

TO SUBSCRIBERS

Owing to the neglect of many of our subscribers to pay their subscriptions, we have found it necessary to adopt the rule of hereafter rigidly adhering to our published terms, viz., to make the price of the ADVANCE \$2 a year to all who do not prepay their subscriptions.

We therefore, give notice that from the 1st January next all who are in arrears will be required to settle at the rate of \$2 per year.

Subscribers who are now in arrears will—if they pay before 1st January—be settled with at the advance rate of \$1.50.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY.—See notice of annual meeting.

MISS ANNA PHILLIPS, whose sad story is so well known, is in Dorchester to visit her brother.

THE TOBOGGAN slide opening, deferred from Christmas Day, will take place to night—weather permitting.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—On Christmas morning, Mrs. William Sinclair's Boarders presented her with a very handsome and useful Christmas present as a token of their esteem and respect.

REDBANK BRIDGE.—The Times says that Mr. J. Kilham has secured the contract for rebuilding the Redbank bridge, and is preparing to commence operations after the new year.

THE DENTIST.—Dr. Sprout, having gone home to spend the holidays will not be at his office until Thursday next, Jan. 3rd, when he will be again at his rooms, Benson Block Chatham, ready to meet his patients.

INSURED AT ONCE.—Mr. Warren C. Winslow has been authorized by the British America Assurance Company to accept all classes of fire risks, issue policies and make endorsements, without delay or reference to the head office.

CRYING, etc.—The soft weather of Christmas Day prevented the Chatham Curlers from enjoying the game at their rink.

The Newcastle Club is to have a special meeting tomorrow evening.

MONOTON IN DARKNESS.—On Friday evening last at an early hour the gas in Monoton went out, leaving streets, dwellings and stores in darkness. It is reported that there was a mild panic in the crowded post office where young ladies predominated.

URSET.—Rev. John Robertson of Black River and Mrs. Robertson were pitched out of their sleigh yesterday at the Railway crossing on the lower Black Brook near Chatham. Fortunately, they escaped with only a shaking up.

KINDLY REMEMBERED.—Rev. T. G. Johnstone of Blackville, wears a handsome and valuable overcoat, the gift of Jas. Robinson, Esq., of Millerton, Derby. This is not the first manifestation of Mr. Robinson's liberality and personal regard for the popular Blackville pastor has received.

MR. JOHN BELL, Jr., of Chatham, was married at Newcastle on Christmas eve, and the young couple are now enjoying their honeymoon at Halifax. Charley Ruddock, who was best man, says he has a good mind to take the same kind of Christmas box for himself.

ORDAINED.—On Friday last Mr. E. S. Murdoch, of Chatham, who has been studying theology at Quebec, was ordained by His Lordship Bishop Rogers. He is to assist Rev. Father McDonald at Campbellville, who we regret to hear has been for some time incapacitated by being thrown from his sleigh.

NEW SCHOOL INSPECTOR.—Mr. Edward L. O'Brien, B. A., has been appointed school inspector for Kent, Madawaska, etc., in place of Mr. Boudreau, resigned. Mr. O'Brien belongs to Bathurst; taught school for a time at St. John, and has been on the teaching staff of the Normal school, Fredericton, for upwards of four years. He is a true scholar, and his appointment is considered a very excellent one.

FROM MAYORALTY.—A large delegation of leading citizens waited on Mayor Hazen, on Friday last, and through their spokesman, Sheriff Sterling, requested him to stand for re-election. They felt it important that he should retain his position through the Short Line agitation in which he has taken such an interest. Mayor Hazen thanked the delegation and consented to accept re-nomination. He will, no doubt, be returned unopposed.

CHRISTMAS was celebrated in the usual manner at the Alms House, Chatham, where the inmates sat down to roast goose and plum pudding, roast lamb and beef, with a dessert of nuts, raisins, oranges, apples, etc. The latter were contributed by Dr. J. B. Benson, the Commissioners providing the substantial, while the Keeper and Matron did their full duty in preparing and serving the repast.

