Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

STOCK-IN-TRADE for sale—See Messrs. Fotheringham & Co's advt.

MR. JOHNSTONE advertises hay for sale and also car loads for delivery along the I. C. and N. & W. Railways.

SLANDERS REFUTED.—A letter from commissioner O'Rielly in reference to the charge of writers in Douglastield came to hand too late for this issue but will appear next week.

OBITUARY.—Mr. James Muirhead, youngest son of the late Senator Muirhead died at St. John—whither he had gone for treatment—on Sunday afternoon last. The remains were brought home on Monday night's train, and the funeral, which was largely attended, took place yesterday afternoon.

FOR MILLERTON,—All members of the Osceola Toboggan and Snow Shoe Club are requested to meet at Chatham Station Thursday evening 11th inst to attend the opening of the Millerton Slide. The N. & W. R'y train has been engaged for the occasion and a very pleasant time is anticipated. The train will leave Chatham Station 7 local time—6.18 standard. —Macdougall Snowball, Secy.

A BIG GAME of curling is to take place soon in the Chatham Skating Rink between the married and single men of the Chatham Club. On ordinary occasions the curlers play four rinks in their game at their own headquarters and make noise enough, but, in the coming game, the play will be at the Skating Rink and there will be eight rinks or thirty-two men engaged. Those who enjoy an exciting game and don't mind noise ought to be present on the evening of play.

"RICHELIEU".- Miln, who is to appear at Masonic Hall, Chatham, as "Richelieu", on Saturday evening is a great actor. The Quincy *Herald* says of him in this character,—

As a delineator of the character of the crafty, scheming and terrible Cardinal, Miln to-day stands the equal of any actor on the American stage, and his success in "Richelieu" is more than well deserved. All the good things that might be said in a column may be summoned up in a few words. Miln is a great actor, inspired by genius and his "Richelieu" stands to-day one of the grandest characters of the stage.

THE FUNERAL of little Harry Hutchison and Mr. Rennie's little ones, who were drowned at Douglastown, took place last Thursday, according to previous announcement, and was one of the largest ever seen on the Miramichi, so widespread and sincere was the sympathy of the people with the bereaved ones.

CHATHAM SKATING RINK.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Chatham Skating Rink, held yesterday afternoon it was ordered that the rink be closed. Season ticket-holders will have the money paid for the unexpired part of the season returned to them. The reason for closing is because receipts will not cover necessary expenditure for music, caretaking, lighting and heating.

THE CARNIVAL at Chatham Rink on Friday evening last was very well attended and the masqueraders and fancy dress skaters made quite a display on the ice. The cold was extreme, however, and somewhat interfered with the thorough enjoyment of the occasion. "The Mystery" was there and was rather rudely treated by some of the more thoughtless lads, but came out unrecognized. "Telephone Girl" (Miss Brown of Newcastle) and "Iago" (Mr. J. S. Benson, jr.) were the prize characters.

I. O. G. T. LECTURE COURSE.—Rev. Neil McKay's excellent lecture on "Temperance Legislation," in the regular I. O. G. T. course, was followed, on Tuesday evening, by that on our birds, under the title of "Our Woodland Choir," by Montague Chamberlain, Esq., of St. John. Rev. E. Wallace Waits presided at Mr McKay's lecture and Rev. Mr. Harrison at that by Mr. Chamberlain. The audiences were large on both occasions, showing that there is an increasing appreciation of such entertainments. The next lecture will be by J. E. B. McCready, Esq., Editor of the *Telegraph*, his subject being "Scenes in the House of Commons."

I. S. S.—Commencing Tuesday Feby. 9th, the International S. S. Co. began on their new Spring-time table, leaving St. John every Tuesday and Thursday at 8.00 a. m. for Boston via Eastport and Portland. The new and elegant Steamers "Cumberland" and "State of Maine" will perform this service. In changing the sailing day from Monday to Tuesday and in placing these large Steamers upon the route so early, the Company do so not with a view of profit to themselves but to the better accommodation of the travelling public and they feel assured that this new move will be appreciated.

