This was shown by many new phases of ox crookedness and much ingeniousness in illustrating the opposition of forces and the manifold evils of want of unity. Having exceeded the limit of human patience in their devious ways the knight of the goad opened up his heavy artillery. A well directed volley of grape shot in the shape of sundry small oaths brings the off leader to "attention" as quickly as the sharp command of the drill sergeant. The refractory wheelers were fairly annihilated by a volley of bombs which, bursting, enveloped them in a sea of profanity. A discharge of the entire battery amongst the whole team by way of a wind up causes every animal to lean forward and the ponderous wagon begins to move. look on in admiration, not unmixed with awe at this wonderful exhibition of the connection between mind and matter and the marvellous control of the former over the latter. True, there a trifle of speech thrown in but what is this other than an evidence or proof of the working of the intellect. While we are turning the matter over in our mind a hard featured look. ing gentleman steps out of the Tithing Choice Congou Tea. Office and taps the teamster on the shoulder: "You must come with me," he said. Teamster-"What for, old hunks?"

Saint-"For swearing; its agin the rules -didn't you know it; you're a terrible

Teamster (amazed and indignant)-"For swearin': the ---. I didn't swear." Saint-(horrified)-"Didn't swear; you are swearin' now-come along where you'll get good wholesome advice and the law of

God and the Prophet explained." Teamster-(looking pugnacious)-"Nary thievin' prophet, de'ye suppose." Saint - "We'll see; come over here,

Salathius, Tom and Abedingo!" The presence of these muscular saints Pork, was wonderfully persuasive. He is quietly led away, and we follow. In a large back room we find a portly-looking man surrounded by writing tables and many leather-bound volumes. "What's the trouble. Brother Jones" said he looking

Brother Jones-"This man violated the city ordinances in swearing. It's awful; I never heard the like. Besides, he spoke disrespectfully of the prophet." Teamster-"I didn't swear, by (fearful

oath); I was only drivin' my cattle. But if I did swear I want to know who's a goin' to stop me.' Judge-" I'll soon let you know, young man. I'm sorry a man of your energy and

wonderful talent don't turn his attention to the things of the Lord. In this, the City of the Saints, we can have no uncleaness or profanity. You've heard of that Prophet of the Lord, Joseph Smith, I hope." Teamster-(readily)-"Yes, I've heard my father say he was a --- thief and

Judge-(wroth)-"I didn't ask your father's opinion. I see you're given over to hardness of heart and blindness of mind. I fine you two and a half dollars for swearing on the public streets; one dollar for slandering the Prophet; one for swearing before the Court, and, that we may have even change, a half dollar for sundry transgressions not before enumerated. I want five dollars; you've had the worth of it in advice."

There was no alternative. The money was paid and we departed. I could see that the teamster longed to get out of the City, that he might get his money's worth Tailoring Establishment in the exercise of his favorite accomplish-

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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### Miramichi Advance.

Editor 'Miramichi Advance," Chatham, N B.

CHATHAM, THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1877.

Holding on Against Principle and

Right. The rebuke given to the leader of the late Government by the House of Commons for retaining the control of Secret Service money after that Government ceased to enjoy the confidence of Parliament was deserved, and it is almost amusing to read the utterances of the journals which defend Sir John They say, in effect, that because he led a party successfully for a number of years and carried on the business of the country with fair credit, until developments of party corruption drove him him on account of his official position, even after he was turned out for corruption in office. Hon. Mr. Holton met that kind of doctrine in a very terse and logical way last week in the Parliamentary Committee on Accounts. He said the money was in the keeping of the Crown; it was not in the keeping the Dining Room is at the well-stocked of Sir John Macdonald, and only in the keeping of the Ministry of the day in so far as they represented the Crown .-The entity of the Crown was preserved throughout all the confidences received by Sir John Macdonald, and which he held so sacred that he would not even communicate them to his successors in office. Those confidences were not given to him but to the Crown. A Ministry might pass away, one Government succeed another, but the entity of the Crown was never affected. Hence it followed that as the money was in the Crown, as the confidences were to the Crown, so, no matter whether Sir John Macdonald or Mr. Mackenzie held the reins of power, neither of them, except as the servant of the Crown, possessed either the money or the confidences. Looking at the matter in this light, the offence of Sir John Macdonald in taking the money from the custody of the Crown when he had ceased to be its Minister or adviser was an offence of the most flagrant character, and was deserving of the severest censure that

could be passed upon it-And, yet, there are a good many members of Parliament who are ready to whitewash Sir John in the same way as those politically opposed to them whitewash Mr. Anglin and condone his violation of the law in connection with the Post Office Printing.

