Local and Other Items.

WARD, of St. John, is being examined for attempting to kill Mr. Andrew Lawson five months ago.

THE Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien Co. has already placed $200,000, at 6 per cent. interest, in Manitoba.

THE Toronto "Globe" has sent two Commissioners to Maine to enquire into the working of the Prohibitory Law in that State.

BRADLAUGH having fared as badly in the Court of Appeals as he did in the Lower Courts, now intends to appeal to the House of Lords.

THE Scott Act is honored in the breach in Summerside. It is said that the most thriving trade there just now is that of rum selling on the sly.

A SUSPICIOUS character, supposed to be Woodward, who recently embezzled $80,000 in Boston, took passage in the "Circassian" from Halifax a few days ago.

WE regret to learn that several of the best men on the railway are so dissatisfied with their present positions, that they are about resigning and leaving the Island.

KILLED BY DOGS.—On Monday night vicious dogs entered the sheep-house of Wellington Curtis, Royalty, and killed a valuable ewe and seriously wounded another sheep.

FARMERS, get Sulphur, Black Antimony, Rosin and Saltpetre, at the "Family Grocery," and make your own Horse Medicine.—R. K. BRACE. [ap6

WHEAT only brings from 70 to 80 cents per bushel, in Kansas. The distance from the seaboard is so great that a good part of its value is required to carry it over the railways.

THE Rev. John Bridge, of Liverpool, is expected to arrive shortly with a party of English immigrants, who will settle in Southern Manitoba. Lands have been chosen for them in the fertile mountain district.

AND now it is the residents in the "Valley" St. John, whose "fine-grained organization" is disturbed by the noise of the steam whistle of Parks' Factory. Surely, these must be "Grits" who object to the "hum."

STORIES of the success of the electric light still come from the leading cities of Europe and America. That it will, ere long, sepersede gas and oil for lighting large open spaces and many large buildings, is beyond doubt.

A DRUNKEN Indian and squaw were an unedifying sight in the streets of Summerside Tuesday. The woman who gave them the liquor did not probably know that she has rendered herself liable to a heavy fine.

THE schooner "General Grant" sailed for Halifax from Souris, on Monday, with a cargo of 600 barrels of pork valued at $12,000, shipped by Messrs. Owen Connolly & Co., Matthew, McLean & Co., and Mrs. McWade.

ASHORE.—The schooner "Minnie J. L.," owned by Capt. Lannigan, on a passage from Halifax to Souris, ran ashore at Whitehead, on Monday night. She was loaded with merchandize. Advices state that she will probably be a total loss.

INFORMATION WANTED.—If John Price, of Birkenhead, England, who sailed from Liverpool in the barque *Ringwood* in 1879, will correspond with his sister, Miss A. Price, 34 Chapel Street, Birkenhead, he will hear of something to his advantage.

CHARLES WESLEY WELDON, one of the M. P's. for St. John, is receiving a scorching in the St. John *Sun*, he having used that most valuable commodity in Grit argument, viz: ruining the business reputation of the merchants of the city mis-represented by him.

THE EXODUS.—The St. John *News* says:—While everybody is leaving Prince Edward Island (?), it is very queer that the Superintendent of Schools should be able to report, for the last fiscal year, an increase in attendance of pupils over that of the year before of 1,150.

MR. SEWELL is pushing his project for winter navigation of the St. Lawrence. He was in Montreal last week endeavoring to interest the business men of that city in the project. If the scheme could be made to work well it would be of great benefit to Quebec.

IT is asserted that the Steel Company of Canada, Londonderry Mines, N. S., will shortly mine their own coal. They use 100,000 tons a year. The mine recently purchased by Mr. Donald McInnes, of Hamilton, Ont., will be used for this purpose.

AMONGST the pensioners paid in Ottawa, a few days ago, were the following: A Waterloo veteran, named Short who is 101 years of age. He resides at Janesville. Jarvis Mullen another Waterloo man, has reached 93 years of age; and S. Hannah, who entered the service, when 20 years old, is 89 years of age.

PROF. CHERRIMAN, Superintendent of Insurance, is in Ottawa, busy preparing his report. It will show that the net cash received for five premiums by Canadian Companies in 1880 amounted to $1,203,872, being an increase over the previous year, omitting the National Insurance Company, not included in report of $145 096.

A BRAKESMAN of the P. E. Island Railway was Tuesday entrusted by one of the crew of the *Northern Light* to carry twenty dollars to his wife, who resides in this city. The brakesman, on arrival here, left *via* Cape Traverse for Colorado. The deceived and robbed mariner arrived in the city to seek redress.