A FALSE REPORT.—Rumors of a young man named O' Shea, who died at Barnaby River last week, having been poisoned by a mistake made at the Medical Hall, Chatham, in labelling two bottles of medicine—one for outward application and the other to be taken internally, were in circulation quite generally a few days ago. Mr. Mackenzie, having set an independent investigation in motion, it has resulted in developing the fact that there was not enough poison in either of the bottles to cause a man's death, that the labels had been correctly put on and that, in the opinion of the medical man who had treated the patient death was entirely from natural causes. We have learned these facts by independent enquiry and it seems too bad that rumors of a charactor calculated to reflect on entirely blameless parties should so easily gain currency.

Curling.

The curling match between three rinks each of Truro and Chatham players took place in the Moncton rink on Friday last, and resulted in a victory for the Nova Scotians. The score was as follows :

TRURO.	CHATHAM.
Dr. W. S. Muir,	T. L. Desbrisay,
W. B. Alley,	R. A. Lawlor.
D. Gunn,	W. Wilson,
Geo. Gunn, Skip—24	D. G. Smith, Skip—11
W. Ha[illegible]	Daniel Desmond,
E. Halket,	T. Crimmen,
A. Burill,	D. M. Loggie,
Dr. McKay, Skip -15	J. Johnston, Skip—22
A. C. McKenzie,	H. P. Marquis,
D. C. Blair,	A. J. Loggie,
S. Murphy,	Andrew Brown,
H. C. Blair, Skip—22	D. Chesman, Skip—19.
Totals for Truro,	61
" " Chatham,	52
Truro winning by	9

A number of scratch games in which local players and visitors participated, were played in the afternoon and evening. The visitors were greatly pleased with the Moncton rink.

County and Parish Officers

The list of County and Parish Officers for Chatham has already been published in the ADVANCE and below will be found all the others that have been handed in by the councillors for the respective parishes. We regret that some have not furnished us with their lists,—

SOUTHESK.

Assessors of Rates.—James Tweedie, Joseph White, Alexander Sutherland.
Collectors of Rates.—Frederick Jones, Robert Johnson.
Commissioners of Bye-Roads.—Michael Jardine, James Parks, Elisha Somers.
Commissioners of Highways.—Michael Jardine, James Parks, Elisha Somers.
Surveyors of Highways. — Michael Young, Sylvester Sullivan, Cornelius O'Brion, William Tozer, John Scott, Frederick Jones, Jeremiah Keys, Noah Mullen, Robert Parks, William Blackmore, Jeremiah Blackmore, William H. Tozer, Abram Tozer, William Hamilton, Robert Holmes, jr., Albert Somers.
Clerk of the Market. —James D. McKay.
Hog Reeves.—James Mutch, Daniel Estey, Matthew Clancy, John Goodfellow, Robert Tweedie, Michael Jardine, Dennis Sauntry, John Lawlor, Alexander Johnson. jr., Ebenezer Travis.
Constables.—John Sheasgreen, John Young, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Duncan McTavish, Joseph Hubbard, James Taylor, George Hubbard.
Pound Keepers.—Daniel Mathews, William McTavish, Benjamin Hubbard, Stephen Peabody, James Gillis, John White.
Parish Clerk.—Robert Parks.
District Clerk.—William Taylor.
Fence Viewers. — Matthew Clancy, James Tweedie, John Scott, John Young, George Tozer.
Revisors of Votes. - Jared Tozer, James Somers, John Lawlor.
Surveyors of Lumber.—Joseph White, Joseph Chaplin, Alexander Sutherland, William Taylor, Robert Parks, James Parks, Robert Johnson, James Holland, Patrick Gillis, Elisha Somers, James Johnson, James A. Marr, William Blackmore, Robert Matchett.
Ferryman.—James Lawlor.
Surveyors of Bark.—James Parks, Robert Parks, Joseph White, Robert Johnson, James Gillis.
Inspector of Fish. David Goodfellow.
Timber Drivers. — Joseph Hubbard, William Hamilton, James Holland, Alexander Johnson.
Game Warden.—James Somers.
Overseers of Poor.—Joseph Chaplin, John Tozer, Francis Tweedie.

ALNWICK.

