

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

It is believed that a season of 'bad times' is impending in Canada.

ALD. FEATHERSTONE (Reform candidate) has been elected Mayor of Ottawa.

A manganese mine, of great value, has been discovered at Wallace, Nova Scotia.

THE ROYAL ALFRED.—H. M. S. "Royal Alfred" arrived in England, from Bermuda, in 16 days.

WETS for the elections on this Island were received in Charlottetown on Saturday night.

Sir Hastings Doyle, late Governor of Nova Scotia, has been appointed comptroller of the Prince of Wales' household.

MEDICAL men in Nova Scotia report that 1873 has been an exceptionally healthy year in that Province.

SMALL OPEN.—Georgetown Harbor is still open. A vessel entered and moored at Wightman's wharf on Saturday.

APPLICATIONS for Money Grants by the Local Legislature must be made to the Government before the 22nd January inst.

MAILS.—A mail arrived in Charlottetown on Saturday evening by which Halifax and St. John dates of the 11th instant, were received.

PASSENGERS are not to be allowed a passage by rail to or from Summerside or Charlottetown any longer. They must take the road till the railway is formally opened.

POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS.—The Quebec newspapers are urging the abolition of the tax on newspapers. It is believed that Mr. Cartwright favors the abolition of the imposition.

SIR JOHN TONGUE is appointed floor inspector of Montreal. His connection with the letter-writing destroyed all his chances of re-election for Parliament and he had to be shelved.

CANADIAN BEEF is a success in England, as will be seen by our correspondence. The correspondent thinks that he will yet ship, in value for times as much beef as we now export of mutton.—St. John Telegraph.

THE FOOT of colors for the Governor General's Staff Guard, the generous present of Her Excellency the Countess of Dufferin, has reached this city. We believe it is the intention of Her Excellency to present them to the battalion on the 24th May next. Ottawa Citizen.

AT OLD ILLINOIS.—The Liverpool NOTI Societies, "Advertiser" says—"Mr. William Turner, a colored man residing at Great Hill, near this town, is now in his one hundred and sixteenth year. He is in possession of all his faculties and has a clear recollection of circumstances that occurred a century ago."

A NEW DEPARTURE.—The Montreal Star says that the coming general election will be signaled by a new political departure, in the bringing out of a third candidate in each division of that city. Representing people that are dissatisfied with old political parties, they will be known as the working men's candidates, pledged to favor the independence of Canada, the ballot, complete separation of Church and State, and protection of native industry. This is evidently the extreme wing of the "Canada First" party.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE.—Lewis Carvell, Esq., Superintendent of Railways, has prepared the following Total Abstinence Pledge, to be taken by employees on the Inter-colonial railway:—

I, employed on this railway hereby solemnly pledge my word of honor to Lewis Carvell, General Superintendent, that I will not while in the railway service use as a beverage any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider, and this pledge I give willingly and in good faith, upon my honor as a man, in return for the confidence placed in me."

Witness..... Signature.....

ATTACKED BY A WILD CAT.—Mr. Fatio Watson, while gunning a few miles below the Narrows, Johnston, Queen's County, the other day, was attacked by a large wild cat, or leopard. He had hard work to prevent the animal springing upon him and seizing him by the throat, and he only succeeded in doing so by seizing it by the long hair under its throat and throwing it off. Catching up his gun he fired at the beast, but it only attacked him the fiercer. After having beaten it for some time with the gun, it crawled off, and Watson returned home, his clothes almost torn off, his face cut and scratched, gun broken, and himself quite weak from loss of blood.—St. John Tel.

IMPORTANT RAILWAY ARRANGEMENT.—An important arrangement has just been effected between the Grand Trunk Railway, the Maine Central and the Consolidated E. & N. A. R. Company, by which the cost for transportation of freight between the Upper Provinces and St. John has been reduced. From Sunday to St. John the cost for transportation by the new tariff will be a little less than twice and a half cents for a barrel of flour by the car load, and about the same for 100 lbs. of merchandise, class 1. From Montreal to St. John, 54 miles, the cost on a barrel of flour will be 79 cents and for 100 lbs. of grain, 35 cents. No charge is to be made on flour and grain for customs bonding, all other goods will be charged \$2.00 each entry.—St. John News.

