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"GOLDEN RULE" or
"WHITE EAGLE"
FLOUR
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AND TAKE NO OTHER.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

THE INTERCOLONIAL Railway time table is changed. See advt. of new time tables on this page.

THE ENQUIRY into the Newcastle post office irregularities is to be resumed tomorrow.

THE "ADVANCE" is for sale at Johnson's Bookstore, and the Circulating Library, Desmond building, next door to the Telephone Exchange.

BIBLE SOCIETY :—The Miramichi Ladies' Auxiliary British and Foreign Bible Society will meet in St. James Hall Newcastle on Sept. 24th at 3 o'clock. p. m.

J. AITKEN, Sec.

PERSONAL :—Hon. Senator Snowball came home on a visit from Ottawa last Saturday night. He is to return on Saturday.

Jas. Robinson, Esq., M. P. has returned to Ottawa, after spending a few days at home.

MIRAMICHI MARBLE WORKS :—If you are looking for the right kind of cemetery work, we are quoting prices that will draw the order from your inside vest pocket.

J & H LAWLOR & Co.

HARVEST HOME :—The ladies of the Presbyterian congregation of Loggieville intend having a Harvest Home and fancy sale on the manse grounds, Loggieville, on Wednesday next, Sept. 16th. Tea from 4 o'clock till 8.

A SALVAGE CLAIM :—Mr. Russell of the Steamer Rustler charged the owners of the barque Valona $1,000 for giving that vessel a pull to anchorage in the stream on the night of the Ritchie mill fire. They thought it was too much to pay, and Mr. Russell libelled the vessel for $6,000 in the admiralty court. The cargo being on board and Messrs. Ritchie anxious to get the vessel away they settled with Mr. Russell for $500.

AN ATTRACTION to buyers of family groceries, provisions, dry goods and general household supplies is offered by Mr. Roger Flanagan at his well known store on St. John Street, Chatham, in the form of silver knives and forks, silver spoons, silver cruet stands and boxes of tea. He issues tickets which are presented by customers every time they make purchases, and no matter how small the amount, it is punched off, and when the purchases aggregate either $15 or $30, as the case may be, one of the articles specified viz.—a cruet stand, or a dozen of silver knives or forks for a $30 ticket or a 5 lb. box of tea, or 1 doz. silver spoons for a $15 ticket is given free.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS :—His Honor the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments :—

Lauchlan P. Farris, Esquire, M. P. P., to be a Member of the Executive Council of this Province.

The Honorable Lauchlan P. Farris, to be a Commissioner of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

In the County of Northumberland,—John S. Benson, Esquire, M. D., Thomas Crimmin, Esquire, William B. Snowball, Esquire, and Annie Quinlan, to be Members of the Board of School Trustees for the Town of Chatham, under the provisions of Chapter 65 of the Consolidated Statutes, of 'Schools.' John S. Benson, Esquire, M. D., to be Chairman of the said Board.

J. DeVeber Neales to be a Justice of the Peace.

HE IS PROUD:—Our Jed is quite proud of himself since the Liberal Herald said, on Friday last :—

"The last issue of the ADVANCE contains two columns of nonsense in a style similar to, but a very poor imitation of "Harmony Hall" which the readers of the St. John Sun are so tired of."

Jed says the fact that—

"A little nonsense, now and then,
"Is relished by the wisest men"

has demonstrated that there are quite a large percentage of wise men amongst the Liberal party even in Chatham. He says he does n't know anything about Harmony Hall, and does n't think his report of the doings of the Pickings Club ought to be compared with the proceedings of any other political organization, and he can't see, moreover, how a veritable recital of speeches and remarks made at a solemn Liberal party conclave in Chatham can be called immitations of anything connected with harmony.

HE IS WISE :—Josh M. Chapman, of Hamilton, Ont., who is at present filling an engagement with the Harry Lindley Company at Ottawa, and is well and favorably known here, is reported as having decided to abandon the stage and go into evangelistic work. There is little doubt that there is not the encouragement there once was for actors, there being so many in the profession now, most of whom are far from good. Mr. Chapman is a good actor, and his new work will be more profitable as well as congenial to himself.

The Hamilton Spectator says :—"Josh Chapman, the well-known actor and elocutionist, has entered into an arrangement with Rev. Walter Dunnett, evangelist, to join him in his work this season. It is stated that Mr. Chapman was converted in this city during the series of meetings Mr. Dunnett held in Zion tabernacle last winter. At present he is engaged as advance agent for Harry Lindley's dramatic company."

