

Small Debt Court

Returns of fees paid into the City Treasury from the City Small Debt Court show: For seven months of the past year, \$609.44 For the whole of the previous year, 419.75 Excess of seven months of last year over the whole of the previous year, 189.69

The Fire This Morning.

The fire this morning, though a small affair, has taught the important lesson that our steam Fire Engines are—under existing circumstances—unavailable and utterly useless. The plain truth of the matter is, that we are now—as regards fire—at the mercy of the elements. Unless runners are provided or stronger and steadier teams obtained the engines will be unable to reach a fire while snow remains upon the ground, and we may wake up some frosty morning to find ourselves "sons of everything."

Unpopularity of the Local Government.

The unpopularity of the measures of the Davies-Stewart Combination is attracting attention abroad. A New Brunswick exchange remarks:— "The agitation excited in Prince Edward Island by the operation of the General Assessment Act appears to grow stronger every day. Every paper we receive from the Island contains the report of at least one public meeting, and in every case resolutions condemning the extravagance of the Government, the maintenance of useless offices, &c., and demanding the repeal or amendment of the Assessment Act, are passed. The prevailing opinion appears to be in favor of repeal. The abolition of the Legislative Council is also pretty generally demanded."

What about that \$4,940?

SENATOR PENNY comes to Senator Brown's rescue in this style:— "All rational men know that both in diplomacy and in war, or civil combinations, there are occasions when information must be gained, and secrets secured which can only be had by money. We never yet heard that outlay for these purposes was looked upon as dishonorable on the part of those who made it; and it is certain that he who should decline to make it would often sacrifice the interests committed to his charge. Well, Mr. Brown going to Washington three years ago to negotiate another treaty had to expend, or cause to be expended, a good deal of money in various ways. This, if it is anything, is an admission that Mr. Brown spent the \$4,940 he used out of the \$10,000 appropriation he obtained from Mr. McKenzie in "various ways." But as Mr. Brown, in his solemn denial on the 18th, said, "Not one shilling was paid by the Canadian Commissioner, or by anybody else, to Dr. Young," it follows that Dr. Young was not the "various ways." And yet the Committee say Dr. Young was "improperly interested." The case is becoming so mixed that nothing short of a detailed statement, showing how the \$4,940 disappeared, will clear it up satisfactorily. We should like to hear from Senator Simpson on the subject.—Mail.

Week of Prayer.

The following arrangements have been made for the observance of the Week of Prayer in Charlottetown, viz., meetings shall be held each evening during the week as follows:— MONDAY, JANUARY 7th.—Baptist Church.—Prayer and Praise; Remembrance of personal and relative mercies; Prayer for the Divine blessing on past blessings, on past privileges, and for a humble and contrite spirit. TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th.—Methodist Church.—Prayer for the Church of Christ in all lands; for its deliverance from error; for its increase in faith and holiness, and in power as a witness of the Lord Jesus Christ; for the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9th.—St. James' Church.—Prayer for Christian Families; For sick and afflicted members; for children at school; for young men entering upon the active business of life, and for those abroad; for our sons and daughters openly confessing Christ. THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th.—St. Paul's School Room.—Prayer for Nations; For rulers, magistrates, and statesmen; for the Army and Navy; for the benevolent and philanthropic institutions; for religious liberty and for the opening of doors great and effectual for publishing the Gospel; for the cessation of war and for the reign of righteousness and peace. FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th.—Bible Christian Church and Upper Prince Street Methodist Church.—Prayer for Christian Missions to the Jews and Gentiles; For Sunday Schools, and for the Divine blessing on all efforts to spread the glad tidings of the Gospel of Salvation. SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th.—Zion Church.—Prayer for the Circulation of the Bible; For the observance of the Sabbath; for the removal of intemperance; for the rescue of the fallen; for the safety of those who travel by land and by water. SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th.—Sermons: Christian life. "Let your light shine."—Matt. v. 16. Services to commence each evening at 7 1/2 o'clock and to close at 9 o'clock. At the close of each meeting a collection will be taken for the poor.

JOSEPH HENSLEY, President. J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

Latest by Telegraph.

Trouble in Crete!

By Telegraph to Reading Room and Daily Examiner.]

LONDON, Jan. 3.

There is very uncertain news from Crete. A large number of Christian families attempted to enter the town of Rethimo, but were met at the gates of the town by nearly the whole populace, who are principally Turks, and were assaulted, neither men, women or children being spared. After driving them back the gates were closed. They then attacked the British Consul, and pursued him to a brother consul with knives. The Turkish soldiers stood by inactive. The British man "Rupert" sailed from Athens for Returno.

Vice in Liverpool.