WE understand that a Company will erect a Potato Starch Factory at Mount Stewart, when a sufficient number of acres are subscribed by the farmers. A meeting was held in the Hall in that place, when a committee was appointed to take the names of those willing to subscribe, and report at another meeting to be held in a few days.

A HALIFAX despatch says: The arrivals during last week of tropical produce have been considerable, consisting of 1,945 hhds., 2,200 bags sugar, and 1,002 puns., and 83 tierces molasses. The imports of manufactured goods by our merchants and for transport west per railway, have also been largely on the increase. Two steamers from Europe landed from 1,000 to 1,500 packages each. In exports several steamers have embarked large numbers of cattle.

A VERY pleasant time was spent at the Quadrille Party at the St. Lawrence Hotel, given as a "send off" to Mr. Patrick Flynn, the popular Clerk at the Rankin House, who leaves shortly for Colorado. There were a large number present, and dancing was kept up until an early hour this morning. In common with the numerous patrons of the Rankin House, we regret his departure from it, where his attentive manner and obliging disposition won him hosts of friends, with whom we join in wishing him health and prosperity in his new home.

HE THOUGHT HE WOULD JUMP FROM THE TRAIN.—The man Corbet, who jumped from a train on the Intercolonial near L'Islet, states that he was from Prince Edward Island, and that never being on a train before, the mad thought came into his head to jump from it, and no sooner had the thought struck him than he put it into execution. Having suffered from typhoid fever, he considers himself not perfectly cured of the disease. Several citizens of Levis, P. Q., are trying to get him into the Marine Hospital. He had in his possession a ticket to Manitoba and $30.

THE Newfoundland Government had lately two offers before it, one from a United States Company, the other from a Canadian Company, to build the much talked of railway across Newfoundland. The offer from the American Company was the more advantageous one, and has, therefore, been accepted. Its main conditions are the construction and operation of the required road for the sum of $180,000 a year for thirty five years and a million acres of land. It is to be presumed the bargain will be ratified by the Legislature of the ancient colony.

WHAT ADVERTISING DID.—Mr. W. N. O. Parker, a few years ago a clerk here, and now carrying on a large and prosperous wholesale and retail clothing business in Montreal, has been on a visit to his friends at Amherst. Mr. Parker started a retail clothing business in Montreal, three years ago, on a small scale, having only $400 capital, and spent in newspaper advertising and printed circulars during the year $1,000. The second year his advertising cost $2,000, and the third year $4,000. His business in the meantime increased till he now carries a stock of $50,000. He brought samples with him, and though late in the season, did a good business in Halifax, and other parts of the Province. He intends, hereafter, to come or send a traveller here twice a year. Mr. Parker has also become an earnest member of the Methodist Church since going to Montreal. We wish him the continued prosperity which he deserves.—*Amherst Gazette.*

Local and Other Items.

SIR HUGH ALLAN is in Halifax.

THEY have a Polymorphian Society in St. John.

HON MR. LANGEVIN will be banquetted at Quebec on the 3rd of May.

LIEUT. COL. DENNIS, Deputy Minister of the Interior, is seriously ill.

THE steamer "Rossmore" is on passage to Halifax for a load of cattle.

THE revenue of the Dominion for March is $2,406,186, an increase of $320,158 over March, 1880.

THE aggregate increase of traffic for twelve weeks on the Grand Trunk Railway is $108,369 greater than last year.

WE beg to acknowledge the receipt of American newspapers from Mr. James R. Carroll, of St. Louis.

FRANK LYMAN, of Providence, was whipped in a $500 prize fight at Newark a few days ago by Joe Wooley of England.

THE Lumber Shed, and several cars were destroyed by fire at East Cambridge, Mass., on the 3rd inst.—Loss $50,000.

THE coat stolen from the residence of James Reddin, Esq, a few days ago, was recovered yesterday. It was hid near the engine house on Jail Square.

WE are in receipt of Landry's musical monthly. It is brim full of interesting musical news, and contains some nice pieces of vocal and instrumental music. Price 6 cents.

THE Oka difficulties are likely to crop up once more. The Seminary have pulled down the council chamber of the tribe, alleging that they purchased it from two of the members.

THE three first wranglers at Cambridge this year, says the *British Temperance Advocate*, "are, we understand, all of them practical abstainers from alcohol and tobacco."

THE barque "Journal," that was cut by ice and capsized in Arichat harbor, C. B., last January, has been repaired, righted and pumped out. Her cargo of potatoes is selling at ten cents a barrel

WILDEY Lodge, I. O. O. F., paid a fraternal visit on Monday night to St. Lawrence Lodge. The room was crowded with brothers, who spent a very pleasant evening exchanging compliments and good wishes.

