Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

PUMP-AUGUR, with patent bit and reamers, for sale. Apply to R. A. Russell, Black Brook.

THE MIRAMICHI Steam Navigation Co.'s annual meeting is adjourned until Tuesday next, 12th inst., at 3 p. m. at Masonic Hall, Chatham.

THE FUNERAL of the late Miss Annie Call is to take place at three o'clock this afternoon Newcastle time,—not at two as was inadvertently stated in the Advocate.

SOCIAL:—A lot of the young folks are making ready for a social dance in Temperance Hall, Chatham, on Monday evening next, for which cards are to be issued tomorrow.

THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS, who appeared in Masonic Hall, Chatham, last Saturday evening, gave a very enjoyable concert, which was largely attended. Mrs. Porter-Cole's solos were particularly good, and a great treat to admirers of artistic vocalization.

THE STR. ST. NICHOLAS was allowed by her new custodians to drift ashore in Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, on New Year's eve. She was got off on Saturday. One report is that she was uninjured and another that her keel was damaged.

SEVERAL CODFISH have been taken in smelt bag-nets in the Miramichi above Black Brook. It will now be in order for the Minister of Fisheries to prohibit smelt-fishing altogether in Miramichi waters lest it lead to the extinction of the cod fishery in the Maritime provinces

GEORGE D. GRANT'S DEATH, which was reported in last week's ADVANCE, was caused by a blow from a falling dry spruce tree, which was broken off by a falling birch, in which a big tree had lodged when being chopped—near Joseph Richards, logging camp on Hovey Brook.

THE CONCERT AND SOCIAL DANCE under the auspices of Newcastle Driving Park Association is postponed until Thursday, 21st inst., owing to the unfavorable condition of the weather while preparations were being made for it. The managers are determined that when the event does take place, nothing shall be wanting to ensure its entire success.

HEROIC RESCUE:—A young Campbellton girl named Effie Johnson rescued a lad named Kelly from drowning the other day in a very heroic and intelligent manner. He had fallen through thin ice, upon which the girl lay down and approached him, feet foremost, directing him to lay hold of them, which he did and she crawled away from the hole, dragging Kelly out upon ice that would bear his weight.

A GENEROUS NEW YEAR GIFT:—It is with much pleasure we announce that Mr. E. Hutchison has very generously presented the School Trustees of Douglastown with a piece of land for school purposes and $1500 to build a school house on it. Donations of this nature from our prominent men are of very rare occurence on the Miramichi and we hope that the generous donor may live long in our midst to enjoy the fruits of his labors.—Advocate.

NEW BOARD:—At a special meeting of the Canada Eastern Railway Company held last week, a new board of directors was chosen, on joint nomination of Messrs. Snowball and Gibson, as follows:—

Hon. J. B. Snowball, President and Manager.

Alex. Gibson, vice-President.

C. W. Weldon, E Byron Winslow, Marshall Ritchie, W. B. Snowball and Alex. Gibson, jr.

PERSONAL.—Mr. MacDougall Snowball is rapidly recovering his health, to the satisfaction of his many friends.

Mr. Alex. McKay's name is to be added to the list of our promising young men going to the United States to "grow up with the country." He is a general favorite and everybody wishes him good luck.

We hear that Capt. Henry Letson is second officer of the big Cunarder, Umbria. He is a Chatham boy and a very capable shipmaster.

RAILWAY OBSTRUCTION:—The freshet of Monday rendered the Nashwaak bridge on the Canada Eastern unsafe, and passengers, mails, &c., had to be transferred and conveyed to their destinations by auxiliary trains. An ice blockade backed the Nashwaak flood up over the track between Cross Creek and Nashwaak bridge, where the engine fires were extinguished in running through it. Ice running out of the river piled up upon the track, to a depth of several feet, and some fifty men were taken to the scene of the blockade to remove it. The trains were delayed somewhat, but are again running on time.

A SECOND BEREAVEMENT—almost within a year from the first—has come to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Call of Newcastle, in the death of their youngest daughter, Annie, 17 years old, which took place on Monday afternoon. It will be remembered that their youngest son, Joel S., died at Denver, on 4th Dec., 1890, in his 22nd year, only a few days after he had left home full of hope for a future business life in the West. Col. and Mrs. Call have the sympathy of all classes in the community over the great loss they have sustained—a sentiment that will be shared, as well by many friends of the family abroad. The funeral will take place at three o'clock this afternoon, Newcastle time.

