merchant's and that the said sum be apportioned on Bank of Halifax, Mr. E: S. Johnstone, the different parishes as follows :the efficient and obliging Accountant who has been here for upwards of a year was New Bandon, \$227.50 : Caraquet, \$252; last week removed to Bridgewater, N. S. Inkerman, \$87.50; Summarcz, \$168; Ship-During his stay in Bathurst Mr. John- pegan, \$157.50; St. Isidore, \$35. and obliging manner won for himself claimed that it should be on the community and the news of his removal a verbal amendment which after some was received with universal expressions of discussion he withdrew, stating he would regret. On the evening of his departure be prepared with one in the morning. About seventy sat down. The Chair was negative.

ting words proposed the guest of the evening. He at the same time presented Mr-Johnstone on behalf of his Bathurst ham, Miramichi, N. B, every Thursday morning n time for despatch by the earliest mails of friends with a handsome gold watch bear-It s sent to any address in Canada, the United ing the inscription "Presented to E. S. Johnstone by his Bathurst friends as a C. Coughlan. \$1.50 token of their friendship and esteem, January, 1885",-and his monogram on

the hearty wishes of a large circle of

friends for his future happiness and pros-

perity. Mr. J's brother Masons presen-

A Novel Case—Bathurst was treated

namely, Laman R. Doucet, Sheriff of the

County Council has power to regulate the

ted him with a handsome apron in

Russia leather case.

instituted by Sheriff Doucet.

on Tuesday last, There was a full at-

tendance of Councillors. On motion of

Coun. Young Coun. Pourier of New

Bandon was unanimously elected Warden.

Accounts, Parish Accounts, Collectors

and Collecting Justices, Highway and

Bye-Road Commissioners and Petitions-

were appointed and assumed work and

sat throughout the remainder of the day.

Parish lists were made the order of the

On Wednesday morning Coun. Taylor

of Shippegan called attention to the state

of the roads in the lower enl of County

and asked that Overseers be notified that

Ordered-On motion of Coun. Young

seconded by Coun. Ahier that the annual

election of Councillors be held on the first

Petitions of A. Ramsay, Ivers Adams

Mara Gotra and ratepayers of St. Peter's

Village are referred to Com. on Petitions.

Moved by Coup. White seconded by

Coun. Melancon that the fire district of

the town of Bathurst comprise that por-

don seconded by Coun. White that the

The vote being taken-Yeas-Couns.

Hall. Nays-Couns. White, Young,

The original motion was then carried on

Moved by Coun. Hache seconded by

Coun. Walsh that the stone mill of John

Louis Landry, in Caraquet, now in course

period of ten years.-Carried.

Adjournment is moved and lost.

Coun. Ahier moves, seconded by Coun.

same vote reversed.

\$1,300.

districts remain as they are at present.

Murray street to St. John

day for Wednesday afternoon.

Tuesday in October.

Moved by Coun. Young, seconded by Coun. Ahier, that \$1000 be assessed on the shield. Mr. Johnstone replied thank-County towards redemption of loan and ing his many friends for such a handsome payment of interest-Carried. gift and expressing his regret at having to

Coun. Hall here moved his promised leave. He would always remember the resolution, the preamble of which year spent in Bathurst as one of the hap. rather lengthy for a brief report. It corpiest of his life and hoped to return to see cluded with a resolution that \$1,750 all his old friends at no distant day. The should be assessed and apportioned on

scale of 1876. "Caraquet Railway" "The Ladies" re-Coun. Young claims that the motion is sponded to by Mr. Wm. Sivewright which out of order. It being the same subject produced a continuous round of laughter as was dealt with the previous evening. and applause and "Our Host and Hostess" proposed by Mr. Johnstone in very warm and Conn. Young appealed from the deand grateful terms and responded to by cision of the chair. The appeal was susfriend Wilbur. A pleasant and very en joyable evening was brought to a close by motion dropped. singing "Auld Lang Syne" and God save

The following bills were read preparathe Queen. Mr. Johnstone left immedi- | tory to their being presented to the Legisately in the down express followed by lature. A Bill to incorporate the Gulf Shore Railway Company. (This line proposed to run from Caraquet to Tracadie or some point in Summarez.)

