

Local and General News.

"A WITNESS" story of a bear hunt, etc., will appear next week—too late for this issue.

OVER TRAVELERS are due to Mr. Dixon of the Western Union Office at St. John's for telegraphic fares, last week.

MEN WANTED.—The contractor for St. Peter's Canal improvements, advertises for 200 laborers and 50 horses and carts.

THE SECRETARIES rendered vacant by the death of the late Hon. John Robertson will, it is said, be given to D. Lewin, Esq., President of the Bank of New Brunswick.

INCIDENT.—We see that some of the papers have been reporting that Chatham Station was considered in danger from bush fires. No such danger has been apprehended.

FIRE.—Police officer, John Bullock's house, in the lower part of the town, caught fire on Monday afternoon, but was not much damaged, as it was very soon extinguished.

ST. JOHN'S.—The people will be surprised to learn that some of their fugitive Irishmen on Friday night last and temporarily detained three out-going ships until the sun shined in the morning.

REBUILDING.—A. D. Shieriff Esq., is to sell fourteen eligible building lots in Chatham and vicinity to-morrow, being desirous to secure such property should take advantage of the sale. See advt.

THE NEW RECTORY.—Work on the new Rectory in connection with St. Mary's Chapel is being vigorously forwarded by the contractor, Mr. Henry Wilkinson. The materials are provided by the contractor and the building is to be completed by the 31st of April.

THE "COOPER."—Indicates that our reply to the recent references to the ADVANCE caused great amusement in the St. John's publishing Co. That is precisely what we intended, for those who can receive no higher intelligence than a laugh should be tickled now and then.

INSURED.—The Paris crew's new boat was seriously damaged on Thursday afternoon by accidently catching fire in collision with Drayton's boat, which was only slightly injured. Mr. Leveson, the spare man of the Paris crew, had one of his hands injured by the accident.

LOCAL TRAVEL.—The new wharf at Mr. Wilkinson's, Dunville, will be finished in about a fortnight and is expected to be even before that time. The new pier will commence calling there on her trips between Chatham and Newcastle. This arrangement will be a great convenience to the people of that vicinity.

SCHOOL MEETING.—A special meeting of the Trustees of the School at St. John's, Chatham, is advertised by handbills to take place at ten o'clock on Saturday forenoon at the school room at present occupied by Miss Twiss. The meeting is called for the purpose of providing school accommodation in the District.

THE DEAF AND DUMB.—An excellent Mr. Teal, the Deaf and Dumb man who is now soliciting subscriptions at the North for the St. John's Deaf and Dumb School, to the most favorable consideration of our people. He is highly accomplished and engaged in a worthy cause. We shall refer sympathetically to the Institution he represents next week.

THE "GLEANER."—The Advocate says the *Gleaner* is to be revived by Mr. Pierce. We have heard a rumor to the same effect and that the paper is to be issued from the office of the late Herald. A short time ago there was a rumor to the effect that Mr. Tracy was going to revive the *Herald*, but he did not do so. Mr. Pierce may, however, have more tenacity than Mr. Tracy and feel better qualified for successfully re-establishing a paper in the face of hard times.

NON-DEAD.—The *Advertiser* says the young man, McKenna, reported in the ADVANCE as having died at Bathurst from drinking and holding his head in cold water while overboard from rowing, is not dead. We are glad to hear it. The correspondent who sent the item is generally reliable, but it is possible that, in Mr. McKenna's case, he was misinformed. Another correspondent has sent us an item about an ignorant fellow who killed his cow by giving her clover and water. The correspondent, however, did not publish it as that too may be contradicted.

DR. AXONIA, of Berlin, Prussia, evidently ranks high as a Physician and Surgeon in his native country, as proved by the Diplomas and Credentials in his possession, and many who have been under his treatment in St. John, Moncton, Miramichi, and other parts of the Province, have found him skillful and able to fulfil his promises. Those who suffer from defective sight or hearing, or any chronic complaints will profit by consulting the Doctor as early as possible. He has taken rooms at Mr. B. Stapleton's, Duke Street, where he will remain until 14th September, during which time he may be consulted daily, free of charge.

