

Local and Other Items.

The busiest place in the city is the Diamond Bookstore.

No business at the Stipendiary Magistrate's court this forenoon.

SKATING RINK opens to-night. Worth's Band in attendance.

THOSE Flash Albums are selling rapidly at the Diamond Bookstore.

JOHN MILES TAYLOR, for twenty-five years grand tiler of the Freemason body in Nova Scotia, is dead.

CUSTOMERS are respectfully requested to call early in the day and avoid the rush at the Diamond Bookstore.

OSCAR WILDE has written an ode to the sun. That is the reason the sun has been blushing so much recently.—Ez.

A LOT of electro-plated candlesticks, napkin rings, forks, egin watches, gold-plated bracelets, spectacles and cases, received to-day, W. W. WELLNER.

MESSRS. N. R. RAVEN, King's College, and Mr. W. C. Wilson, formerly of Charlottetown, are to be ordained by Bishop Finney in St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, to-morrow.

Go and hear the Zither play beautifully at the Diamond Bookstore. At the same time you are supposed to rapidly purchase your Xmas presents. The cheapest in the city.

The billiard contest between Daly and Garner terminated at Lyons on the 19th inst. in a victory for the latter. The total score of the five nights was: Garner, 3,000; Daly, 2,970. In the last night's play Garner made 654 and Daly 570.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT AT A CHARIVARI.—On Friday evening last, while taking part in a charivari, Wm. Corbett, of Coldstream, Gay's River, N. S., had his hands terribly shattered by the bursting of a gun which he was firing. Amputation may be necessary.

It is stated that collector Tremaine made a seizure at Port Hood this week of 8 puns run, 20 qtr. casks, and 50 cases liquors, 125 brls. herring, boxes tobacco, and some kerosene oil from the schooner "Harriet Torry," of Souris, P. E. Island, from St. Pierre, Miquelon.

ON Thursday and Friday evenings a Christmas Tree was held in Summerside in aid of the building fund of the new Convent at that place. It was largely attended by the members of all denominations. We learn that the sum realized was over two hundred dollars.

THE DIPHTHERIA SCOURGE.—A correspondent of the Montreal Times writes:—That dread scourge—diphtheria—is doing, and has done, terrible work in and about Sussex. On four farms, side by side, situate about four miles from here, on the Smith's road, eleven children have died.

THE DEAD LOCK BROKEN.—A Winnipeg despatch of the 18th inst., says the strike on the Canadian Pacific has practically ended, and that "New engineers have arrived and the workshops will be opened to-morrow." The old engineers so far continue firm, but new men are offering in abundance.

IN 1880 the wealth of England and Wales was equal to \$45 per head; in 1872 it was \$127, and last year, \$249. Public wealth has quadrupled since the Waterloo epoch, and doubled since the accession of Queen Victoria. Since 1840 wealth has increased four times more rapidly than the population.

THE Roman Catholic worship was not permitted in New York until after the British evacuated it. The first church was in Barclay street, and bore date 1786, and was rebuilt fifty years afterward. That was the only Catholic church until 1816, when the Cathedral of St. Patrick was erected in Prince street.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Tuesday was the fiftieth anniversary of Lieut. Governor Wilnot's wedding-day. This was the first golden wedding ever celebrated by any of our Lieutenant Governors while residing in Government House. We wish the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Wilnot very many happy returns of the anniversary of their marriage.—Capital.

WILLIAM WILSON, Perry Trundle, A. Rollins, and S. McFarland, of St. Andrews, N. B., were drowned on the night of the 18th inst., while crossing St. Andrew's Bay in a sail boat. Wilson leaves a wife and a number of children; the others were young men. It is supposed the accident was caused by the capsizing of the boat. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

ST. PETER'S BOYS' SCHOOL closed on Saturday for the Christmas holidays. The highest number of marks during the term were gained, in I. Div. by George Rogers, II. Div. Charles Longworth, III. Div. Thomas Rogers. The highest marks in the terminal examination were gained by, I. Div. W. L. Strickland, II. Div. George Foster, III. Div. Thomas Rogers. Prizes were taken by Charles Longworth and Thomas Rogers.

MISSING.—A despatch of the 15th inst., from St. John's, Nfld., says:—There are four vessels now missing from that port, (St. John's), and utterly despaired of. They were bound from St. John's to ports in Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island. Their names are Orion, Nora Bailey (of Bath), Clara and Lotus. They were all out in the hurricane of Nov. 17, and too probably succumbed to its fury. It is now blowing a southerly gale.