FIRE.—A house belonging to Mr. Edward Clark, Bedeque, was burned to the ground, with all its furniture, on Thursday night last. The fire is supposed to have been set by some unknown parties; the loss is a heavy one to Mr. Clark.—*Progress.*

THE Prince Edward Island Government says the Montreal *Witness*, deserve great credit for the course they have decided to adopt, as indicated in the resolution which they have caused to be adopted by the Legislature, with regard to the Legislative Council question. An appeal to the country can be effective on this question in Prince Edward Island, as there the Legislative Council is elective.

AFTER the adjournment of the Legislative Council Monday evening, the President entertained a number of the members and others in his room. Various toasts were proposed and speeches made by the President, Messrs. Laird, Dodd, Reid, Munn, Bolger, McMillan, Annear, Kickham, McKenzie, Finlay MacNeill and W. C. DesBrisay. Kindly sentiments were reciprocated, and a most enjoyable time spent for a couple of hours.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mrs. Power, wife of Mr. John Power, who resides at the East End of this city, died very suddenly Monday morning. She attended divine service in St. Dunstan's Cathedral on Sunday night and up to ten o'clock was in her usual good health, having spent some time after service in a neighboring house reading. About 10.30 she fell into a fit. Medical aid was summoned, but she was granted no relief, and quietly expired at four o'clock Monday morning. Mrs. Power was a young woman much respected by all who knew her.

LOSS OF THE "CASSIE MAC."—Information has been received here, concerning the missing schooner *Cassie Mac*, which left Bay of Islands, Nfld., on the 20th of November last, for this port. A telegram received on the 29th inst. from Bay of Islands states that a chest belonging to a passenger of the schooner, had been picked up at Port-au-Port, Nfld. Another despatch received states that a quantity of wreckage, supposed to belong to the *Cassie Mac*, had been picked up at Red Bay, Nfld. It is supposed that the vessel was driven on shore on the coast and wrecked.—*Halifax Chronicle.*

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—There is a great rush of freight over the road this month. During the present week, in four days, about 90 trains of 1100 cars were reported inwards at Moncton station, and nearly the same number outwards. Twenty-two trains arrived at this station on Monday, eighteen on Tuesday twenty three on Wednesday, and up to 9 o'clock p. m., twenty trains had arrived Thursday, the train despatcher saying some five or six others would be reported before midnight. About 300 cars were included in the arrivals Thursday. There is a great increase in local traffic.—*Times.*

WAGES IN WINNIPEG.—Says a Winnipeg correspondent of the Hamilton *Times*:—"The busy season has hardly set in yet, but it will soon begin; for mechanics and carpenters or laboring men there is good chance and good pay. Builders will get from $2 to $3 per day. For clerks and indoor men there is very little room, unless they are willing to go at hard labor. Good common board is worth from $5 upwards. Washing is correspondingly low. Provisions are very high; best flour, $3 per cwt.; eight lbs. bread for 25 cents; tub butter, 30 cents per lb.; cheese, 25 cents per lb.; apples are sold by the lb. at 15 cents."

THE *Patriot* gives a very one-sided report of a scene which took place in the House of Assembly on Friday evening. It seems that Mr. Farquharson accused the Attorney General of negligence in the matter of an alleged case of murder in King's County last autumn, to which the Attorney General calmly and satisfactorily replied. Of course Mr. Farquharson could not and would not be satisfied, and kept up the barking, at last openly charging Mr. Sullivan "with conniving at murder." Mr. Sullivan then went for him, and handled him without gloves, and after the castigation which he so richly deserved, Mr. Farquharson "curled upon the floor, and the subsequent proceedings interested him no more."

WILDEY LODGE, I. O. O. F., purpose having a Strawberry Festival and Bazaar in the Skating Rink, on the 30th June. They intend, with the aid of their lady friends, to make this the most entertaining and attractive entertainment of the season. A large number of ladies met in Wildey Lodge Room last evening and organized committees, &c. The first Sewing Circle will be held on next Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., at 7½ o'clock, when all the lady friends of the order will be welcome. The Oddfellows intend having a table of *Odds* and *Ends* and fancy articles, which, of itself, will be something new.

INDECENT.—After His Honor the Lieut.-Governor had arrived at the Provincial Building, and as the steps of the Usher of the Black Rod were heard on his way to summon the House of Assembly to the Bar of the Council Chamber, Mr. Farquharson arose and, in the coarsest manner, attacked the Leader of the Government, accusing him of being the author and utterer of "wilful falsehoods," expressing his desire to "chastise the fellow," and his anxiety "to slap his mouth and to lay him over his knee and spank him." Although called to order by the Speaker, and peremptorily told to "sit down," he defied the authority of the chair, and refused to obey. It was a disgraceful scene, and Mr. Farquharson should be heartily ashamed of himself.

