

# 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."

The ice Down to the railway bridge is all broken up and it is also cleared out from Fox Island. Teams have ceased crossing here.

### Workingmen's Society.

Efforts are being made by the former leaders of this society, to have the same revived. A public meeting of the workingmen will probably be held in a short time. Public sympathy is with such organizations.

### Tracadie Trade.

Five team loads of left the Chatham agency of Messrs J. & R. Young for Tracadie yesterday. The tin is intended for the manufacture of lobster cans for Messrs. Young's firm. But it was a risky load on the bad ice.

### John O'Bear Bridge.

The John O'Bear Creek Bridge is not yet rebuilt, much to the annoyance of the inhabitants of the neighborhood at this season. There should be a time specified in such contracts, within which contractors would be obliged to have their work finished.

### What the N. P. is Doing.

Sixty pure bred bulls have lately arrived at Halifax for the Cochrane Ranch in the Northwest. This association has been granted 140,000 acres of grazing land for a certain term of years. If we had the Grits in now, that land would be left to the Indians and the buffalo.

### The Schools.

Inspector Cox has completed the examination of the schools in District No. 1, Chatham, and, we learn, found them in a very efficient state. On Thursday, 14th inst., p. m., he held a written examination of pupils for superior allowance at Chatham Head school, taught by Mr Henderson of Douglstown.

### Holy Thursday

Pontifical High Mass was celebrated in the pro-Cathedral by his Lordship the Bishop of Chatham. Rev Father Bannon assisted as deacon, and Father Macdonald as sub-deacon. Father Varley was master of ceremonies. Father Gaynor was also present. The repository was beautifully decorated, and the Cathedral was thronged to assist at the august sacrifice.

### The Mills

Mr. Burchill's mill at Nelson, is having its double edger improved.

The Water Mill, it is said, will commence sawing the 18th inst.

Mr Peter Loggies mill will begin sawing, as soon as the ice gets away from the logs in the pond.

Senator Muirhead's new mill commences as soon as the river clears out. It will remind people of old times to hear this mill humming again.

Mr Scott Fairley's mill at Blackville commenced sawing on Tuesday last. Nearly forty men are employed. A drive of logs came into his mill pond on Tuesday.

Moffat's mill at Dalhousie, is having a new steam chest 10x2 ft. placed in it which will greatly improve the sawing facilities. The two gangs will be run this summer instead of three last summer.

### Concert in the Hall.

In our last issue it was stated there would be a "sacred concert" held by the St. Andrew's "choir," in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening next. This was a slight mistake. The concert will be held in the Masonic Hall, not by the St. Andrew's choir, nor will it be a "sacred concert." A selected number of children will give the entertainment and part of the programme will be the extremely popular operetta "Grandpapa's Birthday," and judging from the preparations, the singing talent and the excellent programme for the occasion, those who go to the Hall on Tuesday night may expect a rich treat.

The following is the Programme for Tuesday evening, in the Masonic Hall:—  
Chorus—"Come let's make our Voices Ring."  
Duet—"Star of the Twilight."—Misses E. Winslow and I. Haviland.  
Chorus—"Beautiful Birds of the Spring Time."

To be followed by the popular Operetta, entitled:—

"GRANDPAPA'S BIRTHDAY," which includes the following selections, viz:—

Duet—"Come where the Wild Flowers Bloom."—Misses E. Loudon and F. Gillespie.

Duet—"Come while the Daylight is Gleaming."—Misses A. Davidson and I. Haviland.

Solo—"Grandpapa, take these Flowers." Miss Annie Bowser.

Duet—"Arise from thy Dreaming." The Misses Gillespie.

Solo—"Put me in my Little Bed."—Miss Polly Winslow.

God save the Queen.

Doors open at 7.30, Concert to commence at eight.

Admission, 20c., Reserved seats 30c., Children half price.

### Personal.

Rev. Father Varriley of Bathurst, and Rev. Father Gaynor of Woodstock, were in Chatham Thursday.

Mr. K. F. Burns of Bathurst, and Mr. Richard Fairry arrived by the last Steamer from England. Mr Fairry is now in Chatham.

Mr. William Cowan of Montreal, and bride have recently spent a couple of days in Chatham on their bridal tour. They left for Montreal this morning.

### STAR BRIEFS.

Mr. George Cassidy's advertisement appears to day.

Mr W. S. Loggie intends putting new aills under his store.

New pews will be placed in the R. C. Chapel at Bartibogue this spring.

The roads to Napan have been rendered impassable by the last snow storm.

Twenty-four hours South wind, and a hot sun, might now make a clear river.

