

Local and Other Items.

It is reported that Prussia is about to purchase H. B. ... Mrs. Scott Siddons will read at Quebec on the 10th and 11th inst. It takes \$1,000 per year to keep the streets of Montreal clear of snow in winter. The business portion of Lee, Mass., was destroyed by fire on the 2d inst. Loss, \$116,000. It is again reported that the Duke of Connaught will be appointed Viceroy of Ireland. It is reported that a basis of agreement between Bismarck and the Vatican has been attained. There was a large attendance at the market to-day. Sales were brisk, and prices are looking upwards. The New York Tribune repeats a rumor, which it says is not generally credited, that Jay Gould has failed. Messrs. J. W. and John Hughes provide teams to convey passengers between County Line and Cape Traverse. ALL PERSONS interested in the formation of a Musical Society in this City are requested by Mr. Earle to meet in St. Paul's Schoolroom on Monday evening at eight o'clock. YESTERDAY afternoon, a cow passing the railway crossing on lower St. Peter's Road, was struck by a locomotive and instantly killed. The "Northern Light" left Georgetown yesterday on an exploring expedition, with a view of finding a more suitable landing place on the mainland than Picton. It is feared before next year half the inhabitants of the southern provinces of Morocco will have perished by starvation and disease on account of the scarcity caused by last year's drought. OVER 1,400 laborers are employed in the construction of the Quebec Loop Line, which will, when completed, extend from the north shore depot to deep water, and it is expected that freight cars will pass over this branch about next May. A revolver shot was heard on Prince Street last night, between nine and ten o'clock. We hear it was fired—for a lark—close to the ears of one of the residents of that vicinity who, having a very nervous system, fell to the ground with fright. Let us see: Is the Blake Act not in force in this Province? The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Summerside Bank, was held at their banking rooms on Tuesday. The "Journal" says the business done by the bank this year was something smaller than that of last, but, notwithstanding this fact, we are happy to be able to state that the bank is in a sound financial condition. The small pox seems to have become an institution at Lachine, Montreal, with which the people do not appear willing to part, judging from the intercourse that exists between infected and healthy families. Within the limits of one hundred yards seven children died recently of the disease, yet nothing was done. The people of Blooming Point are petitioning for the establishment of a post office at Mr. Charles C. McDonald's. As they have now to go to Tracadie Cross—a distance of about six miles—and as there are about fifty families who desire the accommodation, we presume the prayer of the petition will be granted. It is understood in well-informed circles that Mr. Collingwood Schreiber, C. E., continues chief engineer of the Intercolonial railway. Mr. David Pottinger, at present general store-keeper, becomes chief superintendent; Mr. George Taylor, formerly superintendent of Nova Scotia railways, and lately in the Grand Trunk service, becomes head of the freight department; Geo. P. Black, late agent of the Grand Trunk Co. in this city, will be travelling agent of the Intercolonial. On Tuesday a fellow by the name of Hennessy entered the waiting room of the Railway Station, at Kensington, in a state of intoxication, and, without the slightest provocation, kicked the Station Office door open, smashed several panes of glass, and undertook to also smash the head of the Station Master. In this, however, he did not succeed, as several persons, with a constable, interfered, and prevented him from doing further damage. Not being in a fit condition to answer for his disorderly conduct before a magistrate on that day, he was handcuffed, brought to Summerside and lodged in jail. On Wednesday he was taken back to Kensington, and tried before Justices Sharp and Tuplin—Journal. A MAN named Peter Ferguson entered the store of Beer & Sons yesterday afternoon. He fitted himself with a pair of boots, put his old ones aside, told the clerk who attended him that he would not pay for the new ones, and left the shop despite all efforts to detain him. Officers McGregor and Warren, who were passing that way at the time, were informed of the occurrence. They captured Ferguson and brought him to the police station, where they attempted to take the boots off his foot. He made a lively resistance, and the police experienced great difficulty in recovering the boots. At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this morning he appeared to answer to the charge of larceny, and was remanded to jail for eight days.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Reported Changes in the Civil Service. Civil War Imminent in Australia. GENERAL NEWS. OTTAWA, Feb. 6. It is said that the Government contemplates inaugurating a system of State Insurance by which the families of the public employees will be provided for in the most economical and effective way, and in a manner much more satisfactory than the present method of superannuation. The Minister of Internal Revenue is besieged with applications for the Collectorship of Montreal. It is generally thought that either F. J. Brady or David Sinclair will receive the appointment. LONDON, Feb. 6. The Viceroy of India telegraphs that Yakoob Khan has ceased shelling Kisilbish—a portion of Cabul—because of the threats of a general uprising. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 6. Four more fatal cases of plague are reported at Seliterno. PARIS, Feb. 6. The Moniteur says that Denmark intends applying at Berlin for an equitable settlement of the Schleswig Holstein matter, and, in event of a refusal, will appeal to the Powers. MELBOURNE, Feb. 6. Advices from Samoa report that a civil war is imminent. For the Examiner. In Autumn. Sadly the autumn showers descend, And gurgling streamlets thread the plain; O'er the grey waste the chill winds sigh, As some worn sufferer, faint with pain, Slow dying on a lonely bed— Too weak to hope, too weak to pray— Moans as he turns his fading face, And sighs his soul away. Far round the sombre mists are spread; They dull the throbbing of the sea. Stain the bleak moors and veil the woods That cluster on the distant sea; And, fatal as the python's breath When writhing 'neath Apollo's dart, They cling in poisoning folds around And coil within the heart. And through the mazy vapors rise The beckoning shades from other years, Old friends whose laughter now is spent, Who quaff the dregs of life in tears; And o'er the flowerless paths of earth, Once glad with mirth and bright with song, The ghostly visions of the past In pale procession sweep along. They sweep along, nor longer stay. The phantom joys that bid me here— A straggler in life's harvest field When all his comrades disappear. Oft, as the silence deeper falls, Remote he hears the vanished band And their faint music's fitful swell Sounds hollow through the darkened land.