The Superintendent of Police of Liverpool has just published his report—a document very appropriately called the "Black Book"—from which it appears that the number of convictions during the past year for crimes of various kinds has been one in ten thousand of the entire population—surely a terrible showing for that great commercial city. The secret of this criminality may perhaps be read in the words of the Rev. Mr. Nugent, a Roman Catholic prison chaplain, who recently said of the Liverpool women of the lower classes: "Drink is making terrible havoc upon the female population of this town, not only demoralizing the young and leading them step by step into crime and the lowest depths of vice, but destroying the sacred character of family life, and changing wives and mothers into brutal savages. The poker, the knife, the bottle and the glass have become the ordinary weapons of attack and defence under its uncontrollable influence, producing the most fatal consequences. Not a week passes without some one being brought to prison whom drink has maddened and robbed of all female decency, whose language and actions are so horrible that they seem no longer rational beings, but fiends." Yet it is said that many of the rulers of the city are among the largest owners of the super-abundant public houses whose immoral traffic causes all this accumulation of misery and woe.

A Two Feet Gauge Railway.

A railway with a gauge of only two feet has been built in Massachusetts, starting from the Boston, Lowell, and Nashua Railroad at North Billerica, running through Billerica Centre, South Billerica and Bedford Springs, and connecting with the Lexington and Arlington branch at Bedford. The trains run now about double as fast as the trains of the P. E. Island Railway, or at the rate of twenty miles an hour. The road was formally opened for travel and traffic a short time ago, the opening excursion being accomplished without hitch or accident of any kind.

Foreign News.

The relations between Italy and Greece are strengthening. Osman Pasha has arrived at Bucharest. His wound is progressing favorably. Servia will address a note to the Great Powers, justifying her warlike actions against Turkey. A Berlin special says the naval estimates for the German navy are increased for next year 91 million marks. The Times' Paris despatch says negotiations are proceeding for the reception of the Papal Nuncio in Mexico. New fortifications around Pozen and Konigsberg, Germany, are being rapidly completed, the War Office being anxious to finish defences on the Russian frontier as early as possible. It is stated that Bishop, the Englishman recently arrested on suspicion of treason, had handed to the French Government some German military papers which he obtained from the clerk in the war office. The Pope held a consistory at the Vatican on the 25th ult. Mgrs. Mocetti and Pellegrini were nominated as cardinals and some bishops appointed. The Pope read a short allocution, thanking them for their solicitude concerning his health, and asking them to pray to God to help the Church and preserve unimpaired the mind of its head, whose body was ailing. The appointment of Waddington as Minister of Foreign Affairs, in the French Cabinet, and of the Marquis de Saint Valier to be French Ambassador to Berlin, is an earnest of better relations between Germany and France. The Marquis de Saint Valier is acceptable both to his own sake and as a successor of Viscount Egmontant Biron, retiring ambassador, who had the reputation of being an Ultramontanist, and certainly was a persona grata in the illustrious circles supposed to disapprove of the ecclesiastical policy of the Government. A sort of informal synod was convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the 19th inst. to consider Canon Farrar's sermon on Eternal Punishment. He was present and said that he knew that he had been treading on the hereditary prejudices of English Churchmen, but he felt himself compelled to say what, as a scholar he was certain of, that the Greek word which in our version is translated "eternal," does not mean endless. No action was taken, but it is said the matter will be further considered in regular synod.

THE CONVENTION of all the Temperance Reform Clubs of this Island met in the Reform Club Rooms this afternoon at 3 o'clock. There are a large number in attendance. A mammoth torchlight procession will parade the streets of this city at 7 o'clock.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.—One day last week, one Dunfield, an old pioneer, cut his wife's throat from ear to ear, at Seattle, B. C., after which he cut his daughter's, and then took a dose of poison and shot himself. Dunfield and his wife are both dead, and there is little hope that the daughter will survive.

Miscellaneous News.

The Prince of Wales is thirty-three. The Sun Mutual Insurance Company has declared a dividend of four per cent. The trial of 193 persons, arrested at St. Petersburg for carrying on a seditious propaganda there, is in progress. Mr. Morris, ex-Lieut. Governor of Manitoba, met with a warm reception from the people of Berlin, on his arrival at that place on the 24th ult. An Ontario volunteer company has cabled the British Government placing their services at the disposal of the Empire in the event of war with Russia. Johanna Donovan, the virago who, dressed as a man, headed the mob which burned negroes and gated houses in New York in 1863, was arrested on the 26th ult. for putting her husband's head with an axe.

The proprietors of the Allan line of steamships are about to add two new vessels to their already splendid fleet. They are to be larger than any of the steamers now owned by the company.

