

Local and Other Items.

Mails left Cape Traverse for town at 1.30.
 The next of St. Peter's Penny Readings will be on Monday next.
 Go and hear "Common Sense" from Prof. Fletcher, in St. Patrick's Hall, to-night.
 The Rev. Mr. Burwash's lecture last night was largely attended, and is highly spoken of.
 The Nova Scotia coal mine at Macdonald is reported on fire, and serious loss is anticipated.
 The stage of St. Patrick's Hall has been built up anew, and now presents a very nice appearance.
 CHAS. F. DEWEY, the notorious forger, has been sentenced at Boston to eight years in the penitentiary.
 As an after-dinner pill, to promote easy digestion, Ayer's Pills are wonderfully effective. [Jan 28 w kly]

SCHOOL CLOSED.—South Winslow Road School has been closed for a time, because of the prevalence of measles amongst the pupils.
 NIGHT SCHOOL.—Mr. Amos is conducting a flourishing night school of about a score pupils at Suffolk Road. It meets bi-weekly.
 THE Rev. Father Georior, P. P. of Harbor Bouche, N. S., died on the 25th inst., after a protracted illness. He was fifty-eight years of age.

At the next meeting of the Educational Institute, Friday, February 2nd, Mr. Kennedy will read a paper entitled "Evolution." The chair will be taken at eight o'clock precisely.
 THE market to-day was small. Prices—with the exception of butter and eggs—were unchanged. Fresh butter sold at from 23 to 27 cents per pound, and eggs at from 25 to 30 cents per dozen.

A FURTHER discussion of the subject of "Evolution" will take place this evening at 8 o'clock before the Literary Society, in the lower parlour of the Y. M. C. A. Hall, to be opened by Mr. Bain of North River.
 F. J. CONROY, Esq., will deliver his Lecture on "Facts in the Life of Thomas D'Arcy McGee," in St. Mary's Hall, Tignish, on Wednesday evening, the 6th of February next, under the auspices of the Debating Society at that place.

SINGING SCHOOL.—Mr. Shaw, of Covehead, has commenced a large Singing School at Little York. It meets bi-weekly in the Temperance Hall. Mr. Shaw's efforts in some of the surrounding settlements have greatly improved the Church psalmody.
 MIDDLE aged men often lack vigor, this can be restored by that great brain and nerve food known as Mack's Magnetic Medicine. Sold in Charlottetown at Apothecaries' Hall. Read the advertisement in another column of to-day's paper. [Jan 28 w kly]

Jim.—Have you seen Punch and Judy?
 Bill.—Not yet. But I am going to St. Peter's Schoolroom on Thursday evening to see it, for they say it is the last chance.
 Jim.—Well, I saw it last night; but I am going again because there is to be something else with it this time.
 SCOTT ACT.—At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this forenoon, C. Benoit appeared charged with five separate breaches of the Scott Act. Three were proved; two were dismissed, and Mr. Benoit was fined \$300.00 for three second offences. Wm. Larter appeared charged with six offences against the Act. Four were dismissed and two were adjourned until Tuesday next. The Gillis cases did not come up for trial as summonses had not been served.

A CORRESPONDENT who attended a funeral to Sherwood Cemetery yesterday reports that an unburied coffin was lying on the snow at that place. On inquiry he found that the remains came from Falconwood Asylum. The grave-digger stated that he had no notice to prepare a grave previous to the arrival of the corpse, and therefore he was obliged to let the coffin remain unburied until yesterday. Our correspondent denounced in strong terms those who are responsible for such negligence.

CONCERT.—A very successful concert was held in the Bible Christian Church, Vernon River, on January 15th. At the time appointed, viz. 7 p. m., the church was crowded with friends from far and near. The singers, who were under the instruction of Miss E. Worthy, of Charlottetown, for a short time, commenced the exercises of the evening by singing "Welcome to All," after which Rev. W. E. Reynolds led in prayer. Then followed a number of solos and anthems, etc., which were well rendered. The following ladies presided at the organ according to arrangement: Miss E. Worthy, Miss P. Richards, Miss McLeod, Mrs. L. Senter, and Mrs. W. E. Reynolds, of Murray Harbor. The singing was interspersed by a reading from the Pastor, and recitations from Messrs. B. D. Hunnily, T. Furness, jr., and Rev. W. E. Reynolds, while an address to an Egyptian Mummy was well read by E. McNeill, M. D. It took over two hours to render the programme, yet the strictest attention was paid, and the best of order prevailed. The receipts amounted to fifty dollars, which we think a noble sum for this place.—Com.