Overseers of the Poor—William Murray, Augustus Allain, William H Brown.
Town Clerk—Isaiah P. Savoy.
District Clerk — Duncan Morrison, David Petrie, Belone Russell.
Commissioners of Highway—James Bouie, James Robicheaux, John Robertson
Pound Keepers—John Kenna, John Stuart, James Barry, Anicette Breaux, Isaiah Latulip, Philip Hierlihy, John Stronach, John B. Russell, sr., Francis X. Muzerall, George Simpson, John Murray (North.) James Ross, Joseph O. Savoy, Eubulus McCullum, jr., George Patrick, Peter Morrison, O. P, Frank Breaux.
Assessors of Rates—Louis P. Robicheaux, James Burchill, A. J. W. McKenzie.
Overseers of Highways—Edward McCarty, Thomas Hicky, William Bowie, Amon Ross, John Hamilton, Donald Loggie. James Russell, Xavier LeBoutaille, Jules Savoy, sr., Peter Breaux, David Knief, Henry Legere, Alexis Cormier, John B. Martin (F. son). Augustus Alain, Gregoire Savoy, Moses Casey, Amateur Breaux, Ebenezer Vanadestine, John Murray, North, John Robertson, sr, Eutrope Breaux, Patrick Gratton, Nelson Strang, Richard Price, sr., Michael Hache, Francis X. Muzerall, Roderick McWilliam, David Savoy, Carice Commo, John Murray, (south) Donald Ross.
Constables—Benjamin Stymiest, Israel Legere, Allan Savoy, Peter Godet, Robert L. Fayle, William Hierlihy, Gordon Strang, John McC. England, Eutrope Savoy, James J. McDonald, Daniel Maher, Stephen Campbell, Honoire Legere, James Breaux, Joseph Robicheaux, Daniel Dickinson, John L. Gould, Peter Legere, jr.
Collector of Rates—Gregoire Savoy, James Mahoney, William Hierlihy, John B. Russell, jr.
Clerk of the Market—Wm. Morrison.
Boom Masters—John Robertson, John Stuart, Michael Graham.
Fence Viewers—William B. John, Nastaze St. Couer, Ephraim Robicheaux, Amateur Savoy, sr., Michael Savoy, John Beattie, Lazare Muzerall, Michael Kana, Anthony Gratton, Edward O,Brien, Augustus Russell, Alex. Bell, Hector McKinnon, John Stronach, John Dickinson, Alex Stuart, James Morrison, jr., Alexis Cormier.
Revisors of Votes—James Burchill, Wm. B. Stuart, Romain Savoy.
Bark Measurers—Vital Alain, John Adams, Jules Savoy, sr., Peter Morrison.
Bye Road Commissioners — James Bowie, John L. Robicheaux, John Robertson.
Stream Drivers — Anthony Gratton, Bernard Robicheaux, John Stuart.
Hog Reeves—John Morrison, Wm. Loggie, Donald Ross, Raphael Breaux, Jacob Price, Ambrose Arseneaux, John Legere. John Savoy, jr., Samuel Martin, sr., Joseph Savoy, jr., John Kenny, Peter Ramsay, Wm. Anderson.
Inspectors of Fish—Benjamin Stymiest, Jonathan Palmer, Joseph Breaux, John L Blake.
Surveyors of Lumber—Horatio J. Lee, Louis G. Robicheaux, Ralph Fayle. Simon Simpson, John Stymiest, sr,. John Morrison, O. P, Robert Loggie, John Hamilton, George Petrie, Wm. Loggie, (P's son) Wm. Anderson, Andrew McLean, John Robertson, jr.
Inspectors of Barrels—Benjamin Stymiest, Joseph Breaux, John L Blake.
Game Warden—James Stymiest, jr.

BLACKVILLE.

