

# LOCAL MATTERS.

**Rafting.**  
There are 60 men now rafting on the South West boom.

**The River.**  
The weather wise give the river about three weeks more. We give it longer.

**Pilots.**  
There are 31 licensed pilots on the Miramichi. They have begun to lay up their schooners for the winter.

**Resumed.**  
Mr. A. Morrison's mill started up again this morning; but owing to the lateness of the season it was hard to get hands.

**Small Craft.**  
Within the last fortnight there has been a large number of small crafts from Tracadie and the Island at our wharves, laden with fish of every kind and farm produce. A number of them brought back their winter's supplies; and most of them have gone home.

**Mills.**  
Mr. Peter Loggie, of Chatham, has a Rotary mill that saws 34,000 ft. of lumber in ten hours. From the 1st of May last, until Oct. 31st, 4,000,000 superficial feet were sawn by this fine mill.—*Ed.*

**Cattle Purchase.**  
Mr. S. Desbrisay of Kent County, brought in a car load of cattle Thursday, and sold them to Mr. Jas. Buckley. Numberland farmers should bestir themselves and raise their own cattle.

**Filching a Millinery Box.**  
A box of millinery consigned to Mrs. Walls of Chatham was broken open at the station, and some of the articles extracted. As the parties are known, if they do not return the articles, they will be brought up.

**Oysters.**  
A large oyster business has been done at Lower Bay du Vin the past season. Over 2,000 barrels have been gathered. There is a fortune in oyster culture about the North Shore for men of capital, if they associated themselves with oyster cultivators from France.

**The Extract Factory at Derby.**  
This factory will be finished by the new year. It manufactures 336 tons of bark per week, which yield 200 casks of extract, each weighing 560. The Messrs. Miller are made of enterprising stuff.

**Important—November.**  
We learn that Vennor the Canadian weather prophet, has made up his programme, and proposes to give us a warm spell. He bases his predictions on the fact that birds of many species still remain in Northern latitudes, and osprey and fish hawks are still fishing in the lakes.

**Smelts.**  
Those who will engage in the smelt fishery this year, are hurrying up their shooks. In consequence of the rush to the woods this winter, the smelt fishing will be less than last year. This will make a better market in New York, as last year the fish was shipped there so fast, that agents could not dispose of them before they spoiled, and thus the market was marred.

We understand a meeting of smelt fishers is shortly to take place at Black Brook, to discuss the propriety of shortening the season for taking smelts.

**Lumber News.**  
In our Fredericton notes our readers will get some idea of the lumber operations for the winter in that quarter. Messrs. Woodman and Miller will get out about 16,000,000 this winter. The chief contractors for this will be Joseph Hayes, 7,000,000. J. Yerxa, Hammond and Watson and others the balance. Messrs. R. & H. Stewart will get about 20,000,000. Mr. W. Richards will be the chief contractor. G. B. Dunn & Co. will get out about 8,000,000. Hayford & Sletton will get also, about 8,000,000. Jewett will get out about 9,000,000, his chief contractor being J. Hayward. Lesser contractors will get from 2,000,000 to 4,000,000. Guy Revan & Co. will get between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 probably, but the extent of Muirhead's, McLeod's, Morrisons, Richards or Snowballs operations, it is not easy to determine at present.

**The Minstrels in Chatham.**  
Those who looked forward to an enjoyable evening in the Masonic Hall, Thursday, were not disappointed. The reputation the celebrated Ethiopian minstrels earned for themselves at Newcastle, they confirmed in Chatham. There was a very fair audience, and a good deal of appreciation manifested throughout. The singing was a remarkable feature of the entertainment; the clog dance by Mr. Lyons was capital; seldom indeed is better seen. The farces introduced were very comical affairs and well rendered; but the company as gymnasts were not quite up to the ancient Greeks and Romans. One of the company in trying to turn a hand spring was gracefully assisted through the operation by another member of the company, the turn-over operation not lasting longer than five minutes. The local hits were very good indeed; especially that about our disgraceful streets. We hope this talented company will soon pay us another visit; and no doubt next time they come they will have a better house still.

## STAR BRIEFS.

—Large quantities of tanbark go up daily from Tabusintac for Messrs Miller's factory at Derby.

—The two policeman last night patronized Dr. Leeming's lecture—and the idlers patronized the corners.

—Rafts are pouring in every day to our mill owners. Rafting is now cold work on the fingers.

—Mr. J. Sadler and other gentlemen here, are having their gardens trimmed by the Swedish gardener now in town.

—Mr. Angus McPherson had his hand badly jammed while helping to lay up the tug St. George, yesterday. Dr. Fallen dressed the wounds.