The lumber prospects are not so good in England now as at this time last year.

About twelve ships have cleared from Norwegian and British ports for the Miramichi.

Pilot George Savoy has purchased the pilot scho. "May Queen" from pilot Allen McEachren.

St John ship Captains are offering from \$55 to \$60 for the run home, to sailors, but can't get men.

The alleged Snowball mill at Red Bank is running now and saws about eighteen thousand feet of logs per day.

Hon. J. C. Pope, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and Mr. Whitcher are in Washington, Mr. Pope for the good of his health.

Some 20 men came down from Fredericton, last night, having been hired to work in a lumber mill at Chatham—says Thursday's Telegraph.

One of the wildest days we have had since the opening of winter was yesterday. It blew a gale, and snowed and drifted for the greater part of the day.

Mr O. McGolderick of Fredericton, was in town this week and purchased over sixty fox and loupervier skins from Mr R. Flanagan and Mr James Clowery.

Mr John Williston of Bay du Vin, killed a fine ox a few days ago: the quarters weighed 191 lbs. each. His Hon. Judge Wilkinson purchased one of them.

Messrs J. Y. Mersereau and E. H. Thompson have bought out a late town Photograph business. Mr. Mersereau will continue his sewing machine business as usual.

Mr J. Fraser of Chatham and other parties that fish salmon etc., off Point Sapo, have been greatly disappointed this season by not having secured their ice before it departed.

At a meeting of the Vulcan Fire Company recently held at Newcastle, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—W. J. Miller, Capt.; W. H. Buck, 1st Lieut.; R. L. Maltby, 2nd Lieut.; A. E. Parker, Sec'y.; T. J. McEwen, Treas.; Wm. Finn, John Hal-larhan, Joseph Ryan and Hiram Maltby, Pipemen; Thomas McGruar and James Herriman, Axemen.

### A TOUR THROUGH IRELAND.

#### EVIDENCES OF FAMINE.

Evictions fall thick as Autumn Leaves.

#### A Mountain Storm and Irish Hospitality.

(From Cor. Montreal "Witness.")

We find this correspondence so good, that we are loth to pass it. The writer is impartial, and his pictures are true to nature and deeply interesting. On the 25th of March he writes from the Donegal mountains,—

It was arranged that on Monday, 21st, I was to go with some kind friends to see life up among the mountains of Donegal, but down came a storm. Snow, hail, sleet, rain, hail, sleet and rain again. Storms rule and reign among these hills this March, destroying all prospect of March dust, I am afraid. Nothing could be done but wait till the storm was over, going to the windows once in a while to watch the snow driving past, or to notice that it had changed to sleet or rain. The mountain tops are white again, and look wild and wintry. To day it rains with a will. The cold here at present is more chill and penetrating than Canadian cold. I have put on more, and yet more clothing, and I am cold. Many, very many, people during the past dreary winter have had no bed clothes at all. I am afraid from what I see and hear that the famine was more dreadful here in Donegal than in Canada imagined. Plenty of people even now are living on Indian meal stirred about, without milk or anything else to make it palatable. This, three times a day, and thankful to have enough of it to satisfy hunger. It was pitiful to see little children and aged women, with but thin clothing on, walking bare foot through the snow slush of yesterday. My attention was drawn yesterday to a ballad singer, almost blind, "whose

LOOPED AND WINDOWED RAGGEDNESS" was picturesque. His dreary attempts at singing with his teeth chattering, the rain and sleet searching out every corner of his rags, was pitiful. He was hardly able to stand against the cutting wind. I sent out and bought his ballad as an excuse to give him the Queen's picture. The songs were clever for local poetry.

They were treasonous too, but then loyalty is the song of the well fed, well clad, well to do citizen. Treason and wretchedness fit well together, in a helpless, harmless way.

Your London correspondent of February 11th remarks, "Even Ireland has nothing left but to settle down and attend to putting in the crops." This is an English and comfortable view. The remark of a man who was not there to see. It is far otherwise here in County Donegal.

#### EVICTIONS ARE FLYING ABOUT

as thick as "the leaves of the forest when autumn hath blown." This wild second winter is the time selected for these evictions here and there. One of the speakers at Enniskillen said he had never seen so many ejections in his life; never knew such havoc made among the Irish tenantry. Purposed evictions are kept very secret. It is, in general, afterward and from the local papers that anything about evictions are known. I am told credibly, and I can well believe it, that any one who has seen evictions does not forget them in a hurry. I have been told of retired policemen who could not bear to speak of scenes in which duty obliged them to take part when in the force.

It has been said that "eviction is a sentence of death," by no less a person than Mr. Gladstone. Well these sentences of death are passed upon our fellow-creatures here and carried out without mercy.