Assessors of Rates—James Donovan, Wm. Tryon Underhill, Patrick Bergin.
Collectors of Rates—Matthew Kehoe, John B. Underhill, Cavan Brophy (Cain's River)
Revisors of Votes—B. N. T. Uuderhill, Michael Whelan, John Curran.
Parish Clerk—Wm Tryon Underhill.
Market Clerk—John McGlinchey.
Commissioners of Bye Roads Patrick Whelan, John A. Underhill, Jacob Layton.
Commissioners of Statute Labor—Mich'l J. Donovan, John T. Coughlin.
Surveyors of Roads—John Gillespie, Wm R. Scofield, Peter Coughlin, jr., Wm Hogan, Wm Hetherington, Daniel Buggy, Jeremiah P Donovan, James Bean, Stephen McCarthy, John B. Underhill, Geo Stephens, Geo. Stephens, Alex. Campbell, John Brennan, Florence Mahoney, James Sturgeon, Joseph Curtis, Levi Arbo, David Coughlin, Lemuel Coffin, Robert Mersereau, James Porter 2nd (James the second of Glen Porter)
Surveyors of Lumber—Edward Hays, John Sullivan, Patrick Donovan, Thos W Underhill, Jas. McDonald, Wm. McConnell.
Surveyors of Wood and Bark—Michael O'Brien, B. N. T. Underhill, Thos. W. Underhill, John Sullivan, Wm McConnell, Jas. McDonald.
Surveyors of Dams—Patrick Donovan, Allan Kennedy, Edward Colford,
Boom Masters—John Singleton, Allan Kennedy, James Donnelly, Jacob Layton.
Timber Drivers — Denis Sullivan, Aaron Layton, Michael Murray.
Inspector of Leather—Peter Monaghan.
Constables — John O'Brien, Andrew Connors, Wm. Hambrook, John Dunne (Renous) Jas. McEvoy, Jas, B. Underhill, John McCormick, David Sullivan, Alex. Scofield, Edward Burns, Bernard McCormick, jr., Bernard McCarthy, Florence Mahoney, Jas Weaver, Fentin Brophy, Chas. McDougald.
Game Warden—Patrick Keogh.
Fence Viewers—John Hogan, James McCarthy, Joseph Sturgeon, Edward Carroll, John Dunphy, Daniel Mahoney, Elijah Arbo, sr., Benj Coughlin, Michael O'Brien.
Pound Keepers—Alex Jardine, Jno. Hambrook, Andrew Tucker, Wm Hogan, John Vickers, Moses Harris, Hugh Underwood, Alex Connors, David Shinnick,
Hog Reeves- John Jardine, Jeremiah P Hollihan, Wm M. Gray, Edward Close, James Libbins, Henry Curtis, Lawrence McAlpine, Chas Connors, Patrick Porter.

BLISSFIELD.

Assessors of Rates—R. D. Robinson, Edward Mersereau, James Morin.
Overseers of Poor—Samuel Betts, John A. McDonald, Matthew Bows.
Commissioners of Highways—R. D. Robinson, John McDuff, sr, David Y. Bamford.
Town Clerk—John Maroney.
Pound Keepers—Matthew Bowes, Edward Connell, Jas. Sutherland, James Doak. sr., Wm. McDonald, George Donald.
Bye Road Commissioners—John McRae, Michael Hannen, Samuel Betts.
Collector of Rates—Geo. Mersereau.
Hog Reeves — John McRae, Daniel Lyons, David Moran, jr, John Patt, Jas. B. Mitchell, Cornelius Weaver, Chas. Weaver, Joseph Dunphy, John McKenzie.
Clerk of the Market—Samuel Freeze.
Constables—Wm. Robinson, John McRae, Michael McLaughlan, John Bamford, jr., R. D. Robinson, Wm. C. Robinson, Guy Alexander, John Connell James Simms, jr. Cornelius Weaver, Wm. Murray, John Maroney, jr.
Timber Drivers—John L. Murray, David Y. Bamford, James Fowler.
Ferrymen — James Betts, Cornelius Weaver.
Surveyors of Roads—Thomas Holmes, Cornelius Weaver, Wm C. Robinson, David Fowler, George Donalds. Joseph Doak, Gain B. Mersereau, Edward Hogan, Charles Weaver, Michael Murray.
Fence Viewers — James T. Lyons, Nelson Betts, James Maroney, John A. Bamford, jr, George McRae. Elijah Arbo, Robert Arbo, David Ward.
Surveyors of Lumber—David Weaver, jr., R. D. Robinson, Robin Crocker, Henry Swim, Wm Russell, jr, Charles Bamford, R. H. Doak, David Y. Bamford.
Revisors of Votes—Enoch Bamford, John T. Mersereau, R D. Robinson.

GLENELG.

