

Local and General News.

WILD GESE are on hand. BY THE FLOTTING RULE. GENERAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS received this week. REV. MR. TAYLOR, of Ontario, preached in St. John's Church, last Sunday.

THE "NEW ERA" made her first trip between Newcastle and Chatham yesterday afternoon. WORKINGMEN—Contributed article on the "Warrior" and the workmen will appear next week. DR. J. H. ARNOLD, may now be consulted at his office, over Mr. Street's Drug Store, Newcastle—Advt.

THE FAREWELL PARTY given to Prof. Colby, at Newcastle, on Monday evening was very enjoyable and largely attended. THE "WALKER"—A Sydney dispatch to the Halifax Chronicle says:—"A ninety-six feet whale came into Schooner Pond with the ice and was taken possession of. After fifteen cart loads of blubber had been removed the whale was moved into deep water by the ice going ashore, and it now lies the bottom in twenty-six feet of water."

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St. Michael's Commercial College. A very interesting examination of the pupils of St. Michael's Commercial College, Chatham, took place at the College on Wednesday evening last in presence of His Lordship the Bishop of Chatham, Rev. Mr. Dickson of Newcastle, Rev. Mr. Joyce of the Chatham Cathedral, the Rev. Superior of the order of Christian Brothers, Brother Tobias, rector of St. John, and others of the Chatham Grammar School and about five hundred visitors—parents of the pupils, members of the Cathedral congregation and other citizens. We regret that an invitation to be present came to the editor only two or three hours before the examination, when an important previous engagement prevented him from attending. We therefore issued an editorial notice in the Freeman which appears to be a faithful sketch of what took place, which we entailed to supplement by information kindly furnished by friends who were present:—"The pupils were examined in Christian doctrine, Reading, Sacred History, History of Canada, Mental and Sate Arithmetic, Mensuration, English Grammar, (including parsing and analysis), Book-keeping, Composition and Rhetoric, Book-keeping,

The Welford Inquest. The inquest at Welford was brought to a close Monday afternoon. Mr. Thomas Kingan, a brother of the deceased, testified that he had his brother's head examined by a surgeon in New York, and that he had found a wound in the crown of the head, under which, on the top of the brain, there was about a tablespoonful of congealed blood. This blood had been given when alive, and also sufficient to cause death. The surgeon also said that the deceased could not bleed in one spot to the extent of two or three pints, after having the carotid artery cut half way through. He said that Mr. Kingan could not walk on his feet, and he further said that a man could not have his throat cut by repeated cuts; that he had never known a man to cut the main artery twice in a case of suicide, and that a man could hardly take off his coat after having the main artery cut. Another witness, Peter Dagle, was examined. His testimony was unimportant. The Jury returned a verdict "that the deceased, James Kingan, came to his death by the act of some person or persons unknown."

Kent Items. The following were mailed to us on 10th, but did not reach the office until 12th: SALE OF A SCHOONER.—Mr. Richard McLaughlin, Jr., has sold his schooner, the Lucy Ann, 31 tons register, to Mr. Donald McKay, of Richibucto. The price is understood to be \$400. PERSONAL.—Henry O'Leary, Esq., M. P., and Mrs. O'Leary are on a visit to St. John, where they will remain for some days. R. Hutchinson, Esq., is also visiting St. John. SPORTING MATTERS.—Wild geese made their appearance at Richibucto last week, for the first time this season. The most lucky sportsman, as yet, is Capt. Thomas Micklethwait who bagged five good specimens of geese on Saturday.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 5. Dunn vs. McLaughlin was moved for trial by Wm. A. Park, Esq. This was an action for the price of certain telegraph poles sold to defendant by plaintiff and was a case similar to that of Chapin vs. McLaughlin, to which the defendant pleaded that the poles were not according to agreement, etc. The following witnesses were called for plaintiff, Wm. Dunn, Murdoch Sutherland, Thomas Keyes, and James Gilles. Mr. Adams, Esq., opened for defendant and called D. McLaughlin and J. J. Davis. Messrs. Adams and Davidson addressed the Jury on behalf of parties and after His Honor's charge the Jury found for the plaintiff and assessed the damages at \$115.35, the full amount claimed. A case on a rule nisi was granted in the case of McDonald vs. Southwell to show cause why judgment as in case of non-suit should not be entered up against plaintiff for not proceeding to trial according to the practice of the court. On motion of Mr. Adams the rule was made absolute. Letson vs. Morrison—settled. Fish et al vs. Jardine—settled. FRIDAY, APRIL 6. Simpson vs. Loggie was made a remnant. Murphy vs. Dawson was moved for trial by Mr. Adams, Esq. This was an action for work done, money lent, and goods sold, etc. The defence was that the parties were partners, etc. Murphy was the only witness called for plaintiff—defendant and wife were the witnesses on behalf of defendant—verdict for plaintiff, damages \$45.00. Court adjourned sine die.

