Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

THE PRESBYTERY CLERK has our thanks for the promptness with which he has furnished the report of proceedings of that body as recorded in another column.

A "DUKE OF WELLINGTON" two-year old colt, raised by Mr. Alex. Dickson, has been sold to Mr. John Ryan of Chatham for $150. Such sales as this demonstrate the advantage of breeding first class stock.

COMMENDABLE:—We are glad to learn that a Fish and Game Protective Association has been formed in the County and hope it will be effective in the work it seeks to do. Such a society is very necessary if we would preserve our valuable game and fishing privileges.

REDBANK BRIDGE is again in trouble, the second span from the shore having fallen to the ice, a hopeless wreck, on Saturday last. We hope the Department of Public Works will act, on this occasion with the same commendable promptness in restoring this bridge as it did last year when one of the spans fell.

LUMBER COMPANY.—Mr. Burns, M. P., for Gloucester, who has returned from Europe, states that while in England he organised a syndicate with a capital of $255,000 to operate 700 square miles of timber limits on the lower St. Lawrence. He also brought to the notice of several capitalists a railway scheme which will give an air line from Montreal to Shippegan harbor.—*Globe.*

THE MCCORMACK-LAIDLAW Skating contest at the Chatham Rink on last Thursday evening attracted quite a large attendance. The race was one of five miles and was gamily contested by both men. McCormack led at the start, but Laidlaw passed him once, amid enthusiastic cheers. He held his advantage for about two miles when the champion wrested it from him by hard work and held it to the finish which was made with a lead of about 40 feet in 15 min. 2 sec., the course being a short one. The pace was admittedly a very fast one and although Laidlaw did not win, he made himself a great favorite by his plucky efforts to do so.

"ME TOO" IN BAD HUMOR:—The *Advocate* happened to receive a copy of the Public Works Report, in which a double sheet was folded—a thing that happens at times in all binderies—and it takes occasion to magnify the small matter into the proportions of a public calamity. The *Advocate's* trouble is, of course, caused by the knowledge that the report was printed in the ADVANCE office at over *two hundred dollars less for the same work* than the government which it supported paid when in power. "Me Too" must exercise a little patience, or the public will suspect that it is very much disappointed over the distribution of public offices and patronage just now. As it dare not criticise those who have served it very badly, we must expect its surcharged feelings to find vent in the quarter to which it always turns on such occasions.

"SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN." We have made arrangements with the publishers of the *Scientific American* to receive subscriptions therefor in Chatham, so as to save persons of that useful paper the trouble of remitting to New York. Sam'l *Scientific American*, when ordered through the ADVANCE office will be mailed direct to the Subscribers from the New York office of publication. Every number contains sixteen large pages, beautifully printed, richly illustrated; is presented in popular style a descriptive record of the most novel, interesting and important advances in Science, Art and Manufactures. It shows the progress of the world in respect to New Discoveries and Improvements, embracing Machinery, Mechanical Works, Engineering in all branches, Chemistry, Metallurgy, Electricity, Light, Heat, Architecture, Domestic Economy, Agriculture, Natural History, etc.

It should have a place in every Dwelling, Shop, Office, School or Library. Workmen, Foremen, Engineers, Officials, Merchants, Farmers, Teachers, Lawyers, Physicians, Clergymen—people in every walk and profession in life, will derive satisfaction and benefit from a regular reading of *The Scientific American.*

The prices of the different forms of the *Scientific American* are as follows:

Scientific American, 1 year, $3 00.
Scientific American Supplement, 1 year, $5 00.
Scientific American and Supplement, both to one address, 1 year, $7 00.
Scientific American, Architect and Builder's edition, 1 year $2 50.
Orders must invariably be accompanied by the cash.

Musical and Dramatic

A very creditable entertainment was given in St. Patrick's Hall on Saturday evening last under the auspices of St. Michael's Total Abstinence Society. The programme, as performed, was as follows:—

Opening chorus—"Sons of Ireland"—by the juvenile members.
Comic character song—"Finigan and his Flute"—by M. Sheridan—Encore, "Dear Sweet Ireland."
Sentimental song—"The Exile's Lament"—by A. J. Wheeler.
Sentimental song—"Minstrel boy"—by P. Morrisey.—Encore, "Tara's Harp."
DRAMA—"MORE SINNED AGAINST THAN SINNING."

Characters.

Squire Hilton,	John Bullock.
Marmaduke Hilton,	R. Allen.
Alphonses Belhaven,	R. Sutton.
Dick Harvey,	J. Steele.
Teddy O'Neal,	M. Sheridan.
Major Lookout,	A. J. Wheeler.
Capt. De Balzac,	Wm. Deplacey.
Smugglers { Tom,	M. O'Shea.
Smugglers { Joe,	J. Ryan.
Smugglers { Andy,	T. Fitzpatrick.
John Jenison,	J. Knigat.

