Selected Poetry.

THE REPTILES.

A TRAGEDY.

A yellow frog leaped through the wood
In the flowery month of June,
On a silent night, by the flickering light,
That fell from the summer moon.

The age of this frog was twenty moons,
A Lothairo supple and strong,
With a piercing eye and a kingly mouth,—
Capacious enough for both food and truth;
For both food and truth and a rollicking song;
And he sings as onward he leaps along,
Smilingly courteous and bland is he
When he meets on his pathway another frogee,
As he wanders the forest boughs among.

Oh, reptile bright, in this lonely night,
The forest is dismally grand,
Thou art far astray and wilt lose thy way,
And thy jewels brigat with their sparkling light
More brilliant than costly gems of Inde.

How dost thou know where thy pathway should go
Among ferns and flowers and weeds,
I can see thee jump o'er the rotting stumps,
Though art fair and square and delightfully plump,
And art sniffing the damp. odoriferous breeze
That creeps from the marshe's juicy reeds.

For away at the edge of a lonely swamp,
Where the cypress and alders grow,—
Where the water is warm and the green moss damp,
And the wandering moon is the midnight lamp,
Thither our frog will go to woo.

Leap on jolly frog, for I hear the tune
Of thy shrill voiced lover's song;
She calls to thee for thy company
From the root of a shady cypress tree,
Leap, jolly frog, along.

Alas! alas! as he leaped on,
By the edge of a stagnant pool,
With a heart as full of love as a turtle dove,
He saw not the gliding water fowl.
Now that water fowl solemnly winked a wink,
Nor made either move or quack,
But with hungry eye, observing sly,
That our frog would surely leap close by.
Oh, she doted on his delightful back.

Now I'll be brief—he came to grief
In the bill of this gluttonous duck.

Meanwhile the frog on the cypress log
Was piping loud and long,
And yearning much for the pleasant touch
Of her gentle lover's hand.
All through the lonely summer night,
She sat by the tryisting tree,
And dropped a tear through the midnight air,
For lonely and sad felt she.

The melancholy moon went down,
Darkness and silence reigned around
And still the frog on the cypress log
Listened to each uncertain sound;
Then with her misery overcome,
When hope no longer with sorrow she found,
With a sobbing croak her heart she broke,
And sank in the depths of the gloomy pond.

And the world rolled on,
And the nation's grew,
But wisdom was lost in a fog,
For there never appeared a man who knew
Why a duck should swallow a frog.

FACTS AND SCRAPS.

When he was remonstrated with for shaving off his mustache, he said he had ead a hair-lip long enough.

Which is the most wonderful animal in the farmyard? A pig, bocause he is killed first and cured afterward.

There isn't much difference between a grasshopper and a grass widow after all- Either will juump at the first chance.

Brown says he's been so often deceived by the chickens at his boarding house that he now calls it the moeking bird.

Nobody can tell how many disputes for the front side of the bed have been settled by moving the bed into the centre of the room.

A matrimonial victim wishes he could have followed Henry VIII. in his plan of courting, by marrying a wife first and axing her afterward.

Mother, Twine Your Fingert in My Locks, fs the title of a new ballad.

A deaf feat.—Mr. Parnell declares that Ireland will not turn a deaf ear to his appeals to its patriotism. It would be "hard of Erin" if it did.

Photographer.—"Now, sir, if you will look a little less as though you a had a bill to meet, a little more as though you'd been left a legacy you'll get a picture."

There is often much more pleasure in giving a thing to another than in receiving it. Anyone who doubts this should try the experiment with a dose of medicine.

The "Free Press" is still away behind the age, for it thinks "It is better that a woman should keep her stockings in repair than that she should know the origin of the rainbow."

A Virginia Sheriff asked a murderer if he wanted to make a speech on the gallows, and he replied: "Guess not, it looks like rain, and I don't want to get wet. Go on with the hanging.

Dean Swift said that the reason a certain university was a learned place was that most persons took some learning there, and but few brought any away with them, and so it accumulated.

Solomon's temple stood four hundred and twenty-four years, but it is hard to make our children believe in the glory of the structure that didn't have a single cellar-door to lie down on.

