

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 9, 1881.

Suffering Seamen.

The life of a sailor! Can we who live safe ashore imagine what it is? It has been said that at best the ship is a prison, with a watery grave compassing it on every hand; and the sailor's ordinary every-day duties are necessarily beset with danger and "hard tack."

No man appeals more rightfully to the sympathies of the sympathetic than a maimed sick sailor; and again we have to thank the Charlestown Hospital for saving this community from the sin and shame of continuing to withhold relief from one—perhaps "one of the least"—of these.

We are not disposed to find fault with the officials. They seem to have acted (or rather refused to act) strictly within the limits of their official duty. What we want to say is that if a little more of the spirit of the Good Samaritan were abroad, better accommodation would be provided, and no "rules" would interfere with the prompt admission of the sufferer.

The building known as the Dominion Hospital for Sick Mariners, situated at the eastern end of the city, is a very small institution, so small that it does not afford accommodation for more than five patients. In a port like this, where sick mariners are constantly arriving for treatment, a hospital of larger dimensions should be maintained.

Although these rooms are kept in excellent order—clean, well regulated etc.—they have been time after time, condemned as unfit for hospital purposes.

In it at present are five patients, together with the keeper, his wife and servant. But we are informed, that there have been, as many as ten men under treatment at one time.

Now, it is very clear that a much larger and more suitable building is wanted; and that the rules should be relaxed in such a way that a recurrence here of the experience of the poor Spanish sailor would be impossible.

It seems to us that our citizens should have a first-class General Hospital built in or near the city; and then have the Marine Hospital in connection with it.

The "Charlestown Hospital" is not large enough for the requirements of the Island, nor is it possible to provide accommodation suitable for all the cases which come to be treated in it; and we should "come down handsomely" to aid in the erection of a new building—in which apartments might be obtained for sick mariners.

These latter could be leased to the Dominion Government, and the money thus derived would help to maintain the institution.

By adopting this plan, more room and better accommodation would be provided for patients of both sea and land; and even if a poor wretch of a sailor did happen to be without the certificates required for his admission to the "Marine Hospital," he would be sure at once to obtain succor at the benevolent hands of Madame the Superioress.

Current Bank Notes.

Referring to the Ontario Bank meeting the Toronto Mail says:—"There are some points in Sir Wm. Howland's speech address which deserve notice. His idea that discussion may be prejudicial to the interests of shareholders is suggested by self-interest. Discussion meant exposure to him. It is obvious that there was too little discussion at previous meetings, and that statements were accepted which were incorrect by shareholders who misplaced their confidence in Sir Wm. Howland. His idea of the responsibility of directors is stated as follows:

"It is a mistaken notion, however, in my opinion, to hold that the Board of Directors as ordinarily constituted, and with the remuneration which they receive, can be expected to be fully acquainted with all the details, and to exercise a supervision and direction in regard to the daily transactions which occur."

We venture to dissent very widely from this absurd and untenable position. It may not be necessary that directors should have personal knowledge of the minutest doings of every day's work; but it is essential that they should know the nature of loans made the value of securities offered, the credit of concerns obtaining money, the value of the bank's assets, the measure of its liabilities, and the true position of its profit and loss account. Sir William Howland admits that he received \$4,000 per annum, a very good thing so far as salaries go; he contends that he gave a good deal of his time to the bank's affairs; he asserts that he was placed in office to get business for the bank; yet he confesses that he accepted statements that were delusive; that he trusted everything to a manager whose incompetency, now so plaintively asserted, should at once have been discovered; and that he published highly-coloured statements of the bank's affairs without, in fact, knowing them to be true, and indeed having good reasons to believe that they were delusive. We venture to recommend to his attention the judgments in the case of the Bank of Glasgow. The opinions of the judges regarding the responsibility of bank presidents and directors were somewhat more rigorous than Sir Wm. Howland's views; and in proceedings of a penal character, Canadian judges might astonish Sir Wm. Howland by the strength of their repudiation of his opinions on that subject. We trust that the affairs of the bank will be satisfactorily settled, and that its business may go on prosperous for the future; but we judge that it can only do so when a more scrupulous president is in charge of it, and when the lax notions of Sir Wm. Howland no longer prevail in the management."

