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LOCAL.

The Hon. J. C. Pope purchased and shipped 3000 bushels of oats, from Summerside, upwards of 1000 bushels of oats.

It is rumored that the Legislature of this Island will meet for the despatch of business in February next.

The Steamer Princess of Wales brought from Pictou, on Saturday last, Colonial and American Mails of a late date.

The harbor is now all but frozen over. The Steamboat Osa ceased plying on the Ferry on Saturday last.

The first Mails by the winter route, namely, Capes Traverse and Tormentine, were taken across the Straits yesterday by Capt. Irving and his assistants.

George Large, aged 16 years, son of Wm. Large, Esq., of New Windsor, died suddenly of heart disease, on the 18th inst., after returning from church.

The Members of St. John's Lodge of Free Masons attended service in St. Paul's Church, at 11 o'clock, on Tuesday last, and died together at the City Hotel, in the evening.

An English and other outward-bound Mails were forwarded to Pictou, via Georgetown, on Saturday evening last. Those, Handman and Ralph Peake, Esqrs., were passengers, en route for England.

The Clara F. Friend was sold on Saturday last, and bought in for £520 by Mr. Hall, for her former owner. She is worth a great deal more, but the people here did not wish to bid against Mr. Friend.

The private Chapel of the Christian Brothers, at St. Patrick's Hall, was blessed during the week by the Very Rev. Dr. McDonald. V. G. Mass was celebrated in it at six o'clock on Christmas morning.

From a paragraph on the Reading Room slate, we learn that Mr. David Laird has resigned the seat in the Legislature, which the Sheriff very extraordinarily assigned him last summer. We presume that Mr. Cameron will be declared the member elect.

CHRISTMAS DAY was frosty, fine and pleasant, and duly observed in all the churches. The festivities of the day were observed on Monday, which was proclaimed a Public Holiday. Next Monday, the 24 proximo, will be observed in a similar manner, in honor of New Year's Day.

The second of a series of Public Temperance Meetings, under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance, of this City, will be held in the Division Room, (Lower Atholmeun, east end), this Wednesday evening, the 28th inst. Chair taken at 8 o'clock; doors open at half-past seven. A collection will be taken up. Free to all.

On last Wednesday night, two men by the names of John Anear and Daniel McDearmid, who have not been sober for some time past, set fire to two Indian camps at Montague Bridge, and killed one of the Indians named Louis Nichols. A coroner inquest is being held over the body, the result of which we shall know in due time. The men have been arrested and committed to King's County Jail, to await trial at the ensuing term of the Supreme Court.

Look out for Harvie's Almanack for 1871. Ready for sale in a few days.

COLONIAL.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia is called together for the despatch of business on the 2d of February, 1871.

A Montreal despatch of 13th inst. says a deputation from Red River is now at Washington asking for the annexation of that Colony, with the consent of Queen Victoria.

Messrs. Black, Brother & Co., have discovered that one of their employees, named Hanson, has been robbing them of block tin, and other goods. The thief has been arrested.

A little boy, son of Thomas Rhind, Esq., City Clerk, Halifax, fell over a baluster in the Albro Street School, and was considerably injured, but fortunately none of his bones were broken.

Halifax being now the head quarters of Her Majesty's army in British North America, the various military libraries will be concentrated here, and placed in the stone building opposite the Ordnance yard.

Mr. Edward Howell, a young mechanic of Halifax, has invented a new rotary engine, for which he has obtained a patent. He claims that it is cheaper, simpler and more durable than the ordinary engine.

Mr. Isaac B. Hubley, proprietor of the Halifax Steam Dry Works, while attending service at the North Baptist Church on Sunday night, 18th inst., fell a little. He was removed to his residence, where he expired in a few hours.

Two executions took place at Kingston, Ca., on Wednesday, the 14th inst. One of the unfortunate men, named Dunn, was hanged for killing a guard of Kingston Penitentiary, while endeavoring to escape. Deacon, the other man, poisoned his wife.

A man named McDonald, belonging to P. E. Island, walked over Charlotte Street Extension, in St. John's N. B., on Friday last week, and fell a distance of 23 feet, among small stones. He received severe injuries, but he is likely to recover.

The schooner T. W. Chesley, of Annapolis, has been seized by the Customs officers, at St. John, N. B., upon a charge of smuggling. The Schooner had arrived from the States, with a cargo of flour, pork, sugar, &c., and was about to sail for Annapolis when seized.

A lad named Thomas Harvey has been arrested in Halifax for endeavoring to pass a forged check at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Halifax. It was drawn in the name of A. Grant, Esq., of the Colonist. Two other lads, one of them in the employ of Mr. Grant were also concerned in the forgery, and they have to be released.

The St. John Globe says the programme of the Local Government for the coming session provides for the abolition of the Executive Council, and the reduction of the number of members in the House, from forty-one to twenty-one. It is reported that if the House will not adopt the Government scheme, there will be a dissolution.

The action against James McLaughlin, Principal of the Albro Street Public School, who was charged with having excessively flogged a pupil named Woods, has been withdrawn from the Police Court. It is understood that McLaughlin paid the boy's father \$25 and costs of Court, in consideration of withdrawing the case. It would have been much more satisfactory to the public had the case been proceeded with.

