

LOCAL MATTERS

NOTICE

THE public are hereby cautioned against paying subscriptions or amounts for advertisements to any person on behalf of the STAR, unless said person hold written authority from me to collect and receive the same.

J. E. COLLINS, Ed. "Star."

Personal

Rev. Father Bannon left here yesterday for New York, where he will remain for a few days.

Sawing

Messrs. Guy, Bevan & Co.'s mill at Mill Cove, commenced sawing yesterday. Over forty men are employed.

Fertilizers

Over 400 loads of mussel mud have been hauled by the Glenelg farmers this season, and thrown on their fields.

The Electric Light-Economy

Mr. Snowball we believe, purposes using the Electric Light in his mill this summer. When once established it would come much cheaper than gas or oil.

An Anti-tobacco Club

They have started an anti-tobacco club in Napan. Twelve members have already joined it. The fine for violating the tobacco pledge according to the Bye Laws is 50 cents for each offence.

Incendiarism

Three persons named Chisson were committed to goal in Bathurst on Monday for the burning of an unoccupied house owned by a man named Dugay in Shi-pagan. An altercation as to the division line of their respective properties was the cause, it is said, of the incendiarism.

Entered the Convent

The Roman Catholic choir has lost one of its most accomplished soprano singers, but the convent has gained a member. Miss Mary A. Connors on Monday last entered as a novice in the St. Joseph's Convent. This is the third daughter now of Moses Connors. Esq., who has preferred a life devoted to religion and good works.

The Concert

Last night was in all respects a success. The programme was excellent, and it was carried out most satisfactorily. The chorus of children's voices was charmingly sweet, and the Operetta "Grandpapa's birthday," was the crowning piece of the evening. The duets and solos were not the least entertaining and charming part of the entertainment.

Fatal Accidents

Through private letters received here it is learnt that two young men belonging to the South West Miramichi, and named Thos. Hogan and Thos. Keating, were drowned at Melix Run, Elk County, Pennsylvania, a few days ago. Both of these were employed in the lumber woods, and were probably driving logs when they came to their untimely end.

The Bathurst mill

New drums and other machinery have been placed in this mill which will add materially to its sawing facilities. There has been placed in it during the past few days a large belt, 120 ft. long 40 inches wide and 8 inch ply thick. This belt will be used instead of a gear wheel, and is the first of its kind in use in the Province. The mill will be run night and day and the proprietor intends employing about 200 men for the seasons work.

Election of Officers

At a meeting held at the Episcopal Church, Chatham Head, on Monday last, the following parties were elected officers for the ensuing year:

Church Wardens.—George Burchill, Richard Carman.

Vestrymen.—Samuel Habberley, G. A. Blair, William Wilkinson, W. B. Howard, D. G. Smith, Charles Sergeant, Capt. John Brown, T. F. Gillespie, F. E. Winslow, Richard Hockin, John Baldwin, George Lee.

Vestry Clerk.—Wm. Wilkinson.

Treasurer.—G. A. Blair.

Delegates to Synod.—G. A. Blair, William Wilkinson.

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Emmanuel R.E. Church, held on Easter Monday the following elections took place:

Wardens.—F. J. Letson, T. H. Fleigner.

Vestrymen.—John Bell, J. C. E. Carmichael, A. H. Johnson, S. U. McCulley, Charles Bennett, John Wilson.

Delegates to Synod.—Richard Brace, S. U. McCulley, A. H. Johnson.

Del. to Gen. Council.—A. H. Johnson.

Waste Lands

There is a large extent of our country which was burned by the great fire upwards of 60 years ago. Upon this the new growth has in many instances reached a very considerable size. As is usual in the case after forest fires, the trees which spring up are of a different kind from those of the original growth. So in this instance pine and spruce have been replaced by white birch and poplar, both of which woods are daily becoming of more value. We hear of \$4 per cord being paid for poplar in parts of Ontario for the purpose of converting it into pulp. As there are vast quantities of poplar on the tributaries of the Miramichi near the line of the Intercolonial Railway, as well as near the Sugary Settlement, Mouth of Newcastle, and on many other parts of the North and Southwest rivers, a great field for the prosecution of this industry is offered to the public. The material is plenty and labor is abundant and cheap. We must

before long look for something besides spruce logs as the means of making a living for our people, and we think that they could turn their attention with profit to the manufacture of this wood which had heretofore been considered nearly worthless. Our white birch also from its proximity to railroad, only needs knowledge, care and industry to make the getting of it in some form or other a profitable investment for capital.

