

Local and Other Items.

CHIEF Top Cords at R. K. BRACE'S. dec 21

WM. McKAY was accidentally drowned on Sunday afternoon, near Riverside, St. John.

At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this morning, William Larzer was fined \$50 for a b each of the Canada Temperance Act.

J. D. McLEOD & Co. are in their new quarters. Seasonable goods in abundance for cash. dec 21 21 w'ly 21.

A MARINE brake has been invented. If there is any sense of humor in the owner, he ought to try and sell it to the American navy.

J. J. DAVIS, Esq., of the Rankin, sold the splendid grey team, which he usually drives in the hotel coach, to a gentleman in Nova Scotia, for four hundred dollars—a very good price.

The ice at the Citizens' Skating Rink is now in splendid condition. The Rink will be opened to-morrow evening, at eight o'clock, and the new band, under the leadership of Mr. John Worth, will be in attendance.

SOME PEAS.—Says the Halifax Herald:—Thirty-one car loads of peas, recently arrived over the Intercolonial, for shipment in the "Juliet," are now in the elevator. There are 400 bushels to a car load. Twenty more cars are en route.

An old miser in a country village being asked for a subscription towards repairing the fence of the graveyard, declined, saying: "I subscribed toward improving that burying ground nigh on to forty years ago, and my family hasn't had no benefit from it yet."

HENRY WATSON, who hails from Halifax, writes to the Toronto Globe, complaining that he, together with two other Canadian deserters from the United States Army, were arrested by the United States authorities on a Canadian soil and taken back to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, where they are suffering the penalty of their desertion.

ENGLAND spends six times as much money for wars, actual and possible, as she does for education. France spends fifteen times as much, and Russia eighty times as much. Even in the United States, where the army is upon a footing of the least possible proportion, and the navy is scarcely worthy the name, much more is spent upon them than upon the public schools.

In our notice of the Fancy Sale and Tea in aid of the Baptist Church Building Fund held in the Market Hall, on the 19th inst., we omitted to mention the names of two young ladies, Miss Belle Elliott, and Miss Annie Hughes, who cleverly performed their part by tastefully decorating and presiding over a very handsome Christmas Tree which stood near the centre of the hall.

FOUR BOYS DROWNED.—On Sunday last four boys, two sons of Sydney Weagle and two sons of Israel Weagle, of Denmark, Queen's, went to skate on the Grand Pre-meadow, about a mile from their home. As they did not return in the evening, fears were entertained that some accident had befallen them, and several of the neighbors went in search of them, but without success. On renewing the search on Monday morning, the bodies of all four were found together in the brook which runs through the meadow. The supposition is that one or more of them broke through the ice, and the others, in attempting to rescue them, were pulled in by their struggling companions.—Liverpool, N. S., Advance.

"WHO TAKES THE CAKE?"—That handsome cake in Kennedy's shop window is to be given away in this wise: Near the cake is a glass bottle containing several thousands of the product of a well known lequimous plant—Faba vulgaris—commonly known as white beans (said by Bostonians, when combined with the adipose of pig, to make a very aesthetic dish). Any person, over the age of sixteen, may have the privilege of guessing how many beans the bottle contains, and the two persons who shall guess nearest to the actual number in the bottle shall have the cake divided between them on New Year's Day, when the beans will be counted. The names and the numbers guessed shall be recorded in the shop. The successful persons will thereafter be known in history as the persons "who took the cake." It has been a conundrum long agitating the public mind, and is now likely to be settled. [de21 li

EASY divorces are had. Easy marriages are often found to be equally so, if not a great deal worse. The latter, at any rate, paves the way for the former, and should be frowned on accordingly. Why should clergymen be so ready to put their services at the disposal of any couple about whom they know nothing, and that upon the pretence that the marriage license, is all correct, protects them? How do they know that it is all correct? Aren't fathers and mothers also too eager to get their daughters married. And doesn't this make the daughters far too eager in the same direction? There is little use, we suppose, in talking, or volunteering any advice on the subject. Young men and young women, fathers, mothers, clergy, and all the rest, will take their course; yet, it is all some time taking a little more time and exercising a little more discretion in this matter would save many a heart-ache and many a life wreck.—Toronto Globe.