Shipping News.

Arrived at New York, 1st inst., schooner C. B. Jones, Snow, from Souris, P. E. I. Spoken, Dec. 20th, lat. 6 N., lon. 25, sehr. Arctic (of P. E. Island), from Felcherry for Bordeaux—71 days out. Died. At the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. James Sherren, Crapaud, on the 1st inst., Thomas Kearns, aged 91 years. The deceased took his demit from the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Encampment of Knight Templars, at Grey Abbey, County Down, Ireland, forty five years ago. He was buried with Masonic honors, under the direction of the W. M. and brethren of True Brothers' Lodge, Tryon, in St. John's Churchyard, Crapaud. At Bedeque, on the 29th ult., of cancer in the breast, William Schurman, Esq., J. P., aged 64 years; and on the 1st inst., Sophia Schurman, his wife, aged 63 years. They were both buried on the 3rd inst. in the same grave. Mrs. Schurman was the only sister of Mr. P. Schurman, Point du Chene.

Special Notices.

For the Skating Carnival, Domino and bright gauze masks, at Hazzard & Bookstore.—3 in. TEN barrels Fresh Oysters by rail to-day. Step into the BEEHIVE and get a boss Stew.—3i VALENTINES, new style, for 1879, at Hazzard's Bookstore, Queen Square, West.—3i VALENTINES have just arrived at Kent Street Book and Stationery Store. Nice Scented Satchels. Between Great George and Prince Streets, near Mr. Sellar's Grocery. Feb. 7— S. T. NEMES. CUTLER'S POCKET INHALERS cure Catarrh Bronchitis, Asthma, Hoarseness, and all diseases of the throat and lungs. Sold at the Apothecaries' Hall. Jan 24—tf WHERE can you get the best Boots and Shoes for the least money? At Gass' Buy your Flour at Beer & Goff's. GOLDEN SYRUP, 10c. a pint, at Beer and Goff's.

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July 3, 1878— NO LONGER AGENT! Our Agreement with W. H. OLIVE, of St. John, N. B., has this day terminated by mutual consent. In the meantime, parties desiring Machinery can obtain information from us direct, or through AMOS FISHER, Truro, N. S., or JOHN WELSH, St. Martin's, N. B. PRICES REDUCED! Great Improvements in our SAWS IRON—PORTABLE GRIST MILLS—PORTABLE SAW MILLS. Address— WATERLOUS ENGINE WORKS CO., Brantford, Canada. April 17 1878.

Executors' Notice. THE undersigned Executors of the Estate of Ralph Brecken Peake, late of Charlottetown, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, merchant, deceased, hereby notify all persons indebted to the said Estate to make immediate payment to them; and all persons having any claims against the said Estate are hereby required to render the same to the undersigned, duly attested, within one year from date. Dated this twenty-first day of January, A. D., 1879. EDWARD J. HODGSON, GEORGE W. DEBLOIS, THOS. HANDRAHAN, Executors. Jan. 21, 1879. r g 3m

Grand Division S. of T. THE GRAND DIVISION of P. E. Island will—weather permitting—meet in Quarterly Session at Hamilton, Lot 19, on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at 2 p. m., sharp. Those Divisions that have not yet sent in Reports, etc., for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1878, are urgently requested to do so immediately. Certificates, entitling the holders thereof to attend said meeting and return at a single fare for each, can be had on application to J. BARRETT COOPER, G. Scribe. Ch'town, Feb. 5—wkly & s j li

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