The Band of the Society, under Mr. Arch McEachran's leadership, played on the street, in front of the hall before the performance commenced, and also at the close. It has been organized only a short time and is making very satisfactory progress. The manner in which Messrs. Sheridan, Allen and Sutton acquitted themselves in the Drama is especially worthy of creditable mention, although the other characters showed that they had been at no little pains to perfect themselves in their parts. The amount realized was $7[illegible], a result on which the managers have reason to congratulate themselves.

Mr. Burr's Wedding.

A Boston correspondent writing on Monday last says:—"A very pretty wedding took place at St. Margaret's Church of this city on Thursday, 15th inst., the contracting parties being Mr. A. M. Burr of Chatham and Miss Katie E Wilkinson of Lancaster, Mass. Mr. Geo. L. Eetson of New York acted as best man and Miss Jessie Uddock of Waltham, Mass., as bridesmaid. Among those present were Mr. Norman Mackenzie, M. Doyle and G. W. Doxsee of Boston and Mr. J. O. Harrison of Montreal. In the evening Mr. Burr was entertained by the Canadian Club, of which Mr. G. W. Doxsee is President. The happy couple enjoyed the sights in and around 'the hub' and are now spending the balance of their honeymoon in the city of New York.

Chatham Manufactures.

Quite a valuable car-load of machinery was shipped from Chatham station on Wednesday of last week. It was from the Miramichi Foundry and Machine Works, consigned to Messrs. Stetson and Jordan, and intended for their new mill at Pleasant Point, St. John. Among the machines was a Pond's Patent Wisconsin Rotary saw mill, one of the Miramichi Foundry's compound edgers and two of Ross' patent Lath Machines. The Rotary is off the same pattern as that in the Morrison mill at Fredericton, which has cut 50,000 sup. ft. of lumber in ten hours. The compound edger operates four twenty-two inch saws and is admitted to be the best edger made in New Brunswick. The lath machines have each a cutting capacity of 60,000 per day of ten hours.

Last fall one of their compound edgers and also a lath machine were furnished by these works to Messrs. Hilyard of Portland for their mill at that place.

Among the work which our reporter found in progress the other day was a compound edger similar to the above for Mr. Scott Fairley; also a triple expansion engine for Mr. H. A. Muirhead's new steamer now under construction in the shipyard connected with the works. Its cylinders are 11, 14 and 26 inches respectively in diameter, with 12-inch stroke. The boiler will be of steel. Its dimensions are, 8 ft long and 7 ft diameter with two 26-inch furnaces, and it will carry a working pressure of 160 lbs.

A boiler for the New Brunswick Trading Company's tug, *Zulu*, is also in course of construction at the works, and among the recent heavy jobs turned out were a number of heavy cast iron columns for the new R. C. church at Bathurst.

These works are a credit to the Miramichi and able to meet every requirement of north shore and general milling and other business. They are owned by Wm. Muirhead, Esq., the mechanical Superintendent being Mr. Geo. Dick.

A Water-loo.

One of the most unique matches ever played by curlers came off at Fredericton, on Wednesday of last week, the contestants being four rinks of the Fredericton club on one side against an equal number representing the Chatham club on the other. The weather had been fairly cold up to the morning of the match and both sides entered with spirit into the contest. For the first half dozen ends of the play the Chatham men had absolute charge of their opponents, the latter being fairly out played. The temperature, however, rose and the ice-surface became so wet that the hacks filled with water, rendering foot-hold at the delivery of the stones uncertain, while the concave stones used by the Chatham men had to be played with all the strength they could command. For the last half dozen ends in the forenoon play, three men in one of the rinks seldom succeeded in putting the stones to the hog-score.

In the afternoon the ice was in even worse condition, but as the Fredericton men seemed to think the game should go on the visitors concluded to take their chances, it being agreed on all sides that stones were to be changed throughout the game should any of the players so desire. The Fredericton men were fortunate in having at hand some of the flat bottomed stones used several years ago for out door play, and these seemed to suit the ice very well, while the Chatham stones, if played concave side down could not be got through the water to the hog-score and, if turned, ran so easy as to make it impossible to play correct lengths. A game so played was, of course, not curling. The rinks engaged and scores were as follows:—

MORNING.

Fredericton.	*Chatham.*
G. W. Hoegg,	T. Desbrisay,
G. W. Hodge,	G. Tait,
Gilmour Brown,	A. Brown,
H. C. Rutter, skip, 11	D. Chesman skip, 14
W. Barker,	Robert Murray,
D. L. Babbitt,	A. J. Loggie,
J. H. Hawthorn,	Donald Loggie,
W. K. Allen, skip, 21	James Johnson, sk. 8

AFTERNOON.