"THE CANADA GUARANTEE COMPANY."—This Co. will supply a want long felt in this community, and relieve active business men from the dangerous responsibility of being private sureties for others. On the payment of the small premium of from 1 to 1 per cent. the Company by their bonds will give ample security to the employer for the due performance of the duties of his employee. To the employer it affords the means of being independent of obligation to friends of virtually by his own security at a cost that is small in comparison with its benefits to him. The Bonds of this Company are by virtue of their office in Council ordered to be accepted from any public officer of the Dominion in lieu of private suretyship which establishes the undoubted reliability of the Company. They are now daily accepted throughout the Dominion from public officers. The Governments of Quebec and British Columbia also accept the bonds of this Company and some 18 banks in the Dominion, now exclusively receive them as security from their employees. Our Local Government we believe intend to issue an order for their acceptance. This Company will now issue bonds in this Island through their agent, Mr. R. FitzGerald, Esq., at whose office 116, front of bonds, &c., can be seen.

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ATTENTION is directed to Rev. G. M. Grant's thoughts on education,—on last page.

A TRAIL has made bare the streets of Charlottetown and the roads of the country.

REMEMBER the concert in St. Paul's School Room this (Monday) evening, and the "Penny Readings" in St. Peter's School Room to-morrow (Tuesday) evening.

FOUND DEAD.—A young lad, who was a few days ago shooting rabbits, on the rear of the farm of Thomas McGrath, Esq., Cochrane Road, Lot 54, came suddenly on the body of what he believed to be a man, but, on bringing parties to the spot, closer investigation proved it to be that of a woman, in an almost nude state, and in an advanced state of decomposition. It had to be cut out from between two large trees, where it was firmly wedged, as also frozen to the earth, and its position was as if it had fallen forward, slightly reclining on one side, and wedged in its place. Further investigation showed that it was the body of a woman who has been often seen about Charlottetown, and called Belle Steele. About six weeks ago, she called at each of the houses in Little York, at each of which she either ate or drank, and got money in at least one of the houses. She was last seen alive, on that occasion, coming out of a barn where she was supposed to have slept the previous night. An inquest was held on Friday, but we have not heard of the result.

CONCERT OF ST. DUNSTON'S READING ROOM AND DEBATING SOCIETY.—The above Concert, given on Tuesday evening last, came off with great success. St. Patrick's Hall was crowded with a large respectable audience representing all denominations in the city. Mr. Bowers, chairman of the St. Dunstan's Society, opened the performance by thanking the audience for their patronage and by expressing the absence of Hon. A. McDonald which was unwell, but whose place on the Programme would be filled up with a Trio, by Messrs. Montgomery, Vinicombe and Earle. The playing of the "Attack (Solo)" and the "Springtime Waltz" by the Band, was excellent. The Readings by Messrs. Boyd, Byrne, J. H. Reddin, and P. S. McGowan, were well received by the audience. "La Rose de Paronne," by Messrs. Montgomery and Earle. It is long difficult composition, and she performed it with fine taste and good execution. Mr. Earle played "Hunter's Grand Waltz" with his well-known ability. The "Harp that once" and "Good Luck Gallop" were given with fine effect, by Messrs. Earle and Vinicombe. The "Sylvan Waltz" and the "Dew Drop Waltz" by Messrs. Montgomery, Vinicombe and Earle, were the gems of the evening, and seemed to be duly appreciated. The Songs by Miss McGowan, Dr. Creamer, Mr. Lestock Desbrisay, and Mr. Parker, gave variety to the Concert. Miss McGowan sang sweetly "How so far" from Martha; Dr. Creamer sang "Am I remembered in Erin"; and "Beautiful Dreamer." Mr. Desbrisay sang the "Dutchman's Wedding" and "Pat Malloy." Mrs. Gregory, with her usual good taste and style, sang "Beautiful Eyes," by Stigelli. Mr. Montgomery sang a song from Faust. It is a beautiful composition and he did it justice. Mr. Charles Parker sang several comic songs, in a masterly manner. "Migal Snyder's Party," given in character, was enthusiastically enjoyed. The interest of the Concert was kept up till the close. The handsome sum of \$125 were realized. The generally expressed opinion is that the Concert of St. Dunstan's Society was the most decided success, and the best sustained of the numerous Concerts which have thus far enlivened our rather unpromising winter season.

MARRIED.—At the residence of the Bride's father, on the 1st January, 1874, by the Rev. N. McKay, Peter McNutt-Burke, Esq. M. D., of Summerside, to Frances, second daughter of James Reid, Esq., St. Elizabeths.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Benjamin W. Howatt, to Miss Ellen J. McDonald, residence of Summerside, to Miss Catherine McWilliam, of Belfast.

On the 31st Dec., by the same, Mr. William Cook, to Miss Margaret Jane McDonald.

