

Ottawa Notes.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA—PRELIMINARIES—THE SYNDICATE.

The opening ceremony, though not pleasing to all the low-neck dresses and short sleeves, was sufficiently brilliant. Many dignitaries of Church and State graced the Senate Chamber on the occasion; and the privileged ladies were in magnificent array. By the following examples the whole may be judged, or at least imagined:—

Lady Tilley—Rich black satin of Lyons, with painted panels of autumn leaves on cream satin. The front of the skirt was edged with satin pleatings in three shades of crimson, the train bordered with black satin flowers lined with cream and draped with old lace. Head-dress, cream fathoms; ornaments, carbuncles and diamonds.

Mrs. Toller—Black moire, square corsage and elbow sleeves, trimmed with rich Limerick lace.

Mrs. L. G. Power—Silver grey Irish poplin, trimmed with pale blue satin and cream lace; ornaments, silver.

Mrs. Senator Scott—Train of black velvet, square waist, handsomely trimmed with Limerick lace.

Mrs. Marcus Smith—Black moire, trimmed with guipure lace and crimson flowers.

Mrs. Senator Kaulback—Black silk velvet, richly trimmed with ostrich feathers with diamond clasp.

SIR JOHN AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

The leader of the House was sprightly and cordial as usual, though his features and bearing bore traces of his recent illness, and he did not leave his place in the Commons to hear the Governor General deliver his speech. The Ministers seemed all to be in high and confident spirits.

MR. BLAKE AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

The leader of the Opposition is apparently completely relieved of the trouble which beset him a year or two ago. He and his leading supporters are full of fight.

THE OPENING CHARGE.

This was immediately apparent; for Mr. McKenzie lost no time in snapping at the Government anent the superannuation of Mr. Patrick, lately Clerk of the House of Commons. The attack was, however, effectually warded off by a simple statement of the fact that Mr. Patrick is seventy years of age, and has been in the public service no less than fifty-three years. Mr. McKenzie's first essay this session shows that he is not only full of fight, but pretty hard up for something to fight about.

STATE DINNER.

The event of Thursday evening was the State Dinner at Government House and the subsequent reception. The first was attended by members of the Cabinet, ex-Ministers, Judges of the Supreme Court, and other dignitaries; and the last was attended by all those who could afford, or by any means obtain, a low neck dress or a swallow-tail coat.

THE ADDRESS IN REPLY.

Mr. Beatty the new member for West Toronto moved "the address in reply." In doing so, he said that the prosperity now apparent ought to be attributed to abundant harvests (which by the way the country was blessed with, even under Mr. McKenzie's regime,) and to the National Policy. He said it could not truthfully be denied that the present Government had benefitted the whole country by its legislation; and, referring to the trade returns, he pointed out, as a significant fact, that the increase of exports over imports during the past year was over a million and a half of dollars. He said that the legislation which had so metamorphosed the trade of Canada and inspired such confidence in the country, had not, as was predicted by the Opposition, placed a heavy burden upon the people; and that it was a matter for congratulation that the taxes had been imposed in such a way that, while the manufacturers of Canada obtained advantages in their own country, sufficient revenue was being collected to meet the ordinary expenditures of the Government. He contended that the National Policy was, and is, the policy of the people. At every bye-election it was endorsed.

MR. MCKENZIE—Not in West Toronto.

Mr. Beatty, in reply to this sally, said that West Toronto had not certainly declared in favor of the Opposition. With regard to the Canada Pacific Railway, he said the Government had to adopt one of three policies: (1.) to build it themselves by the expenditure of public money; (2.) by calling for tenders for sections of the work; (3.) by giving the construction into the hands of a company who would be compensated in lands and money. The question was, which of the three ways should be adopted? The first and second plans had been tried, and now the Government were about to try the third. Parliament was to be asked to ratify a bargain which has been made. Of course it would be admitted that the country should know its liability before the work was proceeded with, but the country could not complain of the disposition made of the lands, as it would be of immense advantage to have the lands opened up and settled.

