

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

MR. CANTLEY'S BENEFIT at the Chatham Bunk on Tuesday evening was quite a success.

A CLEAR MESSAGE.—All advices indicate that the Local Government will practically sweep the province in the coming elections.

IN GLOUCESTER MESSRS. RYAN and McManus are being enthusiastically supported, while Messrs. Murray and Labllois are sure cards for Restigouche.

MAKING READY.—The pilots and other owners of local tonnage are showing signs of activity in preparing their craft for the opening of navigation.

REMEMBER!—Messrs. Gillespie and Borchill are attacked by Messrs. Adams and Park's friends because they helped the Northern & Western Railway, and secured a subsidy for a steamer to run down river, and yet both these gentlemen ask those who are benefitted by both boat and railway for their votes.

1105, Miramichi Council No. 441, Royal Academy, is opened for regular duty on the first and third Fridays of each month, in their rooms, Masonic Hall, Chatham, N.B. John S. Benson, M.D., Recd. and Medical Examiner; Wm. Wilson, Collector; John Fotheringham, Secretary. Present membership of the order 62,000.

S. of T.—At the last regular meeting of Caledonia Division, No. 126, Sons of Temperance, Douglastown, the following officers were installed for the ensuing quarter:

Robert Jessamine, W. P.; William F. Yorkston, W. A.; John Russell, R. S.; Elmer Porter, A. R. S.; Thomas McKenzie, F. S.; George Henderson, Treas.; David W. Anderson, Con.; Fred P. Yorkston, A. C.; John Alexander, I. S.; Charles Falconer, O. S.; William H. Russell, P. W. P.

SOCIAL DANCE.—On Thursday evening, 29th inst., a social dance, similar to that given by the Curriers, is to come off in Masonic Hall, Chatham, under the auspices of Chatham Lodge, I. O. O. F. It will no doubt be a great success.

OSCEOLA Tobogganing and Snow Shoe Club intended to close the season with a dance, but in view of the Odd Fellows having made arrangements as above, the idea has been abandoned. The tobogganers, no doubt, turn out in force at the Odd Fellows' dance.

SABRATH SCHOOL CONVENTION FOR KEW CO.—A convention of S. S. workers will be held in Kingston, Kent Co., on the 28th and 29th of June next. Arrangements are being made for the accommodation of delegates and a pleasant and profitable gathering is looked forward to. It is to be hoped that S. S. Superintendents and others who are interested in S. S. work in the Co. will make an effort to attend the coming convention. A programme of topics for discussion will be published before the date of Meeting.

MIRAMICHI YACHT CLUB.—A number of gentlemen from Derby, Newcastle, Nelson, and Chatham held an adjourned meeting at the Waverley House, Newcastle, last Monday afternoon, and completed the organization of the Miramichi Yacht Club. Constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the following officers elected: Commodore, J. C. Miller; Vice-Commodore, J. L. Stewart; Rear Commodore, C. J. Butcher; Sec.-Treasurer, F. Kennedy; Trustees, J. C. Miller, Jas. Miller, Geo. Wat., and P. Wheeler; Measurer, T. Crimmon.

Committees on flags and uniforms were appointed. The club starts with a membership of about thirty. It will have one or two sailing regattas during the season.—World.

THE LATE BOUTOUCHE MYSTERY.—Some time ago a despatch appeared in the Globe stating in effect that detective Skiffington, of the I. C. R. who had been employed by the Local Government of New Brunswick to investigate the whereabouts of a missing man named Menes Perry, from Boutouche, had traced the man and found him in a place about 90 miles from Quebec. In a letter to I. C. R. officers Stevens, Mr. Skiffington said he placed the missing man in January in a place called Murray Bay. He had to drive there from Quebec, there being no railway communication. Perry told the detective he left Boutouche in a schooner and crossed to the North Shore and made his way to Murray Bay. Skiffington says the Boston detective thinks that Perry is McNeil, the absconding cashier of the National Bank of Clinton, Mass., and about a week ago several of the detectives left Quebec for Murray Bay to hunt him up. The writer adds that he has received a very flattering letter from Attorney General Blair, thinking him in the name of the Government of New Brunswick for bringing the case to a successful issue in such a short time, with so little expense. Previous to Skiffington's investigations, detective Ring spent some time in Boutouche making inquiries, and the conclusion he came to was that the man had been foully dealt with, and this was the opinion generally expressed in Boutouche at the time the man first disappeared.—St. John Globe.

Mr. Anthony Adams Replies to Spruce Gum.