MR. R. LOGGIE:—A Moncton paper's Richibucto despatch says:—"The ice is beginning to make in small streams and a few parties are preparing to get to work at the earliest possible moment at the fishing. The cold snap brought Mr. R. Loggie, the principal shipper to the front. His home is at Black Brook, but he seems to be largely attached to the smelts and follows them from one place to another. He has been so long in the business, no doubt, when they leave one locality he knows where they will turn up next and governs himself accordingly. Mr. Loggie during the fishing season employs quite a number of hands. After the fishermen catch them they are frozen on the ice and taken to the packing house and are put up in boxes, containing from 10 to 20 lbs. each. The boxes remain in shooks and are nailed together in the packing establishment as fast as wanted. The fish are all weighed in each box, and besides giving employment to the inhabitants make quite an important traffic for the Kent Northern Railway, as they are all shipped over this line to Kent Junction thence by I. C. Railway via St. John to Boston."

A NEW VOLUME:—With the number bearing date January 2nd, *Littell's Living Age* begins its one hundred and ninety-second volume. This standard weekly magazine grows more essential every year to readers who wish to keep abreast with the best current work in literature and science.

The first number of the new year has the following table of contents:—Austria: its Society, Politics and Religion, National; "The Elegie," Blackwood; The Brand of Cain in the Great Republic, Contemporary; A Temple of Silence, National; Glimpses of Byron, Murray; The "Mimes" of Herodas, Nineteenth Century; From a Simian Point of View, National; A March through the Great Persian Desert, Asiatic Quarterly; A Cannibal Plant, Spectator; Manx Humor, Saturday Review; with poetry. This, the first weekly number of the new volume, is a good one with which to begin a subscription.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price ($8) is low; while for $10 50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American $4.00 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

Hymeneal.

Mr. Geo. C. Allen, druggist, was married last evening at 5 o'clock to Miss Ethel May Robb, only daughter of Mr. Thomas Robb. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents on Botsford street and was witnessed by a large company of guests. The bride, who is one of Moncton's most popular young ladies, was very becomingly dressed. She was given away by her brother, Geo. J. Robb, city clerk. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Millen Robinson, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church. The presents were many and costly, including a number received from St. John, Halifax and other distant points. Among the guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Snider of St. John and Mr. Harry Robb, brother of the bride, also of St. John. The happy couple left by the 8 o'clock train last night for a brief wedding trip. They will visit St. John, Fredericton and other points, returning in eight or ten days.—Moncton Times.

The Evil of Substitution.

Do you ever think when buying a patent medicine that you take chances of being imposed upon by mercenary and unscrupulous dealers? If you demand time-tried and stood-the-test medicines you take no chances; if you take a substitute you may be putting poison into your system, that will result in temporary relief and the subsequent wrecking of your health forever. Think it over. Did you ever hear a complaint about Dr. Pierce's Medicines—Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, for the liver, the blood and the lungs, or Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for weakly women, failing to do just what they are advertised to do? Men who spend millions of dollars in advertising a remedy that is a benefaction to humanity, do not take these chances when there is not a sterling force, a great remedy back of their advertisements. Dr. Pierce's remedies are guaranteed to give "value received or no pay," and the *Journal* is doing you a kindness, and not seeking to advertise Dr. Pierce, when it calls your attention to the reliability of such standard medicines.—La Salle and Peru (Ill.) *Twin City Journal.*

Christmas on the North Shore.

CAMPBELLTON, Dec. 25.—Xmas day was spent here in a quiet although a most unusual manner for this part of the country. A few of our local sports a few days ago conceived the idea of holding a series of boat and canoe races and forthwith commenced preparation with that end in view. The races were set down for the afternoon at two o'clock and promptly at that hour the first race of the day, a four oared one was called on. It was won by Messrs. Brown and O'Brien, steersman D. Desmond, in good shape. The winners showed a clean sheet of water between themselves and opponents. The second event, a canoe race double manned was won after a hard contest by Messrs. Duff and Mowatt. This was a beautiful race throughout and the winners deserve credit as they were handicapped by having to use a much heavier canoe than their opponents. The distance in both events was one half mile and turn.

Our river is almost as clear of ice as in summer and it is said by all old residents that the like was never known before. Weather here to-day has been beautiful but snow is threatening to-night.

Prompt Payment.

The Regent, Secretary and Treasurer of Moncton council No. 186 of the Royal Arcanum Society, waited upon the widow of the late John W. McBain yesterday and handed her a cheque on the First National Bank of New York for $1,500 00, being the amount of her husband's certificate in full (at half rate.) As Mr. McBain's death only occurred on the 21st of last month it shows how promptly benefits are paid by this grand association.—Moncton Times.

Resolution of Condolence.

At the regular annual meeting of St. Michael's C. T. A. Society, held Sunday evening, Jan. 3rd, the following resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst one of our esteemed members in the person of George Grant Sr.

