

Red Point Literary Institute.

A very interesting and instructive entertainment was given at Red Point, on the evening of the 19th inst., under the auspices of the "Red Point Literary Institute," in connection with the closing of said Institute for the season. The following was the Programme for the evening:—

Opening Speech—T. S. Robertson
Reading—"Don't use big words." I. Stewart
Recitation—"Thou shalt touch liquor shall never touch mine." Maggie F. Robertson
Reading—"O'Reilly had but 60c."

Jason Stewart
Speech—Alex. Robertson
Singing—(quartet)—Messrs. D. McDonald, John A. McInnis and Misses Lucy McLennan and Annie Chapman.

Dialogue—T. S. Robertson and Lucy McLennan
Speech—A. J. McPhee
Reading—"Paddy and the bear" J. A. McLennan.

Singing—(comic)—D. McDonald
Dialogue—"The drunkard's children." Misses Maggie E. Robertson, Lucy McLennan and Lillie M. Robertson.

Recitation—"Somebody's Mother." T. S. Robertson
Singing—D. McDonald and J. A. McInnis

Complimentary addresses were then given by Messrs. Alexander Robertson, T. S. Robertson, and A. J. McPhee, when the programme was declared ended.

All who took part in the above programme justly merited the loud bursts of applause which greeted each performance, and each performer displayed such peculiar ability that it would be invidious to discriminate.

Everyone present appeared delighted with the evening's entertainment, and the very best order and harmony prevailed throughout.

After votes of thanks were tendered to the President, Secretary, and ladies present, all of which were appropriately responded to (Mr. T. S. Robertson responding in behalf of the ladies), the Institute closed for the season, and the assembly quietly dispersed.

In reference to the above "Institute" I may briefly state since its organization—about three years ago—it has been a source of incalculable benefit in promoting the literary acquirements and social intercourse of its members. The local talent has become practically developed, and the thick mist which usually obscures the uncultured intellect has become effectually dissipated. The energy and punctuality of its members, together with the judicious selections of subjects for debate, lectures, essays, etc., have materially contributed towards securing its utility and permanency. Without exaggerating, it may be mentioned that, in point of intelligence and ability, this "institute" will compare favorably with any other in the Province.

I remain,
A. J. MCPHEE,
Secretary.

Red Point, April 26, 1883.

Business Notes.

Despatches to Bradstreet's from the principal business centres of the country do not reveal any particular change in the general trade situation. The labor situation is not bright among the iron mill men. Bradstreet's reports 186 failures in the United States during the past week, 26 more than in the preceding week, 81 more than in the corresponding week in 1882 and 84 more than in the like week of 1880. Canada and the provinces had 39 failures, an increase of seven over the previous week.

The London Economist of the 14th calls attention to the fact that the reserve of Bank of England is lower than at this season for several years, viz:

Table with columns: BANK OF ENGLAND, Bullion, Reserve. Rows: 1883, April 9; 1882, April 12; 1871, April 6; 1850, April 7.

"The demand for bullion for export to the United States has now ceased, and will probably remain dormant, a tall event, till the autumn. Gold may, however, probably work out in dribbles, as it has recently done, in Holland, in connection with the new Dutch loan. It is not, however, thought that any very large amount is likely to be taken from us for that quarter; but in the present condition of the bullion reserve at the Bank, a very slight movement would be quickly felt."

Our Advertisers.

Prof. Easty announces the postponement of his entertainment.

James J. Gay, Pownal, advertises fruit and ornamental trees, etc. Send for price list.

H. A. Harvie, Queen Street, has on sale a splendid collection of garden and field seeds.

Campbell & Rayden will hold an auction sale of fruit, furniture, etc., at their Auction Room, on Saturday next, at eleven o'clock.

A McNeill will sell at auction, on Monday next, at eleven o'clock, 25 shares Merchants Bank, and 10 shares Union Bank stock.

Shepherd & Son, Kent Street, have on hand a choice assortment of groceries, which will be sold cheap. Highest price paid for eggs.

Perkins & Sterns, Queen Street, have now opened their spring and summer stock, which will be sold cheaper than ever. See advertisement.