NEWS NOTES.

There is one thing I always like about a hen, she don't cackle much until she has laid her egg.—Josh Billings.

The French Minister of Commerce has declared his willingness to remove the embargo on the importation of American pork if the United States institute a trustworthy system of inspection.

The beet root sugar industry is not proving a success in the United States, whatever future it may have in Canada. We notice in a United States exchange that the Sacramento factory has been sold out for \$7,575, or a merely nominal figure compared with what its cost must have been.

An unknown man who had been sitting in the office of the president of the Commercial Bank, Cleveland, about noon on Saturday, picked up a box containing \$117,000 worth of bonds and disappeared with it. The box was not missed for half an hour. Wm. Burke, alias Charles H. Pace, has been arrested as the thief who stole \$117,000.

Preparations are going on in Ontario for a very heavy export of turkeys to England during the winter. A large number has been sent forward already. When our steamship line with Britain gets into regular operation, poultry will become here also an important article of export. With a good market ensured, the Province's poultry production might be greatly extended.

Advices have been received from Ottawa that the movement to carry the Scott Act to the polls in St. John cannot be taken, on account of technical informality in the proceedings. Just what that informality is, has not been clearly indicated, but it would appear that the work of securing the names to the petition has all been in vain, and that the whole thing must be done over again before the vote can be taken.

There is considerable agitation in Scotland on the present condition of agriculture. At a meeting of tenant farmers on Friday, at Kelso, it was resolved that an immediate readjustment of rents and conditions was the only remedy calculated to meet the altered circumstances of the time. It was also declared that no Land Bill would be accepted which did not secure to the tenant a right to bequeath or assign his lease under special circumstances, as well as compensate for improvements and unexhausted manures that may have added to the value of the holding.

The appointment of Gen. Wolsely as adjutant-general was popularly supposed to mean the carrying out of a number of reforms to which the Duke of Cambridge is opposed, but which Hon. Mr. Childers is strongly in favor. To set these rumors at rest, the War office has issued the following official announcement:

"When General Sir Garnet Wolsely succeeds to the adjutant-generalship in April next he will, like his predecessors, transact official business under the authority and responsibility of the commander-in-chief, who is the military adviser of the secretary of State."

Common salt keeps our bodies in health and the ocean clean and pure, it helps to build up our continents, and to water the surface of the earth with refreshing and invigorating showers; it prevents decay and drives away disease; split up into its constituent elements it provides work for thousands; it cleans and beautifies our fabrics of fine linen and cotton; it gives us our snow-white paper, and provides soap for cleansing, and glass for beautifying, and thus enters into every department of human life, carrying cleanliness, health, and wealth, wherever it goes.—Science for All.

GRAZING LAND IN HOLLAND.—England, says Land, does not possess a monopoly of landed depression. Grazing land in Friesland, "the garden of Holland," which a few years ago was worth from 2,500 to 4,000 guilder per hectare (£83 to £135 per acre), and was letting at £6 and £8 per acre, gradually declined in 1879, then fell with amazing rapidity (nearly fifty per cent.), and now from £2 to £3 is the annual rental of this same land. An English agriculturist on the spot says the cause of the depreciation is American produce put upon the market at prices which "stopped all competition."

The promoters, in the Imperial Parliament, of the bill to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister are very much in earnest about the matter. Not satisfied with bringing the bill forward every session and gaining additional adherents, they have hit on the ingenious idea of publishing the names of the numerous persons in all parts of the United Kingdom who are supporters of the movement. The list includes all ranks of the peerage and names illustrative in literature, science, art, manufactures and commerce, and gives strength to the movement by showing how many men of intelligence and judgment are in favor of the proposed law.

