

Local and Other Items.

Band at Bink to-night. Regular meeting of Victoria Division to-night. New stowing prunes just received at Beer & Goff's. The Stanley left Georgetown at 8.15 this morning. MAINE SAVINGS BANKS pay 6 per cent to depositors. WORTH HEARING.—Mr. Davies' lecture to-morrow evening. REMEMBER the Philharmonic practice to-morrow evening. EPWORTH LEAGUE to-night. Subject: "Mansuety." Bring your books. THE CONCERT FOR THE POOR.—Read the Oldfellow's programme in another column. MUMPS ARE so prevalent in Bangor that the school attendance is seriously affected. SEVERAL LETTERS for insertion in THE EXAMINER of to-day are unavoidably crowded out. BALANCE of fat coats and weigh robes selling regardless of profits at D. D. Bruce's. THE BURNS CONCERT.—Prof. Vinnicombe will play "Fohos from Edinboro" at Burns' Anniversary Concert on Tuesday, 27th. MEETING.—The annual congregational meeting of St. James' church will be held this evening at 7.30. A full attendance requested. MAILED.—There will be no mail to-day, the boats not being able to cross. A second mail is delivered about 5.30 on Saturday afternoon. I. O. O. F.—Regular session of St. Lawrence Lodge this evening at 8 o'clock. The practice for Thursday's Concert will begin at 8.30 sharp. HEAVY YOUNGSTERS.—A correspondent reports that Mr. James Doyle, of Pleasant Grove, Lot 34, recently sold two porkers which tipped the scales at 996 lbs., though only eighteen months old. TO TROT AT MONTREAL.—Mr. Geo. T. Gray, of this city, has gone to Montreal with the trotters Whistler and Blackbird. It is announced that both will start in the races which begin there to-morrow. YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT.—A young people's concert will be held at the residence of Mr. J. A. Beariart, Douglas Street, to-morrow evening. Tickets 5 and 10 cents. Young people attend. L. B. Chappelle and E. Scott, Directors. LAID TO REST.—All that was mortal of the late Robert Grubb was laid to rest in the People's Cemetery yesterday afternoon. Although the weather was wet and disagreeable the funeral procession was a large one. The firemen attended in a body. FOR A BROTHER MASON.—A recent despatch from Chicago says: On Sunday next at the Emergency Hospital here, seventy-five or a hundred members of the Masonic fraternity will permit skin to be cut from their bodies for grafting upon the body of John Oscar Dickerson, a fellow Mason, whose recovery from an operation for the removal of a cancerous growth depends upon this treatment. JAIL BREAKERS AT TRURO.—Two colored lads belonging to Antigonish, confined in Truro jail, on Thursday night last escaped from their cell by cutting away the fastenings of the door with a pocket knife. They were pursued, and being able to trace their tracks in the newly fallen snow, the police came up with them near Onslow Station and returned them once more to safe keeping. FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.—At a recent general meeting of the Moncton Fire Department it was decided that the firemen's tournament to be held in that city take place on the 1st July next. The tournament will consist of a parade in the morning, sports of various kinds in the afternoon, and a torchlight procession in the evening. Invitations are to be extended to the departments of the following cities and towns of the Maritime Provinces: St. John, Halifax, Charlottetown, Truro, New Glasgow, Pictou, Windsor, Yarmouth, Amherst, Fredericton, Woodstock, St. Stephen, Summerside and Campbellton. ASSAULT CASE.—Peter Dunn was charged before Wm. Heard, J. P., this morning with an assault on Nelson Sellick, also with threatening to do bodily harm to Samuel Sellick. The evidence given was to the effect that Dunn assaulted Nelson Sellick in August last by striking him with a shovel, and that he has also been in the habit of threatening Samuel Sellick and annoying the members of his family. All the parties to the suit belong to Bradalbane. Dunn was remanded until Monday next for further evidence. Mr. Mellish appeared for the prosecution. S. OF T.—Following are the officers of Orient Division, duly installed on the 16th inst., for the ensuing quarter:— W. P.—Wm. McEwen. W. A.—W. J. Miller. F. S.—John Ross. T.—G. D. Davison. R. S.—G. W. Wakeford. A. R. S.—F. H. Beer. Chap.—John Scott. C.—S. McDonald. A. C.—Wm. Down. I. S.—M. Riggs. O. S.—J. A. Lawson. P. W. P.—J. R. Davison. FIRE THIS MORNING.—About half-past one o'clock this morning the alarm sounded for a fire in the Old London Bottling Establishment and Bowling Alley, Water Street, near the Railway Station. The fire, which started in that portion of the building used as a stable, was well advanced before it was discovered. As quickly as possible after the alarm was sounded the firemen were at work on the burning building. Their battle with the flames was a hard one, owing to the fact that the fire was largely in between the walls of the structure; and it was not until after several hours of hard and persistent labor that the fire was sufficiently checked to admit of the firemen leaving for home. The building was completely gutted, and almost everything in the establishment was either destroyed or damaged. The building was owned and occupied by John Joy. There is insurance to the amount of \$2,700.

