

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

BOARD OF HEALTH. A meeting of the Board of Health was held last evening at 5 o'clock. Present: Henry Beer, Esq., Chairman; Messrs. Morris, McRae, Curtis, McLean, Davy, Horne, Douse, Crabbe, Haszard and Kelly.

The meeting was called by the request of the Executive Committee to consider the matter of changing physicians at the small-pox hospital.

The following letter was read from Dr. J. T. Jenkins: To the Chairman of the Board of Health. Sir, I have to acknowledge the following copy of a resolution, passed at a meeting of the Board of Health on the 23rd inst.:

Resolved, That the services of Dr. John T. Jenkins be dispensed with from the 27th inst.

As I have incurred double responsibilities in taking possession on behalf of the citizens, of the Asylum building, and in assuming the charge of the patients, and as I consider the public safety requires that one thoroughly acquainted with the disease, the state of the patients, and the condition of the building, should be in charge to see that no one is discharged who could possibly carry away infection, and that the building is put in such a state that it may be handed back in perfect safety to the authorities, and as I shall make no additional charge for completing my duties in connection with the hospital, I think it advisable, in the interest of the public whom I serve, to retain the charge of the establishment until all the patients are discharged and the building made ready to be given up.

The circumstances exceeding scant courtesy of the resolution of your Board is excusable on one ground only. I have, etc.

Moved by Mr. Douse and seconded by Mr. McRae:

Resolved, That Dr. Johnson, the Health Officer for the city, is hereby authorized and requested by the Board of Health to take charge of the Smallpox Hospital at once, and that he shall not allow any patient to leave said hospital without a medical officer present, as we understand has been done heretofore, so that there shall be no danger of said patients carrying the infection with them into the city; and that he shall discharge all patients as soon as they shall be fit to leave, and close up the said hospital with as little delay as possible.

On the motion being put, there appeared for it: Messrs. Morris, Douse, McRae, Davy and Curtis. Against—Messrs. Crabbe, Kelly, Haszard, McLean and Horne.

The Chairman stated that as the matter has changed materially since it was last considered, he would ask the Board to allow him to consult the Health Officer, Dr. Johnson, as to whether he was able to perform the duties.

The Board then adjourned and met again this morning. The following letter was then read from Dr. Johnson:

To the Chairman of the Board of Health. Sir, Having been informed by yourself of the resignation of Dr. S. R. Jenkins of his position as Assistant Health Officer, and in reply to your enquiry as to whether, with the sole assistance of Dr. Warburton, I can conduct the special work on hand to its completion, I have to say that I am prepared at any time to assume the responsibilities, both of the hospital and city work, with the assistance of Dr. Warburton.

Your obedient servant, RICHARD JOHNSON, Health Officer.

The Chairman therefore supported the resolution of Messrs. Douse and McRae. A motion to notify Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Johnson of the action of the Board was carried on division.

The Board then adjourned.

The Mayor acknowledges with thanks the following donations for patients in the Hospital:—A Friend, per Rev. Mr. Carruthers, 3 suits clothing; Mr. George Burnett, St. Peter's Road, 1 bag potatoes; Mrs. Chowan, 1 jar butter/milk; W. Cummings, North River, 50 lbs. oatmeal; Capt. Maxwell, 1 bottle raspberry wine, lot of toys; Mrs. Peter Bradley, parcel fruit cake for Sister St. Thomas.

NOTES. All patients in the city and at the hospital are doing well. No new cases since Saturday.