A Bill to amend Chap. 90 Con. Stat. so far as relates to County of Gloucester. This is to provide for the abolition of the

July session of Council. A Bill to authorize school district No 2, Bathurst, to issue debentures. This to provide for the etection of a school house in the town of Bathurst. A bill to amount they will allow the gaoler for authorize the town of Bathurst Fire Disboard of prisoners and is of interest to trict to issue Debentures.

A bill to authorize the Caraquet Railway to do so. ous to January 1884 the County Council Company to increase its capital stock allowed Sheriff Doucet \$1.80 per week five hundred thousand dollars additional. for prisoners' board which amount was and to issue debentures to a further sum fixed by the Council in 1882 on Doucet of \$250,000 to enable them to build a branch line to Tracadie. A bill to incor-\$1.60 per week previous to '82 and in porate the Bathurst water supply comwhich Doucet refuses to accept and sues

On motion of Coun. Young it was passed in July last. A verdict was given on behalf of the Council do petition the for Doucet for amount claimed. The Government for aid towards the Gulf matter will go up on review so as to get | Shore Railway. Report on Petitions read ceived numerous complaints of the non- a decision on the right of the Council to and adopted. None of petitions were delivery of the ADVANCE of last week, regulate the amount. D. G. Maclauchlan, entertained. The following amounts especially from Newcastle and points Commissioner Parish Court, presided-N. were ordered to be assessed on the different parishes for the support of the poor thing to do with the irregularity, but as for Municipality. The Council who are Beresford, \$549.87; Inkerman, \$16.91; the bags containing the papers were des- now in Session will probably discuss the Caraquet, \$134.24; St. Isidore, \$11.50; Shippegan, \$6.32; Summarez, \$11.03; New Bandon, \$223.15. It is ordered that reached Newcastle and other places along | County as they deem best in its interests | the sum of \$1,200 be assessed on Bathurst parish towards the maintenance of the wise through fear of legal proceedings almshouse.

On motion of Coun. Hall, seconded by County Council-The January Session | Coun. Roy it is ordered that the Collecton, etc. on Thursday. Non-delivery of the County Council opened this morn- tors of rates, Beresford, be paid on face of

> Moved by Coun. Young seconded by Couns. Ahier and Walsh-That this Council record their appreciation of the energy County Council. - The January session and push which Mr. Burns the Manager of the Gloucester County Council opened of the Caraquet railway has evinced the rapid construction of the work and desire to express to Mr. Burns their warm approval of his public-spirited services on behalf of the County. Passed The usual standing committee on County unanimously.

The Council visited the gaol in a body, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the Warden and Secretary for the efficient manner in which they had discharged their duties and the Council adjourned

Correspondence.

Halifax Letter.

[SPECIAL "ADVANCE" CORRESPONDENCE.] HALIFAX, N. S., JAN'Y 27TH 1885. Again the merry jingle of the sleigh pells is heard on our streets, business has apparently received an encouraging impetus, the hackmen are more than usually polite, for the prospect of good sleighing has cheered them up, and while the anow lasts they expect to reap a little harvest-their first of the season.

tion of the town proper bounded on the On Saturday last the Barristers took South by Munro street, thence along advantage of the good roads, and a large | what does it mean? It means that street representation of them went to Bedford thence along St. John St. to Black on their annual drive. On this occasion | turn to the license law. Can this be pos-St. thence following Highway to Nepisi- the after-dinner speeches were particular- sible? Let us look at it. Is it not true quit Bridge thence across the bridge to ly happy and witty, and our young Bar- that the drinking habits of the people Council by their legal adviser, so that highway leading to Burns' mill thence risters were not backward in taking ad- here, as elsewhere, are the most prolific there could be no misunderstanding. And defts. R. N. Doherty vs. R. A. Chapman, along said highway to and including vantage of the opportunity to deliver cause of the poverty existing in the yet this responsible body, by a vote of 15 Burns' mill-Carried. Moved by Coun. Brisson, seconded by Coun. Hache that manner proving to those who were fortu- in hovels of wretchedness and want would,