FARMERS' CONVENTION.

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since the woods have been cleared away, there is very little snow and the fields are covered with ice and much of the hay is consequently winter killed. How is this to be avoided? It is hard to see any cause for it, except Providence; and if Providence kills the grass how are we going to keep the cows? PROFESSOR SHUTTLEWORTH said that he, for one had great faith in ensilage. There is no better soil for the growth of corn for ensilage than that of this Province. We have, it is true, a late spring and an early fall and these are against it. But we should cultivate the early varieties of corn and adopt a system of tillage that will hasten maturity. Fertilizers may be used to help forward the early growth of the corn. The use of superphosphates hastens growth. He was aware that Mr. Miller of Marshfield had planted a field with corn and obtained a good yield. He had put it in a silo; and he is now feeding his herd of twenty-nine cows with it. He will get his cows through the winter without the use of straw. After feeding the cattle on ensilage for a few years and obtaining abundance of manure, the crops of hay will be bigger and there will be no such complaint as we hear to-day. The deficiency of the hay crop is largely due to a poor soil. The remedy is to manure well, and to have surface drains by which to draw off the water, and so prevent the formation of ice. Moreover, it is a very great mistake to pasture the meadows in the fall so close to the ground. If timothy be cut below the last joint it is killed.

Mr. McNeill Simpson corroborated Prof. Shuttleworth's opinion regarding the necessity for surface draining, and called to mind the fact that in the olden time the farmers, following the practice of the Scotch, ploughed the land in ridges, from 12 to 14 feet wide. He thought, however, that there are other causes, apart from winter killing, which account for the short hay of recent years. He remembered well the winter of 1859, when there was very little snow and a great deal of ice; and yet we had good crops of hay the next summer. He had noticed that weeds now come in the place of clover, and that clover will not now grow upon new land as it used to do.

In reply to a question, Professor Shuttleworth said that mowing machines in Ontario were not usually set lower than the second notch. Mr. Brown, of Margate, said that though he had had a bad season, he had no doubt that good seasons would return, and that we shall yet have good hay. He did not regard the ice of winter as the cause of the loss of the crop of clover. What kills clover are the frosts which come after the thaws of spring, when the land is soft, and lift the roots out of the ground. He agreed with Professor Shuttleworth that a great deal depends upon the condition of the soil. If the soil be rich, a good crop will usually be obtained. He thought that if fertilizers were applied to the wheat, the hay which followed would probably be the better for it.

S. R. BLACK, of Searlestown, complimented Professor Shuttleworth and Mr. McLean, and said that the farmers of Prince Edward Island should not be cast down by a few partial failures of some of the crops. He was in favor of improved methods, but opposed to rash action. It would be a mistake to discontinue the growth of potatoes for market when the crops are good. Cheese factories have not, so far, given satisfaction, and it seems as though the cheese industry in this Province will be broken up altogether. In any case, we should agitate for a better farming system.

GEORGE SIMPSON agreed with Mr. Brown that the frosts after spring thaws kill the clover by breaking the roots. He referred to the results obtained by him in respect to hay, showing that by liberal manuring, careful cultivation and leaving the stubble high and not feeding off the after-grass, he had, even last year, obtained two and a half tons to the acre, while from similar land not so well manured he had obtained but one and a half tons to the acre, or a difference of a ton to the acre on land that had not been so well manured. In respect to the breeding of milking strains, he thought it would be easier to obtain good milkers from bulls of the right strain crossed with scrub cows, than from cows which had been obtained by the beefing crosses. He thought, however, that more should be done in the direction of meat production; and, in his opinion, no stock are of more importance to farmers than sheep. He believed in mixed farming. The pork business is one which ought to be prosecuted to advantage; for pork contains a good deal of carbon, and carbon is drawn from the atmosphere. Those farmers who live near the seashore should, in his opinion, make the most of their seaweed, than which there is no better manure for turnips when well worked up by the pigs. The farmers of this Island labor under many disadvantages, the chief of which is isolation from the mainland. The success of winter dairying would depend a great deal on our ability to reach the market in winter with our butter; but this is impossible under present conditions. Much had been said about the necessity for a change in the method of farming. The truth is, we are even now selling less raw products than in the olden time. He could remember when two square-rigged vessels and several schooners loaded at Cavendish every fall; now only a few coasters load there. More and more we are learning to produce and dispose of animals and their products, such as beef, pork, etc.

