Removal.

The ADVANCE office is removed from the old stand Upper Water Street, to the building next (east) to Messrs. Guy, Bevan & Co's Office, Lower Water Street, Chatham.

Miramichi Advance,

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New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Lumber Shipments.

It has been our annual custom at this season of the year to publish a statement of the shipments of lumber from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to the United Kingdom, and, this year, our labors have been lightened very much by receipt of "J. B. Snowball's Miramichi Wood Trade Circular for 1885" and we reproduce its tables in their entirety on the opposite page. The circular says,—

The depression that existed during the year 1884, and that was supposed to have reached bottom, has continued through the year 1885, now closed. The same discouraging results have been repeated, and a further curtailment of production resorted to.

The extreme depression in the trade and heavy losses sustained, have naturally led those interested to question the policy of the local Government of this Province, in increasing the tax on our timber supply. About a fifth of our Provincial revenue is derived from this source, and as funds were required taxes on this industry have been steadily increased. While the tax in 1874 represented only about twenty cents per thousand superficial feet, or one shilling and eight pence per St. Petersburg standard, it is now increased until the direct tax and land tax (the tax is levied in two forms) amounts to one dollar and forty cents per thousand superficial feet or twelve shillings (12/.) sterling per St. Petersburg Standard. Without dwelling on the enormity of this tax, we feel the Government will have to grapple with the difficulty with a view to reform.

The shipments from this port for the year show a falling off of 20% from last year, and last year's were 27% less than the year 1883.

The total shipments from the Province show a shortage of over 12%. There would be a much greater reduction were it not for the excessive quantity of Nova Scotia goods shipped from St. John this season, which passed as St. John production. Nova Scotia shipments however show an increase of 5.277 St. Petersburg Standards, viz;—40.221 stds. this season against 34.944 stds. for 1884. The only ports in New Brunswick that show any increase are Sackville, Shediac and Cocagne, all ports bordering on Nova Scotia.

The stock being wintered is estimated at 17 millions superficial feet, against 26 millions last year and 40 millions in 1883.

The amount of work being done in the forests is small, much less than for many years past, and this with the very small stock being held over will make next season's shipments show a still further reduction, and this must continue as long as the present unremunerative prices prevail. The stock being wintered at St. John and also the new supply are both on a restricted scale, and consequently all are being held for improved prices.

Crowded Out.

To make room for matter out of the usual course, this week, we are obliged to appropriate space usually given to editorials and general and local news. The great speech of Mr. Blake is begun on the 1st page and we hope to make room for the remainder of it next week.

Hammondi's Career.

ARRESTED IN BOSTON ON THE CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Louis Hammondi will be well remembered in St. John, where he lived for several years, and had much to say and to do concerning the fashions in that city and, indeed, all over the province. He is still in the land of the living, but, just now, is in disgrace.

The Boston *Post* gives some particulars of his capture:

Four or five years ago Messrs L. P. Hollander & Co., the well known Washington street tailors, secured the services of Louis Hammondi to fill the position of head cutter of ladies' and children's garments. Hammondi said he came from Paris a few years before.

He was an expert in his line of business, and commanded a large salary. About a year ago he began to drink heavily, and soon afterward disappeared no one knowing where he had gone. There were suspicions of dishonesty at that time, and Private Detectives Chapman and Dearborn were engaged by the firm to look up the whereabouts of their expert from Paris. It was then found that Hammondi had embezzled a large quantity of goods from the firm, had sold mortgaged property and engaged in other crooked transactions. It was next ascertained that he was in Montreal and the detectives were taken off from his trail.

After arriving in Montreal Hammondi applied to the firm of Henry Morgan & Co, of that city for a position similar to that held by him in Boston. He was given a position at a salary of $160 per month. On Friday last Hammondi mysteriously disappeared, and an investigation showed that he had disposed of several hundred dollars' worth of silk and laces which had been given him to make into suits. A warrant was issued for his arrest, but Hammondi had returned to Boston. A despatch was sent to this city, and Chief Inspector Hanscom assigned Inspectors Skelton and Houghton to keep on the lookout for him. In company with Private Detective Dearborn, the inspectors met Hammondi on Boylston street about four o'clock yesterday afternoon, and arrested him on the charge of embezzling from L. P. Hollander & Co. He was taken to Black's and photographed, after which he was lodged at the Tombs.