The cotton masters of North and Northeastern Lancashire have asked their employees to join them in an agitation for the repeal of the Indian import duty on cotton goods. From this invitation it is believed that the masters have abandoned the idea of reducing the men's wages.

Coffee houses have become so much the rage in England that a company has been started in London called "The London Coffee House Improvement Company," which lends money, in imitation of the brewers, to those desiring to embark in business and diversify their temperance houses. The capital of the company is \$90,000, in ten thousand shares of \$5 each.

We don't know what there is about a man whose confidence the man trusting himself to it. But there is, no doubt, a certain degree of inspiration in it, for it is a fact that the bashful man in a social gathering always sits, if possible, under the mantle. He naturally gravitates to that place, and is not at rest until he reaches it. With the top of his head pressed against the under side of the shelf he will sit for hours, at a time as immovable as a mortgage, and apparently as deeply interested in what is going on about him.—Danbury News.

ANOTHER steamship line is to be added to the number that ply to Halifax. The White Cross line of steamers announce the "Herman Ludwig" from Antwerp for Halifax, via London in time for the spring trade. Halifax imports largely from Antwerp, but has hitherto been compelled to use sailing vessels.

The British Government has permitted Capt. Burton, the traveller, although holding the position of Consul at Trieste, to superintend the excavations into those old Egyptian mines which, it is supposed, may be re-worked to profit. Capt. Burton has also a scheme for opening up certain districts of Central Africa, and the Khedive has proposed to him to accept the Governorship of Darfour.

The country round about Odessa is suffering terribly from the war. The price of wood for fuel has increased five fold, and the poorer class is suffering from frost bites. All kinds of provisions have increased in price 200 per cent; foreign commodities are almost unobtainable. In the neighborhood of Kazan the failure of the crops has led to the peasants eating bread made of rye meal and acorns. Much sickness has been occasioned by this unwholesome diet.

A London hotel-keeper, who is something of a statesman, visited Paris just before McMahon submitted, and sent the leading citizens of the French capital the following circular: "I have the honor of enclosing you my card, if, on the approach of the crisis which menaces France, you repair to London, I will do my utmost to make your stay agreeable. You will find at my establishment first rate accommodations, and, considering the season, at reduced rates. You can bespeak by letter or telegraph the rooms you desire, and your orders will be immediately attended to."

The Duke of Portland, who has given such magnificent donations for the relief of the sick and wounded in the East, is a hypochondriac of 70, with an income of \$750,000 a year. He suffers from a disgusting malady, and lives in seclusion, whether at Welbeck Abbey, his seat in Nottinghamshire, the most famous of those places known as "the dukeries," or in London. In the latter he inhabits a vast gloomy mansion in Cavendish Square. The Duke cannot bear to be seen, and has erected at the back of his house an immense screen of iron and glass which completely prevents the neighbors from gratifying their curiosity. It is said that after dark he may be seen pacing the garden in the midst of Cavendish Square. Neither he nor his brothers, all dead, ever married. One of them Lord George Bentinck, who was cut off in his prime, was the hope of the Tory party, and the first "tariff" in England.

A BURIED TOWN BROUGHT TO LIGHT.—An interesting archaeological discovery has just been made in Italy—that of a buried town, a new Pompeii, unexpectedly found near Manfredonia, at the foot of Mount Gargano. A temple of Diana was first brought to light, and then a portico about 20 metres in length, with columns without capitals, and, finally, a necropolis covering 15,000 square metres (about 37 acres). A large number of inscriptions has been collected, and some of them have been sent to the museum at Naples. The town discovered is the ancient Sipontum of which Strabo, Polybius, and Livy speak, and which was buried by an earthquake. The houses are 20 feet below the surface of the soil. The Italian Government has taken measures to continue the excavations on a large scale. Every day some fresh object of interest turns up. The latest is a monument erected in honor of Pompey after his victory over the pirates, and a large quantity of coins in gold and copper.

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The music, for the evening, will be under the direction of Mrs. Peimce. Some of the best performers in our city, on the Harp, Violin, Cornet, Piano, as well as some of our well-known Vocalists and Pianists, have kindly consented to give their services on the occasion. For particulars, see programme. Doors open at 7 o'clock; entertainment at 8. TICKET, 24 cts; for sale at the Medical Hall, and at the store of J. B. McDonald, Esq., and at the door. Ch'town, Jan. 3, 1878.—H

ANOTHER SUPPLY PRANC'S New Year Cards! THE BEST YET. Just received per 'NORTHERN LIGHT.'

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PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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MONDAY, 7th INST.

AT 9 O'CLOCK, A.M. By order of the City School Board. ISAAC OXENHAM, Sec'y. Ch'town, Jan. 3, '78.—era pat li ex thur sat

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