The Nova Scotia Government are about completing negotiations with a powerful syndicate to take over the provincial railways and work them. The chief feature in the arrangements is to complete the column of the railway system through Cape Breton to Louisbourg, and westward to Yarmouth. This is a most important work for the Province, and is certain to result in the increased development of the mining interests of Cape Breton especially. We understand that to the active efforts of Sir Charles Tupper these arrangements are largely due. Their completion will make another of the many services the Minister of Railways has rendered to his native Province.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, December 9—10 a. m. Moderate to fresh southwest to west-southwest winds; fair weather.

The Grit party have a policy. A subscriber to the Montreal Times, a plain farmer at Batesville, Kent County, writes: "I do not think the Blake party get justice done when they say they have no platform or policy. They have a policy. It is that of grumbling and fault-finding with anything and everything. They don't like surpluses; they don't like duties, nor are they satisfied that the duties should be taken off tea and coffee."

The only place on P. E. Island, where you can get every part of a gun made, is at Brown's Shop, corner of Prince and Grafton Streets.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of yesterday, the publication, by direction of the Mayor, of a number of letters, and among them two of my own. In taking the most extraordinary course of publishing my private letters, Mr. Dawson must have a strong motive. Does he wish to lay any charge against any of the parties mentioned? If so let him state those charges explicitly. I am yours truly, F. P. TAYLOR.

SHIP NEWS.

HALIFAX, Dec. 7

Ar sche Alpha, Ganion, Charlestown; Onward, Squarebridge, New London; Swan, Skinner, Finette; Lord, McDonald, Souris. C. M. A. Starr, Room, Ch'town. New York, 4, ar sch W H Hatfield, Terrio, P E I via Halifax.

Philadelphia, 8, ar sch Winnifred, from Montague. Fortress Munroe, 2, passed in sch Knight Templar, Downie, from Murray Harbor, for Baltimore.

Lunenburg, N S, 29th ult, ar sch Petrel, Lohnes, P E Island; 30th ult, Jessen Smeitzer, do.

Gloucester, Mass, 5, sch Moro Castle, Nass, P E I.

New Bedford, 4, ar sch Eugene, McMillan, McPhee, Ch'town.

Providence, R I, 3, ar sch C Graham, King, Summerside.

MARRIED.

At Rustico, 22nd Nov., by the Rev. Pius McPhee, Joseph MacAleer, to Maggie Carr, both of Hope River.

DIED.

At Sea Cow Pond, 22nd ult., Charles McCarthy, Esq., aged 66 years.

VALUABLE

Household Furniture,

HORSE, COW, CARRIAGES,

Sleighs, Robes, Yacht, Boats, Canoes, &c.

I WILL sell AT AUCTION, at the late residence of J. R. BRECKEN, Esq., Water Street (West End), on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY NEXT, 14th and 15th inst., at 11 o'clock, all his valuable Household Furniture, Carriages, Sleighs, Yacht, Boat, Canoes, Horse, Cow, &c., in order as follows:

On Wednesday, at 11 o'clock,

1 good Driving Horse, 1 Cow, 1 Top Buggy, 1 Basket Phaeton, 1 Single Sleigh, Wolf, Bear and Buffalo Robes, Harness, Horse Clothing and Stable appointments, pair of Carriage Lamps, Gent's Riding Saddle and Bridle, Ladies' Side Saddle and Bridle, 1 Yacht, with Sails and Outfit complete, 1 Row Boat and oars, 1 Rob-Roy Canoe, with paddles, sails, life preservers, &c., complete, 1 Birch Bark Canoe, Ropes, Blocks, Chains, Boat Hooks, Oars, &c., &c.; 1 Breach Loading Gun, Leather Case, lot Cartridges, Shells, Game Bag, Fishing Gear, &c., 1 Pump and Hose, 1 Lawn mower, Garden Seat, 1 Chest of Tools, Garden Tools, 2 Flower Stands, and numerous other articles.