It is stated that when Hammondi first came from Paris he worked for a large firm in St. John, N. B. Several years ago he got his financial affairs mixed up and came to Boston, leaving many anxious creditors.

Hammondi is married, and it is said has neglected his wife during the last year. She is still in Montreal, and is heartbroken over her husband's crooked transactions. His recent trouble was the first she ever knew about.

Some of the goods stolen from the Montreal firm were found in South End pawn shops by the inspectors yesterday. When Hammondi arrived in Boston he put up at the Winthrop House, on Bowdoin street, where he remained until he changed for a room in the basement of the court house.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—The numerous friends of Mrs. George Burchill of Nelson will learn with regret that while getting out of her sleigh at home after returning from afternoon service on Sunday last, she fell and broke her ankle.

CURLING.—Skips Chesman and Crimmin, of the Chatham Club, in playing off for the Hutchison medal Tuesday evening tied and were to have another game to decide the contest. In the play for the Harris points medal the following are the scores, so far—Alex. Brown 18, Jas. Johnston 17, D Chesman 16, D. M. Loggie 15, W. Wilson 15, R. Murray 13, A. Ullock 9, W. A. Loggie 8.

GAS CO.—At the Annual Meeting of the Chatham Gas Light Company the following officers were chosen,—

Directors—T. F. Gillespie, John Ellis, R. Hocken, G. I. Wilson, G. A. Blair.

At a meeting of Directors the following officers were chosen—T. F. Gillespie, President, Richard Hocken, Treasurer, M. S. Hocken, Secretary. A dividend of 3% was declared.

DRIVING PARTY.—The *Advocate* gives a description of a driving party, got up by the popular host of the Waverley, Mr. Alex. Stewart, which numbered about sixty persons and visited Chatham in Gremley's "dorry" and other sleighs on Monday night and after enjoying refreshments at Griffin's cafe, returned to the Waverley to a dance and supper. The occasion is said to have been enjoyable all through.

INTERNATIONAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.—We would call attention to the special notice of the International Steamship Company in another column. The fine new steamers of this company having each had their annual overhauling, will both be upon the route on February 9th, and the advantage of a Tuesday trip from St. John will be greatly to the advantage of passengers by this route residing north and east of that point.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—County of Northumberland.—Thomas W. Flett, David Baldwin, Charles Vye, jr., and Patrick Clancey, to be Justices of the Peace.

County of Gloucester.—James R. Landry to be commissioner of the civil court for the parish of Caraquet.

G. M. Duncan, M. D., K. F. Burns, Samuel Melanson, John Sivewright, Jacob White, Thomas Lahey, and John E. O'Brien, to be a board of health for the town and parish of Bathurst.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to approve of the appointment of J. M. Upham Bliss as deputy registrar of wills and deeds for the County of Kent.

GOLDWIN SMITH ON PROHIBITION.—Goldwin Smith's pamphlet on "Temperance versus Prohibition," a copy of which we have received, sets forth many of the Liberal Temperance objections to Prohibition measures in Canada and the United States, and advances views as to the true methods of dealing with intemperance. It is written in Prof. Smith's usually terse and vivid style, and well merits the perusal of both Scott Act and anti-Scott Act advocates. An appendix, by C. Gordon Richardson, deals with Alcohol from a scientific point of view.

NEW MUSIC.—Mr. Myer Moss, bookseller and stationer, has laid on our table a new piece of music entitled "Fern Hill Valse," dedicated to Lady Middleton by Lieut Col G. J. Maunsell, and played by the band of the School of Infantry at Fredericton. It is published by Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, St. John, and is for sale at Mr. Moss's bookstore in Chatham. It is a very "taking" composition and will become a favorite, not only on account of its merits but because of the deserved popularity of the author.

IN TROUBLE.—A London despatch says, "The Jersey bank has suspended. The liabilities are not believed to be heavy. The bank was doing only a small business." It is reported that the firm of Robin & Co., the largest fish dealers in the world, are involved in the Jersey bank. This firm has been carrying on business in Cape Breton for over a century, and have large establishments at Arichat, Cheticamp, besides at various places in New Brunswick and Quebec. It is sincerely to be hoped that they are not seriously affected by the failure, and that the present alleged trouble will only be temporary and will not interfere with their extensive business affairs in this province.—*Halifax Herald.*

A telegram received here yesterday afternoon stated that the firm of Robin & Co. were in difficulties. They have agencies at Caraquet and Shippegan, in New Brunswick.—*Globe* of 16th.