EDITOR ADVANCE.—A correspondent in the Advocate of March 21st writes in reference to my letter about the "Steamer Miramichi" I looked it over and decided it was like two grains of wheat in a bushel of chaff—after it is sifted the find is not worth the trouble; and as we are commanded not to answer a fool according to his folly I let him go. In the next issue of the Advocate I find "Spruce Gum" out with another wonderful letter about the steamer "Miramichi" which I will endeavor to answer. Of course I am not well qualified to form an opinion, as my only party bosses have not given me instructions, yet I have been seven years in the sea and coast but, of course, never felt such gales of wind as sometimes are to be encountered about the wharves of Newcastle—gales that annihilate steamboats, railroads and such things. "Spruce Gum" in his first, makes reference to Messrs. Miller & Call, the pioneer steam-boat owners on the river. They are gentlemen for whom I have the highest regard, yet we find them, with all their pluck and energy, getting \$2000 as a subsidy. I, for one, was very thankful they should get it, as they are not selfish with their dollars, but wish the public began to think they were paying too much for the service, so of our members, who I could name, said there was a certain amount in the estimates for steam services, and Northumberland might as well get a share as to let it go elsewhere. "Spruce Gum" says the present Company took a paying business out of the hands of Messrs. Miller & Call. If such was the case, I would like to know how it was. I frequently heard one of those gentlemen say the boats were not paying, and if it wasn't for certain people he would not run them. How has it become a paying business now, when it has gone into the hands of other parties who only ask \$1000 as a bonus? Messrs. Call & Miller never had a boat on down the river, and, therefore, the Company did not take the business out of their hands, but established a line of their own. The first charge "Spruce Gum" makes against the "Miramichi" is that she draws too much water, and cannot approach near the shores. There is here he expresses his ignorance, for if she did not draw so much water she would not be as good a sea-boat, which she must be, as she made her trips every day but one last summer. "Spruce Gum" draws on his imagination when he states my first opinion of the "Miramichi" was not a favorable one. I don't say but that a few improvements can be made in her. Some of them have been made. For instance, the stove was removed after the first trip, and now if there were shutters to the windows where the fish are stored it would be as cool as it is possible to be made. If there was a boat running to the I. C. R. wharf at Newcastle we might ship our fish there until the terminus is made in Chatham. But I think we will have to do with the boat we have for a while until some parties have pluck and energy enough to build a boat to meet "Spruce Gum" ideas—a kind of balloon and wheelbarrow combined, that will skip over the water and wheel every man to his own door. In reference to the men who shipped the oats to Neguac, I may say that when the Company first began to run their boat, they had no agent here, so when parties shipped freight from Chatham it was landed without charge. But when the owners were not here to look after it private parties here had to remove it out of their canoes and store it. It got to be so the parties who had freight took charge of us and Mr. Martin, and if we didn't look after their freight and attend to them night and day, abuse was the thanks we got. So we drew the line and let them attend to their own business. Mr. Martin then charged a very small sum for looking after parties' freight, but like the party with the oats, they never had money to pay. All this was only for a very short time, as the Company appointed Mr. Martin agent here, and no better or more obliging man could be found, and passengers are landed and freights stored and taken care of without extra charge. We should know whether the boat was a convenience to the fish dealers or not, as we had six years experience with a schooner, and always lost a certain amount of fish by not being able to make connections. In 1884 we went with our own fish Messrs. Anderson & Morrison's salmon. By missing connections a lot of fish could not get steamer from St. John on Friday, so the fish would have to lay in St. John until Monday. The way to St. John changed the bills so as to send them through all rail. The fish were lost to a certain extent, and Mr. Morrison and Mr. Anderson made a claim against the railway for a large amount on account of changing the bills. I do not know whether they were settled or not, but I do know our fish never miss connections now, and we have no complaints to make as our fish being spoiled, as they go in better order than they ever did. But perhaps "Spruce Gum" knows more about our business than we do ourselves. He appears to be one of those sticky kind of persons who will poke his nose into other parties' business, and meddle with things that do not concern him. Very likely he is a tool for some other party. He is a coward, anyway, who hasn't the manhood to come out under his own name. When the steamer began to run here there were three schooners freighting from here; now there is none. And should the "Miramichi" be taken off we would be left in a nice fix with no means of sending or receiving freight, and the prospects are that she might be, unless she got the subsidy, as the business she did was not remunerative enough to justify them in running without such aid. So if Mr. Borchill succeeded in getting the \$1000 we must thank him. In reference to my parting words of advice I will say I don't care a chew of "spruce gum" for any party. I know my own business and have an opinion of my own on public questions, and am not the paid tool of a party boss or a conning office-seeker. I remain yours truly, ANTHONY ADAMS.

THEIR to the electors of York Messrs. Blair, Wilson, Bellamy and Moore says,—

"It is admitted that the present Government has displayed unusual promptness in the despatch of public business. It is dealt with promptly with all public questions. It has placed upon the Statute Book a large amount of useful legislation. It has effected many economies and reforms, and has shown a marked interest in the good work. It has firmly and successfully resisted the encroachments of the Dominion Government upon our Provincial Rights. It has adopted an enlightened and conservative policy in relation to the Legislative Council, acting with the Opposition in the People's Chamber, has been incessantly intriguing against its life, and trampling upon the established rights which exclusively belong under Responsible Government to the representatives of the people. Upon these grounds, gentlemen, we appeal to you to give us your support. If we are armed that opposition is necessary and useful, we think you may safely leave it to counties in which, from local or other causes, the Government is not so strongly entrenched in the good opinion of the people as in this County, to furnish this element to the Legislature.

Acting with its usual promptitude, the Government has brought on the elections early, so that they may not interfere unduly with the occupations of the people, and if it should not be possible for us to visit all sections of the county before the day of polling, we hope, as the unanimous choice of the convention, we may mutually receive the cordial support of all who desire to see the present administration sustained. Mr. Mitchell on the Duty of Laying Public Documents on the Table. [Continued from 2nd page.] Mr. Mitchell—Well, I am ready to go if you are ready to have me go. 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