Therefore Resolved, that the society tenders its sincere sympathy to the widow and family of deceased.

And further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be tendered to the widow and family of deceased and also to the *Advance* and *World* for publication.

J. A. MCPHERSON,
Secy. to Com. on Resolutions.

We all Know Him.

HARDWICKE, January 4th, 1892.

To the Editor of the Advance.

SIR:—In looking over the "World" of the 31st ultimo, I was somewhat amused at the egotistical vapourings of its Hardwicke correspondent, and I ask you for space to make a few remarks on some of his statements.—First, he credits Mr. Wyse of Chatham with saying "that he will help paint this parish so red, etc." If Mr. Wyse made this remark (of which I have some doubts) I can only say that he may look very *blue* after the operation, for "old Hardwicke" will ring right side up next time. The correspondent also says "he has been very quiet since the "Escuminac light investigation first began "to be talked about and he is not going to "meddle with it now"—which is really too bad, for I am sure the public have lost something thereby. I have been told that this great meddler was much interested in the said investigation, fishing for news for his political friends in a quiet way which, if true, shows he has meddled somewhat in the case already. While agreeing with him that the parish should have the appointments belonging to it, I will say that Mr. Adams offered the position of Lightkeeper to Mr. Carter; and what a fool Mr. Carter would be not to take it, if it suited him. Mr. Carter, though working in Boston at that time was, for a long time, a resident of this county; much longer than the "World" correspondent, and has had more at stake in the county in his time than the said correspondent will ever have. I believe the same may be said of Mr. Phillips, who preceded him. He says further that "poor "Hardwick is cursed by the 'inner circle.'" The reason is;—the inner circle takes no stock in him. He says also "the parish has "not been rightly used by the conservatives;" —why don't the parish use the conservatives better then? The reason is the parish is cursed by the little inner circle in it of which the said correspondent is an active member. He also says, let the McLennans, the Carters and the Phillipses get positions in the towns to which they belong. I do not know Mr. McLennan, but I hasten to assure him that the correspondent is not the terrible fellow he thinks himself and that he need not be afraid, at any time, to come to Hardwick. He won't get hurt even if he don't live here. Mr. Carter and his family have always used said correspondent well, so also, I believe, has Mr. Phillips and his family. Perhaps they used him too well. Furthermore, in reference to Mr. Phillips, sr., who held the position of light-keeper, he has been dead some years now, leaving a large family, but only one son, who is at present employed by the government at Escuminac Point; he surely can't mean him when recommending the Phillips' to get positions in towns to which they belong, for it is not so very long ago that the correspondent was looking for signatures to a petition asking the government to appoint the said Phillips to the position of light-keeper at Escuminac Point. Besides, the Phillips family have been living in Hardwicke now for about twenty years, have settled here, married Hardwicke folks, and are as good residents of the parish as the correspondent himself. The correspondent also appeals to Adams, Snowball, Tweedie, Burchill, etc., to "give Hardwicke her rights", which I hope they will do—but it is not so very long ago that a letter appeared in the same paper said to be written by the same correspondent, asking, among other things, Mr. Snowball to call off his dog (meaning the "Advance") and leave the liberals alone, etc.

Now, in reference to Mr. Tweedie and the road.—The unpurchasable electors of Hardwicke appreciate Mr. Tweedie every time, but the World correspondent says "he "has not at all times had an opportunity to "praise him." Why so? The opportunity was always his, but the reason is it did not suit him to do so. I remember that before the last election for the local house, one of the first to sign Mr. Tweedie's nomination paper was this weathercock correspondent; he also promised his friend from Chatham to do all he could for him, but it did not suit his masters here, and the poor fellow had to go back on it and do all he could for "Hardwick's John" (so called) which was not much, after all. He says the Hon. Mr. Tweedie did not consult his Hardwicke friends about this road and insinuates it was his political enemies who got it. How does he know this? The Hon. Mr. Tweedie did not consult the correspondent—he is not built that way. There is a road the Hon. Mr. Tweedie did not consult his friends here about also. If he had done so, or they him, some one would have been minus a job and our people would not have been reminded by the "Review" that the way for a man in Hardwick to secure government favors was to act as this "Smart Aleck" did in the Tweedie election. He also says Mr. Tweedie does not bear malice in his heart, which is quite true. I wish the same could be said of this correspondent, but I am afraid he bears a little malice in his heart against his political foes and to those who do not see eye to eye with him both in Federal, Provincial and County matters, and if he succeeds in his present designs we will again be reminded that the enemies of the government have more influence with them than their friends. Outwardly everything is fair; inwardly—well, I'll leave that to his conscience. I am now glad to see that he has some thanks and good wishes for the Hon. Mr. Tweedie. I am sure the hon. gentleman will be much pleased to have it so. It is rumored here that the correspondent has an axe to grind, which may account for the "milk in the cocoanut": Also that he is tired of being out in the cold, which shows he is getting sensible at last, although his conversion is as sudden and its manifestation as effusive as is usual with people of his easy principles.