TROTTING AT NORTH ST. ELEANORS.—There was some good trotting on the above ice on Friday last. The first race was won by Mr. H. Craswell's beautiful Messenger mare, Maud S. The green race had five entries. This race was captured by J. Sharp's b m Lady May, in straight heats, with H. Compton's grey mare second and John Sharp's brown mare third. The last race was the most exciting. This race was for two year olds, in which two entered, viz., Mr. Peter Morrison's chestnut colt Abdallah Boy, and Mr. G. Enman's chestnut filly, Fairy. Before the start, the betting was in favor of the filly by odds, but when they got the word in the first heat the betters of the odds looked blue, as Abdallah Boy took the lead and opened a large gap between him and his fair contestant, and won the heat by a long distance amidst great applause from the spectators. The second heat was a repetition of the first and was won by Abdallah Boy in commanding style.—*Progress.*

Local and Other Items.

EDWARD HACKETT, ESQ., M. P., is in the city.

CINCINATTI has elected a Democratic Mayor, named Wm. Means.

THE ship *Midas* owned by R. F. Quirk, sailed from Cardiff, for Havana, Cuba, on Wednesday.

HON ALEX. MACKENZIE and Mrs. Mackenzie will sail for Europe early in May, where they will stay some months.

A TORONTO firm of cattle exporters have shipped fourteen car loads of dressed beef to Winnipeg during the last few days.

THE mercury was 12° below zero at Fredericton on the night of the 4th, with the ice still fast in the river.

THE English mail steamer, which arrived at Halifax on Sunday, brought out about 100 emigrants, including 49 boys sent out by Miss Birt.

The barque *Isabel*, McLure, master, arrived at St Jago, Cuba, from New York, in 11 days. This is considered a remarkably quick passage.

INVENTIONS.—During the month of March no less than 141 patents were issued by the Minister of Agriculture as Commissioner of Patents.

THE Str. "Geo. Shattuck" has arrived at Halifax from St. Pierre, Miq. She saw no ice on the passage, although she came along close to the coast.

AN engine and thirteen cars were thrown off the track near Westchester Station, I. C. R., on the 2nd inst. The driver and one brakesman were slightly injured.

SPRING TIME.—The spring work of repairing and cleaning Furniture a specialty at this time of the year with great promptness and cheapness.—MARK BUTCHER. [m31 1m

MR. JOHN BROWN, the well known Architect of Montreal, is busy preparing plans and specifications for a University Building at Winnipeg. The structure is to cost $100,000.

SARDINE factories are multiplying in Maine. Four new ones are being built at different points along the coast of Milbridge, Jonesport, Machiasport and Lamoine. Smelts and young herring may yet be scarce.

THE Provincial Grain and Fat Cattle Show, will be held next Tuesday, April 12th, at 11 o'clock, at the Market Hall and Square, Charlottetown. For particulars get Prize List. A. MCNEILL, Sec'y.

THE brigt. *Florence* owned by R F. Quirk, before reported, sailed from Liverpool, for this port, with a cargo of general merchandize has been in collision, and put into Holyhead. Her damage is trifling. She will proceed to destination on the 9th inst.

PERSONAL.—In order to fulfil professional engagements in Nova Scotia from which his old patrons will not release him, it will be necessary for Dr. Hyde to be away from his office in Charlottetown the greater part of May.

THE imports by arrivals at Halifax, on the 2nd and 3rd inst., include 936 hogsheads, 35 tierces and 129 barrels sugar, 888 puncheons, 17 tierces and 118 barrels molasses, 375 hides, 11,700 oranges and 8,500 cocanuts.

DEPARTED GLORY.—The building on Central Street, formerly occupied by the Summerside Bank and more lately by the Department of Customs in the capital of Prince County, is now used as a butcher's shop.

COLD IN THE SOUTH.—Reports from the Southern States show that a cold wave has passed over the South on the 2nd inst. Early vegetables in North Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama are badly damaged. It is feared the peach crop is entirely cut off.

THE reports that are daily being published in the press of brutal outrages and murders in Texas and New Mexico, indicate that a terrible state of lawlessness must exist there. Under the circumstances, it would be prudent for emigrants to avoid Texas.

SCHOONER "Emma May," arrived at Halifax from Ponce, P. R., reports that on Monday, 28th ult., the vessel shipped a heavy sea which hove her down, when Alonzo Hatfield, seaman, of Parrsboro, N. S., aged 24, was washed overboard and drowned.

