

LOCAL & GENERAL.

Mining Disaster at Spring Hill.
On Monday, 23rd inst., a n explosion took place in the Spring Hill coal mines, by which 119 men met their deaths. The cause of the explosion is not definitely known. Upwards of fifty widows and one hundred and fifty orphans are left almost destitute. Relief has been sent from different places to help defray funeral expenses and alleviate the suffering consequent upon the disaster. It is the worst disaster but one, that of Scottsville, Pa., in the mining history of America.

Death of Rt. Rev. Patrick Houlihan.
NASHUA, Feb. 18.—Rt. Rev. Patrick Houlihan, pastor of the church of the Immaculate Conception, and the oldest priest in the city, died at the parochial residence at 1.30 this morning. There is universal sorrow through the city, as Father Houlihan was beloved by all citizens, and the residence is being visited by hundreds of citizens to show their respect.

Patrick Houlihan was born in Limerick, Ire. At the age of 2 years he was taken to New Brunswick by his parents. He studied for the priesthood at St. Ann's Quebec, and the Grand Seminary, Montreal, and was ordained for the priesthood at the cathedral at St. John in 1860. For a time he was secretary of Archbishop Connolly of New Brunswick. He was assistant priest at the cathedral at St. John and at the church at Fredericton, N. B.; was parish priest at Moncton and Kingston, N. B. He then came to the States, and was placed in charge of the mission of Peterboro, which included the 12 towns at the west of Hillsboro county.

His headquarters were at Peterboro and Milford. He was then appointed parish priest at Keene, and was installed priest of the church of the Immaculate Conception in February, 1882, to succeed Father John O'Donald. He has done noble work here. His health falling him, the summer of '86 he spent in Ireland, and that of '87 with Bishop Brady, on a pilgrimage to Rome, and spent the summer at Aix. He has been an invalid ever since his return. He will be buried at Moncton, N. B.

Bathurst Letter.

THE REVIEW is fast increasing in popularity in this section of Northern New Brunswick, and bids fair to rival many an older paper in the number of its subscribers. Our people evidently know a good thing when they see it and appreciate it at its proper value.

It is rather a difficult matter to write an interesting letter from here just now, for the excellent reason there is so little to write about. A cloud of lenten solemnity dims the social atmosphere, and business is dull in all lines, owing, in a manner to the unusual severity of the weather. A lover of the beautiful in nature, would probably find no fault with the size and grandeur of our snowbanks; but to practical folks, with a weakness for an occasional breath of fresh air, the perspective is not exactly lovely. Snowshoeing, once in a way, is an exercise not to be despised, but there is a possibility of having too much of a good thing, and snowshoeing as a constant mode of locomotion, is apt to become decidedly flat, staid and monotonous in a very short time.

It is much to be deplored that those directly concerned in the discussion of the school difficulties, have so entirely lost sight of the subject under controversy, in their personal attacks upon each other. They should devote some of the time spent in scribbling to no purpose, to praying that the "giftie" might be given them to see themselves as "others see" them, for I certainly believe that just one glimpse "with others eyes," would reveal so plainly the exquisite absurdity of the situation that "Truth" and "Anti-humbug" and, all the rest of the humbogs would retire from publicity for ever and for aye.

Politics! Politics! All is politics! Everything else sinks into insignificance beside the all absorbing topic of the hour! It is too early, as yet, to say much on the subject, but it takes but a very small straw to show that the French party breezes are blowing strongly self-representative-ward. It promises to be a sort of neck and neck race between the races.

The business manager of THE REVIEW, Mr. Caie, made a short visit to Bathurst recently. He got so far into our good graces during his brief stay that I am assured I'd he prolonged his residence among us he would easily have attained the position of a general favorite. We hope he will soon come to see us again.
PAUL VASHER.

MEETINGS.

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16, F. & A. M., meets Monday on or after full moon, in Masonic hall.
Richibucto Division, No. 42, S. of T. meets Wednesday evening in the Temperance hall.
The W. C. T. U. meets the first Wednesday in every month, at 3 p. m., at the President's, Mrs. John Thompson's.
Rev. F. A. Wightman will hold " Wesley memorial services" on Sabbath March 1st as follows:—McWilliam's Corner, 10.30; Capt. Smith's Corner, 2; and Weldford at 6.30.

Main River Notes.

Valentine's day is past and some of our young folks were remembered by their friends in West Branch by receiving some pictures which, by the way, were not very flattering, and judging by the storm of indignation which burst forth, were not very highly appreciated, which goes to prove the truth of the old proverb, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Influenza has been prevalent in this locality of late. W. W. Graham is recovering from a severe attack of it, being confined to the house for several days. Mrs. Allanach and Miss Lizzie Warman were slightly indisposed.

A number of our young friends drove to town on Saturday last. The Misses Graham, Thompson and John Tweedie and W. W. Graham and Miss Lizzie Warman were among the number.