A PROVINCIALIST IN TROUBLE.—A Rockport, Ill., despatch to the Boston Herald says:—"For about four months James D. C. Lake, who recently came here from New Brunswick of Nova Scotia, boarded in the family of David Krotzer, living in the eastern part of the city. Krotzer soon became aware that his boarder and his wife were much too intimate, and after suffering for some time, turned Lake out of the house. The latter went to another part of the city, and the injured husband believed that all was satisfactorily settled. Last night the husband secured a substitute at the watch factory, (where he was night watchman), and returned home about midnight. He found the guilty couple together. Raising the revolver with which he had provided himself, he fired, the ball taking effect in the shoulder of Lake, who rolled on the floor. Mrs. Krotzer escaped from the room, whereupon the infuriated husband fired three more shots. Then the revolver went off accidentally, wounding Krotzer in the calf. The five chambers of the revolver being empty, Lake still exhibiting signs of life, Krotzer started for the bureau to get another supply of cartridges. His wife, however, had the key, and managed to retain possession of it, and was strong enough to prevent her husband from returning and beating to death the unhappy man. Krotzer was arrested. Lake is still lingering, but cannot possibly live. The prisoner has the hearty support of the community, and it is very doubtful whether a jury can be found to convict him." Mr. Lake's name is said to be not unknown in St. John.

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The Local Government is in Council.

HON. JOHN LEFROY is at the Rankin.

The Christmas market will be held on Monday.

The steamer "Summerside" has been laid up for the winter.

RAISINS from 8 cents to 12 cents at R. K. BRACE'S. dec 21

The City Schools are now closed for the Christmas holidays.

A MEETING of the Sibley Fire Company will be held at the Engine Room, at 8 o'clock sharp, to-morrow evening.—MICHAEL HICKEY captain.

The ferry boat continues to ply between the city and Scuppernon. She had considerable difficulty crossing this forenoon owing to ice in her paddles.

The Boston Courier defines "alang" as, in its best sense, an attempt to get at the truth by the shortest routes, and adds that it is the sworn enemy of circumlocution and periphrases.

WILLIAM KENNEDY, Esq., will hold forth in the lower parlor of the Y. M. C. A. this evening, at 8 o'clock, on the interesting subject of "Whiskey." Go and hear what he has to say, and take part in the discussion.

DAVID R. DILLON died in New York in October last, leaving an estate valued at over a million. Dillon married a colored woman in Savannah some years ago, by whom he had several children. He deserted her and married a white woman, to whom he left the bulk of his property. The colored wife, her children and grand children have given notice that they will contest the will.

WE are pleased to see that Master Charles Longworth, son of G. D. Longworth, Esq., has been most successful at the Christmas examination in St. Peter's school. A prize was offered for the highest number of marks in all branches taught in the first and second division. Master Longworth, though a pupil in the second division, captured the prize. This is a fact which speaks highly of his general proficiency and we congratulate our young friend.

A DESPATCH received by Messrs. Penke Ross & Co. from Lemuel Poole, Esq., stated that seven hundred packages of merchandise were taken from the wreck of the brig "Alpha" yesterday. The schooner "Lettie May," Captain Hubby, has been chartered to convey all goods not perishable to Georgetown, whence they will be forwarded to this city. All goods taken from the wreck in a damaged condition will be stored at Port Hastings or Hawkesbury, and sold for the benefit of all concerned.