In the middle of my letter I got the long-awaited for opportunity to leave Ramelton behind and go up

#### INTO THE DONEGAL HILLS.

The sky was blue, although the wind was cold, and it was blowing quite a gale. We had not left the town far behind when the storm recommenced in all its fury. The hail beat in our faces until we were obliged to cover up our heads. Funnally the pony refused to go a step farther, but turned his obstinate shoulder to the storm and stood there, where there was no shelter of any kind, and there he stood till the storm moderated a little, only to recommence again. Up one hill, down another along a bleak road, through a bog, past the waters of Lough Fern, up more hills, round other hills, across other bleak bogs, through the little town of Kilmacrennan, up other hills, the storm meanwhile raging in all its fury, until we drew up on the lee side of a little mountain chapel. The clergyman, who happened to be there, received us most courteously, and conducted us to his house. We were offered refreshments, and treated with the greatest kindness. Owing to this priest's courtesy and kindness, I was provided with a room in the house of one of his parishioners, a Mountain side farmer. I parted with my friends with much regret. They returned to Ramelton through the storm, which increased in fury every moment. I, in the safe shelter of the farm house, looked out of the window, hoping the storm would moderate, but it increased until every thing a few yards from the house, every mountain top and hill side were blotted out, and nothing could be seen but the flurryng snow driven past by the winds.

I could not help feeling extremely anxious for the safe return to town of these friends. Their assistance, wise counsel, and christian kindness to me and interest in my work, will always make Ramelton a place of remembrance to me. I have now left the Presbyterians of the rich low-lying lands behind, and am

#### UP AMONG THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE OF THE HILLS.

I have felt quite at home with these kindly folks. They remind me of the kindness of the Celtic population of another and far-off land. I like the sound of the Irish tongue, which is spoken all around me. I feel quite at home by the peat fire piled up on the hearth. The house where I am staying is that of a farmer of the better class. A low thatched house divided into a but and a ben. The kitchen end has the bare rafters, black and shining, with concentrated smoke. The parlor end is floored above and has a board floor. Among the colored prints of the Saviour which adorn the wall are two engravings, in gilt frames, of Bright and Gladstone, bought when the Land Bill of 1870 was passed. This Bill by the way, has been evaded with great ease, for the law breakers were the great who knew the law, and the wronged were the poor who were ignorant of it. The farmers wife could not do enough to make me welcome. She had the kind and comely face and pleasant tongue that reminded me of Highland friends in the long ago. The name of Murray, which is a prevalent name on these hills, had a Highland sound. Feeling welcome, and safe under the care that has led me thus far, I fell asleep in the best bed, with its ancient blue and white hangings, and slept soundly.

These people are very thrifty. The blankets of the bed were homespun, the fine linen towel was the same. The mistress's dress was homemade, and so was the cloth of her husband's clothes. In noticing this I was told that where they could keep a few sheep the people were better off, but it was harder now to keep sheep than formerly. In the lifetime of the good Earl the waste hills were common property, and a sheep or a goat might wander there, and pick among the heather. With the advent to power of the late Earl, this was all changed. He began with compelling payment for every animal at large on the wild hill tops among the heather, 25c for each sheep, and when a lamb came 12 1/2c additional. Of course on the better lands the price is more. This regulation made it impossible for the very poor to have sheep. I must stop now for the mail.

#### Donegal, near Kilmacrennan, March 26th, 1881.

## REPORT OF THE INTERIOR.

### PROFESSOR MACCOUN'S REPORT.

#### THE HUNTERS PARADISE.

##### GENERAL INFORMATION.

[Interior Department.]

(CONTINUED.)

The party began to shoot ducks after the middle of August. They shot coot, or mud hens then in abundance, but they had to wade almost to their necks in the water and mire to get the game. The bird was an inveterate diver, and went down at the flash.

After the middle of August they began to shoot the Gadwall or Grey Duck (Chaulelasmus streperus) and Red Breasted Merganser (Mergus serrator) bred in numbers on the plains.

After the middle of September, the sea ducks began to arrive and it is no figure of speech to say that the ponds and lakes were alive with them. For the following six weeks feathered game of every kind were so abundant that any person in a week could have shot enough ducks and geese to have lasted a family all winter. Within a day's journey of the Creek Reserve on the north side of the Cypress Hills, is a large lake, named by the professor Gull Lake, that during the last days of August was literally alive with birds, and when one shot was enough to supply six with a dinner yet the Indians were largely depending on the Government rations at this time, and Col. McDonald could scarcely persuade a few young men to go and kill a few ducks, by liberal offers of powder and shot.