FIRE :—An alarm was made about one o'clock on Sunday in consequence of fire being discovered in a bedroom in the ell af St. Andrew's Manse, Water Street. While some who arrived early on the scene set about extinguishing the flames with water from buckets, many others rushed in and removed the household effects in no gentle manner, while others smashed sashes from the window openings and otherwise gave way to their inclinations to be destructive. When nearly everything had been removed, and much of it unnecessarily damaged in the operation, it was found that the fire was put out. Then water was got on from the steam fire engine—an operation that had been delayed because hose that had not been put on the reels since the fire of five days before at the Fountain barn, had to be gathered up and brought to the scene. The damage by fire was not very great The building was insured for $1.000. Rev. Mr. McCoy's furniture, etc., were uninsured.

DIED IN PORT :—Capt. Julius Kreutz, master of the barque Dilbhur, who was well and favorably known on the Miramichi, arrived in port some three or four weeks ago in poor health. He was able to be about, but was evidently getting worse each day and was, finally, induced to go to hospital. He preferred that of the Hotel Dieu and was treated and cared for there. He was found to be suffering from typhoid fever, of which he died early on Monday last. Flags were displayed at half mast from the staff of French Consular agent Snowball and shipping in Chatham and from the office of American Consular Agent Call and shipping in Newcastle.

The funeral, which took place on Tuesday from the Hotel Dieu was very largely attended. The religious service was performed by Rev. Joseph McCoy of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and the interment was in the new Riverside cemetery, Chatham. The barque Dilbhur, of which Capt. Kreutz and his brother were owners, was loaded by Mr. Snowball and cleared on Saturday night in charge of the former mate.

CIRCUIT COURT :—Northumberland circuit court opened on Tuesday at Newcastle, His Honor, Mr. Justice Vanwart presiding. The foreman of the grand jury was J. D. Creaghan, Esq., and the other members were :—Robert A. Murdoch, T. W. Crocker, Andrew McIntosh, Simon McLeod, W. T. Harris, Thos. Johnston, Thos. H. Ramsay, Jas. Russell, Edward Holahan, Philip Loggie, Ephriam Hays, Geo. Brown, Philip Brimner, John McKeen, Thos. Gill, John Dalton.

There was no criminal business.

His Honor intimated that unless absentee grand jurymen gave good reasons for their non-appearance before the court closed, he would fine them.

Civil causes were entered for trial as follows :—

John Fraser vs. Wm. T. Harris. Messrs. Tweedie & Bennett for plaintiff. Robert Murray, Esq., for defendant.

John Ross vs. Anthony Adams. Messrs. Tweedie & Bennett for plaintiff and Robt. Murray for defendant.

The Fraser-Harris case is referred to arbitration.

Card of Thanks.

I beg to tender my sincere thanks and those of my family to the many friends and neighbors who assisted us in connection with the fire which took place at the manse on Sunday last.

JOSEPH MCCOY.

The Hebrew New Year.

There is quite a large gathering of Hebrews in Chatham at the present time. They have come from different places to unite with their brethren here as a congregation and to take part in celebrating the Hebrew new year. The congregation has been organized with Mr. M. Schaffer as president and Mr. S. Fund as secretary, the movement being promoted chiefly by former residents of Schotz. Rabbi M. Bissler of Quebec is conducting the religious services and ceremonies, in the synagogue at the Golden Ball corner. These were begun on Monday evening at 6.30 and continued until 8. They were continued as follows :—Tuesday, 8 a. m. until 1.30 p.m., all fasting meantime ; also from 6 30 p.m. until 8. Yesterday, from 8 a.m. until 1.30, all fasting and in the evening from 6.30 until 8.

On next Wednesday evening, 16th, the congregation will observe the Black Fast which will last from 6 p.m. on that day until 7.30 p.m. on Thursday. During a period of 27 hours all of the Hebrews participating in the solemn services will absolutely abstain from all food and drink, smoking or any other form of self-indulgence. Our Hebrew fellow-citizens have the respect and sympathy of the community in their self-denying efforts to observe the requirements of their faith in so far as their means and opportunities permit them to do so.

A Mitchellits Specimen.

Orders have been sent from Ottawa to the carektakers of the Dominion public buildings of Newcastle and Chatham, to procure from Messrs. T. W. Crocker and Geo. Watt, respectively, two cords of wood each, at the lowest current price, for each of those buildings. We understand that it has been the practice to procure the kindling-wood for such buildings in June or July, so as to have it dried in good time for winter. The necessary wood was procured by the Newcastle caretaker, as usual, this year and the order now received must therefore embarrass him, at least to some extent. Mr. Mitchell has, however, secured this extensive contract for his two loyal supporters and it is presumed that the wood must be delivered, and received whether it is wanted or not, as Mr. Tarte is "a terror" when his orders, as minister of Public Works, are in any way deviated from. The sum involved in this order is about $5, as mill wood is used, each building requiring about a cord per season. The wood has been, heretofore, furnished by Messrs. Ritchie, for the Newcastle building, the caretaker not being specially directed by the department where to procure it. Why an order should come to take the supplying of wood out of the hands of Liberals who deal in the article and place it in those of a Mitchellites who deal in fish and ship-chandlery and not in wood is, in the words of Lord Dundreary, "something that no fellah can understand."