The two sisters who came from Quebec to nurse the smallpox patients, leave for home this evening. We wish them a safe and pleasant passage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Clergy. Sir, On the 18th inst. you had in your paper an editorial upon the "Length of Sermons." In that article you introduced the Rev. Robert Hall, the great Baptist preacher, saying that: "A man of genius with an effort, might make one sermon in a week; a man of talent, if he were diligent, might perhaps manage to make two, but nobody but a born fool would ever think of attempting to make three." Now if this be true, it is clear that no congregation has any right to expect two first-class sermons in the week, because even although their minister were a genius, he could produce only one such sermon a week, and that, too, only with an effort. What then is to be done? Are congregations to be content with only one excellent discourse? Or will they be pleased with two inferior ones? Or will they be satisfied with the rant and rhodomontade of the "born fool?" We ask the questions, but leave congregations to answer them, as they may be supposed to know best what they would like. But it is evident that church-going people do want sermons twice a Sabbath Day; and it is equally evident that they cannot get good sermons at that rate. And we ask again what is to be done? One might suppose that in towns and cities the clergy of all denominations might exchange pulpits with one another on the Sabbath evenings, and thus relieve the studies and toils of one another. Such a plan, too, might introduce variety, and give congregations the chance of hearing the various ministers among whom they live, and move, and have their being. A change of face, a change of voice, and a change of manner, might help to relieve the constant sameness and to enliven the services of the Church. The only objection to this proposal which we can think of, is that it might afford an opportunity for proselytizing, which again might rouse jealousy and unfriendly feelings between Church and Church, which would be a great pity. The writer once knew a case in which two churches of the same denomination employed three ministers, which wrought very well. The third minister preached, as it were, in the morning in the East Church, and in the evening in the West Church; and preached the same sermon in both Churches, so that there was no inducement to follow him from church to church. This plan answered admirably; each minister had to get up only one sermon a week, and he could therefore afford to make it a good one, besides allowing him more time for visiting. The congregations kept well up, were well pleased with their Sabbath services, and had no reason to entertain the painful fear that they were killing their minister with "much study which is a weariness of the flesh." Such study, it is said, has made Mr. Spurgeon a complete wreck, and will likely send him to an early grave, where it has sent thousands of clergymen before him.

Dec. 28, 1885. G.

A Card of Thanks.

Sir, The undersigned, Pastor of the Murray Harbor Presbyterian congregation received at the Manse on Christmas night a visit from a number of the more prominent members of that section of his congregation known as Peter's Road, who came to make him a gift of a very beautiful and valuable black fur coat, accompanied by a pair of gauntlets of the same color and material, which he hereby gratefully acknowledges. No wonder if he will feel well going among such a people in such a coat and gloves, especially on a cold day. Peter's Road people evidently know how to take care of their Pastor, and how to encourage him. After spending the evening very pleasantly, the donors left for their homes about the time the "keynotes of the night" had arrived.

ALEX. ROULSTON. (Chignecto Post and Moncton Times please copy.)

The Forthcoming Overland.

Advance notes of the Overland Monthly for January promise a number of special interest. This will be the "Holiday Issue," and it has been decided to publish it a few days before Christmas.

The first article will be Leonard Kip's Christmas story, entitled "Golden Graves," a tale of the mines at Lower Bar, in the stirring times of '49.

Andrew McFarland Davis will contribute a historical study of the famous "Voyage of the *Arcturion*" across the Atlantic in 1727, in the ill-fated ship *Gironde*.

Mrs. Helen Lake's new novel of California life, entitled "For Money," will begin in this issue, and the first installments show a distinct advance upon the best of Miss Lake's previous work. It promises to be a strong, earnest story, full of fidelity to Pacific Coast society and manners.

"An Autumn Ramble in Washington Territory," and an article on "Water Rights in British Columbia," will show that the Overland is not unmindful of the Great North Pacific Region.

Kate Hesth will contribute a Holiday Story, "Mr. Grigg's Christmas," a sketch full of human interest, love and pathos.

The picturesque features of Mexico will seldom be better described than by Mr. D. S. Richardson, formerly Minister Foster's Secretary, in his "Cruise Among the Floating Islands."

Hon. A. A. Sargent will write again of the Chinese Problem and the recent agitation against the Chinese. His article is a reply to a writer in the December Overland. Some "Observations on Chinese Labor," by H. Shewin, will give the brighter side of the picture.

Perhaps the article that will attract most attention is entitled "The Lost Journals of a Pioneer." Some books, Mrs. etc., were recently found buried in the Coast Range, and a Chapter of Comments upon events of many years ago in Sacramento and San Francisco will appear in the January Overland.

MASONIC.

In addition to the installations reported yesterday are the following:— OFFICERS OF KING HIRAM LODGE, SUMMERSIDE. H. E. Wright—W. M. D. Schurman—S. W. John Clay—J. W. H. C. Green—Treas. Leonard Morris—Secy. Neil McLeod—Chap. John Goss—S. D. B. H. Gookin—J. D. R. C. McLeod—Marshal. John West—J. G. W. T. Hunt—S. D. A. N. Ramsay—L. S. Philip McLeod—Tyler.