Agricultural Education.
 The agriculturists of this Province are deeply indebted to the Hon. D. Ferguson for his recent lecture. With usual independence, and zeal for the welfare of our Province, this gentleman has discussed the great question of Agricultural Education with that candor and exactness that invites all parties in a desire for reform. It is evident we have long continued a system of public instruction that has filled the Counting Houses and Professions till they are ridiculously crowded. The state has not informed our youth in agriculture, and the result is large tracts of land in different parts of the Island are uncultivated, and farms once tilled are vacant and neglected. The expense of the Prince of Wales College might be discontinued. This institution is now filled with the students of a Normal School, with the exception of three or twenty pupils who belong to Charlottetown, and who might, with much profit to themselves, attend the city schools. If it were not for those few pupils, the annual cost of the Normal School might be reduced one-half, and thus with no further expense to the country, the services of a Professor in agriculture could be obtained. I have heard several commend the sentiments of your correspondent "O. K." of 23rd inst. I trust he will continue to write upon a subject in which he seems so well informed.

PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE.

MORE FACTS AND FIGURES.

How the Island Contributes to the Revenue.

The Liquor Traffic on the Down Grade.

Comparative Statements Considered.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.
 Members of Parliament and members of the Press are now studying the Departmental reports submitted on Monday; and some more of the statistics contained in them will also interest all intelligent persons, who care to know what is being done by their country.

The amounts contributed to the general revenue by the various Provinces during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1883, are shown by the following table:—

Province	Customs Duties	Other Revenues	Totals
Ontario	\$7,684,577.15	\$23,988.85	\$7,708,566.00
Quebec	9,250,310.42	822,263.96	10,072,574.38
Nova Scotia	1,833,641.31	28,481.33	1,862,122.64
New Brunswick	1,514,807.41	30,017.33	1,544,824.74
Manitoba	1,764,805.72	6,439.28	1,771,245.00
British Columbia	908,682.44	6,885.05	915,567.49
Prince Edward Island	166,988.42	3,047.40	170,035.82
Northwest Territories	68,187.00	28.73	68,215.73
Total	\$22,172,908.97	\$153,121.58	\$22,326,030.55

The amounts contributed by the Island were received at the following ports and outposts:—

Location	Customs Duties	Other Revenues	Totals
Charlottetown	\$14,323.34	\$1,635.00	\$15,958.34
Georgetown	2,212.93	418.69	2,631.62
Crapaud	221.04	—	221.04
Souris	2,336.93	47.17	2,384.10
Montague Bridge	1,446.63	47.36	1,494.00
Murray Harbor	502.20	18.42	520.62
Orwell	218.23	—	218.23
New London	58.98	6.86	65.84
Grand River	75.03	4.50	79.53
St. Peter's Bay	47.15	0.68	47.83
Cardigan	480.10	6.32	486.42
Pinette	30	—	30
Rustico	186.03	0.40	186.43
Summerside	13,765.83	378.44	14,144.27
Sacramento	950.21	25.75	975.96
Malpeque	15.34	—	15.34
Port Hill	741.26	29.92	771.18
Tignish	2,173.40	11.78	2,185.18
Totals	\$166,988.42	\$3,047.40	\$170,035.82

The following statements showing the spirituous liquors entered for consumption in P. E. Island, with the value and duty paid on account of them, during 1882-3 and 1878-9, respectively, will be interesting. From the 1st of July, 1878, to the 30th June, 1879, there were entered for consumption in the Island:—