Building Notes. The new building on Water St., on the site of the old Glezer Office, which is being built by Mr. John McDonald under contract for Alex. McLeod, Esq., of Halifax, is approaching completion. The dimensions are 54x42, including the present Glezer Office, which has been connected with the new building. The building is two and a half stories in height, containing two shops on the ground floor, each 19x54, running the whole depth of the building, with walls 11 ft. high. The shops have one window each, the side-light of the recess being 5 feet and the main or front part of the window 11 feet wide, and will present, when completed, handsome fronts. A stairway four feet in width runs up between the shops to the second floor to a hall, of which open four very nice sized rooms, which are designed with a view to their being occupied as offices, for which they are very well adapted. These rooms have a wall of about 9 ft. The cellar is 42x32, and 7 ft. deep, with stone walls built by Mr. Joseph Forrest. Mr. John Bell, the painter, has the painting on the outside part of the building nearly finished. The plastering is being done by Mr. Wm. Burbridge. By his contract, Mr. McDonald was to have the building finished August 15th, but the stores will be ready for the occupants, Messrs. Alex. J. Loggie and Geo. Wilson, about May 10th, and the rest of the building completed about June 15th. MR. BAIN'S STORE. Mr. Robert Bain, Esq., has had a new front put on his store on Water Street by Mr.

Linear Drawing and French. As the hour was rather late, the examination in Geometry and the higher Mathematics, Latin and Greek was omitted. The young men all answered plainly, loudly and distinctly. It was quite evident all through that the examination was not a cooked affair. The gentlemen present were invited to examine, and some of them kindly consented. His Lordship put several questions all through the examination. Dr. Benson examined in reading, Mr. Oakes examined in Geography, Brother Tobias made a very critical examination in English Grammar, Rhetoric, and Linear Drawing. Brother Oliver made a searching examination in History, Brother Joseph, the Director of the College, and his co-laborers examined in the other branches. The boys' copies of penmanship and book-keeping were shown. The first copy each boy wrote on his entrance into the College last September and the last were shown together, and indeed, were this not done no one could believe so much improvement could be made in the space of seven months. The Book-keeping, copies and the thorough knowledge the boys manifested in their examination on this specialty, really show that St. Michael's is deservedly called a "Commercial" College. The Drawing sheets were not less neat. One drawing particularly attracted our notice; it was a front view of St. Michael's Cathedral, the vestry of the Cathedral, and the Episcopal Residence, all forming but one building.