OFFICERS OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, MONTAGUE. N. McLaren—W. M. D. Martin—S. W. John D. Bell—J. W. P. McLaren—Treas. J. Robertson—Secy. D. McDonald—Chap. J. Nicholson—S. D. Wm. McDonald—J. D. Joseph Warren—Tyler.

Subway Meeting at Market Hall.

THE public meeting at Market Hall tomorrow evening will be one of great importance to the best interests of this province. Senator Howlan has made a specialty for some time past of his great scheme. His speech in the Senate last session was listened to with marked attention, and received the approval of many distinguished men, both in and out of Parliament. Since then he has secured the services of practical and eminent engineers, whose opinions as to the practicability of this great work are unanimously favorable. Nothing now remains but immediate action on the part of our representatives in parliament, with the view of urging upon the Government the propriety of entertaining the subway question.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Rev. Abbe Provancher, of Quebec, is organizing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Last year a similar scheme fell through, owing to the prevalence of cholera in the East. The point of departure will be New York, and the steamer will sail about the 17th of March next. The homeward trip will be made from Liverpool to Quebec. The price of tickets for the round trip, including railway and steamer charges, has been placed at \$400. After a flying trip through France and Italy, the principal points of interest in Upper Egypt will be visited prior to the trip to Jerusalem. On the return westward the pilgrimage will be afforded an opportunity of visiting the leading cities of Italy, France, Switzerland and England, as well as the famous shrine at Lourdes. Rev. Abbe Provancher will accompany the pilgrims.

Sale of the Queen's Stock.

The annual Christmas sale of fat stock, the property of the Queen, bred and fed upon the Royal demesne, was held at the Prince Consort's Shaw Farm, Windsor, on Wednesday week. There was a large attendance of buyers from London, Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, Reading, Windsor, the Isle of Man, Newcastle, Winchester, Newbury, and other places. Luncheon was provided previous to the bidding. The catalogue comprised 51 Shorthorn, Devon and Hereford bullocks, 300 Hampshire Down sheep, 120 four-year-old Highland wethers, 115 half-bred sheep and ewes, and 150 bacon hogs and porkers. Most of the stock was in capital condition, and realized excellent prices. Half-bred lambs, fine quality, made from £4 10s. to £5 15s.; Hampshire Down whether sheep, £3 to £5 5s. each. Highland whether sheep, £2 12s. to £3 5s.; half-bred ewes, £2 8s. to £3 1s.; Hereford heifers, £2 10s. to £4 10s.; Shorthorn heifers, £40 10s. to £41; Devon bullocks, £21 10s. to £43; bacon pigs, Prince Albert's white Windsor breed, £5 to £10; porkers, £3 to £9 10s.; bacon pigs, Berkshire breed, £3 to £5 5s.; Nine Shorthorn bullocks, fed by the Duke of Connaught at Bagshot Park, included in the sale, fetched from £28 to £40 each, and five heifers fed by Prince Christian at Cumberland Lodge, £17 to £23 10s. each.

Summerside Items.

(From the Pioneer.) Remarks on the Subway meeting here last week are squeezed out this issue. Miss Grace L. Reid, Vice-Principal in the Davies School, received a valuable present from her class on taking leave of them for the holidays last week.

Mrs. W. B. Mills wishes to express her thanks to the congregation of Saint Mary's Church for the valuable Christmas gift, kindly presented to her.

Desirous of giving the hands working on this paper a week's holidays, we have decided not to issue the *Pioneer* next week. We hope readers will kindly overlook the omission.

We are pleased to learn that Island boys at McGill College, Montreal, have done themselves credit at Christmas examinations. In the 3rd year students, Mr. W. L. Clay, of this place, and two other Islanders took first class standing.

Christmas passed away quietly in Summerside. The day was cheerless and cold, while wagons were the only vehicles that could be used. But then, come to think of it, Christmas Day of '84 was honored by a No. 1 blizzard. The Band made things lively in the afternoon and evening by spirited music.

The *Journal* is slightly off the perpendicular in stating that a call had been given to Rev. J. D. Murray, of Buctouche. Though the matter is under consideration, no call has yet been extended to anyone; whereas the Mr. Murray in contemplation comes from Cape Breton and not from Buctouche.