Overseers of Roads—David McLean, John Johnstone, James Cameron, William Edge, John Dignum, Patrick O'Donnell, Benjamin Sweezy, Alex. McLean, sr., Peter Rigley, John Ross, John McRae, William Buckley, Terrance Cook, Murdock McKenzie, Eliphlet Allan, Cornelius Dwyer, John Cook, John Gillis, David Loggie, Alexander Dick, jr., James Flynn.
Collectors of Rates—Alexander McLean, Bernard Cook, Alexander Dick.
Town Clerk—Donald McBeath.
Boom Masters for Black River—Jubal Watling, jr., Allan S. McNaughton.
Fence Viewers—Edward Quinn, Archibald Campbell, Duncan McNaughton, Henry Mays, John O'Donnell, Peter McDonald.
Pound Keepers—Robert Fowlie, John McDiarmid, William McNaughton, John Ross, Henry Daley.
Hogreeves—William Watling, jr., John McRae, William Wilson, Philip Walsh, Michael Dignum.
Timber Drivers—Jubal Watling, sr., William Dickens. Thomas McAfferty, Charles Reinsborough.
Revisors of Votes—Hugh Cameron, Robert McNaughton, Wm. B. Ullock.
Assessors of Rates—Jas Cameron, Wm Dickens, Alex. Fitzgerald.
Constables—John Conroy, Patrick McDonald, Philip Shanahan, James Cameron, Malcolm Watling, Eliphlet Allan, Donald McLean, John McLean.
Surveyors of Lumber—Wm. McNaughton, John A. McDonald, Charles A. Reinsborrow, Robert McNaughton, Alex. Dick, Hugh Cameron, Robert Fowlie, Wm. McNaughton.
Inspectors of Fish—Robert Brimner, Robert Russell, Kenneth McKnight.
Overseers of Poor—Donald McBeath, David McLean, John Cook.
Commissioners of Highways—Lawrence Reinsborough, Duncan McNaughton, Angus Russell.
Bye Road Commissioners—Lawrence Reinsborough, Duncan McNaughton, Angus Russell.
Game Warden—Alex. Dick.
District Clerk, No 2—John McRae.
District Clerk, No 3—David McLean.
Surveyors of Dams—William Watling, sr., Thomas Poor, Robert McNaughton.

CARAQUET HARDWICK.

Commissioners of Roads—Jas. McLean, sr, Joseph B. Williston, Jos. Williston.
Overseers of Roads—James Nowlan, George Lewis, Ammon Martin, Wm. Sargent, David Savoy. Thomas Doucet, Ammon Savoy, John Mills, Thos McLeod, Phineas Williston, Robert Taylor, Hugh McDougall, Robert McLanaghan, Samuel Kingston.
Overseers of Poor—Alex Wilson, Dennis Martin, Alex. McDonald.
Collectors of Rates—Jas. Nash, Alex. McDonald.
Constables—Luthur Williston, sr, Donald McLean, Wm. Stanislaus Preston, Howard Allan.
Fence Viewers—Patrick Walsh, Jeremiah Savoy, John B. Williston.
Hog Reeves—Wm Y Preston, Ambrose Williston, Jas. Noble, Benjamin Martin, John McDonald, sr.
Revisors of Votes—Thos B. Williston, Mich'l Bransfield, Peter Kelly.
Timber Driver—Wm. Gulliver
Boom Masters—George Chambers, Jos, Williston.
Pound Keepers—Patrick Carrol, Jos. Savoy, Wm Manuel, Donald McDonald, jr.
Surveyors of Lumber—Jos B Williston, Alex G. Williston, Jos. Williston, Alex. Cameron, Phineas Williston.
Bye Road Commissioners—Jas McLean, Jos. B. Williston, Jos. Williston.
Inspectors of Fish—Alex Mills, Simon Savoy, Donald Lewis.
Fishery Overseers—John Noble, Donald McLean, Jas. McLean, John G Williston.
Collector of Dog Tax—Alex McDonald.
Game Warden—Alex. G. Williston.
Surveyors of Bark—Phineas Williston, Alex. G. Williston, Joseph Lewis.
District Clerk—Daniel Lewis.
Town Clerk—Alexander Mills.

ROGERSVILLE.