ALTHOUGH Ulster is claimed as being in sympathy with the Parnellites, it does not appear to have contributed much to the Parnell fund. Of the £30,000 handed to Mr. Parnell the other evening, Leinster contributed £10,559; Munster, £10,785; Ulster, £2,744; Connaught, £1,432; America, £1,500; England, £1,045; Scotland, £237; Australia, £29; and £680 "miscellaneous." Ulster, in certain sections, may have sympathy to offer, but the Scotch Irish in that steady going Province had evidently buttoned their pockets while the collection was being taken up.

A NOT very lucid telegram received lately seems to imply that Germany and Spain have entered into some kind of mutually protective arrangement, the danger to be guarded against being "revolutionary eventualities." It is added that other monarchs have given their adhesion to this "secret agreement," and that it is not aimed at France. It is not easy to understand how the secret could have got abroad, though the confused style of the revelation suggests the chance prizes of an eve-dropper. It can hardly mean anything more than that the good relations lately entered into between Spain and Germany have been strengthened by the Prince's visit. As for such a rapprochement, not being against France, it is certainly not in France's favor.

It is stated that the Windsor cotton factory has succeeded in disposing of a large quantity of its manufactures during the past few weeks, and that as soon as its goods become better than those of the market, they will be sold at a discount. The quickest and best way to do this is to advertise. The people must be educated up to the idea and practice of asking for Windsor, or Halifax cottons. Everybody asks for "Parks' cotton warps" simply because Parks advertised his warps extensively and persistently for years. Advertising pays even cotton factories. It is much more important to get a certain habit of asking for goods from consumers than to the habit of asking for goods at retail, or wholesale dealers, either to push their sale. By the way, it is said that the Halifax factory has orders on hand for all the cottons it can make for some weeks to come.—Halifax Herald.

The fine freestone building in Halifax, destroyed by fire a few days ago, contained the Quebec Insurance agency, the law offices of Graham, Tupper & Borden, and of F. H. Bell, and the dry goods store of V. J. Gibson. Nothing remains but the walls. A man named O'Connor, a book-keeper, who slept in the upper story, lost his life. His remains were found several days after. Several other persons also occupied rooms on the upper floor. These made their escape by jumping on the roof of an adjoining building. Several of them suffered severe injuries, and a woman was dangerously hurt by falling from the building. She was taken to the hospital. It is hoped that she may recover. The Law Library was destroyed and many valuable legal papers were burned. The building was worth \$20,000; Gibson's loss may be \$15,000. The former was insured for \$20,000. Gibson had \$19,000 on his goods, some of which are saved.

The market to-day was the largest of the year. Geese, turkeys, fowl, etc., were in large supply, and the demand was brisk. The butcher stalls in some cases presented an Easter appearance. In few markets could the same quality of beef be found. We notice in Blake Bros., market a particularly fine display of beef. Among the carcasses on sale there was that of the Dominion and Provincial Exhibition. It was splendidly dressed and presented a most palatable appearance. The hay market was, thanks to the roads, full, as was also the flour and meal market. Prices were as follows:—Beef (small) 5 to 12 cents; do. (qr.) 4 to 8 cents; mutton, 5 to 9 cents; Turkeys, 80 to \$1.70; Fowls 20 to 39 cents; ducks, 50 to 75 cents; chickens (pair), none; butter (fresh), 23 to 25 cents; do. (tub), 20 to 22 cents; lard (per 100), \$2.50 to \$3.00; oatmeal, \$2.50 to \$3.00; hay, (per cwt.), \$3.00 to 50 cents; oats, 32 to 33 cents; potatoes (new), 16 to 20 cents; sheepskins, 50 to 65 cents; geese, 50 to 75 cents; pork, (carcass) 6 to 6 1/2 cents; do. (small) 9 to 10 cents; eggs, 25 to 28 cents.

Cape Traverse Notes.

Last Sunday the ice began making for the first.

Mr. Connor (who has charge of the wharf building) has been of late preparing for winter work. But it is said Gray & Wheaton are about getting a contract of it. If it is so, it will not likely be as good a job as if built by Government under the supervision of a competent man. From the solid and workmanlike appearance of the work so far, Mr. Connor is the right man in the right place.