STAR BRIEFS

J. Dorsey of up river was injured a few days ago in the Pennsylvania lumber woods.

The ice on the river is broken up as far down as Douglastown. It will likely go tomorrow if the day is warm.

Mr James Hay has started his new axle cutter. It is a complete success, and revolutionizes the old way of doing business.

Mr. Joseph Forrest has finished setting the Black Brook mill in order. He will also build a furnace to burn the refuse from the mill.

The St. John Telegraph was astray when it said 20 workmen came from York to work in a "Chatham mill." They went to Bathurst.

Inspector Cox delivered a short address to the members of the C. T. A. Society of Chatham, in the St. Patrick's Hall Sunday evening on the subject of temperance.

Mr. T. Flanagan's advertisement appears today. Mr. Flanagan is one of our most enterprising business men: and the goods he keeps are always first class—and his terms are moderate.

Abner Smith and John Hilson were gunning on Sackville marshes on Friday. They were a short distance from each other, and as Hilson discharged his towing piece, Smith rose from his position and received the contents in his head, fracturing the skull. He died at once.

A Bathurst correspondent writes:—Our streets present a lively appearance owing to the number of men preparing for stream driving. The depth of snow is a criterion our lumbermen will have an easy time of it. There is yet an average of over 2 feet of snow on our streets, and from 3 feet to 4 feet in the woods.

At the auction sale of Mr Letson's goods, held by our government Post Appraiser, Mr. A. D. Shirreff, the other day, Mr T. F. Keary bought a locomotive, 4 cars, a set of rails etc., which have all the principle of steam and locomotion. The engine travels like fury after the water in the little boiler is well heated. We were just thinking to day, and this is why we write, what a first rate chance there is for Mr Keary to sell again, and Mr. Snowball to buy. Mr. Keary's engine and cars out on the branch, would be a boon to the travelling public compared with the "property" that our Loyal and duty-loving member pointed out to the Marquis of Lorne as "mine."

HARDWICKE ITEMS

The roads are very, very bad.

The Escuminac pilots started for town Monday.

Carmichael Bros. will fish about 1,000 barrels of oysters in the autumn.

Mr. Robert Noble helped Mr. Thos. Williston and his team out of the ice yesterday.

The Light House keepers are all making their way to their summer stations.

Mr. James Noble has worked up about 1,000 lbs. of twine into fishing nets this winter.

All the oyster fishers here have stopped, except R. Ferguson & Son, who understand their business.

About six hundred barrels of oysters have been taken here this season. R. Ferguson & Son have taken about 500 barrels.

Birds are not lured successfully with the decoys this spring. Mr. Savoy's party has been the most successful at the shooting this spring.

On Thursday last five men were engaged in erecting the stringers on the John O'Bear Creek Bridge. The ice suddenly gave way under them, and three of the five went through. These were rescued by the other two. On Saturday two women, Mrs. Deplacey and Mrs. Myshall got into the ice at the same place.

Mr. Robert McKean and his horse got into the ice of Sandy Point about the same time; but the neighbors rescued them.

SHIP NEWS

The following is a list of the vessels with other particulars, bound for the Miramichi.

Table with columns: Vessel Name, Destination, Date. Includes Baticola, Anderson, Newry, March 25; S. W. Point Anticosti, fresh N.W. wind, weather cloudy no ice.

ENTERED OUT.

Harald Haarfager, Nelson, L'pool, Mar 25; Guahild, Olsen, do do 25; Augur, Andersen, do April 2

MARINE STATIONS, GULF S. L., APRIL 19.

S. W. Point Anticosti—fresh N. W. wind, weather cloudy no ice.

Point Maquersau Lighthouse Signal Station—Weather cold, light N. wind this A. M., no ice, no shipping.

Cape Magdalen Lighthouse Signal Station—Weather light this A. M. Strong N. W. wind, no ice, no shipping.