A Western contemporary asks: Is there a corner in freight cars?" Yes, there are four corners in a freight car. We never saw a round freight car in the whole course of our mortal existence.

A teacher with a class of youngsters at their lessons came to the word "ancestors'.' He asked for the meaning of it, and was answered ky a promising scholar, "The people who live in Ancestorshire, sir."

Charlottetown Prices Current.

CHARLOTTETOWN, December 4, 1877.

When not specially mentioned as in bond, our quotations are to be considered as duty paid.

EXCHANGE.

Sterling 60 days Bills, 10 per cent. prem
sight " 11 " " "
U. S. cy. drafts, " 4 to 4¼ per ct dis
" gold, 2¼ per cent premium

Drafts on Montreal, St. John, and Halifax 4 per cent premium.

OILS.

Kerosene, per gal (Am.)	$0.29 to 0 30
" (Canadian No 1)	0.23 to 0.25
Pale Seal	0.65 to 0.70
Linseed oil, boiled, per gal.	90c
do raw	85c

Prices of kerosene are per cask. Retail prices 5 to 10 cts. per gallon higher.

LEATHER.

Am. Sole Leather	28 to 29c
N. S. Sole	25 to 26c
Canada	23 to 26c

MOLASSES

Barbadoes	46 to 47
Trinadad,&c	42 to 43c
St. Vincent's	44 to 45

Prices of Molasses are by the lot of from 1 to 10 puncheons. Retail price 5 to 8 cents per gallon higher, according to quantity and quality.)

VINEGAR.

Vinegar, per gal.. per cask	26 to 34
Mess Pork	18 to 20
Prime Beef	14 to 16
Prime Mess	14 to 16
C. C. Bacon,	11.00 to 12.00
Shoulders	10.00 to 11.00
Hams	14 to 15

SALT.

Bags fine, stove	$1.10 to 1.50
Do Liverpool	80 to 90c
Turks Island do	25 to 27

SUGARS. (Duty (paid —

Barbadoes,	9½ to 9¾
Eng. Refined,	10½ to 11½
Vacuum Pan	10½ to 1¾
American Crushed	11¾ to 12
American Granulated	10¾ to 11
Coffee Sugar	10¼ to 101
Golden Yellow	10 to 10½

[Prices of sugar are per the hogshead. Retail price 1 to 2 cents per lb. higher.]

CANDLES

Moulds per lb	12½ to 13c
Soap per lb	5½ to 7¼
Tallow, per lb	0 12 to 0.16

COAL AND WOOD.

Philadelphia Coal	5 75 to 6 50
Wood, hard	4 50 to 5.00

FLOUR AND MEAL.

Our quotations are for lots of 10 barrells and upwards.

Patent Process per bbl	$8.75 to 9.00
Superior Extra	7.40 to 7.60
Corn Meal K D	3.75 to 4 00
Superfine	6.50 to 6 90
Strong Bakers do	7 00 to 7 30
Spring Extra do	6.00 to 6·50
Fancy	6.85 to 7.20
Extra Superfine do	7 25 to 7.30

Market Prices.

Charlottetown, Decem ber 4, 1877

MEAT.

Beef,small pieces] per lb.	$0.06 to 0.14
Beef[per lb. [by the quarter]	0.05 to 0.08
Ham, per lb.	0.12 to 0.16
Lamb, per lb	0.05 to 0.10
Lamb per qr.	0 05 to 0.10
Mutton, per lo.	0.05 to 0.10
Pork,(small pieces) per lb.	0.08 to 0.10
Pork, per lb. (by the carcass)	0.05½ to 0.06½
Veal, per lb.	0.04 to 0.07

POULTRY.

Chickens, per pair	0.30 to 0.50
Ducks, (each)	0.16 to 0.25
Fowls, (each)	0.20 to 0.25
Brant, (per pair)	1 00 to 0.05
Geese each	0 40 to 0 50
Partridges each	0.15 to 0.25
Turkeys each	0.50 to 0.70

BREADSTUFFS.

Buckwheat Flour, per lb	0.03 to 0.04
Flour, per bbl.	7 00 to 7.00
Flour, per 100 lbs	3 25 to .50
Oatmeal, per 100 lbs.	3.00 to 3.25

FISH.

