

The city advertising costs New York \$500,000 a year.

For the ladies - The best of all ways to lengthen your days, is to go to bed early and never wear stays.

There are 115 savings banks in Massachusetts, which have deposits to the amount of \$100,000,000.

There have been thirty patents for velocipedes granted in the United States since Jan. 1, 1869.

The "Grecian Bend" was invented by a Parisian lady who had a crooked spine. She wore it to hide the deformity. This fact ought to make the "Bend" very popular.

A sentimental young gentleman advertised for board in a Christian family, where his example and conversation would answer for cash. He didn't succeed.

Disuse of envelopes is becoming fashionable in Paris. The sheet on which the letter is written is folded in the old style that was in use before envelopes were invented.

A European letter says the ex-Emperor Carlotta will make a journey to England and America this year, in care of her physician and several friends, in the hope that travel may restore her sanity.

A horse plague has lately appeared in New York, which baffles the best veterinary surgeons, and proves fatal in 24 hours from the first attack. Many animals have died from the disease.

London claims to be as large as New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Boston, Brooklyn, Baltimore, New Orleans, Buffalo and Louisville combined.

The Methodists of New York city have done a sensible thing. They have voted to raise half a million of dollars to convert the heathen in their own city, under their very noses.

The Directors of the Gulf Ports Steamship Company are expending large sums of money in fitting out their steamships between Quebec and Picton, for the comfort and accommodation of passengers for the ensuing season. An iron deck is being added to the *Secur*, and a wooden deck to the iron steamer *City of Quebec*. Both will be beautifully fitted out with gentlemen and ladies' cabins, state-rooms, &c. The steamer *Gaspe* is being overhauled in her machinery, and will be in complete order for the summer's navigation.

Chicago is certainly a wonderful place. The last freak of its moral inhabitants was to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Tom Paine, the infidel. There were present about three hundred persons, one-half of whom were women. They had a sumptuous repast, followed by speeches, songs and dances, all in honor of a detestable infidel, and that, too, on the Sabbath day. Resolutions in praise of Paine and his writings, were adopted, among which was the following: "Resolved - That we recognize in Thomas Paine the foremost promoter of American independence, the undoubted champion of the rights of man, and a noble and unselfish benefactor of his race."

A GRAND STEP - The Methodists of New York have taken a grand step in the work of evangelizing their city. About thirty of our prominent clergymen and laymen met at the house of J. B. Cornell, Esq., to consider the condition of the masses and the duty of the Church. After a full conversation, it was determined to raise half a million of dollars for purchasing sites, and erecting chapels. One fifth of one hundred thousand dollars, was at once subscribed. The balance will be raised. Within three years, they have started fourteen mission schools, with about 4,000 pupils, gathered 1,200 converts into churches, erected four chapels, and raised \$175,000. A church is projected, to cost \$60,000, as the outgrowth of one of these chapels. This is a grand work. It is the greatest step yet taken to redeem that city to God. Only by planting Christ in the Devil he uprooted. Boston is moving after the metropolis. Four societies have been formed here within as short a time, and one church built. But we are a great way behind New York. Let this zeal stir up every church in every city to like liberality and wisdom. - *Zion's Herald*.

Texas is to be cut in two. West Texas is the name of the new State. Cannot it find a better one? Rio Grande or Cordilleros is better. It has adopted some excellent articles in its new Constitution; giving the wife in control over her own property; legalizing all the slave marriages, compelling railroads to pay for lives killed by accidents, and authorizing the Legislature to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the vicinity of any college or seminary, unless these happen at a country seat or the capital. The legislators and lawyers cannot forego their drinks for the benefit of the "boys." It is a great step forward to have any prohibition in a Texas State Constitution. - *Zion's Herald*.