John Anderson (Kensington) said that although not much of a farmer, he had paid some attention to the cheese business. He showed that it would be impossible to make cheese on a large scale and at the same time raise pigs and calves—unless Professor Robertson's suggestion were adopted and the calves and young pigs were reared in the winter time. But he thought that this could be done by the use of ensilage. He had seen good ensilage at the silage. He had seen good ensilage at the silage of Mr. West, in Kensington, whose crop of fodder corn last summer was excellent. If ensilage can be made successfully by Mr. West, why not be other farmers? And ensilage once made a success, there will be no difficulty in raising calves in winter. His experience in the butter market has led him to believe that our people cannot compete in the production of butter with the people of the other Provinces. He had seen the factory made butter of Ontario selling in New Glasgow at 20 cents a pound, while our best tub

butter alongside of it would not sell at 14 cents a pound. Under these conditions it is impossible for our farmers to make butter to export at any profit. The factory-made butter of the other Provinces will force us out of the market. If there is a great demand in England, why is the best factory-made butter of Ontario selling to-day in Nova Scotia (the price has recently improved) at 23 to 24 cents a pound?

Mr. BAKER, of Margate, differed from the last speaker. Not long ago Mr. Holman had imported a quantity of factory made butter and sold it at 17 cents a pound. But he was able at the same time to sell in Summerside the butter from his dairy at 20 cents. In his opinion, the most of our farmers have been in too great a hurry to get rich and have drawn too much out of their farms. This is the chief reason why they are now lamenting a partial loss of crops. He would like to know more about ensilage. If the corn will mature here, he would be in favor of that process. He intended to build a silo and he would like to know whether, supposing his corn failed in the spring, the loss could be supplied by vetches or something else.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that the butter sold in Summerside by Mr. Baker was of excellent quality and that it was sold to special buyers. After some further discussion, the following resolution, moved by Arthur Simpson, Esq., of Bayview, seconded by S. R. Black, Esq., of Searlestown, passed unanimously: Resolved, that the teaching of Practical Agriculture and Agricultural Chemistry by Professor Shuttleworth, in Prince of Wales College, is a move in the right direction, from which we look for the best results in years to come.

The next convention will be held at Cavendish in July.

EVENING SESSION.

The large attendance of the afternoon was swelled by many farmers from a distance and by the ladies of the Hamilton district, completely filling the new and comfortable Hall with an audience of over two hundred. The president of the convention (Walter Simpson, Esq.) occupied the chair. The meeting, called to order, was opened by a choice selection of music from the choir, after which Arthur Simpson, Esq., of Bay View, spoke in an able manner of the influences enticing farmers' sons to leave the farm. These influences, however, have become things of the past. The farm of to-day offers a splendid home for the intelligent and industrious boy. It is upon a thrifty, progressive, agricultural condition that our professional and commercial prosperity greatly depends, and by which our country is built. The choir then sang "Stay at Home on the Farm." This was followed by an address from Professor Shuttleworth on "The Soil and the Atmosphere in their Relation to the Plant," in which he pointed out how plants feed and grow. He said that by excessive cropping, with the exportation of the raw material, soil must eventually become alarmingly deteriorated. During the address, which was listened to attentively, answer was given to Mr. Simpson's question concerning the effect upon agriculture in this Province of starch factories. Two hundred bushels of potatoes, the yield of one acre, contains \$12.50 of the soils fertility. Can it pay to produce potatoes for 14 cents per bushel when one bushel contains over 6 cents worth of the fertility of the soil?

At the conclusion of Professor Shuttleworth's address, the choir sang "Harvest Home." This was followed by a very instructive and lively discussion, during which much practical information was drawn out.

MR. MALCOLM McLEAN, student of the Prince of Wales College was then called upon. He spoke in a clear and interesting manner of the introduction of the study of Agriculture in the college; and gave as his opinion that the agricultural industry of the Province will certainly be benefited by this step. The discussion was again renewed, bearing more particularly upon practical changes in our system of cultivation which should be adopted; and in answer to a question touching upon this, asked by Mr. Montgomery, M. L. C., Professor Shuttleworth spoke of the cultivation of fall rye as an early spring pasture, and of rape for fall pasture. In the course of his remarks and in the discussion that followed, the feeding of lambs for the December market was pretty fully discussed. Wm. McNeill Simpson then moved the following resolution:

"That in view of organizing a Provincial Dairymen's Association, a committee of three be appointed to confer with the leading dairymen of the Island, and with power to invite Professor Robertson, of the Dominion Experimental Farm, to visit the Island this winter to assist in the organization of the above Association." After discussion, the motion was carried unanimously, and the following committee was appointed: H. A. Stewart, Esq., Hamilton, Secretary Western Agricultural Convention; James Dewar, Esq., of New Perth; and Professor Shuttleworth. Votes of thanks were then moved to the choir for the part they took in making the evening meeting so attractive, and to the people of Hamilton who kindly provided for the comfort of farmers from a distance. The choir then brought this most instructive meeting of the Western Farmers' Convention to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