Bye Road Commissioners — Amand Gorgan, Melem Maillait, Sylvain White.
Constables — Arcade White, Henry Bourk, Hylaire Arseneau, Casimire McGraw, Peter Casey, David Buckley, Michael O'Brien, Peter W. Poirier, Jas. Price, Abraham White.
Commissioners of Highway — Peter Casey, Jude Hache, John L Bourk.
Assessors of Rates—Ambrose Arseneau, Augustine Richard, Peter Vienneau.
Surveyors of Roads—Alex Finais, Arcade White, Peter W. Poirier, Larent Legere, Sylvain Arseneau. Frank Thibedeau, Leon Leclair, Frederick Richard, Hypolite Bourk, Magloire Dube, Jones Peters.
Fence Viewers—Jos. Poirier, Andrew Surette, Oliver Casey.
Field Drivers—Belone Casey, Casimire Gallant, Remond Savoy, Alex. Caliett,
Parish Clerk—John White.
Surveyors of Lumber—Augustine Richard, Arcade White, Frank Robicheau, John White, Reuben Richard, Mechell O'Brien, Mitchell Savoy, Benoit Arseneau
Surveyors of Bark—Socime Arseneau, Andrew Peter, Reuben S. Cormier, Frank O'Tool, Samuel Bourk, George Savoy, Michael Savoy, Augustine Richard, Sylvain Allain.
Timber Drivers—Henry Bourk, David Buckley, Louis LeBlanc.
Collector of Rates—Reuben White.
Overseers of Poor—David Fountain, Abram Arseneau, Jas. Harnett.
Pound Keepers—Thade LeBlanc, Thos Hebert, Luke Richard.
Game Wardens — Philip Arseneau, Benoit Arseneau, Philip Hebert.
Revisors of Votes—Reuben S. Cormier, Peter Thibedeau, Benoit Arseneau.

Significant.

On Saturday evening last, after the *World* had come out with its attack upon the Councillors for Chatham in connection with the proposed amalgamation of the Street and fire services of the Town, Councillor Smith addressed a reply to the editor of the *World*, which must have been in that gentleman's hands on Monday morning, at the latest. In that letter Councillor Smith, after defending the Councillors' course, made a fair proposition for a public meeting. The editor of the *World*, however, suppresses the letter, after allowing the attacks which called it forth to appear in that paper's columns, and, dodging the challenge to a public discussion on the points he, himself, raised says—

"We have a letter from Coun. Smith garnished with untruths, bumptious self-importance and impertinence, which we will attend to in our next."

Had he published the letter he could not appear as he does in the following, in form of a communication, proposing a meeting,—

The ratepayers demand that the Bill not only be published but distributed among them, that they may read, mark, learn and inwardly digest its contents. They would also like their learned Councillors to call a public meeting for the purpose of explaining the cogent and powerful reasons that induced them to curtail the powers of the people and increase their own one hundred fold.

As the *World* is afraid to publish the defence made in behalf of the gentlemen it has attacked, we make room for the letter it suppresses. There are few papers so lost to sense of fair play as to attack men in public positions, both editorially and in the form of correspondence, and, then, refuse them the privilege of making their defence. The *World*, however, is one of the few. We had, nearly four years ago, a sample of the same kind of tactics in Newcastle Court House, but are inclined to the belief that it does not find many admirers among Miramichi people, who have not yet the reputation of generally desiring to choke off fair and free discussion. Councillor Smith's letter is as follows,—

To the Editor of the World, Chatham.—

DEAR SIR,—I assume that as you have to-day made a number of erroneous statements in reference to the bill approved by the Municipal Council and ordered to be sent to the legislature, providing for the amalgamation of the street and fire services of Chatham, you will not object to my correcting them—for, however anxious you and your informants may be to attribute the worst possible motives to the present Councillors of the Parish in what they do, I think you ought to agree with me that you and they and those you desire to influence should start with facts as the basis of your efforts and the foundation of the judgment to which you appeal. You say, editorially in reference to the bill,—

"The Councillors, apparently not anxious that its provisions should gain publicity, have carefully refrained from sending us one of the printed copies, but have handed them around among a few chosen ones in a private way."

I have no knowledge, nor has my colleague, Mr. Flanagan, of any printed or other copies of the bill—save the one read by me at the Council—being in existence. If any person has stated to you that such printed (or other) copies are in existence he has either been imposing on you or been imposed upon himself.