On Thursday, 15th, at 11 o'clock,

All the Valuable Household Furniture, consisting of 1 Wal. and Green Satin Repp Suit, Wal. Centre and Side Tables, Large Marble Mirror, Marble and Gilt 8-day Clock, Pictures, Statuary, Satin Repp Curtains, Brussels and Tapestry Carpets, Wal. Ext. Dining Table, Wal. Side Board (Mirror Top), Wal. and Leather Seat Chairs, Easy Chairs, Sofa, Cane Seat, Rockers and Small Chairs, 1 large Silver Epergne, Decanters, Glassware, 1 Dinner Set, 1 Dessert Set, Tea and Breakfast Sets, Case of Birds, Music Box, Book Case and Escritoire, Book Shelves, 2 Oak and Wal. Trimmed Bedroom Suits, Iron and Wooden Bedsteads, Lounge, Toilet Sets, Mattresses, Blankets, Sheets, Counterpanes, Lace Curtains, Chests, Drawers, Wardrobes, Nursery Swing, etc., Hall and Kitchen Furniture, etc. Terms—All sums under \$50 cash on delivery, over that sum, a credit of three months, on approved joint notes.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

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CITIZENS' INSURANCE CO., OF CANADA.

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Risks taken in the above Company at moderate rates. (Farm Property and Isolated Dwellings a speciality.) Policies issued in office at Charlestown. Losses settled promptly and liberally.

A. S. URQUHART, General Agent for P. E. I. Ch'town, Dec. 9, 1881—14a

DAMAGED TEA.

I AM instructed to sell BY AUCTION, on

MONDAY, 12th inst.,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

for the benefit of all concerned, at the Customs Appraisers' Office, Water Street,

10 half-chests Black Tea, } in bond. 25 boxes Black Tea, }

Ex S. S. Columbia from London to Halifax A. McNEILL, Auct'r. Dec. 7, '81—4i

Bank of P. E. Island.

NOTES of the above Bank taken at their face for Goods or Book Debts.

BOURKE, SON & CO., City Hardware Store. Nov. 28, 1881—dly 2w

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CHRISTMAS

-AND-

NEW YEAR'S

IN order that all our customers may be able to have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR, we are prepared to supply them with a

CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF HOLIDAY REQUIREMENTS!

COMPRISING IN PART:

200 Boxes, Halves and Quarters Valentia and Layer Raisins, Currants, Spices, Essences, Candied Peel, Confectionery, Almonds, Nuts; Canned Goods, in Peaches, Pine Apple; Salmon, Lobster, Sardines, Corned Beef, Green Peas, Boston Baked Beans, Bloater Paste, Pickles, Sauces, Tomato Catsup, Macaroni, Vericelli, Tapioca, Sago, Chocolate, Broma, Cocoa, Lemon, Raspberry and other Syrups; Apples, Onions, Cheese; Plain, Fruit and Fancy Biscuits; Honey, Hominy, Prepared Cocoanut, Manioca, Corn Starch, Mustard, Vinegar, Split Peas, Beans, Pearl Barley, Rice, &c., &c.

Tea of Choice Quality, at 36 & 38 cts. per lb.

Coffee, Pure Java and Jamaica, Fresh Ground Every Day.

Sugars, Molasses and Golden Syrup.

Flour, Corn and Oatmeal, Warranted Superior Quality.

In GLASSWARE and LAMPS, we are offering Special Inducements during the Holidays, and can show some really nice Goods, in Handsome Vases, Candlesticks, Hall, Library and Table Lamps, Boquet Holders, Table Sets, Celery and Pickle Holders, &c., &c. A few sets Covered Pitchers.

The Largest and Cheapest Assortment of Looking Glasses in the City.

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Table and Dinner Knives and Plated Forks, Carvers and Forks, Pocket Knives, Butter Knives, Cook's Knives, Bread Knives and Platters, Tea, Dessert and Table Spoons, Cruet Stands, Napkin Rings, Jelly and Pudding Moulds, Tea Trays, Toast Forks and Racks, Egg Boilers, Table Bells, Egg Beaters, Patty Pans, Pie Plates, Ladles, Basting Spoons, Potato Pounders, Rolling Pins, Lemon Squeezers, Cork Screws, &c., &c.

