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Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

BAFF-FISHING is very good in the lower parts of the Miramichi. MACKEREL are making a good showing in Miramichi Bay and all along the coast.

THE ST. JOHN GAZETTE, although its office was much damaged by fire last week, is going out to its readers as if nothing had happened.

THE BUREAU BRIDGE—Good progress is being made with the building of the Peter Baskin bridge, at Lawville, by Mr. Jas. Robertson, the contractor.

TABERNACLE BRIDGE is now in fine condition, extensive repairs having been made to it by Mr. James Robertson who is reported to have done his work in good shape.

REPAIRS TO EFFECT AN ENTRANCE into the L. G. F. Tracer's shop Water St., Chatham, Saturday night last, but failed, owing to the strength of the fastenings.

AN ENJOYABLE OUTING in the form of an excursion to Neguac on the St. Sarcelle was had by a large party of Newcastle and Chatham gentlemen on Tuesday, who were the guests of Messrs. Jas. Robinson, M. P., R. Grenley, J. H. Lawlor and R. H. Armstrong.

THE NEGUAC WHARF—Mr. Flood has made excellent progress with the construction of the new Dominion Government wharf at Neguac, but the work is now impeded by the failure of the party who contracted to furnish the logs, to get them along in time.

A NEW CANNING FACTORY (owned by W. S. Loggie, Esq.) for putting up blueberries, is about starting operations at the Tabernacle bridge. This, together with Messrs. Wiggin & Green's new steam saw mill at that place ought to make it quite a busy business centre.

HAY has been destroyed to a large extent, both inland, and on the marshes bordering on tidal waters. Much of the upland hay that was cut and not housed before the great rainfall, lay so long that it was damaged beyond recovery, while that standing deteriorated. Damage was done to the marshes by the high tides which brought debris upon them and otherwise hurt the crop.

NARROW ESCAPE—Little Freddie Hebert was playing in the school yard, corner of St. John and Wellington streets, on Monday last and another boy was amusing himself by driving a horse that was pasturing there, around the school house. In some way one of the horse's hoofs came in contact with Freddie's head and face making a gash from near the top of the right ear down to the corner of the eye and also cutting and bruising other parts of the little fellow's face. The doctors stitched up the worst wound and we are glad to know that the patient is in a fair way for recovery.

PERSONAL—Mr. David Harlowe, of eleven years ago in the employ here of Messrs. E. A. & J. Stewart, was in town yesterday, having arrived by the express, on Monday night accompanied by his son, Mr. Harlowe is now chief clerk of the Asst. Gen'l Freight Agent's Office of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway. Mr. Harlowe has evidently prospered since he left for the pushing West and speaks most highly of that part of the United States. His very many friends are glad to welcome him again among them and to hear of his success. He left last night for St. John, where Mrs. Harlowe has been visiting for some weeks past.—Advocate.

Isaac Harris, Esq., of Montreal, one of our best known and most deservedly popular former residents, is in town, and it is needless to say that he is receiving a hearty welcome. His master reports as follows:—

Messrs. T. B. Winslow, A. F. Street and E. H. Allen of Fredericton, visited the Miramichi this week. They together with Mr. Jones of Colorado, who is visiting Col. Call, enjoyed a trip down the river in the Str. Lovers on Tuesday at the guests of E. Lee Street, Esq. The party also included a number of Newcastle gentlemen.

Baron Von Hugel, of Montreal, and Mr. T. Adams of Boston, leave Newcastle for Montreal to-day.

Mr. John Sinclair, after a pleasant visit among his old Miramichi friends, has returned to his home in the Occident, following the good wishes of all, from Bridge-town downwards.

A BIG DAY'S WORK—Mr. Sargeant's mill at Nelson bore all previous local records for fast sawing on Friday last week, when one gang cut 97,230 sup. ft. of merchantable lumber. The gang was working for about 6 hours; the remainder of the day they were cutting spruce. The men who claim the greatest amount of credit for this big day's work are: D. Creighton, engineer; Geo. Meagher, foreman; P. Gorman edger and Wm. Dolan, surveyor. On the same day the lat machine—Matthew Gorman, foreman—cut 48,800 laths.

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FAKE REPORT—We have much pleasure in stating that the parties most interested have learned that the rumors set afloat to the effect that Mr. Michael Kenna of Bartibog had been fishing in the Eskedellee, were without foundation. Mr. Kenna was having been in the city and some malicious parties set the rumor referred to afloat for the purpose of injuring him. He assures us that he has not netted either the Eskedellee or Tabernacle since a time some years ago, when he did so in company with his friend Mr. James Connell, but that was when poaching was in fashion and very respectable parties from Douglastown and Chatham were also not too loath to do the same. We are glad to hear testimony to the fact that there has been an improvement all around in the matter referred to and believe Mr. Kenna to have been much maligned.