Lee Street,	E. Johnson,
R. Inglis,	John Johnston,
A. F. Street,	R. A. Lawlor,
E. H. Allen, skip, 28	D. G. Smith skip, 8
F. I. Everitt,	Geo. Watt,
A. F. H. Randolph,	Thos. Crimmin,
J. S. Neil,	W. Wilson,
T. G. Loggie, skip, 22	E. Hutchison, sk. 9
Totals..... 82	39

On Wednesday evening the Fredericton curlers entertained their Chatham brethren in first class fashion at the Barker House. The menu was a generous one and the post-prandial interchanges of sentiment of a very pleasant and cordial character. The president of the St. Stephen club Mr. J. D. Chipman and one of its prominent members, Mr. Whitlock, represented the border curlers and Mr. Morrissey M. P. P. the Newcastle club.

The Chatham and Fredericton men will, no doubt, meet on Chatham ice next winter and test their relative merits, for the latter are, themselves, hardly satisfied under the circumstances. They are, however, a jolly good fellow to meet, and neither victory nor defeat can mar the pleasant relationships that exist between them and their Miramichi brethren.

The Fishery Treaty.

Grip's Cartoon contains a cartoon A late issue of *Grip* [illegible] opinion of which expresses that journal's opinion of the relative position of Canada and the United States under the new Fishery Treaty. Secretary Bayard and Sir Charles Tupper are represented exhibiting their respective catches. Bayard with a strong rope over his shoulder, is holding a magnificent codfish which reaches to the ground, while Tupper has suspended from a piece of twine a very small sprat. The tremendous codfish is labelled "United States advantages;" the sprat is labelled "Bait." The cartoon is entitled "Bait, as usual,"—and the following is spoken:—

Bayard—"Guess this treaty is a tremendous cod on Canada, hey, Tupper!" In the rear Mr. Chamberlain is walking off grinning with a roll of documents labelled "Treaty '88—Great Triumph of Diplomacy."

For Vancouver.

The many friends of Mr. Geo. Cassidy of Chatham will learn with regret that he has determined to "go west." Some ten years since he began the establishment of his well known planing mill and door, sash and blind factory, to which he afterwards added his shingle mill—all situated in "the Factory" building in the lower part of the town. It was one of the best run and best appointed manufactories in the county, and the determination of Mr. Cassidy to leave it and go to Vancouver involves therefore no ordinary loss from the ranks of those who are engaged in advancing the material prosperity of the Miramichi. We have too few already of men of Mr. Cassidy's intelligence and enterprise but, as he has decided to leave us, it is fitting that the general regret of the community in parting with him should be expressed. In the valuable establishment which he created by his unaided energy in Chatham, and the fact that he made money during an admittedly dull period, his friends have a guarantee that he will succeed wherever legitimate effort intelligent enterprise and undoubted integrity are appreciated. While parting with him with regret, therefore, his fellow-citizen do so having every confidence—as it is their sincere wish—that he will succeed even beyond his hopes in his new home in the far Canadian West.

A Self-made Official.

MR. EDITOR.—It's an old saying that changes are lightsome, and, amongst other little changes that are occasionally taking place, the town of Newcastle has changed its policeman and, to all intents and purposes, not for the better protection of the town, but rather to assist a pronounced party-man in the shape of a dozen or so brass buttons and a four hundred dollars a year. The present Chief of Police, who constitutes the whole force, is Mr. John Clark, harness maker, who came to the town a few years ago. His place of business is at the rear of Mr. Creaghan's shop. No doubt he will continue to carry on the harness business with the aid of his apprentice, and his occupation as Chief of Police will not entail much waste of energy on his part, he being one of the leading members of the Conservative Club and consequently having a good deal to say about the quality and quantity of protection the town ought to have. Such being the case Mr. Clark can improve his annual income very materially, as his hours on duty, I understand, commence at four p. m. and end at 4 a. m. This arrangement will give him a good opportunity to work at his trade a part of each day and so he can earn $400 a year and his pickings in connection with his office as policeman with little or no loss to his lucrative business as a harness-maker.

But the shabby part of the matter is yet to be told. You are aware Mr. Editor that the police committee consists of three members—the two councillors and some other citizen whom the Councillors may appoint. Our present policeman Mr. Clark was the choice of the councillors to make the third member of the police committee. Then, in his capacity as police committee, he assisted his colleagues in discharging Mr. Watters from the position and we may reasonably infer, by the style of the present hero of the billy and brass buttons that Mr. Clark gave the other two of the committee unbiased advice as to who was the fit and proper person to become Mr. Watters' successor.

In the early part of the present month there was a report going the rounds that the police committee, owing to the low state of the police fund, had determined to have no policeman on for a time, but the property holders of the town did not relish such information and immediately got a very largely signed requisition of our principal business men in favor of Mr. Watters, for since he has been on the police force he has proved himself a good, efficient officer. In the meantime Mr. Watters was discharged and then it was given out that there would be no policeman until the opening of navigation. But Councillor Morrison was informed by some of the wire-pullers of the club that St. Patrick's day would fall on Saturday the seventeenth of March, and to prevent those unruly Irish from commiting any depredations on that particular day on the peaceful inhabitants of Newcastle he thought it prudent to strike terror into them by the stern and formidable appearance of Mr. John Clark in full regimentales on our streets on St. Patrick's day.

