

Local and Other Items.

Go to the Rink to night.

MR. MILLEGE, C. E., is at the Rankin.

To-morrow is the Feast of the Epiphany.

BAND and excellent ice at the Rink to-night.

ARCHBISHOP BOURGET is dangerously ill in Montreal.

TORONTO proposes to have a new Anglican cathedral shortly.

ONE drunk at the Stipendiary Magistrate's court this forenoon.

THERE were 4,517 fewer births than deaths in New York last week.

THE Northern Light left Pictou for Georgetown at 12.40 this afternoon.

CAPT. P. LEADWELL, of the abandoned brig Lauretta, arrived home last night.

DANIEL McDONALD, Kent St., was fined \$50 and costs, for a breach of the Scott Act.

THE three great coal companies of Pennsylvania have reduced the price of anthracite coal.

FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND tons of coal were last year shipped from Cape Breton.

You can get a barrel of "Strathroy" or Patent Pearl Flour, both warranted and cheap at R. K. Brace's. Jan 5

THE customs receipts at Montreal in 1884 decreased \$24,915, being \$5,787,721 against \$7,730,637 in 1883.

THE mails arrived at 2 o'clock this morning, and were ready for delivery on opening of the Post Office at 8 o'clock.

THE Chief Inspector of Licenses is thankful for information, but cannot take notice of correspondence unless he has the name of the writer in confidence.

WE learn that a suit has been commenced by Capt. Malcolm McLeod against the Directors of the Bank of P. E. Island, to recover the amount of his claim against the Bank.

AN officer of the mounted police in the Northwest, a Nova Scotian, will be married to the daughter of the celebrated Indian chief, Sitting Bull. -Moncton Times.

THE wages of Pittsburg mechanics have been reduced - Rail mill men, 33 per cent; converting mill men, 20 per cent, and laborers 10 per cent. The reduction will affect 5,000 men.

THE Alliance will meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow evening and not 7.30 as stated Saturday. This change has been made for the convenience of those attending the meeting of united prayer.

THE widow of Captain Webb, recently drowned while attempting to swim the whirlpool at Niagara Falls, was on New Year's Day in London, Eng., presented with a purse of \$665.

THE committee appointed by the British Association to report upon a regular system of observation of the tides in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and on the Atlantic coast, met in Montreal on the 2nd inst.

THE Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars will meet in a special session on Thursday next, the 8th inst., at 10 a. m. A public meeting will be held in the same place in the evening.

LORD LANSDOWNE will this season present to the Curling Club of Canada two cups, which are to be competed for on conditions which slightly differ from those adopted for the Canadian tankard competition.

THE Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe and St. John Telegraph reports that Mr. Thomas White, M. P., has been called to the Cabinet and given the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture. So mought it be.

LUCKY MAX - The Moncton Times says the Local Government of New Brunswick has just discovered a curiosity in the shape of a Westmorland Co. man who was not already a J. P., and his appointment has been gazetted. His name is McHugh.

THE Boston Daily Globe, having made a thorough examination to learn the exact truth in connection with business matters in the States, has come to the conclusion that "the signs are propitious," and that "the new year will be one of gratifying prosperity."

A PORT HAWKESBURY correspondent of the Halifax Herald says: -The schr. Brilliant, Deagle, Grand River, P. E. I., for Halifax, was detained and seized here on the 15th December, by Collector Marshall Bourne, information having been given the Collector that the Brilliant had been smuggling.

THE Emperor William has a genuine aversion to washing dirty linen in public, and never forgives any royal personage whose indiscretion causes a scandal. "Do nothing; say nothing; time will put everything to rights." This is his invariable answer when one member of his family comes to complain of another.

MISS FLORENCE MARYAT, daughter of the distinguished novelist, received an ovation on her first appearance in Halifax. The performance was under the distinguished patronage of His Honor Lt. Governor Richey, Col. Akers, R. E., commanding the troops in the Dominion of Canada, and officers of the garrison, Mayor McIntosh and the corporation of the city of Halifax.