WOOD FREIGHTS.

The London Shipping and Mercantile Gazette, of April 7th says:—Three Rivers to Live-pool 65s; Quebec to London 62s 6d; Shediac or Miramichi to direct Unit d Kingdom or French Atlantic Ports, 60s; Rihibiceto to direct ports West Coast 62s 6d; Nova Scotia ports to direct W. C. ports, 57s 6d.

COMMUNICATIONS

MR. SNOWBALL AS A REPRESENTATIVE.

[FOR THE "STAR."]

The peoples eyes are open. They understand that a man cannot be a representative of the people, who, during six weeks of the sitting of the House in England selling deals, a very genuine manly business like occupation, but yet not the business Mr. Snowball was elected to transact.

The place of a representative of the people, is in the House during the sitting of the House, and the excuse that the House was called at an inopportune moment is not available. This excuse would (if it applies in this instance) also apply in a case where an extra Session would be called, and our County would in all cases, and at all times, when the business of the House interfered with the business of Mr. Snowball, be without a representative. I confess to being an admirer of Mr. Snowball, I like his pluck as a business man, I admire his (to use an Americanism) go a headiveness and I give him the credit I think which honestly belongs to him, when I say he is a splendid type of the successful business man but I honestly think that he would do better for himself and deserve better of his County, if he would turn his business ability into, and keep the same in its proper channel. For he is no politician.

Yours, etc.,

A CONSERVATIVE.

MR SNOWBALL'S LEDGER INFLUENCE AND HOW HE KEPT HIS WORD.

[FOR THE "STAR."]

While I consider that every successful business man deserves the respect of his men and of the people of his County, I yet fail to see that this should command the votes of the people at an election. I, a labourer, sell my labor for \$1.00 per day. I am not bound either morally or financially to vote for the man to whom I sell it be he either Snowball or Mirrhead. Labor is a commodity which enriches the man who uses capital and brains to buy and work it, and the laborer performed, I am a free agent to vote for, and work for, and assist whom I like.

I don't like to hear men give the business man does in the country as a reason why he deserves the votes of the people. Mr Snowball did this, and more! He promised that the interests of the people would be first considered—but he broke his word. I therefore think that he no longer deserves the support of the people, and I, knowing that the public are not blind, think that he cannot be elected at the next general election, and that he being a far-seeing man will understand this and stay at home, and another run in his stead, and I think that that other now dark horse will be stronger than Snowball and is therefore making preparations for a hard fight. This too, I understand, is the feeling amongst conservatives.

Yours, etc.,

BYSTANDER.

Chatham, 20th April, 1881.

EDITORIAL CLEANINGS.

THE PRESS.

The News appeared Monday as an evening paper. It was brimful of news; and much of the same was written in short, crisp, readable paragraphs.

INDUSTRIES.

We see by the Montreal Gazette that parties in the Upper provinces offer to send \$50,000 to Halifax, to be invested in a woollen manufactory, if Halifax will only raise the other \$50,000. Why do our moving spirits here not move—we might coax some of this spare "capital" down this way.

DR. PUNSHON.

Methodist congregations will learn with deep regret the sudden death of their lamented divine, Rev. Dr. Punshon. Dr. Punshon visited Canada in 1873, and electrified all who went to hear him with his oratory and earnestness. There was no canting in his discourses, and no arriving after effect, like the brilliant Palmage; but his convictions were deep and sincere, and he was then a wonderful speaker. His labors in England would fill a large volume, and many a monument remains of his industry and dauntless perseverance. He was born in Yorkshire in 1824. He derived his name Morley from his maternal uncle Sir Isaac Morley.

A BOARD OF TRADE.

What we want here in Chatham and they want the same in Newcastle, too, is a board of trade. Before this body any such question as general industries, factories and all extraordinary projects should come up. If we had boards of trade on the Miramichi now a proper subject of enquiry would be how much would it cost to establish a large furniture factory, or a woollen factory, or a cotton factory here; and where, outside, might more capital be secured. If capitalists, from the upper provinces will invest their money in a Halifax industry, why would they not invest it here? They most certainly would. We have nothing but mills that you may call industries on the Northern side of the province, and we never will have anything but mills till we besair ourselves. Another question the board of trade might discuss too, is the Miramichi Valley Railroad which will be built if our

business men only have persistent energy.