Mr. Vanasse of Yamaska, seconded the address by a short speech in the French language, and then Mr. Blake had his turn. His was an orthodox opposition speech. He differed with Mr. Beatty as to the lessons of the bye elections; and touched upon one or two apparent inconsistencies between ministerial utterances during recess and statements made in the speech from the Throne; and then adverted to the Canada Pacific Railway. He would not, of course, before the papers are laid on the table, commit himself respecting the bargain that had been made; but he hoped that the Government had, in the bargain, provided for reasonable rates of freight; for, if this were not done, the Northwest, he said, would be completely in the power

of the Syndicate. This is the most important point Mr. Blake made.

The Precepts.

So it appears that the precepts are actually being issued in accordance with orders issued by the late Government; and, therefore, in agitating against them, the Patriot is agitating against its own Party. For so subservient an organ as the Patriot, this is an awful fix to be in. After defending everything Mr. Davies and his colleagues did contrary to the public interests, it is now opposing the one thing they did (or at least contemplated doing) in accordance with the public interests. If the Patriot commented on public matters from the solid ground of principle, it would not be in such a strait as it now is.

Local and Other Items.

Six over-due steamers have turned up at New York, all right.

JAMES YEO ESQ., M. P., arrived in the city this forenoon. He is staying at the 'Osborne.'

MAILS per "Northern Light" will arrive at the usual time to-night.

THE "Prince Edward" sails for Baltimore, via North Sydney to-morrow forenoon.

The clock in the Courthouse will not strike for a few days, as she is undergoing repairs.

ALLAN CAMPBELL has been appointed Comptroller of New York, vice John Kelly.

RABBITS are in demand. Mr. J. J. Fletcher, of Mount Stewart, advertises for 25,000.

WILLIAM GRAY, who was convicted of the murder of Thomas Mulligan, was executed at Sherbrooke, Ont., on the 10th inst.

NOMINATION of officers for St. Lawrence Lodge, for the ensuing term, will be held at Oddfellow's Hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

The night freight train on the St. John & Maine Railway, ran over and killed a colored man named Jones, on Thursday last.

MR. ARCHIBALD HOLMES will leave per "Northern Light" to-morrow morning, with six heavy horses for the Maine market.

The farmers near Souris and Georgetown are hauling large quantities of oats and potatoes. These ports being open, afford them an excellent outlet for surplus produce.

SOME Upper Canadian papers are urging the necessity of a Canadian Lloyd's, owing to the unsafe condition of vessels employed on the lakes.

COL. HORNSEY, a noted soldier of the Southern Confederacy, who acted as Jeff Davis' agent in Montreal during the war, died at Halifax on Thursday last.

We learn that the Citizen's Skating Rink will be opened on Monday the 27th, weather and ice permitting. It is said tickets will be five dollars for the season.

THE report of the late President of the Y. M. C. A., Hon. D. Ferguson's letter, and other matter, crowded out, will appear as soon as the pressure of news will admit of their publication.

THE P. O. STEPS.—A correspondent suggests "that a few pairs of creepers be supplied by the Post Office department, for the use of parties wishing to climb the steps leading to the letter box on the outside of the building on Sundays."

THE QUEEN AND PRINCESS.—It is now rumored that there has been a serious rupture between the Queen and Princess Louise. The attempt during the recent visit of the Princess to her mother to make the quarrel up, failed. The most romantic reasons are given for the Royal family jar.

A BEATY.—A despatch from Sussex, N. B., says: "The boy Joe Osborne who 'drowned a boy at Sackville,' and 'stabbed the keeper of the Penitentiary,' and 'insulted the Chief of Police of St. John,' has been in Sussex for several days howling about the streets. He broke out of the lockup here and was sent back to St. John again yesterday by Stipendiary Magistrate Wallace. He is a bad, dangerous boy, and carries a knife in his boot."

RACING.—They will have a number of lively horse races in Moncton on New Year's day. Over \$200 have been subscribed to be divided into prizes for the occasion. Races by trotters and pacers, gentlemen's driving races and scrub races will take place. Could not the horsemen of Charlottetown make a move in this direction and organize something lively in horse racing for New Years. The ice will be good, and we hear there are a number of trotters in the city "blue mouldin' for a batin'."

HORSE NOTES.—A Montreal telegram says: "There is a first class demand in this market for trotting horses or 'steppers.' The horse 'Little Fred,' whose sale by Mr. Ben Allach for \$900, was reported yesterday, was purchased for a citizen of Boston. The same buyers gave D. Gervais \$300 for a trotter, and offered him \$400 for a chestnut mare, 'Lizzie Ward,' which was refused. The demand from the States for sound horses of good trotting record was never better than at present."

