

Local and Other Items.

Mr. EARLE will organize a Choral Society... Hockey at the Skating Rink to-night... Hockey tickets selling fast. Sir John leads so far.

A despatch says Sir Charles Topper is on his way to the island. Give the Hockey Club a bumper house to-night and enjoy an exciting game.

The B. I. S. of Emerald, intend having a concert in their Hall on the 17th March, and have engaged Mr. Peter McCourt to deliver the opening address.

The Bishop continues steadily though slowly to improve. His Lordship and Mrs. Courtney will probably leave Bishopscroft for the South early in March.

Miss GALT, daughter of Chief Justice Galt, of Toronto, and niece of Sir A. T. Galt, has joined the Salvation Army as a lieutenant and is now stationed at the Montreal barracks.

We regret to hear that Mrs. Albert Hensley is confined to her room, by a severely sprained arm. Mrs. Hensley fell while walking in Hollis Street one slippery day.

The Charlottetown Tennis club contemplate holding an entertainment on St. George's Day, at which the Fan Drill will be presented with other features.

The entertainment by the pupils of the West Kent Street School was repeated last evening for the benefit of those who had been prevented from attending the previous performance.

The following Island students will graduate in arts at Dalhousie College, Halifax in April: J. W. Brehaut, Murray, Huber, Cornelius A. Howatt, Summer-

side; D. D. Hugh, Murray Harbor; E. J. Jordan, Murray Harbor; F. A. McMillan, Albert Plains; Chris. Munroe, Valleyfield; T. West, York. Cornelius Howatt will also graduate in law.

The graduating class this year, we think, has more Islanders than any previous one.

Captain Ozon, of the schooner Vigorso, which has arrived from Fortune Bay, Nfld. reports bad weather in those waters and a loss of over twenty cargoes of herring caused by an unprecedented rain storm.

The Vigorso and about twenty American and Nova Scotia vessels made ordinary stows. While the seamen were moored awaiting cold weather so that the fish could be frozen, a rain storm set in which lasted five days. The seas were all upset and the herring lost.

The captain reports very mild weather in Newfoundland. The American vessels which lost their seines and cargoes, sailed for home and abandoned the herring fishery for the season.

The Hockey Match.

The teams in the Hockey Match to-night will be made up as follows: LIBERAL CONSERVATIVES. Color, Blue.

J. B. Dawson, Hooper Robinson, Albert McNeill, F. W. L. Moore, Geo. W. Moore, Dr. S. E. Jenkins, James Kendall, A. S. Urquhart.

LIBERALS.

Color, White. George Rogers, Charles Weeks, W. Davies, L. W. Wear, John F. Wear, Thos. Rogers, Wm. Messervy, A. W. Weeks, S. C. Moore.

Summerside Civic Election.

The Summerside Civic Election, Tuesday, resulted in the return of the old Council. The temperance candidates, however, polled a good vote, which ought to be an encouragement to them in their next contest.

For CHAIRMAN—R. Hunt, 253 Dr. A. McNayre, 19. For GOVERNORS—Harry A. Compton, 279. Alex. Campbell, 287. Pat. Fanning, 287. H. C. Mills, 291. Wm. Manson, 284. James McLeod, 280. David Montgomery, 285. Leonard Morris, 202. D. Stewart, 201. B. L. Woodside, 18.

Messrs. Campbell and Manson were supported by the temperance party.

An Island Artist.

The Mercantile and Financial Times of Boston contains the following gratifying remarks respecting Mr. A. A. McLeod, son of Alex. McLeod Esq., Belfast, P. E. I.

For a good many years past there has been a steady advance in the standard of excellence arrived at in connection with what may be termed the "Department of Fine Arts" at the annual American Institute Fairs.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

AT THE MINES!

Springhill in Gloom

SAD SCENES AT THE GRAVES

Munton's Handsome Donation!

SYMPATHY FROM THE QUEEN

AND LORD STANLEY

SPRINGHILL, Feb. 24.—The work of recovering the bodies from the mine is still going on. Several more were brought up.