Mr. McWilliam's hotel is about completed. It is a very fine building. No pains or expense have been spared to make it comfortable and convenient. The situation is pretty, and the view of the Straits and surroundings is all that could be desired.

It is a pity the Government could not have given this bit of railway to Island people to build, as the New Brunswick claps have been rather tricky. Many of our people are altogether disappointed with the Government for sending those fellows over here to construct a dozen miles of railway. The Government manage to give these jobs to their pets. But if they had been rightly disposed towards the Island, they could have given it to an Island company to build. The parties who tendered from the Island were responsible men; and, had the contract been given to them, they, in all probability, would have paid their work-people, and built as good a road. Even the engineer's assistant had to be brought from somewhere, where the creature had all the dignity of a tailor. And the County Line people, by way of giving the finishing touch, put a meerschaum pipe in his check. Was there no young man in the Island could have performed this service? If not, it does not say much for our Island boys. CAPE TRAVERSE.

Western Items.

(From the Summerside Journal.)

The Rink will be opened on January 1st, when a general good time may be expected. A Grand Carnival is spoken of for some time about the middle of above month.

The mail carrier from Miscouche through Lot 16, should make it a point to connect with his last mail more regularly as we have had several complaints from above district about mails not arriving on time.

By cablegram to Hon. John Yeo, barker-tine "Min-Hong," John A. Nicholson, master, arrived at the Mumbles, after a passage of 14 days, from Port Hill, P. E. I. The "Min-Hong," is owned by the Hon. John Yeo.

This Province is becoming more famous each year for its fine horses, and it is really not much wonder, as there is no place in Dominion of the same size where so many fine stock horses are to be found. Each successive year finds this class of animals augmented from the best and most thoroughly bred stock known. The last and probably the finest horse that has ever been brought to this country, was lately imported from New York State by R. C. McLeod, Esq. This beautiful animal is called "Darmouth," is a rich brown nine years old, sired by "Volunteer," dam imported "Consternation." "Volunteer" is the sire of the great trotting horse "St. Julien," with a record of 2:11 1/2.

The Lewis Monthly will keep step with the most ambitious and vital of our large magazines. It will illustrate whenever the subjects demand such aid, but its peculiar feature, as yet unexplored, will consist of an able, earnest and determined discussion on Sanitary and Social Questions. Those who have read the past issues of this magazine will need no assurance of the unglowed vehemence of its work. It leaves no room to doubt its meaning or purpose. Dr. Lewis will contribute to each issue, papers on hygienic themes whose value even earnest people will find it difficult to exaggerate, while nearly a hundred writers known to the public will contribute papers on living subjects. Although among the largest and most beautiful of our magazines, it is only \$2.50 per year, or 25 cents a number. For sale by all news-dealers.

Harry Snogg, until recently a brick-maker, and who calls himself "The White Star of Texas," is training in Philadelphia to fight Gopher Bill and John L. Sullivan. This week he has been walked around Franklin Square with a dumb-bell fastened to each leg; he has had ice water baths and had his legs beaten black and blue with billiard cues. Yesterday he was hitched to a swill cart and trotted three miles; after that a beer barrel was tied to one leg and a dumb-bell to the other and he walked a mile; then he was again beaten with billiard cues and sandpapered from head to foot. His diet is bananas; he is given a mixture of brown stout, mustard, gin, vinegar, molasses, soda water and pepper sauce.

