

Local and General News.

Mrs. MACKER has been giving public readings in Bangor.

PERIA SALMON are plentiful in the market, at \$1.00 each.

NEW CHURCH. — The Roman Catholics are about to erect a church at Black Rock.

SHIPPING MATTER. — Capt. J. J. Brown has been appointed Shipping Master of the Port of Chatham.

SUPPLYING BARRICADES. — The steamship "Enterprise" is progressing quite rapidly towards completion under contract.

THE STEAMSHIP "Enterprise" has not received a second trial yet, owing to the non-arrival of the new rubber hose ordered by the Firewards.

DEPARTURE. — Dr. Haley is to visit Newcastle and Chatham about the last of June. Private business has prevented him from coming sooner.

A MOUNTAIN OF SCOTCH GRANITE, 25 feet in height, has been erected in Halifax to the memory of the late Alexander Keith. It cost £1000 sterling.

WOLVES who wish to make a good selection of film, rods or other fishing tackle, will do well to call at the Miramichi Bookstore before the stock is reduced.

SALMON SMUTTERS will be interested in the advertisement of the consolidated E. and N. A. Railway, who are prepared to put food fish through, all rail, in quick time.

THOSE RESOLUTIONS sent down from Chatham and passed at a meeting in the "Land Agricultural Society," can be procured at the stores of M. Seale, Chatham, and Wm. Mason, Jr., Newcastle.

"THE FINEST PORTULACA OF THE SEAS" is what the Times calls our distinguished friend of the Chatham Advertiser, Stevens, now staying at the last office and canoe calling names. — News.

A PACIFIC RAILWAY CONTRACT has been awarded to P. Purcell, Esq., late of the International, who has a Mr. Hunter, of Welland, associated with him. The work undertaken by them is the Thunder Bay Branch.

HAIL! — A terrific hail storm evidently worse than that which visited Chatham in the summer of 1874, caused great damage in portions of New York and Pennsylvania on Sunday May 31st. Hail stones fell as large as hens' eggs.

DOV'S REAR THIN. — We just beg to hint that money is wanted badly at this office from those indebted to us. Those who have not yet paid their subscriptions could confer a favor by stepping into the Editor's office and settling.

SCHOOL LETTERS. — Will our Chatham correspondent who sent a letter to this office, dated April 22nd, please call, as we desire to see him in reference to the complaint he makes. His letter is hardly fit for publication in its present shape.

PIANO TUNING. — Becoming quite plentiful in Chatham. Three or four of them operated on the same instrument a few evenings since at a Chatham residence and, now, the owner of the piano says they could not have been tuners at all.

W. H. ADAMS, ST. JOHN, N. B., has no location in saying that Spencer's Vanishing Liniment is all it professes to be. One 20 cent bottle has accomplished in his family what the Doctors could not effect. Pain, time and money are saved by its use.

A LOU. — As Rev. John Robertson of Tobique, accompanied by Mrs. Robertson, was driving towards Chatham on Friday last his horse lay down in the road and died. The animal seemed to have been a good one and the cause of its death is not known.

Dr. J. H. BARNARD has established his office at Mr. A. Brown's, Chatham, where he will remain until 21st inst. He makes specialties of diseases of the Eye and Ear, and can also be consulted on all diseases of the throat.

THE MOUNTAIN LOU. — We publish in our weekly column Capt. O'Neill's report of the loss of a steamer from the Montreal on the voyage out. It shows that the steamer did not give way with the man as stated last week. We are obliged to Capt. O'Neill for the correction.

MON. LAWYERS FOR MONROE. — Mr. Harvey Atkinson purposes practicing his profession as lawyer in Monrovia instead of Dorchester. It is understood in well-informed circles that C. J. Sayre, Esq., Barrister-at-law, now located in Richmond will shortly remove to Monrovia.

STEALING FROM HIS EMPLOYER. — John Fraser, of Newcastle, an employee of R. C. Bell, Esq., was convicted of stealing nine flasks of brandy from a case in that gentleman's warehouse. Justice Mann and Mathew were the judges. The thief had been performing by gradual process. The prisoner paid a fine of \$20 and costs.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AT DALHOUSIE. — The 24th passed quietly at Dalhousie. The day was generally clear, with a light breeze, the shops being closed. The only attempt at sport was a foot race between three prominent gentlemen of the town. The winner, a light, active young man, was challenged for a race by an old lady of 72, but after mature consideration declined the challenge. — 7d.