A CRITICAL CONSERVATIVE.

Oh, this ringing in the ears!
Oh, this humming in the head!
Hawking, blowing, snuffing, gasping,
Watering eyes and throat a-rasping,
Health impaired and comfort fled,
Till I would that I were dead!

What folly to suffer so with catarrhal troubles, when the worst cases of chronic catarrh in the head are relieved and cured by the mild, cleansing and healing properties of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. It purifies the foul breath, by removing the cause of offence, heals the sore and inflamed passages, and perfects a lasting cure.

Chemical Fertilizers.

County Warden R. Flanagan has been appointed agent in Chatham of the Provincial Chemical Fertilizer Company, who are manufacturers of high grade fertilizers at Little River, on the east side of Courtenay Bay, St. John and having also an office at 89 Water street in the city. Mr. W. H. Culbert, of Sussex, who is general agent of the company, was in town this week, introducing the business and establishing the agency. The fertilisers that will be offered to our farmers by Mr. Flanagan will be the Imperial superphoshpte, which is for general crops, Potato Phosphate and pure bone meal. The certificates given by farmers of repute all over the country in favor of these fertilizers leave no doubt as to their merits. The well authenticated case of the Pickard test at Sackville, with the Potatoe Phosphate, in which five barrels of it were used in an acre of ground, producing 431 bushels and 27 lbs. of potatoes—the potatoes being weighed and reckoned at 60 lbs. to the bushel—indicates the merits of that particular composition. The circular of the company speaks to the point as follows:—

"If the farmer raises stock for the market he must feed it well to get it in good condition. With produce he must do the same. The produce draws its food from the soil. If the soil does not already contain the plant food, it must be manured. All complete manures, whether barnyard or chemical (natural or artificial) must contain three elements,—Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium in such soluble form as to readily feed the plant, (as Ammonia, Phosphoric Acid and Potash) which are essentials to a perfect plant food. The farmer supplies these from the manure heap. But for obvious reasons the manure heap can supply but part of what has been taken from the soil, for it only represents part of the product of the farm, the greater portion probably, having gone to market. Thus, year by year, the farm is depleted. The loss of fertility may be small, but it is steady, and sooner or later the farm becomes non-productive, or nearly so. *Unless all the produce of the soil is used upon the farm, the fertility of the soil cannot be maintained.* A glance at the worn out farms with which you are no doubt, acquainted, proves this. Then to supply the loss, the manure heap must be augmented. What is the most convenient method? *Manures in concentrated form*, otherwise chemically prepared manures, which shall contain the elements of plant life in such proportion as to best feed the crop. Perhaps the farmer may ask—why not lime, ashes, or plaster? Because one or more of these is the fertilizer needed, except in so far that it acts on the soil with which it comes in contact, and disintegrates it.

"Supplying, as our Fertilizer does, the food needed by the plant, it must be called in to the help of the manure pile. Then look at the advantages secured—size, color, flavor, quality, quantity, tenderness and early maturity, the points at which all who strive for good prices aim, and insuring

"The first to reach the market,
"The finest flavor and quality,
"The best appearance and color,
"Crispness and dainty relish,
"Less liability to injury through unfavourable seasons,
"The utmost yield with least liability to disease.

"It hastens germination, gives rapid and vigorous growth of both root and plant, and, hastening the maturity of crops and adds to their value.

The readers of the ADVANCE who may give one or more of these fertilizers a trial, will, we doubt not, have reason next fall to be glad of having had an opportunity of doing so. A number of our most enterprising farmers have placed their orders for quantities, and although the company does not offer a cheap commodity, the most intelligent agriculturists are willing to pay a fair price for a guaranteed article, such as Mr. Flanagan is prepared to furnish. Orders should be placed early, so that there may be no delay when the time comes for preparing the soil and planting in the spring.

The S. W. Boom and the Fishermen's Bonfire.

It isn't true that Mr. Robinson swung the S. W. boom" on Monday and rafted half a million logs. The ice ran out at the boom grounds, all right, and the chance was a fine one for placing the boom, but the logs upriver were all reported on the brows, so everything was quiet on the Southwest rafting ground.