	Gals.	Value.	Duty.
Brandy	13,595	\$24,025	\$16,289.15
Gin	11,894	5,627	14,288.67
Rum	6,489	2,136	7,937.94
Whiskey	14,186	12,702	17,148.78
Wine	3,157	5,480	2,278.00
Wine (doz)	261	964	510.90
Total	\$50,934	\$58,553.44	

While in the year between 1st July, 1882, and 30th June, 1883, there were entered for consumption in the Island:—

	Gals.	Value.	Duty.
Brandy	6,535	\$11,144	\$9,475.85
Gin	5,787	2,219	7,667.85
Rum	6,266	2,929	8,329.00
Whiskey	22,551	20,173	29,881.88
Wine, (dozens)	1,569	3,056	1,868.07
Total	\$30,521	\$57,222.65	

Showing a large reduction in quantity and value, though not a very large reduction in the amount of duty obtained. It is noted that less liquor per head of the population is consumed in P. E. Island than in any other Province of Canada. Whether this fact is due to a better moral-ity or whether our people generally have a higher respect for themselves or are naturally less "drouthy" than the people of the other Provinces or whether the improvement which has certainly taken place is due to temperance agitation and the Scott Act—these are questions which readers of THE EXAMINER may determine as they choose.

According to the returns, the people of P. E. Island pay a higher percentage of duties on the total value of the goods they consume than those of any other Province, except British Columbia, and at the same time they pay the lowest amount per head. The percentage of duty on the value of goods entered for consumption in the Island is 23.76; in Ontario, it is 17.24; in Quebec, 19.37; in Nova Scotia, 20.28; in New Brunswick, 20.85; in Manitoba, 18.95; in British Columbia, 23.76. But the amounts of duties per head of the population paid in different Provinces are: Ontario, \$3.08; Quebec, \$6.80; Nova Scotia, \$4.16; New Brunswick, \$4.71; Manitoba, \$9.02; British Columbia, \$18.33, and P. E. Island \$15.33. How is it that the Island is almost the highest in one and the lowest in the other? It seems as though both statements are apt to mislead, unless the large and increasing inter-provincial trade of the country is kept in view. The Island is every year importing more dutiable goods by way of Montreal, Halifax, St. John, etc. These imports are not taken into account by the Customs officials in the Island—they are credited to the port at which they are entered, and in the per capita statement the amounts set down as paid by the people of the other Provinces, while the amount we pay per head appears to be, by so much less than it really is. Looking at

its wealth, and the large quantities of goods its people consume, there can be no doubt that the Island bears its full share of the public burdens, and is fully entitled to a fair share of the money expended.
 Last evening members of the press were taken to see the lower regions of the Parliament Building. The scenes they saw were certainly not so terribly tragic as those portrayed by Dante, but as illustrations of the triumphs of science they are quite as wonderful. Every visitor must remark the warm equable temperature which pervades it, the perfect ventilation, the absence of all offensive smells, the liberal supply of hot and cold water, the brilliant lights by which the halls and corridors are, after nightfall, illuminated. But few know that in the basement of the building are nine large steam engines noisily working, and two of the most improved electro-dynamo machines to generate electricity with boilers, in which about ten cords of hard wood are consumed each day; and scarcely any one is aware that the pure air they so much enjoy is drawn through a large dock extending from the river's bank, and after being heated to the proper temperature, distributed over the building by means of enormous fans, and a perfect system of ventilation; or that in less than a minute, during recess as well as while Parliament is in Session, a force of water can be obtained sufficient to send a stream over the highest tower in the building. But these are the facts as explained to the members of the Press who are here, by Mr. Arnoldi, the Engineer. The electric lamps it may be mentioned, give a fine soft steady light; but the gas hue is excellent, and does not suffer much in the comparison to which it is subjected.

Notes.
 Hon. Senator Montgomery celebrated his seventy sixth birthday on Saturday last, and received the warm congratulations of his friends on the robust health he enjoys.