THE following are the officers of Lorne L. O. L. No. 1402, DeSable:— Colin A. McPhail—W. M. Donald McKinnon, D. M. Ewen McKinnon, Treasurer. James W. Villet, Recording Sec'y. Arch. McKinnon, Financial Secretary. Matthew Higginis, Chaplain. Samuel D. Cameron, D. of C. Geo. Villet, First Committeeman. Colin T. Ferguson, Lecturer.

COAL.—The Quebec Chronicle says shippers of coal cargoes have been unfortunate this season. The first sale of Scotch steam was at \$5.80 per chaldron. By the end of May some twenty-five coal ships had arrived and the figure for Scotch steam had gradually declined to \$5.35 but advanced again to \$5.65. In June the price advanced to \$5.75 for Scotch, and English sold at \$5.25 to \$5.50 and Sydney at \$5.60. In July Scotch ruled about \$5.25 to \$5.30 and English at \$4.75 to \$4.85. Later on in the year shipments from the Maritime Provinces materially reduced values. A number of steamers had been engaged on time charters to carry coals from the lower provinces to Montreal, and both the Montreal and this market became thereby completely demoralized. Values came down to \$4.75 and ultimately \$4.60 had to be taken for two or three shipments.

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HARPER'S Magazine for January at the Diamond Bookstore.

CHAPPELLE'S Interloved Almanac now ready at the Diamond Bookstore.

REMEMBER the Bible Class in the Y. M. C. A. Parlor this evening at 8 o'clock.

DECEMBER 22—Charlottetown harbor is still clear of ice, and the ferry boat is running.

GREAT BARGAINS at Harvie's auction sale this evening. Books, stationery, toys, fancy goods, Christmas cards, &c., without reserve.

The largest piece of grazing land in the world, in one fence, is in Texas. It contains 63,000 acres and is now owned by Captain King.

THE Methodist Sunday School and Choir intend holding an entertainment in the Basement of the Brick Church on Wednesday the 26th inst.

MR. WILLIAM S. McKIE, horse dealer, is still exporting horses. Yesterday he shipped eight fine animals to the United States, via Georgetown, per "Northern Light."

In the case of the Kingston bazaar, it has been decided by the managers of the booth that the chair rightfully belongs to Dr. Sullivan, the Conservative candidate.

MR. KENNEDY read a most interesting paper in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, on "Whiskey." The paper was the subject of one of the liveliest discussions we have had for some time.

The pupils in the Second Advanced Division of Queen Square School, yesterday presented their teacher, Mr. Michael W. Smith, with an album, beautifully illuminated, as well as a short address expressing their esteem of him as their teacher.

SOME PORK.—Says the St. John Sun:—John Howe, of Case Settlement, Springfield, King's Co., brought a 635 lb. hog to market yesterday, and sold it at eight and three-quarter cents per pound. He went home a happy man, laughing heartily at the croakers who say this is a poor country for the farmer.

FIRE AT DUNDASS.—The store and stock of goods, belonging to Mr. Richard Burdett, were destroyed by fire on the night of Thursday, 20th inst. We have not learned the cause of the fire. The property was insured in "The City of London Fire Insurance Co.," of which Mr. John McEachern is agent for the island.

SCOTT ACT CONVICTS.—At Mount Stewart, on the 22nd instant, before James Ross and W. J. Logan, Esquires, Justice of the Peace, William Bridges, at the suit of Thomas Douglas, was convicted and fined fifty dollars and costs, or two months imprisonment, for selling spirituous and intoxicating liquors, contrary to the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act, 1878.

AN exchange offers this wise suggestion:—"It is not necessary to enumerate the advantages of making Christmas purchases at leisure. Any one who has chased about from shop to shop on the day before Christmas and squandered his money in the making of a collection of inappropriate presents, because he has no time to choose suitable ones, does not need to be told of the folly of such delay."

ONLY 35,393 immigrants arrived at all the ports of the United States from foreign countries in the month of November, against 40,635 in November, 1882, and the total arrivals in the eleven months in November 30th was 536,430, against 686,676 in the same eleven months of 1882, a decrease of 21 per cent. The decrease is in about the same ratio from all countries. Germany continues to furnish about 33 per cent. of the total immigration.

STEALING FROM THE HALIFAX POST OFFICE.—For a while back there has been a light-fingered individual at work in the post office department in this city, whom the officials have been doing their utmost to catch at his game. Letters have been opened quite frequently and sums of money abstracted therefrom. Suspicion rested upon a clerk in the delivery department, who has been acting as a newspaper sorter for the past few months. Yesterday a trap was set and the suspected young man walked deliberately into it and was caught. He was taken at once to Inspector McDonald's private office, and after some hesitation confessed to having stolen sums of money at different times. Restoration of a portion of the total amount was made. The young man was dismissed from the service, and it is understood no further action will be taken against him.—Herald.