John Gilchrist, gives notice that the celebrated Kentucky horse "Hernando," will be at his old quarters, near Rielly & Flannigan's forge, during season of 1883.

For some time past Mr. John S. Maclean has been seriously ill, and there have been grave doubts as to his ultimate recovery. The last few days, however, he has improved so much as to walk to his place of business several times, but his condition is as yet far from satisfactory. His medical advisers recognizing the precarious state of his health have recommended him to take a trip to Europe for the purpose of recruiting his health. Mr. Maclean having decided to act on this advice, will shortly leave for the Continent, where he will remain for a few weeks. His many friends will wish him renewed health while sojourning abroad, and a speedy return to his native city.—Morning Herald.

CURRENT NOTES.

The tide of summer travel to Europe has set in somewhat earlier than usual. Seven steamers are to sail from New York on Saturday and they will be well filled with passengers.

A London despatch says, Queen Victoria will be able to stand unassisted upon her feet before a fortnight elapses. The injured knee is strengthening daily, and Her Majesty's general health is also gradually improving.

A good story is told of a fashionable lady at Washington, the wife of a prominent army officer. She met a naval officer at a reception the other evening, and asked after his wife. "She is dead, madame," responded the commodore. The madame turned off her blunder as soon and as smoothly as possible, but bit her lip in chagrin. The next evening she met the commodore at another reception, and again asked in a cordial manner after his spouse. "She is still dead," said the bereaved husband, gravely.

A great engineering work is in contemplation at Bremen to make that city in fact what it has heretofore been only in name—a seaport. To do this it will be needful to deepen, widen, and straighten the River Weser for a distance of fifty miles, so that sea-going vessels drawing twenty-seven feet of water, with 600 feet of keel, can go through and pass each other with ease. It is estimated that the work can be completed within six years. Bremen is only second—and a very close second at that—to Liverpool in American trade, and is second in rank of continental ports.

The bee has long been a type of the industrious worker, but there are few people who know how much labor the sweet hoard of the hive represents. Each head of clover contains about sixty distinct flower tubes, each of which contains a portion of sugar not exceeding the 1,500th part of a grain. The proboscis of the bee must therefore be inserted into 500 clover-tubes before one grain of sugar can be obtained. There are 7,000 grains in a pound, and, as honey contains three-fourths of its weight of dry sugar, each pound of honey represents 2,500,000 clover-tubes sucked by bees.

The question of "withdrawing Lord Dufferin from Egypt, possibly for the purpose of giving him the viceroyalty of India, is causing a good deal of commotion in diplomatic circles. The London Times says that his political distinction gives weight to his mere presence in Egypt, and that to supersede him either by Sir Edward Malet, who was driven from Cairo by Arabi, or by Sir Auckland Colvin, upon whom the French look askance, would be seriously to lower England's prestige. [To obviate this, instead of England being merely temporarily represented, it is probable that a first-class ambassadorship will be formed at the Court of the Khedive.]

The French Government is experimenting near Lille upon some naval and siege guns of novel construction and enormous power. One of these, as described by a technical journal is of steel, and nearly thirty feet long. The tube is strengthened with ten coils of wire, one millimetre (0.039 inches) in diameter. The composition is such that the cannon, after a few discharges, becomes elongated by three millimetres. The weight of the gun is 50 tons; it projects a shell weighing 297 pounds, capable of penetrating armor plates nearly six inches thick at a range of 7 1/2 miles, and its cost has been \$116,160.

Capt. Chas. Allan, manager of the Dominion Colonization Company at Fort Qu'Appelle, and late of the Interior Department, Ottawa, has taken proceedings in Montreal to recover \$50,000 damages from the Canada Pacific Railway Company for infringing his copyright of the Land Prospector's Manual for settlers in the North-West. He has also entered a similar suit in London, England, against the company for a similar offence, as the work has been published and copyrighted there. The same author has entered an action for \$10,000 damages on similar grounds against the publisher in Guelph of Professor Macoun's late work on the North-West.