THE Northern Light is beginning to encounter heavy ice in the Straits. A letter received by Mr. Alex. McDonald from the Purser, Mr. Ryan, states that during her passage on Sunday the steamer passed through a large quantity of ice which lay between Pictou Island and Cape Bear. Mr. Ryan says the freight house at Pictou Landing is filled with freight, and there are eight carloads of flour outside.

A PLEASANT social gathering took place in Georgetown last week. A Christmas Tree for the school children of the town was organized by Mrs. Archibald J. McDonald and Mrs. Malcolm McDonald, and they were assisted by ladies from all congregations except the Presbyterians. A choice assortment of useful and fancy articles were exhibited, and a pleasant evening was spent, and the sum of \$35, clear of expenses, was realized. Over two hundred presents were distributed among the children, and the proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of books for the children of different denominations. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the good ladies who organized and carried out the affair and afforded so much Christmas cheer to the young people of Georgetown.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The New Hotel.

SIR.-In the Patriot of the 3rd inst., there appeared a letter signed "Taxpayer," commenting upon a letter lately written by Hon. Daniel Davies favoring the new hotel scheme. Although "Taxpayer" does not approve of Mr. Davies' suggestion, yet he does not give his reasons for dissenting therefrom, -he no doubt like "the many who hold his idea" referred to by him, is quite content to offer opposition to anything that tends to lift our City out of the rut of twenty years ago or that might be called a progressive movement. It is unfortunately for Charlottetown, much to be regretted that no matter what may be attempted to improve or build up the place, there are always to be found some of our citizens who are ready to fly into opposition against anything that may be suggested for the public good. That a first class hotel for Charlottetown is a necessity all will admit; in fact, all persons that I have heard speak on the subject are agreed that, before we can expect Prince Edward Island to receive that attention from the travelling public that it is entitled to, we must provide more hotel accommodation. For what does a new hotel for Charlottetown mean? Simply this: That a large portion of the American and Canadian tourists who now decline to visit our shores, would if the proper accommodation were offered, spend weeks and months in our midst, benefiting at all events indirectly every man, woman, and child in this province, by purchasing our goods, patronizing livery stables, making employment for cabmen, and in many other ways too numerous to mention. Taxpayer's remarks on water works and fire insurance are rather mixed up, but as he wrote without having much information upon either subject, that is not to be wondered at. Water works would not necessarily increase the taxes, as all who are acquainted with the different ways of saving under the water works system will admit, and if those persons who are opposed to waterworks would only take the trouble to figure up upon a proper basis, what it costs them per year to supply their houses with water under the present system, they would soon, I think, arrive at the conclusion that their time and labor amounts to more than, say four dollars per year, which would be about the cost of a water supply for ordinary houses. The present insurance rates are certainly higher than most people like to pay, and bear heavily upon merchants and others who have to carry large amounts; but Taxpayer cannot be supposed to own much that fire can destroy, or he would know by this time that the first step to be taken to get rates of insurance reduced, is to have a bountiful supply of water introduced into the city, with all due deference to Taxpayer's opinion, I would not be surprised to learn that the companies doing business here have paid out during the past five years, as much money as was taken in premiums during the last nineteen years; and if these companies did not think that their interests suffered here for want of a proper supply of water, they would not have thought it necessary to increase their rates. Did time and space permit, Mr. Editor, I might give various other reasons why the citizens of Charlottetown should all support the movement now on foot to build a first class hotel, but I dare not encroach any further at present.

Yours, etc., PROGRESS.

Our Ladies Defended.