"WHO TAKES THE CAKE?"—That handsome cake in Kennedy's shop window is to be given away in this wise: Near the cake is a glass bottle containing several thousandths of the product of a well known leguminous plant—Faba vulgaris—commonly known as white beans (said by Bostonians, when combined with the adipose of pig, to make a very aesthetic dish). Any person, over the age of sixteen, may have the privilege of guessing how many beans the bottle contains, and the two persons who shall guess nearest to the actual number in the bottle shall have the cake divided between them on New Year's Day, when the beans will be counted. The names and the numbers guessed shall be recorded in the shop. The successful persons will thereafter be known in history as the persons "who took the cake." It has been a conundrum long agitating the public mind, and is now likely to be settled.

MARRIED.—At the residence of Henry B. Robinson, Esq., Dec. 20th, by Rev. Edward Whitman, M. A., Mr. James S. Brown, of Charlottetown, and Miss Annie I. Ramsey, of O'Leary, Lot 7.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Dec. 20th, by the Rev. J. Burwash, M. A., Mr. Alexander McConnell to Miss Frances Fairclough, all of Charlottetown.

DIED.—Of typhoid fever, at the Astor Place Hotel, New York city, Dec. 12th, Amanda Cameron, formerly of this city. Why do we mourn departing friends, Or shake at death's alarms, 'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends, To call them to his arms.

SHIP NEWS.—St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 8—Ar Spring Bird, Nel-on, Charlottetown. 10—Avalon, Conners, P. E. Island. 14—Bessie, Power, Charlottetown. Sailed from Whitestone, Dec. 15—Brit. Gavin, from New York for Pernambuco.

JUST 3 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS,

And we will be better able to wait on you now before the rush.

Grand Show of Silver-Plated Ware.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS IN BRACELETS.

We have all the samples of a Manufacturers' Agent, and offer at Reduced Prices.

Children's Misses' Ladies' and Gents' Rings, all styles and all prices; Fine Gold and Silver Lockets and Chains, Initial Pins and Studs, Fancy Pencils, Patent Watch Keys, Silver Thimbles, Scarf Pins.

Decorated and Mounted Vases, Satin Lined Jewel Cases, Novel Napkin Rings, Ink Stands, Thermometers, Card Trays, Biscuit Boxes, Cream and Sugar Dishes, Tea Sets, Salvers, Spoon Holders, Pickle Dishes, Cruets.

Just received, the largest stock of Silver Necklets and Locketts in the city.

Gold and Silver Watches, Spectacles, Fancy and Useful Clocks,

and a great many other articles which, if given for PRESENTS are likely to remind one of the giver a lifetime.

Having enlarged and filled up our store, we can show goods to better advantage and give better satisfaction. We will be happy to show you whether you buy or not. Call early at

E. W. TAYLOR'S.

Ch'town, Dec. 12, 1883.—cod wkly 3i

SANTA CLAUS

arriv d by Special Train at

W. F. CARTER'S

last night, and you should come and see the load of good things he brought. It consists of choice

Confectionery, Fruit, Pastry and Cakes,

SUCH AS

Delicious Dessert Creams, Chocolate Cream, Fig Cream, Coconut Cream, Raisin Cream, Chocolate Cream Drops, Lawnsdale Creams, and French Creams.

Barley Sugar Toys, Almond Candy, Walnut Candy, Butter Scotch, Molasses Candy and Tally.

Vanilla, Walnut, Chocolate, Coconut, Molasses and Strawberry Caramels.

Fruit Cake 20, 25, 32 and 40 cents per pound.

Plain Cake 32 and 40 cents per pound. Also a large assortment of small cakes.

Beautiful Apples, Pears, Oranges, Lemons, Grapes and Figs, and lots of other nice things.

All the above are the very best quality. Please call and see for yourselves at

W. F. Carter's Confectionery.

Ch'town, Dec. 17, 1883.—tf

CHRISTMAS

AUCTION SALES

—AT—

HARVIE'S BOOKSTORE,

QUEEN STREET,

COMMENCING AT

Seven O'clock Thursday Ev'g,

December 20th,

and continued every evening during the Christmas Holidays. Great Bargains may be expected in

Fancy Goods,

Bells, Vases,

Albums, Toys,

Work Boxes,

Ink Stands,

Pencil Cases,

Church Services,

Christmas Cards,

Miscellaneous Books, &c.

Ch'town, Dec. 18, 1883.—tf

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

AT NELMES'.

Note Paper, Seaside,

Notable Novels, Purses,

Illustrated London Papers, etc.

