

Local and Other Items.

BUY YOUR FLOUR at Beer & Goff's. DR. LACHLIN TAYLOR is lecturing in St. John. The English mail closes at the Post Office to night. SENOR ALDAMA has freed seven hundred slaves in Cuba.

THE City Council meets on Monday evening next. THE Prince of Wales College Christmas Examination takes place to-morrow.

WHERE can you get the best Boots and Shoes for the least money? At Gass's. It is rumored that Mr. Brydges will be removed to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

THE cost of lighting the city of Montreal, for the current year, is stated at \$37,719. SHIPMENTS of turkeys by the thousand are being made to England from Belleville, Ont.

SOMETHING NEW.—Chinese and Japanese Christmas and New Year's Cards at LEWIS'. THE consecration of Dean Bond, the Anglican Bishop of Montreal elect, is announced for January 25th.

A HALIFAX city loan, amounting to \$13,000, has been taken at three and a half to three and three-quarters per cent. premium. VANCOUVER Island sent to San Francisco between January last and Nov. 1st, 1878, no less than 108,592 tons of coal.

WE understand that the Gas Company will, in future, furnish their bills monthly, instead of quarterly, subject to a discount of ten per cent. if paid within ten days after delivery.

MR. JOHN MCAULAY, of Black Bush, Lot 45, recently butchered a hog which weighed, when dressed, 609 pounds; and all that he got for it was 3 1/2 cents per pound.

The Canada Gazette contains the appointment of George Anderson, of St. Peter's, P. E. I., to be Harbor Master of the port of St. Peter's, vice James McDonald, deceased.

THE Christmas sale in the lecture room of the Methodist Church to-day was a grand and successful affair. A large gathering thronged the room, and a pleasant afternoon was passed. At six o'clock a public tea will be given, to which all are invited.

A DESPATCH to the Steam Navigation Co. reports that Summerside and Shediac harbors have closed. The "Princess of Wales" arrived here at three o'clock from Summerside, and will likely take winter quarters unless there is a change in the weather.

SOME weeks ago we alluded to the strange conduct of the Railway Superintendent with regard to young McNeill. Mr. McNeill will, we hope, be gratified to learn that his tyrannical behavior has driven the young man from the Island to seek employment elsewhere.—Herald.

MR. F. W. MCKECHNIE, who has been in Mr. Doin's place since the latter went to California, has resigned and accepted a situation on the Grand Trunk Railway. He leaves to-morrow morning with the best wishes of his many acquaintances.

THE brig "Nyanza," Winburg, master, sailed from Casumpec harbor for Queenstown, on the 13th inst., with 20,000 bush. oats, and 500 pieces deals.—by M. Foley. Also the schr. "Moses Adams," Jacobs, master, for New York, with 4,500 bush. potatoes, by the same.

THE Concert given at the opening of the Christmas Tree in the Convent De Notre Dame, last evening, was entertaining and amusing. It was of the dramatic and musical kind. The music was, as usual, first-class, and the drama entitled "Love of a Bonnet," was executed to perfection. In it was conveyed a useful hint to those city belles who daily take the street by storm, decked with the servant's bonnet. Another Concert will be given at the close of the Christmas Tree on Friday. Do not fail to attend.

FORTUNE BAY FISHERY TROUBLE.—The agent of the Department of State, who left Washington some time since to inquire into the circumstances attending the attack on the American fishermen in Fortune Bay, has returned. The fishermen who submitted demands for reclamation, number, up to the present date, about eighteen. The grounds upon which they base their claims, and the nature and extent of their losses, will, from the present indication, form an important and delicate subject of negotiation with the British Government, and involve a considerable sum of money.—Cape Ann Advertiser.

FOR the last few weeks, says the Pioneer, there is scarcely a paper you look into but the editor has a short paragraph about himself, saying that he had been the previous week exposed to a pitiless storm which wetted him "through and through"—feet, stockings, and indeed his person all over. Then followed sore throat, cracking cold, and severe symptoms of fever, which in each case subsided on a course of treatment with hot water, hot blankets, etc., being adopted. The coincidence is surely remarkable.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS.—Now is the time for presents. Call at Lewis' Photograph Gallery and see the great variety of Prang and other Chromos. Christmas and New Year's cards in great variety, cheapest in the city; all kinds of Frames, in velvet and fancy wood, wall pockets and brackets. If you want to give your friends a good Photograph, call and have it taken at Lewis'. All kinds of Pictures framed to order, cheap. Motto Frames 40 cents each. Upper Great George Street.