Investigation Needed. We decline to discuss the fishery or other questions with the News and other journals which descend to personalities and mere assertion for the purpose of sustaining themselves and their friends in false positions and the infliction of injuries upon people who have neither asked them to meddle in their affairs nor attached any particular importance to their opinions. So far as we are concerned we feel that those who have controlled fishery matters in the County for some time past have acted upon an almost inexcusable misapprehension of facts, and while the work of establishing their ignorance, with a view of benefitting the people, may call down upon us ill-will, slander and other unworthy treatment at the hands of those who have placed themselves in the way of exposure and consequent loss of power to work public harm, we shall not be deterred from the performance of our duty, as we understand it. propose to use all the knowledge we are possessed of upon the subject, and all we can acquire in the future, as well as all the influence we can command, both on the Miramichi and elsewhere, in breaking up what we believe to be a most pernicious system of fishery management that has grown under the regime of the present Inspector for this Province, who shows no disposition whatever to change a line of policy which, while ruining some of our best fisheries, has sown seeds of discontent which are rapidly growing and will soon work injury to all interested. We tell the Department of Fisheries, now, publicly, as it has been informed by other means, that its regulations for this County need revision in very material points, and that almost every new Order in reference to our fisheries seems to be specially planned to increase dissatisfaction without securing corresponding benefits. All this must be changed sooner or later, and the only way in which it ought to be done is by a full and intelligent investigation made by men who have no personal interest in justifying

past abuses or gratifying personal spite. The Department has sent Samuel Wilmot, Esq., of Newcastle, Ont., who is an enthusiastic pisciculturist, to investigate the charges made in connection with the Northwest Miramichi Hatching House. Mr. Wilmot visited the establishment on Monday last, and will, probably, afford the gentlemen who have exposed tunity of establishing all the facts stated. cussing in a reasonable manner. Mr. Wilmot is also, we understand, in-

makes a number of statements which it professes to base on information obtained from Mr. Wilmot. We are assured however, that they are wholly unauthorized by that centleman, who, we hope, will now see the necessity of making his enquiries thorough in their character. Our readers, who may debe respectable. sire to know what is coming out of Mr.

#### Wilmot's visit, must wait a week or two, tionally. so that he may avail himself of the

Some statistician at Ottawa classifies the members of the House of Commons denominationally in the manner follow-

Roman Catholics. Presbyterians, Episcopalians. Methodists. Baptists. Congregationalists.

go moving his resolution for an enquiry' into the affairs of the Southern Railway Company. The ADVANCE does not state, though its language implies, that no attempt was made to dissuade Mr. Austin from his purpose, but even if there was not, it is still true that Mr. Austin's relation to the Government and to the Attorney General, would naturally induce him to abandon his motion, when resisted by the Government, and therefore it was right to say that he could not be induced to forego his enquiry, &c. We challenged the Times on the facts

means of investigation at hand

The Moncton Times says :-

The "Times" and the Attack on the

Government Engineer.

The MIRAMICHI ADVANCE seems to

think that we did injustice to the Local

Government in stating that Mr. Austin,

M. P. P., "could not be induced to fore-

of the charge made, and endeavoredsuccessfully, we think-to show that neither the Government nor any else had any opportunity to make the attempt stated. We remember that members on both sides of the House enjoyed Mr. Austin's "fix" when he gave the usual "two clear days" notice of his intention to move the resolution referred to, for they knew that the House was to be prorogued before the notice matured. Nothing more was announced in reference to the matter until, by a coup de main. Mr. Austin from power, he ought, nevertheless, to sprung the same resolution upon the be allowed any liberty he might choose | House as an amendment to going into to take with public funds entrusted to Committee of Supply on the Supplementary estimates. The Times will, we think, admit that there would be a wide difference between Mr. Austin being induced "to forego moving his resolution"and being induced to withdraw it. which latter it evidently means when it lets itself down by saving "that he could not be induced to forego his enquiry." When our cotemporary understands that the resolution was seconded by a leading member of the Opposition -simply because its mover had not let anyone into his little secret-he will perceive that it would have been a delicate matter for him to ask the consent of the seconder to a withdraw-We therefore hold that the article of the Times was misleading to the extent stated by the ADVANCE, and think that it was not written with a know-

ledge of all the facts. We observe that the Times does not even thank the News for meddling in the matter. The latter ought to learn from the fact the lessen that its record as the champion of "lost causes" is fast telling upon its influence, as well as its temper and style.