THE Rev. R. Wilson, Methodist, is meeting with great success in his ministerial labors at Bay Verte. Mr. Wilson is very popular with all denominations. He is taking an active part in everything that pertains to the welfare of the locality, including the Cape Tormentine Railway.—*Times.*

THE brass moulders of New York have decided to strike for ten per cent. advance in wages from May first. They now receive two dollars and fifty cents to three dollars per day. The brass workers also resolved to form a national organization, with the object of enforcing the eight hour law.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.—Both of the University crews at present in practice on the Thames river for the annual race, which will occur on Friday next, have been rowing very fast in their trials. Oxford is the favorite. Cambridge has won 17, and Oxford 19 races of the Series.

THE steamer *Austrian* which sailed from Glasgow on the 3rd, shipped 123 young men and women of the farming class at Galway Bay, as emigrants for the United States Preparations for emigration are being made throughout the country. The steamer will call at the same port fortnightly for passengers.

THE subject, as to whether the law should prevent corporal punishment in our schools, was discussed last Friday by the P. W. C. Debating Club, and resulted in a decision, to the effect that the law should not interfere, but should leave it to the discretion of the Teacher to perceive, where the use, and where the absence of corporal punishment would profit.

MR. DEACON, the postmaster at Warminster, County of Simcoe, Ontario, has been employing his spare moments patching a quilt. The quilt, when completed will contain over 5 000 pieces, and no two alike. Mr. Deacon, it will be interesting to know, is over 73 years of age. He intends to exhibit the quilt at the Industrial Exhibition in Toronto next fall.

THE SCOTT ACT.—It is reported that James Curtis, Esq, late Deputy Sheriff, has been appointed Inspector under the Canada Temperance Act. From our knowledge of Mr. Curtis we are certain that he will effectually discharge the duties of this delicate position. It is also reported that Mr. Bernard Kearney has been appointed for King's County and Mr James Caldwell for Prince.

LARCENY.—Artemas Webster, a countryman, appeared at the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday, charged with stealing a jar of molasses, a can of kerosene, and three dozen herring, the property of Benj Gallant, of Cavendish, from the Fish Market. After examination of Officer Bradley, who testified that he found the stolen goods in Webster's possession, and that he maintained they were his, the prisoner was remanded for further examination.

THE people of Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Dacotah, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa, not to speak of those of some other States, have had painful experiences during the winter and spring of blizzards, snow drifts or floods. It is to be hoped the worst is over with them this season. But they are not likely to forget their recent troubles for a long time to come, and it will require considerable power of cheek on the part of American Railway Company land agents for a while to crack up their respective regions at the expense of the fertile belt.—*St. John News.*

THE SKATING MATCH AT THE RINK.—The Tournament at the Rink Wednesday evening attracted a large audience. Five contestants entered, viz: Messrs. Moore, DesBrisay, Doyle, Baldwin, and Johnson. It was expected that several others would enter but unforseen causes prevented them. The contestants were started at about a quarter past eight. They went off very leisurely. No one seemed inclined to force a regular pace with the exception of Mr. Doyle who rapidly went to the front and at the end of the first hour led the field. The ice which at first was very good was now much cut up. Brooms were called in requisition and consequently the time made the second hour was not as good as the first. Mr. Johnson having retired about this time the field was limited to four. By a succession of successful spurts Messrs. Moore and DesBrisay passed Mr. Doyle who had exerted himself too much at the beginning, and came to the front and concluded in the following order: Mr. Moore, 23 miles, 15 laps; Mr. T. DesBrisay, 23, 5, Mr. Doyle, 22, 19. The Band of the 82nd Battalion was present and added much to the interest of the race which was orderly and successful. We suggest that many such tournaments take place next season.

A Terrible Case—Rum Did It.

On or about the first of April a horse trot came off at Summerside, which was attended by many farmers and others from the surrounding settlements. Among those in attendance was Thomas Baglole, of Northam. Baglow saw the trot, took a glass or two, and repaired to one of the numerous dens in which rum is sold on the sly. A few hours later he was taken out "drunk and incapable," and lying on his sleigh in this condition he was driven out of the town. When the sleigh arrived at his home, his friends, on going to lift him off, found that he was dead. We are informed that these are the simple facts of the case; and as Summerside is a Christian town, and has the Scott Act, it strikes us that the inhabitants of the town have a duty to perform in this matter.

The poison which killed Mr. Baglole was administered in Summerside, by certain persons not certainly known. That these persons are guilty of either manslaughter or murder is certain.