The Commodore has a Chase.

Commodore Angus McEachran piloted the barque Svea out of port on Friday last. The vessel was followed by the pilot schooner, Empress, which had only her keeper, Sam Breaux of Tabusintac, on board. When the barque was clear of the Bar, Breaux had to take the Commodore from on board the barque to the schooner. Before leaving the latter to do so he neglected to haul down the jib, so that the craft would lie side to the wind without forgoing ahead. He rounded her up and took to the schooner's boat, which he rowed to the Svea. The Commodore got on board and had hardly done so when he observed that the Empress was heading across for Neguac beech which was a good many miles away. The jib was fast amidships and drawing, and as it kept the schooner's head off, the mainsail, with a fairly free sheet, would catch the breeze and the vessel moved through the water faster than the Commodore and Breaux could row. They started the chase after the schooner at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and rowed until tired when they gave up the pursuit and made for the Two Brothers—the other pilot boat on the station. The situation being understood the Two Brothers headed for the runaway Empress and on nearing her the Commodore, the keeper and others were sent on board in their boat and they succeeded in wearing ship in about three fathoms of water a short distance below Neguac Light and just in time to prevent her from going ashore on the low sand beach there. It was about eight p.m. when the Commodore got on board, so that the chase had lasted seven hours. He had done so well in getting the Svea out that the captain had shown his appreciation in the form of a snug cash bonus and the veteran declared that when he and Sam Breaux headed the small boat for the runaway schooner, he would have given every cent of it if he could have got his hands on those jib halyards and even one-half of it for the privilege of letting go the jib sheets.

Mr. Connell's Bears.

Mr. Alex. Rennie, of Truro, had three fair-sized bear cubs in Chatham yesterday, which he bought from the veteran hunter, Mr. John Connell, and was boxing up to send home. Mr. Connell's account of the manner in which he took advantage of these animals shows his faith in his knowledge of their habits. Their mother had been taking them through the woods nearly every day this summer for an airing, and he finally decided that he would market the progeny. He lassoed the old one near a big beech-tree and the three cubs ran up the tree. Knowing that they would not leave the place as long as their mother remained, he put a chain about her neck and fastened her to the tree, releasing the lasso, meantime. Then he came to town to find a customer for the animals. Meeting Mr. Rennie and telling him that he had raised these cubs and trained them as first-class performers, that gentleman purchased them. Mr. Connell then went back to the woods, lassoed the young bears as they sat on the branches of the tree above their tethered maternal parent and put them in a cask with battens nailed across the top to keep them in, and brought them to town.

"But," said our reporter, "where's the old one?"

"Why," said Mr. Connell, "She'll have three or four more cubs ready for me next summer. I pretended she got away from me accidentally, but I wouldn't part with her for the world. In the last five years she has supplied me with seventeen cubs, although she killed two of them the first year I caught her, because they weren't weaned and she thought they were, or ought to be, when she was in a trap. She'll stay around for a week or two and then go away until next summer, and if you hear of anybody who wants two or three trained bears for next September delivery tell them I'm their man." She generally comes around my place in June when the cubs are very small and I feed her on all the trout I get that are under four and a half pounds.

For scrofulous disorders, and mercurial diseases, the best remedy is Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Fall Exhibition.

An exhibition is to be held by the Northumberland Agricultural Society at Blink Bonnie Farm on Thursday, 15th October, the prize list of which will be as follows :—