DISASTERS TO THE "ROBERT GODFREY." - Captain Urquhart, of the *Good Hope*, from New York, at London, February 3, received the following report from the barque *Robert Godfrey* (Taylor), of St. John (N. B.), from Baltimore, for Liverpool; met her in 41 N., 46 W., Jan. 22 - On Jan. 20, we were boarded by a sea over the stern, which carried away half the wheel, skylight companion, and completely swept the poop; man at the wheel was washed overboard and lost, another of the crew had his legs broken, and the boatswain and second mate were much injured. Staid out to steer her until we got in sail forward and hove to, when, at 4 p. m., while lying to, a tremendous sea struck the bowsprit and took it out, and shortly after the foremast went by the deck, taking the mainmast with it. Am going to try to get up jury masts, and proceed. Ship is not making much water.

[The above is the ship from which the son of James Goulicie, Esq., of this place, was lost last fall. This is the second time she has been very nearly lost. - Ed. Jour.]

SHARP. - It is sharp things that do hurt. No barber ever got ahead trying to shave his customers with a hand saw or rasp. Clergymen, or lawyers, or editors, don't convince people so much by formal arguments, as by some sharp, pertinent, live statement - the thing put in a nutshell, unless the shell is thicker than the heads of some hearers and readers. It is a sharp thing that penetrates and goes home.

The hangman has disappeared from Utah. Shooting is the preferred mode of capital punishment. Judge Drake of Utah county, lately sentenced Chauncey Millard, for murder, "to be shot by the Sheriff, at Provo City, on the 29th."

Two wives of a Mormon Bishop lately got into trouble about their children. Wife No. 1 punished the child of wife No. 2; wife No. 2 became indignant, and held wife No. 1 while her angry children returned the whipping which they had received.

The parents of Miss Elwood, recently represented in indecent costume as Mercury, at the Buffalo Skating Rink, in a pictorial paper, have brought a suit for damage, it is said, against Frank Leslie, the alleged proprietor of the paper, for \$50,000.

AN AVALANCHE IN CAPE BRETON. - On Tuesday, the 10th inst., the dwelling house of Mr. D. McEachern of Craguish, County of Inverness, was swept away by an avalanche. The house stood on a steep bank near the highway, and at a little distance behind it the hill or crag from which the place takes its name, rises to a great height and almost perpendicular. Near the top, a place not quite so steep as the other parts of the cliff, formed a sort of resting place in which an immense quantity of snow had accumulated. The rain that fell on the 10th had the effect of loosening this mass of snow and detaching it from its resting place, when it was hurled down the declivity with resistless force, falling upon and completely destroying Mr. McEachern's house, and carrying the greater portion of the fragments a distance of 300 or 400 yards on to the ice in the bay. The inmates had not a moment's warning of the calamity, and were swept away with the wreck of their home, but fortunately no lives were lost, although several members of the family were severely injured. - *Citizen*.

News from India is to the effect that the long-dreaded famine has come, and is spreading fast in largely populated districts. The Government is making every effort to relieve distress by furnishing both food and employment to those who need it. To one native State the sum of £10,000 has been lent on the security of its revenues, to be used in this way.

Not having heard from the debating societies in relation to the conundrum, "Why do hens always lay eggs in the day-time?" a contemporary answers, "because at night they are 'roosters.'"

A citizen of New Orleans, with fifteen revolvers in his pockets, has been arrested as a "dangerous man."

The latest style of collar in Ontario is called the "Sanfield McDonald." It is about eight inches high.

There is a boy in Cheshire, Mass., who promises to be considerable of a man. He is sixteen years old, and measures six feet three.

A New York boot black has \$5,000 in the bank. A newspaper says that he has "improved the shining hour" to some advantage.

The Grecian ministry have issued instructions to the military and naval officers, countermmanding previous orders for warlike preparations.

Times being rather dull in St. John, merchants and others amuse themselves at "snow balling frolics" - not the most edifying amusement in the world.

California's population is only one fourth female. In Nevada there are eight men to one woman, and the proportion in Colorado is twenty to one.