#### About a Seal.

They have been very much exercised

Nova Soctia political circles concern-

ing the Seal of the Province. At the

time of Confederation the new Seal was

sent to the Government, but the anticonfederate feeling was so hot that it was laid aside contemptuously. genius, however, during the late Legislative Session, struck upon the brilliant idea that because the Seal had not been used all the Acts of Assembly, grants, etc., were of no effect whatever. Local politicians opened up a fearful vacuum in Provincial administration and the effect of allowing the Seal to be unused and become dust-covered presented a world of catastrophes too disastrous to contemplate, reaching from Government House to the humblest dwelling of the bluenoses. The enactments of the Legislature were not law because the Great Seal used was not the legal one, Crown Grants were to be wiped out by the hundred for the same reason; thousands of children, born to people married since Confederation were to be pronounced illigitimate, because their parents' marriage licences had the worthles Seal affixed to them, the convictions, fines and forfeitures secured through Magistrates' Courts were to be largely set aside and a criminals' year of jubilee to be proclaimed on the issue of the Seal question. In the people's dire extremity the Bench was applied to and the misery of the Nova Scotia public brought home to them "in all its over-shadowing vastness," when the Supreme Court decided that the Seal was not the Seal at all. The political Deluge was impending, chaos threatened; the elections to the Legislature were void. Like a little sunbeam through a dungeon's crevice shone the gleam which told that Otto S. Weeks, and D. B. Woodworth, were never representatives of constituencies after all, but it was like proofs of innocence which come just too late to snatch the victim from Jack Ketch. The little peninsula was about to be snuffed out, there was to be no more of the Land of the Mayflower; Nova Scotia was helplessly and hopelessly "ultra vires," where a letter was received by the Dominion Government from the British Colonial Secretary, stating that

#### they are again happy in Nova Scotia. The St. John Paul Pry.

The News has had several attacks of ADVANCE on the brain" during the past week and it is to be regretted that when it is not positively indecent in its mode of attack it displays a cheap kind of cunning, mixed with egotism which renders it scarcely worth replying to. It devoted nearly a column leader on Monday last to a little matter which the condition of affairs there an oppor- the Times and the ADVANCE are disseems to have three objects in view. structed to make some enquiries in The first is to induce the Times to rereference to the Bass and Gaspereaux | cognise it as an ally in a dispute in which questions. He is accompanied by the it has unnecessarily meddled; the second Inspector, who has authorized the pub- to entirely misrepresent the point we lication, in a local paper, of a statement, raised, and the third to enable it to tell intended to account for the fact that the how "a prominent member of the Op- (Loud cheers.) ova represented to the Department, as be- position" put Mr. Austin, M. P. P. ing in the Hatching House, are not there. "up to snuff" and even," a pinch above The Inspector's mode of dealing with the it," in reference to that gentleman's following statement by Mr. Anglin who, season. I am informed that arrangements March and until the 12th of April, when matter while it is under investigation Railway resolutions. The egotism of that day, appeared before the Committee will be made to put up, in tins, about it stopped. Pilgrims on their homeward

of puzzled players in the performance of parliamentary practice, suggests that we leave him alone in his self-sufficiency. knowing that we fully answered him when he first intruded himself unasked into a discussion which we desired to carry on with a paper that really aims to

## The House of Commons Denomina-

The balance he classifies as Unitarians

Official Literature. There is a feeling abroad, that it high time the Fisheries Department gave us less of its annoymous and other letters to newspapers in defence of its policy in this County, and more practical attention to the demands of our growing fishery interests. The public hav been surfeited with letters in the News -a St. John Government organ-on the Gloucester and Northumberland fish eries, signed by W. H. Venning, Inspector of Fisheries; they have had similar letters from the same gentleman under the nom de plume of "Roving Special;" we have good reason also for stating that the Inspector wrote the letter, signed "Anti S.," in the Telegraph a few days ago, and we have traced the letter of "An Old Fisherman" in that paper of Monday last to the same author. If the Department was not in grave doubt in reference to the soundness of its Miramichi and Bathurst policy we believe it would give us more investigation and less literature.