WASHINGTON ON THE I. C. R.—The recent rain storms were severe in their effects on the northern division of the I. C. R. from Montreal to Campbellton, and have done much damage. A half without took place from the southeast bridge towards Chatham Junction and caused a delay of nine hours to the Quebec express on Sunday morning. The express going west was also delayed at Chatham Junction about four hours. The road was temporarily repaired on Sunday morning to enable the express to pass over. There were other washouts of lesser note but the first one mentioned was a serious one. The Nepiguet river was a wonderful sight on Sunday. At any time a rapid it was increased to a raging, foaming cataract and could be heard for a long distance.

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DEAR SIR—I have no doubt but you will be very much disappointed when you read my letter, but my excuse came to me as I was away, but he is coming Monday for me because I will be here only a few days longer, so he wants my company at home. I am very sorry and trust you will excuse me, I wish you immense success. I dare say your concert will be successful as many of my friends have already said that I was to sing and say they will not miss it. I will not let any one know any different, so now I will close hoping you will excuse me for disappointing you.

Yours respectfully, PROF. J. C. IDONE.

quills on him. There was no shots fired. We searched him and found three razors, two caps, one silk and the other a fore-and-aft pair. Besides this he had the revolver I took from him, which is a Boston build, No. 38 calibre and contains five rounds. Besides the five shots in the revolver he had three cartridges in his pockets. After he was arrested he said to me, "Big fellow, shoot me, I will be hung anyhow." He also added if he shot the man he didn't know it was his duty. "Jim" said, "I would give my heart's blood if the man was living although I do not know him. He admits having fired four random shots on the night he escaped. He said he wished they had blown his brains out, for if he shot Steadman he was willing to be hung, but if he didn't kill him he didn't want to be hung. The revolver found with him, he said, was the only one he carried. Jim told his captors he had spent about \$250 with the girls at the house. No money was found on the prisoner. The prisoner was warned not to say too much that it might be used in evidence against him, but he said to Carroll, "If I could have got my revolver half an inch more out of my pocket I would have fixed you, but you were too quick for me."

What Your Great Grandmother Did. She hatched the flax and carded the wool, and wove the linen, and spun the tow, and made the clothes for her husband and ten children. She made butter and cheese, and dipped tallow candles, to light the house at night, and she cooked all the food for her household by an open fire, and a brick oven. You and I when we are forty years of age, she was already an old lady whose beard days were over. Her shoulders were bent and her joints enlarged by hard work, and she wore spectacles and a cap. Her great grand-daughter, with all the modern conveniences for comfort, refinement and luxury, may be as charming and attractive as forty-five as at twenty. Especially is this true if she preserves her health and beauty by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which wards off all female ailments and irregularities, cures them if they already exist, keeps the life current healthy and vigorous, and enables the woman of middle age to retain the freshness of youth upon brow and cheek, the light of youth in her eyes, and its elasticity in her step. Sold by all druggists.

MONSTER PICNIC. The preparations that are being made in the Loban field for the big picnic of Monday next, under the auspices of St. Michael's Pro-Cathedral congregation for the entertainment of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Fredericton, indicate that it will surpass anything of the kind that has ever taken place in Chatham. There will be two brass bands to furnish music—one of which will be the Fredericton band and the other that of St. Michael's C. T. A. Society of Chatham. Besides the usual facilities for the amusement of all young men, there will be foot racing, wheelbarrow-racing, tag of war, putting the shot, hurdle races, nine pins, etc., with suitable cash prizes. There will also be a base-ball match, and the festivities will conclude with a concert by the two ladies and gentlemen, who so kindly assisted, and with whom Mr. Idone, with his illustrious home-made name, might feel proud of a mere platform acquaintance.

DEAR SIR—A word in regard to Mr. Idone's explanation in your issue of the 11th inst., may not be out of place. I forward you his letter received Saturday evening before the concert. It speaks for itself.

On Monday I again saw Mr. Idone when he renewed his promise to attend. Now, how he could reasonably expect me to apologise for his absence is a question, when it is a well known fact to myself and many others, that he never left town on Monday, and was seen sitting around the hall while the concert was in progress. Mr. Idone's real reasons for not singing at the Festival concert are well known to myself and all our friends. In regard to his good (?) music, I am very much pleased to see that he was returned to him after the concert. His selections from a musical standpoint were by far the most inferior in the programme and I sincerely regret having allowed his name to appear thereon, among the ladies and gentlemen, who so kindly assisted, and with whom Mr. Idone, with his illustrious home-made name, might feel proud