

Local and Other Items.

Buy your Flour at Beer & Goff's. PRINCESS ALICE, whose death we record to-day, was born in 1843.

CHRISTMAS Stories and Games at Hazard's Bookstore.

WHERE can you get the best Boots and Shoes for the least money? At Gasa?

THE Railway authorities have issued excursion tickets to all parts of the line, on Christmas and New Year's, at half fare.

A SPLENDID selection of Jaunting and Box Sleighs, for sale cheaper than elsewhere, at P. H. Traill's, 82 Kent Street.—3i eod

THE flag on the Provincial Building to-day was floating at half-mast, on account of the death of Princess Alice.

THE cart which at one time contained coal and recently came to grief north of the Market House still remains unremoved. The owner evidently does not care to take it away.

ARCHD. McLEAN was the only appearance at the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this forenoon. He was fined \$2 and costs or eight days for being drunk and incapable.

SOMETHING NEW.—Chinese and Japanese Christmas and New Year's Cards at LEWIS'S.

THE steamer Princess of Wales did not leave Summerside until this morning. She is expected to return this evening, with the mail of yesterday and to-day. The St. Lawrence has evidently been detained at Pictou by a heavy snowstorm. She is hourly expected.

THE Rev. Mr. Harrington, of St. Bartholomew's Church, New Edinburgh, has been appointed domestic chaplain at Rideau Hall by their Excellencies. A special service for the household at Government House is held at 9 o'clock every morning.

A NUMBER of French, Dutch and Belgian gentlemen, members of a French scientific expedition round the world, are at Quebec. They left their vessel at San Francisco, and will return by way of Niagara and Chicago. They have already been seven months on their expedition. The full party numbers twenty, each of whom pays \$4,000 for the trip.

BEER & GOFF are selling Fruit and Pound Cake, Biscuit, Confectionery, Nuts, Raisins, Figs, Green Grapes, Oranges, Apples, Citron Peel, Essences, etc., etc., very choice for Christmas.

THERE was a very fair attendance at the Market to-day. Prices were as follows:—Beef (small) from 5 to 12 cents; do. (gr.) from 3 to 7 cents per lb.; mutton, from 3 to 8 cents per lb.; lamb, from 4 to 8 cents per lb.; geese, from 49 to 60 cents each; ducks, from 25 to 30; chickens, from 30 to 50 cents; butter, from 20 to 23 cents; do. (tub) from 15 to 18 cents per lb.; flour (per 100 lbs.) \$2.76 to \$3.00; oatmeal (per 100 lbs.) from \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Says the Chicago "Tribune": "The Canadian Postmaster-General has a quiet but effective way of smothering any aspirations among the employees of the Department for promotion or increase of salary. He simply notifies them that any application of the kind will be regarded as a resignation." It certainly would be a very effective way of smothering budding ambition, but we think Mr. Langevin will be surprised to hear he has adopted it.—Toronto Mail.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS.—Now is the time for presents. Call at Lewis' Photograph Gallery and see the great variety of Frang and other Chromos. Christmas and New Year's cards in great variety, cheapest in the city; all kinds of Frames, in velvet and fancy wood, wall pockets and brackets. If you want to give your friends a good Photograph, call and have it taken at Lewis'. All kinds of Pictures framed to order, cheap. Motto Frames 40 cents each. Upper Great George Street.

WE are in receipt of Chappelle's Almanac for 1879. This almanac is, undoubtedly, in advance of any issued, and contains, in addition to a large amount of valuable information, the new oat table, currency table and other necessary matter for farmers. The Justices of the Peace are arranged in a good way, only those who are living and qualified being inserted. Our space prevents us reviewing this work as it deserves; but we would say to all, get a copy and review it for yourselves. They are only 12 cents each.

THE Boston "Advertiser" says the balance of the Geneva award remaining in the United States Treasury "does not belong to the United States at all events, and the continued possession of it has not only, in all probability, increased the sum we were adjudged to be indebted to Great Britain on another account, but it forms the occasion for a well-deserved sneer at the national honor every time it is mentioned abroad." These seven millions of dollars, for which no claimants have yet been found, should, therefore, be returned to Great Britain, for the "Advertiser" properly says they do not rightfully belong to the United States.