#### The Anglin Printing Matter Mr. Mackenzie Castigates Sir John.

After the motion of Mr. Bowell, i reference to the Anglin printing matter, had been voted down-as stated by us last week-it was brought up again by Mr. Casey, a Government supporter, who rose to a question of privilege :-He moved that the attention of the House having been called to the reports, returns and vouchers laid on the table as to the payment of public money to Hon. T. W. Anglin, member for Gloucester, for printing and stationery for the Post Office Department, said papers be referred to the select standing Committee on Privileges | ing. and Elections, with instructions to enquire into the facts and report thereon, and as to whether Hon. T. W. Anglin has vacated

He stated that a similar practice had been followed in the case of Mr. Daoust. member of Parliament, and also in the case of Baron Rothschild; believed that this was a case which should be referred to a committee, and pointed out that in the Rothschild case the receipt had been signed

by the firm of which the Baron was a mem-Sir John Macdonald said it was at last forced upon the Government whipper-in to make this motion, and asked why it was not made before, and wound up his speech by saying he could not see how the question could be referred to committee when no prima facie case had been made out and when by voting down that resolution hon, gentlemen declared that there was no prima facie case. He charged that they had a Speaker sitting during this Parliament who had ceased to be a member of the House. The action of the House, he

said, would ring from one end of the land Hon. Mr. Mackenzie retorted pretty severely. He said the hon, gentleman had shown that he was unfit to sit as a judge in any case where there was the slightest ifference of political opinion. He (Sir ohn) did not hesitate to declare in advance what his opinion was. Let the facts declare whether there was an agreement or not; the hon, gentleman had avowed his etermination to give his verdict before the jury assembled, before the evidence was heard, and had interlarded his speech with allusions to every person around him. low was it that he occupied a seat so eminent that he was justified in throwing filth at every one around him? What was the hon, gentleman's conduct in the House? He must persume greatly on the creduility of his audience, particularly at this late

day, if he thought they had forgotten what had been the practice even in elec-Mr. Mason-Pacific Scandal! Hon, Mr. Mackenzie-I did not allude Mr. Masson-You might have. Hon, Mr. Mackenzie-I might have alluded to a thousand things if time would permit. The hon, gentleman must think me but little acquainted with political life in Canada if I could not occupy hour after hour in summing up the political niquities which have characterized the hon. entleman (Sir John) as a member of the house, The hon, gentleman's career as a political reformer was tolerably well known. nd his career as a political intriguer was till better known. (Cheers.) His success at corrupting the country was well known. He (Mr. Mackenzie) promised him someing in a very short time in the way of ecollections, which the hon. gentleman supposed he would not have recalled. The statement had been made that the work was done in the hon. gentleman's (Mr. Speaker's) office last year. Yet no member of the Opposition moved for an enquiry into this matter. Every person knew then what was known now. The hon, gentlenan knew this, but they went back a year and spoke of the matter as newly discovered, newly found out, and as if the dovernment were continuing the system. He (Mr. Mackenzie) had condemned such transactions as inexpedient and improper; but without any inquiry into the facts of the case, without any search for precedent, and it was now proposed to pass judgment. He (Mr. Mackenzie) could produce cases of an exactly similar character, where a report had been made to the House. It did not matter whether the sum was \$10 .-000 or \$500. He mentioned the case to Mr. Ramsay, who had resigned because he the Great Seal question of Nova Scotia was interested in a contract amounting to had been submitted to Crown officers, He knew hon, gentlemen opposite, who decided that the Queen's Warrant including hon, members who had moved the resolution, who were included in the was merely directory, and that noncondemnation. More than one hon, gencompliance did not render the Old Seal tleman who had passed judgment on this illegal, or the documents on which it ransaction was concerned in more questionwas used invalid. -As the novelists say able transactions themselves. Such was the political rancour of the hon. gentlemen opposite, that nothing seemed too furious for them to indulge in, nothing too extravagant to say, no matter whose feelings might be injured. (Cheers.) The system the Conservative party had adopted was ne of constant interminable warfare of the ossest character. The hon. gentleman was very bold when he went through the