—Yesterday was the 275th anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot. It is about time now we heard the last of Guy Fawkes *et hoc genus omne.*

—Diphtheria is ravaging Richibucto. Mr. Robertson of that place lost a beautiful bright boy of 4 on the 22nd, and two others of his family are down with the disease now.

—The councillors elected for Northesk are:—  
Anthony Adams, 75,  
Michael Ryan, 52.  
They were opposed by  
Jasper Maddock, 39,  
M. S. Brown, 20.

**Personal**  
The Surveyor General is to be up tonight.

Mr. Edward Jack of the Crown Land office is in Halifax.

Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. C. Schrieber are in Manitoba on C. P. R. business.

Sir Leonard Tilley is now on his way to the Lower Provinces. He gave an able address at Bowmanville.

We regret to learn Mr. Crawford, Solicitor General, has been quite ill the past few months, at his home in Hampton.

**Lecture.**  
Rev. Dr. Leeming lectured last evening in the Masonic Hall, on "Mary Queen of Scots," but as it was not generally known he was going to lecture, he had not the audience he should have had. Dr. Leeming is a born orator, and a gifted writer; and those who went to hear him last night did not repent it.

Tonight he lectures in the same hall on "Daniel O'Connell," a subject, dealt with by such a lecturer as Dr. Leeming, which should bring him a full house.

When we saw the doctors photographs placarded everywhere, we regretted his taste; but then no doubt the reverend gentleman will plead his excuse on the grounds of American custom.

**Douglastown Notes.**  
I learn that the thieves have again visited Mr. Jas. Doyles store, and this time carried off a large sum of money.

I NOTICE the STAR has called attention to the conduct of certain School Trustees of late; and I regretted that it did not on its rounds of fearless condemnation of the wrong, look in upon Douglastown. We have a more corrupt state of affairs in Douglastown, in School matters, than exists the Province over, and yet the outside world hears nothing about it. The ring controls it; and what is public in every other district in the Province, is carried on like a Free Masons meeting here. The poor taxpayer, when the collector comes round, has to fork over his taxes; that is all he knows about it. It is for him to pay and grumble; for the ring to receive and be happy.

Our trustees start out with the belief that they are tax payers, the teachers and the district—the all; that no one else is worth bothering about, or taking an interest in. The scholars too they have most shamefully neglected, hardly ever visiting them, though by law they are required to go once a month. We have a state of affairs shameful to the district; and I think it expedient for Inspector Cox to publish the school report at once, that at the next annual meeting the people may rise and choose honest, worthy men; who will be above the base selfishness of their own interests. The conduct of our trustees, and the abuse of our schools and our school system here, has been too long already on everyone's tongue, to stand it any longer.

One of the teachers Miss Donovan, who has filled the position of teacher here for some time, has now left her school and gone to Nelson, having got tired of being the cats paw of the trustees. This lady had suffered until patience had ceased to be a virtue. During the long cold fall days she and the children have sat in a school house where not even a horse would be allowed to stand without a rug. No stove, therefore no fire; and the pinched up faces of the children, the blue cramped fingers, would be considered by any one entering the school as the best panegyric upon those in control. With regard to the new school house that is now being put up I would merely say that if the trustees contract for the rent or purchase of the same, without consulting the taxpayers, that the people here will look upon it as a grievous wrong; but the remedy for such an act would lie in this: that as one of the trustees is owner of the school house, and has put up the building as a speculation, without being authorized to do so, he cannot be in one and the same instrument, both Lessor and Lessee, and that therefore he will either have to retire, or the people will build a school house just to suit themselves.

**Woodstock Notes.**  
Of the many papers which come to my address the STAR is one of the liveliest and most readable. Its effects on the hitherto staid, commonplace life of the dwellers by the Miramichi must be marked. Accustomed, as they hitherto have been, to a style of journalism which was even prosy and often uninteresting even to themselves, they must welcome the rising of the STAR with feelings of thankfulness. They may not approve of its politics, yet they cannot but admire its independence. Let the STAR continue its present agitation for social reforms, and I hesitate not to say that it will soon take the leading place in the good will of the people of Chatham. Would that our little town of Woodstock, so like in many ways to your towns on the Miramichi, had some such journal to act the censor of its public men! True, a paper is published here but it is of the tamest prosiest kind. Not unlike your Miramichi papers, it is guarded in its utterances lest it offend some one of our local magnates. To be outspoken and independent is something beyond its wildest wish or expectation. Pursuing the even tenor of its mediocrity it presses now about one thing now another, but never about the right thing—the disgraceful state of our town. Our

streets may be filled with mud knee-deep; our side-walks may be torn up to suit the passing pleasure of railroad men; piles of brick, stone and wood may encumber the public thoroughfares, the cows can leisurely and, no doubt, complacently regard themselves reflected in the windows of our places of business, and afterwards take more than their share of the side-walk; yet no word of complaint does our fearful *Sentinel* utter. To assist in the removal of such grievances as these were too meritorious and too practical. To hatch utopian schemes or ram-rod legislation is more to the *Sentinel's* liking. *Sed satis, etc.*