FELL DEAD.—On Saturday evening at five o'clock, a horse fell dead on Great George street, of heart disease, it is said. The poor animal had been driven hard and fast during the afternoon, and was several times allowed to stand on the street uncovered, thus contracting a cold in limb and body. At five o'clock it fell opposite the Bank of P. E. Island, and shortly expired. This is a case showing the necessity in this city of a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Were such heartless cruelty practiced in cities where a society such as the S. P. C. A. is established, the driver would receive criminal punishment, which he rightfully deserves.

Weather Probabilities.

TORONTO, Dec. 13—10 a. m. Moderate to fresh winds, mostly southwest to south, fair to cloudy milder; weather followed by rain or snow to-night.

The Halifax Provincial Wesleyan of the 10th inst., says: "Chappelle's P. E. Island Almanac for 1881, exhibits an amount of enterprise for which we were scarcely prepared. The compilers of such manuals elsewhere may learn some useful lessons from it, both as regards preparation and appearance. From the Diary Almanacs of a gentleman who has preserved them for more than forty years, Mr. Chappelle has been able to give his calendar pages an unusual value. We are not surprised to hear that the publication finds rapid sale."

DIGBY HERRING.

600 BOXES CHOICE DIGBY HERRING, direct from Digby, ex "Northern Light." For sale, wholesale only. W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ALL persons who have not paid their Taxes on Real Estate in the Royalty of Charlottetown for the year 1879, and likewise those who have not settled their Poll Tax for the same year, are hereby notified that they will be dealt with as the law directs, without any respect of persons, if not settled immediately. G. C. HOOPER, Collector. Euston Street, Charlottetown, Dec 13, 1880.

RABBITS WANTED.

THE subscriber will pay the highest market price at Mount Stewart, for 25,000 Rabbits. J. J. FLETCHER. Dec. 13, '80—21 eod wkly li

Prince Edward Island Railway

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 10, 1880.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, a Passenger Train for Georgetown, to connect with steamer "Northern Light," will leave Charlottetown at 4.45 p. m. daily, Sunday's excepted.

A Passenger Train will also leave Georgetown for Charlottetown daily, Sunday's excepted, on arrival of the "Northern Light." L. B. ARCHIBALD, Superintendent. Dec. 11, 1880—1f

BOOKS! BOOKS!

—AT THE— British American Book & Tract Society.

LEISURE HOUR, SUNDAY AT HOME, Boys' Own Annual, Girl's Own Annual, Toy Books, Chatterbox, Infants' Magazine, Child's Companion, Child's Own Magazine, Sunday School Books, Hymn Books and Bibles, Hymnal of the Presbyterian Church, a variety of other Books, Christmas and Birth-day Cards, &c., &c. Ch'town, Dec. 11, 1880—till 25th

NEW COAL DEPOT

—AT THE HEAD OF— POWNAL WHARF.

THE subscriber has on hand a quantity of the BEST PICTOU COAL.—Round and Nut; also Slack for Blacksmith's use. For convenience of customers orders can be left at the stores of S. W. Crabbe, Grafton Street; Dodd & Rogers, Queen Square; or DAVID SMALL, Queen's Wharf, Ch'town, Dec. 11, '80—1f

CHEAP GOODS

—FOR— CHRISTMAS.

DURING the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS we will sell out

BEST TEA for 38 cents per lb., and a good article of TEA for 35 cents.

CHOICE CONFECRIONERY, only 25 cents per lb.

GREEN GRAPES, 25 cts. per lb.

AMERICAN KEROSENE, 40 cents per gallon.

A choice assortment of Plain and Fancy BISCUITS, VERY LOW.

New Raisins, Currants, Spices, Apples, Onions, Nuts, Dates, Figs.

Canned Salmon and Lobsters, Pickles, &c.

GEORGE CARTER, 68 Great George St., next Millner's Tin Shop. Dec. 7, '80—3f oaw w

No. 1 Sole Leather.