APPLE FESTIVAL.—The Y. M. C. A. Apple Festival on Friday evening next promises to be one of the pleasant events of the Christmas season. By the younger people it is a not-to-be-missed evening, and will be one of the enjoyable occasions whose gladdening influence fuses all minds into a common good-will and makes hearts young again. The committee in charge are very appreciative of the refreshing assistance of friends everywhere.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE.—The numbers of The Living Age for the weeks ending December 15th and 22nd contain The Genesis of the Puritan Ethic, Contemporary Review; Queen Christina of Sweden, Revue des Deux Mondes; A Little Maid, an Old Maid, and the Major, a story in two parts, Argosy; Provincial Life under the Roman Republic, Quarterly Magazine; Quinine, Gentleman's Magazine; The Increase in Wheat Growing, Economist; A Visit to Montserrat, Temple Bazaar; The Fraze of Inseparability, Specialty; A Competitive Examination in Turkey, St. James Gazette; together with poetry and miscellany.

For fifty two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,500 pages year) the subscription price (\$8); while

for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send you one of the American Age monthlies or weeklies with the Living Age for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston are the publishers.

Disgraceful.

The Chatham Police Committee, at this early date in their efforts to secure an efficient lighting of the streets, find it necessary to offer a reward of \$20 to any person who will give such information as will lead to the conviction of any person or persons breaking the electric street lamps. The committee are placing lamps in localities where they have not heretofore been, and it is very discouraging to find that it is in these places where several were maliciously broken, almost as soon as they were put up. If there is not sufficient public appreciation of the improvement in any locality to either prevent the breaking of the lamps or assist in the detection of those who do the disgraceful work, the only course open to the Committee and Light Company will be to let such places remain in darkness, and give the lights to the parts of the town where they are better appreciated. We hope that respectable and law-abiding residents will assist in detecting the vandals who have broken the lamps. \$20 in cash will be paid for the information wanted, and whoever possesses it and does not make it known may, by their silence, deprive the locality of lights.

Christmas Service of Song.—On Tuesday evening of last week the Methodist congregation of Newcastle anticipated the festivities of the Nativity by holding a Christmas Service of Song by the church choir and Sabbath School. The programme comprised a service of Scripture and Song entitled "The True Light," which included Choruses, Responsive Readings, Recitations, etc. The recitations were given by Miss Merereau and Masters Walter Fairley and Sherman Troy. The silver collection asked for was for Sabbath School purposes and amounted to between eleven and twelve dollars. Miss Clara Cottier presided at the organ. Mrs. Clark, wife of the pastor, had had the children in training for some time past and they acquitted themselves very creditably. There was a large congregation present. The address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Evans.

Notice and Warning.—Subscribers will please note that our object in placing the date at which their subscriptions expire on the colored address slips, which they always see pasted at the top of the paper, is in order to inform them of the time at which it is their duty to pay their subscriptions.

Findings of the most indifferent in the matter, we are, at times, obliged to send them their bills, which ought not to be necessary, when the position in which their accounts stand is made known to them each week as regularly as they receive the paper.

After they put us to the trouble of making up their bills and paying postage thereon to them, far too many pay no attention thereto, but continue to receive and read the paper, without apparently realizing that they are treating the publisher very shabbily.

When a paper is mailed week after week to a subscriber, and he knows, all the while, that he is shirking the duty of paying for it; and when, after the publisher has been obliged to pay postage to remind him of his neglect he still withholds what is due, simply because he may think the sum is not large enough to pay a collector to go, personally, after it, it becomes unnecessary to resort to more effective and unpleasant methods of collection.

A notice at the top of the first column on this page is particularly addressed to our tardy friends, and as our business interests make prompt collections necessary, we intend, at the beginning of the new year, to charge up all over-due subscription accounts at the uniform rate of \$2 a year and place every one of them in the hands of our attorneys for collection.

We prefer to have the relationships between ourselves and our subscribers pleasant and agreeable, but cannot afford to send them the ADVANCE every week and be entirely ignored, without getting out of patience. We those that are now shirking payment find the lawyers after them, and have to pay at the rate of \$2 a year, with the costs added, they will wish they had been considerate enough to settle at the rate of \$1.50 when they had the opportunity to do so.

Delinquent subscribers are particularly notified that after Jan. 1st, when their accounts are placed out of our hands, they will have to deal with our lawyers, as we do not propose to then interfere with the process of summary collection of the full amounts due, and costs. Every one of them—save those who have other business besides our books—can inform himself as to what he owes by consulting the pink date-slip on the top margin of the first page.