It is astonishing how low some men will allow themselves to drop in the estimation of all honest and honorable men. It is deplorable that there is to be found in this enlightened age a man that will stoop to such contemptible methods of grasping at a dollar. This Mr. Clark, our present policeman, is running a good business in the town of Newcastle as a harness maker. He is also a leading member of the Conservative Club to which fact he owes his appointment on the police Committee, he then uses his position to displace Mr. Watters (a man they cannot bring a charge against) to make an opening for himself. Such a piece of miserable, shameless self-seeking has not been perpetrated on this town since the days of the "fighting election" and the person who has become a party to the scrubby shuffle has, in addition to the brass on his coat, a good share of cheek to appear on our sidewalks in the garb of a policeman and stem the strong feeling of indignation that his action has aroused against him by his despicable method of procuring himself a situation.

OBSERVER.

Nelson News.

ACCIDENT—We regret to learn that Rev. Father Power is confined to his bed, suffering from the effects of a severe accident, which befell him on Thursday of last week. While avoiding the attack of a ferocious dog near his pump-house he slipped on the ice and fell, spraining his ankle badly. Although suffering very much pain at first from the sprain he is now doing well and expects to be able to administer to the spiritual wants of his congregation in a few weeks' time.

FLETT'S MILL—Employees are busily engaged repairing and getting in readiness the saw-mill of Mr. John Flett. We understand that Mr. Flett intends hurrying his saw-mill in operation as soon as the ice is sufficiently clear to permit logs being brought to the slip.

FROM THE WOODS,—Every day brings the arriving rush of returning lumbermen.

A NUMBER of our sports, with their trotting horses, repaired to the race-course on the ice opposite Newcastle on St. Patrick's Day, to participate in the [illegible] were announced to take place. [illegible] tracks had previously been [illegible] commencing at the Lightship and [illegible] Mill Cove. The matches were mainly [illegible] witnessed ice and some lively contests were [illegible] ed. Mr. T. S. Ramsay's horse, of [illegible] castle, carried off the honors of the day. Mr. Thos. Flett's bay horse showed a fine display of trotting near the evening, and gives promise, with careful training, of great speed. Our sports have got their blood up, and the arrangement for several matches to take place this week is contemplated—weather permitting.

NELSON, March 19th, '88.

What Am I to do?

The symptoms of Biliousness are unhappily but too much known. They differ in different individuals to some extent. A Bilious man is seldom a breakfast eater. Too frequently, alas, he has an excellent appetite for liquids but none for solids of a morning. His tongue will hardly bear inspection at any time; if it is not white and furred, it is rough at all events.

The digestive system is wholly out of order and Diarrhœa or Constipation may be symptoms or the two may alternate. There are often Hemorrhoids or even loss of blood. There may be giddiness and often headache and acidity or flatulence and tenderness in the pit of the stomach. To correct all this if not effect a cure try *Green's August Flower*, it cost but a trifle and thousands attest its efficacy.

Kent County Notes.

RICHIBUCTO MARCH 20.

The Kent Hotel has been purchased by Mr. A. James Girvan, banker, of Kingston. The premises are at present under lease to Mr. Philip Woods, late of Buctouche.

Capt. George H. Long is making some progress with his vessel which he expects to launch this season. It will be schooner-rigged and over one hundred tons register.

A serious accident occurred on Main River, Parish of Weldford, on Thursday last Mr. Robert Hutchinson Junr. was hauling mud on the ice and had with him his nine year old son Alexander. He had forbidden the lad to jump on the sled, but the little boy, bent on having a ride, attempted to get on a load hauled by a pair of horses owned by Stephen Ward, when he slipped and fell, the runner of the sled passing over one of his legs breaking the bones of the limb between the knee and the hip. Dr. R. A. De Quoloqui was summoned and pronounced the case of a very serious nature which will require some months of quiet and rest.

The readers of the St. John *Sun*, who are familiar with the circumstances of the case, were somewhat surprised at a letter which appeared in that paper of 19th inst. defending the management of the Kent Northern Railway. If the members of the Legislative Council will pursue an enquiry, hear both sides, and give the public the benefit of the evidence, it will then be known on whose shoulders lies the blame for all the humbugging and imposition so common upon the patrons of the road referred to.

The Circuit Court terminated its proceedings on Thursday. In the slander case, Wheten *vs.* Cochrane—the record was withdrawn.

Henry O'Leary *vs* R. A. & J. Stewart;—verdict for plaintiff for full amount claimed. McInerney & Carter for plaintiff; J. G. Forbes for defendant. His honor Judge King left by train for St. John on Friday.

