

Miramichi and the North Shore.

PERSONAL.—Gordon Livingston, Esq. of Richmond, is in town on Tuesday. OUR FIRST SNOW of any moment was that of Thursday last, when between two and three inches fell.

CARNIVAL.—The Rink Committee anticipates holding a Skating Carnival some time between Christmas and New Year.

OTHERS than ticket holders requiring admission to the Rink to skate are required to obtain passes from some member of the Committee.

THE CUTLERS of Chatham have been out in small force at the Rink. Where are the officers of the Club and why do they not make an attempt to get up a bonspiel?

DROWNED.—James Herrington broke through the ice while crossing Bass River, Kent County, on Friday 7th inst., and was drowned. He leaves a wife and family to mourn their loss.

M. C. CLARK, DENTIST, can be found in Newcastle at Mrs. McAllister's residence every Friday and Saturday, where he will be prepared to attend to those desiring his services, commencing Friday, Oct. 5th/77.

DIPHTHERIA.—On Friday 7th inst., Mr. Henry Pliager lost a daughter eleven years old by Diphtheria and, just a week after, another child, a little over two years old—also a daughter—died of the same disease.

NEW HARNESS.—Mr. Thos. Ullock has recently been supplied with a handsome set of silver-mounted double harness, which together with six single harnesses; were lately furnished by Mr. John Haviland, of Chatham.

SHIP BUILDING AT MIRAMICHI.—There is a rumor abroad that Senator Mainland and F. E. Winslow, Esq., are about to embark in the ship-building business at Chatham.—Advocate.

We regret that so far, at least, as Mr. Winslow is concerned—there is no authority for the above rumor.

THE SHELTER FISHERY is being generally prosecuted all over the Miramichi. The success of the fishermen is very variable however, the fish appearing to move about in great schools and where a good catch is made one day, none may be found the next. The tides govern the catch to a great extent, those of the full moon being the most productive of good hauls.

CHRISTMAS BALL.—The Bass River people are to have a Ball in their Orange Hall on Christmas evening—Tuesday next—to be conducted on temperance principles. Refreshments are to be provided as well as vocal and instrumental music. Messrs. Gilbert Powell, C. S. Wilbur and W. J. Wilson compose the committee in charge of the arrangements.

ASSIGNED.—It is reported in Kent County that Thomas Curran, the "Miramichi" lumber merchant who, it is said, was recently robbed in Charlottetown, P. E. I., of a considerable sum of money—has been obliged to assign his property for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Curran conducted what was considered a good milling and lumbering business at St. Nicholas River, Kent County.

FATHER AND THE RIVER.—We omitted to record last week that the Miramichi froze completely over in the vicinity of Chatham in the early morning of Tuesday the 11th inst., and on that day Mr. E. Hutchison crossed. A few persons also crossed on the 12th, and a number on the 13th, after which the ice was considered safe. G. A. Blair, Esq., of the Chatham Dominion Observatory, kindly informs us that on Tuesday the 11th inst., the thermometer made its first descent to zero.

A GOOD PAPER.—We gladly direct attention to the advertisement of the Dominion Churchman, which appears in another column. The following letter is a sufficient commendation of it:—

Fredericton, Aug. 22, 1877. DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in giving my approval to the Dominion Churchman, as at present conducted, and believing it to be a useful channel of Church information, I shall be glad to know that it is widely circulated in this Diocese. JOHN F. FREDERICTON.

TO FRANK WOOTEN, ESQ. RUNAWAY.—On Tuesday evening about 5 o'clock, as Mr. Howard Thompson was leaving his father's residence on Duke St. with a horse and sleigh, the horse suddenly took fright, and Mr. Thompson, finding the animal was beyond control jumped out of the sleigh. The horse continued his course round by Water Street to Duke Street again, and on turning the corner at Mr. McNutt's store, fell, and was secured. Fortunately Mr. Thompson escaped without injury, and the horse and sleigh with comparatively trifling damage.