Curling at Bathurst.

A Bathurst correspondent writes,—

A match game was played on Saturday evening, 16th inst., for the oysters at Mrs. Napiers, with the following results,—

W. J. O'Brien,	Walter Buck,
David Leahy,	R. R. Hickson,
F. J. Gatain,	Henry White,
Allan McDonold, Skip 13	A. J. H Stewart, Skip 10.

To-day, Monday, a match game was played for the oysters, with this result,—

J. H. Wilbur, jr.	T. Salter,
Percy Wilbur,	John Miller, jr,
A McDonald,	John Black,
W J O'Brien, Skip 14	Henry White, Skip 11.

To-night the first series of matches for the Skips' Cup begins, Skip Buck against Skip Hickson, and Skip Gatain against Skip Hickson. To-morrow Skip O'Brien plays against Skip White and Skip Burns against Skip Duncan. There are four gold medals to be played for, the medals to be the absolute property of the winners. These medals are presented by Mr. John Black, contractor for the new public building here, W. J. O'Brien, Esq., John Sivewright, Esq., President of the Club and Jacob White, Esq., who, although not a curler himself, takes a great interest in the game.

Maritime Curling Association.

All the curling clubs of New Brunswick and those of Nova Scotia, excepting the Halifax and Cape Breton clubs, were represented at the meeting held in Moncton on Thursday last for the purpose of organizing a Maritime Curling Association. The delegates present were as follows,—

Bathurst, N. B.—W. J. O'Brien, John E. Baldwin.

Chatham, N. B.—Ernest Hutchison, D. G. Smith.

Fredericton, N. B.—A. F. Street, E. H. Allen.

Moncton, N. B.—Dr. Norfolk, Chas. T. Nevins.

Newcastle, N. B.—Jas. Brown, E. Lee Street.

New Glasgow, N. S.—P. A. McGregor, W. A. McIntosh.

Pictou, N. S.—John J. Yorston, Dan'l McDonald.

St. John, N. B.—(St. Andrew's) S. F. Matthews, John White.

St. John, N. B.—(Thistle) A. Malcolm, E. L. Whittaker.

St. Stephen, N. B.—A. F. Street.

Stellarton, N. S.—Jas. R. Corbitt.

Truro, N. S.—W. B. Alley, Geo. Gunn.

On motion of Major Street it was unanimously resolved to form the Maritime Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

On motion of D. G. Smith, Sir Leonard Tilley was unanimously elected patron.

On motion of S. F. Matthews, Ernest Hutchison was unanimously chosen president.

On motion of Major Street, S. F. Matthews was chosen 1st Vice President.

On motion of W. J. O'Brien, John Yorston was chosen 2nd Vice President.

After some discussion, and on motion of W. B. Alley, Rev. John McMillan of Truro Club, but now a resident of Halifax, was unanimously elected Chaplain.

E. L. Whittaker was proposed for Secretary-Treasurer by John White and unanimously elected.

The Managing Committee consists of the above officers, and the following members who were duly chosen,—

Thos. Doran, Stellarton, P. A. McGregor, New Glasgow, Dr. Norfolk, Moncton, John E. Baldwin, Bathurst, E. Lee Street, Newcastle, E. H. Allen, Fredericton, Geo. Gunn, Truro, J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen.

Committee on Annuals—D. G. Smith, Chatham W. B. Alley, Truro, E. L. Whittaker, St. John.

Committee on Complaints and Appeals—A. F. Street, Fton, James Brown, Newcastle, Daniel McDonald, Pictou, P. A. McGregor, New Glasgow, Jas. R. Corbitt, Stellarton.

Auditors—John White, Andrew Malcolm.

A constitution and bye laws were adopted.

After some discussion it was decided that the first Annual Meeting, which will take place on the second Wednesday in October next, at 10 a. m, be held at Moncton.

