

Local and Other Items.

JAMES YEO, Esq., M. P., arrived home from Ottawa last evening.

The latest styles of Silk Hats just received at D. A. BRUCE'S.

The mails crossed from Cape Tormentine, and will arrive on the evening train.

A LARGE number of Nova Scotia fishermen arrived yesterday to go to work at the lobster factories.

ROBERT McCONNELL announces his acceptance of the position of editor of the Moncton Transcript.

MR. A. W. STERNS, of the firm of Perkins & Sterns, arrived home from England yesterday evening.

THEY had a fortnight of fog in St. John's, Nfld., and the oldest inhabitant is puzzled to account for it.

MR. SAM. T. AUSTIN, of the firm of Austin McFarlane & Robinson, stationers, Montreal, is at the Revere.

THE Journal understands that Mr. John Clay will succeed Mr. Henry Seales as Gaoler for Prince County.

MR. GEORGE LEWIS, Market Clerk, is, we regret to learn, confined to his residence by an attack of erysipelas.

MR. R. C. REDMOND, representing the large dry goods firm of Greenfield, Son & Co., Montreal, is at the Rankin.

WE regret to learn that a three year old son of Mr. Henry Drake, Cornwall, was, on Monday last, scalded to death.

MR. WM. A. WELLS will read his paper on "Sound" before the Literary and Scientific Society this evening at 8 o'clock.

NORTH RIVER BRIDGE is, we are pleased to learn, nearly completed. The contractor, so far, has made an excellent job of it.

MR. JAMES KEER, of the Canada Paper Company, Montreal, is making his spring tour of the Province. He went to Summerside to-day.

THE Northern Light left Pictou at 1 o'clock to-day with passengers, mails and freight. A special train left this city at 1:30 to connect with her. It will return this evening.

A FAIR attendance and stock at the Market to-day. A change of prices took place. Fowl sold at from 60 to 80 cents per pair; eggs at 12 to 14 cents, and hay at from 50 to 60 cents.

MR. WM. R. ANDERSON, manager of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Co., who has been delayed in reaching the Island, is here in the interests of this liberal and popular institution.

CAN it be said (asks a clever writer) that there is nothing in the newspapers, when advertisers are always to the fore, providing matter for admiration, wonder, amusement, or speculation!

THE North Sydney Herald says:—Capt. Sutherland, of P. E. Island, sold during the last three weeks, from his schooner, at the company's pier, over 300 bushels of potatoes, at 30 cents per bushel.

THE Journal says Capt. Neil McFarlane has secured the contract for the ferry between Summerside and Hurd's Point. The steamer Wellington is now in thorough repair, and will be put upon her route at the first opportunity.

THE charge laid against the young man, Joseph McAleer, of stealing wood from the North American premises, was unjust. Mr. McAleer is an honest young man, and in court yesterday had abundant evidence, if necessary, to prove his integrity.

AMONG the passengers in the Northern Light yesterday, at Georgetown, was Mr. Harris, of the firm of Geo. Davies & Co., of this city, and Mr. A. Earnest Ings, who has been absent nearly five years, a student in Cheltenham College, Great Britain.

THE steamer Summerside left for Pictou yesterday afternoon. Off Wood Islands she encountered heavy ice and was obliged to return. She left again this morning at four o'clock. She arrived at Pictou at 10:30 this forenoon, and will return to-morrow morning.

A MATHEMATICIAN computes that a compositor's hand makes in a year of 300 days, each of ten hours' work, 3,600,000 movements in the setting of 12,000 letters each day, and the distance his hand travels at the same time is 1,364 miles a year, or over 4 1/2 miles a day.

THE fire department have decided to purchase a new fire bell from Messrs. Wm. Black & Co., Bell Founders, Boston. It will be two thousand five hundred pounds weight—over twice the size—and of the same material—as the bell attached to the Court House clock. The broken bell will be taken by Messrs. Black & Co., in part payment.