Not for years has there been such a business "hum" in Woodstock. Yet I must say it is not the N. P. "hum." Our mills are going, our foundries in full blast, a branch railroad is constructing and the smelting works of the iron mining company are about starting,— behold the causes of our "hum." More anon.

**Notes from the Capital.**  
Weather charming.  
The Executive is still in session.  
We want a Conservative Club here.  
Hon. John A. Beckwith I am glad to tell you shows signs of mending.  
Mr. Slaus Thompson's new play "Sharps and Flats" is taking immensely in Boston.  
Mr. Chas. Lugin, barrister, Madawaska, has returned from a trip to the United States.  
The Police Magistrate's returns for the year reach \$905.55, or \$285 more than last year.  
Mr. J. Bradshaw Winslow has begun to speculate in the public lands. This course is proper.  
Mr. A. G. Gibson has purchased Hon. John A. Beckwith's interest in the Gibson tannery; and has loaned the company \$10,000.  
Mr. Harry Beckwith has fallen into his fathers place as commissioner of the N. B. and N. S. land company. I am glad Mr. Beckwith has been so fortunate.

Alderman Smith and G. Fisher are spoken of to run for the Mayoralty. Whatever chance Mr Smith may have, Mr Fisher has none. I fancy, however, Mr A. A. Sterling will be the man.

The test of the Canada Temperance Act, carried to England, stands now because of the death of the appellant, Mr T. Barker. Proceedings must commence *de novo*, by some other appellant.

There is just one way now of keeping Captain Croypley of the *Capital* out of the Lunatic Asylum and that is by every man, woman and child here, each, undertaking to put up a factory. Captain Croypley of course will furnish the money.

Our policeman have resigned and the city is without protection.

[We have seen a letter from a Fredericton lady wherein she writes: "The town at night is full of prowlers, and it is said of robbers. I keep by me at night a bottle of hartshorn to blind and a vial of nitrate of silver to mark."—*Ed.*]

I understand Mr A. F. Randolph will lumber largely this winter. The following will be the extent of his lumber operations: W. F. Fowler, 5 million; Coulter & Hagerman, 2; G. J. Baird, 4; Beringe Bros., 2; Brooks, 1; Harry Lawrence, 1.2; C. Clayton, 1; Grantham Hopkins, 1. The balance will be obtained in smaller lots. Or about 20,000,000 in all.

Mr Wm. Murray will get out about 27,000,000. Mr Robert Connors will get out 13,000,000 for him; Mr Fred Moore and some others the balance.

The "King" Mr. Gibson will get out 40 millions, and success to him, I say.

The *Capital* has not suspended yet. It has a lot of agencies, where it is on sale. The return from McMillans agency, St. John, for a month was:

12 cents.  
Commission, ..... 3 "  
Balance, ..... 9 cents.  
Ornament made no return. Mr. Quinn sold 8, the balance he used for wrapping—at 3 cents a lb. Total receipts 18 cents. In Stanley there were 3 sold; in Woodstock they got 1 off. Mr. Croypley says "they must do better than that." The Latin doesn't take well in the back settlements.

Captain Croypley has conferred with Messrs. Lugin, Perks and Sharkey, and concluded not to turn the paper against the Government, till one more effort to secure Government patronage for the paper has been made. He assured the three editors that if this attempt fail, the Government will have to take the consequences. No doubt Sir John, and Sir Leonard Tilley have no idea of what it means to have Messrs. Perks, Croypley, Sharkey, etc., on their track. Some friend of the Government ought to apprise it of its danger.

**Our Councillors.**  
To the Editor of the STAR.  
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[Douglastown has no pity from us. They complain about a man whom the county long ago put its foot upon and crushed out. Why elect him a trustee? Why treat with him at all for the rent or purchase of his school house? Build your own house, when you are able. At next annual meeting, if his term has come, consign this exploded tyrant to his cottage for the rest of his days.—*Ed STAR.*]

**Bathurst Notes.**  
As I have not yet seen a notice of the oral examination of our schools, which was held last week, you will confer a favor by inserting the following:  
A preliminary remarks permit me to say that the schools in the town are improving, both as to appliances and character of work done. The local trustees are men who have the cause of education at heart, and spare themselves no pains to see the schools well equipped and in good running order, though none of them has any children in attendance. They, however, are hampered by the ratepayers, the parents of the pupils, who take no interest in the educational welfare of their children, or only enough to attempt to reduce the estimates of the trustees, thus rendering their efforts to increase the efficiency of the schools, abortive, and to find fault with grading and methods of teaching, matters about which they know less than nothing.