DRAUGHT HORSES	1st prize	2nd prize	3rd prize
Best entire horse any age	$2.00	$1.25	$1.00
Best entire horse 3 years old	1.50	1.00	.50
Best mare any age with foal by side	2.00	1.25	1.00
Best gelding foaled in 1893	1.50	1.00	.50
Best filly foaled in 1893	1.50	1.00	.50
Best gelding foaled in 1894	1.50	1.00	.50
Best filly foaled in 1894	1.50	1.00	.50
Best year old colt	1.25	1.00	.50
Best year old filly	1.25	1.00	.50
CARRIAGE HORSES			
Best entire horse any age	2.00	1.00	
Best mare or gelding any age	1.50	1.00	
Best gelding foaled in 1893	1.50	1.00	.50
Best filly foaled in 1893	1.50	1.00	.50
Best gelding foaled in 1894	1.50	1.00	.50
Best filly foaled in 1894	1.50	1.00	.50
Best year old colt	1.25	1.00	.50
Best year old filly	1.25	1.00	.50
Best foal of1896	1.25	1.00	.50
CATTLE—GRADES AND CROSSES			
Best bull 2 years old	1.25	1.00	.75
Best bull 1 year old	1.25	1.00	.75
Best heifer 2 years old	1.25	1.00	.50
Best heifer 1 year old	1.25	1.00	.50
Best calf of 1896	1.25	1.00	.50
SHEEP			
Best ram 2 years old	1.25	.75	.50
Best ram 1 year old	1.25	.75	.50
Best ram of 1896	1.00	.50	.25
Best yew any age	1.00	.75	.50
Best yew 2 years old	1 00	.75	.50
Best yew 1 year old	1 00	.75	.50
Best yew lamb of 1896	1·00	.50	.25
SWINE			
Best boar 1 year old	1.25	1.00	.50
Best boar 6 mos old	1.25	1.00	.50
Best sow 1 year old	1.25	1.00	.50
Best sow 6 mos old	1·25	1.00	.50

DRAUGHT HORSES PURE BREEDS	1st prize diploma	2nd prize diploma
Best entire horse any age	dip	dip
Best entire horse 3 years old	dip	dip
Best mare any age with foal by side	dip	dip
Best gelding foaled in 1893	dip	dip
Best filly foaled in 1893	dip	dip
Best gelding foaled in 1894	dip	dip
Best filly foaled in 1894	dip	dip
Best year old colt	dip	dip
Best year old filly	dip	dip
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Best mare or gelding any age	dip	dip
Best gelding foaled in 1893	dip	dip
Best filly foaled in 1893	dip	dip
Best gelding foaled in 1894	dip	dip
Best filly foaled in 1894	dip	dip
Best year old colt	dip	dip
Best year old filly	dip	dip
Best foal of 1896	dip	dip
CATTLE PURE-BREEDS		
Best bull 2 years old	dip	dip
Best bull 1 year old	dip	dip
Best heifer 2 years old	dip	dip
Best heifer 1 year old	dip	dip
Best calf of 1896	dip	dip
SHEEP PURE-BREEDS		
Best ram 2 years old	dip	dip
Best ram 1 year old	dip	dip
Best ram of 1896	dip	dip
Best yew any age	dip	dip
Best yew 2 years old	dip	dip
Best yew 1 year old	dip	dip
Best yew lamb of 1896	dip	dip
SWINE PURE-BREEDS		
Best boar 1 year old	dip	dip
Best boar 6 months old	dip	dip
Best sow 1 year old	dip	dip
Best sow 6 months old	dip	dip
DAIRY PRODUCE		
Best tub butter (not less than 25 lbs)	1.50	1 25	1.00
Best fresh butter (not less than 5 lbs)	1.00	.75	.50
ROOTS			
Best potatoes (early)	1.00	.50	.25
Best potatoes (late)	1.00	.50	.25
Best turnips	1.00	.50	.25
Best cabbage (not less than ½ dozen),	.75	.50	.25
Best beets	.75	.50	.25
Best carrots	.75	.50	.25
Best mangel wurzel	.75	.50	.25
GRAIN			
Best wheat	1.25	1.00	.75
Best oats black } one bushel to exhibited	1.00	.50	.25
Best oats white }	1.00	.50	.25
Best barley } one bushel	1 00	.75	.50
Best beans }	1.00	.75	.50
Best peas }	1.75	.75	.50
Best timothy seed ½ bushel	1 25	.75	.50
Best ensilage corn (not less than 100 lbs in stack	1.00	.50	
WOOLEN ARTICLES			
Best pair blankets made in 1895-6	1 75	.75	.50
Best pair socks made in 1895-6	.75	.50	.25
Best pair mittens made in 1895-6	.75	.50	.25
Best hearth rug made in 1895-6	1.00	.75	.15
Best pair knitted drawers made in 1895-6 (one pair)	.75		
Best knitted under made in 1895-6 (one)	.75		
Best home-spun made in 1895-6 (10 yards)	1.25	1.00	.50
Best flannel made in 1895-6 (10 yards)	1.25	1.00	.50
POULTRY			
Best turkeys } pair of each	1.00	.50	.25
Best geese }	1.00	.50	.25
Best ducks }	.75	.50	
Best chickens }	.75	.50	
Best cock and hen	.75	.50	
Best eggs (one dozen)	.50	.25	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Apples 2 dozen or more	1.00	.75	
Collection of market garden vegetables	1.50	1.00	

Poultry (pairs) must be male and female.