Mr. Malcolm, on behalf of Hon. Provincial Secretary McLellan, and through the Thistle Club, presented to the Association the McLellan cup as a challenge cup, to be competed for as may be determined by the executive committee. The cup was accepted and the thanks of the society ordered to be conveyed to Hon. Mr. McLellan.

It was also ordered that the Royal Caledonian Club and the Ontario Branch be notified of the formation of the Maritime Branch and that the parent Club be requested to allow this branch to assume the same relationship towards it as held by the Ontario Branch.

It was ordered that the McLellen Cup be played for by the Clubs connected with this organization under the rules governing the competition for the Governor-General's cup.

His Honor, Sir Leonard Tilley, Lieut. Governor, having been notified by telegraph of his election as Patron, sent the following reply which was read by the Secretary and received with applause,—

"I will accept with pleasure. Thanks for the honor conferred. S. L. TILLEY.

The matter of Clubs entertaining each other on occasions when matches are played between them, was discussed quite generally, and while the delegates, as a whole, desired to discountenance the practice, it was felt that it would be better that no positive stand should be taken by the Maritime Association, as a body, lest it might be considered as interfering unduly, with the privileges of individual clubs in a matter of a purely social character.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. McSweeney, proprietor of the Brunswick House for the use of a room for the Delegates' meetings, to the I. C. R. authorities for courtesies extended, and also to the President and Secretary for the manner in which they had discharged their respective duties. The two latter made suitable acknowledgments and the meeting finally adjourned.

A match between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was then made up and played on the ice of the Moncton club in the roller Rink. The rinks engaged and scores were as follows,—

New Brunswick	*Nova Scotia.*
W J O'Brien,	James Corbett,
J E Baldwin,	W J O'Brien,
A F Street,	Geo Gunn,
Andrew Malcolm, skip 6	D. McDonald, skip....12
E L Street,	W McIntosh,
S F Matthews,	W K Allen,
D G Smith,	D M Fraser
E H Allen, skip.....13	John Yorston, skip....22

A scratch match was at the same time played by

Dr W J Norfolk,	W J Weldon,
C Saunders,	W A Davis,
C T Nevins,	J Magee,
S DeForest, skip—8,	Jas Brown, skip—14.

A good deal of enthusiasm was manifested through the game, and particularly at the close, when it was announced that Nova Scotia had won in both rinks. The ice was good and the victors were well pleased with their treatment. Mutual cheering and the best of feeling closed the day's proceedings.

A Tax Grievance.

HARDWICKE, 17th Jan., 1886.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance:

DEAR SIR,—Allow me space in your columns to draw the attention of the Councillors of Hardwicke and Chatham to a matter affecting the latter Parish. The past summer Mr. Wm, Wyse, one of the Commissioners of roads for Chatham, notified me that I would have to pay my road tax in Chatham. I informed him that I had already done my statute labour where I resided in Hardwicke, in Overseer John Mills' district, or that my son had done it for one. He said that I had not done so as he had enquired about it and that I was telling him what was not true. I heard nothing more about the matter until after I had refused to point out to him a certain party's box of fish that he wanted to know among a lot that I had landed out of the steamer "Miramichi," on the wharf. This I had a perfect right to do as Master of the above named steamer. After this, through spite, Mr. Wyse had me served with an execution, and I had to pay it, although I showed His Honor, Justice Blair, a receipt I had got from Overseer Mills, showing where I had done my statute labour in Hardwicke long before I was asked for it by the zealous Chatham Commissioner. How is it that other parties who, like myself, reside in Hardwicke, but are employed in schooners and steamers plying on the Miramichi, were not subject to these attentions, while I was the only one pounced on by the Overseer of Fisheries and Chatham Commissioner? In justice to Hardwicke and myself this road tax wrongfully forced from me by this Chatham Officer through spite ought to be refunded to me and the same charged to Chatham. I am not a resident of Chatham at all as I am only employed in plying between the town and places down river. I do not think it was at all fair dealing to make me pay a tax in Chatham and allow others situated the very same as I was to go free. In the meantime I am, Mr. Editor, yours truly,

JOHN MCLEAN.

Northumberland Municipal Council.

The Annual January session of Northumberland Municipal Council begun at the Council Chamber, Newcastle Court House, on Tuesday, 19th inst, at noon. The list of Members of Council is as follows—

Ludlow.—John McAleer, Samuel Amos.