H. H. James and C. Richardson for plain New Bandon between Leagues Brook and Westminster Hall London caused much tiff-C. J. Sayre for defts. Henry Wry, Big Pockshaw bridge including the Black excitement here, and since Saturday it Roderick McDonald, Joseph Grogan, the remaining portion of the parish of conversation. Public opinion has been judgment dr. -C. J. Sayre for plff.; C, New Bandor, that is to say between Big fully roused, and natural indignation is Richardson and G. V. McInerney for Pockshaw bridge and the lower parish very strongly and emphatically expressed on all sides. The murderous atrocity of Moved in amendment by Coun. Rear- the dastardly deed has awakened the most intense feelings against the cowardly villains who so treacherously planned to destroy the lives of many innocent people, Reardon, Young, Walsh, Cowan, Taylor, and the destruction of property for no cause whatever. The men who advocate the free use of dynamite should have no mercy shown to them whether on English

> We have been treated to several good lectures this winter, and many are anticipating a pleasant and healthful evening on Thursday next, when Mr. F. C. Sumichrast is to lecture on King Rhine, at the Academy of Music under very Parish lists for the several parishes are distinguished patronage. Mr. Sumichrast has established for himself quite an en. Moved by Coun. Brisson seconded by viable reputation as a lecturer, and his beautiful and talented language has won each parish be appointed to report to the for him many admirers. Joseph Cook lectured to full houses during his short stay here. Many admired his logic and sioners may be instructed to have them profound depth of thought, while others properly bushed. - Carried and Committe again expressed disappointment, but on ppointed accordingly. Committee on the whole he is credited with having County accounts submit their report created a favorable impression here and which is adopted. They recommend pay- taking away a considerable amount of ment of accounts amounting to about

The cold weather of the past week has made good skating at our rinks, and fancy dress carnivals will now be in order. Much money will be spent on costumes changes that have been made lately in on the county for County contingencies for these events, the first of which takes place at the Roller Rink on Thursday evening, and another is to be held at the Bathurst, \$565.25; Beresford, \$257.25 Dartmouth Rink on Friday evening. They promise to be grand affairs, and

will no doubt be well patronized. The first Curling match of the season was played in the Halifax Rink on Saturday last, when three rinks of the Trnro many friends among all classes of the basis of the valuation of 1876. He moved Club suffered defeat at the hands of the city club who won the game by 22 points. A subject that is receiving much attention now, through the press and elsea number of his friends tendered him an Coun. Ahier's motion was then carried, where is the Scott Act movement. Temoyster supper at the Wilbur House. Couns. Hall, Roy, Melancon voting in the perance people have been considering the advisability of putting the act to the occupied K. F. Burns, Esq., M. P., On Thursday morning Liquor Licenses test in Halifax. It is almost needless to having the evening on his under the Provincial Act were granted to say how futile such an act would prove right and Senator Ferguson on his left. the following persons-Beresford-E. Hut in our city. About the only effect it that Coun. Whelan offered what seemed The Vice chair was occupied by W. J. chison, John Curry, Robt. H. Smith. would have, would be to drive all respect-O'Brien, Esq., Collector of Customs. After Bathurst—A. Gallant, Thos. Leahy, An- able dealers out of the business, which, was introduced at all; but that may posthe oysters had been amply discussed the toine Blois, Esq., J. Meahan, Harry nevertheless would be carried on just the sibly be due to the internal necessities of ward Island for the maiuland and no ing to tell the terrible tale.