Codfish, per qtl.	3.50 to 5.70
Herring, per bbl.	4 00 to 4.50
Mackarel, per doz	0.60 to 0 00

BOARDS.

Hemlock, 100 feet	0.81 to 0.93
Pine do	1.62 to 2.40
Spruce do	0.80 to 1.00
Shingles, per M.	1.50 to 1.75

MISCELLANEOUS.

Homespun,(men's wear per yd,	0.65 to 1 00
Homespun,(women's do per yd,	0.35 to 0.44
Homespun Flannel, per yard	0.32 to 0.38
Lard per lb.	0.12 to 0.16
Pearl Barley, per lb	0.03 to 0.04
Potatoes, per bushel	0 25 to 0.30
Sheepskins (each)	0.36 to 0.45
Straw, per cwt.	0.36 to 0.00
Apples, per bushel	0 60 to 1.45
Barley, per bushel	0.80 to 1.00
Butter (fresh per lb)	0.24 to 0 25
Butter,per lb by the tub	0.19 to 0.22
Cheese, (new milk)	0.12 to 0.18
Cheese, per lb	0 14½ to 0.150
Clover Seed, per lb	0 00 to 0.04
Eggs,per do z.	0.19 to 0.23
Green Peasn per qt.	0.03 to 0.04
Hay, per ton	18 00 to 19.00
Hides, per lb.	0 04 to 0.05
Calfskins,per lb	0.06 to 0.07

SILVER-PLATED WARE!

Just Received,

A varied assortment of CRUET FRAMES BUTTER-COOLERS, TOAST RACKS, PICKLE JARS, VASES, MUGS, GOBLETS, NAPKIN-RINGS, FRUIT BASKETS, BUTTER KNIVES, &C., at

J. F. McKAY'S,
North Side Queen Square.

Nov. 23.—

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC

WHILE taking this opportunity of thanking our numerous customers for the liberal manner in which they have patronized

OUR NEW STUDIO,

we would inform them that we have now increased facilities for the production of first-class work, and are prepared to make PHOTOGRAPHS *of a Style and Quality that has never been before attempted in this City.*

We have on exhibition, at our Rooms, a large number of Photograps of every variety, including the

BEAUTIFUL PHOTO-ENAMEL

he most beautiful style of Photograph known, possessing a softness and delicacy of coloring that has never been equalled. This elegant picture has become deservedly popular elsewhere, and cannot fail to become so here.

Though the finish of our Photographs cannot be excelled, we would direct attention to the beautiful

Glace' Pictures

which we make. They possess a highly enamelled surface, and are practically indestructible, and will retain their freshness and beauty for any length of time. If they become soiled they can easily be cleaned, as they will not lose any of their beauty by being wet. This valuable quality, combined with their remarkable elegance, make them very suitable for presents; while the difficulty of their production will prevent them ever becoming so common as to lessen their value. Our patrons can have one or all of their Photos finished in this style—an advantage which cannot be obtained elsewhere.

We give special attention to making Groups of Families, Societies, Schools, &c

Our pictures of children are sufficient evidence of our success in this difficult branch of our art.

Our ENLARGEMENTS, finished in India Ink, Pastel, Crayon, Oil and Water Colors, have made a favorable reputation for themselves throughout the Lower Provinces.

Parties intending to have Photographs made will find it to their advantage to sit early, as the number of our customers makes some delay in the delivery of the Photos unavoidable. We prefer to have our sitters come by appointment.

Photographs can be obtained for less money elsewhere; but in this case we ask that quality be given the preference; assuring the public that they will find our charges very moderate.

ROSS BROS.,

Cor. Queen and Dorchester Streets,
opposite Connolly's Bank.

Sept. 19, 1877—3m eod

NEWFOUNDLAND PORT WINE

JUST RECEIVED,

From St. Johns, per Brig "Fleetwood," a supply of this Fine Old Wine, which will be sold at our usual MODERATE PRICES.

MACEACHERN & CO

Oct. 24—

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A CONSIGNMENT OF PIANOFORTES,

Direct from the Factory of **W. Bourne,** Boston, on

EXHIBITION,

for a few days at my **Auction Rooms** (upstairs).

The Bourne Pianoforte has so world wide a reputation that it is unnecessary to add anything to their just fame.