Pure bred animals must be accompanied by their pedigrees.

The exhibition will begin at 10 a.m. at which time all exhibits are expected to be on the grounds. No exhibit will be received after 10.30 save by consent of the Board.

Intending exhibitors and others who are not members of the society may become such on payment of the membership fee of $1.00 on or before the day of exhibition. Members of the society only can be exhibitors.

D. G. SMITH, Secretary. GEO. P. SEARLE, President.

Town Council Meeting.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday evening in Masonic Hall, Mayor Benson in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk and confirmed.

The fire committee handed in the following reports :—

To the Fire Board of the Town of Chatham.

DEAR SIRS :—Having examined your fire engine we find that the boiler part of the machine is in good condition, but the other parts are in such condition that a thorough test of the water-throw could not be got. We, therefore, recommend that the engine be thoroughly repaired and then tested before being used.

Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd.) WM. MATHER,
ALEX. FRASER.

Chatham, Sept. 6, 1896.

That under the present condition of the present fire engine we deem it necessary that a new engine be procured for the better protection of the Town ;

That the site now occupied by No. 2 engine house (say Ferry Slip wharf) would be a suitable site for a new engine house;

That a heavy team of horses be purchased for fire and town purposes.

(Sgd) GEO. WATT, Chairman,
R. A. MURDOCH, Secretary.

Ald. Bennett moved that the report be received and each section be dealt with separately. Carried.

Ald. Bennett moved that section 1 be adopted. Carried.

A great deal of discussion took place over the 2nd section. Ald. Loggie asked whether it would not be well to have the building large enough for both engine houses and favored having it located in a more central part of the Town, near the Ullock stable and to have a building erected to accommodate both engines, horses, Town Council Room, etc.

Ald. Nicol said while the site near Ullock stable was in a central part of the Town, he did not think it was necessary to have an engine house there as the Electric Light station has hose, etc., and referred to excellent work done by them at the Fountain fire. He thought that part of the Town was well provided for, and favored instead the site at No. 2 engine house, where there was an unfailing supply of water from the river, and he would have a suitable building erected for all the offices in connection with Town affairs.

Ald. Bennett did not agree with this view, as he was not in favor of erecting a costly building and having it fall into the river in four or five years. Generally, the first thing done is to have an architect draw up a plan of the building required and then choose the site.

Ald. Nicol moved, seconded by Ald. Loggie that the Council adopt the site suggested by the fire committee for an engine house and other town offices if said site be found suitable. Carried.

Ald. Nicol moved seconded by Ald. Coleman :—

That a special committee consisting of Alds. Loggie, McIntosh, Murdoch and Watt be appointed.

1st. To engage an architect to draw up plans and specifications for a brick building to consist of engine house, lock-up, Treasurer's office, with a vault for the safe custody of books and papers, a Council room and a Committee room, and report to Council. Carried.

Ald. Bennett moved seconded by Ald. Watt that the Town Council advertise for tenders for a steam fire engine. Carried.

The committee appointed to procure a transit instrument reported through Ald. Loggie, who said that they had written to St. John for the instrument but could not get one. Since then Ald. Bennett had got an old plan of Water street which showed the lines very plainly and he thought a survey could now be made.

Ald. Bennett said he had seen Surveyor Hansen in St. John last week, and he has a transit instrument and would be at Bathurst the coming week. He thought the council should have him survey Water street on his return, as it would be cheaper than paying his travelling expenses from a more distant point. His charges were $4 a day and expenses paid.

Ald. Watt moved that the Mayor have Mr. Hansen survey Lower Water street and have a plan drawn out. Carried.

The Mayor suggested that while Mr. Hansen was in town a plan of the whole town be made.

It was explained by Mr. Bennett that at this season of the year surveyors were very busy and would charge higher for their services now than earlier in the summer and it would, therefore, put the town to too much cost to make a full plan now.

Ald. Bennett moved that all the accounts in connection with the town election be referred to the finance committee. Carried.

It was moved by Ald. Nicol, seconded by Ald. Murdoch that the finance committee be authorized to get debentures printed sufficient for an issue of twenty thousand dollars and that said debentures be for the sum of $500 each in accordance with an act incorporating the Town of Chatham. Carried.

A lot of bills certified by the Fire Board and Public Works committee were presented.

Ald. Bennett moved that the bills as read be paid. Carried.

The Mayor said they had purchased a Town seal, costing $9, with 90 cents express charges.

There was a letter received from the Superioress of the Hotel Dieu, asking what action would be taken towards having a sewer on Johnston street. They intend improving the sanitary condition of the Hotel Dieu and would first wish to know what the Council would decide in the matter of a sewer on Johnston St.