"TOO THIN."—The ice was not very thick but they were bound to locate themselves accordingly for the purpose of catching lots of smelts during the winter, so they erected a little shanty on the river not far from Chatham. They would be comfortable, too, so they secured a stove and placed it in the shanty on the icy floor. Then they concluded to have a kind of house warming in the shanty and some "creature comfort" in a black bottle was procured. As a rattling fire burned in the stove the bottle was passed around and a good time was being enjoyed when there was, suddenly, a hissing sound as the stove disappeared through the ice, which they now consider was a poor kind of thing to set it upon.

"THE TORCH."—The prospectus is out for a new St. John paper, the Torch. The journalistic field is pretty well occupied in the commercial metropolis, but Mr. J. S. Knowles, the editor and proprietor of the coming light, is doubtless, qualified to strike out of the beaten track and command a good share of patronage. He is well known in St. John as the leading punster and "funny man" of the city and has, besides, had considerable experience as a writer for the press. Of the Torch the prospectus says, it will be issued on Saturday next 22nd inst.; the printing will be done at Mr. Geo. W. Day's office, and will be devoted to Literature, Humor, Satire and gossip for the home circle. While the editor intends that it shall be a light and gossipy nature, nothing of a decidedly party character shall be allowed to appear in its columns and he desires that it shall command a first class position among Canadian literary papers original contributions of a suitable character will be thankfully received. The price is \$1 a year, payable in advance.

BEAR SLAUGHTER.—A few weeks ago we reported that Mr. Connell, of Bartibogue, had killed his eighteenth bear this season. On Friday last he was up with another skin killed on the 21st Nov. Having come across tracks in the snow he followed them for some four miles, and came up with the bear apparently preparing his den for the winter. The bear started to run, but was stopped by a full charge of buck shot, when he at once sprang towards Mr. Connell.—Fortunately the stream was a breach loaded, and the instant sufficed to insert a ball cartridge,

which struck him between the eyes, bringing him down. The carcass weighed 625 lbs. and 185 lbs of fat was taken from it. The skin was a very large one, measuring six feet from tail to snout, across the neck twenty-six inches, and across the body fifty-four inches. It was purchased by a Desjardis gentleman for \$4.50, and this, with the bounty, netted Mr. C. \$7.50 as the fruits of his last bear hunt, exclusive to the fat of the animal, which is also worth something.—Advocate.

WHERE?—Mr. Mitchell's residence in Montreal increases, rather than diminishes, his usefulness, for it brings him into close relations with all the leading and influential men of the day—and makes him known and respected in political, commercial and social circles.—Advocate.

If our contemporary don't stop soon, Mr. Mitchell's friends won't know him. Even the Gazette wouldn't recognise the above as entirely correct. Don't the Advocate know that the gentleman is not President of any big bank, partner in any strong commercial concern or anything extraordinary as a social star? He's just a good, every-day kind of gentleman, and no better than thousands of other decent men who have no papers to blow their trumpet.

Meeting of the Dutcher Reformers of Chatham. On Tuesday evening the Dutcher Reformers held their meeting in the Masonic Hall, Chatham, which was, as usual, densely packed, the accommodation on the platform being also made use of to the utmost.

D. Davidson Esq., President, occupied the chair, having on his right Vice-President L. J. Tweedie Esq., M. P. P. After the opening song by the choir "O where are the responders," prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. McKewen.

The Rev. J. C. Herdman then delivered a spirited address, which was followed by a duet, "Whispering Hopes," by Mrs. McAndrews and Mrs. Nichol. Mr. A. A. Lockery gave an earnest address, followed by a song by Mr. Harvey Thompson, "No more Brown Jugs for me." He received an encore, next followed an amusing reading "Timothy Timothies," by Mr. T. J. Black.

Vice-President L. J. Tweedie, Esq., then said he had been requested by the Executive Committee to state that next Tuesday being Christmas Day, and the following Tuesday New Year's, they intended to provide entertainments of special interest on those occasions, and as they were anxious to add to the funds already raised towards the new organ, there would be an admission fee of 10 cents. He hoped those who attended would give liberally, as there were the expenses of the hall and gas; the collections hitherto had averaged \$5.00. It was their wish to make the entertainment free, but they surely might expect a cent from each person present at these meetings. In conclusion he referred to the example of Fredericton, where \$2,000 had been raised so promptly. The collection being now taken up, the choir sang "Rule Britannia," after which some 45 persons signed the pledge. Mr. L. Desjardis next gave "The Charge of the Light Brigade," and replied to an encore with "Mein Frauen."