About four o'clock all were toasts for evening were taken up—"The White, Jas. Buchannan, J. H. Wilbur, same by those who would sell openly and the Council or to some other occult cause tidings of them was received until Friday Queen," "Governor General" "House of Commons and Senate"—having been duly Commons and Senate of the law. The general opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be considered until Friday when it was learned that the passengers opinion seems to prevail that it would be consid honored, Mr. Burns in a few kind and fithonored, Mr. Burns in a few kind and fitland landed xnausted, frost bitten went out and immediately, land ahoy! not have a few kind and fitland landed xnausted, frost bitten went out and immediately, land ahoy! not have a few kind and fitland landed xnausted, frost bitten have a few kind and fitland landed xnausted, frost bitten have been seen and immediately, land ahoy! not have a few kind and fitland landed xnausted, frost bitten have been seen and immediately, land ahoy! not have a few kind and fitland landed xnausted, frost bitten have been seen and immediately, land ahoy! not have a few kind and fitland landed xnausted, frost bitten have been seen and immediately, land ahoy! not have been seen and immediately have been seen and

Isaac Chamberlain. Caraquet-Richard | put the act to the vote at this time. It Blackhall, Joseph N. LeBoutillier John has done little good in other places, and This levity, however, if not due to an ill-B. Poirier, Louis B. Porier, Hypolite Landry, it might have a very discouraging result Maxim Cormier. Shippegan-David Webin Halifax. I believe it is in force in ster. Eutrope DeGrace. Tracadie-Joseph Chatham-may I ask how successful it thought with respect to the rights of has been, and has it been the means of preventing the sale of intoxicating liquors

W. B. The Act is an absolute failure here. It lege of voting directly for Councillors or is not enforced, and there does not seem to be any less intoxicating liquor sold and drunk than under the license system, to which our people are anxious to return.

The Municipal Council and the Scott Act.

DEAR ADVANCE-With your permission The warden allowed the motion to be put I would like to say a word on the above subject. Your readers have observed that at the late meeting of the Council tained by the Council and Coun. Hall's a resolution was passed in favor of repealing the Scott Act and returning to the These officials received a respectful me-

> Now the question is, are we ready for this step? Are we sure it would good thing to do? Are we certain as in timated in the resolution "a repeal of the Scott Act, and a return to the license system is highly desirable in the interests of the ratepayers of the County."

I for one feel we ought to be very sure in this matter before taking the step suggested. I know I voice the sentiment thousands in this County when I say we are not prepared to adopt the policy sketched by our Council simply because we do not believe it would be in the interests of this County or any other county | is true it may be said that as Councillors |

This is a great moral question, and therefore one which must be argued more from a moral stand-point than from any other. The question is, what is right or wrong? not what is most in the interest of our

I do not object to the financial question | to complain, because it would then seem that the temperance party can raise this question too. They have done it in the guments have been made out against the as all law-abiding citizens in the unblush liquor traffic, looking at it simply from the money stand-point, which are hard to meet and which never have been met. We notice one of the complaints is, that the Scott Act has proved inoperative and ineffectual, and that the sale of intoxicating drink has not been lessened but rather increased. There is room right here, I believe, for difference of opinion but we will not stop to argue that point. We admit that the law has been openly violated and that in a measure it has been neffectual, but why so? Is it because the law is not good in itself? This we will not admit. The law we believe is a good one as far as it goes and the only reason it has not been more effectual is because it has not been enforced. Two reasons I think may be assigned for this-For a considerable time since the Scott Act was adopted, the question of its constitutionality has been before either the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council or before some of the courts of the Dominion. This has naturally been a great hindrance in going forward with the work

of prosecutions. Another reason why the Act has not been enforced is that many in positions of influence, among them evidently many of the members of the Municipal, Council are not in sympathy with it, or at least are not prepared to give their influence towards carrying out its provisions, though it is as much a law of the land as any other on our Statute Books. Perhaps the Temperance party

will have to come in for their share of the blame also. All this may be true, and yet this is a very poor argument in favor of repealing a law, which, if enforced, is But, as usual, the argument which carried weight with those in the Council who voted in favor of repeal, was the financial one. The sad complaint is that

the Council is deprived of \$2500 per annum, formerly obtained from the sale liquor. Now let us look at this argument. would be better for us financially to retheir perorations in the best possible County? Is it not true that many living