Two buildings occupied as hotels in the thriving village of Buctouche are owned by Mr. Herbert Irving, banker; Mr. Alexander Murray, another banker, owns a hotel in Kingston; and last week the "Kent Hotel" in the shiretown, passed into the hands of Mr. A. James Girvan, another banker and the most wide-awake man of the lot.

On Saturday evening a lecture was delivered by George V. McInerney, Esq., L. L. B., in St. Patrick's Hall, to a crowded house—Subject:—"St. Patrick." The lecture was delivered in Mr. McInerney's usual eloquent and impressive style, and drew forth round after round of applause. After the lecture a Basket Sociable was held on the lower flat of the building when Sheriff Wheten acted as Auctioneer. The eatables were rapidly disposed of and as quickly dissapeared. The proceeds netted $73.

Mr. O. J. LeBlanc, M. P. P., has succeeded in carrying his Bill to divide the Parish of St. Mary's for municipal purposes. The effect of this Act will be to give two more Councillors to the Municipality of the County—provided the Legislative Council allow the passage of the Bill. Two similar acts were thrown out by the Legislative Council,—one in 1887 and one in 1886.

A Temperance wave struck this town in full blast. A Section of the Cadets of Temperance was formed last Thursday with a membership of about twenty. Last evening Mrs. R. B. Noble formed a Band of Hope, upwards of seventy boys and girls being present. Old Richibucto Division is "booming up," and has a large number in attendance every Wednesday evening, among them being a few reformed topers.

Within the past eleven months, of the many unfortunates who have been taken from this County to the Lunatic Asylum, St. John, three have died in that institution. The last case is that of William Cochrane, of the Parish of Weldford, who had been sent to the Asylum on two previous occasions.

The Presbytery of Miramichi.

This Presbytery met in Newcastle on Tuesday 20th inst. and was constituted with devotional exercises by Rev. Neil McKay, Moderator, with whom were present—Revs. Thos. S. Johnstone, Wm Aitken, J. D. Murray, John Robertson, A. Ogilvie Brown, R. Wallace Waits, Wm. Hamilton, A. L. Thompson, J. H. Cameron, Isaac Baird, Ministers: and John R. Nicholson, John Menzies, Archibald Lennox, and George Haddow, Elders.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

Mr. Wm Hamilton asked to be allowed to join Mr. Robertson in the dissent to the remit on the marriage question. It was granted.

Mr. J. P. Caie's commission as member of the court was sustained.

The committee to confer with Mr. George Anderson reported favorably, and the report was received and approved.

Mr. Brown reported on the presbytery fund, showing a balance in hand of $46.

A communication from Douglastown was read, requesting to be left without supply until the first of May.

A communication from Nelson was read, asking a reconsideration of the Presbytery's former decision anent Mr. Anderson supplying there.

A petition from Kouchibouguac was read, asking for an ordained missionary, and promising $400 per annum, stipend. [illegible] was supported by Rev. Wm. Hamilton [illegible] Stephen N. Cameron. The re- [illegible] and Mr. [illegible]nted, and Mr. T. C. Gilquest was g[illegible]ed for one year, from [illegible]mour was appoin[illegible] the first of May. [illegible] congregation

The arrears of Nelso[illegible] were reported as paid.

The presbytery regretted the a[illegible]tion of the Nelson congregation in employing [illegible] Anderson contrary to the decision of the court, and whilst recognizing Mr. Anderson as a young man of good character and ability, deem it better to leave the whole matter in the hands of the Moderator of Session.

Port Daniel was considered. Letters were read there anent from Rev. P. Lindsay, Mr. Angus McDonald and Rev. F. W. George, and it was finally decided to send a Catechist to this field for the ensuing summer, with the earnest hope that the arrears due Mr George would be paid, that harmony would prevail in the field, and that the student appointed would be blessed in his work.

The catechists were appointed as follows:—

A. F. Johnston, Caraquet.
A. W. McLeod, Kent County.
E. J. Rattee, Escuminac, Quebec.
M. J. McLeod, Port Daniel, Quebec.
J. T. McLean Douglastown and Nelson.
George Miller, Flatlands, Metapedia &c.
A. T. Thompson, New Bandon.

It was decided not to send a catechist to Tabusintac &c., but encourage them to strive to obtain an ordained missionary, or to hear suitable probationers out of whom they would be likely to call.

The Rev. P. Lindsay made application for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, to take effect about the last of September next, when he will be in his 69th year, and 35 years a minister. The application was accompanied by the necessary medical certificate, and was transmitted to the Assembly, with a recommendation that the request be granted. Messrs. McKay and Brown were appointed to represent the matter before the Assembly.

Clerical Commissioners were appointed as follows—

Revs. Hamilton, McKay, Brown and Cameron.

The following elders were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly—Messrs. George Haddow, J. R. Nicholson, James Edgar, Peter Hamilton—Alternates, Messrs. Wm Gray and Andrew Dunn.