It isn't true that the Minister of Fisheries was burned in effigy on the ice below Middle Island. There wasn't ice enough to "enact the performance." Then, the fishermen have been so reduced to poverty by the Minister's indifference to his duty, that they could not afford to buy the necessary fuel, to say nothing of the costliness necessary to do justice to so ornamental, if not efficient, a subject for the bonfire. They say that in any case they would not cheat hades of one of its most effective opportunities to demonstrate the utility of its existence, as they are all firm believers in a hereafter, where they charitably hope that Mr. Tupper may, if he gets his deserts, find more ice to cool his parched tongue than they found below Middle Island to rig their smelt nets from.

Young Men's Christian Association of Chatham.

Meetings held every week in their rooms up-stairs, Barry's Building, as follows:—

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, for Prayer and Praise.

Monday evening at 8 o'clock, for Bible Study.

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, for Training Class.

All young men are most cordially invited to all of these meetings.

Big Freshet.

Sunday and Monday's rain caused the biggest freshet that has been seen for years in both branches of the Miramichi. The ice ran out of the S. W. as far down as Nelson. So far as we have heard, no material damage was done on the S. W., although ice and some logs are piled 20 ft. thick against the I. C. R. bridge.

Whitney's mill on Millstream, running into the Northwest, is reported to be removed from its foundations, and the Millstream bridge is somewhat damaged. A big jam took place against the now Redbank bridge, one of the shore spans being carried away. Logs and ice are piled high in portions of the Northwest, especially against the Redbank bridge.

Seasonable Doings Up-River.

Our Blackville friends know how to take a maximum of enjoyment out of life and to make it attractive. They are a religious folk, too, in the main, but of the rejoicing and happy kind, and old and young join in the general effort to make things pleasant for each other. On New Year's day, for instance, the ladies of the Blackville presbyterian congregation gave the Sabbath School children an entertainment. There was a tea which made the little folks wish they had stomachs like ostriches and that life was one endless New Year. After the youngsters had been satisfied at the tables, each of them received a small gift. There were also some excellent singing, recitations and dialogues under the direction of Miss Gracie Robertson, with Miss Maggie McIntyre as organist.

Mr. Grindlay, the indefatigable and efficient superintendent of the Sabbath school, was kindly remembered on the occasion; and a number of the Blackville friends of the esteemed wife of pastor T. G. Johnstone presented her with $37, to be invested in an astrachan sacque, and she expressed her thanks therefor in very appropriate words.

The entertainment was presided over by Mr. Grindlay who made an address, and pastor Johnstone made one of those effective and appropriate orations, which together with his real good fellowship and fatherly ways render him so beloved and respected by all who know him.

We hear that Mr. Johnstone's Doaktown friends kindly remembered him on Christmas eve, by hanging $12 on the Christmas tree for him. They did something of the same sort the previous Christmas. The ADVANCE is always glad to record attentions of this kind to the worthy Blackville minister.

News and Notes.

DOMINION INTOXICANTS.

The Dominion analysts have made the discovery that though liquors are constantly sold in Canada under false brands, still the imitation is such as not to reveal itself to chemical investigation or to have any appreciable effect on health. The common opinion that the injury done by intoxicating drinks is largely due to adulteration turns out to be a mistake. Injurious substances are, doubtless, often added to the alcohol, but in quantities, Mr. Macfarlane says, so minute "that they cannot be considered to "have any worse effect on the human system "than the dilute alcohol with which they "are mixed."

CRIME IN ST. JOHN.

During the present year the St. John Police Magistrate has tried 1,678 offences of one kind and another, exclusive of about 800 cases of keeping dogs without license. The figures are not quite as large as last year, when the number of cases dealt with was 1,725: but it is deplorable to have to report an increase in the number of female prisoners. In 1889 the number of female prisoners before the court was 140; last year it had increased to 207, and this year to 240. The number of male prisoners last year was 1,518 and this year it is 1,438. The number of arrests for drunkenness last year was 1,041. This year 1,030 were made, a decrease of 11. Of the prisoners arrested only 227 were of temperate habits and 159 were unable to read or write. About 1,400 of them were natives of New Brunswick, the remainder being of various nationalities, principally English, Scotch, Irish and American.

"LOVE LAUGHS," ETC.

A young man named Henry E. Goss, stone cutter, of St. George, gained the affection of a young lady whose father is connected with the granite works there in a prominent capacity. Miss Laura Denor was the name of the young lady. In order to prevent the lovers from meeting the daughter was sent to St. John where she arrived Monday. But the young man also got there the same day, having been apprised of her father's intentions. At once the services of Rev. E. Ingram were called in to requisition and the couple were made one, Clerk Richford of the Victoria lending his support to the groom, Miss McCormick, the landlord's daughter, bridesmaid. Nothing now but paternal forgiveness is required to complete this little drama.