> Our Alms House and Jail are built and third of the fines would be illegal for Coun. maintained at a great cost to the County. and who is it that are to be found there? Is it not, in a very large majority of cases, men and women who have been brought there directly or indirectly through strong drink? And is it not true that the liquor traffic is responsible for a very large proportion of the drunkenness of the land If, therefore, drunkenness is the cause of nine-tenths of the poverty of our people and the one great hindrance to prosperity; if it is the means of filling our Alms House and our jail with inmates, I would ask how it can be even in the financial interests of any people to license men to make drunkards? But it is said, let us return to the license system and then we shall be in a position to regulate the traffic. But we would ask where and when was the liquor traffic regulated under a license system? Is it not true that there was a very much larger quantity of liquor sold in this county a year ago than there is today. Is it not true that the time was when nearly every store in the towns and many of the private houses along the way side sold rum and all too under the li

cense system? The fact is that all this talk about regulating the liquor traffic by any license system, high or low, though it may sound well, is the merest folly, we may as well talk of throwing open our ports to the Asiatie cholera and courting the fatal contagion upon the plea that we would regulate it when it got into our midst, as to think of regulating the rum business by a license system.

But I fear I have already encroached too far on your valuable space, and by your leave, I would like to look at the question from the moral stand point in my next. I. E. BILL, JR.

county should not be allowed to forget. The Council and the Canada Temperance Act.

To the Editor of the Advance. SIR: -I trust you will allow me privilege of making a few criticisms upon the action of the Municipal Council of Northumberland Co. with reference to a memorial presented to them at their last meeting signed by a large number of respectable residents of Chatham and Newcastle and a number which would have been much greater, if it were not that the promoters of the memorial in Chatham had only three working days after the printing of the document in which to ask for signatures, and those in Newcastle only two. I have no criticism to make upon the spirit in which the petition was received. Attention might, perhaps, be called to the fact thet it was at first intended to have it presented on Friday morning, and to the curious circumstance every much like a counter resolution on

petition created some little amusement. trained sense of humor on the part of the Wednesday evening respecting the fears nearer seven miles than three. The feet gentlemen of the Council, possibly betrayed nothing more than a want of adult residents of the County (some of them racepayers) who are as much entitled to claim from the Council redress and protection as any who have the priviother public functionaries. The senti- the Collectors of Customs at Pugwash tinue to move one boat. We had to row mental aspect of the case, which reminds us that these women were pleading in their petition on behalf of the wives, mothers and daughters of the community whose lives and homes are blighted through the unrestricted though illegal sale of alcoholic and other poisons, is of course not to be taken into account by public men bent on the stern and impartial discharge of official duty. However, leaving these matters aside

for the present, I shall come to the proper

other things, that the Scott Act or the

to carry out, should be abolished and.

working committee to help forward the

repeal of the obnoxious Act. The plea

nication. I would here only beg

leave to add the recommendation

to the framer of this resolution

and his innocent followers to settle, be

fore they begin their active crusade, the

somewhat important point whether they

know what they are aiming at, whether

it is the "Scott Act," or the "Dominion

Liquor License Law" that has been in

force in this County, and needs to be

repealed. It is certainly not both, inas-

much as they are mutually exclusive, a

fact which every intelligent person in

Canada ought to be presumed to know.

Those of our citizens who are out of sym

paty with the object of this new campaign

against "intemperance" must still wish,

for the credit of the Municipality, that

these Councillors, when on this unofficial

but high moral mission, may get some

faint idea as to what the evil is they are

contending against, especially before they

call meetings to ascertain the feeling of

the people as to the repeal of said Acts"

(see the fifth clause of Coun. Whelan's

But another and still graver charge

must be brought against the majority of

the Council. The Canada Temperance or

from the prosecutions for violations of the

be appropriated by the latter for the

carrying out of its provisions. The mean-

to 7, decided to refuse to obey the LAW.