A "BIG BONANZA" has been discovered in the city; but, evidently the yield is not so good or full as the one in blast at the Far West. In the darkness of the summer nights, many an exploring and mining party have paid visits to the place where the now famed bonanza of P. E. Island is situated. With haste and hope they dug to the depth of the rock—hast; for fear the burly and boisterous owner might find them; and hope, that they might discover a cask or casket of the gold which Kidd or some more "modern pirate" has hidden in the bowels of the earth. Tim; and again this vicinity has been thus visited, and often the owner rose from his slumber of a summer morning to discover a hole in his valuable garden that "he could hide his horse in." The vicinity which is on Euston Street—between Pownal and Queen Streets—has been again visited, not at the dead hour of night this time; but in the broad daylight of Monday. Passing along Euston street yesterday might be seen an explorative individual, assisted by two others, digging a grave-shaped hole, apparently for the purpose of burying the owner of the garden. Asking him the cause of his digging, he replied, "To find a level with Euston Street drain." To-day reports are flying of the immense yield of the "bonanza" and the kindly riches to which the proprietor of a well-known hotel on Broadway has fallen heir.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents.

A Building Society.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—A more abominable, unsatisfactory and uncertain system of building than that carried on in Charlottetown at present, could scarcely be imagined. Indeed, it cannot be called a system at all. Every fellow who is able to shoulder an adze or drive a ten-penny nail imagines that some peculiar gift of providence has been placed in his possession to enable him to hammer out a fortune and erect dwelling houses. Within the last year some dozen or so of these slippery individuals have taken contracts at very low rates, and either ran away before the work was completed, or spent a gloomy season behind iron bars, thinking what fools they were when they threw aside the aprons of jolly journeymen. The actions of the men who take contracts at these low rates, trusting for profit to the grinding of their brother workmen whom they employ at the rate of eighty cents a day, and to the margin they allow for roguery and swindling in material, is merely a lingering method of cutting their own and their neighbors' throats and starving their wives and children.

The consequence of every journeyman carpenter finding and taking small contracts on his own responsibility, at such low rates that he has to pinch and almost starve himself to perform them, is that all the work in the town becomes divided and taken out of the hands of the master builders.

There are three classes among the mechanics of the town: the journeymen, who are the most numerous, form one class, who work for day's wages; the master builders form the next class, who generally possess a certain business faculty, contrived with a thorough knowledge of their trade; the third class is composed of journeymen who are either too lazy or knavish to work at their trade, but attempt to compete in building with the master builders. This third class may be compared to the drones of a beehive, which insects are so lazy and troublesome that the working bees put them to death.

Now, the only way for the working-men to bring the trade of building into anything like a system, is to kill off all the drones; and it seems that the simplest manner to do this will be to co-operate and form a Mechanics' Union, so that all the members shall bind themselves to certain rules and regulations. Such regulations would be useful. For instance—deciding by the whole society, or by sub-societies, as to who were qualified to be employers or master-workmen; the rise and fall of wages; the preference given by employers to members of the society in hiring labor; relief funds; an honorable understanding between employers in tendering and in competition for contracts.

Whenever men are united together in societies, having a common work and object, such as those which the trades of masons, carpenters or plasterers naturally divide enrolling men into, there will be found extreme variety in the value of labor of individuals. As is naturally the case, the number of masons qualified to be employers or master-workmen will be small compared with the mass of workmen in the society. If the various members of those societies would join together, with some mutual understanding between them—from the master-workmen downwards—the worthy men would soon find their proper place.

It is already beginning to be understood in large manufacturing centres, and wherever trade, war, or any other principle groups individuals together, that a firm system of co-operation is the only mode of saving the workmen from degenerating into slaves, and masters into tyrants. The Anglo-Saxon does not degenerate, however; he only starves and strikes.

If the mechanics would combine in some such manner as the one proposed, and decide who amongst their number are really capable of carrying on contracts for the erection of buildings, then architects would understand who to advise their clients to employ or receive tenders from. In the present system of contracting, a tender is received from any Tom, Dick or Harry, who may have served an apprenticeship in the forest; and, if an Architect should doubt the wisdom of giving the contract to one of these low tendering fellows, it would be immediately imagined that he was secretly coveting a further percentage on some few hundred dollars; for the worst motive is invariably the first stone thrown at the head of the architect.

Of a mechanics union of the sort proposed, it might be imagined that the master builders would club together, keep the working man's wages at a low rate, and overcharge the proprietors with whom they contract. The internal constitution of the union would protect the workingman's wages, and an honorable competition among master workmen, who understood their business, would protect proprietors from being over charged.

I remain, Yours Respectfully, PROGRESS.

December 17, 1878.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—I would like to call the attention of the city authorities to the way a certain Mr. Monaghan, on Spring Park Road, is obstructing the sidewalk, by putting a fence across, and thereby endangering the travelling public falling into the gutter.

Yours, &c., A SUFFERER.