A few Handsome Bath Room Sets and Slop Pails, Umbrella Stands, Coal Hods, Crystal Stove Boards, Hearth and other Brushes, Skates, Whips, Sleigh Bells, a choice lot; Brackets, Lamp and Bird Cage Hooks, Stair Rods.

SHOVELS, FORKS, AXES, HALTERS, LANTERNS, &c., &c.

BUCKETS, TUBS, BROOMS, BASKETS, SNOW SHOVELS AND CHILDREN'S SLEIGHS.

Parlor, Hall and Cook Stoves and Stovepipe. A few Farmers' Boilers yet on hand.

TEN TONS BAR IRON AND STEEL.

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HENRY BEER.

Cheapside, Opposite the Market, Dec. 8, 1881.—2aw & w

MUSICAL AND LITERARY

Entertainment

V. M. C. A. HALL,

Monday Evening, 12th inst.

PROGRAMME.

Instrumental—Overture—"La Souveraine," Orchestra

Chorus—"Merrily Rolls the Mill Stream" on."

Recitation—"Agnes E. Dugherly" Solo—"Harrah Waite"

Duet—"Little Bright Eyes," Hettie and Daisy Lewis

Reading—"The Doctor's Story," Florrie Love

Solo—"Jack o' Hazeldean," Miss M. Crable

Duet—"Sliding Down the Hill on a sled," J. and M. Knight

Recitation—"The Christmas Dinner," Tilly Ferguson

Chorus—"Hark the Merry Christmas Bells," Tommy James

Recitation—"Susie's Pet," Tommy James

PART II.

Instrumental—Selections from Poet and Peasants," Orchestra

Chorus—"Giving," Miss M. Crable

Solo—"Little Birdie's Song," Hettie Lewis

Recitation—"The Parson's Daughter," Florrie Love

Piano Solo—"Old Black Joe," with variations, Miss Ella Palmer

Recitation—"Woman's Rights," J. Knight, Jr

Solo—"Flow gently, sweet Afton," Mr. Reid

Recitation—"The Philosopher's Scale," Herbert Clarke

Chorus—"The German Student's Song," Instrumental—"Den Sorgen Trotz Waltzes," Orchestra

God Save the Queen.

Doors open at half-past seven; commence at 8 o'clock. Admission only 10 cents. Dec. 9, 1881.

FANCY SALE

AND TEA,

IN AID OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING FUND,

will be held in the

MARKET HALL,

Wednesday, 21st December.

The Sale will begin at 2 p. m. Tea on the Tables at 5 1/2 o'clock. Refreshments during the afternoon and evening.

Admission to Hall 10 cents. Tea 25 cents. Tickets can be procured at W. B. Watson's, Apothecaries Hall, C. D. Rankin's, from either of the undersigned, and at the door.

Donations towards either Sale or Tea will be thankfully received by

Mrs. George Davies, Mrs. F. Lawson, Mrs. James Dugherly, Miss M. Currie, Mrs. D. G. McDonald, Miss Mary Davies, Mrs. S. McRae, Miss Jessie Scott, Ch'town, Dec. 9, '81.

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BELL ORGANS,

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GENERAL SERVANT wanted in a small family. Good wages. Apply at this office. [de 6

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WANTED, by a lady, a situation as daily or resident Governess or companion. Address T. A., Post Office Box 88, city. [de 2 3i

WANTED—A Cabinet Maker, also a Boy to learn the business. Apply to Alex. McPHAIL, Furniture Factory, Montague Bridge. [de 1 wly

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, an elderly NURSE, to take charge of an infant. Good references required. Apply to Mrs. E. R. FITZGERALD, Knocknour. [no 25

TO LET—A valuable Business Stand in Norris East, consisting of a Shop, Dwelling House, Warehouse and Stable. Possession given immediately, if required. For terms apply to R. BRIDGETT, Bridgetown, P. E. I. [no 24 1m

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