One thousand barrels of whiskey were seized by the revenue inspectors on their arrival in New York from Chicago, no brands being on the heads, as required by the collector, in addition to the usual stamp.

A despatch from Augusta, Maine, says: The Legislative Committee on Federal relations have reported a resolve in favor of reciprocal, commercial intercourse between the United States and the British North American Provinces.

At a recent fire in St. Louis a young man threw a looking-glass out of an upper window, and very carefully lowered a cat to the ground by a string tied to her tail.

An Institution has been organized in St. John's Newfoundland, for the employment of the blind. The institution was opened on the 15th ult. The *Courier* says - Between three and four hundred assembled, of all grades of poverty, and of all ages - arrangements not being completed for putting them to work, they were regaled with tea and biscuits, and dismissed for the day. Yesterday about 200 females - women and girls - applied for admission; they were furnished, on the day preceding, with tea and bread, but the arrangements for affording employment being yet unfinished, they were dismissed, with the exception of about ninety, who were put to work at net-making, knitting, sewing, &c. - *Its Express*.

The present Protestant population of France is estimated at 1,200,000.

Mollie Horton, of Louisville, heiress to \$40,000, was taken up for vagrancy lately.

The passengers' travel between England and France last year, was only 306,330.

Springfield, Ind., has discharged its entire police force for complicity with thieves.

The lace flounces worn by some of the ladies at a charity ball in New York, were valued at \$300 a yard.

A bill incorporating the Niagara Ship Canal Company was introduced in the New York State Senate, recently.

The amount of Australian gold shipped to England last year was 1,801,581 ounces - equal to about \$45,000,000.

The Pope's exchequer is six millions of livres short this year, and he expects the Ecumenical Council to make up the deficiency.

Victor Emmanuel is said to be bankrupt, so far as his personal property is concerned. He is unable to give expensive dinner-parties.

The proposed new grain elevator for the Northern Railway, Ontario, is to cost \$150,000; with total storage capacity of 275,000 bushels.

Lord Byron wrote, "I date my first impression against religion from having witnessed how little its votaries were actuated by true christian charity."

Some of the minor streets of Montreal have disappeared under view and lie buried in some instances under ten feet of snow. They will have to be dug out.

The Italian journals announce that the sculptor Gagliardi, in Florence, has received a commission for a monument in Lincoln, which is to cost fifty thousand dollars.

Three thousand men were at work night and day for a month before Christmas on the new Metropolitan District Railway, London, in order to get it ready for the holiday traffic.

A Buffalo detective lately affected greatness at Niagara Falls, and allowed the swindling guides to "put him through," after which he had the rare pleasure of "putting them through."

A person on trial in Dubuque, the other day, told the justice he lied. His Honor descended from the bench, and with a scientific punch in the head, convinced the contemptuous culprit of his veracity.

A Berkshire girl walked fifteen miles through the snow the other day, to marry a young man who could not come to her house for fear of a six-shooter which the stern parent carried.

A farmer and one of his hired men were recently discovered, in Salt Lake City, under a blanket on top of a load of hay, while it was being weighed. The farmer was fined \$50 and his man \$15.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL.

Sir: There is a proverb to the effect that "the moon does not regard the barking of dogs," meaning that a person who is trying to enlighten the community in which he lives, is sure to be assailed by the clamour of the biggest and loudest. Thus it is in regard to those who act in defence of the female teachers of this Island. In the *Journal* of the 11th ult., there appears an article over the signature of "Pedagogue," containing, as he supposes, a refutation of some of the statements made by "A Teacher," but which are simply a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end.

The sentence which appears to have called forth the ire of this Herculean defender of the male Teachers, is what I said in reference to most intelligent student in the Normal School being a young lady, which I informed the public in an article that I had written, and a teacher must have been misinformed, and enforces his statements by telling us he was a frequent visitor to the Normal School, both during Mr. Webster's time, and after Mr. Lawson's acceptance to office; but notwithstanding "Pedagogue's" frequent visits to the Normal school, his enunciations in support of the male portion of the school, and all his conceits on the subject, "A Teacher" that I degraded and insulted, for the most intelligent student in the Normal School, during the term alluded to, was not a young man from Graham's Road, but a young lady, from Carvedish, named Miss Clark; and if "Pedagogue" cannot rely upon my statements, he had better refer the question to Mr. Lawson, the present teacher of the Normal School, and give his reply to the public.