Mr. McKay was appointed to make the assessments for expenses to Assembly.

The Presbytery having learned with deep regret that the report sent in by Mr. G. H. Smith, as catechist at Redbank, through some misunderstanding, state that there was no deficit of any kind, whereas we learn there is a debt for service of $41.50, and knowing that no aid has been obtained from the Home Mission Board during Mr. Smith's term of labor, this presbytery, hereby makes application to the Home Mission committee for $20 towards payment of this debt, in consideration that the people of Redbank make up the remainder, and that the member of the H. M. Board from this presbytery be instructed to press this claim before the next meeting of committee.

Grants from the Augmentation fund were recommended to be paid to the following congregations—

Blackville and Derby	$200
Black River	200
New Carlisle and Hopetown,	200
Redbank	250
Tabusintac & Burnt Church (In the event of calling a minister)	300

That whereas it was found that Newcastle was assessed at too high a rate for current year as compared with some other congregations, resolved that the amount $75 asked of them for Augmentation fund be reduced to $50,

That a committee (composed of Messrs McKay, Aitken, Murray, Cameron, Baird, J. R. Nicholson and John Menzies) be appointed to form a more equitable basis of assessment for the Augmentation fund.

The convener reported that nearly the whole amount allocated to this presbytery for the support of this scheme had been raised.

A petition from Weldford to make another congregation in Kent, was considered and it was resolved to lay it on the table and notify all parties concerned to appear by commission at a future meeting of this presbytery.

Mr. Cameron reported that he prosecuted Mr. Murray's call before the St. John Presbytery. His expenses of $4.00 were ordered to be paid out of the presbytery fund.

The Session Records of St. John's Church, Chatham, were reported as carefully and correctly kept.

Messrs. Brown and Hamilton were appointed to examine the Session Records of Newcastle, and report to the next meeting.

The Sabbath School report was read by Mr. McKay and adopted.

The respective conveners on "State of Religion" and "Temperance," were instructed to transmit their reports to the Synod and Assembly's conveners, without their being submitted to presbytery.

Ordered that the clerk be allowed three months leave of absence, from his pastoral charge, should he desire it, from July next.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, Kent Co, on the 17th July next, at 6 p. m., standard time, and this sederunt was closed with the benediction.

The Legislature.

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like to have seen them stand to their colors at all hazards. Had they all done this they would have done credit to the government appointing them and vastly greater credit to themselves. The 13th resolution (as to crown lands in dispute.) deals with matters which do not vitally affect us. The provincial secretary and himself had assented to it on the principle of do as we would be done by. They had given a helping hand to those directly concerned and the House would have no difficulty in agreeing with the resolution.

The 14th resolution proposes to deal to some extent with Bankruptcy and insolvency, The Statute Book is barren of such legislation and the resolution proposes in the absence of action by the Dominion Parliament that the Local Legislatures be invested with a measure of power to deal with the matter. He briefly explained the next two resolutions and then took up resolution 17, dealing with the question of finances. This resolution had been adopted without a dissenting voice—a most marvelous result all things considered. But we are met with the criticism that the proposed arrangement is going to increase the burdens of the people of Canada, and that New Brunswick will be deprived of a revenue she has now. When we entered confederation and surrendered many of our rights to the central authority we did so upon the distinct understanding that we should not have to make a direct tax upon the people. Our expectation was that we would have money enough for our schools, roads and bridges, for the maintenance of our asylum, and to carry on the government of the country efficiently. If experience has shown us that with the strictest economy the Dominion allowance is inadequate, why should we not endeavor to have the amendment proposed in the resolution adopted? We get 80 cents a head from the Dominion. Of this amount, 60 cents a head goes for education. He showed how, while the demands for educational purposes are increasing, people will not submit to anything like direct taxation in that connection. The federal authority should desire to see the causes of discontent removed. The proposition from five of the different provinces contained in this resolution should commend itself to the Dominion government and he believed it would, perhaps not this year but undoubtedly before very long, or next, [illegible] said that N. B. under the arrangement contained in the resolution had given away $150,000 and accepted $130,000. If this were true the Provincial Secretary who consented to the proposition and he (Blair) who agreed with him should be drummed out of the province. Mr. Blair entered into a full explanation of the financial arrangement, showing that under it without surrendering anything N. B. would get for government and legislation $180,000 a year as against $50,000 as at present, The increase in the different provinces under the resolution would be:

Ontario	$581.790 60
Quebec	347,968 80
Nova Scotia	162,457 60
New Brunswick	130,000 00

If the increase were according to population, as compared with New Brunswick, Ontario would be entitled to $780,000; Quebec to $585,000 and Nova Scotia $178,000. These figures would show whether or not New Brunswick's interests had been properly guarded in the proposed arrangement.