There was also a letter from Mr. Creaghan asking the Council to pay half the cost of either a brick, asphalt or cement sidewalk from the Bowser Hotel corner to Henderson St. he paying the other half.

Ald. Watt, seconded by Ald. Murdoch, moved as follows :—

That the Street and Public Works committee combine with J. D. Creaghan, Esq., in laying a sidewalk of either cement, asphalt, or other better material than deals on the stretch of sidewalk from Bowser's Hotel corner to Henderson St., since Mr. Creaghan agrees to pay half of cost of said sidewalk. Carried.

Ald. Watt moved to adjourn to meet next Monday evening. Carried.

Commercial Travellers.

Wm. Golding, commercial traveller, 130 Esther St., Toronto, says :—For 15 years I suffered untold misery from Itching Piles, sometimes called pin worms. Many and many weeks have I had to lay off the road from this trouble. I tried eight other pile ointments and so called remedies with no permanent relief to the intense itching and stinging, which irritated by scratching would bleed and ulcerate. One box of Chase's Ointment cured me completely.

The Meeting was not called to Order.

They met in Newcastle, this time. The word had gone out that it had arrived at last.

Very few had been let into the secret of what it was, but nearly all understood that it meant pickings in some shape.

Mich. had fired young Hogan off the Intercolonial, and that was a measure of satisfaction, but they had almost lost hope of late.

Denny and Matthew, Prairie and Plug had ceased to walk regularly in front of the big sandstone building and look it squarely in the face as if they owned it, while even Ilium's expectations in connection with the same structure appeared to be receding like dissolving views.

The anticipation of immediate pickings, which they had hugged themselves over, when they learned that the real liberals of the country had scored a victory, had been superceded by despondency. Several who, when the news of Laurier's victory came, had ceased to pursue their former avocations because they felt that immediate offices, which would forever remove them from the arena of honest labor, were within their grasp, had been obliged to get a move on and anxiously hustle in the good old way, for Uneasy had intimated that dependence on the fellows at Ottawa, and great expectations from that quarter, were not legal tender for family flour, tea, sugar and codfish,

But the clouds were now rolling away, for the word had been passed around that it had come.

Expectancy was, therefore, at white heat as they gathered.

They came from all the nearby places, for as it was not known who had it, or how much of it there was, the simple announcement that it was there and that both Newcastle and Chatham had been favored, led expectants in the smaller places to feel that they, too, must be included in the good fortune that had befallen the party.

The Sachem was there. He said nothing. It subsequently transpired that he didn't know anything about it, but he was bound not to let any other pickings president get ahead of him, if there was anything going.

Worry arrived, weary from the Birkie's court, but with a complacent expression of countenance, as if he had all he wanted. He and the Sachem eyed each other with an expression of fraternal affection suggestive of the attitude that might be assumed by a pair of healthy leopards over a freshly slaughtered lamb that was not enough for two.

Charley, Jack and William had also come up on the Nelson, and they entered the room and seated themselves with a thank-heaven-it's-come thud, that indicated their weariness of waiting for it.

Matthew entered with a $500 smile on his face that resembled a mammoth sunflower, and he looked all around the room, as if expecting to see it, but he didn't, nor was any information even as to what it was tendered to him. Seeing our Jed in his accustomed place on a back seat he asked—

What is it?

Pickings! was Jed's sententious reply.

Who told you about it?

The Hindu.

Then, if the Hindu's in it it's Mitchell that got it for us!—Mitchell forever! shouted he, as he raised his voice and sang Rab and Tamsen Smiddy, and danced most vigorously in a manner that would have shocked Crossley and Hunter.

What is it? said the Sachem?

Appointments! said Jed.

And the Hindu told you about it? queried the Sachem, grasping the back of a chair for support, while beads of perspiration started from his ample brow.

Yes, said Jed. The Chatham post office.

At this the Sachem tottered and would have fallen but for Worry springing forward and supporting him—for Worry, like Franey, is a stout butt. This seemed to recall the Sachem to a sense of his surroundings and with a gesture of resentment he wrenched himself clear of Worry's embrace and, grabbing his hat, left the room.

But you said appointments—you spoke in the plural?—said Worry, addressing Jed.

Yes, said Jed, Crocker has the other—the Newcastle Post Office.

At this, Worry nearly broke down, but was revived on Matthew hurrying over to his side and saying—not the Newcastle Post Office case—that's to go on, as usual.