The singing was excellent; it is quite evident by the exercises the students went through in vocal drill that music is a specialty in this College. The students form the choir of the Cathedral. The Gregorian method of chanting is followed. The declamation was good for youths who have not been accustomed to appear on the stage. We must say that the examination reflected much credit on Brother Joseph and his zealous and hard working assistants. His Lordship, at the close, in his usual and eloquent style, complimented the boys on their success, the Brothers on their labors, and the whole audience on having seen an excellent educational establishment in their midst. We have seen the copy books, book-keeping forms and Linear drawings, which cannot be too highly spoken of. There are also books containing exercises in mensuration of surfaces and solids, which are very creditable. The drawings are of a practical class, being almost entirely of architectural and mechanical nature. The light throughout the whole is ample and the means of ventilation good. The only drawback is the fact that there is not an inch of yard room connected with the building. This, however, is partially overcome by the ample cellar accommodation. The owner of the building is Mr. Simon Neale of Fredericton and the contractor is Mr. Angus Mott, of the same city, who has pushed the work through very rapidly. He commenced on 16th January, when much of the frame was still on the stump and under his contract, was to have finished the work by to-morrow (20th). Present indications are that he will come nearer to fulfilling his agreement than most builders do under similar circumstances, although by some paradoxical notion of the owner the plasterers are allowed until 27th to do their work. Mr. Mott's contract included all the woodwork and the painting, the mason's and plasterer's work being separate contracts. The foundation was done by Mr. John Patterson of Chatham, under the supervision of Mr. Hogan. The stores and other parts of the building will doubtless find eligible tenants and the whole structure is a credit to the owner and the Town.

Complimentary Banquet to a Miramichi Gentleman. We take the following from the London, Ont., Daily Free Press of Wednesday last week, 11th inst.:—"Colonel James Johnson (Sunbyside), who has been for many years an esteemed citizen of London, was tendered a complimentary banquet at the Revere House last evening, at which upwards of 100 gentlemen of the city and neighborhood were present. His Worship Mayor Pritchard presided, and Hon. John Carting and Mr. Jas. Durand the vice-chairs. The Guest of the evening sat on the right of the Mayor, and among those who sat round him were—Mr. Tooley, M. P.; Ald. Retherland, Messrs. James Ferguson, G. Stagger, Jas. M. Cousins, Lionel E. Shipley, President of the Agricultural and Arts Association; John Taylor, H. Vivian, Wm. McBride, James Smith and others. After an excellent repast the usual local and patriotic toasts were given in due form. Mr. Tooley, M. P., replied for "the Local Legislature," at the same time giving a meed of praise to Mr. Johnson, whose services in connection with agricultural, and more particularly his efforts in connection with the Provincial and Western Fairs, he was sure the residents of London, and the West generally, would ever gratefully remember. "The Army, Navy and Volunteers," was the reply by Mr. John Taylor, who added that the Guest of the evening would be missed at many a festive board, where his excellent story-telling propensities ever made him a welcome guest. The Chairman then gave "The Guest of the evening," which was most enthusiastically responded to. He thereafter presented Mr. Johnson with an elegant Gold-headed walking stick, provided by a few of his admirers, together with an address, which, in very kindly terms, referred to Mr. Johnson's services to London and Western Ontario, and stated that he carried with him the best wishes of his many friends in this section. Col. Johnson, in reply, said he was completely taken by surprise by the kindness which had been heaped upon him. He had intended to slip quietly away to New Brunswick, and enter into his retirement, and therefore he could hardly find words to express his gratitude. Since he came to London, nineteen years ago, he had ever been treated with the greatest kindness by the people of London and neighborhood; and his object had ever been to foster the natural products of the country, so far as his ability permitted him. He had tried to do his duty, and had been rewarded by seeing the city progress and Western Ontario agricultural interests prosper. He had been for sixteen successive years Chairman of the Local Exhibition Committee, and had the high honor of being advanced to the Chairmanship of the Provincial Exhibition. The knowledge he had obtained whilst occupying these positions had enabled him to take a greater interest in the inauguration of the Western Fair, which had been so flatteringly laid to his credit by Mr. Tooley. He would carry many happy remembrances with