Blissfield.—Enoch A. Bamford, Jno. T. Mersereau.

Blackville.—B. N. T. Underhill, Michael Whalen.

Northesk.—Michael Ryan, Robt. Adams.

Southesk.—James Somers, Jared Tozer.

Derby.—Jas. Robinson, Jno. Betts.

Rogersville.—Reuben S. Cormier, Peter Thibedeau.

Nelson.—Dan'l Baldwin, Allan A. M. Saunders.

Newcastle.—John Woods, Chas. E Fish.

Chatham.—Roger Flanagan, D. G. Smith.

Glenelg.—Hugh Cameron, Robt. McNaughton.

Hardwicke.—Thos, B. Williston, Michael Bransfield.

Alnwick.—Wm. B. Stewart, Romain Savoy.

On motion, the ex-Warden, Jas, Robinson, Esq., took the chair.

On motion of Coun. Jared Tozer, seconded by Coun. Flanagan and others, Coun. C. E. Fish was appointed Warden, and, on taking the Chair, expressed his thanks to the Council for the honor conferred upon him.

Coun. Baldwin asked the Secretary-Treasurer if all present had filed their qualifications and the oath of allegiance.

The same question was asked by Coun. Tozer, whereupon the Secretary-Treasurer read the names of all who had done so.

In answer to Coun. Betts, the Sec.-Treas. said it was necessary that these qualifications should be filed each year.

Coun. Stewart said the law was positive on the subject and should be properly regarded, or business could not go on when so many Councillors had not qualified.

Coun. Smith said he did not think it was well to split hairs on this question. When a councillor was elected it was a pretty good expression of opinion that the people required his presence at the Board. No breach of the law had been reported, and if any Councillor had inadvertantly omitted to complete his qualification according to the letter of the law there ought to be no objection thereto; especially as nearly all the members of last year's Council, had been allowed to extricate themselves from a similar position after Council had assembled.

The matter thereupon dropped. On motion, Constables Wm. Dalton and John Cassidy were appointed to attend Council, and, after several motions and some discussion, their pay was fixed at $1.10 per day.

The minutes of July session were read by the Secretary-Treasurer and on motion passed.

On motion of Coun. Tozer, seconded by Coun. Smith, J. J. Anslow was appointed official reporter.

Committees were appointed as follows,—

County Accounts—Tozer, Betts, Stewart, Flanagan, Adams.

Parish Accounts—Stewart, Cameron, Somers, Smith, Savoy, McAleer, Baldwin, Woods, Mersereau, Bransfield, Ryan, Underhill, Robinson, Thibedeau.

To examine Alms House Accounts,—Betts, Baldwin, Whalen, Savoy, Flanagan,

To determine the Scale of Assessment according to new valuation—Betts, Smith, Tozer, Woods, Baldwin.

Adjourned for dinner.

Council resumed at 2 o'clock. On motion of Coun. Tozer it was ordered that all committees appointed this session be standing committees for the year.

Committees were appointed as follows

To examine a report upon Jail,—Smith, Robinson, Ryan, Cormier, Whalen.

To examine Alms House,—Betts, Saunders, Flanagan, Bamford.

On motion the Alms House Committee was directed to report on Friday afternoon.

Adjourned for two hours for committee work.

Council resumed at 4.30.

A synopsis of the County valuation was submitted by the Valuators and, on motion, received.

Coun. Woods read the petition of Alex. Cummings, of Newcastle, laborer, aged 66 years, stating that he paid taxes since 1880 amounting to $15.12, and asking that this amount be refunded to him.

Coun. Tozer moved that a committee of three be appointed to report on all such petitions. Carried. Councillors McNaughton, Betts, and Adams were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Coun. Savoy the petition of Alex. Cummings was received and referred to the committee.

Coun. Baldwin presented petition of John Doolan, who stated that work done by him on roads in District No. 1, Nelson, sold by Jas. Kane, Surveyor of Roads, to the amount of $12.40, had not been paid for, and asking Council to take action with reference thereto.

This, and similar petitions from Jas English and Matthew Carroll, were referred to Committee on Petitions.