The case of Miss LeStrange, killed on the Grand Trunk Railway the other day, is a very sad one. She was on her way to Quebec to be married, and was a second class passenger. In the car there was a drunken fellow, and to protect the girl from his uncouth behaviour, one of the employees told her to sit in the first class car. After she had been there a while the conductor ordered her out, and in going back she fell between the cars and was killed.

THE PROPOSED GREAT BOAT RACE.—"Bell's Life in London," of December 3rd, states that Mr. Kenyon, of the Yacht Club, has received a letter from Mr. A. W. Scott, secretary of the Royal Halifax Yacht Club, with a copy of the programme for the aquatic contests proposed to be held on Halifax harbor next summer, and in reply has intimated that he will enter a crew for the four-oared race and compete himself in the single scull race. The only requisites for the races is the funds. The committee having this part of the affair in charge will shortly solicit subscriptions from the public.

EUROPEAN.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Observer says that Gladstone is desirous to disannul the provisions of the Act which gave Prussia the right of enforcing her theories, and will frame amicable arrangements.

A Protestant meeting will be held in London, soon, to denounce Gladstone's recent declaration concerning the Pope.

Two prominent members of the North German Parliament, for their anti-war acts, have been arrested on a charge of high treason, by order of Bismarck.

The 10th Prussian corps, on occupying Vendome, Friday, captured six guns and a mitrailleuse. Next day Van der Lann took Epinay, with 230 prisoners.

A despatch from Berlin says the Diet opened on Wednesday last. The King, in his speech, read by commission, attributes the success of Germany, in the war with France, to the self-denying and enthusiastic patriotism of the people, in whose behalf the war was undertaken, and the gaze of battle accepted.

A telegram from Prince Frederick Charles was read, reporting another victory on Tuesday. The battle was obstinate, but the French were driven back to Tours. Prussians occupied Blois. Many stores were captured.

General Manteuffel telegraphs that on Wednesday last, the army under his command occupied Pechnapp, a seaport town on the English Channel, in the north-west of Havre. He received contribution of half a million of francs from the citizens.

Manteuffel left Havre on Tuesday, with a small force, to harass the enemy.

The King of Holland refuses absolutely to agree to the cession of Luxembourg to Germany.

Count Bismarck, in reply to the King of Holland's refusal to cede the Duchy, demands indemnities of 500,000,000 francs, plus 500,000,000 francs, to be paid in 10 years.

Earl Derby delivered a speech in Liverpool, in the course of which he protested against the introduction of the Prussian military system into this country.

Earl Granville, in a speech at London, denounced the modern style of abrogating treaties, as dishonest, and calculated to destroy all the force of treaty arrangements.

Among the details of the negotiations in Germany, to have the Duchy of Luxembourg and that part of France known as Alsace, and including the two French Departments of Haut Rhin and Bas Rhin, with the Vosges mountains for the western boundary; Prussia to pay the Emperor of Germany the sum of twenty hundred millions of francs as indemnity for the expenses of war, and to recognize the German Empire. Napoleon is to abdicate; the Emperor to be deposed; Metz to be an independent German state. The same telegram says that the prospects of a speedy peace depend upon these negotiations proving successful. Another telegram states that the rumors gain credence with time.

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Birth.

On the 20th inst., the wife of P. G. Fraser, of a son.

In the City, on the 21st inst., at the residence of her son, Capt. Thomas Foley, Queen Street, Alice Foley, in the 5th year of her age. Deceased was born in the County of Wexford, Ireland. R. J. P. [Newspaper papers please copy.]

At Lot 65, on the 19th inst., Mary Duffy, wife of John McKeown, in the 43rd year of age. The deceased emigrated, with her parents, to this country from County Monaghan in 1810. A husband and four children are left to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and mother. She was followed to the grave by a large circle of sorrowful friends and relations, to whom she was endeared in life and regretted in death. May she rest in peace.

On the 23rd of December inst., at his residence, Deansford House, Birkbeck, England, Cecil Wray Townsend, Esquire, in the 80th year of his age. The deceased gentleman was a native, and for many years a resident of this Island.

At York River, on the 13th inst., Mr. Alexander McLean, farmer, aged 93 years.

At New York, on the 6th inst., of Consumption, Mr. Daniel W. Sutherland, brother-in-law to George Parker, Esq., of Georgetown, aged 33 years.

At Brookfield, on the 18th inst., of Inflammation of the Lungs, Mr. Malcolm McDonald, in the 65th year of his age.

At the Head of Hillsborough, on the 3d inst., of Consumption, Catherine Jau, the beloved wife of Benjamin C. Douglas, aged 26 years.

At Clyde River, on the 21st Dec., after a short but severe illness, Maggie Jane, the beloved wife of Alexander McLean, in the 21st year of her age.

At Chepstow, Lot 45, on Tuesday, the 13th of December inst., after a illness of inflammation of the Lungs, Mr. Angus Brown, merchant and farmer, aged 33 years, leaving a young widow and five sisters to mourn his deplorable loss. May he rest in peace.

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