The News, the Mormon organ in Salt Lake City, says in a leading article:—"The President's message will be hailed by the firing clergy with pleasure, and will receive an amount of popular support. It is not shown in what way the destruction of our local government would affect the question of polygamy. The plural marriages of the Mormons are not recognized by the territorial laws, and could not be dissolved by commissions, by edicts, by armies, or other earthly power. They are ecclesiastical, perpetual and eternal. Until the Mormons become recalcitrant to their faith with high heaven, these Unions will be recognized by the Almighty Being, who established them for the benefit of His people, and the fullness of His glory. The President's remarks on Utah polygamy will not add force to his message, nor credit to his statesmanship. They are a sop to bigots and breath to the flame of popular passion. It is doubtful if it will have a practical bearing on Congress. It will certainly create no commotion among the God-fearing people of Utah."

CHEAP AND GOOD.—For 50 cents you can purchase from any reliable druggist, a box of Mack's Magnetic Medicine, which contains forty-five doses; this is cheaper than any other similar medicine sold, and while it is cheap our druggists say it is the best, and gives satisfaction in all cases. Sold in Charlottetown by Apothecaries Hall Co. Read the advertisement in another column. [de21 1w w'ly.

It is estimated that there are in the world 66,000 locomotives, 120,000 passenger cars, and 800,000 freight cars. There are about 206,000 miles of track which cost the net sum of \$25,000,000.

CHARLOTTETOWN BOOT AND SHOE FACTORY.

COME! COME! COME!

—AND GET YOUR—

XMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS AT LOWEST PRICES.

VELVET, Carpet and Kid Slippers, French Kid and Oil Goat Button Boots, Grain Calf Skating Boots, Overshoes and Rubbers, and a large assortment of all kinds of Boots and Shoes, from 50 cents upwards. Warranted to fit and best qualities.

DORSEY, GOFF & CO., Queen Street.

Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1883.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

—FOR—

Xmas and New Year's Gifts,

—AT—

G. H. TAYLOR'S!

NEW PATTERNS in Silver Ware, Gold Locket and Necklets, Colored Gold Sets, Gold-Plated Brooches, Earrings, etc.

Bargains in Silver Jewelry, as I am closing out this line of Goods.

North Side Queen Square, Charlottetown.

Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1883.—6i wed fri sat w'ly 1i

FROM NOW

—TILL—

XMAS AND NEW YEAR.

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WE WILL OFFER

BISCUITS, CRACKERS, CAKE, CONFECTIONERY, &C., AT LOWER PRICES THAN EVER.

Biscuits from eight cents per lb. upwards, Retail.

A great variety in CONFECTIONERY, comprising Panorama Eggs, Crystal Hats, Return Balls, Flower-Pots, Beautiful Hearts, all made of PURE CONFECTIONERY. Also the finest lot of Cossagues and Cornucopias ever shown in the city.

Try our Mixed Crackers in 5-lb. packages, very cheap.

Thousands and Nonpareils, for Cake decorating; Extract of Lemon, Citron and Lemon Peel, Currants, Raisins, etc.

Choice Preserves, in 1 and 6-lb. packages.

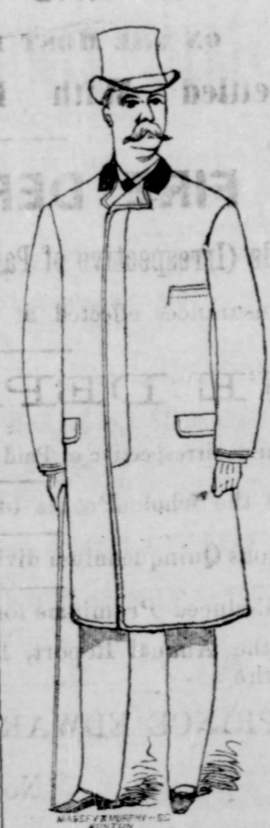
Special Prices to Wholesale Buyers.

J. QUIRK,

City Steam Bakery, Prince Street.

Ch'town, Dec. 11, 1883.—3w

WINTER GOODS SELLING VERY CHEAP FOR CASH, AT THE LONDON HOUSE.