THE Cape Ann Advertiser publishes the lost from the fishing fleet during the year. It reminds fishermen that "life is uncertain under any circumstances, but the men who go down upon the sea take their lives in their hands in a peculiar sense." The list contains the names of fourteen Nova Scotians whose lives were lost during the year. The men were an average of 23 years of age. On the list we see the name of Angus McKenzie, 24 years of age, of East Point, who was lost in a dory from the schr. "John S. Presson," on the Banks, February 15th.

Daring Attempt at Robbery.

A QUEEN STREET STORE ENTERED BY THIEVES—THEIR PURSUIT AND ESCAPE.

A MOST daring attempt was last evening made to rob the dry goods store of W. A. Weeks & Co. at the corner of Queen and Sydney Streets. The police made a timely visit to the place, and the would-be robbers had a hazardous escape from their hands after jumping from the second-story window of the store and running through a crowded street. The facts are: Shortly after eight o'clock the watchman on Newson's block reported at the police station that the store of W. A. Weeks & Co. was shut, and that the key of the rear entrance was left in the door. Sergeant Cameron and Officer McKinnon proceeded to the place. Being slightly of opinion that the premises were entered, Officer McKinnon took a position at the front door while the Sergeant, in company with the watchman, proceeded to search the store. Entering at the rear they tried for admission to the shop, but the door leading thither was securely fastened, and from this they concluded that the party (if any) entered through the upper apartments. Ascending the back stair and landing on the third story, they heard a crash which apparently originated in the front of the building. They quickly passed through the upper flat and descended a stairs to the store. After searching the store—and finding no trace of thieves—they ascended a different stairway which led them to the second flat of the tailoring apartment. Here they found the window burst from its frame, through which the thieves had evidently made their escape. A number of persons walking on the West side of Queen Street heard the crash occasioned by the thieves bursting the window from its frame on the north side of the building, and saw a person assisting another to drop from the window, and quickly dropping after the person who he assisted. They ran into Queen Street—which was crowded with people—and separated. One ran across Sydney Street and the other down Queen and into Dorchester Street. The latter was hotly pursued by officer McKinnon, but became lost to him in the darkness of the west end of Dorchester. It is thought that the thieves entered the building by ascending the back stairs, and lowering themselves to the second flat on the elevator. This afternoon John Kavanagh and Patrick Lamb were arrested on suspicion as being the parties that entered the store. Michael McMahon was also arrested as witness. They will be examined before the Stipendiary Magistrate to-morrow morning.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents.

Literary and Musical Entertainments.

To the Editor of the Examiner:

SIR,—Now that the season for winter evening amusements is fast approaching, a few words respecting such may not be amiss even though the source from which they emanate is neither musical nor literary in itself; still, if there be therein a due appreciation for real talent whether as a musician or as "a bright and a shining light" in the lecture, recitation or reading line, the pleasure-seeking public will certainly make all necessary allowances for what is wanting; and from their own personal experiences in musical and literary entertainments of the past, be in a position to judge the truth or otherwise of the following remarks. It is a well-known fact and plain to even the least fastidious individual that many persons have taken part in these entertainments who are neither fitted by education nor nature to do so. The question very naturally arises "as to how" such persons were allowed to weary an intelligent audience with their miserable attempts? Many and various are the answers that could, with truth, be given to this question; however, I will mention one which I consider is chief amongst the many, viz: "That the performers have very kindly lent their assistance towards some charitable object without any pecuniary gain to themselves." Now, this at first sight sounds a good and sufficient reason and might "pass muster" in certain few cases where a small admission fee is charged; but when the tickets are sold at the same price as those for a first-class professional performance, the committee should certainly take the trouble to engage really talented ladies and gentlemen. In my humble opinion the so-called literary and musical entertainments are, to use a vulgar although well understood expression, almost "played out" in Charlottetown. Why not try something in the "dramatical line" for a change? We have several "stage struck" would-be actors and actresses in our midst, who, from all accounts, seem determined to make names for themselves in the theatrical world. The leader of this little band is evidently a gentleman of vast experience and of great ability as an actor, or he would scarcely attempt pieces such as even the first stars of Great Britain have so often failed in. Let the next appointed committee for an evening's entertainment engage the services of this extraordinarily gifted Dramatic Club, and I will vouch for the success of the undertaking, so far as a full house is concerned. If the hall is a small one many persons may have to stand outside in the cold for a short time, but it will only be for a few moments, as ten minutes after the curtain rises three-fourths of the spectators will doubtless vacate their seats in order to go home and weep. Of course such spectators would be put down at once by the Club as fit inmates for the Lunatic Asylum, and with truth they might be. It matters very little whether the spectators share a like opinion in respect to the Club, the fact remains the same in either of both cases. Yours, etc., OLD STAGER.