Gloom prevails the whole town like a pall.

Public funerals were held all day and the scenes about the cemeteries while interment was being made were sad and heart rending.

Resolutions and messages of condolence have been received from all parts.

Queen Victoria and Lord Stanley, and many others have wired their expressions of sympathy with people of Springhill.

Some generous donations have come to hand.

At a large and influential public meeting called last night in Munton by Mayor Sumner the handsome donation of one thousand dollars was made.

A careful inquest is being held, but those who would know anything about the disaster are all dead.

(The following further details have come by mail.)

SPRINGHILL, Feb. 22.—The details of the awful calamity which occurred here on Saturday show that it was the most disastrous as regards loss of lives that ever happened in the history of Canadian mines, in fact on the continent of America with the exception of the explosion at Southdale, Pa., recently.

The death toll footed up to 120, of which 51 were married men, 161 fatherless children are left.

The explosion happened shortly after the men went to work after taking their dinner. It came so suddenly and without warning that few of the men in the section of the eastern slopes where the disaster occurred escaped, although some of the workmen in the vicinity were at work at the time but those in the other slopes easily made their exit.

The force of the explosion rendered asunder the timber supporting the roof of the eastern slope and allowed it to fall. The colossal weight crashed the boxes, and mutilated men and horses in ghastly manner.

Some of the bodies were so badly torn to pieces that they had to be

GATHERED UP IN BAGS and then conveyed to the surface. They were of course unrecognizable. The men in the other slopes died from suffocation by after-damp, and when found looked as peaceful in the face as though merely sleeping.

The twisted limbs showed that the poor men died in convulsions. The cause of the explosion is not known, but it is thought by some to have been caused by an outbreak of gas which had formed while the men were at their meals.

Another theory is, and it is the most generally accepted, that the cause was due to a blow-out shot in one of the fords. The mine had been inspected on Friday by a government official, and a few days previously by a committee of workmen and pronounced perfectly safe.

Among the dead is a manager Swift but his body will not be recovered till some of the debris is cleared away. Some

MOST MIRACULOUS ESCAPES are recorded. A trapper boy named Tarris was sitting at his door when he saw a flash of flame coming. He dodged under his seat and placed his hands over his face.

His hands and ears were burned and the doors blown on top of him. He was stunned, but got up and ran away before he was smothered.

When a boy named Boston heard of the explosion he rushed away to a place where he knew his brother was working and succeeded in carrying the latter out, although he was unconscious and badly wounded.

As may easily be understood the appalling character of the affair has completely dazed the inhabitants of Spring Hill. Thousands have been flocking to the scene all day from the surrounding country, many because of curiosity but others to lend assistance to the

GRIEF STRICKEN WIDOWS AND ORPHANS and other stunned and bereaved ones. This afternoon it was a gruesome sight to see 40 dead bodies and pieces sufficed to make up a score more lying in a row where found.

There were many frantic women and weeping men searching for their husbands, brothers or sons. Special trains conveyed a score of doctors from the outlying towns to look after the wounded, who number about 50, some of whom are fatally injured.

The enormity of the suffering caused at this season of the year by the loss of so many bread-winners can only be met by prompt and extensive aid, and an appeal has been issued to the generous public of the Canadian and American people.

The damage to property at the works is not great outside the eastern slope, and it will be possible to

RESUME WORK IN A FEW WEEKS. The volunteers to enter the mine to search for victims were many and prompt and their bravery in entering the mine so soon after the disaster occurred is much praised.

Chief Manager Coonan and other officials and members of the mine led the rescue party. The position of about 50 of the dead men showed that they were not killed by the force of the explosion but were overcome by and succumbed to the deadly fire damp which was trying to escape.

Today one meets every where women and children weeping piteously. The deepest gloom has settled over the whole community. There was a public funeral on Tuesday.

SCENES OF THE MINE. Two boys brought up were so badly disfigured as not to be recognizable. The rescuers say a great many horses are killed. The miners who have come up say the levels in the locality of the explosion are blacked with debris, consisting of timber knocked out by the terrible force of the explosion, which was felt above ground.