But Mr. Editor, it is a remarkable circumstance, if "Pedagogue" was a frequent visitor to the Normal School, that he should have informed the public that Mr. Webster, late teacher of said school, taught two months of the term alluded to, when he taught only a few days over one month. Ah! Mr. Pedagogue! better you had "let A Teacher's letter go for what it is worth," than display ignorance so freely.

Then he concludes his highly eulogical letter by informing us the reason "why female teachers do not receive so high a salary as males," for which they, as a class, should feel deeply indebted. And now, behold! hearken! all ye who are concerned in the degradation of female Teachers. "Although they get the same questions to answer and the same portions to solve, yet the board are not so strict with them as they are with the males; for if they were, not one out of every ten who apply for licenses would receive them."

And now what think ye of our modern Socrates. Logical! very! it is not. This distinction of the subject reflects much credit on the gentlemen who compose our honourable Board of Education, does it not? Now, Mr. Editor, I deny the assertion, and can prove it by the names comprising the Board, and also by three students who have passed as teachers, that there is any distinction made between the male and female students attending the Normal School, either during the term, or at the final examination; nor is it needed, for as I have before stated, the females are not inferior to the males in "intelligence or natural talent." During the term that preceded the one alluded to, there was but one male student out of that who attended, that could in any way compete with the females of the school, and by Mr. Webster, the females were considered far superior.

Before concluding however I will give "Pedagogue" some advice, which if acted upon, may be of service to him in future. Become thoroughly acquainted with a subject ere you rush into print; study the rules of Syntax, particularly Rule twenty-ninth, and then inform the public that the "young gentleman whose name you forgot" was Mr. J. H. Hunt, who was a student at the Normal School during the term alluded to, and felt disgraced to think that a young lady was superior to him. I am, &c.,

A TEACHER. New London, March 5, 1869.

GIFT ENTERPRISE VICTIMS.

EDITOR JOURNAL, Sir: - This is truly a progressive age; there is never wanting some new scheme, which promises to richly reward the enterprising speculator. Sometimes the fortunate possessor of surplus cash is induced to invest in Railway or Telegraph speculations, at other times in factories or the fishing business, and not unfrequently bank stock is held up to be the safest, readiest and easiest way of accumulating the coveted pile. But all these have been suddenly eclipsed by a number of Gift Enterprise Companies which have lately sprung into existence in the neighboring Republic, and which offer untold wealth for the trifling sum of twenty-five cents - Greenbacks, too, at that.

My attention was called to an advertisement which appeared in the Island newspapers in the early part of this winter, headed "Great Distribution of Metropolitan Gift Company." "Cash Gifts to the Amount of \$250,000!" "Every Ticket an Answer!" and further down, "No Blanks!" and again, "Every Package of Sealed Envelopes contains one Cash Gift!" Who could resist the temptation? Here is a perfectly fair (I want say honest) transaction. The favorable opinions of the press are cited. Only address Messrs. Parker, Moore & Co., enclose 25 cents, and the probability is you may be the fortunate winner of \$10,000 cash! Why not invest? "No risks," "very good." Let us now enquire into the result. It appears that quite a number of the good citizens of this town, induced by the flattering prospect of becoming suddenly rich, embarked some of their capital in this apparently fair business. Some enclosed 25 cents, some one, others two, and the more sanguine, determining to give fickle fortune a fair chance, forwarded five dollars to Messrs. Parker, Moore & Co., 125 Broadway, New York. In only one case, I understand, has an answer been returned, and in that case the fortunate person is informed that his ticket has drawn a prize, and that he sends one dollar more it will be forwarded to him. I don't know whether the dollar has been forwarded, but if it has the probability is that, like the other dupes, it is the last will be heard of it, and if it leaves our friend not a richer man, it is to be hoped it will be a wiser one at least.