At Lot 11, on Thursday, the 1st day of January, 1874, by the Rev. J. P. Richardson, Curate, to Ester McDonald, both of Lot 5.

DEATHS.—At his residence, in Orléans, Wright County, Minnesota, Angus Campbell, aged 55 years. Deceased was a native of Scotland, came to P. E. Island about the year 1870.

At Thorncliffe Cottage, South Bedoune, on the 18th ult., of Consumption, the late Annie Elizabeth, oldest daughter of Benjamin Wright, Esq.

At the residence of D. P. McGilvery, City Point, South Boston, consumption, Donald F. McKinnon, a native of Lot 14, 15, the 23rd year of his age.

At his residence, in Greenvale, on the 17th ultimo, after a lingering illness of eleven months, which he bore with Christian fortitude and resignation, to the Divine will, Daniel Mowley, aged 67 years.

PRICES CURRENT.—Ch'town, Jan. 9, 1874.

MEAT.—Beef, (small pieces) per lb. \$0.06 to 0.12

Beef, per lb (by the quarter) 0.04 to 0.09

Ham, per lb 0.09 to 0.12

Lamb, per lb 0.04 to 0.08

Mutton, per lb 0.05 to 0.09

Pork, (small pieces) per lb 0.07 to 0.10

Pork, per lb (by the carcass) 0.04 to 0.74

Veal, per lb 0.04 to 0.07

POULTRY.—Chickens, per pair 80.00 to 0.50

Ducks, (each) 0.20 to 0.24

Fowls, (each) 0.16 to 0.24

Geese, (each) 0.48 to 0.70

Partridges, (each) 0.20 to 0.25

Turkeys, (each) 0.75 to 1.50

Wild Geese (each) 0.60 to 0.90

BREADSTUFFS.—Buckwheat Flour, per lb 0.03 to 0.03

Flour, (per lb) 7.20 to 8.60

Flour, per 100 lbs 3.50 to 4.00

Oatmeal, per 100 lbs 3.00 to 3.50

HEADS.—Haddock, 100 feet 1.62 to 0.97

Pine 0.20 to 0.30

Spruce do 1.81 to 1.00

Shingles, per M. 2.11 to 2.34

FISH.—Coddish per gal 2.60 to 3.25

Herring per gal 4.57 to 6.00

Mackerel per doz. 0.48 to 0.72

MISCELLANEOUS.—Apples, per bushel 1.00 to 1.60

Barley per bushel 0.65 to 0.75

Butter (fresh) per lb 0.24 to 0.28

Butter per lb by the tub 0.20 to 0.22

Catfish, per lb 0.06 to 0.10

Cheese (new milk) per lb 0.14 to 0.14

Cheese, per lb 0.05 to 0.06

Clay, per doz. 0.20 to 0.30

Hay, per ton 9.00 to 10.00

Hides, per lb 0.6 to 0.64

Honey, per lb 0.24 to 0.28

Homepun, (men's wear) per yd 0.45 to 1.05

Homepun, (women's do) per yd 0.35 to 0.48

Homepun Plannel, per yard 0.31 to 0.42

Lease, per lb 0.12 to 0.14

Oats, per bushel 0.40 to 0.32

Straw, per cwt 0.16 to 0.10

Tallow per lb 3.00 to 3.20

Flour, per doz. per bushel 0.20 to 0.30

Wool, per lb 0.17 to 0.20

Pearl Barley, per lb 0.02 to 0.09

Potatoes, per bushel 0.24 to 0.28

Turneps, (per bush) 0.20 to 0.20

Sheepskins, (each) 0.60 to 0.07

CORRESPONDENCE.

A CERTIFICATE OF CHARACTER.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

Sir.—We the undersigned electors of Head St. Peter's Bay, have noticed in a 'Herald' newspaper, several articles reflecting on the political character of one of our representatives, W. W. Sullivan, Esq., regarding the school question and other matters; and feel that we would not be doing justice to ourselves or to Mr. Sullivan, as our representatives, were we to allow said attacks to pass uncontradicted. With regard to the school question, all we understand Mr. Sullivan to say, was that he was in favor of a fair and equitable settlement of it and would support such amendments as we required in the education act when ever there was an opportunity of accomplishing the same. We believe that he was, and is, sincere on the education question, and the best proof of that is that he spoke in favor of it in his place in Parliament, when the editor of the 'Herald,' who now reviles him, was silent on the question. With regard to the local interests of the district, we believe that Mr. Sullivan has attended to them better than any representative we ever had.