"UNCLE THOMAS" DENIES.

A report was published the other day, to the effect that Thos. McGreevy had told a reporter that he had been made a scapegoat of by certain members of the Dominion Government, and that he proposed to retaliate. The trodden worm was about to turn; the baited bull would gore his tormenters. The Montreal Witness' Quebec correspondent, however, says that "Mr. McGreevy completely repudiates the interview and reported conversation with him said to have been had by a correspondent of the Associated Press at Ottawa. He denies that it ever took place, or that he ever used such language.

LONDON TRUTH'S IDEA OF CANADA'S DESTINY.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Truth, Henry Labouchere's paper, publishes an article on Canada's future. The Truth says: "It is the manifest destiny of the Dominion to become a new United States or become attached to the great republic. The change is inevitable and the sooner it comes the better. Emancipation of the Dominion and its absorption in the United States would be beneficial to Canadians; also to Great Britain. Such a course would relieve Great Britain of the necessity of engaging in the trans-Atlantic squabbles in which she has no concern. It would give Canadians energy and enterprise which no mere colonists can possess." Labouchere's paper further says that Canada once free Australia would soon follow. It is quite possible Australia will be the first to sever the bonds by which she is attached to Great Britain. Talking of Australia's loyalty to the British crown the Truth says it is all buncombe.

The Three Sieves.

"Oh, mamma!" cried little Bella, "I've heard such a story about Edith Howard! I didn't think she would be so naughty. One—"

"My dear," interrupted Mrs. Phillips, "before you continue we will see if your story will pass the three sieves."

"What does that mean, mamma?" inquired Bella.

"I will explain it. In the first place—*Is it true?*"

"I suppose so; I got it from Miss White, and she is a great friend of Edith's."

"And does she show her friendship by telling tales of her? In the next place, though you can prove it true—*Is it kind?*

"I did not mean it to be unkind, mamma; but I am afraid it was. I should not like Edith to have spoken of me as I did of her."

"And—*Is it necessary?*"

"No, of course not, mamma; there was no need for me to mention it at all."

"Then put a bridle on your tongue, dear. If we cannot speak well of our friends, let us not speak of them at all."

Mothers!

Castoria is recommended by physician for children teething. It is a purely vegetable preparation, its ingredients are published around each bottle. It is pleasant to the taste and absolutely harmless. It relieves constipation, regulates the bowels, quiets pain, cures diarrhœa and wind colic, allays feverishness, destroys worms, and prevents convulsions, soothes the child and gives it refreshing sleep Castoria is the children's panacea—the mother's friend. 35 doses, 35 cents.

About Cellars.

"An old Gardener," writing to the Fredericton Farmer, says:—It is surprising what is lost during the winter in cellars in the way of decomposition, or the law of cause and effect. The cellar is generally banked up to keep out frost on the eve of winter. The few cold days pass away and a mild spell takes place, when the cellar becomes too warm. Apples, celery, potatoes, and most all vegetables or garden products begin to prespire. A bruised one rots, that affects the others, and away goes the whole barrel or box, if not observed in time and sorted over. As prevention is better than cure, we all admit a reminder is sometimes of great value. The writer claims a low temperature to be the secret of success in this important and yet often neglected department—say not higher than 40° nor lower than 32°. A little thermometer, price fifteen or twenty-five cents, should hang in every cellar. Hot air furnaces spoil the cellar for keeping the above mentioned articles, unless a separation wall is made, and then it is almost impossible to maintain a low temperature. Roots, such as beets, carrots, parsnips, etc, are much better stored in sand or earth; celery, if in a damp cellar and frost proof, is better planted in an upright position with the roots just covered with earth or sand; if not frost proof, then circumstances in this case, as all others, must be taken into consideration. It should be covered in a slanting position almost entirely, as a preventive from frost; air slacked lime is a good absorbent where it is too damp. Let every morsel of decayed vegetable matter be removed once a week. This item may appear dogmatic, but who dare say it does not contain mostly the truth.

The Old and the New.

The old Year's case is clean.
Nor font of any sort,
Nor lead nor rule is there.
The form is new lock'd up;
The ink is barely dry
Upon the proof that fell,
On the last stroke of twelve,
From Time's swift rolling press.

The Old Year's hook is bare.
The stick he held has fall'n
From out his nerveless grasp.
The ghosts of other years
Have beckon'd him away,
Leaving the alley clear
For his strong son and heir.

