

Local and Other Items.

At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this morning, Edmund Jewell, drunk and incapable, was fined \$2 and costs or eight days.

The Northern Light has not yet arrived in Pictou, and her whereabouts is at present unknown. Large quantities of ice are visible from Broughton Island and vicinity.

HOT BEDS.—Extra fine seeds for early sowing, just received, and large supplies expected by first arrivals from England and the United States.

W. R. WATSON.

ELIJAH WALL has been awarded the contract for building a New School Building in Summerside. His tender being \$6,000.

The Journal says that the streets of Summerside are in a frightful condition, and were it not for the sidewalks, walking would be entirely suspended.

REMEMBER the Grand Magic Lantern Show and Entertainment, in aid of the Cadets of Temperance, in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, this evening. A good time is expected.

TRIPLETS.—The wife of Mr. John Mahar, of Summerside, Lot 66, gave birth to triplets on the 17th of March ult.—two sons and a daughter. They died some time after, and were buried the following day.—*Adv.*

A GIRL, staying at D. Cameron's, Kensington, on Saturday last, was seriously injured by the explosion of a package of powder, which she put in the stove, not knowing its contents. The explosion, besides burning the girl, started the ceiling and blew the window out into the road.—*S. Journal.*

I. O. O. F.—On Friday, the 26th of April (the Natal Day of the Order), an Odd Fellows' Entertainment will be given in the Market Hall. Particulars will be published in a few days.

H. JAS. PALMER, Chairman Com. Ap2, 1878.

MR. GLADSTONE, writing to a correspondent who asked for enlightenment as to the policy which he has advocated in Eastern affairs, says that "what he has contended for all along is that United Europe ought to have enforced the necessary deliverance" of the Christian (perhaps it will be more accurate to say non-Mahometan) subjects of the Porte; "that England mainly prevented this Union, and that by doing so we have secured to Russia immense advantages which she ought not to have possessed."

PRIZE Singing Match, under the auspices of the Summerside Reform Club, at Ludlow Hall, on Friday evening, the 3rd of May, next, at 8 o'clock, open to all competitors from all parts of the Island. A Prize of \$5 for the best rendering of each of the following songs will be given, viz:—"ENGLISHMAN," by Blockby; "BRUCE'S ADDRESS TO HIS ARMY," by R. Burn's; "MULDOON," the solid man, in Character. Judges to be appointed as follows:—Each competitor to appoint one, they to call equal numbers from the audience, not to exceed twenty in all.

THE people of Montague and vicinity were highly instructed and entertained on the evening of the 28th by a lecture delivered in the Hall by the Rev. R. B. McDonald, better known as "Father Ronald." The lecture was under the auspices of the Montague Reform Club, and on the subject of Temperance. It was patronized by a large and very appreciative audience, who listened with much interest to the learned and well-chosen remarks of the worthy lecturer. After tendering a vote of thanks to the lecturer and singing "God Save the Queen," the people returned to their homes, highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.—*Advertiser.*

THE steamer *Heather Belle*, which was last Fall hauled up for repairs on a slip below the Steam Navigation Co's office, was launched at noon to-day. She has been thoroughly overhauled; a new keel has been added, and every doubtful plank replaced by a good sound one. Her bottom has been newly zinc and extensive repairs have been made to her upper deck, cabins, guard, paddlebox, railings, etc.—all of which will serve to make her a good, substantial boat for years to come, and consequently a great convenience and benefit to the people of Mount Stewart, Fort Augustus, Crapaud, Orwell and Belfast. We wish her enterprising owners a prosperous summer's trade.

ACCORDING to announcement, Dr. O'Leary, of Tignish, delivered a lecture on the Eastern Question in the New Court Room on last Friday evening. In the absence of Hon. Mr. Reid, Pres. of the Reform Club, the Vice-Pres., Mr. E. Bourke, occupied the chair. Though the roads and streets were almost impassable with mud and slush, the reputation of the Dr. was the means of not only crowding, but packing the building. The lecturer followed the Turks from their original home in the Altai Mountains into Arabia, Egypt, etc., dwelt at considerable length on the conquests of the false prophet, followed them to Europe in 1356, referred to the taking of Byzantium (Constantinople) in 1453, giving a synopsis of their history down to the present time, and bringing up with the late war with Russia. The lecture was entirely extempore, the Dr. giving dates and figures with as much ease as a boy would say his multiplication table. More than one person has been denominated walking encyclopedias; and if being a perfect magazine of general information justifies the claim, we certainly think Dr. O'Leary merits a place among them.—*Pictou News.*

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

THE WAR.

(Special Despatch to Daily Examiner.)

LONDON, April 4.

Despite the speeches of Lords Granville and Harrington to a deputation of the National Liberal Federation yesterday, it is not believed that the Opposition will take any strong line against the Government policy.

A movement already received the adhesion of 60 or 70 Liberal members, having for its object to prevent the party from trammelling the Government's foreign policy.

In the House of Commons this afternoon, Mr. Gladstone asked if it was the intention of the Government, in a recent communication regarding the Congress, to reserve to itself the liberty to withdraw from the Congress upon a proposal to discuss any matter of discussion of which it did not think advisable; and, secondly, why England refused a preliminary Conference?

