

Local and Other News.

No mails crossing to-day. HOCKEY and Band at the rink to-night. No special train to Cape Traverse to-night. Two Scott Act cases will be tried on Monday. DRUNKENNESS is beginning to appear again. Our Inspectors should be more watchful. UNQUESTIONABLY, the Diamond Bookstore has the grandest and cheapest Book Paper in the city. The opportunity for getting bargains at J. C. Sprague & Co's Book Store will soon be over. Don't fail to call. The Charlottetown Business College will be opened on Monday, March 23rd, in the new rooms, in Brown's Block. SIR RICHARD TEMPLE is of opinion that any massing of troops by Russia was meant not for India, but for Constantinople. The gross receipts of the concert on St. Patrick's night, amounted to the handsome sum of two hundred and four dollars. The subject of to-morrow evening's lecture at St. Peter's Church will be "Considerations on the Atonement and Eternal Punishment." SIR JOHN MACDONALD has promised to appeal to the Imperial Government to send war ships for the protection of the British possessions on the Pacific coast. AFTER a somewhat lengthy debate last evening, the C. L. U. came to the conclusion that a Protective Tariff was more beneficial to Canada than a Revenue Tariff. The Union Furniture Factory, at Bass River, Colchester, N. S., was burned on the 18th inst. Loss \$22,000; no insurance. Fifty men are thrown out of work. SOME Maritime Province members had an interview in Ottawa on the 18th inst., with Spencer Jones about the West Indies trade. He quoted the statistics of the value of trade with Jamaica and suggested reciprocity of trade relations in natural products. The divers still at work on the ill-fated steamer Daniel Steinmann, report that some of the bodies of the passengers are yet in the ship. One in particular, that of a young girl, can be seen jammed in such a manner that it sways to and fro from the action of the sea, but cannot be extricated from its position. A LEADING member of Parliament on the Conservative side being asked at the St. James Club, London, for his views on England's troubles, stroked his blond beard and simply said, "Oh for one hour of Beaconsfield at this crisis!" To which a liberal member hard by, who had been a diplomatic attaché, added, "Rather say fifteen minutes of Palmerston!" SERGEANT JOHN ALLAN will conclude his "Reminiscences of Active Service" in the Crimean War, with particular reference to the Battle of Inkerman and the storming of the Malakoff and Redan, next Tuesday evening, in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock by Major Irving. Members of the militia in uniform will be admitted free, and are invited to take seats on the platform. THREE seats in the House of Commons are now vacant—St. John City and County, in consequence of the death of Mr. Barpe, Liberal; West Northumberland, Ont., as the result of the unseating of Mr. Gallant, Conservative; and Levis, Que., Mr. Belleau, Conservative; also unseated. Guillet's majority at the last general election was 5, while Belleau had a majority of 848 over his opponent. MR. JAMES A. FRASER, Druggist, Summerside, has, we are pleased to learn, escaped from the effects of the recent Capes disaster with the loss of one toe. The right great toe was yesterday morning amputated at the lowest joint. Mr. Fraser stood the operation like a brick, and held his foot while the amputation was performed. In a few weeks he will be as well as ever, with the exception of suffering a little inconvenience from the loss of his right great toe. MR. ROBERT HARRIS' studio was literally crowded with visitors on the afternoon of Friday and Saturday. His paintings were much admired. The portrait of Mr. Andrew Allan is an excellent likeness and its merits as a work of art are great. There was beside it a portrait of Mrs. Allan taken from a photograph—a beautiful painting and said to be very like the original. Mr. Harris is an artist whose reputation is growing. The more his works are seen the more highly are they prized.—Montreal Herald.