SIR.-Your issue of Saturday contains, among other interesting reading matter, a letter from "Steeple Cleydon," whom you are pleased to term "our old friend." "Steeple" notes several improvements both in the town and its inhabitants, the credit of effecting which he no doubt arrogates to his immaculate self. He regrets that absence from the Island prevented his seeing "Queen Square in its summer beauty," and is greatly surprised, "that the flowers and shrubs should have been allowed to grow unmolested." After complimenting the small boy on his "public spirit" he proceeds to insult the ladies in a most unwarrantable manner. He accuses them of being greatly deficient in "public spirit," of "having but an intermittent regard for honesty," and is astonished that they did not carry off "surfeituous nosebags." The latter fact leads "Steeple" to indulge in the supposition that "the principles of Christian morality can obtain some slight foothold in the feminine breast after all." Poor "Steeple"! Yours must be certainly a hard lot! What a vendetta you cherish against this community - particularly the female portion. Can it be possible that at some period in your existence you endeavored to obtain "some slight foothold in the feminine breast" of one of our young ladies, and she - being an admirer of the beautiful in nature as well as in art - rejected you? If such is unfortunately the case, you should accept defeat gracefully, and not black-bail the whole community, because one member thereof has offended you. I would strongly advise you to study up "the principles of Christian morality" and - try again. Lacking in public spirit, indeed! What would become of our churches, hospitals and such like institutions, were it not for the interest taken therein by the ladies? Who has not, at one time or another, had his pockets more or less lightened by the "public spirit" manifested by the ladies in such affairs as these? How would the poor manage to keep body and soul together were they depending upon the "Christian morality" of men of the "Steeple Cleydon" stamp. But perhaps all this is not public spirit as he understands it? Since his return to the Island "Steeple" has also noticed a marked improvement in the accent of some of its inhabitants; but there is, he says, and I quite agree with him, still room for improvement. The way in which some people pronounce the simplest words in the English language is, to say the least, very painful to persons who are compelled to listen to them. Their faces are distorted in proportion to the length of the sentence. I am inclined to believe, however, that this fault - in some people, at least - partakes more of the nature of a disease than anything else, and the unfortunate person afflicted is more to be pitied than despised. I permit me to suggest, in conclusion, that as the week upon which we are just entering is one of prayer, special services

be held in one or more of the churches for the reformation of the reformer, "Steeple Cleydon."

Yours, etc. SCOTTY.

Steeple Cleydon Again.

SIR.-It is evident that "Steeple Cleydon" was not annihilated, or even daunted, by the fusillade he received some months ago; for he has returned to this "blooming kentry" with his pinions plumed for fresh and startling flights. He essayed his new wings on Saturday last, hovering, as it were, like a bird of prey over a prospective battleground, and feasting in anticipation on his victims. Now, literary men of Charlottetown, procure fresh quills, refill your ink-horns, and stand prepared to defend your fair ones. In his letter in Saturday's EXAMINER, "Steeple Cleydon," without any beating around the bush, after speaking of the Queen Square improvements, arraigns the ladies as follows: "But that the ladies - who, as a rule, have no public spirit, and only an intermittent regard for honesty - should not have carried off surfeituous nosebags by night, is a fact truly remarkable." Is there a man in the city who - remembering the active part the ladies of Charlottetown took in the Queen Square improvements, the care they bestowed upon the flowers, and the hard work they performed in preparing a bazaar to raise funds for the payment of a gardener - will not hurl back the slander against the honesty of those ladies? We should treat his insinuations as mere badinage, did we not judge from the past that "Steeple Cleydon" is terribly in earnest. "This forbearance," continues he, "on their part is very encouraging, and would almost lead one to believe that the principles of Christian morality can get some slight foothold in the feminine breast after all." Hear, ye who have been taught your prayers at a sainted mother's knee, who have had the "first principles of Christian morality" instilled into your hearts from the lips now silent forever, - and learn that the mother or the sister who taught the precepts of morality, was nothing better than a pagan; believe, if you are a follower of "Steeple Cleydon," that the wife who kneels by your side in chapel or church, and who, - when you buried the firstborn with bitter grief, dried her own tears to turn your rebellious thoughts to heaven, - has only a dim idea of the "principles of Christian morality." We are quite willing that "Steeple Cleydon" should employ the energies and powers of his pen in righting public wrongs; but if he persists in slandering, insulting, and falsifying the ladies of Charlottetown, - who are as virtuous, as truly public-spirited, and as deeply imbued with all the pure principles of christian morality, as his ideals of the fair sex, in whatsoever advanced and highly civilized country or city they may live, or in what thrice refined society they may move, - he will bring about himself a nest of literary hornets who will sting him to his very soul.

Charlottetown, Jan. 5th, 1885.

THE City Collector has extended the time for applying for judgments against all defaulting taxpayers until the 6th day of January, inst., in order to give those interested a chance to save costs and Sheriff's fees. After that date executions will positively be issued.

