

Local and Other Items.

The mails crossed from Cape Traverse to-day, but not from Cape Tormentine.

The Bridgewater, N. S., Times has discovered a stove one hundred and thirty-five years of age.

The steamer Summerside, Capt. A. Cameron, left for Pictou this afternoon with freight and passengers.

There are forty-six persons confined in the St. John, N. B., jail at present, only two of whom are debtors.

It is rumored that J. E. B. McCready will shortly assume the editorial management of a new evening paper in St. John.

RHEUMATISM and Catarrh, caused by poor or corrupted blood, are cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

The rates of taxation in Halifax for 1884 is \$1.10, the lowest in ten years—made up as follows: County, 8 cts.; schools, 32 cts.; city, 70 cts.

REMEMBER the meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association to be held this evening at 8 o'clock, in the basement parlor of the Y. M. C. A.

MR. A. MCKINNON—not of Esdale Foundry—was maddenedly assaulted at Indian town, N. B., a few nights ago. He received a serious bullet wound in the head.

A LONDON despatch states that the steamship Faraday cleared for Nova Scotia on the 16th. It carries the first instalment of the Mackay-Bennett cable, 1,100 miles in length.

FLOWER SEEDS.—My Flower Seeds are from the well-known house of James Vick, of Rochester, N. Y., and are all fresh. I have a large stock of all the best varieties.—GEORGE CARTER, Great George Street.

JOSEPH McALEER was arraigned before the Stipendiary Magistrate this forenoon for stealing a quantity of kindling wood from the North American Hotel property. The evidence being insufficient, the case was dismissed.

The Mississippi River has commenced to fall, and the chances are that it will recede sufficiently in a few days to allow work to be resumed on the inundated plantations. The buffalo gnats continue to create havoc with stock. Thousands of cattle and other stock have perished from their poisonous bites.

The Lighthouse at Summerside is threatened with destruction. The ice is piled high upon the breakwater, and if a heavy gale comes up much damage will be done. Mr. Walsh, the Keeper, did not think it safe to stay at the Lighthouse last night and abandoned it. Mr. Lord left this afternoon to examine the works.

SEEDS.—For early sowing and hot-beds. Beet, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Celery, Cress, Cucumber, Leek, Melon, Mustard, Lettuce, Onion, Parsnip, Parsley, Peas, Pepper, Radish, Pumpkin, Squash, Spinach, Tomato. 32 page Cat. loose free. Call for it.—GEORGE CARTER, Seedman, Great George Street.

It is said that William Walsh, Esq., has made application to the Court to be allowed a hearing to show the cause why the compromise that was made, with the consent of the judge, between the Directors and the liquidators of the Bank of P. E. Island, should be set aside. The Judge has, we understand, appointed a day on which to hear the case.

A NUMBER of Citizens complain that the watermen do not give attention to the cleanliness of their carts. As a consequence the water sold by them is impure. We are informed by a gentleman, that the water left at his residence yesterday was so impure that it was unfit for use. He was unfortunate enough to drink of it, and it sickened him. His servant also suffered from the bad effects of a drink of the same water. This being the case we think the water and carts should receive attention from the proper authorities.

A SINGULAR DISAPPEARANCE.—A few days ago two young men arrived here from Bridgewater, N. S., and put up at a private boarding house. In the evening one of the young men expressed his intention of having a stroll about town and left the house. After an absence of about an hour he returned to the boarding house and asked his friend to lend him \$180, explaining that he intended to purchase some of the bogus money made by the North Star Company. He received the money and started out again. As he did not return his friend became uneasy about him and commenced searching for him but without avail. The young man who had been so badly taken in remained in the city for several days hoping that his friend would turn up, but was at length obliged to return to his home without either his friend or his money.—St. John Sun.

MISS BERTHA GRACE BOYD, daughter of the light keeper at Spruce Point, St. Croix River, N. B., has been presented with a gold watch by the Government. This modern Grace Darling seems to deserve it. Here is the cause assigned by the St. Stephen Courier: On a dark night in October, of 1882, loud calls for help were heard by occupants of the light keeper's house at Spruce Point. The inmates, the mother and two daughters, were aroused and hurrying forth, launched the boat that was lying on the bank. The mother and elder daughter became terrified when the shore was reached and would go no further. Miss Bertha herself embarked and, seizing the oars, rowed to the rescue. About half a mile of water had to be traversed before the drowning men, who were clinging to the bottom of their overturned boat in a nearly exhausted condition, were reached. They were safely hauled into the rescuer's boat, taken to the shore and cared for.