What wond'rous takes he had!
The record of events
For thrice a hundred days
And more! And for a world!
Oh, think of this, my friend!
And think that you and I,
For that past page of time,
Sent in our copy prompt;
And that the chronicle
Is stereotyp'd in lead,
In silver, or in gold,
As thought or deed deserv'd!

The New Year's case is brimming full
Of freshly molded, sharp-edg'd types.
He of the witching, midnight hour,
Who came a moment since so blithe,
Is standing gravely at the frame,
His nimble fingers weaving fast
The thread that his dead sire had dropt.
The quickly changing rule denotes
How fast another moving tale
Unfolds its wisely hidden plot.

And so the galley starts once more
To lengthen out thro' winters snows,
The springtime's smiles, and summer suns;
Thro' autumn's winds and rustling leaves;
Thro' dawn and day, twilight and dark,
To end forever—when? Ah! when?

—*J. K. Cameron, in Inland Printer for January.*

A Pilot's Close Call.

The Portland, Me., Press publishes the following interesting story:—

It is doubtful if the wires bore Sunday night a more joyful message than the "Saved, thank God, and able to go home," sent by James McPartland, to his family in St. John, and to them the message must have seemed as though sent by one risen from the dead, for he had for days been given up.

Mr. McPartland is what is known as a "branch pilot" of St. John, and some two weeks ago took out a schooner. The weather was not very favorable when they sailed, but Mr. McPartland thought that he could go back without difficulty, and, after reaching the ordinary limit of pilot service, made the attempt.

He failed, and instead of making port was driven out to sea. His condition was from the start bad enough, and soon grew desperate. He had a hope that he might be seen by some vessel or get in the path of the great ocean steamers. It was his one chance, even if he could keep alive in the bitter cold. His little boat was carried off the banks, and then, at night, he says he had a marvellous escape. He says he was half asleep, the wind was high, and the sea very rough, and yet above the noise of both he heard a strange sound, and putting out his hand touched the iron side of an outgoing steamer. The great boat passed on into the darkness in an instant, before he could even cry out, but he caught a glimpse of her lights and heard for a moment the beating and throbbing of her engines. Mr. McPartland says he was too thankful for his wonderful escape to be disappointed at his failure to make himself heard.

He was at last, after he had given himself up, and was almost resigned to death, picked up by a schooner and brought to this port. He tried to sell his pilot boat, not well seeing how he was to get it back home. "It cost a good deal of money," he said, "and will do some man good service." At last he concluded that he would take his chances of some time getting his boat back to St. John, and left for home.

MARRIED.

On Thursday morning, Dec 31st, at the residence of John Betts, Esq., brother of the bride, by the Rev. T. G. Johnstone, Mr. Harvey Phinney, of Sackville, Westmorland County, to Miss Annie Betts of Millerton, Northumberland County.

DIED.

At Newcastle, on Monday the 4th January, 1892, Annie Niven Call, aged 17 years, youngest daughter of Robert R. and Annie R. Call.

Funeral on Thursday at 3 p., Newcastle time.

ARE YOU IN DEBT ed to HACKMOORE for the relief of some Throat trouble, Asthma or Bronchitis. If so, you should discharge the obligation by telling some suffering neighbor or friend of its wonderful curative properties.

Ask for it and insist on having it:—G. A. MOORE, Cehmist, Proprietor, St. John, N. B. 25 and 50c.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

I take the earliest opportunity of notifying all Licensees that the Stumpage Regulations prohibit the cutting of small Spruce lumber for pulp purposes and any person or persons that cut this description of lumber from Crown Lands will be dealt with as the law directs and their license forfeited.

J. McD. BARKER,
Government Cruiser.

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 22nd, 1891.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY NOTICE

The General Annual Meeting of the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi, will be held at the Waverly Hotel, Newcastle, on Wednesday, the 13th day of January next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

G. B. FRASER,
Secretary.

Chatham, Dec. 28th, 1891.

NOTICE.

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the Stockholders in the "Miramichi Steam Navigation Co." will be held on Tuesday, the 12th January, inst., in the Masonic Hall, at 3 o'clock p. m.

WM. MURRAY, President.

Chatham, Jan 6th, 1892.

SOUTH WEST BOOM CO.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the above Company will be held at the Secretary's office in Newcastle, on Thursday the fourteenth day of January next, at three o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of choosing Directors for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may be deemed necessary.

The Directors will meet in the same place on the same day at 11 o'clock a. m., to audit the treasurers accounts and wind up the business for the year.

ALLAN RITCHIE, President.

Newcastle 26th Dec. 1891.

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NOTICE OF SALE.