I'm very busy gentlemen, said Worry, quickly recovering, and merely dropped in to offer my congratulations. I assure you that I have strongly urged these appointments, and it gives me immeasurable satisfaction, as President of the Pickings Club, that they have been made. I am sorry that I cannot remain until the fortunate gentlemen arrive, so that I might offer my sincere felicitations.—How's that for diplomacy, said he to our Jed, as he passed out and joined the Sachem on the Nelson in an athemising Mitchell.

As they stood together in the Nelson's forward cabin, the Sachem and Worry soon became almost friendly over the astute proposition by the latter that if Mitchell had the patronage as these two appointments indicated, neither the Senator nor Robinson could be in it and, after the Sachem had indulged in a brown study for a few minutes, he rose and looked at Worry, and as each heaved a big sigh they wrung each others' hand and embraced, while Danny Condron, who was looking on remarked to Stanley Duckens that those two men in the cabin were acting very queer and would have to be watched.

Worry had been gone from the meeting but a short time, when Messrs. Prairie and Hindu arrived. All present began to offer their felicitations and to tell them they always knew that the great services they had rendered to the party could not be overlooked at Ottawa, and that they were lucky dogs, etc.

Oh, said Prairie, its only a beginning, we expect more than that to follow.

I guess you want the earth, said Charley.

I suppose you'll give us all our mails more promptly than Adams did? said Jack.

Or without breaking bulk? said Matthew.

What have we to do with the mails asked the Hindu.

Aren't you appointed to the Chatham post office? said Jack.

Yes, I'm appointed to furnish it with two cords of wood at the lowest current price.

Prairie, said Matthew, ain't you appointed postmaster of Newcastle?

What are you giving us? said Prairie, I'm appointed to furnish the Newcastle public building with two cords of wood at the lowest current price.

At this Matthew raised both hands above the heads of the two newly appointed woodpurveyors, and said, with great unction, Bless you both, my Jack's all right, after all, and then there was a general movement toward, and out of the door, and a unanimous agreement that Mitchell was on top—of the woodpile.

When Jack and Charley and William got down to the Nelson, Charley said to the Sachem and Worry : Gentlemen you gave yourselves away. You left too soon.

Explain yourself, sir, said the Sachem.

They haven't got the Post Offices, said Charley.

But Jed said they had, said Worry, and I pretended I liked it and had recommended them.

I didn't, said the Sachem.

But you're not a diplomat, said Worry.

Charley then told them of the wood contract.

Jack added some information he had received on the way to the boat viz.,—that the pickings Prairie had captured were two cords of mill wood, worth, in all, two dollars and a half, which had formerly been bought by the Newcastle public building caretaker from Messrs. Ritchie, without any order from Ottawa. It was supposed that Mr. Mitchell on learning that the mill was burned had gone to minister Tarte and had the pickings transferred by departmental order to Prairie, while a similar order had been procured by Mr. Mitchell in favor of the Hindu.

But neither of them are dealers in wood, objected the Sachem.

What of that? said Worry. You never kept a post office or any other office, but you want to go into the business, all the same.

And you, retorted the Sachem, keep everything and want everything.

Here comes that Jed, said Charley—be quiet gentlemen. I suspect him.

Worry rose and passed to the upper deck, lighting a cigarette as he went, while the Sachem went aft, and gave a war whoop. Then he sat on the steamer's rail and laughed until tears came to his eyes.

The Freight and Passenger Steamers.

Miramichi S. N. Co's running arrangements for summer are as follows :—

"THE MIRAMICHI."

The "Miramichi" Capt. Goodfellow, leaves Chatham every week-day morning at seven o'clock for Newcastle and leaves Newcastle at 7,45 (8,09 Newcastle Time) for points down river.

The days for going to Escuminac are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, on which days the steamer is scheduled to leave Escuminac at 12.30 ; Neguac, at 2,30 and Church Point at 3.15.

On the way up she will call at Bay du Vin Island for fish freight and—should freight business require—she will touch at Bay du Vin wharf.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays are excursion days. On those days the steamer leaves Newcastle at 8,09 Newcastle time, and Chatham at 9 o'clock solar time, going to Bay du Vin, Church Point, Neguac, and the other usual points. On the up-river trips the hours for departure are: Neguac at 1 o'clock, Church Point 1.45 and Bay du Vin 3 p. m.

Excursion tickets for down river will be issued at commuted rates on and after June 1st, Five-trip and ten-trip excursion tickets will be issued. The price of the five-trip tickets will be $1.50 from Chatham and $1.75 from Newcastle ; and of the ten-trip-tickets, $2.50 from Chatham and $3 from Newcastle, good from those places respectively to all points down river and return at one rate on any excursion day. Just think of it!—a seventy mile steamboat trip on the Miramichi river for thirty cents!

THE "NELSON."