CAPT. CHIVARIE of the schooner Josephine landed on the 23d inst., thirty of the ice stayed passengers at Little Sands from Pictou. Mr. L. Arthur, one of the passengers reports a very pleasant passage; and on behalf of the passengers desires to publicly thank Mr. Chivarie for his genial hospitality during the voyage, and to acknowledge their high estimation of his ability in navigating them safely through the ice, which has been a barrier to the Northern Light for such a time past. Mr. Arthur states that the schooner was not fitted up for passenger traffic; but the accommodation was very good and the delicacies of the table unsurpassed. There is some talk of Mr. Chivarie fitting up a vessel and making daily trips between Pictou and Little Sands next winter.—COM.

THEY have a primitive way of lighting street lamps in Summerside. Though antiquated it is none the less successful. Two policemen, as darkness creeps o'er the town, may be seen plodding along the streets, one carrying a ladder and the other an umbrella of extra large dimensions. Reaching a lamp "Bobby" with the ladder rests it against the post and places his foot against the bottom round, while "Bobby" with the umbrella ascends. Arriving at the top he opens the umbrella and places it over the lamp. Thus protected from the wind and storm he strikes a match and lights the lamp successfully, descends and proceeds until the dark ways are illuminated. Our friend, Mr. Doan, whose mode of lighting street lamps is more advanced, would be glad to enlighten the Summerside officers. A lesson from him would save the wear and tear of the umbrella, and innumerable mishaps, not to speak of the valuable time lost by Summerside policemen.

THE NORTHERN LIGHT.

Extracting Sunbeams from Cucumbers.

An Extraordinary Concert.