The trouble seems to be that the Indians have nothing but rifles, so the professor recommends that they be supplied with shot guns.

#### GEESE, DUCKS &c.

Geese, ducks and prairie chickens are taking to the stubble fields in the fall so that no difficulty will be found by incoming settlers to lay up a supply of fat fowl for the winter. About forty species of game birds were either shot or seen on the prairie, and it is very probable that many species were not observed as the party passed far east of the main migrating lines. All birds shot were fat and soup made from the various species of snipe and plover was considered a great dainty. The value of the bird crop after the railroad is built will be enormous, but the destruction of eggs in the spring by Indians must cease. None but those who reside in the interior or have been there in the autumn can realize the number of birds living or passing through it at that season.

#### HAWKS &c.

Hawks were numerous and various species were shot both on the prairie and in the river valleys. The sparrow-hawk (Falco sparverius) was always found in the vicinity of wood and frequented all the stream valleys throughout the country. Along the prairie and over ponds and marshes the Marsh Harrier (Circus Hudsonius) was constantly gliding and frequently paid the death penalty for his inquisitiveness. Many fine Swainson's Hawk (Buteo swainsoni) were shot. This hawk delighted to sail close along the top of the cliffs bordering a stream and pick up any living thing observed. Specimens of the Rough Legged Hawk (Archibuteo lagopus) were obtained, but it was very wary and always soared at a great height. Other species were in more or less abundance, and one young specimen of the Bald Headed Eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) was obtained where it was evidently catching snakes at the margin of a lake. A multitude of birds made up of different species was shot.

#### BOTANICAL NOTES.

A voyager on the Assiniboine in the ascent from Winnipeg to the Grand Valley cannot but remark the paucity of species in the river valley as regards trees. It is true he sees familiar forms but many Eastern species are wanting, and he looks in vain for beech, maple or pine and only occasionally does he see oak or ash. Poplar and elm with willows which sometimes attain to the size of trees make up the bulk of the wood, while roses (Rosa blanda) and Pembina berries (Viburnum Lentago) form almost impassible thickets.

#### BERRIES &c.

Wild black and red currants are numerous in the valleys. A beautiful western shrub the buffalo berry (Shepherdia argentea) is occasionally seen on the Assiniboine, but it is only on the Saskatchewan it is seen in its beauty. The latter and its cousin the Elargous Argentea, silver berry, are well worthy of cultivation, being perfectly hardy and having beautiful silvery leaves and sweet scented flowers—the blossoms of the latter about the middle of June actually loading the air with their fragrance. Later in the season, the former is loaded down with its close clusters of bright red acid berries, which were found to be an excellent corrective to salt pork when made into jelly and sweetened.

The extensive plain lying between Grand Valley and Moose Mountain was aglow with beautiful flowers. The air was full of the fragrance of roses. A thousand other shrubs and flowers were met on the way, and when near Moose Mountain, the Professor describes the tract he has passed over as "these lovely gardens."

This ends our extracts from Professor Maccoun's report. We shall in future issues have something from the report of the North West Mounted Police Force; and the Indian report, both belonging to the Interior Department.

### The Sunday Magazine.

The May number of this excellent periodical contains, us usual, an abundance of interesting and edifying reading matter. Among the articles of particular excellence are a seasonable one entitled "May-day Observances," by Josephine Pollard, with nine illustrations; "Ancient and Modern Church Music," by Alfer-ton Hervey; "Egyptian Houses and Homes," by Sara Keables Hunt; "Medicine and the Missionaries," by L. A. Ballard, M. D.; "The British and the Boers," etc.; each article is admirably illustrated. "Out of the World," Mrs. O'Reilly's interesting serial, is continued and there are several short stories and sketches by George J. Hagar, Hans Christian Anderson and other popular writers. The essays are by Parsonicus, Rev. Alexander McLeod, Rev. James M. Whitton, D. D., Hattie N. Morris, Thos. L. Chase, LL.D., etc., etc. The poems are numerous and generally of great merit. Besides a large amount of entertaining and instructive miscellany are the following exceedingly interesting features: "The Home Pulpit," sermon by Rev. Joseph Parker, D. D.; "Hard Places in the Bible," by Rev. Dr. Deems; "Temperance Talk," "The Invalid's Portion and Thoughts for the Afflicted," "Glimpses at the Religious World," "International Sunday school Lessons," etc., etc. There are 128 quarto pages in each number, and nearly 100 illustrations. Price of single copy, 25 cents; annual subscription \$3 post-paid. Address, Frank Leslie's Publishing House, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place, New York.

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