The Oratorio Concert. Out of question, the Oratorio Club Concert of last evening is the best that has been given in Charlottetown for many years. The music chosen was of a higher class than we are accustomed to hear; and the execution in the main was exceedingly creditable. To those who know Messiah, it would have been more pleasing if the selections had been given in the order in which they stand in that noble oratorio; but perhaps that was not possible. The programme began with a very pleasing march, which was followed by the chorus "Lift up your heads." Of all the choruses, this was undoubtedly the best. The tune was capital, and the spirit well sustained. The word "glory" jarred somewhat on a musical ear. It was pronounced in true Island style, as though it were spelled "glaury." If there was a fault, it was that the voices were too loud, and the last chorus "Worthy is the Lamb," was unpleasantly so. The string quartette from Glock, was spoiled by a wheezy bass viol, and from the same cause the selection from Mendelssohn, was completely ruined. Mr. Earle played the accompaniment to the exquisite air from Theodora in a perfunctory manner, with little regard for the sentiment of the song; but Mr. Fletcher's rendering of the air itself was beautiful, both in execution and expression. Mr. Fletcher has played "Angels Ever Bright" before, and we venture to say that those who have heard it on other occasions enjoyed it all the more on this. And here let us say a word as to repetitions. It is too much the fashion in Charlottetown to despise what has been sung or played before, while a true musical taste delights the more in a piece of good music the more it grows familiar. Music like Handel's, or Beethoven's or Mozart's can only be appreciated when every note has worked itself into our hearts with its own meaning and its own message; and Charlottetown audiences will only learn to love the best music by learning to know it. The grand Te Deum was perhaps the weakest part of the programme. The music did not rise to the dignity of the words; and we cannot but question the taste which could select this and the Ave Verum, so nicely sung by Miss Hickey, as matter for even a Sacred Concert. These great hymns are the highest expression of Christian devotion, and cannot be degraded when sung in a concert room, however brilliant the rendering may be. The famous Silver Trumpets, with its memories of St. Peter's at Rome, was well given on the pi-no, though the violin and cornet were not up to the mark. It is to be regretted that Mrs. Roome, to whom we are indebted for many fine vocal contributions, did not bring out the wonderful beauty of "O, Thou That Tellect," as it might have been brought out. It was sung too slowly and uncertainly, though the chorus was good. Those who were not familiar with "He Shall Feed his Flock," might have enjoyed Mr. Vinnicombe's solo; but to one acquainted with the words, and music, and meaning, the enjoyment was not pure. Mr. Vinnicombe plays with a bold disregard for what the composer intended which one is tempted to admire. He is also developing an untidy habit of slurring from one note to another in a way very unpleasant to a cultivated ear. The phrase "Rest unto your souls," with which his solo sublimely concludes, was terribly marred by an erroneous attempt at greater expression, when the passionless simplicity of the music itself is its own greatest charm. Mr. Fletcher's playing in "Thou Didst not Leave," was not as good as in his solo, but it was better than the accompaniment which was very laborious. It was interesting, however, to note how the grand music triumphed over all obstacles. Prof. Cavan's bass solo, from the Stabat Mater, was in many respects the piece of the evening. We have never before heard Pro Pectus sung just in that way, and we are bound to confess that we do not believe Prof. Cavan carried out the idea of his composer.

The idea there is that of intense solemnity which only a bass voice can give. But Prof. Cavan's rendering was not solemn; it was bold, strong, almost heroic; but there was no awe-stricken grief in it. He was better, however, when it came to "Mortendo Desolatum"—those words that almost seem alive. In the line, "Dum Enisist Spiritum," he divided the second word in a way not sanctioned by music or elocution; but the grand burst in the four or five notes on Spiritum made up for all shortcomings. In conclusion we must thank Mr. Earle for his choruses. Of the labor spent on them none but a musical man has any notion; and generally such labor is a thankless task. But in this case Mr. Earle deserves sincere gratitude, and we can only beg him to let us hear them again and again until we have all grown familiar with them. THERE is no little excitement on the line of the Cork and Brandon Railway to-day, says a despatch of the 18th inst., occasioned by the finding of the bodies of two men, who had been frightfully hacked to death by knives, and were then thrown across the tracks to be mangled beyond recognition. The unfortunate men had evidently been engaged in a terrible struggle with their assailants. The tragedy is surrounded with mystery. A CENTENARIAN.—Matthew McKewen, of Passboro, N. S., a native of Ireland, was 100 years old on the 23rd of February last. He has 11 children, 62 grandchildren, 113 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. His wife died at the age of 85. He is strong and hearty, and reads the finest print without spectacles. He has been in this country 35 years. RINDERPEST.—A special despatch from Paris, Ill., on the 16th inst., says:—"A disease among a herd of cattle belonging to a wealthy farmer near Tower Hill, nine miles east of here has been pronounced the genuine rinderpest, by a reputable veterinary surgeon who has been doctoring the animals. Five men had died of about thirty sick ones. The doctor pronounces the others to be out of danger."

Horsford's Acid Phosphate. FOR WAKEFULNESS. Dr. Wm. P. Clothier, Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I prescribed it for a Catholic priest, who was a hard student, for wakefulness, extreme nervousness, etc. He reports great benefit."

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