In conclusion, Mr. Blair said he had endeavored to go over the whole ground covered by the resolutions free from any feeling; without showing friendship for this political party or animosity towards the other. He asked the members in considering the resolutions to consider them not as Liberals Conservatives. First of all, we are New Brunswickers. If the experience of twenty years discloses to us that the constitution needs amending, it was the duty of all members to lend a helping hand in bringing about the desired changes. We should deal with the matter not from a political standpoint, but in a patriotic spirit, and there will be no surer way of promoting the political interests of the Dominion. These resolutions do not propose to tear up or tear down the constitution. They propose to lay the whole case, as stated, before Her Majesty, and he was satisfied that the appeal to the Imperial arbiter would not be in vain. (Great applause.)

Mr. Hanington followed, and spoke from 4 to 6 o'clock, when the debate was adjourned till 7.30. Mr. Hanington resumed about 8 o'clock, and occupied the attention of the house till 9.30, when his voice failing him because of a bad cold, he asked for the adjournment of the debate, which was granted. His remarks were intended to show that the Quebec conference was the result of a suggestion contained in a speech by Mr. Blake; that the members of the conference who passed the resolutions before the House had also passed resolutions in favor of unrestricted reciprocity with the United States; commercial union really meant political union with the United States, and this was to be deplored. He quoted statistics to show that our trade had greatly increased since confederation and under the constitution which Ontario Grits now try to break up. He believed Americans were behind those endeavoring to create discontent in this dominion. The resolutions were intended to embarrass the dominion government, and he did not see how any Liberal-Conservative could support them.

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Mr. Hanington closed his speech on the Quebec conference resolutions, claiming that the sentiment of the country was against them.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell spoke next, ably defending the resolutions from a non-party standpoint, and, as a strong liberal-conservative, he declared they were such as should commend themselves to all who wished to elevate our public affairs above the plane of by-road politics. He was followed by Dr. Atkinson and Mr. Alward, Mr. Phinney moving the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Burchill introduced a bill to incorate the Chatham electric light company; also, a bill to incorporate the Miramichi telephone exchange.

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Mr. Morrisey committed the bill authorizing assessment for police purposes on the police district of the town Newcastle,—agreed to with some amendments.

Mr. Hutchison committed the bill authorizing the trustees of school district—No 7 Parish Newcastle to issue debentures. Mr. Hutchison supported bill at considerable length. It was strongly opposed by Mr. Morrisey and also by Mr. Tweedie.

Mr. Burchill advised that Messrs. Morrisey and Hutchison should consult together in reference to the Bill. Progress was, therefore reported with leave to set again.

The Quebec resolutions were adopted last night by the following vote.

Yeas Blair, McLellan, Ryan, Mitchell, Ritchie, Turner, Alward Morrisey, LeBlanc, Killam, Wilson, Russell Glasier, Morrison, Phinney, Thierault, Labillois, Taylor, White, Hutchison, Quinton, Stockton, Murray, Lewis, Hibbard, Palmer, Hetherington, Douglass, Ketchum, Atkinson, Burchill, Berryman, Bellamy Moore—34

Nays, Hannington, Tweedie, Young, Humphrey 4.

Strange but nice are Fortune's Ways.

To buy or not to buy was the question that three ladies, Mrs. H. De Laup, 377 St. Ann st., Mrs. Honore Flotte, 281 Bayou Road, and Miss Mary Henry, 208 St. Philip st., asked when Mrs. V. Gilly, 208 St. Philip st., a vender of Louisiana State Lottery, tickets called upon them with the last tenth ticket she had. A mutual investment of a quarter of a dollar was resolved upon on one-tenth of ticket No. 71,575, the number that, in the Grand Monthly Drawing, Feb. 7, 1888, drew the capital prize of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, and Mrs. Gilly presented the ticket last Thursday and received therefor a check. Nice, wasn't it, for a 25-cent investment each. —New Orleans (La.,) *Picayune*, Feb. 12.

GENERAL NOTES AND NEWS

Col. Talbot, the pioneer who cut the first tree where London, Canada, now stands, is 90 years of age, but still hale and hearty.

Mr. W. H. Murray, Indiantown St. John, is building an addition to his lumber mill, in which he will place machinery for the manufacture of staves and clapboards.

Messrs. N. L. Todd & Co., St. Margaret's Bay, N. S., have one of the largest and finest saw mills in the province, having capacity to cut 8,000,000 feet of lumber a year.

The largest cut on the Saginaw River was in 1882, when the mills cut 1,012,000,000 feet. The estimated cut for 1887 is 700,000,000, which is the smallest cut since 1878, and the probabilities are that it will never be increased.

Some heavy transactions have recently taken place in the Quebec timber market, Messrs. McArthur Bros., W. & J. Sharples & Dobell, Beckett & Co., being the principal purchasers to the extent of about 7,000,000. Very little spruce remains in the hands of manufacturers.

