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Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

HARDWARE ETC.—See Mr. Goggin's advt. THOROUGH-BRED PIGS AND CALVES for sale. See advt. MEN WANTED to work in the woods. See advt. A TEACHER is advertised for by the Secretary of district No. 9, Tabusintac. HAY IS OFFERED for sale by A. K. McDougall Esq., Oak Point. CLEVELAND HORSE—"Duke of Wellington."—See advt. MR. MARSHALL'S letter on railways and coal interests will appear next week. SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT Lists and Rate Bills are for sale at the ADVANCE office. ROAD SURVEYORS' printed forms under the New Act, for sale at the ADVANCE office. DENTISTRY.—Dr. Thompson has returned to Chatham and can be found at his office Duke Street.

Notes from Harlowick

LOBSTER FISHING has begun and lines were run on Friday last, 6th inst. The first Lobsters were landed on Saturday 7th. HEERING have appeared. We landed today (6th) 35 barrels at Ambrose Williston's establishment. ICE.—The ice is nearly all out of sight. FIRST SHIP.—Capt Thomas McFarlane put pilot Alex Wilson on board the bark Eels to-day 7th. GOOD SHOOTING.—Mr. Howard Allan of the Sea Hotel has shot over 500 head of water-fowl this spring. The writer counted sixteenth birds that Mr. Allan shot in less than five hours one day. He is the master-gunner down here, with "Bob" as a good second.

PERSONAL

MR. ROBERT McEwan, of Chatham, has again charge of Messrs. A. R. Loggie's jobbing factory. Mr. P. M. Jack is again managing partner at Sinclair and Jack's factory. The author of "When the tank runs dry" has become quite famous in Bay du Vin as a Veterinary Surgeon. The remarkable cure made of Wallace has given him quite a fame. "JOE" is anxiously on the lookout for his friend Frank Breda, as he is lonesome without him. The lightkeeper and his interesting family have spent a most agreeable winter, and their appearance in their new abode is an account of place for the season. Capt. Jimmy of the Mary and the good-looking captain of the 5011 Comfort are in their accustomed places. The venerable skipper of the J. P. Mitchell may be seen away on the North of the Light and Joe Raphael and Basil are likewise on hand. Bob Ben the famous cock-shooter and captain of the Peter Mitchell takes his accustomed place for the season. Ambrose is on hand, and is lonely without his friend, Will. Capt Mike has taken charge of the Teazer and has changed his Sign to legs as his fishing ground.

Ship News

The first vessel to reach port this season was the brig "Kong Carl," which was towed up on Tuesday by the "Maido." The barque "Eda," went ashore at Point Esprit on the latter part of last week and got off again. The schooner "Eda" got off on Tuesday, and after a time returned and was just in the Horse Shoe Channel when she was caught in the ice and forced ashore on the bar, where she discharged ballast she got off with broken rudder, copper torn off in places and some other damage. She was brought up to Chatham on the 28th, and a survey will be held on her to-day. The "Patric Queen" was leaving river from below yesterday afternoon. The name of the "Governor Langdon" has been changed to the "Atlantic" and that of the "Bismarck" to the "Juliette."

Business Troubles

Judge Loranger, of Montreal on Wednesday last week gave judgment in \$500,000 action of R. J. Stewart of St. John, against the Bank of British America. The action was instituted on the ground that the bank refused to honor two cheques which were presented to them by the plaintiff, while they had not been cashed. The bank had a counter-claim for the amount of \$200,000 as security was quite sufficient for the present, and that the case could be proceeded with on its merits. Messrs R. Jones & Co., of St. John, have effected a compromise with their creditors. Mr. Richard Thompson, of the Shell-House, St. John, has assigned.

A Mine Company

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE IN A VASCOSQUE ISLAND. LATE IN APRIL. A terrible explosion, gas took place last evening in the No. 1 shaft of the Vancouver Coal Company mine, in which there were upwards of one hundred and fifty miners at the time. The first intimation of the explosion was the sound of an outburst of thick black smoke through the air shaft. The first explosion was quickly followed by a second one stronger than the first, carrying pieces of wood, miners' lamps, &c.

HUNDREDS OF FEET INTO THE AIR

In a few minutes flames commenced to issue through the air shaft with a loud roaring noise. In a short time the fan-house caught fire and was quickly consumed. In the meantime mine white men and four Chinese were brought out through No. 1, or the hoisting shaft. R. Gibson the foreman, miraculously escaped from the lower slope by following the air course, making his way to the stable, where he was met by the rescuing party. Rescuing parties continued to attempt to reach the entombed men, but were able to recover only three, and had to be rescued by others. One of the noble rescuers, Sam Hudson, succumbed to the effects of the after-blast.