ountry last year, denouncing him (Mr. Mackenzie) as he had done: the hon. gentleman said that he had systematically given, and allotted contracts to tenders which were not the lowest. He went through the country telling other stories. which he (Mr. Mackenzie) could only characterize by the strongest Anglo-Saxon phrase which could be applied. (Cheers.) The hon, gentleman had ventured to-night, as he had the other night, to assail Mr. Speaker when he was powerless to defend mself. He gave the hon, gentleman credit for knowing that if Mr. Speaker could reply he could have received the castigation he deserved. He thought, knowing the career of the Conservative party, the hon. gentleman might well have

The motion then passed and the House will appear, to any fair-minded person, that same "prominent member of the on Privileges and Elections, and made his 1,000,000 lbs. of Lobsters. Mr. O'Leary journey have had a little fun at times. I very reprehensible. The same paper Opposition"—that powerful prompter statement. He said as he could not make our esteemed and worthy representative at heard of one that got "half the seas over,"

a statement on oath he would be prepared heareafter to swear to all he said. He referred to what passed between himself and Mr. Mackenzie when the Government was formed, because it had been more than insinuated that he had been given the Speaker's position, with the work referred to, in order to make up the salary of a Minister of the Crown. It was stated that being refused a seat in the Cabinet, he had demanded the Speakership. The statement, he said, was absolutely and utterly intrue. He never asked the slightest favor of this or any other Government. He had never intimated to Mr. Mackenzie or any member of the Government, directly, any desire to become a member sters of the Cabinet. Mr. Mackenzie told him there was difficulty in inviting him to enter the Government. He was asked by eries and fishing establishments, our ium-Mr. Mackenzie to help him in overcoming | bering operations and saw mills and the

support so far as it was possible to support | course of construction) &c, &c., but will any government. There were questions leave it for other and abler hands. I parties in Hardwicke fitted out for the on which they differed, but he was willing trust that some of my talented townsmen Gaspereaux seining, such as buying salt, to accord the new administration a hearty may do so. I am satisfied you will ocsupport. One day sometime after the for- casionally devote a corner of your paper Department buy from those people those mation of the Government, he met Mr. D. to any communications that will tend to things that are now a dead less on their A. Macdonald, then Postmaster-General, advance the interests of Kent County. If hands. Perhaps the Inspector will, and who said he had been looking over the some of the talented of the legal profes- hand them over to his Northumberland affairs of this Department and found that sion and Merchants of whom there are Agent-they will do splendidly for bunts there was some printing done in St. John many whose ability and enterprise are a for those large sized smelt nets that are which he had directed to be transferred to credit to Kent, and of whom the people going to be allowed in the County next the 'Freeman' office. He accepted that are justly proud, would only see the ne- winter. The small sized nets for smelt are statement as a matter of course, as it had long cessity for action, and try to remove the going to be prohibited next December, been the custom to give advertising and animosities, and by their actions and in- just after the fishermen have bought or printing to newspapers supporting the Go- fluence restore feelings of confidence and vernment. It appeared to him as a matter trust, adopt and carry out some policy tions. They are going to be prohibited of course that, on the change of Government, printing should be changed from the County, Kent would soon be in that the Hon. the Inspector of Fisheries, and offices of newspapers supporting the late position which by her wealth, resources, Government to those friendly to the pre- and the intelligence of her inhabitants she sent Government. On that occasion he should occupy. merely thanked the Postmaster General. Nothing passed which could be construed into the semblance of a contract or agreement. The Postmaster General was not bound to send any work, nor was he (Mr. A.) bound to do any work. It did not enter his mind that there was the slightest

because he was a member of Parliament, and said he believed he would have obtained better prices than were given had he

violation of the Independence of Parlia-

ment Act. The transaction was perfectly

open. No attempt at concealment was

made. He knew that the Dominion had

not lost one dollar by changing the work.