MOUNT HERBERT HALL

On returning to Charlottetown, Professor Shuttleworth and Mr. McLean, accompanied by Mr. Brown, of East View, drove over to Southport to attend the meeting in Mount Herbert Hall. Fully sixty farmers were present. The meeting opened at 7.15 p. m., with Wm. Mutch, Esq., of Hopeton, in the chair. At the close of the meeting, Mr. McLean, of Mount Herbert, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the farmers of this district establish a Farmers' Institute. A discussion followed, and the motion was carried without one dissenting voice. Friday week is the day appointed to meet and organize. At fifteen minutes past ten the proceedings came to a close, and all returned home, feeling considerably more interested in the study of agriculture.

DIED.

At Cable Head, on Tuesday, 13th inst., John J. McIntyre, aged 23 years. At Charlottetown, on Saturday the 17th inst., John W. McGill, son of the late John McGill, aged 53 years. [Funeral will leave dwelling house on Tuesday, 20th inst., at 1.30 p. m., sharp, for Railway Station, thence by train at 2 p. m. for Sherwood Cemetery.]

Grand Scotch Concert!

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY,

Under the Auspices of the Caledonia Club, IN THE LYCEUM, ON TUESDAY, JAN. 27, IN AID OF THE POOR.

- PART I. SHORT ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF. 1. Piano Duet—Strathspeys and Reels. Misses Wilson and Read. 2. Song—"Scotland Yet" Prof. Caven. 3. Song—"Tam Glen" Mrs. Rourke. 4. Recitation—"Tain O'Shanter" Rev. James Carruthers. 5. Violin Solo—"Echoes from Edinbro" Prof. Vinnicombe. 6. Song—"Ye Banks and Braes" Miss Tillie Brown. 7. Song—"There was a Lad" Mr. James Davison. 8. Cornet Solo—Scotch Airs. Mr. C. P. Fletcher. 9. Song—"Robin Adair" Mrs. E. Norton. 10. Song—"John Grumlie" Prof. D. J. McLeod. Interval of Five Minutes. PART II. 1. Song—"Jessie, the Flower of Damblane" Mrs. James Byrne. 2. Violin Duet—Moderato from I Souh-A-lard. 3. Song—"Flow Gently, Sweet Afton" Mr. H. Wilson. 4. Recitation—"Scotch" Mr. T. A. McLean. 5. Song—"O' the Airts the Win Can Blaw" Mrs. Rourke. 6. Quartet—"Birks of Aberfeldy" Mrs. Rourke. 7. Song—"Scots Wha Hae" Mr. J. Davison. 8. Chorus—"Auld Lang Syne" with instrumental music. "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN." Pianoforte Accompanists—Misses Wilson and Lawie, Messrs. Blanchard and Tanton. Admission, 25 and 35 cents. Tickets for sale at the City Drug Stores and from Members of the Club. Doors open at 7.30 o'clock. Concert at 8 o'clock, prompt.

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Election of a Water Commissioner.

IN pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of this Island, made and passed in the 30th year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intitled "Charlottetown Water Works Act, 1887," I do hereby give Public Notice that an Election of a Water Commissioner for the City of Charlottetown, in place of ALEXANDER MCKINNON, retired, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of January, A. D. 1891, at the several places, that is to say: In Ward No. 1, at or near Fire Engine House on King Street, between Great George and Prince Streets. In Ward No. 2, at or near the house of Thomas Connors, opposite Mr. H. Hart's Warehouse, Sidney Street, between Great George and Prince Streets. In Ward No. 3, at or near the Market House. In Ward No. 4, at or near the new City Hall, corner of Kent and Queen Streets. In Ward No. 5, at or near the carriage shop of Carroll & McAleer, corner of Euston and Great George Streets. And at the said Election the Poll will be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continue open until five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

DESCRIPTION OF WARDS.

Number One shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies south of Dorchester Street and the parcel of land formerly known as the Military Barrack Ground. Number Two shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies south of Richmond Street and north of Dorchester Street. Number Three shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies south of Grafton Street and north of Richmond Street. Number Four shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies south of Fitzroy Street and north of Grafton Street. Number Five shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies north of Fitzroy Street, including the Common of the said Town.

NOMINATION DAY.

WEDNESDAY the 31st inst., from the time of Twelve at noon until the hour of Four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. For qualification of Electors, see Act 59, Victoria, intitled "Charlottetown Water Works Act, 1887," also 51 Victoria, Cap. 12, sec. 24 to 26. (L. S.) T. HEATH HAVILAND, Mayor of the City of Charlottetown. H. M. DAVISON, City Clerk. Mayor's Office, Charlottetown, Jan. 14, 1891.

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Charlottetown, Jan. 7, 1891.

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