You seem to be laboring, also, under a misapprehension in reference to the qualification of the Councillors for Chatham. You say—

When a man, though not taxed for a cent's worth of real estate, makes oath that he is possessed of $300 worth of real estate in the County, becomes a Councillor, is it not the duty of those who have anything that may be stolen to be chary of trusting Councillors so far."

The wording of the above sentence discloses an animus on your part which is as unworthy as its untruthfulness is palpable. Councillor Flanagan's assessment on real estate is large and mine has been, for some time, on a valuation of $600. Owing to the decrease of real estate values recently the Valuators cut it down to $400, at which sum it now stands on their list. You must have known this, yet you were not above making the insinuations quoted and which reflect, quite correctly, your ideas of your mission, as well as the general fibre of your character.

You refer to two letters on the subject of the bill, which, together with your editorial, occupy more than a column of your space. One of these letters is anonymous, for I believe that outside of your editorial staff, no writer in Chatham would commit himself to the misstatements it contains. The other is by Mr, George Watt who, as you say, asks you for information. If he had asked me I would have, willingly, given him the fullest information, and as my office is just across the street from his place of business and I ought to know more about the matter than you, it will occur to almost anyone that if he really desired the information sought he would come or send to me, rather than you, for it. He says—

"While in conversation yesterday with six of the business men of Chatham the question was asked—What were the terms of this Bill and, singular to relate, not one of the seven could tell anything about the bill at all."

I hope, for Mr. Watt's own sake, that his recollection of the conversation to which he refers was not so much involved as the syntax of the above and some of his other sentences. He, at least, could not plead the ignorance of his "sixes and sevens," for he is a valued subscriber to a local paper which, on Thursday—the day before the alleged "conversation" took place—contained the following "notice,"

A BILL will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature of New Brunswick to amalgamate the Street and Fire services of the town of Chatham, by placing the management thereof in the hands of one board who shall discharge the duties now performed by the Firewards and Street Commissioner of said town, respectively, said board to consist of three resident ratepayers each from the upper, lower and middle divisions of the Fire district of said town, together with the Councillors, for the time being, of the Parish of Chatham—the Board to be appointed by and render its accounts to the Municipal Council, and also to receive its authority for all assessments therefrom as is now done for Police and fire purposes, the general object of said bill being to secure improved and more economical management of these vices to be amalgamated.

After reading the above Mr. Watt ought to have been able to throw a little light on the subject, and yet he declares that he and his friends couldn't "tell anything about the bill at all." Mr. Watt further says,—

"Since writing the above I find that there are a few copies of this Bill in private circulation, as to-day I met a man who had a copy in his possession, but he could not show it, as it was only lent to him with the understanding that he would not show it to any but the elect."

The above is of a piece with your editorial statement and discloses your authority for it. As the bill—from the time it was read in council by me, up to the present moment—has been in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer of the County at Newcastle, and no copy of it has been made by him or retained by either of the Councillors for Chatham. Mr. Watt has been the victim of some joker, or is at "sixes and sevens" again in reference to his "conversation" with the man who wouldn't let him see what he couldn't have had.

Mr. Watt makes some characteristic references to my head which, no doubt, pass current for wit with himself and sympathisers, but as everybody knows exactly what kind of a shoe it is that pinches him and how, exceedingly peculiar and funny he has felt ever since he "put his foot in it," they will recognise the eminent propriety of his attempting the role of humorous critic where he made such a sorry attempt to secure the position of author.

The session before I became a member of the Municipal Council, a resolution, moved by Mr. Loggie, passed that body in favor of amalgamating the street and fire services of the town of Chatham. The Secretary-Treasurer desired information as to what the provisions of the proposed bill were to be, and I assisted, after due enquiry, in framing the bill which was sent—too late—to the Legislature last spring. Since that time the matter has been before the people, and its discussion facilitated by my having published last winter's bill in full in the ADVANCE some months since. Scores of citizens have spoken to Councillor Flanagan and myself in reference to the matter—all favoring the proposed amalgamation—and many of them making practical and valuable suggestions, which have been incorporated in the bill as presented by me at the last Council. Neither Mr. Watt nor yourself, Mr. editor, made any suggestions to or sought information on the subject from either Councillor Flanagan or myself, but the erroneous statements you make and the spirit you manifest in discussing the matter explains that, for it is evident that you and your correspondents are more desirous of creating dissensions, misunderstandings and trouble than of assisting to improve the management of town affairs.