The very sudden death of Mr. Alpheus Todd, L. L. D., Parliamentary Librarian, following so close upon the unexpected death of Senator Bourinot, was a great shock to the Capital. He was a librarian for over thirty years, and has left the library in as good order as it could be. He was one of the best read men in Canada; and, as everyone knows, one of the highest authorities on Parliamentary practice in the British Empire. Mr. Martin J. Griffin, editor of *The Mail*, Toronto, and Mr. Dawson, the great Canadian publisher, are mentioned as likely to succeed to the office he has left vacant.

It seems likely that the session will be a pretty lively one. The Opposition are in better spirits than they have been for some time past; for they think they see a fair prospect of bad times in Canada and their return to power. On the other hand the Government and their supporters were never in better time to meet the attacks of their opponents.
 It is amusing to hear the Grits deplore the financial condition of Canada and the difficulties Sir Leonard is (they say) likely to meet in obtaining money to pay for the debentures which will be mature on the 31st December next. As if the financial position were likely to be improved by their accession to power, or as if times were not much worse both in Free Trade England and in the United States, where the duties imposed are higher than they are here; or as if Sir Leonard is not absolutely certain to place the loan he will require on better terms than the debt to be covered by it.

DIED.

At her late residence, Long Street, after a lingering illness, which she bore with patience to the Divine Will, Ann, beloved wife of James Hennessy, in the 53rd year of her age. May she rest in peace.
 At New Argle, on the 16th November last, Murdoch, son of Thomas and Mary Stewart, aged seven years and nine months. His end was peace. "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

TEACHER WANTED.

A TEACHER WANTED for the Hunter River School. Male preferred. A liberal supplement given. Apply to
 JOHN WAYE,
 PATRICK HUGHES, Trustees.
 Hunter River, Jan. 26, '84.—w kly pd.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE EXAMINER PUBLISHING COMPANY will be held at the office of THE EXAMINER newspaper, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th of January, inst., at the hour of eight o'clock, in the evening.
 N. A. MITCHELL,
 Secretary.
 Ch'town, Jan. 17, 1884.—w kly.

Dissolution Notice.

THIS is to certify that the Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, carrying on business under the style and firm of Darrach & Fowle, has this first day of May, A. D. 1883, been dissolved by mutual consent.
 Dated this 1st day of May, A. D. 1883.
 JOHN DARRACH,
 AUBREY FOWLE
 Ch'town, Jan. 19, '84. 31 oaw.

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ON Consignment and for sale very low, at my Auction Room, Queen Street.—
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 WRAPPING PAPER, Paper Bags, etc., very cheap.—TERMS CASH.
 A. McNEILL,
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 Ch'town, Jan. 14, 1884.—If w kly 21.

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 Ch'town, Jan. 14, 1884.

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

AT the 57th Annual General Meeting of the Standard Life Assurance Company, held at Edinburgh on Tuesday, the 24th of April, 1883, the following results for the year ended 15th November, 1883, were reported:—
 3,038 new proposals for life assurance were received the year for \$ 9,754,085 38
 2,561 proposals were accepted, assuring 7,239,048 13
 The total existing assurances in force at 15th November, 1882, amounted to \$6,936,302 91 (Of which \$7,753,031 15 was reassured with other offices)
 The claims by death which arose during the year amounted, including bonus additions, to 2,462,226 59
 The annual revenue amounted at 15th November, 1882, to 4,267,546 00
 The invested funds at same date amounted to 29,503,416 00
 Being an increase during the year of 1,062,648 35
 JOHN LONGWORTH,
 Agent for Charlottetown,
 THOMAS KERR,
 Inspector of Agencies.
 Ch'town, August 3, 1883.

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.
 LOST.—A red and green hat feather (wing L shape). The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at the EXAMINER office. [Jan 29]
 LOST.—On Saturday night, on St. Peter's Road, a Fur Mitt. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at Worth's Livery Stable, Prince Street [Jan 28 2i].
 WANTED.—A Cook and House-maid in a small family. References required. [Jan 28]

FOR SALE CHEAP.—Second hand Cottage Piano in good order. Apply at EXAMINER office. [Jan 28 1i].
 WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—A good Cook. Reference required. Apply at the Reverse House. [Jan 22]
 WANTED.—A Man for general work. References required. Apply at the Reverse House. [Jan 26]