

Notes and Comments. "Two in a hill and far between" is the report concerning the potato crop of the United States.

In the course of a recent speech Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt attacked the House of Lords as a standing obstruction to useful legislation!

The New England States are consoling themselves by the thought of how much will be made out of the "young forests" which are growing where the farms used to be.

Crop reports from Ontario report that fall and spring wheat, barley, oats, peas and hay are, on the whole, above an average in quantity and quality.

The South American panics have led to a heightened demand for gold, and to keep up its stock of the metal the Bank of England advanced its discount rates to 5 per cent.

It has been enacted by the Legislature of New York that boys under sixteen years of age shall, after the first of September next, be prohibited from smoking cigarettes on the streets.

Henry George has discovered that a United States ship is rarely seen in the Suez Canal. But then, the United States possesses more miles of railway than any other country and has had a wonderful development of its internal trade.

"Englishmen," it is said, "get their food more cheaply and in greater abundance than those of any other people." Yet a bullock sells in England for twice the sum it does in Canada.

The Toronto Globe says that "the only way of stopping the constant struggle for better terms and of compelling the provinces to keep their hands in their own pockets, is to abolish the Federal subsidies and leave them to meet local expenditure by local taxation."

The New York Bulletin: "The population of Canada is estimated at 5,000,000, an increase of 700,000 in ten years. A hundred years ago the population of the United States was 3,820,000, of Canada, 156,000. In 1861 British Columbia had 6,000 people; in 1881 the population numbered 49,459.

The Portland Transcript states that the Original Package Bill, recently passed, is directly in line with the hint of the Supreme Court. It provides that intoxicants imported into any state, whether in original packages or not, shall be subject to laws of the State, precisely the same as liquors produced in the State.

Michael Davitt returned recently from a hurried visit to Ireland, and in reply to a reporter said: "I have made a brief trip through Ireland, and have done so for the purpose of inquiring into the real facts concerning the impending famine."

The News, published at Sault Ste. Marie, says that the lock where the difficulty of a few days ago occurred was impassable for just 88 hours, and in that time 265 vessels, with 248,484 tons of cargo, were detained.

Services in Zion Church to-morrow at 11, and in the evening at 7 o'clock. Morning prayer meeting at 10.15. Sabbath School at 2.30 p. m. Rev. David Sutherland, Pastor.

Mr. Young will keep open one week longer to save her customers extra expense. Positively the last warning.

NEWFOUNDLAND. A Trip to Ye Ancient Colony. Sketches By a Correspondent of "The Examiner."

St. John's harbor, shaped like a leg of mutton, is small but deep, and well protected. The city is picturesquely situated on the north side, on the slope of a steep hill. Seaward rises the massive rampart of Signal Hill, 560 feet high, mostly bare rock.

Across the harbor, opposite the city, is South Side Hill, rising sheer from the water to the height of 700 feet, affording magnificent pasture (so they say) for goats—the small cattle of Newfoundland. One can't help thinking that the animals require the traditional green spectacles to aid them in discovering the grass, but they live, notwithstanding, and furnish many a poor family with a supply of milk.

St. John's, though somewhat straggling and poorly laid out, can boast of a good many very creditable public buildings, chief among which are the Roman Catholic Cathedral, crowning a most commanding position and surrounded by a fine group of ecclesiastical structures, and the Cathedral of the Church of England, which, when completed, will be one of the finest architectural specimens in British North America.

But the capital will not detain the tourist long, though the genial hospitality of the people is proverbial. Do you wish for scenery? Is the sketch book and pencil part of your outfit? Come with me for a drive of eight or ten miles to any of the small outlying villages, each one celebrated in its own way.

But there is another view of awful grandeur when the mighty Atlantic swept by the howling storm dashes its mountain waves against these rocky crags which hurl the surges back in sheets of snowy foam. This iron-bound shore been the grave of many an ill-fated sailor.

Are you a sportsman. Take your rod and let us run over the narrow gauge Newfoundland Railway to the Placentia Branch, where I can promise you a catch of such trout as will delight your eyes.

Without a grave unknelt, uncoffined and unknown. The railway carries you through some fine scenery, notably the Valley of Topsail, the Horse Shoe at Harbor Main and the stretch along the shores of Conception Bay.

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Mr. Theo. L. Chappelle, Grand Master, Mr. Benj. Bremner, Grand Representative to S. G. L., and Representatives Nicholson, Nelson and Gardiner returned last evening from the session of the Grand Lodge L. O. O. F. of Georgetown, though only eleven years of age, succeeded in passing the senior examination to Prince of Wales College.

The Springhill Strikes. A FEW REMARKS ABOUT A TOWN IN DISTRESS—NEARER TO US THAN MANY OF OUR READERS ARE AWARE OF.

Springhill is situated in the western part of Nova Scotia a few miles from the I. C. R. on the S. P. & Parsober Railway. The industry of this town was solely coal mining. If, as I did, you enter this town by a carriage drive from the I. C. R., you will not be at a loss to know how they got the word Hill in the name.

At one time as many as sixteen hundred men and boys found employment, but of late the number was reduced to about twelve hundred, which made matters for the time more satisfactory; but some unfortunate circumstance—I am told about counting the loaded cars—occurred by which the men refused to work.

The quality of the coal is excellent, and the satisfactory ending of the present crisis is much to be desired beyond the benefit of the immediately concerned. The Province suffers and even our Island will feel the effects of it, as the place was a consumer for our products.