him of the friends he had left here. Mr. Wm. McBride, Secretary of the Western Fair Association, then read the following address from that Association:—"James Johnson, Esq., London, Ontario. DEAR SIR AND FRIENDS—We, the Board of Directors of the Horticultural and Agricultural Society of the Electoral Division of the City of London, in view of your departure from among us, and your expressed intention of taking up your residence in a distant part of the Dominion, cannot permit the present occasion to pass without giving expression to the feelings of respect and esteem we entertain towards you, and also of the loss the interests we represent will sustain in no longer having the benefit of your experience, counsel and assistance. For a period of many years you have taken an interest in this Province, and more especially in this section of it, a deep interest and a leading and prominent part in the promotion and advancement of agricultural societies, and have been zealous in carrying out the objects contemplated by their organization, and, as the result of your labors and that of others associated with you, you have seen, year after year, a marked progress in the amount of science and intelligence brought to bear in the cultivation of the farm, in the improved breeds of stock, and in the manufacture of more saving machinery, and the various articles intended for and best adapted to the farmers' use. Your labors in connection with the Provincial Agricultural Association, of which you have had the honor of being President, and more particularly your energetic endeavours in 1861 to make the holding of the annual exhibition of the Association in this city for that year a great success, sparing neither your time, your labor, nor your money in securing the means necessary to provide suitable buildings for the occasion, is not forgotten by us. To you also is the City of London, East Middlesex, and all interested, indebted for the inception and successful working of the Provincial Fairs, an institution of which you may feel proud, seeing that the management thereof has been in your hands, and that in several parts of the Province similar associations have been formed. Your departure from among us is to us a source of regret; at the same time we sincerely wish you happiness and prosperity in the new relations of life upon which you are about to enter, and trusting the remaining years of your life, which we hope may be many, you may enjoy peace and comfort, and that some, at least, of the improvements of London may be pleasant ones. On behalf of the Board, JAMES M. COBURN, President. London, Ont., April 10, 1877. Mr. Johnson having again suitably replied— Mr. Durand (Vice Chairman), gave "The Mayor and Corporation of London," to which His Worship Aldrs. Williams and Sutherland replied. Mr. Durand (Vice Chairman), gave "The Provincial Exhibition and the Agricultural, Commercial and Manufacturing Interests." Messrs. Shipley, Tooley, Hon. John Carting, J. W. Watson, S. M. Wright, James Cousins suitably replied, all duly regretting the departure of their respected guest. Amongst the other toasts given were "The Professions," "The Press," "The Ladies," and "The Host." The banquet was a decided success, and was evening was spent most enjoyably. The following gentlemen contributed to the happy state of feeling which existed by singing excellent songs:—Hon. John Carting, Aldrs. Williams and Sutherland, H. O. Owens, D. Currie, Smith (England), and the veteran Charles Rudd. The company departed at a late hour, all regretting the occasion which had brought them together. Col. Johnson, the honored Guest of the occasion above reported, who many of our readers will remember as the senior partner in the old Chatham firm of Johnson and Mackay, has returned to Miramichi and is now the guest of his relative, Wm. Wilkinson Esq., at Bushville. His old friends are glad to welcome him amongst them again, and we have no doubt that many of them from other communities have been benefited by his presence and labors in their interests.