National Pills are a mild purgative, acting on the Stomach, Liver and Bowels, removing all obstructions.

Presbytery of Miramichi.—Several meetings of Presbytery were held at Wellford, Kent, on the 18th and 19th inst. Notwithstanding the storm, Rev. I. Baird, A. F. Thompson, J. D. Murray, Wm. Hamilton, J. H. Cameron, and I. C. Gilmore made their way to the place of meeting. The Presbytery was constituted by Rev. Mr. Hamilton, and Rev. J. D. Murray was appointed clerk pro tempore. Rev. A. F. Thompson submitted a valuable report from the Presbytery's Committee on Systematic Giving for the cause of Christ, the representations of which were exhaustively discussed and the recommendations adopted. The Stated Clerk with the Presbytery papers did not succeed in reaching Wellford until Wednesday afternoon, on account of the blockade on the Intercolonial. It was then found that on account of the inability of parties interested in much of the Presbytery business to attend, it was expedient to meet again at an early day, and to defer the general business until such meeting. The Presbytery then gave attention to some urgent matters, and adjourned to meet at Newcastle on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, at 10 o'clock a. m., and the meeting was closed with prayer.

Don't let that cold of yours run on. You think it is a light thing. But it may run into catarrh. Or into pneumonia. Or consumption.

Catarrh is disgusting. Pneumonia is dangerous. Consumption is death itself. The breathing apparatus must be kept healthy and clear of all obstructions and offensive matter. Otherwise there is trouble ahead.

All the diseases of these parts, head

Children Cry for

Pitcher's Castoria.

nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs, can be delicately and entirely cured by the use of Boscche's German Syrup. If you don't know this already, thousands and thousands of people can tell you. They have been cured by it, and "know how it is, themselves." Bottle only 75 cents. Ask any druggist.

Doaktown Notes.—DECEMBER 18, 1888. Very inclement weather is prevalent in this section at present, so much so, that the amount of shopping usually done at this season of the year is somewhat curtailed, the store-keepers complaining of a want of activity in customers coming forward to purchase presents for their friends and lay in supplies of delicacies X'mas and New Year, but hopeful for an increase in trade during the short time intervening between now and Christmas.

R. Swin & Son have on hand a large and well-selected stock of X'mas goods and customers can obtain at this store good value for their money, as this enterprising firm spare no pains to suit their many customers in quality and price. Their steam saw-mill is shut down for the season and their men are engaged getting logs for next spring's operations.

An unusual amount of activity about the railway station is noticed, consequent upon the large amount of wood and hemlock bark being shipped by R. Swin & Son. The season for shipping telegraph poles seems to have ended. The general face of John Wier, Esq., M. D., not being so much seen as it has heretofore been in connection with the export of that article.

The lull in that particular branch of industry, however, will allow him ample time to practice his profession. The public think that as he is the only doctor in this part of the country, he should give his whole attention to his professional duties and let men engaged in the business attend to the shipping of the natural products of the country, as his services might be required when all his attention is engaged in the telegraph pole business.

[Our correspondent is hardly logical, for, as he states, the season for shipping telegraph poles has ended, it follows that the shipper is at liberty to attend to any business he likes in this free country. We are glad the country is so healthy as to afford the general doctor opportunity to assist in carrying on its native industry.—Editor.]

Thomas Hambrook's friends and relations were much pleased to have ocular evidence of his return from the United States. He spent a few days in the village.

For some evenings the smiling countenance of our friend, Mr. James Holmes, was noticeably absent at the post office, occasioned by a slight accident which befell him in the lumberwoods having, unluckily, cut himself with an axe. His return, however, has made no pleasant face of her who mostly missed his company.

The talked-of skating rink is not yet completed, nevertheless many pleasant evenings have been spent on the ice by the ladies and gentlemen of the village. A variety of fancy skating was witnessed by the lookers-on, the principal performers being Mr. Attridge, Mr. Munroe, Miss Reeves, Miss A. Murray, Miss Bois, Miss Holmes, Miss Price, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Swin, the Masters Gelks, and several others.

