

CHRISTMAS.

We cannot permit the festive season now upon us to pass away without wishing our subscribers, one and all, "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

THE STRANGER-CHILD'S HOLY CHRIST.

(From the German.)

'Twas on the night the Lord was born, When, through the gladsome town, A stranger-child, and all forlorn, Went wandering up and down.

At every house he stopped to gaze, Where, hung with stars of light, The Christmas tree shot forth its rays Unutterably bright.

Then went the child: "Alas for me! To-night each other one Will have his glitt'ring Christmas-tree; But I—poor I—have none.

"I too have played round such a home, With brothers hand in hand; But all deserted now I roam, Here in this stranger-land.

"Father nor mother have I now, O holy Christ and dear! Except Thou love me, only Thou, I am forgotten here."

He rubbed his little hands, all blue And stiffened with the cold, And round him, covering, closer drew His garment's scanty fold.

When, lo, with wand of wavy light, And voice how heavenly sweet! Another Child, all robed in white, Came gliding up the street.

He said: "The Holy Christ am I, Once, too, a child like thee; If all forget and pass thee by, Thou'rt not forgot by Me.

"Myself for thee, dear child, will raise A Tree so full of light, That those in yonder halls that blaze Will scarcely shine so bright."

He spoke; and straight, from earth to sky, A Tree before them sprung, And stars in clustering radiance, And its branches hung.

How near, and yet how far it seemed! How hushed in floods of light! Still stood the child, and thought he dreamed, So rapturous was the sight.

But, hovering o'er him from above, Angels sweet welcome smiled, And gently stretched their arms in love Towards the stranger-child.

They lift, they raise him from the ground, Up through the shining space; And now the blessed one has found With Christ his resting-place.

THE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

In another part of to-day's paper, the result of the Council Elections will be found, and from an investigation thereof, it will be seen that the truth of the statement which we hazarded last week, has been verified.

Whiskey, crackers, cheese, tobacco, pipes, tumblers, exorbitant rates for paying and transporting magistrates, constables and soldiers, also swallowed enormous sums which might be more beneficially and appropriately employed in spanning our rivers with bridges, in forming harbors, and in extending and improving our internal and external steam and postal communications.

We proceeded, according to promise, to give this week a further exposition of how the revenue has been spent for the last two years, and when the reader is made acquainted therewith, we think he must be prepared to admit that the Government had become corrupt to the very core, and that the time has arrived for them to give way to better men.

POLITICAL PARTIES.—THE CONSERVATIVES.—HOW THE MONEY WENT.

Table listing expenses for the Conservatives, including items like Richard Bagnall's bill for the entertainment of the troops, Wm. Swabey, Esq., magistrate, in charge of the expeditionary force, and various other bills and payments.

The above are a few only of the choice items that might be selected from the Detailed Accounts of last year, and a glance at them shows exactly "the way the money goes."

passions, and to render the discharge of a duty at all times harrowing and unpleasant, perfectly odious and revolting. There can be no excuse for such extravagance, any more than there can be for paying Mr. ex-Secretary Pope over £1,300 last year for loafing around the world, or for paying for wharfs and buoys in the neighboring Provinces on account of a Company which enjoy a monopoly in steam navigation, or for squandering the public money in other ways which it will be our duty to point out in future articles.

The steamer "Princess of Wales" made her last trip for the season on Friday last, the 21st inst., on which day she arrived at this Port from Pictou, N. S., having brought with her Colonial mails which were overdue.

Last week was a very snowy one. In fact the roads—especially by-roads—were almost blocked up with snow-banks; but they are now bare again.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS.—The Christmas markets were unusually well supplied, with all kinds of Poultry, Meat, &c. We particularly noticed the fine display of beef at the stall of Mr. Patrick Blake.

We are requested to announce, that the Concert by the Pupils of the Convent will be repeated in St. Andrew's Hall on New Year's night.

An article which we had prepared in reply to the Editorial in the last Islander is unavoidably crowded out this week.

It is supposed that Head Centre Stephens is now in the United States. Many of the Fenians look upon him as a spy,—whether rightly or wrongly time alone will tell.

In the Second District of King's County, Mr. Moirhead polled 448 votes, and Mr. Ramsay 224. Mr. Campbell withdrew from the contest after having had 9 votes polled for him.

REMEMBER that the Dramatic and Musical Soiree, under the management of the Ladies of the Convent, takes place this evening in St. Andrew's Hall, at 7 o'clock. Go all and hear this really pleasing, intellectual and musical treat.

Up to the time of going to press, the result of the Council Elections is as follows:

For King's County.—Hon. A. A. McDonald, re-elected; Hon. J. Dingwell, do. Queen's County.—Mr. Balderston, Robert P. Haythorne, Esq. Prince County.—Hon. James Yeo, re-elected; James Muirhead, Esq.—Isl.

The English Mail arrived here per Princess of Wales from Pictou last evening. The Princess waited at Pictou from Tuesday until yesterday for the mail, which did not reach Halifax before Thursday. Fears were entertained on account of the heavy snow storm and severe frost which set in, that the steamer would not be able to return to Charlottetown, but she is now safely at her winter quarters, after performing her duty for the season with satisfaction to the public, and credit to her officers, as well as to her excellent Captain and Pilot, Messrs. Evans and Lund.—Pat.

The Barque "Bismark," owned in P. E. Island, on a voyage to Liverpool, was wrecked on Saturday last at Cape Porepique, in the Straits of Canseau. This vessel had been on shore at River John, but was got off and brought to this port, which she left on Friday to proceed on her voyage.—Pictou Standard, Dec 18.

Lamiraude, the french forger, kidnapped from Canada recently, has been sentenced to ten years imprisonment in France.