December 17, 1878.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

By cable to Peake Bro's and Co.—Brigs "Zinga" and "Alpha," with cargoes of oats, arrived at Rouen. Barkentine "Erema" and brig "Leonie" arrived at Dieppe. Barkentine "Ethel Blanche" arrived at Plymouth. Bark "James Peake" arrived at Queens-town. Steamship "Prince Edward" arrived at Queenstown. Bark "Moselle" arrived at Falmouth.

THERE was "a clever and amiable man, witty, full of esprit, but hardly a bit of a diplomatist—too sentimental for that trade. He is without doubt a nobler character than Favre, but he won't do for a negotiator, not even for a horse-dealer. He is too easily brow-beaten; he betrays what he feels, and is to be pumped." Such is Bismarck's estimation of the French statesman.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

DEATH OF PRINCESS ALICE.

Indisposition of the Queen.

SYMPATHY AT OTTAWA.

DARMSTADT, Dec. 14. The Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt, and Princess Alice, of England, died at 7.30 this morning, of diphtheria. She was unconscious from 2.30 until her death. Her father, Prince Albert, died on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 1861.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The Queen is indisposed.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.

The news of Princess Alice's death, received here at an early hour this morning, has created a feeling of sadness, and very great sympathy is felt for the Princess Louise, who is the only one who is so far separated from the other members of the family. This is the first death in the Royal family outside of the Queen's husband.

Rideau Hall will likely go into mourning; and the festivities consequent upon the arrival of the Princess Louise will likely be postponed.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

In consequence of the death of Princess Alice, Earl Beaconsfield has requested the postponement for to-day of the Address and Casket from the English residents on the Pacific Coast of the United States.

The Central "News" is informed that the Queen, though greatly grieved by the news from Darmstadt, is not ill. The flag at Windsor Castle is half-mast. The bells at the Royal Chapel and Eton College are tolling, and nearly all the houses, public and private in the Royal Borough, are closed.

A Little Arrangement for the Election of Mr. Blake.

Afghan War Expenses.

The McCarthy Trial—The Jury Again Disagree!

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.

Hon. R. W. Scott has recommended law practice here.

Mr. Bourke has formally consented to resign his seat for West Durham. A Reform Convention is to be called on Wednesday next, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent the Riding in the Local Assembly. It is understood that the whole position will then be discussed, and the probability is that Mr. Bourke will be selected as the Reform candidate for the Ontario House, and Mr. Blake will run for Commons.

LONDON, Dec. 16.

In the House of Commons to-night, Sir George Campbell remarked that the Porte was still able to largely import munitions of war from America, although it professed the inability to relieve the Rhodope refugees.

Mr. Stanhope, Under Secretary for India, moved a resolution that the consent of the House be given to the defrayal of the Afghan war expenses from the Indian revenues. He said that the Government hoped and believed the war would remain a more frontier war.

DORCHESTER, N. B., Dec. 17.

The jury on the McCarthy case again disagreed—there being 7 for their conviction and 5 for acquittal. It is thought there will be another trial.

LONDON HOUSE.

We are now Showing our Large and Varied Stock of

CARPETS,

Just arrived per S. S. "Prince Edward," in Brussels, Tapestry,

2 & 3 Ply Scotch, Felt and Unions,

Felt Squares, Hearth Rugs,

Oil Cloths.

CEO. DAVIES & CO.

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The Largest, Cheapest & Best

CHRISTMAS CARDS,

Birthday and Motto Cards

ever imported to the Island—the latest designs from Prang, De la Rue, and other celebrated artists—at

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TO LET—A two-story House, containing 9 rooms, frost-proof Cellar, yard and stables, and a large garden, fronting on Euston Street, near Crabbe's corner. Rent moderate. For information apply to W. W. LORD.

Ch'town, Nov. 14, 1878—

GRAND Tea and Entertainment.

THE LADIES OF ZION CHURCH intend giving a Grand Tea and Entertainment in The Basement of that Church,

Friday, the 20th instant, AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

FANCY & USEFUL ARTICLES

will be offered for sale at reasonable prices. The Refreshment Table will be abundantly supplied with all seasonal delicacies. Special attention is invited to the

CHRISTMAS TREE

of the young ladies. Tea will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which there will be a Musical Entertainment. Admission, 15 cents; children, 10 cents; Tea, 25 cents.

Ch'town, Dec. 12, 1878—

COFFEE, COFFEE,

CELEBRATED FOR FINE FLAVOR, FRESH GROUND, AT

BEER & GOFF'S.

Dec. 16, 1878—

Prince of Wales College.