The village is noted for its variety of sports, among which should have special mention, the sleigh driving. Mr. Attridge having kindly placed his team, sleighs and robes at the disposal of those particularly interested in that kind of amusement. His kindness was taken advantage of one fine evening last week by a number driving some miles from the village and organizing a surprise party at the boarding house of one of our most popular school teachers, Miss S. E. Reeves.

The Temperance Council have added a first-class organ to their outfit and are fast advancing the cause they have organized to promote.

Present prospects indicate the building of a cheese factory in the early spring. The stock list has not yet been circulated but many are anxiously awaiting its coming ready to subscribe the desired amount to warrant the undertaking.

Much regret is expressed at the probable change soon to be made in the school teachers in the Archibald School District, as it will occasion the absence of one of our most respected young ladies, Miss E. E. Estey, who has, for the past year, been teaching in that district and is also an active member of the Temperance Council.

An excellent opportunity is afforded here for a first-class shoemaker as the only tradesman we have in that line is now overworked, being compelled to work night and day to fill his orders and yet his boots are being worn that ought to be patched.

As usual, business at the Hotel managed by Mrs. J. L. Murray is booming, the trains bringing lots of guests, among whom are commercial travellers who are compelled to remain over night to collect their orders from the several business houses here. The Murray Hotel is also the headquarters of Miss E. Sutherland, music teacher of Fredericton, whose time is fully occupied teaching a number of pupils distributed over a section of country embracing some twenty miles in extent. Reports say her pupils are fast advancing and another term under her tutelage promises to turn out some masters of music.

H. Doak's grist mill is still actively employed, owing to the large crop of buckwheat raised this year.

Mr. Samuel Russell was in town last week and purposes filling up the vacant shelves in his store by the introduction of a large stock of goods.

Mr. Andrew McIntosh of Chatham, (Government Merchant) spent a few days in town. The lumbermen were glad to see him and hope little time will elapse between his visits.

James Robinson of Derby is the principal lumber operator in this section. He imports his supplies by the carload and employs a large number of men and teams. We wish him every success that men of his energy and stamp deserve.

John L. Murray is also engaged largely in the lumbering business and bids fair to do a good winter's work.

F. D. Swin is now furnishing the house he has just completed. It is considered the model house of the village. He will, doubtless, soon want a cook. Don't all speak as usual!

James Hucell's bear is dened for the winter.

R. Stridge has been awarded the contract to snow the covered bridge here and has entered upon his duties by giving it one good coat of snow.

We, also, understand the N. & W. Ry Co. have been awarded the contract for carrying the mails between Fredericton and Chatham, which we expect will be daily, and thus add to the labor and comfort of the community.

Files! Files! Itching Piles. Symptoms—Moisture, intense itching and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. It flows to continue tumors formed often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. SWANNE'S Ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases re-

sequently the salaries of the Postmasters. Should the I. C. B. Express to have their business under the one management in Chatham, it would be a convenience to the public and also more remunerative to the agent.

John Shandick, mail carrier from Doaktown to Shianickburn, failed to put in an appearance last week. His grandson reports him too sick to attend to that duty.

Miss Grace Murray is at present visiting her friends in the Capital.

Thomas Dunn, agent for the N. & W. Ry, proposes starting a Home in Doaktown. We hear he is negotiating for the purchase of a valuable spot of land in the village with a view of erecting a dwelling thereon. For further particulars apply to the Postmaster, Henry Swin, Esq. He (Mr. Dunn) will for the present occupy the part of the station intended for a dwelling.

We hope to be able to report several marriages at the opening of the new year. All whose proposals have been favorably received will do well to call on R. H. Doak, who has a full supply of marriage licenses on hand, suitable for School Teachers and any other class who may apply.

Some hearts were made sad by the departure of Wm. C. Robinson and John A. Merereau, who started West on the 12th inst., to seek their fortunes in the wild woods of New Hampshire. A circumstance of the same kind, with the same object in view, occurred on the 17th inst., when John T. Merereau and his son Walter started West.

Victoria Carbolic Salvo is a great aid to internal medicine in the treatment of scrofulous sores, ulcers and abscesses of all kinds.