About the trustees of the Village District not quite such a favorable account can be given. They seldom, if ever, visit the schools, even on examination days, do not improve the school-rooms, and have not yet provided such a very necessary article as a black-board. The teachers though earnest, active public servants are discouraged by the apathy of their superiors. Would it not be better for these men, if they do intend to discharge the duties of trustees, to resign and let other men be elected who will at least make an effort in that direction?

In the Village Miss Burn's school was examined on Tuesday Oct. 26th, or rather was to have been examined, for not one parent or trustee put in an appearance. What a dampet to the enthusiasm of an earnest teacher!

Miss Raney's Dept. was examined on the following day. One trustee (at the earnest solicitation of the teacher) and three visitors were present and the pupils acquitted themselves very creditably in reading, spelling, geography and arithmetic and showed very careful teaching in all these branches.

The Grammar School taught by G. W. Meserau, A. B. was also examined on Wednesday, by John Siverwright Esq. Secretary to Trustees and Rev. S. Houston M. A. The pupils showed remarkable proficiency in arithmetic, botany, Latin, Geography, Greek, History etc. as was to have been expected from the teacher's well known ability and the interest he manifests in his pedagogic duties. At the risk of being considered impertinent we would suggest that this county Grammar School be provided with a better class of seats and desks and a pair of globes to illustrate physical geography. The school room is large airy, pleasant and is well provided with maps and black-boards surface. The pupils, too, have that bright, cheerful, attentive expression, only possessed by well-trained pupils who have pleasant surroundings.

Miss Meahan's Dept. was examined on Thursday. Here, too, parents were conspicuous only by their absence; one, only, was present. The teacher was assisted by Mr. Siverwright and Mr. Siverwright and Mr. Meserau. The examination embraced the subjects of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades, in each of which they displayed a thorough grounding very creditable to the teachers skill and perseverance. The neatness with which the manual labor was performed deserves commendation. As a whole the examination demonstrated the fact that our schools are in a very efficient state, and the parents are culpably negligent of their duties, or recognizing the capabilities of the teachers are willing to trust the educational care of their children entirely to them.

Hoping Mr. Editor, that you will condescend to give this very first attempt at newspaper correspondence a place in your valuable journal and promising you a few remarks on the social customs of this people at no distant date I subscribe myself.

Yours truly  
CROW BAR.

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There is no use crying down the N. P. any longer. Even the writings of a paper who has failed to get upon the Government list, with John Pickard and all the mutes from the Halifax dumb asylum in his back, can't prove it is against the peoples interests. Here is our return for October. I got it from Mr. A. F. Street our obliging and efficient Collector. [I may say he is not a recreant, like that collector you have over in Chatham.]

**IMPORTS.**  
1879.....\$20,563  
1880..... 38,812  
Showing our merchants are twice better able to import than last year.

**CANADIAN NEWS.**  
A shock of earthquake was felt Sunday last in Newcastle Ontario.  
Mr. Hannay has just contributed an article to the *Sun* on Fort Cumberland.

There are now 450 newspapers in Canada. A large proportion of them are Conservatives.  
The St. John *Telegraph* too has pulled in its horns. The story of ruination by the N. P. will go down no longer.  
The St. John *News* sometimes takes items from the STAR without giving credit for the same. Witness the Alnwick tubers.

The Halifax *Herald* with a clever editor at its head, and returning prosperity at its back, has things its own way now with the *Chronicle*—which paper may be regarded as a petrified lie.  
The City of Winnipeg shows the progress of our Western country. Within 6 years the population has increased from 2,000 to 6,000—and the past summers buildings have been up at a cost of \$1,000,000

**SEPTEMBER IMPORTS.**  
The Dominion imports for September were:—  
Total dutiable goods.....\$6,339,121  
Coin and bullion, except United States coin silver..... 105,277  
Free goods, all other.....1,794,724  
Grand total..... \$8,241,122  
Duty paid, \$1,675,020, as against \$1,219,918 for the corresponding month last year.