WHEN the Northern Light put back to Georgetown on Friday, the 18th inst., after a bold but unsuccessful effort to grind her way through a sea of ice that would do credit to Greenland itself, the faces of the passengers were a sorrowful aspect enough. Their hearts were proportionately heavy, and if they alternately cursed the bitter, steady wind from the east, and prayed for a westerly breeze, 'tis only a stepmother would blame them. Some of them had been practicing the virtue of patience for a full fortnight, losing money every day, and losing time, which, at this time of the year, is still more precious. Hence it was with a sensation akin to sickness they saw Georgetown once more, and the classic mud of its streets. Even the horses were sick, and everyone knows those animals are famous for their patience. Fortunately, there was in the crowd of about one hundred, a number of commercial travellers from Montreal and St. John, N. B., and all the world knows that commercial travellers, if not philosophers, are something infinitely better; they are men who adapt themselves with wonderful facility to surrounding circumstances, and extract what sunbeams there may be in it out of a cucumber. Their motto is *dam spero, spiro*, or should be, and while, therefore, the bulk of the Northern Light folks were swearing at their hard fate, the fertile brain of Mr. J. Fairbairn, of Montreal, and his comrades, were busily employed devising a scheme, under adverse circumstances, to make life bearable, if not a pleasant dream. The result was a concert in aid of the Public Schools Library. The idea was received with enthusiasm, but then, where were the dramatic persons? Who would carry out the programme? Wasn't a day's notice too short? And then look at the fearful weather. Those difficulties vanished as soon as they presented themselves. The "boys" crossed the word "impossible" from their vocabulary, and set to work with invincible energy to make the concert a success. Mr. Fairbairn proved himself a great organizer. A piano, kindly loaned by Capt. Westaway, was wheeled into the schoolroom, manuscript programmes were made out and distributed on Monday morning, a rehearsal was gone through, and on that evening beheld the schoolroom was thronged to its utmost capacity with the elite of Georgetown and vicinity, not forgetting the hundred and odd ice-bound passengers of the Northern Light, and the captain, the purser, the pilot and the gallant crew, who are not responsible for the fact that huge masses of ice come into the Gulf of St. Lawrence all the way from Labrador and other out-of-the-way places and bar the road from Georgetown to Pictou. The Hall was not decorated with that airy grace for which Mr. Smith is so justly celebrated. Mr. Brown had placed no flags on the platform to stir the emotions of patriotic souls, there was neither poetry nor ornament to be seen contributed by Mrs. Brown, and yet all felt they were about to witness something outside the common run of concerts. Nor were they disappointed. At eight by the clock (old time) Mr. A. C. Stewart, chairman, stepped to the front, announced that what was strictly an impromptu concert was begun, and that Miss Mary Conley, of Charlottetown, and Mr. S. Rubin, of St. John, N. B., would play a duet on the piano. This was done and done well; *connoisseurs* present! at once admitted that Miss Conley was perfect mistress of the instrument. The next on the programme was Longfellow's celebrated song, "I stood on the Bridge at Nightfall," by Mr. Fairbairn. This gentleman played his own accompaniment, and so acquitted himself as to evoke generous shouts of applause and an *encore*. The *encore* was "McSorley's Twins," sung in a manner that convulsed the audience with laughter, and drew forth deafening cheers at the close, together with such remarks as the following, delivered *sotto voce*: "Why that fellow should be an opera singer; 'What a soft beautiful voice.' 'Drumming has deprived the stage of an ornament.' He sang 'Come back to Erin' in the second part, and with a pathos equalled only by the driller and abandon which characterized his comic songs. Mr. Finlay McNeill, the well-known improvisator, of Summerside, delivered a recitation on the Northern Light, composed for the occasion and at short notice. Mr. M. B. Davis, of Montreal, followed with a solo on the flute. Mr. Rubin, of St. John, N. B., came next with the "Warrior Bold." Mr. Rubin has a voice sweet, pleasant and flexible; sings with the greatest ease, and feels quite comfortable on the platform. He was applauded to the echo and *encored*. After Mr. Rubin came Mr. McMillan, of Summerside, who read the "Widow of Glenco." Deep feeling, followed by Mr. M. C. McRobbie, of St. John who went from grave to gay by singing the Irish comic song "Bridget Donahoe." And here it may be remarked, that the programme had been necessarily arranged by an artist who took care the comic and the pathetic should follow in sandwich order. This closed the first part of the programme. In the interval between the two, Mr. J. C. Fleming, late editor of the Charlottetown Herald, but now on the editorial staff of the New York Morning Journal, delivered a short address in which he apologized for the classic mud of Georgetown on his boots, and requested the prayers of the audience for a southwesterly wind to drive the Northern Light and her ice-bound cargo to their destination. Miss Conley and Mr. Rubin commenced the second part of the programme, also with a duet on the piano, after which "Far Away" was sung by Mr. Rubin, and Mr. E. W. Hoffer, of Montreal. This was followed by another recitation from Mr. Finlay McNeill. A pleasant feature of the evening was the singing of "Scots wha' hae," by Mr. K. McDiarmid, of Montreal, in Highland costume, with a flashing sword in his hand, which he flourished with such vigor that Mr. Fairbairn, who accompanied him on the piano, felt inclined to hug that instrument closer than usual. We need hardly say the singer was vociferously applauded and *encored*. Next on the programme was a piano solo, "The Mocking Bird," by Miss Mary Conley. As a relay, Miss Conley's

ances do not excite much enthusiasm among an audience other than musical, but this occasion was an exception, for Miss Conley brought down the house. The rest of the programme was carried out rapidly, and without even the ghost of a hitch. Mr. Fairbairn sang "The lost child," and the whole company, led by Mr. J. Hunter, of London, gave the choruses "The Old Cabin Door," "Good Bye, My Love, Good Bye," closed by "God Save the Queen."

Nor were the "company" satisfied with singing merely. A dance was organized after the programme had been successfully carried out, and "mirth and fun grew fast and furious," until a late hour, when every one went home with the impression that something like an historical episode had occurred that day in Georgetown; at all events, that something had transpired which would not soon be forgotten by those who had witnessed it, and by many who had not.

In the morning, although the southwesterly wind prayed for by Mr. Fleming had had not come, the Northern Light with her "merrie companie" steamed out of the harbor again to encounter her old enemy, the ice-berg, and this time to vanquish him by sheer perseverance and obstinacy. She made but nine miles on Tuesday, when she got jammed and lay too all night. In the morning, however, the night prayed for, long expected, western wind put in an appearance, and the ice melted away before its perfumed breath like the airy fabric of a vision. At nine o'clock stretches of open water revealed themselves here and there, and by noon there was as plain sailing as the Atlantic ocean itself could furnish. It rained, however, hard all this time, but nothing but sunshine was observable on the faces of the late gloomy, ice-bound passengers. Visions of green fields, of trees in foliage, of the Central Park, of Mount Royal and other homes of the belated, presented themselves to the vivid imagination, and at noon a cheer went up from the universal throat as the Northern Light struck Pictou—her objective point.