Kent Notes.—RICHMOND, Dec. 25, 1888. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the readers of the ADVANCE is the wish of your Richmond correspondent.

Rev. Samuel Howard, B. A., at present stationed at Richmond, Carleton County, has been invited by the Methodist congregation of Richibucto to succeed Rev. Silas James, and has signified his willingness to accept. The numerous friends of Rev. Mr. James will regret to hear of his removal.

A few weeks ago the barn of the Misses McAlmon, near Kingston, was broken into and a number of twenty-two turkeys, geese and chickens were stolen. Thieves make annual visits to the premises of a highly respected, hard-working woman, and generally the raids are made about the X'mas season, when poultry is in good condition for the market, or for home use.

Postmaster Vautour received a substantial X'mas box yesterday—one that will keep. This time a boy.

Mr. John G. Miller, of the Postal Service, is spending a few days in town.

His Honor Judge Botsford arrived by train yesterday and is a guest of Dr. R. L. Botsford.

Smelt fishermen report poor luck so far this season. Yesterday, the highest price was three and a quarter cents per pound. The charge for a U. S. Consular certificate for shipments under \$100 has been reduced from \$3 to \$1.50. In Miramichi the charge is \$1.

The last snow storm resulted in a fall of "the beautiful" to the depth of two feet on the level.

The Municipal Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 1889.

Inspector John T. Caie has made information against Mr. Philip Woods for allowing gambling in the "Kent Hotel" premises. The case will come before Stipendiary Magistrate Bliss, on Friday next, when, if reports are true, startling developments may be expected.

Capt. James Forster has been seriously ill for some weeks past, and still lies in a critical state.

Beozama, Itchy, Scaly, Skin Tortures. The simple application of "SWANNE'S OINTMENT," without any internal medicine, will cure any case of Tetter, Salt Rheum, Ringworm, Piles, Itch, Sores, Pimples, Eczema, all Scaly, Itchy Skin Eruptions, no matter how obstinate or long standing. It is potent, effective, and costs but a trifle.

A Gallant Rescue.—The New York Herald of 23rd inst., gives the following account of a gallant rescue made by Capt. Dickson of the Schr. Ella Maud. Capt. Dickson, and his vessel both belong, we think, to Moncton and sailed from the Miramichi last fall:—

"For God's sake, save us!" These cries rang out in the darkness on the Sound at eight o'clock Friday night. They were heard by Captain Robert Dickson of the two-masted Canadian schooner Ella Maud about two miles northeast of Execution Rock. He reefed his sails, anchored his vessel and prepared to lower a boat.

"You do this at the peril of your life, Captain," said the pilot on board. "You cannot rescue those men."

"I saw that they were in two of the men had lowered themselves into a boat. The next instant she was struck by a heavy sea and almost swamped. Undaunted the rescuers went in search of the men, who were continually, but now faintly, crying for help. For two hours they wrestled with the storm, and at last found the men clinging to a schooner bottom up. With difficulty the men were hauled on board the boat, for they were now in a helpless condition, and finally hauled on the Ella Maud. They were Capt. Hammond, Mate Gifford and Stewart Tully, of the schooner J. C. Bowers. They had been in the water for three hours, and were well nigh frozen and thoroughly exhausted. Restoratives were applied and everything possible was done for their comfort. The Ella Maud resumed her course, landing Captain Hammond at City Island, and bringing the other two to this city, where they arrived at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Ella Maud is now anchored in Gowan's Canal.

I saw Captain Hammond last night. He had most fully recovered from his perilous experience and was profuse in his thanks to Captain Dickson and his men, and to the crew of the Ella Maud. He had a few minutes longer with me, and a few minutes longer with me, and a few minutes longer with me, and a few minutes longer with me.

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New Brunswick Crops.—ALL BELOW THE AVERAGE THIS YEAR. Department of Agriculture, Fredericton, Dec. 22, 1888.

From eighty reports received as to the harvest and other matters relating to agriculture in the province, I gather that all the crops are below the average this year, taking the province as a whole and speaking without respect to the amount of the crop. The following statement represents the average condition of the several crops named, one hundred being taken to represent a full average: Wheat, 78.79; oats, 88.94; buckwheat, 54.97; barley, 86.21; potatoes, 95.79; turnips, 86.86; other roots, 89.66; fruit, 95.69.