Now, Sir, I contend that it is unfair for public journalists to give their countenance to such swindling transactions, without first inquiring into their doings. Such advertisements appearing in the columns of a respectable newspaper are calculated to lead the unwary astray. The *Scottish American Journal* terrets out and publishes all such humbugs for the benefit of its readers, and if our Island papers would do likewise, instead of printing their advertisements, it would be a benefit to the gullible at least.

PRO BONO PUBLICO. Summerside, March 9, 1869.

MR. EDITOR: The rapidity with which the Government are appointing J. P.'s in Summerside and elsewhere, looks as if there was coming some threatened danger. It cannot be that they fear, when the navigation opens, a Fenian raid; if so, they should be careful not to appoint Fenian sympathisers and disloyal subjects to so important a position. A few years ago gentlemen of integrity, ability, and those that were well known to possess the necessary qualifications to discharge the duties of so important an office, were appointed to the "able men" is it so now? Or is it the individual who can make the most noise at the hustings, but who may not be able to write his own name legibly. Let the great man of the *Herald*, if he is not still balancing himself on the fence, inform the public which is

the most dangerous of the two following courses. "The conduct of the late Government in dismissing, and the refusal of the present Government to reappoint, the late Justice of the Peace who were so unfortunate as to be seen (not heard) in a Tenant League meeting; or the conduct of the present Government in appointing men to the Commission of the Peace who have openly expressed themselves in favor of a more disloyal and dangerous association than ever the Tenant League was?" Answer that master brooks.

If the Government wish to retain the support of the old liberals of this district, and appoint more Justices of the Peace, let them choose from material of a better quality than that recently selected.

AN OLD LIBERAL. Lot 17, March 9, 1869.

Summerside Journal.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1869.

No notice can be taken of anonymous communications. We must know the names and addresses of our correspondents as a guaranty of their good faith. We cannot undertake to return communications that are not used.

THE RAILROAD PETITION.

As we have always acted upon the principle that merely party interests should not be sufficient to interfere with the fair and just consideration of matters affecting the welfare of the whole community, irrespectively of the comparative merits of Tory or Liberal, Whig or Radical, we take the liberty of Mercutio, in writing a "plague on both their houses," so long as the pursuit of their personal and party objects shall render them blind or indifferent to matters of importance to the whole community.

With these views, we invite the attention of our readers to the copy of the petition for a survey and estimate of a Railroad or Railroads, which we publish below. Copies of this document have been sent for signatures to different parts of the County, and we trust that no man, who shall have the opportunity of signifying his approval of the subject matter, will hesitate in affirming its statements by his signature.

To those of our farming population whose limited experience of the world outside the Island, has prevented them from forming an opinion of the benefits accruing to a country from improved means of communication, we would recommend a reference to the results which have taken place in other countries where they have been introduced, and we can promise our readers that we shall, as soon as the necessary statistics can be procured, show them that they have every reason to believe that in advocating the prayer of the petition to which we refer, they will be at the same time advancing the material interests of the country, and benefitting themselves sensibly, as soon as the active operations for the running of the iron horse shall have been commenced.

The prayer of the petition is moderate, and a compliance with it easily within the means of the Government, and if it should be soon introduced, we would commence the construction of a line of Railroad immediately, we can, at least, afford to pay for a survey and estimate of cost, which would be at all times serviceable as a guide to the Government of the day, with reference to the probable cost they may have to incur, in the realization of which, to most of us, has hitherto been a dream, but to our neighbors a substantial and highly profitable reality.

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To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly, of Prince Edward Island, in Legislative Session, convened.