Coun. Woods presented petition from Jas. Donavon, Newcastle, seeking compensation for work done on the road to prevent damage to his property by water. Amount $3.00. Referred to Committee.

The statement of County Valuation presented by the Valuators shows the following totals:—Real Estate, $2,568,850; Personal Property, $1,292,430; Income, $455,650. Total, $4,316,930. The percentage of each parish is as follows:—Chatham, 31 per cent. Newcastle 23, Nelson 6.8, Ludlow 2, Blissfield 2.9, Blackville 7.6, Derby 4.7, Southesk 3, Northesk 3.5, Alnwick 5.8, Hardwicke 3.5, Glenelg 4.9, Rogersville 1.3

Council adjourned for half an hour for committee work.

On resuming Council adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20.

Council opened soon after 10. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Coun. Ryan said a mistake had been made yesterday in placing Coun. Stewart on both the Parish Accounts and County Accounts Committees. The motion was that one Councillor from each Parish be on the Parish Accounts Committee, whereas two were appointed for Alnwick.

Couns. Bamford, Cameron and Betts referred to the matter. The latter said the presence of Councillor Stewart was absolutely required on the County Accounts Committee. It was thereupon moved and carried that the Councillor's name be struck off the Committee on Parish Accounts.

Some further discussion followed, which was declared by the Warden to be out of order.

Coun. Smith asked leave of absence, this afternoon, which was granted.

Council took short recess for committee work, resumed at 12.30, and then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

The Presbytery of Miramichi.

The Presbytery of Miramichi met in the Hall of St. James' Church, Newcastle, on Tuesday, 19th inst. There were nine ministers and one elder present. Rev. Wm. Aitkin opened the meeting with devotional exercises. The minutes of three previous meetings were read and sustained. Rev. James Murray, (late of Douglastown) was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Court.

A petition from Nelson was read, asking for weekly service. The Rev. Wm. Aitkin and Messrs. John Flett and James Robinson were heard in its support. Mr. Aitkin reported that he had met with the Douglastown Congregation and they had agreed to contribute $150 per annum for fortnightly supply. After deliberation the following resolution was adopted in regard to the supply of these two stations. That a committee consisting of Messrs. Aitkin, McKay and Waits, be appointed to visit Nelson and Douglastown and endeavor to make arrangements for supplying these places conjointly with a preacher and make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith.

The Clerical Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed as follows: Rev. Peter Lindsay, Rev. John McCarter, Rev. Wm. Aitkin and Rev. E. Wallace Waits. The following lay Commissioners were appointed: Dr. MacDonald and Mr. J Hutchison, Hamilton, Ont., Mr, Andrew Wilson, Nelson, Ont., Mr. James Hamilton, Stratford, Ont. Rev. Alex. Russell gave in the report of Commissioners' Expense Fund, and Mr. Aitkin was appointed Treasurer of the fund for the current year.

The Clerk laid on the table a call from Bass River in favor of Rev. J. H. Cameron. Mr. Hamilton in prosecuting the call said it was cordial and unanimous; signed by 83 members and 175 adherents. The stipend promised was $750 per annum, with Manse. It was sustained as a regular gospel call, and Mr. Cameron, by letter signified his acceptance of the same. The induction was appointed to take place on Thursday the 4th of Feb. at 11 o'clock a. m. Mr. Aitkin to preside and induct, Mr. Waits to preach. Mr. McKay to address the minister, and Mr. Hamilton the people.

Mr. A. Russell, Mr. A. Ogilvie Brown and the Clerk were appointed a committee on Statistics, and the Clerk, Mr. Neil McKay and Mr. A. Russell a committee to draft questions on the state of religion. Mr. McKay, convener of the Augmentation Committee reported progress, and those congregations which had not contributed to the scheme, were urged to do so as soon as possible.

Mr. Murray reported that he had declared the vacancy at River Charlo. The Moderator and Clerk were instructed to reply to Mr. E. H. Burgess, urging him to pursue his studies with a view of preparation for the work of the Ministry.

An Elder's Commission from the Session of Black River in favor of Captain Cameron was sustained and his name added to the roll of presbytery. A letter from Escuminac, Que., was read, asking the services of Mr. J. F. Smith as catechist, next summer. The request was granted, and application forwarded to the Home Mission Board. The Clerk was instructed to write Rev. J. Annaud returned Missionery from the New Hebrides and invite him to visit congregations in the Miramichi Presbytery.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in the Hall of St. John's Church, Chatham, on Tuesday the 16th day of March, at 11 a. m., and this sederunt was closed with the benediction.