NEW STONE. — We have much pleasure in directing attention to the advertisement of Messrs R. F. Waddell & Co., who have established themselves in the dry goods business in the Canada House store lately occupied by Mr. A. A. Lockyer. Mr. Waddell is a young gentleman of large experience in the dry goods business and we hope he will receive a fair share of public patronage.

A CARLE DESPATCH of 25th May was received by Geo. H. Stuart, of Philadelphia, from Thos. Nelson at Edinburgh, announcing that an organic union was that day effected between the general assembly of the free church of Scotland and the reformed Presbyterian church of Scotland, and thus two historic churches from that day became one in name, as they have heretofore been one in faith.

UPPER. — The second mate of the *Merry E. Chapman* and two others went sailing in the harbor on Sunday last in one of the ship's boats. When the small came on, about four o'clock, they were expected to be rescued by persons in another boat. Sailors have not a proper appreciation of the difference between a ship and a small boat and are generally sure to upset the latter whenever an opportunity presents itself.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE FISHERMEN. — Despatches received in the city yesterday contained the gratifying intelligence that the fishing schooners at Magellan Islands had obtained full license of herring—that the fish were actually thrown on the shore in winnows, and all that could possibly be stored on board were taken. Our special despatch last night from Canoe confirms this gratifying intelligence. — Halifax Herald.

PERSONAL. — Mr. D. McMillan, of Boston, who suffered, in amputation of parts of both feet last winter, is about again in good health.

The St. John papers state that Hon. Wm. Muirhead and Messrs. Call, Adams, and Griffin are in Fredericton looking after the interests of the Miramichi Valley Railway.

OBITUARY. — The sympathy of the entire community is with Jas. W. Fraser, Esq., in the great loss he has sustained. He is recorded in our obituary column.

The deceased lady, who was taken away just at a time when a happy life had opened to her, leaves one living babe, while another is enclosed in the same coffin with her. The funeral is to take place at two o'clock to-day, the interment to be at Newcastle.

THE "EVA." — Hon. Mr. Muirhead's bark, *Eva*, which was the first vessel to clear for the United Kingdom from this port, has met with a mishap, as reported in our obituary column. Mr. Jas. Carter, with R. Stapleton and Thos. Witten have gone in Mr. George Savoy's Pilot boat with materials to render any assistance that may be required in making repairs. It is possible the *Eva* may have resumed her voyage before they reach Pleasant Bay.

REMARKS. — The store on Canal St., occupied by Michael Seale Esq., was entered on Wednesday night and about \$15 in silver stolen from a desk. An entrance was effected by burning open a back door, whence admission was easily had to the front part of the store where the desk was kept; this was broken open and the bag containing the silver extracted. The bill, containing about \$2, was not visited.

A PROPOSED OCEAN VOYAGE. — Mr. Alfred Johnson announces his intention of crossing the Atlantic in a dory. Mr. Johnson is a Dane, bred to seafaring pursuits, and has been engaged in fishing from Gloucester, Mass., for the past five years. He has had a staunch dory constructed for his voyage, by Messrs. Higgins & Gifford, and will take aboard the necessary supplies and aid to navigation, and sail from this port about the last of May.

CONFIDENTIAL. — The story of his daring venture, *My Sea Adventure*, by Mr. Johnson, is a most interesting and well-told tale of a successful issue of his daring venture. — *My Sea Adventure*.

BRATTLE ROSE. — Alex. Brayley, who was defeated by Wallace Ross in the Queen's Birthday Regatta at St. John is engaged to the latter on the next day. Ross signified his willingness to accept the challenge, and the friends of both parties met at the Bee Hive on Friday evening last. A match was made between the carmen. They are to row a five mile race over the Brown-Morris course on the Kennebecasis, on Thursday, the 15th of June. Stakes \$200 a side. The men will be in the water at 10 o'clock.