Our quiet little village has been behind the times lately in the matrimonial business, and some of our orators are asking "is marriage a failure?" but the hearts of loving couples had been joined together and all that was required was a few words from a parson to make it binding, and Dame Rumor says there will be three wedding in March, which makes the hearts of some of our young men turn chilly as one of the fair ones is to go to Port Elgin to make her home. We wish her every happiness in her new home.

A number of our young men, "professional hunters," are very busy trying to catch the little rabbit, the woods being so full of snares that it is unsafe to travel alone. So far they have been unsuccessful the sharp teeth of the rabbit proving too much for the home made twine.

Mr. John Grant, shoemaker, is plying his trade at Alexander Murray's for the past few weeks.

The mud digging season is at hand and the farmers are making preparations. Mr. A Murray is building a new digger which is to be rigged with Lucas' patent shovel. These diggers give general satisfaction.

While some persons were waiting for mail on Thursday last they were startled by a loud report in the woodshed, and on going out it was discovered to be Peter who had fired a bullet out of an old rusty gun. Peter has returned to Main River after an absence of some months.

SUGGESTS.

—The icemen are busy harvesting ice. Mr. Richard O'Leary, of Campbellton, is in town.
—Frozen salmon for sale. Apply to G. W. Robertson.

—Beef sold on the street Tuesday for 4½ to 7 cent per lb cut.

—Mr. John Anderson, of Dorchester, is visiting town, his native place.

—The mercury dropped twenty-seven degrees below the cipher on Sunday morning.

—We are indebted to Mr. Joseph M. Sutton, of Waltham, Mass., for late American papers.

—The salary of Rev. Geo. Bruce, pastor of St. David's Presbyterian church, St. John, has been increased to \$2,500.

—A number of communications, and other interesting matter unavoidably crowded out of this issue.

—Lamy's Hotel, in Amherst, captures a large majority of commercial travellers. The reason is because Billy Ganong fills the bill as a model boniface, and takes good care of the "boys," who will endorse his clerk Gorman as a "jim dandy."—Gripsack.

—We are in receipt of a new paper, the Normal Light, published by the students of the Normal School at Fredericton. It is a small eight page paper, full of interesting reading matter written by the students. It is published monthly. Mr. H. Dean Creed is the chief editor.

Among the many who lately visited the town were Mrs. Grogan and Miss McInerney. They were the guests of Miss Sutton for the past month. By their fascinating and agreeable manners they won many friends. They left for Campbellton last week en route for Minominee, Mich., where the family of Mrs. Grogan reside.

—Political discussions seem to be the order of the day. Wherever two or three men are seen together, it may be taken for granted that politics is the subject of discussion. Judging by the warmth with which parties on both sides adhere to their respective opinions, it would seem that much interest will be taken in the coming contest.

Kingston Notes.

Mr. Robert Harding, who had not visited this village for five months, appeared to us on Friday afternoon; and after having oiled the wheels of his vocal machinery at the "Royal," he entertained a party of friends with some of the beautiful, tender lyrics of the "Come all ye" variety that gladdened the hearts of "Merry England" before Queen Elizabeth began to wear long dresses. Mr. H's rendering of these pieces could not fail to enrapture any lover of harmony. The old gentleman's seventy four years sit lightly on him. He seems almost as vigorous as when he first swung the cradle in his native island fields, or stood behind the counter of his father's store in Georgetown, or gaffed a halibut on the coast of Labrador.

As a result of a note in THE REVIEW a few weeks ago, Mr. W. T. Girvan has sold his horse "Gray Sam" to Messrs. Mazerolle of St. Louis, for a good price. These gentlemen are to be congratulated on their procuring such a horse. Sam can catch a runaway hard shell quicker than some cats could catch a mouse. Mr. G. has purchased a fine young mare which he thinks is fast enough to run an election.

Not even the late zero weather has had the effect of cooling the fervour of some of our citizens on both sides of the political fence. The questions at issue and the merits of the respective candidates afford the street corner orators ample opportunity of displaying their skill. In some cases, a man with a five dollar bill which he is willing to wager on the result of the election, can quell an opponent easier than if he had spent hours in argument and exhausted his whole stock of political knowledge. This is another illustration of the power of "the almighty dollar."

Your correspondent didn't interview the senior member of the firm of boot and shoe manufacturers here, who said that unrestricted reciprocity would ruin his trade; and should the Liberals get into power emigration to Siberia or Botany Bay was the only alternative.

After an absence of several months, our weather prophet is among us again with the startling prediction that we shall have two feet of snow added to our present adequate supply before St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. Donald McArthur, one of our oldest residents, is dangerously ill. It is thought that he cannot recover. Mr. McArthur is about eighty years old.

Wm. J. Brait, Esq., is visiting St. John on business.

Three of our young men Wm. English, Wm. J. Bowser and Edmund Hutchinson will leave for the Pacific Coast this week.

What it Means.

No attempt is made to refute the proposition that Unrestricted Reciprocity means:
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"Washington control of our financial affairs and our commercial policy."
"The destruction of three-fourths of our trade with Europe."
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