

General Business. COMMON SOAP. WILL CAUSE ROUGH SKIN. On Face and Hands. We have just imported a large lot of Olive Oil and Cucumber Soap.

3 Cakes for 10 cents. It is made from Pure Olive Oil and the Juice of Cucumbers. You can recommend it. Mackenzie's Medical Hall.

HICKEY'S Drug Store. We have the best Cold Cream. PRESERVE YOUR HEALTH. Keep warm and enjoy the cold days by wearing a perfect fitting, tailor-made Frost King or Frost Queen Chamois Vest.

G. P. HICKEY, DRUGGIST, CHATHAM, N. B. MAILED TENDERS. Addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until 10 o'clock p.m. on Friday the 12th of February, 1904.

MAIL CONTRACT. SPECIAL NOTICE. The Charterd Bank in Chatham, N. B. and Newcastle N. B. have decided to close the Saturday closing hour to 12 O'CLOCK.

Bank of Montreal. ESTABLISHED 1817. Capital (all paid up) \$12,000,000. Reserve Fund 8,000,000. IN THE SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT of this Branch, interest is allowed AT CURRENT RATES.

Notice of Sale. To the Right Hon. J. Allen of the Parish of Glenelg, in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, and Janet Allen, his wife, and all others whom it may in any way concern.

REMOVAL. Dr. John S. Benson has removed his office to the residence, lately occupied by Mrs. Alexander Robinson on St. John Street. His practice will be found at all hours.

NOTICE RE TIMBER LIMITS. Notice is hereby given that Martin Fox has been appointed guardian of the estate of James R. Fox, deceased.

THOMAS FRANCIS, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, AND FAVOR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE, BISHOP OF CHATHAM: To the Clergy, Religious Orders and Laity of the Diocese, Health and Benediction in the Lord.—

DEARLY BELOVED,— The first divine commandment obliges us to worship God in Prayer, public and private, especially by the thoughts of our mind and the affections of our heart.

On our streets, in our work-shops and factories, in our lumber camps and mills, in our harvest fields and on our river-boats,—yea even among our school children the name of our Great God is continually profaned in the most shocking manner.

It is the duty of every creature and especially of every Christian man to honor and respect the name of his Creator—to love and glorify the name of his merciful Savior.

In this regard, however, we should not presume too much on the divine clemency for our Divine Savior assures us that there is a kind of blasphemy that will not be forgiven.

St. Bernardine says that blasphemy is a sin peculiar to devils and reprobates, for as the Holy Ghost speaks by the mouth of the good so the devils speak through the mouth of the blasphemer.

Blasphemy is often punished by the secular authority.—St. Louis of France ordered the blasphemer to be searched on the lips with a red hot iron.

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so the impious words of man cannot injure the Deity but may with vengeance return upon the head of him who utters them. The most notorious blasphemer may say that he has no intention of outraging the name of God.

It may be asked if blasphemy, cursing or swearing is ever allowed.—Blasphemy, generally defined as a word or speech injurious to God or to persons or things in as much as they appear immediately to God, is never lawful but always sinful.

The first condition of an oath is truth, that is, we must believe what we swear to be true and our conviction of its truth must be founded not upon rash grounds or conjecture, but upon undoubted motives of credibility.

Accompanied and safeguarded by the foregoing conditions an oath is lawful and becomes a solemn religious act as shown from different passages of Scripture.

Although oaths are thus lawful and have been used by our Lord and the saints we should not have recourse to them frequently and for trifling reasons.

It is true that some of the papers—such as the St. John Globe—which at first opposed it afterwards approved, but that was clearly for party reasons.

By virtue of faculties received from the Holy See we grant the same dispensations in the Lenten Fast and Abstinence as last year: the Rules therefore will be the same.

THOMAS FRANCIS, BISHOP OF CHATHAM. Chatham, N. B., February 11th, 1904, Feast of the Apparition of our Lady of Lourdes.

Ayer's Hair Vigor. Feed your hair; nourish it; give it something to live on. Then it will stop falling, and will grow long and heavy. Ayer's Hair Vigor is the only Hair food you can buy.

A Timely Pastoral. We reprint—by permission—a pastoral letter issued by His Lordship Bishop Barry, chiefly on a subject which must be in the minds of many citizens who have occasion to be much about the streets, especially those of the towns.

The St. John Election. The result of the bye-election in St. John on Tuesday, for a successor to Hon. A. G. Blair, who was succeeded to the chairmanship of the Dominion Railway commission, was, no doubt, a surprise to the country generally.

The Russo-Japanese War. The press telegrams of the past week on the subject of the war in the far east between Japan and Russia, almost voluminous, contain conflicting statements of victory and defeat from both sides.

A Great Party Gathering. The largest and most effective meeting ever held of Liberals from all parts of the Province to take place last week in St. John.

SPRING DEALS. In their circular of Feb. 1st Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine, of Liverpool say:—The arrivals of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce and pine deals during the past month, chiefly by the liners, have been large.

Do You Want to Fit Yourself out with A Nobby Sleigh, or A Set of Harness or other Seasonable Article?

George Hildebrand, Cunard St. Chatham, N. B. Why not also get something in these lines for a friend just at this Christmas Season?

CANADA EASTERN RAILWAY. IN EFFECT OCT. 12, 1903. Between Fredericton, Chatham and Loggieville. GOING NORTH.

Connections. The trains between Chatham and Fredericton will also stop when signalled at the following Stations:—Derby Station, Upper Nelson, Broom's, Chatham, Grey Rapids, Upper Blackville, Blackville, Carleton Place, Carleton Place, Carleton Place, Carleton Place.

The Stamp Duty Question. At last week's meeting of the local committee of the Lumbermen & Lumber Dealers' Association, consisting of Henry Hildyard, president; Senator King, Kilgour, Shires, John E. Moore and Arthur H. Hildyard was heard.

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