PIRE. — The *New Era* took fire near the smoke-stack on Wednesday afternoon, while on the trip to Newcastle. The flames blazed up in a lively manner and forced themselves out through convenient openings in the woodwork in such a way as to cause quite a flutter among the lady passengers. Capt. Call, Engineer Bell and others on board proceeded very deliberately to fight the danger, and soon succeeded in overcoming it. During the confinement of the lady passengers, the steamer sailed to a lumber-carrying boat that was towing astern, but there were no serious casualties.

THE LOSTER BUSINESS. — The lobster factory recently started at Cape Baill, Western County, by Messrs Kimball & Jewett, is now in successful operation and doing a large business. Some idea of the magnitude of these gentlemen's operations may be estimated from the fact that they have facilities for putting up 20,000 tins of 1 lb. each per day. Already this firm put up this season in sixteen days 80,000 tins of lobsters, all being done in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. Men of the enterprise and push of Messrs. Kimball & Jewett deserve every encouragement and success. — *Barrister*.

CANADIAN SHIPPING. — In the House of Commons on Tuesday last in the discussion of the Merchant Shipping Bill, Mr. Jenkins, member for Dundas, asked the Government whether they had received any representation from Canada regarding Canadian shipping to be excluded from the operation of the bill. The Chancellor of the Exchequer replied that the Canadian representatives in England had assented to the bill and it was undesirable that distinction should be made between Canadian and British ships. The Canadian shipping he said would be subject to no innovation. An attempt would be made to adapt a Canadian law having the same regulations in the ports of departure.

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The Southwest Mail. — Recent changes have been made whereby the *Advance* does not reach its readers by the *S. West* until nearly a week after publication: the *Mail* was in former of the last paper, and yet had not the postal authorities and that which the public press has been a letter to demand. — *Advocate*.

We feel that a personal explanation of the above is necessary. As stated in another column we were not aware of the arrangement complained of until Thursday last after the form of last week's paper were made up. The blundering apology on our part, which we could scarcely call its existence. We desired to ascertain and proceed on the facts and the Editor of the *ADVANCE*, accordingly, proceeded to Newcastle to learn them from the Post-Office there. The latter gentleman, however, gave the required information in his private office and the conversation was listened to by Mr. Wm. Ansel of the *Advocate* who stood in such a position outside in part of the office devoted to the public as to enable him to overhear the conversation. He must, therefore, have become aware that the facts were known to the Editor of this paper only on Friday last, and we cannot but hold him responsible to pay play and the public service which he has rendered for the palpable and malicious falsehood quoted above from his paper.

The lines which Messrs. Ansel's paper has in italics refer to what we presume, was told them by a Derby gentleman, of a private conversation with the latter and the Editor of this paper on Friday or Saturday, when the facts of the matter having been represented to the Post Office Inspector, from this office, was spoken of by the representative in England had assented to the bill and it was undesirable that distinction should be made between Canadian and British ships. The Canadian shipping he said would be subject to no innovation. An attempt would be made to adapt a Canadian law having the same regulations in the ports of departure.

GULF PORT SERVICE. — The Gulf Port Steamer *Seneca* has received a thorough overhauling since last fall. Her deck houses have been enlarged, affording increased accommodation for both officers and passengers, a ladies' dressing room being one of the most attractive and useful of the new appliances provided. The staterooms both on the saloon deck and in the lower cabin have been enlarged and increased so as to afford accommodation for 102 first class passengers instead of only 60 of the former arrangement. The dining saloon, parlors, etc., have also been much improved. The steamer is to go on the marine slip at Pictou to-morrow and have her bottom painted and, in the meantime, the work of laying down carpets upstairing, etc., is to go on. Commodore Davidson is put in charge with Mr. Geo. Straker as Purser. So good a vessel, with such an experienced and favorably known commander, ought to attract travelers and tourists.

Suicide. — A Black Point, Rectinghouse, correspondent writes:—

An inquest has just been held here by coroner J. O. Campbell, on the remains of Mr. Richard Carney whose body was found hanging in his own barn on Saturday morning (20th inst.). From the evidence it appeared that deceased had been unwell in his mind for some time and that temporary insanity caused him to commit suicide. The verdict was in accordance with the facts.

Trade of Chatham. — The following shows the Imports and Exports of Chatham for the month of May 1876, as compared with the corresponding period last year.

Imports. — Imported Consumption Duty. May 1875, 40,773 \$3,82