THE EFFECTS OF THE AFTER-BLAST

The scene around the shaft is most heart-rending. Friends of those imprisoned below are looking for the missing. At this hour (2 p.m.) but little hope are entertained for the safety of the imprisoned men. Fire is still raging, but it is thought it will soon be got under control. The rescuing party will again attempt to go below. NANSIMO May 5. Samuel Hudson's heroic death is unaccountable. He was a miner of great experience, while those who went down with him to rescue their fellows were comparatively inexperienced. He died from the effects of after-damp. His brave deed was one of the bravest things in the carnival of misery. All day yesterday gangs of men endeavoring to extinguish the flames in No. 1 shaft and it is believed the fire is

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It is thought the catastrophe would be the greatest recorded in the history of coal mining. All hope of resuming any one in the mine has been abandoned. It was proposed to cut a ditch to the salt water, so as to attempt to put out the fire in No. 2 shaft by turning a stream of water into it, but the scheme was abandoned. The mines extend out from shore more than a mile beneath the waters of the harbor, and as one looks over the waves it is hard to imagine that beneath are imprisoned many dead fathers and sons of this city. Around the shaft the scene is marvellous in the extreme.

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY. There are 101 white men and 50 Chinese still in the mine. Forty-seven of the whites are married men with families. Some of the young wives with small children are frantic with grief, around the mouth of the fatal shaft. Others dazed with weary watching and tears, are silently watching the cage ascending from the depths below, where their dear ones are. Dense volumes of smoke continue to ascend from this shaft. A large gang of men, principally sailors, are down this shaft fighting the fire with desperation. It is hoped the fire will soon be under control. 1,500 feet high fire hose are being sent by special train from Victoria, which will be let down the cage shaft and salt water pumped down. The bodies of Wm Campbell and Michael Lyons were recovered to-day horribly mangled. The latter was discovered 700 yards from the shaft. Other bodies were seen a little further in, but could not be reached. The men are working in four shift hours. All possible is being done.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION. The Firm of MERRILL & MORRILL, of the Town of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, Photographers and Picture Framers, has been dissolved by mutual consent of J. A. Merrill and J. B. Morrill. The business will be conducted under the name of J. A. Merrill, who assumes all liabilities of the late firm and has authority to collect the same. Dated Chatham, 2nd January, A. D. 1887. J. A. MERRILL, J. B. MORRILL.

CLOSING OUT BUSINESS! MESSRS. LOGGIE & BURR have decided to— CLOSE BUSINESS, are offering their stock of STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS which is large and well selected at prices that cannot be obtained elsewhere. You will see by our notices which will be circulated through the papers to all parts of the County that we mean to close out and are determined to clear our stock out.

Regardless of Profit! Goods Sold Strictly For CASH. FINAL NOTICE! ALL persons indebted to the firm of LOGGIE & BURR are requested to call and have their accounts settled prior to the 15th DAY OF JUNE, as our books will positively pass out of our hands on that date. All persons who have claims against the firm of LOGGIE & BURR are requested to call on the 15th day of June at the office of an Attorney for collection. CHATHAM, 10th May, 1887. LOGGIE & BURR.

THOROUGH-BRED Ayshire Calves. both spring and yearlings, also one Yearling Bull For Sale Cheap at the ADVANCE OFFICE. Apply office. J. B. SERRAVAL. 6-23

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Boots and Shoes. I wish to announce that I have opened a BOOT AND SHOE STORE in the NEALIS BLOCK where I intend to keep a full and fresh stock in all the styles of the season. I will sell at prices to suit the times. W. P. HARRIMAN. A THIRD CLASS TEACHER, MALE OR FEMALE, capable of teaching both French and English, and of acting as a substitute in any school in the County of Northumberland, is offered for sale. Apply to the undersigned, at his residence, 10th May, 1887. DONALD ROSS, Secretary to Trust. Tabusintac, N. B. 6-16

WANTED. IN the suburbs of St. John, by a family of FOUR Adults, where two girls are kept, a smart, honest young woman, capable of plain plain cook, washer and ironer. Wages, \$10.00 a month. References required. ADDRESS: S. P. BOX 495, N. B. CITATION.

NEW BRUNSWICK COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND & S. To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland and to the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, Greeting. Whereas Emmert Fernand and John Brown Co-Debtors of the late Timothy McCarthy, late of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, deceased, have by their petition filed in the said County Court, last past, prayed that Letters of Administration of the Estate of the said deceased might be granted to the said Timothy McCarthy, and all others interested in his said Estate to appear before the said County Court of Probate to be held at my office, Northumberland, on the 25th day of April last, and to show cause why the said Timothy McCarthy should not be appointed administrator of the said Estate of the said deceased, and to show cause (if any they have) why Letters of Administration of the said Estate and effects of the said Timothy McCarthy, deceased, should not be granted to the said Timothy McCarthy and John Brown as prayed.

(L. S.) Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court this Seventh day of May, 1887. G. E. FRASER, SAM THOMPSON, Register of Probates, Judge of Probates, for said County of Northumberland.

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