NOTES. Not the promissory, but facts about WELCOME SOAP, an article that does not contain one particle of the adulterations used to reduce the cost of "Pure Goods," but does possess the value of legitimate Washing Qualities, the demand for which proves the advantage gained by the use of the genuine over Soaps of doubtful character. None should be deceived even by Red and Yellow Wrappers, or any of the imitations of the WELCOME, as a pair of clasped hands is stamped on every bar. Made by CURTIS, DAVIS & CO.

The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co. Assets, 31st Dec. 1884, \$36,023,954.86 FIRE INSURANCE may be effected with this Company on the most Advantageous Terms. LEONARD MORRIS, Agent, Summerside, P. E. I. R. R. FITZGERALD, Agent, Ch'town, P. E. I. Dec 22, 1885.

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GEO. DAVIES & Co., intending to make a change in their present business, offer the whole of their MAGNIFICENT STOCK OF MERCHANDISE at prices that cannot fail to make a clearance.

This is a BONA FIDE SALE, as the stock must be disposed of during the next few months, and will present a Grand Opportunity to all buyers for Cash.

Our Wholesale Customers will be supplied on the usual Terms. GEO. DAVIES & CO. Ch'town, Dec. 9, 1885.

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A CHANGE AND A CHANGE. Extraordinary Inducements to Purchasers of Dry Goods.

IT is our intention to make a change in our business early in the New Year, and we shall for a time offer our whole stock of STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS AND MILLINERY at immense reductions in price, commencing MONDAY, the 14th inst.

Our stock of Goods is so large it is impossible for us to enumerate it, but in every department our prices will be REDUCED 20 to 30 PER CENT.

And a lot of Odds and Remnants will be closed out at HALF PRICE. Our Goods are always marked in plain figures and customers will see that the discounts are made bona fide.

Orders by letter will receive careful and prompt attention. We will also prepay freight to the country on all purchases exceeding ten dollars.

The above discounts are for Cash only, but for purchases exceeding fifty dollars we will allow three months' credit. This is our first Big Discount Sale, and we intend to fulfil all the promises of our advertisement.

W. W. BEER. Ch'town, Dec. 10, '85—dy wy 2mo

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It will be to your interest to try it. —FOR SALE WHOLESALE BY FENTON T. NEWBERRY. July 22, 1885. 6m

"All Right" Mare at Auction. I WILL Sell by Auction, on THURSDAY, the 31st day of December, at 12 o'clock, on Market Square, An "All Right" Mare, four years old; a good carriage beast.

Literary & Scientific Institute. THE next meeting of the Charlotville Literary and Scientific Institute will be held on the

MARKET HALL. Thursday Evening, Dec. 31st. When HON. SENATOR HOWLAN will deliver an Address on

"THE SUBWAY." The Address will be illustrated by Diagram and Models. His Worship the Mayor will preside. The public are cordially invited, Ladies especially welcome.

Dr. Stephen R. Jenkins. HAVING ceased to attend Small-pox Patients, is now able to attend to his regular practice. Dec. 28—31 wy 3i

Y. M. C. A. SALE OF PAPERS. THE Annual sale of Papers, Magazines, &c., will take place on the Y. M. C. A. Reading Rooms, next WEDNESDAY EVENING (Dec. 30) at half-past eight o'clock.

REMOVAL. MACMILLAN'S COAL OFFICE has been removed to foot of PRINCE STREET. A Large Assortment of HARD AND SOFT COAL. Kept constantly on hand. R. McMILLAN. Dec. 24—3m eod & wky

Executors' Notice. THE undersigned, Executors of the late John Weirway, of Georgetown, merchant, deceased, hereby notify all persons indebted to his estate, to make immediate payment to Malcolm McDonald, at his office, Water Street, Georgetown, and all persons having claims or demands against the said estate, are hereby required to furnish the same, fully attested, within twelve months from the date.

N. P. U. OUR No. 10 Ultra CANDY is just what every person wants during the Holidays. Our Factory is running every day, turning out PURE CANDY.

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SECOND CLASS TEACHER WANTED. Royal East School vacant; male teacher; only 2nd class need apply.—John Prowse, Trustee. dec23—wky 2i pd

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