Tobogganing at Government House.

About seventy young ladies and gentlemen the former being gaily dressed in blanket costumes, were present at the opening of Lady Tilley's new toboggan slide, at Government House, yesterday. The slide is located at the upper end of the garden immediately in rear of the house, and the chute runs far out on the river. The slide was in the very best of condition yesterday. Everyone who was present enjoyed the new sport immensely, and the merry peals of laughter could be heard at long distances from the slide. During the afternoon, the coasting party was served to a luncheon prepared for them by Lady Tilley. The afternoon's sports were under the management of Major Gordon, A. D. C.

This slide is claimed to be the largest and best arranged of any in the Maritime Provinces; but whether the claim is entitled to credence cannot be said here. The tower which stands on the bank of the terrace, is 18x14 feet square floored and railed. A set of steps and toboggan haul is situated at the back of the towers for coasters to reach the top by. The slide is four feet wide, extending from top of tower to the level of the ice at the river, a distance of about 150 feet, with an incline of about one foot in five, or a total of about thirty feet.—*Gleaner* 12th inst.

Interesting to Gardeners.

A new Radish has just been introduced among gardeners, which, if possessed of the points claimed for it, and we have no reason to doubt, every gardener in the United States and Canada will want to try. The introducers exercised their usual care before recommending it, distributing small quantities of seed among the leading gardeners of Rochester, N. Y., in the spring of 1884, that they might be assured of its retaining the good qualities exhibited in the first experiment. The Floral Guide says of this Radish, which is named "Virck's Early Scarlet Globe Radish," that the unanimous testimony of those who tried it is that it is the earliest and best variety for forcing, and in color, also, the handsomest; mild in flavor, crisp and juicy, able to stand a great amount of heat without becoming pithy, and will prove an excellent Radish for garden culture. If our readers want to learn more of this new Radish, we would advise them to send 10 cents to James Vick, Seedsman, Rochester, N. Y., for a copy of the valuable Floral Guide. The amount may be deducted from the first order. It is a wonderful as well as beautiful work, of over 150 pages of instructive reading about Flowers and Vegetables, with a thousand illustrations.

DIED.

At Nelson, on the 19th, Jane Sarah Cameron, daughter of Alex. and Sarah Cameron, Michigan.

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New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

A Bill will be introduced at the next session of the Local Legislature for the purpose of erecting a new Polling District in the Parish of Dalhousie, Restigouche County. The said District to be formed of that part of the said Parish lying south, commencing at the point where the Mountain Brook road crosses the Boundary line between the Parishes of Dalhousie and Colborne, thence running westerly along the said road to Parrot's Corner, thence northerly along the road to Dalhousie to the north east corner of lot 6 granted to John Bennet, thence westerly along the north line of said lot to the east line of lot number seventy-two granted to Robert Good, thence northerly along the east line of said lot seventy-two to the rear of said lot seventy-two, thence westerly along the north line of the Balmoral Block to the Boundary Line between the Parishes of Dalhousie and Addington, also for the purpose of altering the polling place in the Parish of Durham in said County, the polling place for the said Parish to be at or near Maxime Frelatte's in said Parish of Durham.

Dalhousie, 19th Jan. 1886.

Special Notice.

International Steamship Co'y.

THE New Steamers "STATE OF MAINE" and "CUMBERLAND" each having had their annual overhaul, will both be on the route early in February.

Commencing February 9th, it is the intention of the Company to change the days of leaving St. John to TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS.

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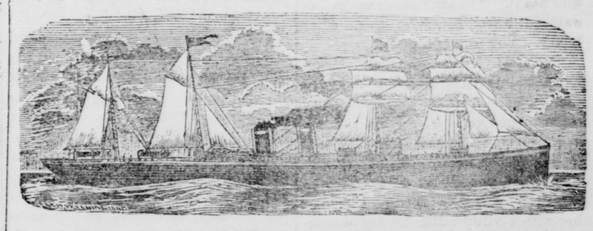

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