A CARD.-To all who are suffering from errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c. I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send self-addressed envelope to Rev. JOSEPH T. LEAHY, Station J, New York.

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Dominion of Canada, Province of Prince Edward Island, QUEEN'S COUNTY.

IN CHANCERY. [L.S.] VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. To John Henry Gates, of Charlottetown, in Queen's County, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, Esquire, and Edward Jones, of 58 Regency Street, Westminster, London, England, engineer, greeting: We command you and every of you, that within eight days after the service of this writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, laying all other matters and excuses aside, you and each of you, do cause an appearance to be entered for you in our Court of Chancery at Charlottetown, to a bill filed against you by the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Prince Edward Island (an Insolvent Banking Company) and the Bank of Nova Scotia, Lemuel Cambridge Owen and Charles Colson Gardiner (the Liquidators of such Insolvent Banking Company) and that you do answer concerning such things as shall then and there be alleged against you, and to observe what our said Court shall direct in this behalf upon pain of an attachment issuing against your persons and such other process of contempt as the Court shall award, and of the said bill being taken pro confesso. Witness, the Honorable James Horsfield Peters, Master of the Rolls in Her Majesty's High Court of Chancery, of Prince Edward Island, at Charlottetown, the twenty-third day of August, in the forty-eighth year of our reign. (Signed) JAMES D. IRVING, Registrar. R. R. F. ZEREALE, Solicitor. Ch'town, Dec. 2, 1884 - 4w daw tues

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Ch'town, Dec. 17, 1884.

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AS W. & A. BROWN & CO. intend making a change in their firm about the end of February, they now offer their large and well assorted stock of Dry Goods at GREAT BARGAINS.

6,000 yards Scotch and Canadian TWEEDS at 20 per cent off, 2,400 yards Mantle and Ulster CLOTHS at greatly reduced prices, 3,500 yards Colored Silks, Satins and Plushes at 20 per cent off, 4,000 Scotch and Canadian Wool Shirts and Drawers at 20 per cent off.

Scarlet and Grey Flannels, Shirtings, Tickings, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Winceys, Prints, Cretannes, Bleached and Unbleached Damasks and Table Napkins at a big discount.

Balance of their stock of Mantles, Dolmans, Ulsters, Fur-lined COATS, MILLINERY, &c., AT COST.

Carpets, Oilcloths, Mattings, Hearth Rugs, Door Mats, &c., at prices that are bound to CLEAR THEM. Fur Caps, Hats, Muffs, &c., at greatly reduced prices.

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Charlottetown, Dec. 8, 1884.

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November 20, 1884.

TENDERS! TENDERS!

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned, at the office of Messrs. Davies, Southwick & Weeks, barristers, Charlottetown, up to 12 o'clock, noon, of Saturday, the Tenth day of January next, A. D. 1885, for the purchase of all the Machinery, Printing Presses, Type and Plant in the Printing Department of Messrs. Bremner Bros.' Establishment, on Queen Street, including among other's a first-class (nearly a Universal Half-Medium Printing Press (almost new), 255 cases of type, including a large and first class assortment of Job, Fancy, Plain and Ornamental Type, Cuts, Borders, Ornamental Corners, etc., etc., wrought and cast-iron Chases, Composing sticks, galleys and Furniture generally used in a well-ordered printing establishment. And also for all the Machinery and Plant in the Bindery Department of said Bremner Bros.' establishment, including Ruling, Cutting, Perforating, Stamping, Wire Stitching and Paging Machines, Studing and Finishing Presses, a large number of Ruling Points, lot of Tools, etc., etc. Tenders will be received for the plant, type, etc., in the Printing and Bindery Departments separately and also jointly, said tenders must be on forms which will be supplied on application at the store of Messrs. Bremner Bros., where a full and complete inventory of the above machinery, plant, etc., may be seen, and where said machinery, etc., may also be inspected.

Terms. - One half of purchase money to be paid on acceptance of tender and delivery of machinery, etc., and the balance to be secured by approved joint notes at 3 months. The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender, and sale, if any, to be made in accordance with conditions of sale in Inventory Book. J. A. RENNICK, Agent.

Ch'town, Dec. 29, 1884 - 1f

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