The time table of the Str. Nelson, Capt. Bullock, is as follows :—

LEAVE CHATHAM. (Solar Time)	LEAVE NEWCASTLE. (Solar time)	(Newcastle time)	
9 a. m.	10,15	10.39	a. m.
11 "	12,15	12,39	p. m.
2 p. m.	3,15	3,39	"
4,15 "	5,15	5,39	"
7,00 "	7,45	8,09	"

On and after Wednesday, 27th May, on each Wednesday afternoon for one month, there will be excursions between Chatham and up-river points at ten cents for the round trip for passengers of all ages. The first trip for excursionists on those afternoons will be that from Nelson, etc., leaving Newcastle at 12.39 Newcastle time.

Ma. W. T. Connors is manager of these steamers. His telephone Call is No. 40 Chatham.

Chatham Y. M. C. A.

The Chatham Y. M. C. A. rooms are open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. on every day except Sunday. Strangers and visitors are made welcome. Boarding and employment found for young men making application. Rooms in Hocken-Mackenzie Block on Water Street.

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There are still a few business men in Canada who care more for money profits than they do about satisfying their customers.

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This is deception pure and simple. The women of the country can soon put a stop to this kind of swindling business if they continually insist upon having the Diamond Dyes. Poor dyes mean dingy and smutty colors, ruined goods and lost time and money. Diamond Dyes are easy to use, and you always get a grand return for the small amount of money you expend.

For fever and ague, and miasmatic diseases, Ayer's Ague Cure it a positive remedy.

MARRIED

At the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday morning, Sept 2nd, by the Rev. T. G. Johnstone, Mr. Benjamin J. Slipp, of Houlton, Maine to Miss Eliza J. eldest daughter of William Russell Esq. of Doaktown.

At the Manse Blackville, Sept 7th by the Rev. T. G. Johnstone, Mr. Alexander J. Underhill, of Blackville, to Miss Rebecca Jardine, of Derby.

DIED

Little Frankie only son of Thomas and Alice Flanagan aged eight months. Funeral on Thursday, the 10th at 3 o'clock.

Sept. 9th 1896.

At Bathurst Sept 4th 1895, Uretta May, daughter of William McConnell aged one year and 6 months

She is gone, the one we loved,
And laid beneath the sod.
Oh! it is hard; but we must know
'Twas by the hand of God.

She is gone, her hands are folded
And her eyes are closed,
Gone at the Saviour's calling,
As in a sweet repose.

Shipping News.

PORT OF SHIPPEGAN.

Entered from Sea.

Aug 24—Sch Flying Foam, 93, Noel, Cadiz, W. S. Loggie Co, salt.

31—Sch Red Gauntlet, 59, Williams, Cadiz, J. & R. Young salt.

Entered Coastwise.

Aug 22—Sch Curlew, 22, Blanchard, Carrquet, W. Fruing & Co, Codfish.

24—Sch Rosa, 17, Ache, Chatham, marter lumber.

28—Sch Evangeline, 11, McKenzie, Tracadie, J. & R. Young gen. cargo.

29—Sch Rosa, 17, Ache, Chatham, master lumber.

Sept 2—Sch Curlew, 22, Blanchard, Caraquet W. Fruing & Co Codfish,

Cleared Coastwise.

Aug 22—Sch Curlew, 22, Blanchard, Caraquet, W Fruing & Co Salt.

24—Sch Flying Foam, 93, Noel, Caraquet, W. S. Loggie Co, Salt.

24—Sch Rosa, 17, Ache, Chatham, J. B. Snowball lobsters.

28—Sch Evangeline, 11, McKenzie, Buctouche, market codfish.

29—Sch Rosa, 17, Ache, Chatham, master sundries

Sept 2—Sch Curlew, 22, Blanchard, Caraquet, W. Fruing & Co bal.

PORT OF TRACADIE

Entered Coastwise.

Aug 31—Sch Eagle, 29, Sonier, Pictou, W, Ferguson coal.

31—Sch Charlie, 64, Deroche, Alberton, Myrick, flour.

31—Sch Beaver, 28, McGraw, Chatham A. & R. gen. cargo.

Sept 2—Sch Rose, 11, Basque, Chatham, W. S. Loggie gen. cargo.

4—Sch Caughnawaga, 14, Duguay, Chatham, J. & R. Young gen. cargo.

4—Sch Beaver, 28, McGraw, Chatham, A. & R. Loggie gen cargo.

4—Barge Monkland, 149, Sonier, Chatham, J. B. Snowball gen cargo.

Cleared Coastwise.

Aug 31—Sch Charlie, 64, Deroche, Tignish, Myrick blueberries.

Sept 1 Sch Beaver, 28, McGraw, Chatham, A. R.