The mining and manufacturing of the raw materials of Nova Scotia into finished products, of which there is an abundant supply, will give us our best markets, for the present at least, and in the near future there seems to be under our present fostering policy a great future for the province lying nearest to us.

Rev. A. A. McLeod off for India.

A meeting of more than usual importance and interest took place in the school room of the Baptist Church of this city on Wednesday evening last, the occasion being the departure of the Rev. A. A. McLeod, a native of Dundas and a former pastor of the East Point Baptist Church of this Island, to engage in mission work in Coconada, India, under the auspices of the Ontario F. M. E.

The following programme was carried out: After prayer, reading of scripture and singing, Rev. W. H. Warren, M. A., delivered an address on the origin of our missions, Rev. E. N. Archibald, M. A., on the progress of our missions, Rev. R. H. Bishop, B. A., on the present condition of our missions, and Rev. Isaiah Wallace, M. A., on the claims and influence of our foreign mission work on our home churches.

Mr. McLeod, as an able and faithful minister of the gospel at home and a wise and successful missionary and educationalist in the American Indian Territories, has inspired the confidence of the whole denomination. His consecration to this, his chosen life-work, is evidenced by the facts that he has resigned his pastorate of a promising and influential church in the city of Toronto, and also turned a deaf ear to a call that would have afforded him alike remuneration and comforts far in excess of anything he can ever hope for on the foreign field.

At the residence of Rev. J. A. Gordon last evening (15th inst.) Rev. Mr. McLeod was married to Miss Christina C. Stewart, of Belle Creek, Revs. J. A. Gordon and R. H. Bishop officiating. Mr. McLeod and bride left this morning by boat for Pictou, thence to Halifax to take passage to London, intending to spend a few weeks in the Old Country on the way to their adopted field of labor in India, followed by the earnest prayers and good wishes of very many friends.

Personal.

Cyrus Shaw, Esq., M. P. P., is visiting Charlottetown. Mr. C. L. Helliwell, of the Burland Lithographic Co. (Ltd.) is visiting this Province. Lord Stanley will formally open the Cape Breton railway next month. Shall we see him here in P. E. Island?

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URGENT!! We are compelled to make room for large arrivals of FALL GOODS, and in order to do so at once, offer at a positive

Sacrifice The following goods: The balance of our SILK DOLMANS and JET WRAPS at Half Price. Don't miss this chance.

FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN THE PRICES OF Ladies' Taffeta, Silk and Lisle Gloves, Ladies' Silk and Cotton Hose, Ladies' Summer Underwear.

NOTICE. All our SUMMER GOODS must be sold—therefore we offer prices that astonish all buyers.

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GREAT SALE OF BOYS' CLOTHING. 500 Suits at Away Down Prices!

NO MAKE ROOM FOR FALL IMPORTATIONS, we offer the whole of our stock at following prices: 100 SUITS, former price \$2.25 and \$2.50, now \$1.75

A Job Lot selling for 50 cents and \$1.00. This is, beyond doubt, the Biggest Bargain in BOYS' CLOTHING in the City.

HARRIS & STEWART, LONDON HOUSE. Charlottetown, August 16, 1890.

CARD. THE subscriber is prepared to give lessons on the Violin to a limited number of pupils. For terms, etc., apply at the residence of J. A. Macdonald, Prince Street.

DESIRABLE PROPERTY BY AUCTION. THE Subscriber will sell by Auction, on the premises, On Monday, the 18th inst., AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,

Flour! Flour! WE HAVE A LARGE STOCK OF FLOUR of reliable Brands, Carter's Best, Kent Mills, White Star, &c.

Liverpool to Charlottetown. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DIRECT. FALL TRIP, 1890. THE AL CLIPPER BARQUE

CLARIBEL 420 Tons Register, Coppered, and classed at English Lloyds, JOHN WALSH, COMMANDER.

WANTED—A Cook and Housemaid. No washing. Apply at this office.

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ARRIVED TO-DAY, per Schooner "Margaret Mary": 20,000 1 inch No. 1 Pine, 13,000 Planned Spruce Flooring, and several cargoes of Assorted Lumber. Terms—three months.

Fine Chance Easily to Secure a Homestead. TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, on the Premises, on THURSDAY, August 21st, at 12 o'clock, noon.

For St. John's, Newfoundland. THE S. S. "COBAN," for St. John's, Newfoundland, will be due at Charlottetown on WEDNESDAY MORNING, the 20th inst.

Raspberries Wanted. 500 BARRELS RASPBERRIES wanted immediately, for which the very highest price will be paid in cash.

NOTICE. IS HEREBY GIVEN that a first-class One Tenement House, situate on Prince Street, next to Thomas Alley's, Esq., will be to let and possession given the first day of September next.

St. Peter's Schools. HEAD MASTER: Rev. Jas. Simpson, M. A. FEES—Boys' School, \$8.00 per Term; Girls' School, \$5.00 per Term.

CAPT. JOHN HUGHES, DEALER IN Anthracite and all kinds of Coal, THE BEST QUALITY.

TENDERS FOR COAL. SEALED TENDERS will be received at the City Clerk's office up to noon of MONDAY, the 18th inst., for supplying the City with

70 Tons Acadia Round Coal, the Coal to be weighed on City Weigh Scales, and delivered in the City Vaults.

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