

Local and General News.

"STREYADORE'S" is what the St. John Globe calls them.

The season of the buzzing mill-saw and bumble-bee cometh.

Soon the singing school will end and the singing mosquito begin.

The Red Man sells bass on the streets in town at seven cents a pound.

The girls say it's a little too chilly to sit on the door step, just yet.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.—Refusals to sign the statement that Bass spawns in April.

GLOUCESTER LETTER is reluctantly held over and the Circuit Court report crowd, ed out.

BASS-SPAWNING will be no more seen at Napan. Hereafter the catch will be a net gain.

THE WEATHER is favorable to a moderate Spring in the way of freshets and for stream-driving.

DR. J. H. ARNOLD, may now be consulted at his office, over Mr. Street's Drug Store, Newcastle.—Advt.

ST. JOHN'S "NEWS" PAPER NOT-YET—Get special telegrams however if you can, but if you can't get them honestly—get them.

STICKY.—Strawberries not being in season just now, maple sugar socials are fashionable in many localities in Ontario, for church purposes.

POSS & DESSERTS, of Bathurst, who made an assignment in Bankruptcy a few months ago, got a very hard name from the Monetary Times.

LATEST FROM OTTAWA.—The paper declaring that Bass spawns in April. The man who got it up ought to observe 1st April with due solemnity.

THE ROOF of a house on Duke St., occupied by Mrs. Forbes, caught fire on Monday morning but did not suffer much damage before being put out.

THE LARGEST ox in Canada has been sold for shipment to England. He was sold for \$305 by John West of Guelph, and his weight is 3,075 pounds.

A VALUABLE PROPERTY—that of the late John Fitzpatrick—is to be sold by public auction on Monday next, on the premises, Water St., Chatham.

ENQUIRY.—Mr. Mitchell has moved in the Commons for correspondence in reference to killing the cattle of James Niven, Esq., Newcastle, by an international train.

PERSONAL.—J. B. Snowball, Esq., arrived home from Great Britain last evening.

Mr. Johnson, M. P., was in town last night.

"A FISHERMAN'S" communication in reference to Mr. Chaplin's letter will appear next week, our correspondence columns being full before it reached us this week.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—A pro re nata meeting of the Presbytery of Miramichi will be held in the Mansie, Newcastle, on Tuesday afternoon, April 10th, for the purpose stated in the Moderator's official circular.

NEW GOODS.—The new advertisement of the Miramichi Bookstore in this issue presents an array of useful goods.

The booklets and rulers are novelties, cheap and durable, and are all they are represented to be.

CRITIC.—You ought not to take notice of such matters and, for the credit of Chatham, it is to be hoped others will not. The dictionary would be too far advanced for them—Carpenter's or Diworth's Spelling Book would do for the present.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Services will be held in the Immanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, Chatham, on Good Friday and on Easter Sunday—with administration of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. Mr. Smith will also hold service at Black Brook on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

MARITIME UNION.—The debate on Maritime Union was continued in the Nova Scotia Assembly on Friday last. Two amendments were voted down, and finally the Government resolutions for the appointment of delegates to confer with delegates from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island was carried on a vote of 20 to 13.

TEMPERANCE.—The regular County Lodge, U. T. A., was held in the Temperance Hall, Chatham, on Thursday evening last. Representatives from several of the lodges in the County were present and helped to swell the large number that enjoyed the excellent entertainment provided. Speeches were made by Messrs. Crisp, Cruden and others.

THE BALL to be held in the Masonic Hall, Chatham, to-night week by Prof. Colby will be an amalgamation of collies and neckties, Fancy Dress and Citizens' Balls. Such a mixture as this ought to, and probably will, draw a large party as there are so many attractions, not least amongst which is the fine music Prof. Colby furnishes for these dances.

GOOD TIMES IN ST. JOHN.—The Globe says "the harbor will soon be filled with shipping, work will be plentiful, and money will commence to circulate. Our marine report to-day records the arrival of four ships and two barkas. The port had previously contained about 18,000 tons of shipping, and vessels representing about 20,000 tons more are chartered or on the way here."

PROF. COLBY'S Calico Ball at Newcastle on Monday evening next promises to be as great a success as the Masquerade Ball. This will be the last Sociable Professor Colby will hold in Newcastle this season, and it promises to be the most attractive of any yet given; he has six Prizes, three for Ladies and three for Gentlemen, to be awarded to the best Waltzers, in his Newcastle and Chatham classes.