The same rates were paid as before. He

denied that the work had been given him

grave aspect, but war is not yet declared Nova Scotia Legislature was prorogued Thursday last. The Session was devoted mainly to political faction fight-

EASTERN AFFAIRS are assuming

ANOTHER GREAT FIRE has taken place, involving the loss of several lives. The Grand Southern Hotel, St. Louis, was consumed by it-loss over a mil-

DRILL FOR 1877 .- In the House of Commons, on Tuesday of last week, the Minister of Militia said the Government intended to drill 20,000 men this year tender shoots of those they do not eat. If for twelve days. they do it to save feed there must be some

OTTAWA NEWS is somewhat interesting. A baker's dozen of M. Ps. are said to be Government Contractors, in cluding Hon. Mr. Burpee (who denies it), Hon. Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Moffatt of Restigouche, Mr. Currier of Ottawa, Mr. Domville, etc. Mr. Currier has re-

# Correspondence.

and will be glad to publish anything that will advance the interests of our readers, individually, o the communities in which they live Local News Items, Notices of Improvements-either moral or physical—Reports of Meetings, Agricultu-cal, Lumbering, Fishing, Mechanical and other Inustrial notes are especially welcome We do not expect that all who desire to assist us in the above way are good writers, but that should not deter them from sending along their favors. We want the news and will see that it goes into the paper in

#### A Sensible Letter from Richibucto.

RICHIBUCTO, April 17th, 1877. To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance. SIR. -I have often wondered why so many newspaper publishers allow in their columns anonymous correspondence conmalign, or in a communication over their own signature; they fancy they are safe in their cowardly attacks from discovery and resentment, under cover of an assumed real name of the writer, they would not be success. troubled nor their subscribers and readers

annoved by them. I regret that there has been so much of this kind of correspondence from our county; there has been more than usual during the past winter. If the persons who are so anxious to display their abilities by writing letters for publication to which they are ashamed and afraid to affix their own names, would only devote their talents and a portion of their spare time to some object for the benefit of their native town or county, they might, perhaps, accomplish something worth while, they would at least, have the consolation that they were doing what they should-their duty.

Our County has been, for many years, under a cloud; there seems to be a strange fatality attached to it. The dissensions suspicions and jealousies now existing between the different sections of the County and among many of our public and prominent men, have gained for us a notority that, from present appearance, will remain with us. One of the results of these dissensions is that we are without a Railroad or Steamboat. Formerly a steamer called at our port four times each week, now the only communication we have during the summer season is by sailing packet schooner to Point du Chene.

If our newspaper correspondents and others in positions of influence, instead of exciting these jealousies and sowing the seeds of discord, would succeed in healing these dissensions, establishing and cultivating feelings of confidence and unity among the people and remove the stigma now attached to our county, so that we may no longer be a bye-word and reproach, they will have accomplished a work that will entitle them to the gratitude of the present and future generations. The facilities of Kent County for the

successful and profitable prosecution of the Fisheries, the manufacture and shipping of all kinds of lumber, shipbuilding or the carrying on of any kind of business allowed the motion to pass in silence. or manufacture, are not excelled by any in the Dominion. Extensive preparations are now being made for a vigorous prose-An Ottawa despatch of 13th gives the cution of the fisheries during the coming as there has been lately, or I should say in

Fredericton (who deserves the thanks and gaged in fishing and it is said will put up gentleman from St. John, who has been engaged in the fishing business here for many years, is also making extensive preparations to put up Lobsters in tins. He and Mr. O'Leary ship all the Salmon they get, fresh in ice to American markets; the total number shipped during the season is about fifteen thousand Salmon. Mr. Bell, from London, G. B., also intends to put up a large quantity of Lob-

the extent and a description of our Fishthe difficulty, but he declined. He pro- facilities for shipping lumber, our shipmised, however, to give him his cordial building, (at present there are six ships in that will advance the interests of our

Yours truly,

Cur Prince Edward Island Letter,

P. E. I., Apl. 11th, '77. DEAR ADVANCE .- As the condition of the body much depends upon that of the stomach, so the state of pleasure and business travel, and the collection of news is greatly affected by "Old Probabilitie's"