The project for connecting Halifax with Bermuda and the British West India Islands by a telegraph cable has again been revived.

LEVÉE.—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor will hold a Levée at Government House on Tuesday the 1st day of January next, (being New Year's Day) at one o'clock.

FROM THE STATES.

Congress was not nominally opened until the 4th, but in fact, it assembled on the 3rd inst., to receive the President's message; and on the 1st inst. a Republican caucus was held, to discuss the measures for the session, that might be considered almost as a preliminary meeting of the Legislature.

WASHINGTON, December 3.

The temper of the Republican caucus of Saturday evening was fully developed in both Houses to-day, on the opening of the second session of the Thirty-ninth Congress. The Senate and House were fairly inundated with bills restricting the Executive power for the future and repealing the license of the past.

THE HOUSE.

New York delegations had sixteen absentees. The new Tennessee and Kentucky members, six in all—were sworn in. The speaker then said that the next business in order was the call of the State for bills and joint resolutions on leave.

dent said time and reflection had convinced him of the wisdom of his policy. The Radicals thereat affected a general laugh. Long before the reading was concluded the vast crowds in the galleries retired to see the mass welcome in the streets. The House then adjourned a little after 2 p. m.

THE SCENE IN THE SENATE.

was a minor duplicate of the House in the crowds in the galleries, and on the floor. The development legislation was as rigorous and vindictive towards the President as in the House, though there was, as a consequence, less of it.

The Radicals declare that the message is just what they expected. They flout the idea of conciliation and compromise, and cry war to the knife on the administration. The party discipline and drill are perfect, and the course of to-day is but an inkling of what is to come.

THE "MASS WELCOME."

The procession of the so-called mass welcome to Congress to-day was confined almost entirely to the negroes. When it passed Willard's, there were not forty men, and as it neared the Capitol, the white men became less and the negroes great in numbers.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

PARIS, Dec. 1.—The Patrie states that the scheme which is being concerted between the Catholic Powers, and which is to be submitted to the Pontifical Government, has no political character. It is simply a renewal of the proposal of 1862 for an arrangement by which the Catholic Governments would contribute towards the Pope's Civil List.

VIENNA, Dec. 1.—The semi-official Vienna Journal of to-day, publishes an article upon what it designates as "wilyly disseminated rumors," respecting alleged tension in the political relations between Austria and Russia, and concludes as follows:—"We learn upon most reliable authority that the relations between Russia and Austria are most satisfactory, and that nothing whatever has taken place calculated to disturb them in any way.

News by Telegraph.

LATEST CABLE DESPATCH.

BERLIN, Dec. 22d.—Large seizure of arms and munitions, secreted for the use of Fenians, continue to be made in various quarters in Ireland.—Gold 1334.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 24. Fenian troubles in Ireland entirely abated; the island is tranquil, and confidence returned to the people. It is said that Great Britain certainly requires the Spanish Government to justify seizure ship "Tornado" when near Callao.

Rumoured another Conspiracy, having for its object the destruction of lives of ruling powers. Subversive forms of Government discovered at Madrid. Colonel Brown of Canada apprehended in Prussia; crossed to Montreal in charge of detectives.—Gold 1334.

MEMORANDA.

Arrivals in Europe from P. E. I. Halifax, Dec. 20. Nov. 24—Helen Malcom. 27—Empress, Indiana, Dec. 2—Ocean Belle. 4—Athol, Onkida, Lucile, 6—Lotus, L. C. Owen. 7—Peri, Wilhe.

THOMAS BOLTON. The sch. "S. C. Grove," McPierston, Master, from P. E. Island with a cargo of produce for Halifax, was wrecked on the "Bull," at the entrance of Canoe when leaving that port, wrecked. This fine vessel was built and owned at Port Medway. She was launched at that place last spring, and competent judges pronounced her to be one of the handsomest and most superior vessels of her class ever constructed in this Province. "S. C. Grove" is said to have cost her enterprising owners at least 14000. Both vessel and cargo will probably prove a total loss.—Hc. Citizen.

Medical Notices. Holloway's Pills and Ointment. The Best Way To gain any end. There are often many ways, but there is always a best way. This statement applies with wonderful force to Holloway's remedies, which overcome ill-health by driving noxious matter from the frame, by repairing broken or injured structures, and by establishing regularity of action. This is the only safe and feasible method of combating disease and securing sound health. With pure blood, good digestion, strong nerves, and perfect functional order, most maladies may be vanquished, and strength surely re-established. The balsamic and healing qualities of Holloway's Ointment render it invaluable in the urgency for healing cuts, scratches, and sores, for allaying inflammation, reducing swellings, and cleansing unhealthy skins.

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PERRY DAVIS' PAIN KILLER.—This medicine has become an article of commerce, a thing so common everywhere before. Pain Killer is as much an item in every bale of goods sent to country merchants as tea, coffee, or sugar. This speaks volumes in its favor.—GLASS FALLS MESSENGER.

THEO. DE BRISAY, General Agent for P. E. Island.

Married. In the City of San Francisco, California, Nov. 1st, by the Rev. Dr. Scudder, D. M. Lennan of Napa City, to Elizabeth S., eldest daughter of the late Charles Martin M. D., of Pictou, Nova Scotia. [The bride is the niece of M. W. Sklons, Esq. of this city.]

DIED. At Killare, Lot 4, on the 21st November last, Mr. Patrick Cahill, aged 93 years, leaving a widow and several children, besides a numerous circle of relatives and friends, endeared to them by his many virtues of head and heart.—Mr. Cahill was a native of Bannow, Co. Wexford, Ireland, and emigrated to this Island more than fifty years since; and, through the whole course of his long life, proved himself to be one of God's noblest works—an honest man.