By publishing this in the next issue of the EXAMINER, you will oblige,

Yours respectfully,

Anthony McCormack, J. P., Richard Dwan, David Lewis, Michael McIsaac, D. McIsaac, John McInnis, E. Drain, John Summers, John D. McIsaac, Angus McAlway, James McKay.

LATEST NEWS.

Special by Telegraph to Reading Room and Examiner.

MADRID, 8th Jan.—Castelar has rejected the overtures of Figueras, Salmeron and Margale asking him to co-operate with them in reorganizing the Federals. General Hidalgo and Ripoli are placed under arrest. The province of Valencia is declared in a state of siege.

LONDON, 8th Jan.—The trial of Jean Line on the charge of committing perjury, during the examination as a witness, for the defence in the Tichborne case, will be up to-day.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8th.—The nomination of Attorney General Williams, for the Chief Justice, will be withdrawn by the President, at the request of the candidate. The severe storm of the past three days has done considerable damage throughout the middle states, and freshets are threatened. Cincinnati, Columbus, and other western cities are cut off from telegraphic communication. East, by a severe storm of snow and sleet. Democratic State convention, New Hampshire to-day, nominated James A. Weston for Governor. Key West despatches, state that a strong British fleet is concentrated off Cuba. Gold, 111 1/2.

OTTAWA, 8th Jan.—Several Conservatives and reform associations meet to-night to choose candidates. Grits are bidding for the Catholic and workmen's vote. Private advices state that Sir John's return is certain. All Write left by Mail last night. Yesterday's storm prostrated the wires East and West; no communication with Toronto yet.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Scarlet fever in an unusually malignant form prevails in England.

France has a public debt of nearly \$5,000,000,000.

The Emperor of Germany has conferred the civilian order of merit upon Thomas Carlyle.

The United States' Public Debt has increased during the past month.

It was related that when the Duc d'Orleans was a boy his life was saved from drowning by Marshal Bazaine, who was at that time a sergeant.

An English jury recently valued a curl from a lady's head at seventy-five cents. It was bought off by a barber, who used a curling-iron as was too hot.

A despatch from Madrid says that Castelar has published a letter in which he protested against the burial coup d'etat proposed. He says he could not accept a position created by bayonets.

The Newburyport Herald says—"Quite a number of men are employed in this city in catching frogs for the Boston frog-eaters. One man has taken 1,750 and another 600 this season. They are kept in tubs and fattened with meal and skinned to order.

The illness of Emperor William is said to have been much aggravated by the death of his sister-in-law, the queen dowager, and is supposed to be about the Duke Mecklenburg's retirement from the army.

California has about 8,000,000 head of sheep. The wool crop in two shearings, at an average of ten pounds per head, would amount to 80,000,000 pounds, or 15,000,000 more than the total product of the United States in 1871.

A young married lady is the sensation in social circles in England just now. She is a Hindu, from Madras, although being long to a high caste, has ventured not only to cross the ocean, but also to mix freely in London Society and to conform generally to the social customs of the country. Accompanied by her husband she has visited the chief objects of interest in the metropolis and in several provincial cities. She is the first Hindu lady who has broken through the barriers of prejudice and caste in order to visit England.

The Indian Government is putting forth stupendous efforts to be ready for the great famine that is certain to fall upon the Presidency of Bengal. The rice crop is to a large extent a failure, and the natives have no means to provide a substitute. It is possible that rice may have to be imported from America and the West Indies, to meet the emergency. The British people are prepared to contribute with all their accustomed liberality to relieve their fellow subjects in the East.

The weather in Ireland—it would seem that people make their remarks in Ireland now as they do in England. A few weeks ago, the personality of a Dublin merchant, who had recently purchased the Irish estate of Lord Derby in Tipperary, for £150,000, was sworn under £30,000! The truth is that Ireland is gradually growing a rich country and if every agitator could be caught up and thrown into the Atlantic, would in another year realize the dream of making Ireland like Yorkshire.

MISS. GALE GATES & Co. Dear Sirs—I am sorry to give you this testimonial of my appreciation of your most valuable and wonderful satisfaction that I have experienced from their use. I was troubled with liver complaint for a number of years, but by their use was able to work. In March 1872 was taken very sick, was thought by my friends to be going with consumption. I was very weak with a bad cough, pains in my chest and left shoulder, was unable to turn in bed, tried everything that was recommended, but found no relief, and having a catalogue of your medicines in my hand, sent and got a bottle of your Bileau and Syrup, and used them; and am happy to say that I am hearty and well, through the use of the same. They also have cured my liver, which by times troubled me much. I have also used your Eye Relief, and believe it to be the best preparation for weak eyes in use. No family should be without your medicines; for by their use they will escape a vast amount of suffering. You are at liberty to make this public if you wish, for the benefit of suffering humanity.