THE SYNDICATES CIRCULAR.

The following is the circular issued by the Syndicate, and it overthrows three-fourths of the Grit argument against the "monstrous bargain." Read it.

"The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, subsidized by the Dominion Government for the purpose of completing a continuous line of railway through British territory from the present Canadian system of railways to the Pacific Ocean, have a grant of twenty-five million acres of the best farming lands situated between the Red River of the North and the Rocky Mountains, in what is known as the Fertile Belt of North America. And contiguous to the main line of the projected railway are its branches.

"The Company proposes to complete and have in operation 250 miles of the railway west of Winnipeg by the close of the present year, and to carry it to the foot of the Rocky Mountains, 650 miles farther, by the end of 1884. The work of construction will, during the next ten years, afford employment to a large force of men and boys.

"To encourage the rapid settlement of the country, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will be prepared, until further notice, to sell its lands at the low price of \$2.50 or ten shillings sterling, an acre, payable in instalments, and will further make an allowance by way of rebate from the price, of \$1.25, or five shillings sterling, for every acre of said lands brought under cultivation within three to five years following the date of purchase, according to the nature and extent of the other improvements made thereon.

"Contract at special rates will be made for lands required for cattle raising and other purposes not involving immediate cultivation.

"Intending settlers and the effects, on reaching the Company's railway, will be forwarded thereon to their place of destination on very liberal terms."

EXECUTION OF THE NIHILISTS.

On Friday morning last they were led out to execution. Michaeloff's rope broke twice. Order was not disturbed. Ten thousand armed soldiers were present to keep order. There were 100,000 spectators. The concourse was immense, and the excitement had not been paralleled by any event since the Russian capital was thrilled by the story that the Czar had been torn to pieces by Nihilist bombs on March. In the middle of the square stood the scaffold, a revolting object, with its five dangling ropes against the sky. To the last every one of the five persons so soon to die refused actively to accept the ministerial offices of the priest. An appalling incident occurred when the drop fell. Michaeloff's rope broke, and he fell to the ground. A thrill of terror went through the vast assemblage, and even the officers charged with this terrible duty showed signs of being shocked. The body was raised, and when up again, in attempting to hang him, the rope once more parted. Loud exclamations of disgust and pity were heard from the people, but there was no breach of order. The work of death was finally accomplished amid the awed hush of the great throng, and the five condemned Nihilists swung together from the fatal noose. All the prisoners refused to appeal for respite. Each one had a placard on the breast, on which the words, "Murderers of the Czar," were printed in large letters. Spnie Pleofsky attempted to address the vast crowd, but the drums drowned her voice. The prisoners kissed each other and conversed for a moment, and then kissed the cross that was presented to their lips by the priest. They were hanged successively, each dying firm. The execution of the five prisoners occupied but twenty minutes, and the drums beat incessantly.

THE FINANCIAL ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

The foregoing circular has been issued to the shareholders in the Financial Association of Ontario, London, Canada:—

I am directed to inform you that the dividend for quarter ended March 31, at the usual rate of eight per cent. per annum, on both the Preference and ordinary capital, will be payable on the 23rd inst.

Another quarterly dividend will be declared in July next, after which dividend will be paid half-yearly—in January & July. It has, heretofore, been deemed advisable to do so quarterly, as shareholders and intending subscribers would, naturally, wish to have the opportunity, at moderate intervals, of ascertaining the degree of success the Company was meeting with, and it was in the interest of all concerned that the information should be supplied. The Directors consider the profitable character of the business of the Company has now been completely established, and they are of opinion the payment of dividends, either than half yearly, would not, hereafter, be worth the expense and labor a large and constantly increasing list of shareholders would entail.

The sum price of Preference Stock has been advanced to three and a half per cent. premium, equivalent, at the minimum rate of dividend, to a return of 7 1/2 per cent. per annum on the amount invested. The business of the Company justifies the sale of its stock at a much higher price, and the following issue will be made at a further important advance.