PERSONAL.—John White, Esq., of the firm of Stewart and White, St. John, and Geo. D. Craig, Esq., of Boston, are visiting Hall's Safe and Lock Company, Boston as in town.

Chas. Carmichael, Esq., Acting Sept. of the Dominion Meteorological Department was in town during the present week. He is on an official inspecting tour.

W. W. Street, Esq., of St. John was in town yesterday.

Mr. Rennie, Esq., is visiting his Miramichi friends.

T. Buckley Robinson, Esq., of St. John was here yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Maguire is about to leave Chatham for Digby, and he will probably be succeeded in the Rectory of the Reformed Episcopal Church here by Rev. Thomson L. Smith of St. Joseph, Me.

T. M. C. A. A meeting in the interest of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Maritime Provinces, was held in the Temperance Hall, Chatham, on Monday evening last. In the absence, through illness, of the President, Rev. Wm. Wilson, Mr. A. W. Paterson occupied the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Williams, after which the 18th Psalm of the Y. M. C. A. collection was sung, followed by the reading of a portion of Scripture.

The chairman then introduced Mr. D. M. Stearns, the delegate of the Halifax Association. This gentleman occupied about three quarters of an hour in the delivery of an earnest and forcible address, in which he spoke at length of the work for which these associations were formed, and the duty of members to do all in their power to forward the cause of religion. He instanced many cases in which these associations had done good work, and among others, spoke of the great success attending that among the Germans of New York. In concluding, Mr. Stearns urged upon the young men who were his

hears the necessity of keeping up their association and increasing the number of its members by all means in their power.

After an anthem had been sung by the choir, Mr. McLean, of Halifax, was introduced by the chairman, and also spoke of the good work done by the associations. This gentleman spoke of personal experience among the associations of the provinces, United States, Britain, and France.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the speakers, through Rev. Mr. McFie, who spoke briefly of the aims of the association.

Rev. Mr. Crisp also addressed the audience briefly. After the doxology had been sung, a benediction was pronounced, and the meeting closed.

On the invitation of the chairman a number of young men attended after the meeting and made arrangements towards reviving the Chatham association. An meeting in furtherance of this object was held on Monday evening, at which a committee was appointed to secure a room for holding meetings, and another to make an effort to increase the attendance, by calling eligible persons and laying the claims of the society before them. Another meeting will be held on Monday evening next.

Visit of the Bishop of Fredericton to the North Shore.

The Lord Bishop of Fredericton, who is now visiting the northern part of his Diocese, arrived, accompanied by Mrs. Mooney, by train at Chatham on Friday 11th inst., and during his stay in Miramichi was the guest of Wm. Wilkinson, Esq., of Beaulieu.

On Sunday 13th inst. he administered the Rite of Confirmation to twenty-seven candidates, presented by the Rector in St. Mary's Church at morning service. There was a large congregation present and the occasion was very interesting one. His Lordship delivered an address from Phillips 1st, 27th, in the course of which he took occasion to express his satisfaction at the evidence he had seen and heard of the increasing interest of the people of the Church in the affairs, and the evident progress it was making in the Parish. He referred to the new school building connected with St. Mary's which he had visited before, and said it was one calculated to reflect credit upon any congregation in the Province.

On the same evening His Lordship administered the Rite of Confirmation at St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle. The Address made was:

Eleven candidates were presented to the Bishop by the Priest in charge. The Church of the Church presented a beautiful address, the Bishop being decorated with light wreaths of evergreen and white immortelles, and the altar being brilliantly and adorned with many vases of choice flowers. The service was impressive and beautiful, and in spite of the hot weather the church was filled. The Bishop, as is his wont, preached a beautiful and appropriate sermon from Isaiah VII, exhorting the people to greater reverence for holy places and things.

On Tuesday last week His Lordship, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Forsyth, Rector of Chatham, left Beaulieu at noon and proceeded to Digby on the South side of the river. He was joined at Chatham's by Rev. Mr. Prims, of Newcastle, and Rev. Mr. Cruden, of Digby, and before crossing the river, consecrated a graveyard at that place.