Electricity. THOMAS' EXCLUSIVE ELECTRIC OIL—WORTH FIVE TIMES ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD.—Pain cannot stay where it is used. It is the cheapest medicine ever made. It cures all kinds of rheumatism. One bottle has cured bronchitis. Fifty cents' worth has cured an old standing cough. It positively cures catarrh, asthma and all other chest troubles. It cures crick in the back, and the same quantity lake back of eight years' standing. The following are extracts from a few of the many letters that have been received from different parts of Canada, which, we think, should be sufficient to satisfy the most sceptical: J. Collard, of Sparta, Ont., writes: "I have sold all the agent left. It acts like a charm—it was slow at first, but takes splendidly now." H. Cole, of Iowa, writes: "Please forward a dozen Thomas' Electric Oil. I am nearly out and it equals it. It is highly recommended by those who have used it." J. Bedford, Thamesville, writes: "Send me at once a further supply of your Electric Oil. I have only one bottle left. I never saw anything so well and give such general satisfaction." J. Thompson, Woodford, writes: "Send me a further supply of your Electric Oil. I have sold entirely out. Nothing takes like it." Miller & Reid, Utverton, P. Q., write: "The Electric Oil is getting a great reputation here, and is daily called for. Send us a further supply without delay." BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.—Ask for Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. See that the signature of Dr. Wm. R. Ellis, on the wrapper, and the names of Northrup & Lyman are blown in the bottle, and Take no other. Sold by Dr. Wm. R. Ellis, Price, 25 CENTS. NORTHROP & LYMAN, Toronto, Ont., Proprietors for the Dominion. NOTE.—Electric—Selected and Electrized.

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Mr. MURHEAD'S BUILDINGS. Besides the new buildings erected by Hon. Mr. Murrhead last autumn on his wharf property, he has made extensive repairs, including a new front in the shop and premises lately occupied by Mr. P. H. Anslow. The shop is to be occupied by Mr. W. S. Morris as a Tailoring and clothing establishment, and a portion of the upper flat is to become a dwelling for the foreman Mr. Stewart. PAINTING. J. B. Snowball and Wm. Murray, Esqrs. have been painting their stores inside and out and a good many of our other enterprising merchants are pursuing a similar course. A HANDSOME NEW BUILDING. The finishing touches are being put on a handsome building on the corner of Water and Duke Streets—nearly opposite the ADVANCE Office. It has a frontage of 45 feet on Water street and 41 feet on Duke, and measures 35 feet in the rear and 27 feet on the side next the office of Esq. T. Griffin, Esq.—being rectangular only at two corners. It is two storeys high and surmounted by a Mansard roof. The walls are clapboarded, and the lower front almost entirely of glass. The upper storey and roof are pierced by Lutheran windows and the cornices are heavy that over the lower front being ornamented with corbels and the eave cornice with brackets. There is a most perfect cellar, the full size of the building. The lower story is divided into two commodious stores, 12 ft. 6 in. high, one of which has a front 24 ft. wide and is 40 ft. deep, being about fifteen ft. wide at the back; the other about 20 ft. front and 30 ft. deep. The glass in the front is 26x42, the front doors are recessed and the shops are to be fitted up with iron bracketed, box-topped counters of the most modern style. The second floor is divided into four spacious rooms and like the third and fourth floors, it is reached by stairs leading from a door on Duke St. The height of the ceiling of the second story is 11 ft. 4 in., that of the third or first roof story, 10 ft. 4 in., and that of the fourth loft, 7 ft. 4 in. The second and third floors will afford excellent accommodation for use in need of offices or for manufacturing purposes. The light throughout the whole is ample and the means of ventilation good. The only drawback is the fact that there is not an inch of yard room connected with the building. This, however, is partially overcome by the ample cellar accommodation. The owner of the building is Mr. Simon Neale of Fredericton and the contractor is Mr. Angus Mott, of the same city, who has pushed the work through very rapidly. He commenced on 16th January, when much of the frame was still on the stump and under his contract, was to have finished the work by to-morrow (20th). Present indications are that he will come nearer to fulfilling his agreement than most builders do under similar circumstances, although by some paradoxical notion of the owner the plasterers are allowed until 27th to do their work. Mr. Mott's contract included all the woodwork and the painting, the mason's and plasterer's work being separate contracts. The foundation was done by Mr. John Patterson of Chatham, under the supervision of Mr. Hogan. The stores and other parts of the building will doubtless find eligible tenants and the whole structure is a credit to the owner and the Town. We shall notice other improvements in future issues and, in the meantime builders and others interested will oblige us very much by either calling our attention to any facts they may have on the subject or writing them down for us.

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