In the first place, the means of death were used in violation of the law. The "Scott Act" applies to Summerside; no stuff called liquor should be obtained there except as other poisons—as a medicine.

In the next place, one who has a good memory informs us that Baglole is the fifteenth man who has been killed by precisely the same means in Summerside and its vicinity within the past twelve or fifteen years. Therefore, the stuff administered to Baglole must have been well known, by those who administered it, to be fatal in its effects.

We have, therefore, two strong reasons for coming to the conclusion, that the crime which has been committed is that of murder. (1.) The weapon used was an unlawful one; (2) the persons who used it must have known that it was deadly.

It will, of course, be urged that the poison was administered without murderous intent. But suppose those who, for money, gave Baglole the deadly draught, had, instead, adopted another method—had struck him down with an axe—thinking the blow would merely stun him, and had then filched the money from his pocket; the crime in that case would certainly be regarded as that of murder. Now, we can see little difference between such a case and the case under consideration. The object in both cases is to get money; the intent in neither case is to kill. If in one a murder has been committed, a murder has been committed in the other also. Indeed a darker side is given to the actual case by the fact that Baglole, when he received the potion which killed him, must already have been partially intoxicated—partially insensible—and, therefore, to a certain extent, incapable of defending himself as a man could, who was in full possession of his senses, if attacked with an axe.

Under all the circumstances we incline to the opinion that the killing of Baglole was not manslaughter but murder.

And if so what is the duty of the officers of the law? Is it not clearly, to have the criminals brought to justice? Here is a town where the law providing that liquor such as that which killed Baglole shall not be sold, is daily, openly and notoriously violated; and as one result of that violation, at least one unfortunate man is killed.

We have stated this case in a plain, matter of fact way; and we think we are doing our duty when we call upon the Attorney General, and his subordinates to assert the authority of the law.

Correspondence.

☞ *We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents.*

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—Having attended an entertainment given by the members of Braemar Division, and thinking it might interest some of your readers to know how well the temperance cause is progressing in this part of the Province, I will try and write an account of it from memory, as I was unable to obtain a programme. When I arrived, the large room was so full that I was obliged to stand in the hall for some time, but, thanks to the well behaved audience, I could hear distinctly from there. The Worthy Patriarch opened the meeting, and an excellent temperance address was delivered by Mr. Morrow. When the members had sung a stirring temperance song, Mr. H. Crosby ably presiding at the organ, Miss Flora McNevin gave a very good comic reading, after which Miss Annie Robertson played some instrumental music, and from the rounds of applause which followed, it was evident that the audience were delighted. Mr. H. McNevin came next, I think, with a very good recitation. A dialogue, entitled the "Unwilling Witness"—Mr. J. Robertson and H. Crosby as farmer Oatcake and lawyer Twistum—created bursts of laughter. Such a good comic reading as was given by Mr. D. Crosby, it is not our good luck often to listen to. Mr. John Campbell's personation of the negro preacher was perfect, and his sermon from the text, "Half-way Doing," brought down the house. Miss Sarah McLeod and Miss Catherine McNevin both gave recitations; they were recited in a manner that did the young ladies credit. Two little boys—J. Gudet and H. Crosby—gave a dialogue. It was very cleverly acted for such small boys. Mr. D. Currie's rendering of "Paudeen Rafferty's Sea Voyage" was splendid. The farce entitled "Courtship Under Difficulties" was the hit of the evening. Miss Robertson and Miss Crosby acted their parts very well indeed, and a better "Mr. Jones" could not have been found than Mr. Robertson. He acted the spoony young man to perfection. The applause that followed was loud and deafening. He also read, now I think of it, the story of "Markis the liar, from Mark Twain's roughing it," in a way that pleased the audience immensely. Six old bachelors told the stories of their troubles with the fair sex, and how they came to remain single, the stories were very amusing, especially the one told by Mr. N. Campbell, Mr. Neil McLeod, then read a comic reading. I am sure the audience were disappointed that he did not sing, for he is said to be Bonshaw's best singer. Speaking of singing, Miss Annie Robertson's song, "Wae's Me for Prince Charlie," would bring tears to the eyes of the staunch old Jacobites, and she also sang "Bright-eyed, Laughing, Little Nell." The only fault was she did not sing enough. Mr. H. Crosby's songs, "Barney O'Hea" and "Old Carlile," were loudly applauded. Miss Flora McNevin, as "Widow Bedott," was faultless, and Mr. H. Crosby supported the part of "Tim Crane." This dialogue "The widow's mistake" was very amusing, and called forth peals of laughter. In conclusion I may say that the programme was much longer than is usual at entertainments of this kind, but was listened to with marked attention throughout.