Mr. John Brown made a very amusing address, interspersed with some witty Irish anecdotes, which brought down the house. Miss Fairry then sang "The Irish Immigrant's Lament" and received an encore. This was followed by a recitation by Master Thomas Marquis, "The Cold Water Army." Another recitation, "The Retort," was given by Miss Bee Carmichael, which was followed by a very practical address by Mr. W. Johnston of the Canada House.

Mr. John Cunningham next sang "The March of the Cameron Men," and responded to an encore with "Sing me the old Scotch Songs."

Mr. Tweedie on behalf of the Executive Committee and Officers of the Association, then thanked the audience for the good order which had been preserved and again reminded them of the entertainment next Tuesday evening. The proceedings were then closed by the choir singing the Doxology.

Hardwick Fishery Matters. We have quite a circumstantial complaint from the parish of Hardwick to the effect that the local fishery Overseer was sent for to inspect fishings at Eld River, and that having gone there on Monday of last week to perform the duty, he neglected to inspect Herberts (O'bear's) Creek which was and is clogged up with brush etc., forming wings of an illegal fish-trap. Our informant also wants to know if the ownership of land on the creek gives a resident there the exclusive right to the fishing off his shore.

From the manner in which the complaint is made we do not suppose that the person complaining has a very great personal interest in the matter. We may say, however, from what we know of the local Overseer, that if he had been asked to settle any difficulty at Herbert's Creek, he would have gone there and performed the duty.

Regarding the question of the privilege of the resident (who, is not named) to set his nets off his own shore, we may say that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, when he visited the county, lately told the fishermen that the preference was to be given to the owner of the shores in the privilege of setting nets off them, provided that they complied with the fishery regulations and did not attempt a monopoly.

The data we have before us does not convince us that any wrong is being done in the matter complained of. If we are not correct we shall be glad to be set right by some of our friends in this section.

To Correspondents. X. H. Newcastle. We will not print the work you require for the sum you offer or for any other consideration.

CORRESPONDENTS whose favors regarding the matter of free entries on the Miramichi as well as at St. John will be disregarded in their expectations, we fear. They may promise themselves that they will get what they seek as soon as our St. John friends will.

"ACCOMMODATION." Derby. We have taken steps which we hope will remove any cause of complaint which may exist in connection with the service you write about. We shall probably refer to the matter again, but in the meantime we withhold your letter from publication.

CORRESPONDENTS EVERYWHERE will please be careful in the selection of their phrases. We are obliged to forego the publication of many letters simply because writers who ought to know better resort to bad language when a less objectionable character would serve their purpose quite as effectually.

"GAY BOY." Richibucto. The subject upon which your article is, is doubtless very interesting, but not of sufficient general importance for a newspaper. Besides, it is not proper that little events like the one

referred should be made matters of undue publicity. Send stamps and the manuscript will be returned. Try your hand at legitimate news and you should be glad to hear from you.

Dutcher Reformers of Hardwick. On Saturday evening last the Dutcher Reformers of Hardwick were organized at the Village School House in that place. The chair was occupied by Mr. Daniel Lewis, with Mr. A. G. Williston as Secretary, both these gentlemen having joined the organization previously at Chatham. The following officers were chosen: Alex. Mills, Esq., President. Mr. James Garran, Vice do. Mr. A. G. Williston, Sec'y. Mr. Dan. Lewis, Asst. do. Mr. Jonathan Noble, Treasurer. Mr. Charles Anthony, Chaplain.

The office of Marshall and places on the executive committee are to be filled on Christmas eve. The membership at present numbers forty.

The "Advocate" at the North. It appears that the Advocate has been making some discoveries lately concerning business matters, which we always suspect every paper attempted to do itself.