The birthday of the Princess Louise occurred on March 18, while she was in Bermuda. Her presents were valuable. From the Marquis she received an elegant gold bracelet and his picture. The Queen, her mother, sent her picture, and from other members of the royal family came presents of jewelry. Two days after her birthday occurred the anniversary of her wedding-day. She was presented with a large cake, which a lady described as a "frosted pyramid, shimmering all over with silvered ivy and maiden-hair fern; at the top a rose and thistle, at the base twelve tiny cakes, the whole enclosed in a case lined with white satin." This gift was from the ladies of the Scotch Church, to whom an autograph letter of thanks was sent by Her Highness.

The Winnipeg papers give particulars of an experimental test made with the Saskatchewan coal last week, and which promises to lead to important results. The coal from that region has hitherto been regarded as lignite. The experiment proves it to be suitable for the manufacture of gas, equal to any produced in Cape Breton. The experiment was made by Mr. Simpson Walker, late of the Walker Bros., of Cebriège Cal O.I. Distilling and Refining Company, Sticks-on-Trent, in the presence of the members of the company and representatives of the press. Three and a half pounds of coal from the company's area at medicine Hat were placed in an iron retort, which was heated in a common wood stove. Two gas jets were connected with the pipe leading from this retort, and at the remote end of the pipe was placed a bowl in which the residuum, consisting of ammonia, water and tar, was collected. The room in which the experiment was made was lighted for nearly two hours, during the greater part of which time one could see to read quite plainly in its remotest corner. The light was remarkably clear and pure, and Mr. Walker says he never saw a better light produced under similarly crude circumstances. He estimates the quantity of gas produced as being sufficient to keep three ordinary lights burning for two hours. The coke leaves a clear white ash. Lignite coal has from twenty to forty-five per cent of water, while the Saskatchewan coal gave only from twelve and a half to fifteen per cent. It is proposed to repeat the experiment in a large hall at an early day. All present were perfectly satisfied with the gratifying result of the test.

Art of Leave-Taking.

Not all have learned the fine art of leave-taking in an appropriate manner. When you are about to depart, do so at once, gracefully and politely, with no dallying. Don't say, "It is about time I was going," then settle back and talk on aimlessly for another ten minutes. Some people have just such a tiresome habit. They will even rise, and stand about the room in various attitudes, keeping their hosts also standing, and then by an effort succeed in getting as far as the hall, when a new thought strikes them. They brighten up visibly and stand for some minutes, saying nothing of importance, but keeping everyone in a nervous, restless state. After the door is opened the prolonged leave-taking begins, and everybody in general and in particular is invited to call. What a relief when the door is finally closed! There is no need of being offensively abrupt, but when you are ready to go—go.

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Direct from the best Seed House in London. A splendid collection of

Garden and Field Seeds,

All warranted Fresh and True. May 3.—tf

BANK STOCK!

BY AUCTION, Monday next, May 7th, at eleven o'clock, at my Auction Room, Queen Street,

25 shares Merchants Bank Stock, 10 " Union Bank

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. Ch'town, May 3.—3i

HERNANDO

HERNANDO will make the season of 1883 at the old stand NEAR REILLY & FLANNIGAN'S FORGE, in Charlottetown. He is a beautiful dark bay horse, 15 1/2 hands high, imported from Kentucky two years ago, at a cost of \$1,500. His breeding cannot be excelled by any trotting horse in America. He has a fine lofty style, graceful and elastic step, and now (without training) trots fast. This horse is sired by the famous sire of trotters, Almont.

First Dam—Jennie Clay, by American Clay, son of Cassius M. Clay, Junr.

Second Dam—By Morgan Rattler, son of Hale's Green Mountain Morgan.

Third Dam—The dam of Lady Hunt by Mambrino Chief, sire of Lady Thorne

Fourth Dam—By Gano, son of American Eclipse.

Fifth Dam—By Potomac, son of imported Diomed.

Sixth Dam—By Baronet, son of imported Baronet.

Seventh Dam—By imported Buzzard.