THE Christmas Examination of the Classes in the Prince of Wales College will take place at the College Building in Charlottetown, on THURSDAY, the 19th December, instant, commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m. The parents of the pupils and others interested in the Institution are respectfully invited to attend.

By order, J. LONGWORTH, Hon. Sec'y.

Charlottetown, Dec. 14th, 1878—

PEA SOUP,

PREPARED with Pea Flour, seasoned and flavored with the finest Herbs and Seasonings, to which is added Liebigs Extract of Meat, making one of the

MOST NUTRITIOUS DISHES

that can be obtained; ready for the table in one minute. 1 Can will make 1 Gallon Thick Soup.

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TUESDAY EVENING,

December 17th,

SACRED CONCERT,

On Friday Evening, Dec. 20.

Doors open at 7 1/2 p. m. Tickets, 25 cents; reserved seats, 50 cents.

FLOUR,

Excellent and Very Cheap, at

BEER & GOFF'S.

Dec. 14—1w

Wanted Immediately.

400 Bushels 4-Rowed Barley,

1,400 Bushels Potatoes,

THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE GIVEN.

Apply to ARCHD KENNEDY, Queen Street.

December 13, 1878.

Harvie's Almanac

1879! JUST PUBLISHED! READY FOR DELIVERY ON SATURDAY. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. Harvie's Bookstore, QUEEN SQUARE. Ch'town, Dec. 12, 1878—

AUCTION SALES. SLEIGHS, HARNESS, ROBES.

I WILL Sell at AUCTION, at my Sale Room, Queen Square, on

Tuesday, the 24th inst., AT 2 O'CLOCK,

4 Double Seated BOX SLEIGHS, 3 Fung " " " " 2 Family " " " " 4 BUFFALO ROBES, 2 Handsome WOLF ROBES, 6 Sets HARNESS.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, Dec. 17—eod

HAY, OATS, BARLEY, &c.

I WILL SELL AT AUCTION, On Thursday, the 19th inst.,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, at Residence of Lambert Disney, Esq., Riverside, North River,

20 TONS HAY, 1 Stack STRAW, 200 Bush. OATS, 100 Bush. BARLEY, (2 rowed).

50 Bush. BUCKWHEAT, 1 Double DRIVING WAGON, 1 CART, 1 SCUFFLER, 1 Iron PLOW,

1 Set Carriage HARNESS, &c., &c. TERMS—Nine months' credit, on approved Joint Notes.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, Dec. 11—pat sat

TRADE SALE.

I WILL SELL BY AUCTION, On Wednesday, the 18th inst.,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK At my Store, Kent Street, the following Goods, viz.:

100 BBLs. FLOUR, choice brands, 50 Bbls. CORNMEAL, 10 " SUGAR, 5 Chests TEA,

10 Casks KEROSENE, 120 test, 100 Bbls. HERRING, 5 Bags RICE, 20 Boxes SOAP,

100 " Fine SALT, 20 " BISCUIT (Moir & Co's), 100 Bbls. Choice American APPLES, Boxes Assorted CONFECTIONERY, NUTS & DATES,

A quantity of VEGETABLES. JOHN SELLER.

Ch'town, Dec. 16—2i

Insolvent Act of 1875 and Amending Acts.

IN THE MATTER OF James Duncan, John Ferguson Robertson, Robert Robinson Hodgson, Insolvents.

By order of the Inspectors of the above Estate, I will sell at

PUBLIC AUCTION,

Wednesday, the 18th instant,

COMMENCING AT 11 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON,

at the Residence of Hon. James Duncan,

ALL HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CONSISTING OF

DRAWING-ROOM, PARLOR & BED-ROOM FURNITURE, KITCHEN UTENSILS, &c.

—ALSO— 3 HORSES, 1 DOUBLE WAGON, 1 Covered BUGGY, 1 Single WAGON

3 SLEIGHS, HARNESS, &c.

—ALSO, On Friday, the 21st instant, at the Residence of John F. Robertson,

COMMENCING AT 11 O'CLOCK, FORENOON, ALL THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

of the said John F. Robertson, consisting of DRAWING-ROOM, Parlor and Bedroom FURNITURE, Kitchen UTENSILS, &c.

—ALSO— 1 Double-Seated WAGON, 1 Single " " HARNESS, &c.

—ALSO— 1 HORSE, 1 WAGON, 1 FOWLING PIECE, the property of Robert R. Hodgson.

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B. WILSON HIGGS, Assignee.

Charlottetown, P. E. Island, } December 9, 1878. }

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Nov. 22—1m

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