It is difficult to believe this, but the

effect that a grant of money outside of the

Adams, according to the official report,

moved that precisely this third of the

fines be granted. Nor can it be urged in

mitigation of the offence against the LAW,

that the sum was too small to be granted

for such a purpose. It is not too small to

begin to do justice with, especially as the

grant is demanded by the LAW, whether

it be small or great, And if it is not

granted, what are our honorable Council

discreditable also to them.

furthermore, organize themselves into a

subject of this letter, and begin by ap in carrying out the work. pealing to the community represented by these gentlemen whether they are satisfiel with the attitude maintained by the majority of the Council towards the Law. morial asking them to take measures to and toiled all day over difficult ice. At Newton Muttart at a neighbor's house help the Law of the land to its rights, nightfall they could just disern Tormen. and Mr. Glidden was found in a barn and especially to make a grant of money time light. The men were completely for the same end, which, to a certain extent, they were bound to do by the Law itself. Now what have these guardians what they thought a forlorn hope. All man, Sandy Muttart, was found in a of our interests done? Acting upon legal hands laid down under the lea of two marsh perfectly speechless, with his face advice, as well as upon their own convic- boats to rest, breaking up the third boat tions, they refused to make from the funds of the County any appropriation for this purpose, and, for this action, they are, of course, not to be blamed. But could they not have given some answer to the petition, expressing sympathy with its object—tha efficient protection of the community from violations of the Law? Do they want to put themselves on record before their constituents as being opposed to Law? It looks very much like it. It their duties are only of a ministerial and executive character; they have no right | dropped down, declaring that they could to overstep their proper province which confines them to the granting of moneys for public purposes, receiving and adjudging accounts against the County, and men pushed on, urging their companions similar purely business functions. Well, | till, about to give up in despair, Capt. if they had adhered to this theory of Muncey Irving saw the spire of a church their duties we should not have any right being raised, but let it be remembered as though a high sense of the dignity of ed exertions, knowing that once ashore their position and of official decorum had they were all right. The people of Argyle restrained them from an expression of the Shore, seeing them off on the ice, met indignation that filled their souls at the outrage inflicted upon themselves as well or them as best they could. ing and general violation of the Law. But that they could interpret their functions liberally enough when the principle more or less frost-bitten. of upholding the Law was not at stake, i plain from the fact that a majority, nearly Dr. McIntyre, M. P., was frozen quite the same, passed a resolution, with liberal

> Dominion Liquor License Law have provmost miraculous, the weather being exed inoperative and ineffectual for the prevention of intemperance in this County." So it appears that when it comes to an expression of opinion upon the merits or he greatest joy possible manifested on practical value of the Law which they are asked to help to enforce, as they are P. E. I. over the good news of the safe officially bound to do, and upon whose landing of the ice boats. violation they are so significently silent, they become suddenly eloquent and declare that the Law, which they refuse to help

Volunteer parties were out all day | ELECTRIC LIGHT CARNIVAL, Thursday in various directions. The passengers were seven in number, Dr. McIntyre, M. P. for Kings, P. E.I.

J. A. Morrison, of Halifax, and well upon which they have begun this agitaknown to business men along the North tion for the re-enactment of the old license aw may be dealt with in another commu-J. A. Fraser and Aaron Wilson, o Summerside. P. Farrell, messenger of the House ommous, Ottawa. A. M. Glidden, of Boston, and another

> The crews of the boats were:-Capt. N. Muttart. Capt. Muncey, Irving H. Campbell, E. Bell, Alex. Muttart Wm. Howatt.