The notice above quoted discloses the main features of the bill, which I shall publish—as I did the other—as soon as I conveniently can. The two councillors for the parish are made members of the Board for several reasons which, I think, will commend themselves. If we had a Council of our own in Chatham for the control of our own local affairs, we would, of course, require no Board to manage either Street or fire services. It would be done by the Town Council, who would hold the same relationship to those services as will the Board provided for in the bill. It is, I think, desirable that those under whose control such services are, should be as directly responsible as possible to those in whose behalf they act, and we have introduced the element of direct responsibility as far as was possible under the existing imperfect system, by providing that the Chatham Councillors—whoever they may be—shall be members of the Board. It is, not a matter of surprise that Mr. Watt and your other correspondent should write nonsense about the Councillors auditing and passing their own accounts, but you, who know how such services are managed in all incorporated towns, ought to be above the small business of pandering to and assisting in the propagation of ignorance in an unworthy attempt to foster the local discords which alone seem to render your existence in the community a necessity. You know that the members of the proposed board will have the accounts of others—not their own—to pass. They will be a purely administrative body who will have the auditing and passing of the accounts of those whom they shall engage to do the work which they are appointed to have done. If city and town councils all over the country, who act in precisely the same relationship to their street and fire services as the proposed Board is to do, are competent to audit and pass the accounts for those services—as you know they do—how can you justify your course in joining such uninformed persons as Mr. Watt and "Ratepayer" in endeavoring to raise a cry against the danger of such accounts from Chatham—after passing the scrutiny of eleven ratepayers including the two Councillors, going through the County Auditor's hands, then before a committee of thirteen councillors representing each parish in the County and, then, for final passing, before the full County Council—being turned to the personal profit of the Councillors?

It is the custom with a very large number of ratepayers to come to the Councillors with suggestions, requests complaints, etc., in connection with both street and fire services, for they naturally look to them as having such matters largely within their knowledge and control. Under the present system, however, the Councillors have no control whatever of these important departments, and, not being identified with their management, cannot properly represent the interests entrusted to them or have the knowledge they should have as to how the details of the services are being carried out. By being members of the Board they will be so placed as to enable them to render a better service in this respect, to those who elect them.

I do not wish to make this reply to your editorial, anonymous and other attacks too long for your columns, or might more fully show that your cry against the councillors for Chatham, based, as it is, on untruthful statements, and malicious insinuations and ignorance of the principles and practice governing in such matters elsewhere, is not raised in the public interest, but the fulfilment of what you understand to be your mission in the community. If, however, you are still unsatisfied and think you can make out your case, I will be very glad to pay one half of the expenses of hiring Masonic Hall for an evening in order that you, or any of your correspondents, may be heard and your views met in the presence of those whom you would mislead, and of whose honest judgment I have no fear.

Truly Yours
D. G. SMITH.

Chatham, February 6th, 1886.

After Hamlet—Considerably.

To slide, or not to slide, that is the question.
Whether it is better in the mind to suffer
The flings and jeerings of courageous sliders
(Who sport upon the swift toboggan
And laugh at him who shuns a trial),
Or to brace up, and, by indulging,
Evince your grit. To sit—to slide,
And by a slide to say we end
Dyspepsia, lassitude and stiffened joints,
And other ills that flesh is heir to; 'tis
Result desirable. To sit—to slide:
(Perchance to "Oh!" and "Ah!" the whole course through),
But when the slide's accomplished and the slider feels
His blood well stirred, the sequence is,
To sit and chat—aye there's the rub!
To sit—and in that sitting
Doubt—Doubt, as to whether
The toboggan that comes after
Will reach the charmed spot
And thus break up
The restful, rapturous *tete a tete.*
For who would keep a-sliding
All the time, save in the presence
Of stern chaperone or watchful ma,
When by a sweep of loving steerer's foot
We might shunt off upon the unused snow
And thus escape the prying eye,
The danger of disturbance from
Less loving sliders following down.

DIED.

At Napan, on Thursday morning, Feb. 4th after a long and painful illness which he bore with christian faith, Alexander Gillis in his 76th year.

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