To John A. Ferguson of the Parish of Inkerman, in the County of Gloucester, Merchant, and all others whom it may concern.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and made between the said John A. Ferguson of the one part and the undersigned, William Ferguson, of the Parish of Saumarez in the County aforesaid, Merchant, of the other part, and duly recorded in volume 35, pages 75, 76, 77, and 78 of the Gloucester County Records, there will for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured thereby, default having been made in payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction, on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of February, next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in front of the Court House, in Bathurst, in the said County of Gloucester, the lands and premises mentioned and described in the said Indenture of Mortgage, as follows:—All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the said Parish of Inkerman, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a fir tree standing at the south easterly angle of lot number of Trout Brook, a branch of Pokemouche River, thence running by the magnet of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight north, two degrees and thirty minutes, east fifty chains to a birch tree; thence north eighty-seven degrees and thirty minutes west ten chains and twenty-five links; thence south two degrees and thirty minutes west fifty chains; and thence south eighty-seven degrees and thirty minutes east, ten chains and twenty-five links to the place of beginning, containing fifty acres more or less, distinguished as lot C, east on Trout Brook, as aforesaid.

Also, all that certain other piece or parcel of land situate in the Parish of Inkerman, aforesaid, bounded as follows:—North-easterly by the road leading from the Great Road down to Green Point; south easterly by land owned and occupied by David Robicheau; south westerly by land owned and occupied by Romain Robicheau; and north-westerly by the Great Road leading from Pokemouche to Tracadie, containing altogether five acres more or less, being a part of lot number ten, originally granted to one Patrick Busher.

Also, all that piece or parcel of land situate in Inkerman, aforesaid, and bounded as follows:—Beginning at the easterly angle formed by the Great Road and Trout Brook Road, following the said Trout Brook Road to the land occupied by Antoine Robicheau; thence southerly along line between lot No. 10 and land occupied by the said Antoine Robicheau till it strikes the Great Road; thence following the said Road in a northerly direction to the place of beginning, containing one and a quarter acre more or less, together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon, and the privileges and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Dated the 30th day of December, A. D., 1891.

JNO. J. HARRINGTON, Sol. for Mortgagee. WM. FERGUSON, Mortgagee.

EQUITY SALE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT IN EQUITY.

Between George Burchill, Senior, Plaintiff, and Charles Vye, Defendant.

There will be sold at Public Auction in front of the Post Office in the town of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, in the province of New Brunswick, on Saturday, the ninth day of March, next, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, pursuant to the directions of a Decretal Order of the Supreme Court in Equity made in the above cause on the first day of December last past, with the approbation of the undersigned, a Referee in Equity, duly commissioned, appointed and sworn to act in and for the said County of Northumberland under and by virtue of an Act passed in the forty-ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, Queen Victoria, intitled "An Act respecting the Administration of Justice in Equity" the mortgaged lands and premises described in the said Decretal Order as follows:—All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the south side of the Miramichi River, in the Parish of Nelson, in the County of Northumberland, known and distinguished as the lower or easterly one-third part of the lot number six, bounded as follows, to wit:—Commencing on the southerly bank or shore of the said River at the lower or easterly side line of the said lot; thence southerly along the said side line to the rear of the said lot; thence westerly along the rear line of the said lot a sufficient distance to include one equal third part thereof; thence northerly on a line parallel with the side lines of the said lot to the River; and thence easterly along the said River, following the several courses thereof, to the place of beginning.

For terms of sale and other particulars apply to the Plaintiff's Solicitor or to the undersigned Referee.

Dated this second day of January, A. D., 1892

HON. L. J. TWEEDIE, Plaintiff's Solicitor. ROBERT MURRAY Referee in Equity.

CONCERT
—AND—
SOCIAL DANCE!

A concert and Social Dance will be held at Masonic Hall, Newcastle, on

Thursday Ev'g next, 21st Jan.

under the auspices of the Directors of Newcastle Driving Park Association.

This will be the most enjoyable gathering of the season and no effort will be spared by the management to make it attractive and successful.

The proceeds are for the improvement of the Driving Park.

TICKETS 50 CENTS EACH,

To be obtained from members of the committee and at the Drug Stores of J. D. B. F. Mackenzie, Chatham, and E. Lee Street, Newcastle.

Concert begins at 8 o'clock.

CHAS. SARGENT, President. E. LEE STREET, Secretary.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many customers and friends who patronized me while at Chatham, I wish to return my thanks. I have closed my store in Chatham for this year, and expect to re-open early in the spring of 1892 with a full line of Furniture, &c. In the meantime, should any one want any article in the furniture line, carpets, plain or fancy blinds, I shall be pleased to hear from them. Price list and photos mailed on application.

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