THE FRESHETS -- SPRING AND ITS ATTENDANTS. March came in and went out with little of the Leonine aspect attributed to it and April has fully sustained its reputation as a manufacturer of May flowers, by showers. The snow has all disappeared except a few banks along the country roads, and mud is the order of the day. The freshet has been gradual, but heavy, breaking milldams in some instances. Souris, Georgetown, and Cascumpec harbors are clear of ice and vessels are "entering" and "clearing" there while Summerside and Charlottetown, are broken up, and caught at the mouths, but the rivers leading into them are clear, and in a week the whole will be open and the Steam Navigation Co's Boats running by the middle of this month, a very early date. Through the country cattle are in the fields, looking half frozen. It is rather strange that our otherwise "canny" farmers will persist in the absurd practice of turning cattle out while the roots are loose in the soft ground, to tear up, wholly, clover, and trample the

great lack in the Fall provision. This session of our Legislature will be memorable for the able "Bills" and sweeping reforms initiated and passed, foremost among which is the School Act which provides for better, and better paid teachers more efficient schools, and Inspectors, with a Superintendent and a compulsory clause. An improved system of taxation is also being discussed, Jail reform agitated, and other Provincial improvements taking place. It is probable the proposed Insane Asylum has been given up, for the present at least, and the old one will be enlarged, as some of its present occupants have to be accommodated in the celler, and three or four insane people are in the Jail awaiting room

BUSINESS has been, and is dull, except for a few large firms and more especially is this felt in the west. Kings and Queens, being agricultural counties, and Prince, depending chiefly upon its fisheries and its merchants giving long credits for fish payments, felt last year's failure in the fishing severely, and as its inhabitants do a "little farming" too, they meet the usual fate of on the private character of men and which | where one would give a handsome return those who delight and indulge in dare not | Already the proprietors of summer resorts make in the presence of those they wish to have received retainers for suites of rooms

and anticipate a busy summer. A novelty for Charlottetown has been started lately, a House Agency and Employment Bureau, and, judging from the name, but in nearly every instance they anxious seekers for the houses during May are known. If Editors would only refuse to and the number of able bodied loafers publish letters of this kind unless over the holding up the corners, it ought to be a

> Easter has come and gone with its fat cattle show at which a cow weighing a ton was seen and the display of Oxen Sheep and Hogs was fine, and finer on the day | him. -ED.] they were exhibited in the Market House,

minus their lives. The Church services upon Easter Sunday were impressive, especially the beautiful symbolic ceremony of St. Peter's (Episcopal) where the sermon was a masterpiece of deep religious sentiment, beautiful diction and impassioned delivery, as dations and deserve severe punisheighteen hundred years were retraced, the Stone rolled away from the Sepulchre, and the wonderful acts and effects of the

Resurrection morn, vividly portrayed. The Northern Light is making daily round trips between Georgetown and Pictou proving a great convenience to the many Island. Ere we meet again the full tide of summer business will be running, and this Province have taken on the garb that so well entitles it to the beautiful name of "Green Isle of the Gulf "

#### Notes from Bay du Vin.

Bay du Vin, 16th April, 1877. DEAR ADVANCE:-The ice is leaving us. the snow is disappearing, the spring birds weather of the last few days, is balmy and

MOVING OF THE LIGHT KEEPERS be saying: "Oh solitude where are thy charms,"

There has been splendid travelling on the ice this spring, and the Hardwicke folks have taken advantage of it as I have seldom seen as much hauling

TO AND FROM CHATHAM

on his homeward journey. He was cute gratitude of his constituents for his able enough to give his "Little brown jug" to defence and advocacy of the claims of our a lady to keep for him, and somehow he Branch Railway) is very extensively en- forgot it for a couple of days and when he -but I must not go any further as an old one half this quantity. R. B. Noble, a friend of mine who rejoices in the name of "Old Bob," told it to me as a secret.

THE SALMON FISHERMEN have not as vet set out any nets: without it is that one at Ullock's Point, they are waiting until the Department or the Inspector recommends a seven inch mesh, or some other change, just as the fishermen are about commencing operations. Of late we observe that to be about the time the Department comes down with its regulations. The Department, it seems does I would like to give you an account of just as some ignorant or malicio advisers wanted it to do, the advice from the Chatham Deputy who pretends to know just what the fishermen want, being, it

is said accepted without question. The latest is prohibiting seining for Gaspereaux. There have been different barrels and knitting seines. Will the made their nets for the season's operaby a regulation on the recommendation of

his Deputy at Chatham. As I said before, the Gaspereaux seines could be made to answer for the back part of the smelt nets. When the Inspector's Agent told him that by having the back part of the smelt nets a larger size that would let out all the small fish he exclaim ed:- "Strange, I never thought of that before; yes, we can allow the fishermen to dead loss to them." How thoughtful he

is for the fishermen. The fishermen down here did not expect that the Advocate would lend itself to those who desire to force oppressive and annecessary restrictions on them. I hope a change is not coming over the spirit of its dreams, and those of the man the fishermen thought their friend. Is he a Judas! hope not! I will, at some future time, again take a look at the doings of the officers who can dodge so quickly behind the skirts of the Minister of Fisheries. In the

A GONE GCOSE.