"As the Pacific Railway contract may be considered as now concluded to all intents and purposes," the *Mail* says, "we may look out for a session beginning before Christmas and continuing after a short adjournment for the holidays till the business is concluded. We do not imagine that the session will this year be a very long one. It has been inevitable that the Government should be prevented from getting many measures ready for the consideration of the House."

England is going to send out a war ship to train Canadian boys for the navy. St. John wants it, but Halifax or Quebec will get it. With reference to the ship a late despatch at hand says:—"It is learned that at the solicitation of the Governor General, who has taken great personal interest in the matter, the British Government has placed a war-ship at the disposal of the Canadian Government free of all expense, to be used for such purposes in regard to the education and training of sailors as may be determined on. What step has been taken by the Government is not yet known; but doubtless the offer will not be refused.

Another shocking affair has just happened in St. John. A man named John McFarlane had a stolen watch in his possession; and policeman Malone of the Portland force arrested the man and was bringing him to the lock up. McFarlane ran away, and Malone fired at him from a revolver, fired again, and perusing the fleeing prisoner still further fired a third shot which took effect entering McFarlanes back and lodging in his heart, killing him instantly. The policeman brought him to the station house, and then surrendered himself to Captain Rawlings. An inquest was held, and the coroner charged the jury to make a return of wilful murder against Malone. The jury however brought in "justifiable homicide," but were sent back and returned a verdict equivalent. They were sent out a third time and brought in a verdict of felonious homicide.

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**BY ELEGRAH.**  
The Revolt in South Africa.  
LONDON, Nov. 6.  
There is a very great excitement at the London clubs in consequence of intelligence from Basuto Land that the Imperial troops are loudly demanded there to enable the colonists to successfully cope with the increased force which is flocking to the ranks of the savages.

**Barbarous Celebrations.**  
LONDON, Nov. 5.  
News has been received from the West coast of Africa of the death of Chaca, the Govern-r of Whydah. The funeral was to be celebrated by the massacre of a native, after which the king had announced his intention of holding the annual celebration in memory of his father. The celebration will last four months, during which 200 captured chiefs will be beheaded. The English have refused to attend the celebration.

**Outrage on a British Vessel.**  
LONDON, Nov. 6.  
It appears that the report made by the British Cor-risioner respecting the outrage on the vessel "Dauntless" by the natives of Api, West coast of Africa, has resulted in the authorities having taken steps to obtain reparation. It will be remembered that the natives of Api fired on a boat's crew of the "Dauntless," by which the chief officer was killed, and a Government agent and several other persons wounded. Her Majesty's ship "Wolverine" has visited the scene of the outrage, and requested the natives to give up the murderers and others implicated in the affair. This they refused to do, when a party from the "Wolverine" landed, and proceeding some little distance inland, destroyed four villages and plantations. The natives had deserted the vilages on the approach of the English sailors, and escaped. There were no casualties to the English force.

**CABLE BRIEFS.**  
Garibaldi is very ill.  
Riza Pasha has been dismissed it is said.  
Disastrous floods have occurred in Switzerland.  
Vesuvius again belches "fire and rolling smoke."  
Sir T. Bouch, engineer of the Tay Bridge, is dead.  
The king or Greece is trying to raise a war loan in London.  
The Russian Nihilists will soon be tried. Woe betide them.  
The Kurds besieging Crumyish have been defeated with great loss.  
Over one hundred vessels were lost on the Danish coast by the late storm.  
Prefect Constans, is carrying out the wishes of the Infidels against the Jesuits of France.  
Catholics and Protestants have risen against each other in New Caledonia. What foolish people to be sure.  
News has been received from Cabul down to early last week; at the date of the despatch all was satisfactory.  
A St. Petersburg despatch says it is reported that the establishment of a great administrative council is imminent.  
The Russian Embassy in London denies the Bourse rumors telegraphed from Vienna that the Czar is dead.  
A despatch from St. Petersburg to the *News* states that fighting continues along the Russian lines on the Turkoman steppes. General Skobloff proposes to declare a state of siege in the Trans Caspian region.  
The Irish constabulary is to be increased by 2,000 men for Ireland's benefit. But Mr. Parnell says the Government may as well try to stop the tide with a pitchfork as to suppress the agitation by police, or sending to prison.  
A storm in Egypt has brought down such torrents of water from the mountains that a large gap has been made in the embankment of the Government railway in the neighborhood of Suez. The traffic is likely to be suspended for three days.  
It is officially announced from Teheran that the garrison of Urumiyah has been relieved by four thousand Persian troops and the Kurds investing the town have retreated southward. Only seven vilages in the Nelmos district escaped devastation by the marauders. Four hundred Kurds pillaged the country within a mile of Tabriz.

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