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of Prince County, in the said Island, most respectfully sheweth:

That, in the opinion of your petitioners, the circumstances of the Island not only warrant, but render necessary, the adoption by the Legislature, of some action conducive to the establishment of Railroads.

The benefit which would result to the Colony from the increased facilities of communication and traffic; the greater inducement to strangers to visit and settle in the Island; the stimulus to the expansion of business of all kinds; the profitable employment of many of our own population, and that of other countries, arising from the introduction of Railways, are so apparent, that your petitioners merely refer to them as their justification for bringing the subject to the notice of your Honorable House.

That the level character of the Country and its freedom from rocks and other engineering obstacles, render the construction of such works far cheaper than in other countries where great natural difficulties have to be overcome.

That your petitioners earnestly commend to your favorable consideration the grant of a sum sufficient to secure the employment of a competent and experienced civil engineer, by a survey of the most eligible line of Road from the Western portion of the Island to Charlottetown, and thence to Georgetown should be made, and an estimate of the cost prepared, and handed to the Government.

Such a course, while involving but a trifling outlay, would be available at any time at which it might be considered expedient to commence the construction of any portion of the road, and would have the immediate effect of attracting the attention of people in the neighboring Dominion and the United States, to the resources of the Island, a result which could not operate otherwise than beneficially to its interests. May it therefore please your Honorable House to grant such amount as in your wisdom you may deem adequate for such service.

A CORRESPONDENT in to-day's paper, complains of us inserting the advertisement of the "Metropolitan Gift Company," as he says it is a swindle. When we received the advertisement, we were led to believe it genuine from the certificates accompanying it. Several persons wished to send for tickets through us, but we refused taking their money, telling them to wait until we had ascertained whether the thing was a hoax or not. Some few persons had not the patience to do this, and so it appears they now consider the money forwarded by them as lost, they not receiving any answer. One individual received an answer, and a ticket telling him his 25 cents had drawn a gold chain; whether he will ever get it or not is a question. That such a company exists, we fully believe, and that it is composed of a set of swindlers, we have not the least doubt. We would advise those who may be wishing to invest in this affair to keep their money. We will hereafter endeavor to ascertain the character of any such company before we insert their notices.

The *Patriot* of the 4th contains the report of the Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum for the years 1868-69. It says that fifty-six lunatics have been placed under treatment in the Asylum during the last twelve months, viz: thirty-three males and twenty-three females. Of this number thirty-one remained in Hospital at last report, viz: twenty males and eleven females. There have been admitted during the year twenty-five new cases. The number discharged has been eighteen. Of the last twenty-five cases admitted during the year, fifteen have already recovered, furnishing a ratio of sixty per cent of recoveries in all recent cases - a proportion not frequently attained by Asylums of much higher pretensions.

During the past year two deaths have occurred in the Asylum - one an elderly man, from climacteric decay; the other is a female from a trophy or wasting. Forty patients now remain in Hospital under treatment, viz: twenty-four males and sixteen females. The unimproved cases amount to seven. The improved to fifteen. The much improved to fifteen; and the total recoveries during the year to seventeen. The number of paupers has been reduced to two - one of whom is a sufferer from a neglected dislocation of the thigh; the other is a mariner, aged 89 - a venerable specimen of the few remaining of Lord Nelson's Invincibles.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island is appointed to meet in Lot 13 Church on Tuesday the 16th inst., at 11 o'clock, A.M., for the ordination and induction of Mr. Robert Cummings, preacher of the Gospel to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Richmond Bay West. Rev. W. Stuart to preach, Rev. R. S. Patterson to ordain, Rev. R. Laird to address the pastor, and Rev. W. R. Frame the congregation.

The Sale of goods, &c., advertised for Tuesday last, by Jas. Campbell & Co., did not take place in consequence of the storm and bad roads.

In our notice of the opening of the House on Wednesday last, we were wrong in stating that Capt. Morris's Artillery formed the guard of honor; they fired the salute, and the Prince of Wales, Irish, and Prince Edward Volunteers, commanded by Lieut. Col. Beer, formed the guard of honor.