"This fall the Manager started out an Agent whose business it was to canvass the Counties of Gloucester and Restigouche. Strong appeals were made, but they did not join in the big push as expected. We are willing to abide by the result of the agent's mission as the popularity of the Advocate north of Miramichi. Was that mission not a failure, and did not the Agent return from Bathurst, (without entering Restigouche) disheartened and dejected?"

We ought, perhaps, ere this, to have explained to our Restigouche friends that the gentleman who set out from this office a month or two ago to canvass that county caught a very severe cold on the way to Bathurst, via Tracadie, Shippegan, Carleton Place, etc. Owing to illness he was obliged to return. His recovery is hardly complete yet. It is too late for him to go to Restigouche this season.—His success in Gloucester was quite great as we expected. If the people of the North shore are to have their local papers raised in their esteem, we fear it will not be from the tone of the Advocate, which appears to let no opportunity for disgracing itself and abusing us slip.

Marriage and Presentation. Having become known to the employees in the Counting Room and Store of J. B. Snowball, Esq., that the chief Bookkeeper, Alex. Leishman, Esq., was about to be married, they determined to make of the event an occasion for expressing their regard for him. They, therefore, requested his attendance in the Counting Room on Tuesday evening about nine o'clock, when they presented him with a very handsome set of stand, complete, and cake basket to accompany, by the following Address:—

CHATHAM, Dec. 18, 1877. To Alex. Leishman, Esq. DEAR SIR,—We, the employees of this establishment cannot allow you to enter upon your new domestic relations without expressing (in some tangible form) our appreciation of your past and social qualities. We have each enjoyed a business association with you, and have ever found you courteous, and evincing at all times an earnest desire to render assistance in your power to further the general interests of the establishment.

We sincerely trust the important step in life that you purpose taking will prove in every respect a happy and that which will be the comfort and consolation that perfect humanity can reasonably expect.

We therefore beg your acceptance of this trifling token of our esteem and regard, and wish that the wish that you and the partner of your choice may long be spared to enjoy it.

Signed, David Martin, J. M. Paisley, Geo. Chasman, James D. McKay, M. Freger, Geo. A. Pfeiffer, Thos. Desjardis, H. C. Benson, John G. Collier, J. Leggie, Albert Desjardis, C. F. McMillan, J. R. McMillan.

Mr. Leishman's Reply was as follows:—FELLOW EMPLOYEES,—Your very kind and flattering address has so taken me by surprise that you must pardon me if I fail to make a suitable reply. Your kind references to our business relations give me much gratification.

My highest aim is to do my duty to my employer, and to be a worthy associate in the business in which I am engaged. It is, in a great measure, owing to your valuable assistance and co-operation.

Treat our relations in the future may be even more amicable than in the past, and that the result may be seen in the progress of the business in which we all take so deep an interest.

Thank you sincerely for your kind wishes in my behalf, and trust they may be realized in my experience.

Please accept my thanks for this very beautiful gift, and wish I were you, always, as I highly prize it.

Very truly yours, ALEX. LEISHMAN.

The marriage of Mr. Leishman took place last evening in St. John's Church, as will be seen by reference to another column. The newly-married pair left on their way to the ceremony for Richibucto (Mr. L.'s native place), where they will spend the honeymoon. There was a display of fireworks at the residence of J. B. Snowball, Esq., in honor of the event and as a send-off. Mr. and Mrs. Leishman are followed by the best wishes of a very large number of friends.

A Cross Libel. There appears to be a determined and persistent intention on the part of the Advocate and those who view it as representing the public interest, to represent by the grossest attacks on private character. In addition to the former statements of the Advocate respecting the business and social antecedents of the object of its hatred, we have another more vile than any which preceded it, because it is evidently intended to wound those who cannot possibly strike back. It will be remembered that in an article from the St. Croix Courier—the first paper on which Mr. Smith was employed in New Brunswick—which we reproduced last week, were these words:—

"Mr. Smith was recommended to us by Messrs. J. & A. McMillan of St. John, and after due enquiry in New York, where he was well known, we found that in that city where he had conducted a stationery business on his own account he left an honorable record. As far as the Black Courier is concerned we know that he came to St. John on the same steamer with the Company, but we have yet to learn that he was on their staff. Years ago we enquired thoroughly into the matter, and we have never yet found the man that says a man that had seen Mr. Smith performing with the Company. We do not say that it would be any discredit to him if he had; but that charge ought at once and forever to be dismissed from public notice, as being entirely groundless. As to Mr. Smith's connection with the Courier, we can only say that he performed his duties faithfully and diligently, and the Advocate has no right to say anything to the contrary."