S. T. NELMES,

Standard Bookstore.

Ch'town, Nov. 1, 1883.—cod

CHRISTMAS FRUIT.

200 BOXES Fine Valencia RAISINS,

for sale low by the box.

W. A. WEEKS & CO.

Dec. 12, '83.—1w cod

Tenders for Shoeing Horses.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer, up to Saturday, the 22nd December, from parties willing to contract for providing shoes and shoeing Fire Department Horses (5), for one year from 1st January, 1884.

By order.

PETER MACGOWAN,

Secretary.

Ch'town, Dec. 18, 1883.

RAILWAY HOTEL,

(OPPOSITE DEPOT),

Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

Permanent and Transient Boarders accommodated.

J. BOLGER,

Proprietor.

Dec. 18, 1883.—cod

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BUY YOUR CLOTHING FROM

W. A. WEEKS & CO.,

where you can depend on getting

Every advantage for Cash

NEW SUPPLY

OVERCOATS,

JUST OPENED.

A Good Ulster or Overcoat

FROM

\$4.50 TO \$9.00.

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF

Underclothing,

Fur Caps,

Scarfs, Mitts,

And Gloves.

—ALSO—

HORSE BLANKETS,

Buffalo and Wolf Robes.

W. A. WEEKS & CO.,

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Nov. 26, 1883.

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ARE OFFERING AT MILLERS' PRICES

IN STORE:

250 brls. Choice Superior Extra.

500 " " Patent.

OFFICE AND WAREHOUSES:

OPPOSITE RANKIN HOUSE.

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Dec. 10, 1883.

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—AT—

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—THE—

Old Fashion Note,

With Envelopes to match, unglazed surface, creamy tint, suitable for all pens and every writer. Also the New Imperial Treasury Note Paper, and envelopes to match. Nothing could be more useful for a Christmas Present than a box of the above Note Paper. You can have them stamped with Monogram single letter.

G. H. HASZARD, Queen Square.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

All the School Books used in the Public Schools can be had at

G. H. HASZARD'S, Queen Square.

Ch'town, Dec. 7, 1883.—cod

CHARLOTTETOWN BOOT AND SHOE FACTORY.

COME! COME! COME!

—AND GET YOUR—

XMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS

AT LOWEST PRICES.

VELVET, Carpet and Kid Slippers, French Kid and Oil Goat Button Boots, Grain Calf Skating Boots, Overshoes and Rubbers, and a large assortment of all kinds of Boots and Shoes, from 50 cents upwards. Warranted to fit and best qualities.

DORSEY, GOFF & CO.,

Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1883.

Queen Street.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

—FOR—

Xmas and New Year's Gifts,

—AT—

G. H. TAYLOR'S!

NEW PATTERNS in Silver Ware, Gold Locketts and Necklets, Colored Gold Sets, Gold-Plated Brooches, Earrings, etc.

Bargains in Silver Jewelry, as I am closing out this line of Goods.

North Side Queen Square, Charlottetown.

Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1883.—6i wed fri sat wkly 1i

FROM NOW

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XMAS AND NEW YEAR.

WE WILL OFFER

BISCUITS, CRACKERS, CAKE, CONFECTIONERY, &C.,

AT LOWER PRICES THAN EVER.

Biscuits from eight cents per lb. upwards, Retail.

A great variety in CONFECTIONERY, comprising Panorama Eggs, Crystal Hats, Return Balls, Flower Pots, Beautiful Hearts, all made of PURE CONFECTIONERY. Also the finest lot of Cossagues and Cornucopias ever shown in the city.

Try our Mixed Crackers in 5-lb. packages, very cheap.

Thousands and Nonpareils, for Cake decorating; Extract of Lemon, Citron and Lemon Peel, Currants, Raisins, etc.

Choice Preserves, in 1 and 6-lb. packages.

Special Prices to Wholesale Buyers.

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City Steam Bakery, Prince Street.

Ch'town, Dec. 11, 1883.—3w

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Men's Gloves, Mitts & Scarfs,

Men's Top Coats,

Men's Ulsters,

Men's Fur Overcoats,

Men's Reefing Jackets,

Men's Wool Underclothing,

Men's Flannel shirts,

Men's Cardigan Jackets,

Men's Fur Caps,

Ladies' Cloth Sacques,

Ladies' Cloth Ulsters,

Ladies' Fur-lined Circulars,

Ladies' Astracan Jackets,

Ladies' Fur Caps and Muffs.

Buffalo Robes,

Japanese Wolf Robes,

Blankets,

Horse Rugs,

Railway Wrappers, etc

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Ch'town, Nov. 13, 1883.