- Men's Gloves, Mitts & Scarfs.
- Men's Top Coats,
- Men's Ulsters,
- Men's Fur Overcoats,
- Men's Reefing Jackets,
- Men's Wool Underclothing,
- Men's Flannel shirts,
- Men's Cardigan Jackets,
- Men's Fur Caps,
- Ladies' Cloth Sacques,
- Ladies' Cloth Ulsters,
- Ladies' Fur-lined Circulars,
- Ladies' Astracan Jackets,
- Ladies' Fur Caps and Muffs.
- Buffalo Robes,
- Japanese Wolf Robes,
- Blankets,
- Horse Rugs,
- Railway Wrappers, etc

GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Ch'town, Nov. 18, 1883.

LONDON HOUSE.

During December we will clear the balance of our Stock of Ladies' Sacques and Mantles at a large discount.

GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Ch'town, Dec. 10, 1883.—cod 2w w'ly 3i

Tenders for Shoeing Horses.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer, up to Saturday, the 22nd December, from parties willing to contract for providing shoes and shoeing Fire Department Horses (5), for one year from 1st January, 1884.

By order.

PETER MAGGOWAN,

Secretary.

Ch'town, Dec. 18, 1883.

SANTA CLAUS

arriv'd by Special Train at

W. F. CARTER'S

last night, and you should come and see the load of good things he brought. It consists of choice

Confectionery, Fruit, Pastry and Cakes,

SUCH AS

- Delicious Dessert Creams, Chocolate Cream, Fig Cream, Coconut Cream, Raisin Cream, Chocolate Cream Drops, Lawn-dale Creams and French Creams.
- Barley Sugar Tots, Almond Candy Walnut Candy, Butter Scotch, Molasses Candy and Taffy.
- Vanilla, Walnut, Chocolate, Coconut, Molasses and Strawberry Caramels.
- Fruit Cake 20, 25, 33 and 40 cents per pound.
- Plain Cake 22 and 40 cents per pound. Also a large assortment of small cakes.
- Beautiful Apples, Pears, Oranges, Lemons, Grapes and Figs, and lots of other nice things.

All the above are the very best quality. Please call and see for yourselves at

W. F. Carter's Confectionery.

Ch'town, Dec. 17, 1883.—1f

CHRISTMAS AUCTION SALES

—AT—

MIRIE'S BOOKSTORE,

QUEEN STREET,

COMMENCING AT

Seven o'clock Thursday Ev'g,

December 20th,

and continued every evening during the Christmas holidays. Great Bargains may be expected in

Fancy Goods,

Tolls, Vases,

Albums, Toys,

Work Boxes,

Ink Stands,

Pencil Cases,

Church services,

Christmas Cards,

Miscellaneous Books, &c.

Ch'town, Dec. 18, 1883.—1f

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! CHRISTMAS CARDS AT NELMES'.

Note Paper, Seaside,

Notable Novels, Purases,

Illustrated London Papers, etc.

S. T. NELMES,

Standard Bookstore.

Ch'town, Nov. 1, 1883.—cod

COKE. COKE.

A SUPERIOR QUALITY OF COKE

For Sale at the Gas Works.

COKE has been used for several winters by many citizens, who pronounce it as being cheaper, as well as giving a greater heat than hard coal in Base Burners. Dec. 1, 1883.—3w

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

WANTED—To Lease for a term of years, a Cottage, centrally located. Enquire at this office. [de21 ff

TO LET—Warehouses to let on Lord's Wharf. Apply to W. W. CLARKE. [de20

TO LET—Part of House opposite Railway Station. Enquire at this office. [de19

STOVES.—One No. 9 Magician Cook Stove, as near as good as new, with pots and pans complete, for \$14.00. One Base Burner Hall Stove, cost \$40.00 and but little used, will be sold for \$15.00. These prices only open a few days.—H. COOMES, Agent. [de18 2i

BOARDERS.—Mrs. Robert Bode, has removed to the house of Mr. C. Heartz, 145 Queen Street, where she can accommodate number of Boarders, on reasonable terms. [oc3