The next Baptist Quarterly Meeting will be held in Tryon, commencing March 19th (D.V.), at 7 o'clock, p.m.

The snow storm of the season set in on Friday last, and continued all day Sunday, the wind blowing very high from the north east, and in many places the roads are almost impassable. Even in the town here, there are piles of snow that reminds one of what we read of the Alps. March certainly came in, or very near it, like a lion; we trust it will go out like a lamb.

LECTURE AT ALBERTON. - On Tuesday evening we were favored with a Lecture from the Hon. R. B. Reid, delivered under the auspices of the "Alberton Debating Society." His subject was "Political Economy," which he treated in a masterly manner. For the space of an hour and a quarter he riveted the attention of the large and fastidious audience. He evidently had made the subject one of deep study and research, and evinced throughout the whole lecture an intimate acquaintance with the fresh principles of the science of "Political Economy," and a thorough knowledge of what constitutes the wealth of nations. His views were particularly broad and comprehensive, and his style easy. - *Com.*

A PUBLIC MEETING was held in Central Hall on Monday evening last, to consider the propriety of assisting by contribution the work of extending the Telegraph to Alberton. R. Hunt, Esq., High Sheriff, was called to the chair, and Mr. John Gaffney chosen to act as Secretary. Hon. Mr. Howland, J. H. DuVar, Esq., and others, explained the nature to the meeting, when the following committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions: David Rogers, Esq., Colin McLennan, Esq., and Mr. T. Kirwan. A noisy individual, under the influence of liquor, attempting to disturb the meeting, at this juncture, was turned out by order of the Chairman.

Finlay McNeill, Esq., broached the subject of railroads, but was opposed by Mr. Howland, when, it being late in the evening, the meeting adjourned without taking action on the railroad question. - *Progress*.

In consequence of the non-arrival of the mail carrier from Charlottetown, up to the time of going to press, we are unable to furnish a summary of the proceedings of the Legislature, and the latest news. Having to put up with these things is one of the drawbacks to journalism forty miles from the capital.

We have not received a mail direct from Charlottetown since Thursday last. No person would expect the mail carrier to travel through the storm of Saturday or Monday last, but there was nothing under the sun to prevent the mail reaching here on Tuesday or Wednesday if it had been dispatched from Charlottetown. Several persons travelled on those days from Bagnall's to Summerside, and also from a distance West, and yet the mail carrier, who is paid for his service and bound to fulfill his contract, could not and did not venture out. The irregularity with which the inland mails of this Island are carried on is a strong argument in favor of the "iron horse."

The same Reporters are employed by the House of Assembly this session, as were engaged last year, viz: Messrs. Gordon, Balderston and Okeflana.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Bank of P. E. Island, held on Tuesday the 3d inst., the old Directors were all re-elected.

On Wednesday the 4th, at the Annual General meeting of the Union Bank, the same Board of Directors were elected as served during the past year. We understand that both of the above Banks are in excellent standing.

We have received the Thirtieth Annual Report of the Prince Edward Island Auxiliary Bible Society for the year 1867. It contains a large amount of useful information, showing the progress of the society and the work performed by it throughout the different missions. We notice that no contributions were received from Summerside for that year. This must certainly be owing to the neglect of the collectors. We feel pretty sure the same will not have to be recorded next year, as Mr. Frame is at present actively engaged in soliciting subscriptions. We trust that his praiseworthy efforts may meet with much success.

Our attention was directed the other day by J. Higgins, Esq., of Charlottetown, to his stock of Singer's celebrated Sewing Machines. They certainly are a nice article, and from what we have heard from those who have had them in use for several years, we judge that they are all that he warrants them to be. He has found ready sale for a large quantity during the past year, and in no case have they failed to give general satisfaction. The price, considering the size and quality of the machine, is very moderate. During the year 1867, one company alone sold 43,053 of these machines, being 4,998 more than any other company. Nothing is more useful, especially where there is a large family, than a good sewing machine. Call and inspect "r. Higgins' Stock, or send for a circular."