Manager Swift was seen by some men who have since been taken from the pit and was entering the mine from the pit and was entering the mine from the pit and was entering the mine from the pit.

This was 15 mi. west of the mine. A most sickly sight greeted the rescue party.

John Scott, who descended to the bottom of the eastern slope to assist in the rescue of those who could be reached.

At the bottom of the pit he found two young trappers with their heads blown almost off their bodies, and unrecognizable.

These he brought to the level and again descended the mine, but the black damp struck him and he only escaped with his life.

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The Market Burned.

MONTREAL, Feb. 24.—Bonsecour's market was burned this afternoon.

Prison Life not Agreeable.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Since their imprisonment Dillon and O'Brien have become much broken in health. They are now confined in the infirmary. Messrs. Flynn and Kenny are coming to America to continue the tour.

More Strikers.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Five thousand strikers will go out on a strike to-morrow.

The Fight.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 24.—The political fight is waxing warmer. Both sides are confident of victory. The battle will be very close all along the line.

Modis Vivendi Renewed.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The Government has renewed the Modis Vivendi in regard to fisheries for another year.

Died.

On the 23rd inst., aged 66, Mr. William Brown, deeply lamented. [Funeral will leave his late residence, Fitzroy Street to-day at 12.45, for the Methodist Church and thence by train to Sherwood Cemetery.]

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DETECTIVE STORIES, pack of goods worth \$5, and a large 100p. book of engravings that will help you on the road to a handsome fortune. Send 50 silver, to help pay postage and packing.

A. W. KINNEY, Ch. G., Yarmouth, N. S.

GRAND LIBERAL RALLY

A MASS MEETING

OF THE LIBERAL PARTY

WILL BE HELD IN THE LYCEUM

ON

Nomination Night,

28TH INSTANT

Commencing at 8.

The Meeting will be addressed by Messrs. Davies and Welsh, the Liberal Candidates, and other speakers.

Friends from the country are invited to attend.

THOS. W. DODD, President

H. C. MACDONALD, Secretary

Political Meetings.

SPEAKERS of the Liberal-Conservative Party will address the Electors of Queen's County at the following times and places:

Granville Schoolhouse—Saturday, Feb. 28, at 6 o'clock.

Lake Verde Schoolhouse—Saturday, 28th, at 6 o'clock.

Milton Hall—Saturday 28th, at 6 o'clock.

St. Anne's Schoolhouse—Monday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock.

New Haven Schoolhouse—Monday, 2nd, at 6 o'clock.

Emysale Schoolhouse—Tuesday, 3rd, at 6 o'clock.

Cventish Hall—Tuesday, 3rd, at 6 o'clock.

Montague West Schoolhouse—Tuesday, 3rd, at 1 o'clock.

Point Prim Schoolhouse—Tuesday, 3rd, at 1 o'clock.

Orwell Cove Schoolhouse—Tuesday, 3rd, at 6 o'clock.

Caledonia Schoolhouse—Tuesday, 3rd, at 6 o'clock.

Stanhope Schoolhouse—Tuesday, 3rd, at 1 o'clock.

Tracadie Cross Schoolhouse—Tuesday, 3rd, at 6 o'clock.

Donagh Schoolhouse—Wednesday, 4th, at 1 o'clock.

Albany Plains Schoolhouse—Wednesday, 4th, at 1 o'clock.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

In future the Government Steamer "Stanley" will run during the winter months between Charlottetown and Pictou, while the "John" will continue to run between the island and mainland before the 1st December.

If, however, the Company's boats cannot keep up their regular trips, the "John" will carry the mails between Cape Traverse and Cape Tormentine, so as to give a daily mail to the island throughout the winter.

When the Steamer "Stanley" cannot make return trips between Charlottetown and Pictou, she will return daily to the "John" boat service, at the Cape will be discontinued, so that as far as possible, a daily mail will be conveyed between the mainland and the island during the winter.

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