JUST RECEIVED.— 100 sides Campbell's Best No. 1 Sole. Selling low. WILLIAM DODD, Queen Square. Dec. 2, '80—3f

THE WEEKLY EXAMINER.—Persons having relatives or friends abroad, and desiring to keep them informed concerning P. E. Island, cannot do so in a better or cheaper way than by subscribing to THE WEEKLY EXAMINER. Sent, postpaid, to any address in Great Britain, the United States, or the Dominion, on receipt of One Dollar.

—AT— CLEARANCE SALE OF GENERAL DRY GOODS! TREMAINE & METCALF'S, 83 QUEEN STREET.

Musical and Literary.

THE Prince Street Methodist Sabbath School will give one of their popular Entertainments, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE CHURCH, —ON— Monday Evening, 27th inst. A choice programme. To commence at 8 o'clock. Admission only 10 cents. Dec. 10, '80—2aw.

COAL!

NUT AND ROUND COAL! FOR SALE BY F. S. HANFORD & CO., Dec. 11, '80—3f 37 Water Street

GOAL. GOAL.

THE Subscriber has NOW ON HAND,— 300 tons Pictou Round Coal at \$4 per ton, 100 tons Little Glace Bay Round Coal at \$4 per ton, 200 tons Pictou Nut Coal at \$3.50 per ton. All in good order—under cover. Terms strictly cash. CAPT. J. HUGHES, Dec. 11, '80—6f t h s Water Street.

"TAM O'SHANTER!"

PROFESSOR CAVEN —WILL— LECTURE

On BURNS' renowned poem of TAM O'SHANTER, in the MARKET HALL, —ON—

Wednesday Evening, 15th inst.

Proceeds will go to relieve the poor visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society. Tickets for sale at Theo. L. Chappelle's Bookstore. Admission 25 and 15 cents. Doors open at 7.15. Lecture to commence at 8 o'clock. J. A. MCKENNA, Sec'y Lecture Committee. Dec. 11, '80.

Grand Clearing-Out Sale.

Dry Goods, Readymade Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, AT CHEAPSIDE.

I HAVE just received, via Georgetown, a consignment of 32 Cases DRY GOODS, &c., which I will close out at Auction, commencing on WEDNESDAY, the 15th inst., at 11 o'clock, at the store lately occupied by Messrs. Matthew, McLean & Hearty, South Side Queen Square. This Sale will be positive and unreserved, and will be continued until all is disposed of. The stock consists of Dry Goods, Readymade Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Fur Goods, Millinery, small wares, etc. Full particulars in Handbills. WILLIAM DODD, Dec. 9, '80. eod Auctioneer.

MRS. W. W. IRVING

IS now forming her AUTUMN and WINTER CLASSES in DRAWING and PAINTING, in all their different branches, from Model, Life, &c. Intending pupils will kindly send in their names as soon as convenient. Terms, &c., made known on application at her Studio, City Hotel, opposite R. C. Cathedral. Ch'town, Sept. 11, '80—2aw 1f

BUILDING LOTS.

PARTIES wanting to purchase Building Lots in Victoria, Lot 29, will please apply to DONALD PALMER, Esq., or MRS. HENRY HARDAY, July 20, 1880—oaw Summerside.

Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

STOLEN OR STRAYED AWAY from the premises of the subscriber, on Wednesday last, a large Newfoundland DOG, all black, with brass collar. Any person giving the information for the recovery of said dog will be suitably rewarded. JAMES D. MASON, Richmond Street West. [de 11

BOARDERS—A few permanent Boarders can be accommodated at the "Rankin House" at very moderate terms. [de 7 1w

WANTED—By a competent person, employment for the winter to make up books and accounts. Apply at this office. [de 1

MILK COW—Newly calved. Apply to A. McRAE, Pownal. [no 30 1f

BOARDERS—Three or four Boarders can be accommodated with first class board and apartments at very reasonable rates, in a pleasant and one of the most convenient localities in the city. Apply at this office. [no 6 1f

TO LET—A House containing 8 rooms, with stable, coach house, and a large garden attached, fronting on Rochford Square. Possession given immediately. Apply to J. T. CROCKETT, at the Fish Market. [no 2

TO LET—A Tenement House, situated on Kent street, next door to Dr. Creamer. Apply to Mrs. OFFER, Queen street. [no 13 1f

Charlottetown, November 18, 1880.