Believe me, yours truly,

DAVID FREEMAN.

Sworn to at Kempt, October 3rd, 1872, before me.

Chas. H. Ford, J.

January 5th.—Imo

TRADE SALE!

We will Sell at AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst.—at 11 o'clock:

45 Chests TEA, 2 Warranted, 20 half do. 100 SUGAR, 10 Bbls. American CRUSHED do., 20 do. English REFINED do., 25 Pans. MOLASSES, 130 Bbls. FLOUR, 17 do. CURRANTS, 50 Boxes CONFECTIONERY, 20 Sacks RICE, 10 Kegs BAKING SODA, 20 THIS MUSTARD, 38 Boxes TOBACCO, 25 Caddies do., 8 Kegs TWIST do., 100 Boxes CIGARS, 180 Sides SOLE LEATHER, 25 Gross PEPPER BOX BLUE, 10000 PAPER BAGS, 15 Casks KEROSENE, 40 Kegs NAILS, 12 1/2, 10d., 5d., 25 Boxes GLASS, 8x10 and 1 1/2 12 1/2 70 Boxes SOAP, 5 Casks WHISKEY, 5 do. MALT WHISKEY, 50 Cases OLD TOM, 10 Qr. Casks PORT, 10 do. do. SHERRY.

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100 Bbls. FLOUR, "Howland's Choice,"

200 do. do. Choice Bakers, "Queen of the Valley,"

250 do. do. No. 1 S. Fine, "Bismarck, Triumph,"

20 do. do. Pastry, "Hickory Grove,"

100 do. Graham FLOUR,

50 do. K. D. CORNMEAL,

15 do. ONIONS,

50 do. SUGAR, Barbadoes, Scotch Refin'd

20 Pans. choice MOLASSES, Vacuum Pan,

200 Sides SOLE LEATHER,

53 Casks KEROSENE,

75 Pkgs. Congo TEA,

20 Cases MATCHES.

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SOAP in great variety, RICE, MUSTARD, CANDLES, GROUND COFFEE, PEPPER, SPICES, WASHING SODA, T. D. PIPES, PAIS, TOBACCO, STARCH, and other Mer chandise.

Ch'town, Jan. 5, 1874. 3in

Tobacco, Cigars, Pipes.

JUST received, ex "Albion" from Boston, the choicest lot of Smoking Tobacco ever offered for sale in Charlottetown. Lovers of the weed can now be supplied with almost every kind of British and Dark Tobacco manufactured in America.

Contest Twist, Virginia TOBACCO, Clam Twist, "Oriental Fig.," Navy 5/8, "Pine Cone," "Invincible Fig.," McDonald's Canadian Bright Navy, "Solace," "Dark."

Also on hand a good assortment of Cigars and Pipes, which we sell cheaper than any other store in Charlottetown.

Jan. 5, 1874. BLATCH MCKENZIE & CO.

Public Notice.

Townships, Nos. 58, 59, 60, 62, 63 and 64.

The Commissioner of Public Lands will attend at the following places, on the days hereinafter named, to receive payments from Tenants, Purchasers and Occupiers of Government Lands, on the above named Townships, viz:

On Wednesday, the 14th January, inst., at Mr. John Kennedy's, Wood Islands Road.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 15th, 16th and 17th inst., till noon, at Cartney McClure's, Esq., Murray Harbor Mills.

On Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th inst., at P. Gaul's, Montague Bridge.

All persons in arrears on account of the Government Lands, not settled up or otherwise arranged for before the end of the present month, will be proceeded against without further notice.

EMANUEL MCGAICHEN, Commissioner.

Crown Land Office, 5th January, 1874. 2in

Charlottetown Cemetery Company.

NOTICE.

As the Act of our Legislature, passed in the 3rd of 1872, enacts, that from and after the first day of January, 1874, it shall not be lawful, under certain penalties, to inter any dead body in the Protestant burying ground, on the Malpeque Road, in the fifth ward of this City; and as the New Cemetery is now ready for interment, application for burials therein must be made to the undersigned, at his residence in Kent Street.

Persons desirous of obtaining allotments in the Cemetery, will please apply to William Cundall, Esq., the Treasurer of the Company.

By Order JOHN LEPAGE, Secy.

Dec. 29, 1873.