An honorably-conducted journal had been guilty of doing such wrong to any man as the Advocate had endeavored to do to Mr. Smith, it would have reproduced the Courier's article and apologized for its offence. But it made not even a quotation from the Courier, and published the following:—

"Though the Courier comes to the assistance of the Manager, great care is taken not to deny any of our statements. He corroborates our assertion that the Manager came to St. John with a low and disreputable Black Courier Company, and though the editor of the Courier, we saw him actually performing with them, there are other gentlemen, whose character for veracity is somewhat better than that of the Manager has established, who did see him, and were also signing at the St. John Police Office as the champion of some of the women composing that Company, whose conduct brought them into the region of the preceding magistrate."

The above, was no doubt, intended for family reading. It is a sample

of his writer's appreciation of the Golden Rule, and such a record as he would like to have displayed in the social circle concerning himself. Our intelligent readers know that no man—however blameless his life may be—has any adequate protection from those who engage, as some of the Advocate's friends have done, in circulating such slanders. All "the Manager" could do to send the following despatch to the Police Magistrate at St. John:—

Chatham, Dec. 19. To H. T. Gilbert, Esq., Police Magistrate, St. John: Union Advocate.—I feel pained that there are gentlemen of better veracity than mine who saw me "flouring at the St. John police office as champion of some of the women composing the Black Courier Company, whose conduct brought them into the region of the preceding magistrate."

Please telegraph me at once your refutation of the slander as you are the only person who can speak with authority on the subject. G. W. SMITH.

In an hour the following answer was returned:—

To D. G. Smith, Chatham.—St. John, Dec. 19. You have never figured before me as the champion of Black Courier women, or in any other way except as a well conducted citizen. G. W. SMITH, Police Magistrate.

There are many persons among who know the worthy Police Magistrate of St. John, and when they read his telegram will know what to think of the last attempt of the Advocate to injure his paper and its proprietor. The Advocate must answer further in reference to the charge contained in the above, and we think it will find, to its cost, that its malice has carried it too far for its own good.

Correspondence. (We invite correspondence on all local subjects not yet published, and will be glad to publish anything that will add to the interest of our readers, and that does not come in the communities in which they live. Local News, Notes, Stories of Improvements—either rural or urban—Reports of Meetings, Agricultural, Lumbering, Fishing, Mechanical and other interesting items are especially welcome. We do not expect that all who desire to assist us in the above work are especially well-to-do. We want the news and will see that it goes into the paper in proper shape.)

Richibucto School Matter. To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance. DEAR SIR.—In common with the rest of this community, I have noticed with surprise and indignation the unbecoming, unjust, and, in truth might I add, mendacious letter of "Scrutator" in last week's Advocate assailing the professional character of one of our most esteemed and successful teachers. Not only to those who have had years of acquaintance with the teacher of the Intermediate Department in the relation of scholars or friends, but to the people at large through the length and breadth of the County, she is respected as a christian lady of unblemished reputation and as a most painstaking, conscientious and accomplished official. Were there any ground for "Scrutator's" attack other than in the bile of his own native mean and treacherous villainy, which like that of lago, apex friendship while it plots the most fiendish injury, I would feel that the *onus probandi* of proving the efficiency of the department lay upon me. But when a community universally feels grateful that the education of the youth is entrusted to one so well calculated to mould character "sparkling with intelligence," I decline to rebut the bald, vague and unfounded aspersions of a person who feels his name to be so unworthily associated with the name of a department of the County, the one of whom is respected as a christian lady of unblemished reputation and as a most painstaking, conscientious and accomplished official. 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