After this there were *au revoir*, and *adieux*, and shaking of hands, and then a general scattering.

In conclusion I may add that whatever opinion might have been entertained of the miserable amount of winter communication furnished by the Ottawa Government, nothing but praise was heard of the Northern Light herself, which did her duty; or of her Commander, Captain Finlayson; or of her purser, Mr. D. D. Ryan, the gentleman with whom passengers are brought most in contact, and who, for good will, politeness and urbanity, has no superior in the estimation of the travelling public.

FARMERS living at North River complain that Bell's Hill is impassable. It requires immediate attention, and the Supervisor should set to work at it immediately.

RHEUMATISM and Catarrh, caused by poor or corrupted blood, are cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla. [ap21 1w wly.]

PRINCIPAL DAWSON, of McGill, who has arrived in London after his wanderings in the east, has written a paper for the May meeting of the Royal Society, on "Geology and Geographical work in the old world in their relation to Canada."

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

RANKIN HOUSE. April 24.—H. Fulton, Halifax; F. H. Wyman, Boston; G. Goulding, Toronto; R. Booth, Montreal; G. C. Belmont, do; J. A. Mathison, do; G. Y. Deblie, Fredrickton; W. C. Blundell, Montreal; J. B. Kerr, do; Harry Dean, do; W. C. Ford, do; Sir Charles Tupper, Souris.

DIED.

At Sturgeon Road, April 10th, after an illness of nine months, Maggie McLeod, wife of Hugh Finlayson, aged 27 years, leaving a husband and four small children.

At Tryon, on the 16th inst., William Pratt, senr., aged 83 years.

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We trust our customers will not fail to find us out. Remember the Place: Harvie's Old Stand,

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W. & A. BROWN & CO. Ch'town, April 21, 1884.—dy wly

AUCTION SALES

By A. McNeill, Auctioneer.

FURNITURE, &c., April 25th, at two o'clock, p. m.

UNCLAIMED GOODS, at Railway Freight House, April 26th, at ten o'clock a. m., (Eastern Standard Time).

SCHOONER "MARY CHARLES," at Peake's Wharf, No. 1, April 28th, at twelve o'clock, noon.

ROYALTY LOTS, on St. Peter's Road (near the city), May 1st, at twelve o'clock, noon.

MRS. COOMBS' HOUSE AND PREMISES, Great George Street, May 5th, at twelve o'clock, noon.

YACHT "CLARIBEL," at Peake's Wharf, No. 3, May 6th, at twelve o'clock, noon.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. Ch'town, April 21, 1884.—tf

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

Sale of Unclaimed Goods.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Freight and Baggage unclaimed by consignees up to November 15, 1883, will (if not previously claimed and all expenses paid) be sold by Public Auction, at the Freight House, Charlottetown, on SATURDAY, APRIL 26, instant, at ten o'clock, a. m. (Eastern Standard Time), in accordance with clause 76 of the Consolidated Railway Act, 1881. A list of such articles, showing names of consignees, can be seen at all booking stations, on and after 16th instant.

JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, April 12, 1884. [ex dy pat eod her pres ne jour pio ti sale]

LORNE HOTEL FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber offers for sale the "Lorne Hotel," situate at Tracadie Beach, with furniture, fixings, boats, etc., complete, ready to open this spring. If not sold at private sale, it will be offered at Auction, and SOLD on the 30th April.

The building and furniture, as it now stands, cost close upon \$9,000, and will be sold at a bargain.

C. A. HYNDMAN. April 16—2w

SEALED TENDERS

WILL be received up to April 26th, for the erection of a Brick Building on the South Side Queen Square.

Plans and specification to be seen at the office of Phillips & Chappell, Full's Building, Queen Street.

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J. G. HAMILTON BROWN Ch'town, April 16, 1884.

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