—ALSO—

A FEW ORGANS!

rom the Celebrated **New England Organ Co.,** Boston.

Intending purchasers specially invited to call and examine for themselves. Satisfaction guaranteed. Terms easy. **Prices at cost.**

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

No. 11 Queen Street,
Ch'town, Nov. 30— } 4i eod pat 2

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The Perfection of Mechanism.
So Light and Simple that a Child can Work them.
So Durable that they last A Lifetime.
Eight Thousand Machines now Manufactured every Week.
To be had only from the Authorized Agent,

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South Side Queen Square.
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Agents for P. E. Island

Charlottetown, June 10, 1877

STADACONA Fire and Life Insurance Company.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors of this Company have made a further call of

Four Instalments, of Five per Cent. each,

on the Subscribed Capital of the Company, payable at its Office, No. 93 St. Peter Street, Quebec, as follows:—

FIVE per Cent. on or before the Tenth day of August, 1877,
FIVE per Cent. on or before the Tenth day of November, 1877;
FIVE per Cent. on or before the Eleventh day of February, 1878;
FIVE per Cent. on or before the Eleventh day of May, 1878.

By order of the Board
CRAWFORD LINDSAY,
Secretary

June 5 1877 [jlr 1

WALTHAM WATCHES

JUST RECEIVED,

IN SOLID SILVER CASES, WITH GUARD AND KEY ATTACHED,

FROM $15 00 UP TO $40.00,

—WARRANTED, AT—

J. F. McKAY'S,
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Nov. 24—

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ALL parties leaving their orders for Tuning at Bremner Bros. will receive the best attention.

All who have Pianos in Charlottetown would do well to have them tuned by the year, keeping their instruments in perfect order all the time.

A visit once a year at least will be made to all parts of the Island, or oftner if required

Ch'town, July 18, 1877.

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1,000 **BBLS. CHOICE FLOUR,** our usual good quality.

150 **CHESTS & Half Chests TEA** —a very superior article.

Will be sold at **a small advance** on Costs and Charges.

J. & T. MORRIS.

Ch'town, Dec. 1—pat ne 2i

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For sale low, at
J. B. McDONALD'S.

50 HALF-CHESTS TEA,

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30 boxes RASINS,
3 barrels CURRANTS,
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Scotch, Refined and Porto Rico Sugar

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Queen Street, Nov. 29, 1877—eod

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I BEG to announce to the TRADE of this City, and the Island generally, that on the 2nd of JANUARY I will have a complete

ASSORTMENT OF SAMPLES,

of the following lines of Goods for Spring and Summer:

English & Canadian

TWEEDS & WOOLLENS,

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IN GREAT VARIETY.

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Sample Rooms at No. 9 Queen St., over the Office of Messrs. Hyndman Brothers.

JOHN H. CATHRAE.

Ch'town, Nov. 23, 1877—w & 1w e o

PROFESSOR DANIELLES' GRAND CARNIVALISTIC & FANCY DRESS BALL

WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE

MARKET HALL,

ON

THURSDAY EVENING,

Dec. 6, 1877.

When the respectable public of Charlottetown will have an opportunity of witnessing one of those grand spectacular scenes seldom witnessed outside of London, New York and other large cities.

The costumes to be worn are gorgeous in the extreme, and will represent an outlay of *Four Thousand Dollars* and every nationality.

At this Entertainment a new feature will be introduced: that of numerous living canaries, which, under excitement from the gay scene below them, will enliven the evening by their merry notes.

The two main features of the evening will be the opening Procession (the Grand Amazonian March) by all the characters and the unveiling of the Statues of Apollo Azarelia, and the Spirit of the Sun, in full view of the assemblage.

Only the members of Prof. D's Classes and such ladies and gentlemen as they invite, will take part in this Carnival Ball, and those so invited will be furnished with Costumes from Prof. D's wardrobe, at the same prices as they are furnished to the pupils; while those having Carnival Costumes of their own are privileged to wear them.

Spectators can witness this dazzling scene, at 25 cents each. Reserved seats (on the stage), 50 cents. the latter to be procured at Dodd's Medical Hall. where a plan can be seen after Saturday, Dec. 1st.

Ch'town, Nov. 26—m w s this w tu th nw

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