### More Items from Bay du Vin.

Bay du Vin, April 17th, 1877. DEAR ADVANCE: - The wild geese are ot very plentiful as yet, and they fly high, as T. F. Keary, of Chatham and a companion can testify, the geese never coming within gunshot of them.

I was on Fox Island Monday last and it

was all clear of ice between Fox and Por-

tage Islands, and that morning a large body

of ice came out of Burnt Church Bay. will be the middle of next week before runs down past Grand Down Island, the place where it is always the strongest and the hardest to break up. Rev. Mr. Williams and Mr. John Mc-Rae of Black River, got their horse in the ice on Black River while going down it

this morning. The horse was got out all right. It was not very pleasant for a Methodist Parson to get a dip-a Baptist would not mind it. Mr. Donald Ullock who got his foot cut badly, does not belong to Black River, as stated in a late number of the ADVANCE. but to Bay du Vin. He is still very poor-

lv. Dr. Benson is to be called in to-day, Mr. Ullock is still in Chatham. There are no Salmon, no Herring and no Alewives, as yet, but we will soon have

them on us in any quantity. A GOOD WILL

## An Indignant Richibuctonian

RICHIBUCTO, April 14th, '77. To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance. SIR.—It having been circulated here by two or more conspicuous persons that I corresponded with the ADVANCE regarding a supposed breach of promise case spoken of in this town, I desire to say that I have not been a contributor to the columns of your paper, as you are well aware. Writing for newspapers is not my forte. I try to attend to my legitimate business (there is nothing illegitimate about me,) and if I have not succeeded in doing so to the satis faction of a few candy-shop and street. corner loafers and busy-bodies I have managed to pay my way without any aid from the proceeds of petty gambling enterprises and the hard earnings of way-laid mariners. I will not descend to notice anonymous correspondents; if any one is inclined to write about me let him come

[Mr. Wathen almost takes one's breath away by the whirlwind of his virtuous indignation. We are glad to be in a position to say that he is not a correspondent of ours and that we do not even know

Your obt. servt.

W. J. WATHEN.

# "Old Pete's Gang," Richibucto.

out like a man over his own signature.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance. For some months past a gang of lads, supposed to be the sons of pious and wellto-do parents who reside in this neighborhood, have been committing depre-A letter appeared ADVANCE during the winter referring at great length to this gang of marauders. That letter was written by one of the gang -"Old Pete's Gang," so-called-under whose personal supervision it was prepared and by whose request it was transmitted travellers now passing to and from this to the ADVANCE Office. I do not intend to encroach on your space by a recital of the numerous depredations constantly being committed by this notorious gang. I wish merely to give this young and rising set of vagabonds a hint that if they do not cease from annoying and disabling respect. able citizens the names of "the gang" will be forwarded to the ADVANCE for publication. School teachers will then have an opportunity of seeing how their pupils figure; one or more school trustees will know how their sons have operated in the dead are putting in an appearance, and the of night; and our usually peaceable and quiet neighborhood will be convinced that gerial, and our old folks say we will soon the gang in question is not composed of have rain. Not a bad sign that spring is corner loafers and the denizens of Irishtown, but, on the coutrary, of the sons of the aristocratic portion of Richibucto, to their respective stations. On Saturday although this town boasts of a Stipendiary last one of the Fox Island light keepers | Magistrate, a score of minor Magistrates, went on, and to-day I saw another, and I and constables at every nook and Corner. suppose, for a couple of weeks, they will citizens must be continually annoyed simply because the depredators are sons of magistrates, school trustees, teachers, law-

yers, etc., etc. This town has also another gang, made up of young gentlemen who while away their evenings in a fashionable gambling shop, whose proprietor makes no small able young beaux, whose good clothes and fine appearance also give their wearers an entree into respectable society, when such is required.

Truly yours,

Richibucto, April 9th, 1877.

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