

EVERY SATURDAY.

CORNER QUEEN AND REGENT STREETS,

THE HERALD.

ARRANGEMENTS TAKING SHAPE.

Although Fredericton's programme for the reception and entertainment of Lord and Lady Aberdeen cannot as yet be announced with absolute certainty in all its details, the general scope of it is fairly within the minds of the gentlemen who have charge of the affair.

It is understood that the programme in detail may be unofficially stated as follows:— Wednesday, Aug. 15th—Arrival of the Vice Royal party by train from St. John, and disembarkment at the foot of Brunswick Street, about 6 p. m.; dinner at Government House the same evening, to be followed by a reception given in honor of the visitors by Governor and Mrs. Fraser in the Parliament buildings.

Thursday, Aug. 16th.—In the forenoon the visitors will be driven around the city and to Marysville, and in the afternoon the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association and the City Corporation will present their addresses, followed by speeches from the Governor General, Ex-Governor Board of Illinois, Prof. Robinson, and prominent local men.

Friday, Aug. 17th.—If agreeable to the visitors, a special steamer will be placed at their disposal for a trip down the river to St. John.

These are the arrangements so far as THE HERALD can learn from authentic sources this morning. Governor Fraser is taking an active part in the preparations and acting in concert with the Attorney General and the committee, to make them as complete and satisfactory as possible.

THE SESSION.

The Parliamentary session which opened at Ottawa on the 9th of March, will close Monday afternoon, having lasted four months and twelve days. It has been most barren of useful legislation, and notorious for the corruption it has revealed.

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I further affirm that I shall call the attention of the editor of the Gleaner to his false and malicious libel and to that end I have already placed the matter in the hands of my solicitor.

June 8. LEIGHTON, Registrar Deeds, Carleton County, Woodstock, July 13th.

FARMERS' PESTS.

A Keswick farmer informs THE HERALD that the oat fields in that vicinity are suffering from a new pest, which leaves the grain in a scorched and useless condition.

The same pest, which is called, has such a voracious appetite, that most of the late oats and a great deal of the early will be destroyed if the plague continues its ravages. The fly is so small as to be hardly visible to the naked eye, but when placed under a microscope it is seen to be armed with a pair of pincers, with which it pierces the oat.

A poison contained by the sippers of the insect, works its destructive course, turning the straw a reddish color. One bite is sufficient to blast a stalk of grain. With the parent are associated several of a brood, each of which does its share in the work of destruction.

The same farmer also tells us that the potatoes are suffering severely from the bug, which do not yield to generous doses of Paris green as formerly. He believes the poison, as now sold, is adulterated and will not do its work as effectively as formerly.

Some farmers, whose crops have been quite destroyed by the bug, have ploughed up their fields anew and cropped them with buckwheat.

A Pleasant Excursion.

I happened to be one of the lucky ones that was on the Rev. Mr. Bell's excursion to Chatham on the 11th inst. It is about thirty years since I moved from Chatham, and I am sorry to find that Chatham has not improved in appearance. The west end of the town has gone back. I was sorry to see the old Millrace ship yard and mill property gone to decay, also the David Bichey ship yard and several other industries, all things of the past.

The east end of the town has made marked improvement. Wm. Richard's mill, Snowbell's and the pulp mill have been employed to large purpose. Mr. Richard is very popular in Chatham, and everyone has a good word for him. A great improvement in the town, is the fact that there are no open liquor houses there used to be. The Scotch act has done much to improve the morals of the people, and the inspector is the right man in the right place.

At two o'clock, p. m., we boarded the trim little steamer "Newcastle," and the sail up the Miramichi river is just lovely. We got a fine view of the old French fort, where once the French planted their batteries and their grim models of their guns guarded the river so that no enemy could reach their town on the river's bank.

Newcastle has rapidly improved having fine public buildings; in fact all the buildings in Newcastle are tasteful, clean and pretty, and the streets are clean and well kept. The old square the people made a new pasture in by one day is now just lovely. It is a nice fence and planted with nice shade trees; it also has nice gravel walks, there is a nice fountain, and a very high flag staff where the old Union Jack is unfurled to the breeze, reminding one that under it there is protection to life and property.

I must not forget to mention our old friend, the caretaker of the post office and custom house, which is a fine freestone building and every part of which is so clean and trim that it is a real pleasure to go through it. Then our friend took us to his own apartments on the top flat, and introduced us to his lovely daughter, who is a host in herself and served light refreshments. Time being up, we had to part with our new friends, and we carry home with us kind memories of them, and when they are done with the things of time, I hope their end will be peace and their heaven glorious. I must say that the employes on the C. E. R. are the most obliging lot of good fellows I ever got acquainted with.

Bloomfield, York, July 14th, 1894.

Registrar Leighton to the Gleaner.

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Upper Gagetown.

JULY 13.—The strawberry festival and fancy sale which was held here on the 2nd, proved a grand success. Although there was an excursion to Fredericton very few went. We desire to thank the people from a distance for their kind aid. The proceeds which amount to \$35.50 will go to the repairing of the interior of the F. C. B. church.

The people here have been having for some time on the highlands. The Bandford Carrier returned to-day from his trip up river.

Nelson Carrier and his bride are spending a few days here, guests of C. L. Carrier. They leave on Wednesday the 25th. Their future home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The usual number of boarders are stopping at the boarding house.

White's Cove.

JULY 13.—The farmers in this vicinity have begun haying. The hay crop is somewhat better than last year.

Mr. L. P. Perris, M.P.P., and wife have gone on a visit to Dorchester.

Rev. C. P. Hurley, Episcopal, will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday.

Messrs. W. Wright, Gordon Knight, F. D. White, and W. Gunter, are home spending their holidays.

Miss Jennie Macdonald of Macdonald's Corner has the school for the coming term. Miss Mary Orchard is visiting friends in Carleton Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooke of Boston are visiting at Wm. Taylor's.

The wife of E. J. McGarrigle, formerly of this city, died at Vancouver, B. C., on the 11th inst. The deceased, whose maiden name was Miss Sharp, was for some years a well known Fredericton milliner.

F. M. Tweedie of Chatham, son of the Surveyor General was at the Queen's yesterday and left for Queen's county coal fields where he is to be engaged in surveying.

Sunday, July 22, the morning services at the Baptist church, Gibson, will be in commemoration of the death of Miss Yeomans.

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