THURGOOD FIRE.—The numerous patrons of Messrs. I. & F. Burpee & Co., will be glad to learn that although the recent fire in St. John completely destroyed their place of business on Prince William St., they have re-established themselves for the present, at No. 8, North Wharf. It is their intention to rebuild on the site of their late quarters and to be in occupation of the new building in May next.

BAD ROADS.—The Windsor Mail has the following good story, illustrative of road management in Nova Scotia:—A farmer across the river, while passing a bad piece of road, upon his load of potatoes. He got mad and swore he would "chaw up" the road commissioner. However, after referring to the list, he discovered, to his surprise, that the Commissioner for that district, so he would overlook this neglect of the roads.

FISH QUOTATIONS.—Forest and Stream of last week gives the following quotations of fish in New York market:—Striped bass, 15 to 20 cents per pound; smelt, 15 to 20 cents; Calumet, 45 cents; ahad (southern), 50 cents each; mackerel, 30 cents; white perch, 15 cents; Spanish mackerel, 50 cents; green turbot, 20 cents; terrapin, 15 cents per dozen; freshling, 8 cents per pound; halibut, 18 cents; haddock, 8 cents; cod fish, 8 cents; blackfish, 15 cents; herrings, 6 cents; flounders, 8 cents; sea bass, 20

cents; eels, 13 cents; lobsters, 10 cents; sheepshead, 20 cents; turbot, 20 cents; sculpin, \$1.50 per gallon; whitefish, 15 cents per pound; pickered, 15 cents; Canada brook-trout, 20 cents; Long Island trout, \$1.20; Maine trout, 50 cents; hard shell crabs, \$4.00 per 100; red snappers, 18 cents.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.—We deem it proper to say that the advertisement of pictures by the "Queen City Mezzograph Co." is one that has come to us through a regular advertising agent and that we have no special arrangement with that Company in reference to the pictures. We have no reason to believe that the pictures will not be sent to good faith to those who order them, but as the advertisement is so worded as to inferentially suggest responsibility where it does not belong we deem it right to offer this explanation.

THE SPRINGFIELD COAL MINES.—Messrs. Geo. Fleming & Sons have finished the repairs on the engines lately damaged by fire at the Springfield Mines, and the morning despatched them by train to their destination. The damage done was considerable, and it was necessary to build a large portion of them. The work was pushed with much vigor, and has been thoroughly done. Messrs. Robert Patten and Chas. McCarthy, workmen belonging to Messrs. Fleming's foundry, will put the engines up.—Globe.

WILLIAMS THE BUTTON-MAN.—Samuel Williams, the first manufacturer of buttons in the United States, is still living, seventy years old, and worth \$6,000,000. He has made half the buttons used in the world, and has never yet made a suspender button that would hold its grip and not fly off and rattle across the floor every time a man stopped to pick up his hat in church. He was the first man who manufactured a pin button that looked enough like a silver five cent piece to fool a short-sighted deacon with a contribution basket.—Herald.

TAKEN TO THE ASYLUM.—Elias Sanson, a Frenchman, who was frozen last winter near far from Ecumaine, as stated in the ADVANCE at the time, was taken to the Lunatic Asylum on Monday by Mr. Timothy Harrington. After meeting with the misfortune he was brought to the County Almshouse, but, we are informed, as soon as he had sufficiently recovered to move about he ran away in his shirt sleeves to the woods, where keeper Harrington found him lying in the snow, hidden under a tree. He had, we believe, been a lunatic some time before his mishap last winter. A certificate of lunacy in the case was given by Dr. Thomson, the Alma House Physician, the other necessary papers being given by G. A. Blair and J. T. Griffin, Esqrs., Justices, and Messrs. Donald McLaughlan and M. Connors, two of the Alma House Commissioners.

Sad Suicide.—On Sunday morning last Margaret Ann Carroll aged 17 years, daughter Mr. John Carroll, living near the Marsh Bridge, St. John, was found hanging by the neck, dead, in an out-house. She had joined with the family the previous evening in their Lenten devotions and was apparently in a sound state of mind. It was only a day or two before this sad event that the Freeman blamed what it so ignorantly and impertinently terms "godless education" for two or three suicides of students in the United States. It would be fair according to the Freeman's logic, to charge the suicide of this girl to her religion, but it would be silly and wicked to do so, besides showing disposition to insult a large class of the people, a thing which the Freeman continues to do with impunity whenever it can make an occasion thereof.