Yours truly,
MERVYN.

Bonshaw, April 6, 1881.

Prof. Vennor's Probabilities for April.

(From his Almanac.)

There will be sharp frost in the beginning of April, with snow fall on the 4th and 5th, but the spring will open favorably, and everything will be pretty well advanced by April 15 Floods may be expected in Chicago about the first week in April, with high winds also prevailing in the early parts of the month. Snow falls are probable about April 5 Navigation is likely to open on Lake Ontario about April 7.

The St. Lawrence river will be open about the 9th or 11th, and the first steamship will probably arrive about the 17th or 18th. The weather will be very stormy in the Lower Provinces about the 20th, with very high winds prevailing, but in the West, April will be a dry month. There will be warm weather just following the 20th, ending in thunderstorms on the 24th and 25th. Snowstorms are probable in the far West on the 25th and 26th, and snowfalls are not unlikely to occur in England at the close of the month. The month will end wet and cold, but on the whole, will be like a May month.

An old negro cook says, "Sass is powerful good in eberything but children. Dey needs some other kind of dressing."

THE MARKETS.

POTATOES.

Advices from Boston state that there has been no change of note in the potato market there since our last report. Arrivals of Early Rose at that place continue to command 70 cents per bushel. Prolifics have arrived more freely than any other, and sell at 60 cents, while on the 2nd there were no Chinangos in the market. Baltimore circulars show the supply at the depot there to be fair, and demand inactive. Roses are quoted at 80 to 85 cents, and Peerless at 70 to 75 cents. In Charlottetown potatoes are selling by retail at from 14 to 17 cents. Owing to the bad roads, but few have during the past week arrived for shipment. In shipping potatoes at this season care should be taken to send only good, sound stock. All the small ones should be picked out.

OATS.

In England the market price of oats according to latest advices is steadier. Island black are quoted at Bristol Channel from 19s. 9d. to 20s. for 304 lbs. while 20s. 6d. is given for shipments to the continent. In Montreal on the 1st. oats were quiet at 80c. to 90c. per bag, as to quality and quantity and two loads sold at the first figure. In Charlottetown small quantities are retailed at from 42 to 44c. per bushel.

PORK.

PORK is, owing to the bad roads, coming in in very small quantities, and selling at from 6½ to 7½ cents per lb. In New York on the 4th inst. the pork market was dull, and a shade easier. Old Mess on the spot was quoted at $15.25.

EGGS.

Eggs in Boston market, at latest advices, were selling at 18 to 20 cents per dozen for fresh Eastern, Northern and Western.

FISH.

There has been a quiet market for all kinds of fish in Boston, since our last report, and prices have been barely sustained. Mackerel have been moving very slowly from first hands. Prince Edward Island 2's and 3's are still quoted at $4.50 and $5.00 per barrel, but few sales are reported.

THE PRICE OF CATTLE IN ENGLAND.

Following were the market prices for cattle at Liverpool, Glasgow, and London, on the 14th ult:—

	Best quality.	Inf. quality.
London,	7¾d@8½d.	6d@7½d per lb
Liverpool,	6d@8d.	——— per lb.
Glasgow,	7½d@7¾d.	6d@7½d per lb.

In this country they are sold at from 4½ to 6 cents per lb: there they bring 12 to 16 cents per lb. Out of that difference the shipper has to pay expenses and obtain his profit. A prominent Toronto shipper, who was interviewed by a reporter the other day, said: "The cost of shipment per head varies. Last May I took over 516 head, and here is a statemement of what it cost:

Insurance per head	$ 3 00
Freight to Montreal and feed to England per head	6 77
Expenses of men to England per head	58
Ocean freight per head	26 89
Commission for selling and sundry charges in England per head	2 65
Total per head	$39.89

"For that lot of cattle I paid in Toronto $74 87 per head, making a total of $114.76 per head by the time the beasts reached the English market. I sent a lot of 160 head in July last, and the expenses were less, insurance and freight were less, and the beasts cost less here. I sold both lots in England, and realized about $15 per head profit."

The French Government lately floated a loan of £40,000,000, at 3 per cent. The price of issue, however, was 83¼, thus giving the first inventor about 4 per cent. The sum offered was reaching the astounding amount of £880,000,000.

Charlottetown, April 5, 1881.