The following represents the average yield per acre over the province: Wheat, 16.6; oats, 33.2; buckwheat, 23.9; barley, 27.3; potatoes, 138.8; turnips, 295.4; carrots, 370.

The dry product for the year is put at 90 per cent of the average.

Details of the replies to the Harvest Circular will be given in the Departmental Report.

CHAS. H. LUGRIN, Secretary for Agriculture.

Christmas Services in St. Mary's and St. Paul's Churches.—The Christmas Festival was celebrated with the customary appropriate and interesting services in St. Mary's and St. Paul's churches. The 1st service was held in St. Mary's on X'mas Eve, at 7.30, when the Christmas Hymns (59 and 60) A. and M. were sung as Processions, the former at the beginning of the service and the latter at the close. Hymn 57 was also sung after the 3rd Collect. The Psalms were excellently sung to usual chants, and St. Mary's looked very bright and warm in its Festival decorations, which are, for the most part, the same as on former occasions. The white robes of the choristers in contrast to the evergreen and colour of the decorations, together with the hearty and joyous Christmas hymns, rendered the service a fitting beginning of the religious observance of the Festival.

The 2nd service which was a midnight celebration of the Holy Eucharist, suitably occupied the 1st hour of Christmas day in St. Paul's Church. The service was a very creditable. The Eucharistic Hymn was 60, A. and M., and the Te Deum in F. by Jackson was sung at the close of the solemn services. The 3rd service was a Celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Paul's (Parish) church at 8 a. m., on X'mas Day. Hymns 59 and 60, were heartily sung and there was a good attendance of communicants. The 4th service was held at 11 a. m., in St. Mary's Chapel. Before the Morning Prayers, and during the ringing of the bell, the Sunday School children sang Christmas Carols under the leadership of Miss Gillespie who presided at the organ. The Processional Hymn before Morning Prayer was 59 A. & M., and the Anthem was from the 2nd Psalm, "The God of St. Luke, 'There were shepherds,' etc. The other music was as follows: Venite 106 Huchins. Te Deum, Jackson in F. Benedictus 175, Hutchins. Kyrie Gloria B. G. Gratias Tibi Benedictus qui Venit Agnus Dei Gloria in Excelsis. Eucharistic Hymn 60 A & M Recessional, Nunc Dimittis.

The whole service was very hearty and well attended. The Rector preached a Christmas Sermon and administered the Holy Communion. The 5th Service was held at St. Paul's Church at 3 p. m., and consisted of Evening Prayer, Christmas Hymns, and Sermon by the Rector.

St. Mary's congregation presented the Rector with a handsome and valuable Persian Lamb overcoat as a token of esteem and respect for which the Rev. gentleman conveyed his grateful thanks at the close of his sermon on Sunday evening last. The children of the Sunday School also, as usual, presented the Rector with an elegant Persian Lamb cap with their good wishes, which he thankfully acknowledged.

Northumberland Agricultural Society.—The annual meeting of Northumberland Agricultural Society was held at the Canada House, Chatham, on Thursday last, the President, B. Stapledon, Esq., in the Chair. The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and of the auditors were submitted and approved and the election of the new Board of Directors resulted as follows:—

B. Stapledon, President. Messrs. Falconer, 1st Vice President. Chas. Sargent, 2nd do. D. G. Smith, Secy-Treasurer. Wm. Johnston, Jas. Fish, John Galloway, John O'Brien, John Ferguson, Wm. Macdonald, C. S. Schiath, John Ferguson, Alex. Dickson, and Duke Stas, Benson, Alex. Dickson, David McLean, Louis Dick.

Messrs. John Galloway, Wm. Searle and Alex. Dickson were appointed a committee to take charge of the Society's mud-digger, which is to be operated for the benefit of members of the Society.

It was ordered that an exhibition of Roots, Grains, Dairy Produce and Domestic Manufactures take place at Newcastle on Thursday 7th February. Messrs. Jas. Anslow, C. S. Schiath, John Ferguson, Chas. Sargent and W. C. Galloway were appointed committee to secure and prepare place for the Show and the President, Secretary and Geo. P. Searle to prepare price list.

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