Masquerading on Skates.—It is said that birds, beasts and fishes undergo important changes on being taken from their native haunts, or during their migrations from place to place, while some of them change much in outward appearance with the season of the year. Modern enterprise and indifference to calling things by their proper names have combined to transplant to alien soil and exhibit, in this decidedly cool climate and at this cool season of the year, the "masquerade" but, oh, how changed it is, and how out of season. They do things differently in Rome, where they are supposed to understand the Carnival business, and they never think of having the Masquerade on skates, although it is a big thing with them. What carnival has to do with a skating masquerade in Lent we do not know, but we presume the gentleman who has conducted the skating rink in town with so much enterprise and indifference to the affair of Monday night that he gave the ruder with which a small proportion of the masqueraders conducted themselves as badly as some of the proper controlling care on his part. The ice was very bad and the skaters had considerable difficulty in getting over it, while the mode of lighting was of the "dim" but not "religious" kind. The hundreds who went to the rink to pay twenty-five cents to enter in by the door, but climbed up some other way, via—the snow, and roosted on, or peered over the top of the enclosure, as they saw the masquerade, and were admitted legitimately, but we presume both classes of spectators considered themselves with the reflection that the masqueraders, on whom the lights provided cast little reflection were well sold than they for the latter had gone to the trouble of providing themselves with fantastical dresses, which like "clouds far off" were almost all merged into one hue by the prevailing "twilight gloom" through which they were seen. They were informed by some friends who saw the masqueraders that many of the dresses were well conceived and it is also said by those who got near enough to peer through the openings, that they had seen some of the most beautiful of the characters were well sustained. At first it was thought that if an old woman who appeared with an umbrella would lower it and let the light in from the windows of Gillespie's Foundry it would be an improvement, and when the dear old body acquiesced in the suggestion the effect was noticeable, especially when an occasional spark shot up from the furnace, and the masquerade was in full blast. Then it was proposed to put the time limited by him such money or property, and if such order is not complied with in the time so limited, a County Court Judge may on application of the complainant, and on proof of the above facts, summon the person so charged, and make inquiry into the matter, and may lead summarily therewith, and make such order or orders as to him may seem just, with or without costs, which orders shall be enforceable as other orders of the Court.

The fourteen days limitation in Sec. 91 does not interfere with the right of any Ratepayer to proceed as set forth in Sec. 92. The fact that the Trustees' accounts do not appear to have been audited a fortnight before the School Meeting as the law requires, and that a mistake was made by causing the Inspector to proceed against the delinquent Trustee, who, apparently has \$185 in his possession which does not belong to him, but to the District, and can be recovered as above. At least that seems to be the clear construction of the law on the subject.—Editor.

Bass Seining in Napan.—Napan, Mar. 19th, 1877. Mr. Editor.—I observe in the ADVANCE of 14th inst., an article headed, "Bass-fishing," in which the Editor says: "We understand that a petition has been signed by all the leading people of Napan, praying the Minister of Marine and Fisheries

to prohibit seining for bass, as that mode of fishing destroys large quantities of young fish." Will the ADVANCE please tell us who those "leading people" are. Perhaps it may yet learn that the Napan people will scarcely accept of the signers of the petition or even the ADVANCE as leaders and will not be marshaled into line by a pilgrim's staff or goaded up by a darning needle. The petition was not got up in Napan at all, but by parties residing on the bay shore, who have been in the habit of catching bass in September. Of course if a stray salm comes along, these unskillful men will try to catch it, and if they do, they will sell it for \$1.00 per pound, where now, Mr. Editor, a great many that signal that petition were only boys, leading boys of course, and if they lead along all the other boys as well as the Inspector of Fisheries can lead the Editor of the ADVANCE, and Messrs. Mowat and Hickson, they will accomplish a wonderful success. The Inspector did not call in the aid of three of the most intelligent and practical officers of this District in his pretended investigation of fish matters, as he knew they had opinions of their own. He was, however, more fortunate in the Editors of the County and had not to import any. When he found that you were determined to enquire for yourself, and that you hoped to small tyranny he had only to hint to the ADVANCE that he wanted assistance and he had with him, and that paper said yea or nay with as much assurance as if its Editors knew anything about the matter they were treating of.

The bass are as plentiful in our River as they were twenty or even thirty years ago, and if they require more protection it is on the Northwest where many are caught and not in Napan, where they are only got for a week or two and are, notwithstanding what has been said to the contrary, a better fish, being newly in from the salt water and not having a muddy taste as those have that he in the Northwest all winter. We could now, by our own satisfaction at the close season extend to the first, or even the last of October, and it may protect salmon as well as bass. There can be no blame to Overseers if bass are destroyed in the Autumn, as under the circumstances it is impossible for them to altogether prevent it.

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