Wm. Campbell. I. The remainder belonged to Cape Tor-Hanford Allen, Geo. Allen,

The Halifax Herald publishes an inter-

"We left Cape Traverse" he said, 'at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning. A snowstorm was then setting in from the Wednesday and east. The weather looked threatening Scott Act, which in spite of the evident | The ice was running west at from three ignorance of the mover of the above reso- to four miles an hour. The boats were all good and well built for the service. sure and fast. Law in this county pro- but their equipment was totally inadequate. They were without axes, without compasses, save a small pocket one owned by Captain Irving, which might or might not be accurate, and without any provisions. A small keg of water was taken for twenty-two men and only two lucifer the boats and pockets of the whole number. Not a lantern was even attached to the boats. In fact there was no preparation whatever for the terrible passage we have undergone. Immediately on ON the road between Chatham and Newcastle—

N the road between Chatham and Newcastle—

A Fur Tippet. The finder will be rewarded on statement, with the record of the names, leaving the board ice, James A Morrison leaving it at this office:

froze stiff; walking to him then became terribly from cold and exposure.

it to other municipal purposes, such as that among the whole crowd there were the building of a new jail, or the repairing of the present one, for the better accommodation of the criminals whom the Council help to make by refusing to act as the Law requires them to do in the way of preventing the sale of the prime agent of criminality? two, used the handle end and a boat hook, Or are they going to carry out the spirit and with these broke up the boat for fuel. of the act and employ it some other way The work of breaking the boat, considerthat in their view may better advance the interests of temperance and justice? As it stands, the vote is discreditable to our Council, and unless repudiated by the community at large, to whom I suppose the Councillors are, in the last instance, responsible, must be held to be But there is one name in the roll of the majority upon Coun. Whelau's resolution which deserves to be mentioned with honor, and we are thankful to Coun. Tozer for asking that the names be recorded They will be useful for reference hereafter. Coun. Baldwin believed that a license law should be re enacted, and conscientiously voted with the majority for resolution to that effect. But he also believed that the Law should have its say and have its way and he accordingly voted with equal conscientionsness with the minority upon Coun. Adams' resolution, and thus placed his name upon a from the smoky cabin came prayers for roll of honor which the people of this

now, to take part in the discussion of this burning subject, it is due to the Coun- again return to the smoky cabin to obtain cillors who enquired whether the names whatever warmth it afforded. of women and children were not on the the signers were ratepayers. It was not a feeling of levity, but a desire to elicit and on through the day the ice separating the truth from Councillor Adams, that

led to the enquiry referred to. It is right, also, to remark that our correspondent is in error when he says the Council proposed to re-enact the old li-Mr. Fraser's account continues, cense law. That law, we think, is generally acknowledged to have been inoperative. EDITOR.

J. F. McCurdy.

The Dangers of the Straits.

petitions, for us to say that the gentle

man who presented the latter stated that

Painful suspense was caused throughout Canada last week by the announcement that on Wednesday morning- just on the eve of the great storm-three boats with

The Postmastea of Charlottetown had wildly to work, packed everything into telegraphed the government at Ottawa on along the coast in the neighbourhood be coast to render every possible assistance to the missing boats on behalf of the Gov. Government steamer Northern Light im-

is told as follows: They left Cape Traexhausted and refused to go further, on and using it sparingly as fuel to prevent death by freezing. Next morning, they found they had drifted a long way from their position the previous night and though they were suffering from frost He was much exhausted by the long bites and exhaustion, they resumed their drive, otherwise his condition was favorweary march, which they continued all day. Being weak from want of food, their progress was slow. Toward the go no further and wishing to be left to die, However, the more hardy of the and encouraged his companions to renewthem and assisted them ashore and cared Some of the people were snow blind

and all, except Capt. Muncey Irving,

badly and was snow blind and unable to comments upon the same, declaring, among help his fellow voyagers professionally. The escape of the men from death is al-

Bells were rung in Charlottetown and

name not known.