A project is on foot at St. John, to construct a canal around the Grand Falls for the passage of logs down the river, thereby preventing the heavy loss to lumbermen resulting from the hanging up annually of large quantities of logs at the falls.

Mr. Purcell, M. P. for Glengarry.

(Ottawa Correspondence.)

Mr. Pat Purcell, the member whose election for Glengarry has been ventilated so thoroughly in the papers all over the Dominion, is about the House every day. His appeal is at present before the Supreme Court here, and if the strenuous exertions of Hon. S. H. Blake have any avail Mr. Purcell will have good reason to exult in his triumph over the Conservative surprise and astonishment which greeted his appearance in the House for a short time on Friday last.

He is a pudgy, small-eyed Irishman, with the chin whisker which seems to be the badge of men of his type who take to politics. He has devoted his life to the development of the railroad interests of the Dominion, having

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on the Intercolonial; many years after that it was to Purcell & Co. that Sir John gave the contract for section A of the Canadian Pacific. He does not seem to associate much with his brother members, and devotes his time to his correspondence in this manner; Accompanied by a boy, he goes to a small unused room which is above the private room of the Speaker's secretary, and which is to be reached by a winding stairway. Seating himself at the table there with the boy before him, he empties an inner pocket of its accumulated cards and scrape of paper, and arranging them on the table, he dictates his letters with much shrewd deliberation from the date and the "Dear Sir" to the signature. "People think that is my youngest boy," he said to me to-day, "but he is just my private secretary." And Mr. Purcell indulged in a slow, inward laugh.

Speaking of his election difficulties, he said that he felt sure he would win in the end. He was communicative about a ranching enterprise in one of the Southern States, which he had originated, but had withdrawn from in time to escape the severe losses which fell upon the others interested. It is only on such subjects that Mr. Purcell shines as a conversationalist. He has the little room which I found him in half full of Government literature, which he is having his private secretary address to the voters of Glengarry. It is not easy to see why he made such a choice of reading matter for his constituents — if he made any choice at all, which is unlikely.

He is sending them hundreds upon hundreds of copies of a pleasing pamphlet of forty-one pages, setting forth the topography, superficial geology, climatolgy, and much other tabulated information relating to the peninsula forming the south-eastern extremity of the province of Quebec. The supply of this pink-covered pamphlet, which is published by the Agricultural Department, having given out, the private secretary is at present filling in his leisure moments by addressing a large stock of copies of the Report of the Entomologist of the same department, an entertaining volume of fifty-six pages, bound in blue paper covers.

Mr. Purcell told me to-day that if the decision of the Supreme Court went against him, he would run again; and he stated there would be no opposition to him. He seemed to forget in the contemplation of the harvest to be reaped from the broadcast sowing of the Government printed matter, with the frank "P. P., M. P.," written on the corner of each wrapper by his youthful helper, that a decision of the Supreme Court adverse to him would mean disqualification. The decision is being awaited; in the meantime the secretary is unwearied at his toils, and the piles of the report of the entomologists, each addressed and franked for free delivery, will soon bulge out the windows of the little room over the apartment of the "Secretaire de l'Orateur."

DIED.

At Blackville on the 9th March, Margaret, relict of the Late David Creighton, aged 69 years

New Advertisements.

Horse for Sale.

One Bay Mare 9 years old—with foal to coaching Stallion "Earle"—for sale,
Apply to
GEO. DICK.
Chatham, March 21st '88.

$1,450.

The Subscriber offers for sale at the above figure, the property now occupied by him, opposite the residence of Roger Flannagan, Esq. Lot 70x160 A warranted deed given.
JAMES NICOL.

Hay For Sale.

3 Tons good upland Hay, at $12 a Ton. Apply to
Mrs. F. J. LETSON.

To Sell or Let.

The property now in the occupation of William McTavish, on the south side of the Northwest river, Miramichi, in the Parish of Southesk. For particulars apply to
4—12 RICHARD HUTCHISON.
Douglastown, 20th March, 1888.

To Sell or Let.

The property lately in the occupation of David Petrie, on the North Side of the River Tabusintac, in the Parish of Alnwick. For particulars apply to
4—12 RICHARD HUTCHISON.
Douglastown, 20th March, 1888.

Cows for Sale.

The Subscriber offers for sale
TWO COWS,
one of which has a calf five days old and the other to calve within a few weeks. Apply to
F. W. RUSSELL.
BLACK BROOK, March 21st, '88.

New Spiced Goods !

JUST RECEIVED
BEEF HAMS,
ROLL BACON
and BOLOGNAS,
also a good stock of Fresh Canned Goods, Dried Apples and Evaporated Cheese and a good assortment of Fancy Biscuits, &c.
NEW SEEDS.
White Russian Wheat, Vermont Clover and the best Canadian Timothy now in stock.
BOTTOM PRICES.
Commercial Building, Water Street,
Alex. McKinnon.
Chatham 21st, March.