The amount of stock now subscribed and applied for exceeds a quarter of a million dollars, on which an average of over forty per cent. has been paid in (Sgd.)—EDWARD LE RUCY, Managing Director.

"OFF PELORUS."

This poem is founded on one of the incidents in the wandering of Ulysses. After the return of the King from the shades, he sojourned on Circe's Island, and when he again set for he had to pass by the strait of Scylla and Charibdis and where the Sirens sang their luring songs. Her words of warning to the reckless prince were:— "Where the sirens dwell you plough the sea and makes destruction please." Their song is death and makes destruction please." As for you said Circe to the king, I know your love for me will be proof against the witching music of the Sirens; but stuff

your rowers' ears with wax; lest the songs might overcome them. See that before you reach the chryme! coast, your rowers be led you to the mast. Ulysses then set out, and submitted to the instructions of the goddess. The poem opens off Pelorus, the cape named from the pilot of Annibal. The sea is drowsy the Sirens sing, the rowers labor at the oar; the King is bound to the mast.—Ed. STAR.

Crimson swims the sunset over far Pelorus, Burning crimson tops its frowning crest of pine, Parpe sleeps the shore and floats the wave before us, Each where from the earstroke eddying swirls like wine.

This stanza pleads its own case. It prepares us for a poem which is to be a life-like picture of the ancient story. The music is easy, full of music and rich and is in matchless keeping with the luxurious evening. In the next stanza we learn the precautions of Circe were not sufficient. What the rowers see intoxicates them.

Sunless foms the creamy violets wake behind us, We but see the creaking of the labored oar; We have stopped our ears—mad were we not to blind us, Lest with eyes grown drunken sail we hence no more.

And here is a piece of description of which Mr. Roberts may well be proud,—

"See the purple splendor o'er the island streaming, For the purple sails and equal-sided ship;— Windless hangs the vine, and warm the seeds lie g'aming, Drop the great grape clusters melting for the lip."

The Sirens lived on this enchanted coast; and while their song took captive the ear, the luxuries of their fairy abode intoxicated the eye. Mr. Roberts has grasped the whole legend, and its spirit as well. He gives us the longing and the regrets of the rowers, just as on might see it,—

"Tidly took we thought for still our eye-beams, as— To the white limbed maids with beckoning arms divine, Far-bbing bosoms bare, loosed hair, soft hands to tit us, Throats a-shoop with song across the charmed brine."

And here then is a matchless stanza:—

"See the king! he hearkens,—hears their song—strains forward,— As some mountain snake attends the shepherd's lead— Now with urgent hands he bids us turn us, Bend the groaning oar now, give the king no heed!"

We consider this a charming stanza. The movement of the first verse gives a picture of the action of the mountain snake in the second verse on hearing the shepherd's pipe,—moving in jerks. It is the community of thought and feeling among the rowers we receive so far. And this, after Mr Roberts skilful and harmonious weaving, is the song of the luring charmers on the shore. They reach out their "beckoning arms divine," as they sing it—and imagine such a song floating across that gorgeous sea.

"Much enduring wanderer, honey-tongued come higher, Wisest ruler, bane of Ilions lofty walls, Hear strange wisdom to thine uttermost desire, Whatso'er is all the fruitful earth befalls."

A Siren truly, might not have been achieved of such verses. And they bewilder the poor king. He struggles to free himself from the mast; and then the rowers tell us,—

"So we rise up twain and make his bonds securer, Seethes the startled sea now from the surging blade, Leaps the dark ship forth, as we, with hearts grown securer, Eyes averse and war-worn faces made afraid, For the waste warm reaches drive our prow sea-cleaving, Fast the burning death, into the falling night—"

Home shall hold us yet—and cease our wives from grieving— A fire of iron, and toil, and flame, and sleep, and flight.

The music of the last verse gives an idea of the later turmoil—and it ends the poem too leaving the most dramatic situations with the reader.

We read "Off Pelorus" among the very best of Mr. Roberts poems. Its music is sweet, the measure is smooth—the expression without fault and imagination is king. We congratulate the author; he need never be ashamed to say he wrote "Off Pelorus."

D. E. J.

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Chatham April 15 21

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