Edward Trenholm, (2nd.) GRAND FANCY Edward McGlashing.

view with Mr. James Fraser, in the Charlottetown Hospital from which we take the following,-

lution (see the third clause thereof) is still vides that one-third of the fines accruing Act and deposited with the Council, shall ing of this clause of the Law is plain, sion of the Sec.-Treasurer to the

difficult, and he from the outset suffered Having lost their way they resolved to turn back at dark. Mr. Fraser says,-Slowly moving back to a place considered safe for the night, we upset two boats, placed their gunwales together. placed the third boat with baggage, etc., to windward, and thus completed a temporary cabin. Then taking some tin off the bottom of the boats, we constructed a fireplace and prepared fuel of oars. When going to do with it? Are they to divert thus prepared the fact became known only two matches to be found. The most was made of these and the fire was lit. The oars were soon consumed, and it was found necessary to break up one of the boats, but when we came to do this we found there was no axe. Welthen broke an oar in ing it was strongly built and tinned over, was a difficult job, and my poor feet suffered jumping upon it, Enough fuel being thus obtained, we ceased work for the night. It was now about eight o'clock. The hail and sleet were blinding and the cold was intense. In company with James Morrison, I spent the night outside the cabin. I marked the time from eight o'clock on Wednesday evening till five o'clock on Thursday morning. At times I would get down or a trunk with Morrison, but the biting frost would never fail to keep myself and Morrison on the move. At five o'clock in the morning I went for the first time in side the cabin to warm myself. and most earnestly pray to God I shall never witness the sight again which was there presented to me. A motley group of strong men, crouched around the fire. famished, shivering and exhausted; while relief and blashemies intermingled. Oc casionally a man almost overcome by suffocation would dash through the smoke of [While we do not feel called upon, just | the cabin and fall exhausted on the ice.

Revived by the piercing cold air he would The wind shifted and blew a gale at midnight, while it also became colder, and the hapless people suffered till morning nearly under them and forcing them to move their temporary shelter as they were driven from the threatening waves.

At noon on Thursday the cold was al most beyond endurance and the fuel was most consumed. We then looked ahead for fuel to last Thursday night. We reckoned on the balance of the boat, three trunks and a quantity of mail, newspaper matter, etc., to last us till Friday morning. By this time most of the men had given up all hopes of reaching land. For my part I think if we had had to spend Thursday night in the gulf there would be few remaining on Friday morn-About four o'clock all were huddled in

the two remaining boats and a start was entertained for the safety of the party and lands of a great many were frozen requesting that the Dominion officials and some were only able to follow the instructed to search for the missing boats we struck the board ice. It was and assist in their rescue if possible The a struggle for life over a hard deputy minister of Marine telegraphed to road. The two crews of men had to con-Wallace, Tatamagouche, and River oars between the two boats. Our way John, as well as to the agents of the Mar- was made by rocking the boats in the ine Department at Pictou, to search the lolly. When we got to the board ice we left the boats when we got them twenty feet on it, the crews positively refusing to haul them an inch further. Alernment. The agents of the department most simultaneously every man started at Pictou were requested to despatch the from the shore without bag or baggage. There was no order of our going, The

mediately to the assistance of the missing weaker followed. Morrison and I brought strongest man went to the front; the boats, and to spare no expense or trouble, up the rear, as I wanted to take my valises. Morrison was pretty weak, but he The story os the iceboats and the men shortly got ahead of me, as I was weighted by the valises. Three of our number verse at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, to search for them. They found Capt. were missing, and a party was sent out with hands and feet badly frozen. He had followed Capt. Muttart but was not Regular Coachesto trains leaving and arriving at able to keep up with him. The other badly frozen. The people at the house (Angus McPhail's) vied with one another

town Sunday evening. He occupies comfortable quarters at the Rankin hotel, able. Dr. McKay, who is attending him, says Morrison may lose some of his toes, but at present he suffers most from cold and exposure. Dr. McIntyre came evening of Thursday some of the men to Charlottetown on Saturday. He will remain a few days at home before going to Ottawa.

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