MEAT.	
Beef, (small pieces), per lb	$0.06 to 0.12
Beef, per lb (by the quarter)	0.05 to 0.08
Ham, per lb	0.10 to 0.12
Lamb, per lb	0.05 to 0.09
Mutton, per lb	0.05 to 0.10
Pork, (small pieces), per lb	0.07 to 0.10
Pork, per lb (by the carcass),	0.06 to 0.07
Veal, per lb	0.03 to 0.07
POULTRY.	
Chickens, per pair	0.00 to 0.00
Ducks, (each),	0.25 to 0.35
Fowls, (each),	0 20 to 0.30
Geese, (each),	0.50 to 0.60
Partridges, (each),	0.00 to 0.00
Turkeys, (per pair),	0.80 to 1.50
Brant, (per pair),	0.00 to 0.00
BREADSTUFFS.	
Buckwheat Flour per lb	0.03 to 0.04
Flour, per bbl	7.00 to 9.00
Flour, per 100 lbs	2.75 to 3.00
Oatmeal, per 100 lbs	3.25 to 3.50
FISH.	
Codfish, per qtl	2.00 to 4.50
Herring, per bbl	5 00 to 5.50
Mackerel, per doz	0.36 to 0.56
BOARDS.	
Hemlock, per 100 feet	0.81 to 1.00
Pine, do	1.62 to 2.70
Spruce do	0.80 to 1.90
Shingles, per M	1.50 to 1.55
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Apples, per bushel	0.70 to 1.00
Barley, per bushel	0.65 to 0.70
Butter, (fresh), per lb	0.20 to 0.25
Butter, per lb by the tub	0.16 to 0.18
Calfskins, per lb	0.08 to 0.10
Cheese, (new milk), per lb	0.12 to 0.16
Eggs per dozen	0.09 to 0.12
Hay, per 100 lbs	0.45 to 0.47
Hides, per lb	0.5½ to 0.06
Honey, per lb	0.25 to 0 30
Homespun, (men's wear), per yd	0.65 to 1.05
Homespun, (women's wear), do	0.35 to 0.48
Homespun flannell, per yard	0.32 to 0.36
Lard, per lb	0.12 to 0.16
Oats, per bushel	0.43 to 0.45
Oatmeal, per cwt	3.25 to 3.50
Pearl barley, per lb	0.03 to 0.04
Potatoes, per bushel	0.14 to 0 16
Sheepskins, (each)	0.75 to 1.25
Tallow, per lb	0.07 to 0.08
Turnips, per bushel	0.14 to 0.16
Wool, per lb	0.16 to 0.22

Increase in British Trade.

Mr. Gladstone, in his Budget speech in the House of Commons on the 4th inst., said the gross revenue for the past financial year was £84,041,000, which showed the considerable increase of £1,341,000 over the estimate, but a million of this amount did not arise from the incidence of taxation. The total increase from taxation was £348,000.

The Premier proposes to somewhat ameliorate the brewers' licenses in favor of private brewers and intends to raise the duty on foreign butter, which is now a shilling and a penny to six shillings and six pence, and also augment the duty on imported spruce beer so that it will nearly equal the price of English beer.

Mr. Gladstone said the expenditure last year was £73,108,000, which was £714,000 less than the estimate. The surplus of revenue over expenditure was £933,000. The time had now arrived, he said, for proposing the conversion of the short annuities into larger annuities, with a view to the reduction of the national debt. He proposed to pay off £60,000,000 in twenty-five years. Mr. Gladstone estimates the revenue for the year just commenced at £84,705,000 and the expenditure at at £83,990,000, which would leave a surplus of £1,315,000. He proposes to take a penny off the income tax, and to apply a small sum to the construction of barracks.

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April 1, 1881.

BIRTH.

On Thursday morning, April 7th, the wife of John A. Moore, Esq., Teller of the Bank of P. E. I., of a son.

On the 2nd inst., the wife of R. F Irving of a daughter.

DIED.

On the 31st ult., at "The Oaks," Alberton, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with Christian resignation to the will of God, Catherine, the beloved wife of John Denyer Woodman, Esq, aged 55 years. Her end was peace. (New Brunswick papers please copy.)

In Philadelphia, on the 5th inst., John H. Flaigher, printer, aged 27 years, late of Charlottetown.

On March 31st., Mr. Nathaniel N. MacDonnell, aged 55 years.

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TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION, ON THE premises, on MONDAY, 2d MAY next, at 3 o'clock, p. m., under a Mortgage dated 22d February, 1877, between James Rogerson, of Lot 29, Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, farmer, of the one part, and Stephen Wright of Bedeque, in said Island, of the other part, all those two tracts of Land contained in the said Mortgage, and particularly described in the schedules thereunto annexed, marked A and B, containing respectively 50 acres and 28 acres, situate on said Township, and lately in possession of David MacVittie, with the buildings thereon.

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