St. George's Bermuda, Feb. 4. - Sch. Arrow, McDonald, from Halifax, bound to New York, on slip, Brig Robert C. Wright, Walker, at New York, from St. Domingo, experienced very heavy weather between lat 30 and 35; lost and split sails, stove bulwarks, &c. Reports Jan. 17, while at St. Domingo, Edward Brush of P. E. I., one of the crew, was stabbed by a shipmate, named Robert Hawthorne, and died almost instantly. Hawthorne was arrested by the local authorities, and is now in Prison at St. Domingo city.

The February Term of the Supreme Court for King's County commenced on Tuesday last, Mr. Justice Peters presiding. The following gentlemen composed the Grand Jury: - John McDonald, foreman; George Wrightman, George Alley, John F. Morrow, John Walker, Barrius D. Clay, John Stewart, Donald McDonald, Charles P. Fraser, William Young, Andrew McLure, John Scrimgeour, Michael Hession, Lauchlan Matheson, Andrew Miller, David Creighton, Thomas Brelhaut and Donald Stewart, Esqs.

The Docket contained 5 record cases, 4 summary suits and 13 appeals in the Criminal Calendar there were three larcenies, 2 assaults on constables and one stabbing case. The latter was not tried, as the prosecutor was absent when the case was called on. Of the parties charged with larceny, one confessed. Of the criminals tried, not a single conviction was secured, though it is said that the offences were all clearly proved. In some instances the evidence and the Judge's charge were wholly disregarded. Let King's County juries continue to act in this way, and the administration of justice in that part of the island will soon become a by-word and reproach. As the honest and law-abiding man of the county are interested in keeping up its good name, we trust they will exert their influence in frowning down every sort of crime and wrong-doing. - *Post*.

The Literary Committee in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association, beg to acknowledge donations of Books from the following brethren, in addition to those acknowledged in the annual report: - Hon. Geo. Beer, Rev. Alex. Falconer, Geo. Davies, Esq., Rev. B. Beer, Esq., Dr. Hobkirk, J. S. Carvell, Esq., Dr. Cundall, Esq., Thos. Doak, Esq., Dr. Jenkins, Henry Palmer, Esq., H. A. Harvie, Esq., David Laird, Esq., Mr. Geo. Bremner, Mr. W. C. Trowan, J. Desbriay, Esq., J. D. Mason, Esq.

The Committee will thankfully receive any further donations of Books, as there is yet room on the shelves for several hundreds of volumes. W. FULL, Chairman of Committee.

Cardigan Temperance and Debating Society. On Tuesday evening, Feb. 9th, the subject for discussion was, "Would it be advisable for P. E. Island to enter Confederation upon reasonable terms?" The debate was opened by William P. Lewis, Esq., in favor of Confederation. He was asked, in mention terms, He said he would leave that to abler minds; but his opinion was, that the grand chain of Intercolonial Railway could not be finished until P. E. Island formed links in that chain. He thought a proper Steam boat should ply in winter between Three Rivers and the main land, which it could possibly be accomplished. He also thought that we had a right to receive an annuity, the same as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The subject was warmly discussed that evening, and adjourned till Tuesday evening the 16th, when it was closely contested until a late hour. When the house divided, there appeared 33 in favor of Confederation upon terms to the above effect, and 14 stuck to no terms.

W. STEWART, Sec'y.

SUMMERSIDE "LITERARY INSTITUTE." - John Sharp, Esq., of Kensington, lectured before the above Institution, on Tuesday evening last. The subject of the lecture, was "Robert Burns, as a Poet and a Man," a subject upon which Mr. Sharp is admirably calculated to treat, on being a Scot from the neighborhood of the Poet's birth place. The lecturer entertained a respectable audience for nearly two hours. - *Pro.*

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