Ch'town, Dec. 18, 1878.

BEER & GOFF are selling Fruit and Pound Cake, Biscuit, Confectionery, Nuts, Raisins, Figs, Green Grapes, Oranges, Apples, Citron Peel, Essences, etc., etc., very choice for Christmas.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.

A ridiculous telegram has appeared in several American journals, dated from Ottawa, to the effect that Colonel McNeill has been ordered to return to England in consequence of the order in connection with dresses and medical certificates issued in Montreal. There is not a particle of truth in the statement. Col. McNeill returns to England to resume his duties as Esquerry to Her Majesty, having fulfilled the special commission entrusted to him, of seeing Her Royal Highness, the Princess Louise, established in her new home.

Up to a late hour to-night no official news had been received at Government House with reference to the demise of the Princess Alice.

The City Council adjourned its regular session to-night out of respect for the memory of the late Princess. A resolution of sympathy with the Governor General and the Princess Louise in their bereavement was passed.

QUEBEC, Dec. 16.

In many of the churches yesterday in this city the prayers of the congregation were asked for Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the Royal Family, in their affliction on account of the death of H. R. H. the Princess Alice. The "Dead March in Saul" was performed in the English Cathedral and some of the other churches. As a mark of respect for the Royal Family, the flags at the Citadel, Government House, Parliament House, City Hall, Custom House, Post Office, and other places were suspended at half-mast on Saturday.

DARMSTADT, Dec. 15.

As early as Friday morning the Court physicians recognized that the condition of the Grand Duchess was hopeless, and sent secret messages to England to that effect. Symptoms of suffocation appeared at one o'clock Saturday morning, but were temporarily removed. The Grand Duke was then induced to leave the room but his mother remained ministering to the Princess until the last. The Grand Ducal Court and Hesse-Darmstadt generally will go into mourning for twelve months.

The Closing Scenes in the Mc-Carthy Case.

THE JURY CANNOT AGREE ON A VERDICT.

DORCHESTER, Dec. 16.

At 6 p. m. his Honor took his seat, and a crowd rushed from the County Court, which immediately adjourned. The Jury appeared and then the prisoners.

About two or three hundred anxious faces turned towards the Jury, as the Clerk said:

"Gentlemen, have you agreed on a verdict?"

Mr. Wells, foreman, said: "We have not."

His Honor—"Is there any point upon which you wish information?"

Foreman—"I think it will avail nothing."

His Honor—"Gentlemen, I will be here again at 11, and probably by that time you will have arrived at some conclusion. Sheriff, remand the prisoners."

At 11.30 about five hundred people are present, anxiously watching and waiting. His Honor then took his seat, and the word was given to clear a passage. This being done, the prisoners appeared, looking pale and anxious. Then a distant juror told the anxious audience that the jury were just leaving their room. All eyes turned in that direction, and the jury took their places and answered to their names.

Clerk—"Gentlemen, have you agreed upon a verdict?"

Scarcely a breath disturbed the stillness till foreman Wells answered "No."

His Honor—"Gentlemen, do you think any further consideration or any explanation could avail anything?"

Foreman—"Not the slightest, your Honor."

Juror Black—"There seems to be a difference of opinion."

His Honor—"Would not a further deliberation relieve any difficulty?"

Foreman—"I think not."

His Honor—"Do you all say that?"

Jurors—"I say that."

His Honor—"Gentlemen, it is unfortunate, after so much time has been spent, that, out of twenty-four men, no conclusion could have been arrived at. I could not feel it justifiable to detain you any longer, as you say it would be of no use. I shall have to send these prisoners back to jail. It is the only thing I can do. Gentlemen, I now discharge you from giving a verdict. Sheriff, remand the prisoners."

The Court closed at 11.55, to meet to-morrow at 10 a. m., the prisoners looking very sad.

It is rumored that the jury stood 7 for conviction and 5 for acquittal.

When the jury were discharged the audience murmured, "Just as it was before! I knew it."

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Portland, Dec. 10—Arrived schr. Frank Skillings, McLean, P. E. Island, for Boston.

Queenstown, Dec. 1—Sailed, brig Rindwood, for Plymouth.

Vineyard Haven, Dec. 10—Arrived, brig D. F. Brown, Freeman, Charlottetown, for orders; schr. Spring Bird, McLean, Canning, for New York.