Almont's pedigree is too well known to need description. He has sired more trotters with records below 2:30 than any stallion that ever lived at same age. He went into the stud in 1869, and his get trotted for the first time in 1873, at two and three years of age, and he has now to his credit twenty-one, with records ranging from 2:17 to 2:30, as below:—

- 1. Piedmont ..... 2:17 1/2
2. Fanny Witherspoon ..... 2:18 1/2
3. Aline ..... 2:19 1/2
4. Early Rose ..... 2:20 1/2
5. Westmont ..... 2:21 1/2
6. Lillian ..... 2:22 1/2
7. Ella Earl ..... 2:25
8. Allie West ..... 2:25
9. Atry ..... 2:25 1/2
10. Katie Jackson ..... 2:25 1/2
11. Alice West ..... 2:26
12. Almont, Junr. (Hamil's) ..... 2:26
13. King Almont ..... 2:26 1/2
14. Annie S. .... 2:26 1/2
15. Sammie G. .... 2:27
16. Almont, Junr. (Bostick's) ..... 2:29
17. Dullie Davies ..... 2:29
18. Musette ..... 2:29 1/2
19. Una ..... 2:29 1/2
20. " 2 miles ..... 4:54 1/2
21. Lady Lear ..... 2:29 1/2
22. Clermont ..... 2:30

Piedmont sold for \$7,500; Aldine for \$15,000; Early Rose for \$12,000; and Lillian for \$6,000.

Early Rose and Aldine were purchased by William H. Vanderbilt, of New York, who harnessed them together, and within two weeks they trotted, a double team, in 2:26, the fastest time ever made by a double team.

HERNANDO will be allowed to serve a limited number of mares at \$20 the season.

JOHN GILCHRIST, GROOM. Ch'town, May 3.—wkly wkly pat

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500 boxes TIN PLATES,
200 ingots REFINED TIN,
50 pigs SOFT LEAD,
5 bars COPPER (1 1/2 and 1 3/4),
600 coils ROPE (6, 9, 12 and 15 thread),
10 bales MARLINE,
20 puns MOLASSES,
30 brls. SUGAR,
25 brls. HARD BREAD,
200 chests and half-chests TEA,
100 suits OIL CLOTHING,
750 brls. FLOUR (Choice Superior),
125 brls. KILN DRIED CORNMEAL,
100 brls. MESS PORK,
200 brls. PRIME MESS PORK,
300 HAMS (Smoked and Green),
50 brls. MESS BEEF,
100 tins LARD,
25 tubs BUTTER,

Now in Store and to Arrive, at Lowest Wholesale Prices.

HORACE HASZARD.

Ch'town, April 28, 1883.

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On Saturday, May 5th,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK,

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8 bushels PEANUTS,
10 boxes LEMONS,
10 " selected MESSINA ORANGES,
20 " PALMERO ORANGES,
200 COCOANUTS,
1 bunch BANANAS.

Also, a quantity of second-hand Household Furniture (Beds, Bedding, Chairs, Sofas, Pictures, etc.).

CAMPBELL & RAYDEN, Auctioneers. Ch'town, May 3.—2i

ACADEMY OF MUSIC,

Thursday, May 3, at 8 p. m.

Under the Patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

READINGS,

(The last of the present course) by

PROF. EASTY.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Three scenes from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.

- 1. The Loan.
2. Shylock's Revenge.
3. The Trial.

PART II.

- 4. Clara Vere de Vere,
5. The story of Richard Double Dick,
6. William Brown of Oregon,
7. The Northern Cobbler (First Time)—Yorkshire District,

PART III.

- 8. Dr. Marigold—First Part—Suffolk District

To conclude with the

LAUGHABLE SKETCH,

ENTITLED

Cannibalism on the Cars,

—BY—

MARK TWAIN.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Owing partly to the indisposition of Mr. Easty, and other unavoidable and unexpected circumstances, the above Entertainment is

POSTPONED

—UNTIL—

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

AT THREE O'CLOCK,

When it will be given, with a new scale of prices and a change of programme, which will appear in the "Examiner" and "Patriot" to-morrow.

W. E. E. May 2

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