Sir Stafford Northcote replied, firstly, that all England wanted at the Congress was a discussion of every article of the Treaty; and, secondly, that Lord Derby's despatch gave a reason for declining a preliminary Conference. Mr. Gladstone thereupon gave notice that he would raise a discussion to-morrow, because of Mr. Northcote's unsatisfactory reply.

Lord Russell, British Ambassador at Berlin, telegraphs that Prince Bismarck has requested him to state that Germany would not participate in a Conference without England, and that he (Bismarck) cannot understand how the Congress for a revision of European rights could be held when England, one of the chief contractors, was absent.

BERLIN, April 4.

The German ironclad fleet will proceed to the East in the beginning of May.

VIENNA, April 4.

The "New Free Press" says a renewal of bloodshed will be Russia's fault; England is championing international rights.

The "Fremdenblatt" says: "If Russia mitigates the treaty of San Stefano in consideration of a Turkish alliance, she will thereby deprive the treaty of any binding force."

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, April 5.

ABOLITION OF THE COUNCIL.

On the following Resolution, which was moved by Hon. Mr. Laird—

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide that at the next dissolution of the House of Assembly of this Province the Legislative Council of this Province shall be abolished, and that after such dissolution the Provincial Legislature of this Province shall consist of only the House of Assembly, to be composed of thirty members, and to be called the Legislative Assembly of this Island.

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide that all those who are now qualified to vote in the Chambers of the present House of Assembly shall continue to have a vote for the election of Members of the said Legislative Assembly; and that all those who are now qualified to vote for Members of the Legislative Council shall continue to have a vote for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Island in addition to any vote they may have for Members of the House of Assembly, and so that those who now are entitled to vote for Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly shall have two votes for Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly.

Resolved, That while affirming the expediency of adopting these resolutions, this House is of opinion that no further action should be taken thereon until the Legislative Council electors express their opinions thereon at the next partial election of Members to serve in the Legislative Council.

MR. CAMPION was glad to see that His Honor had the courage to bring forward the resolution, as he was as much afraid of it as of his grandmother's ghost. It was high time that such a resolution should come up—especially when we find this small and poor country paying such enormous sums for legislation. The courses that have been submitted for the change are:—First, the Legislative Assembly to consist of thirty members; second, the amalgamation of both Houses; and third, the total abolition of the Legislative Council.

In the first, he did not believe because it would tend to reduce the members in the Opposition; and he believed that in order to carry on the good legislation of a country a vigorous and sound opposition is necessary. With regard to the second, he had no hesitation in saying that it was a most cowardly blow aimed at the young men of the Province in order to disfranchise them; and he felt confident that their honors would reject it. The third course had his most hearty support. He could not see any reason why this Province should have two Legislative bodies, when other large and better governed countries had but one. Manitoba had abolished its Legislative Council and Ontario had none. If the Province of Ontario, with a population ten times larger than ours, could afford to do without a Legislative Council, why could not little P. E. Island? The strongest argument in favour of the abolition of the Council came from the Journals. The votes, resolutions, and speeches of its members condemned the Council in the eyes of the people.

In 1873 a delegation from this Province proceeded to Ottawa and accepted terms for the Union of this Province with the Dominion, which were not sufficient to defray the ordinary requirements of the Government. This Council accepted and endorsed the terms by a strong resolution, and the action would have left the Province \$30,000 a year poorer. In the face of the resolution passed by this Council, the Island

only got \$30,000 when it should have got 70,000. If their honors were convinced that \$30,000 was sufficient, why did they come in here last session and vote for an Act assessing the people \$35,000. He made reference to the action of the Council, and opinions of its members, with regard to the foundation of the New Lunatic Asylum, and concluded by a strong appeal for the Council to reject the second clause embodied in the resolution, as it was chiefly aimed to disfranchise thousands of young men of this Province.

Mr. DODD understood that the object of the resolution was to find out whether their Honors were in favor of abolishing the Council. He said they were asked to do away with it because it is of no benefit to the community. Where that information came from, he could not learn. He represented as wealthy and intelligent a district as on the Island, and he did not hear any of his constituents ask for the abolition of the Council. His Honor that last spoke referred to the action of the Council on the Union of this Province with the Dominion. He could tell that Hon. gentleman that were it not for the passage of the railway Bill this Island would not be yet united with the Dominion. He thought the abolition of the Council would make but a small reduction in the public expenditure. If such a reduction was to be effected it should be in the public office, and not in the Legislature. The Council should be maintained, as there was many good acts performed by it. There were no petitions asking that it be abolished, and he thought if the property-holders were called upon to give a vote in the matter they would vote to maintain the Council intact.

MR. BOLGER was glad to see the resolution brought forward, as the political existence of the gentlemen around the Board was soon to be blotted out. The chief object of the resolution was to husband the resources of the Province. At the next general election seven of the members will have to go to the country, and it will be then for them to see whether the theory for which they desire the abolition of the Legislative Council. He thought that thirty members in the Lower House would be enough to look after the interests of the country. He could not agree with the second clause of the resolution, because it would disfranchise the young men of this Province. The hon. Mr. DODD said there were no petition asking for the abolition of the Council, but he (Mr. B.) did not see any petitions asking for a repeal of the Assessment Act; but for all that, there was a great deal of indignation throughout the country in reference to it.

The debate then adjourned until 3 o'clock.

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Ch'town, April 5—pat 11

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Ch'town, March 30—dy pat 2i

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