Boston, Dec. 12—Arrived, schr. Ralph, Manning, Charlottetown.

Queenstown, Nov. 30—Arrived, brig Alpha, Cameron, P. E. Island.

Buenos Ayres, Oct. 29—Arrived, barque Lucy Pope, Thompson, Montreal.

New York, Dec. 14—Cleared, schr. Ada R., McDonald, Charlottetown; Jane McKay, Mc Kay, do.; Tiger, Parsons, do.

Dover, Nov. 30—Off Dover, coming in next tide, the ship Midas, of P. E. Island, McKinlay, from Montreal for Sunderland (wheat), with loss of main hatch, steering gear broken, sail destroyed in covering main hatch, and sundry other damage caused by strong N. E. gale; vessel 16 days from Montreal.

GRAND Tea and Entertainment.

THE LADIES OF ZION CHURCH intend giving a Grand Tea and Entertainment in The Basement of that Church,

Friday, the 20th instant, AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

A LARGE NUMBER OF FANCY & USEFUL ARTICLES will be offered for sale at reasonable prices.

The Refreshment Table will be abundantly supplied with all reasonable delicacies. Special attention is invited to the

CHRISTMAS TREE

of the young ladies. Tea will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which there will be a Musical Entertainment. Admission, 15 cents; children, 10 cents; Tea, 25 cents. Ch'town, Dec. 12, 1878—

COFFEE, COFFEE, CELEBRATED FOR FINE FLAVOR, FRESH GROUND, AT BEER & GOFF'S.

Dec. 16, 1878—

Prince of Wales College.

THE Christmas Examination of the Classes in the Prince of Wales College will take place at the College Building, in Charlottetown, on THURSDAY, the 19th December, instant, commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The parents of the pupils and others interested in the Institution are respectfully invited to attend.

By order, J. LONGWORTH, Hon. Sec'y. Charlottetown, Dec. 14th, 1878—

PEA SOUP,

PREPARED with Pea Flour, seasoned and flavored with the finest Herbs and Seasonings, to which is added Liebig's Extract of Meat, making one of the

MOST NUTRITIOUS DISHES that can be obtained; ready for the table in one minute.

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Very Nice and Cheap, at

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FLOUR,

Excellent and Very Cheap, at

BEER & GOFF'S.

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Wanted Immediately.

400 Bushels 4-Rowed Barley,

1,400 Bushels Potatoes,

THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE GIVEN.

Apply to ARCH'D KENNEDY, Queen Street.

December 13, 1878.

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Ch'town, Dec. 12, 1878—

LONDON HOUSE.

We are now Showing our Large and Varied Stock of

CARPETS,

Just arrived per S. S. "Prince Edward," in

Brussels,

Tapestry,

2 & 3 Ply Scotch,

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Felt Squares,

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GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Ch'town, Nov. 25—4w 2aw

AUCTION SALES.

HAY, OATS, BARLEY, &C.

I WILL SELL AT AUCTION, On Thursday, the 19th inst., AT 12 O'CLOCK,

at Residence of Lambert Disney, Esq., Riverside, North River,

20 TONS HAY, 1 Stack STRAW,

200 Bush. OATS, 100 Bush. BARLEY, (2 rowed),

50 Bush. BUCKWHEAT,

1 Double DRIVING WAGON,

1 CART, 1 SCUFFLER,

1 Iron PLOW,

1 Set Carriage HARNESS, &c., &c.

TERMS—Nine months' credit, on approved Joint Notes.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, Dec. 11—pat sat

SLEIGHS, HARNESS, ROBES.

I WILL Sell at AUCTION, at my Sale Room, Queen Square, on

Tuesday, the 24th inst., AT 2 O'CLOCK,

4 Double Seated BOX SLEIGHS,

3 Pung " "

2 Family " "

4 BUFFALO ROBES,

2 Handsome WOLF ROBES,

6 Sets HARNESS.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, Dec. 17—eod

Insolvent Act of 1875 and Amending Acts.

IN THE MATTER OF

James Duncan,

John Ferguson Robertson,

Robert Robinson Hodgson,

Insolvents.

By order of the Inspectors of the above Estate, I will sell at

PUBLIC AUCTION,

On Friday, the 20th instant,

at the Residence of John F. Robertson,

COMMENCING AT 11 O'CLOCK, FORENOON,

ALL THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

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1 Double-Seated WAGON,

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Ch'town, Nov. 14, 1878—