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wet. The alarm being made the Chatham Steam fire Engine was procured after a little delay, owing to the fire being out of the district and there was some doubt whether it was of sufficient magnitude to justify the machine being taken so far from the town. In a few minutes, however, the steam was sent away by the Fireworks, the Engineer, Mr. Rullock, wisely determining to take her up on Mr. Harlan's Ferry Steamer, if possible, it being doubtful whether she could be advantageously handled in the dead yard. Mr. Harlan, as soon as the engine was put on board his boat, lost no time in reaching the scene of the fire, the distance from Chatham being accomplished in thirteen minutes. In the meantime the fire had grown to immense proportions. The pile in which it originated was a huge mass of frame which shot high in the air and blazed out at the sides, throwing off a heat which forbade near approach than within a hundred feet of it; other piles, consisting of deals, boards, deal ends, clapboards, etc., had also ignited and men were working with buckets, not in the way of putting the fire out, but to prevent it communicating with other lumber piles and the mill. On the trip from Chatham everything had become so hot and dry, by the engine was divided, enabling the firemen to get three leads of hose out, which they did, directing the water at the points where the fire could be most advantageously fought.

There was a great feeling of relief when the Chatham engine arrived, for pile after pile had been seized and the fire was rapidly sweeping on to the large mill. Its forward progress was arrested by the water thrown upon it, but while ignited and kept down, the piles continued to burn underneath and the quantity of water that could be thrown was sufficient to prevent danger from that cause. Hundreds of men who had gathered from all points worked hard and patiently, for from the time the fire commenced, at about half past three, until nine o'clock at night the chances of saving the large mill, and, indeed, any of the lumber on the premises, were considered doubtful. One of the Chatham hand engines and the Newcastle engine got to the scene of the fire during the afternoon and did good service. At nine o'clock it became apparent that a masonry tower at the mill had been gained and the men worked on, pulling down piles of deals and getting at their foundations where the larger still lurked, emitting such dense and suffocating smoke as to seriously interfere with effective work. The large steam engine had been down the river all day reaching the wharf about midnight and three water on the smoldering fires still morning.

While the fire was at its height a man whose name we do not know, was crossing from one deal pile to another on a deal, and he fell into the water, but he was not seriously injured.

Mr. Morrison had, we believe, \$10,000 insurance, in the Queen, on all the lumber in the yard, so he will have to bear the greater part of the loss himself. The quantity of lumber destroyed, which is estimated at 1,000,000 feet, which ought to be worth from \$8,000 to \$10,000. A large quantity was also thrown into the river to save it and the expense of recovering it will be considerable.

About an hour after the deal yard took fire a store just across the Cove, directly to leeward, owned by Henry Cunard, Esq., ignited from a flying brick and before an attempt could be made to arrest the flames the destruction of the building was a matter of certainty, and that too was destroyed, down to its foundation. A dwelling owned by Mr. Cunard and occupied by Mr. Michael Lopenan also took fire and burned to the ground. Mr. Lopenan's family succeeded in escaping, but we learn, in saving most of their effects. Mr. Cunard had no insurance on the property destroyed, which was worth about \$10,000.

Great praise is due to Mr. Harlan for the readiness and public spirit he displayed in placing his steamer at the disposal of the Fireward, and the letters are congratulated on being the means of saving thousands of dollars of deals and both the mill, by sending the Steam Fire Engine to Mr. Morrison's assistance, for it is considered on all hands that had it not been for the Chatham engine all the deals as well as the mill would have been destroyed. Mr. Rullock remained by his engine from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until five next morning, and some of his assistants did the same. Of those who worked in the dead yard and at the hand engines there were none who did not appear to be in the prime of their health and exerted to the end of their best individual efforts, and the saving of so much valuable property is due to the manifestation of this spirit.

The P. E. I. Elections.

The Local Government of Prince Edward Island, which appears to have espoused the cause of Secular education has been defeated. The contest was a very sharp and exciting one. The successful candidates were as follows:—

Not Secularists: SOTERIALX
Wm. Campbell 2nd Dist.
Donald McKay 3rd Dist.
Henry Bay 4th Dist.

Secularists: SOTERIALX
Wm. Walsby 4th Dist.
John J. Robertson 5th Dist.
Hon. D. Gordon, Georgetown.
Hon. J. J. McDonald, Georgetown.
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