NOT ALL "P. E. IS."—The proprietor of a large woodmen's boarding house says too much of the howling, growling and breaking of noses is laid to the natives of P. E. Island and states that the P. E. Islanders are mad about it. The New Brunswickers, he claims, are fully as noisy, and perhaps worse, than the Islanders, and can hold more rum and yet be able to tell the sun from the moon. The boarding house keeper says lots of good men come from P. E. Island, but with the wheat comes the chaff, etc., as a matter of course, and the chaff, as Gus Williams would say, "gits der whole name a bad place." It is probable that not many people could distinguish between a New Brunswicker and a P. E. Islander, but all Provincials have come to be called "P. E. I. boys," just because it is a handy name. While no injustice is intended by press or public to the decent, peaceable Provincials who come here, the actions of the majority have given the impression generally that the labors of the Salvation Army are sadly needed in Bangor when "the men come out" or "the logs come down."—Daily Commercial.

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POTATOES are selling in North Sydney at 35 cents.

SENATORS HAYTHORNE and Montgomery, arrived home from Ottawa this evening.

This foreign mails were forwarded to the Northern Light by regular train this evening. She leaves for Pictou to-morrow morning.

The Northern Light arrived in Georgetown this forenoon. A special train was despatched to take her passengers to this city. It arrive here at twenty minutes to five o'clock.

THAT part of Water Street near the Railway House requires to be drained. The stench arising from the gutter in front of Mr. Bolger's to-day, is abominable. The City Surveyor should see to this matter.

A FULL attendance of the members of Metropolitan Lodge No. 1, I. O. G. T. is requested at Scott's Hall, this (Thursday) evening at eight o'clock, for election of officers. By order of W. C. T.—PERCY CRAWFORD, Secretary.

THE six days horse versus bicycle tournament, riding 12 horses per day, terminated at San Francisco, on the 20th, at one o'clock. Anderson had a change of 15 hours and John D. Prince and Miss Armando alternately on bicycles. The latter two made 1,078 miles, the best score on record, beating Hersey's by a mile and a quarter.

THE Montreal Gazette says: Owing to more liberal supplies of refined sugar, prices here have further receded, the sale of a large quantity of granulated being reported at 7 1/2c, but quotations for ordinary size lots are 7 1/2c to 7 3/4c. We understand the St. Lawrence sugar refinery is already in the field again offering samples. Yellows are easier.

A MAN by the name of Adam McKeen, has been lost in the woods between Sheet Harbor and Caledonia. He belongs to the neighborhood of Cross Roads, St. Mary's. A party of men have been out searching, but so far without avail. It is conjectured that he may either have got off the track or gone through the ice or some lake.—New Glasgow Chronicle.

DANIEL CAMPBELL, an old gentleman, residing near Millfield, Ohio, on Monday climbed a tree to the height of nearly 60 feet, and, perching himself on a limb, gave several wild screams, and hurled himself headlong to the ground. He was picked up a mass of mangled flesh and bones by several friends who witnessed his horrible leap.

MRS. PEMBERTON, a lady who was going from Ohio after an absence of several years to visit friends at Shubencadee, died on the I. C. R. train on Friday, just before reaching her destination, and the friends assembled to welcome her after a long and tedious journey were horrified to find only her corpse. She had been somewhat unwell, and her illness was aggravated by the long ride in the cars.

THE London Times says Henry M. Stanley has resolved before leaving Africa, to break up entirely new ground and solve the problem which will excite the gratitude of geographers. He intends to reach from the Congo country one of the Egyptian stations in the Mombutter country, on the Willemanka river. This is the task General Gordon was intended to attempt before he was diverted to Khartoum.

A LIFE BOAT service for the Atlantic coast was discussed at a meeting of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce last week, and the following resolution was passed: Resolved, That this meeting instruct the committee on pilotage and harbor regulations to press upon the Dominion Government the great importance of lifeboats and life saving apparatus being placed at such points on the coast of this and other countries, as may be deemed best for the end in view—the saving of life and property.

P. E. Island Hospital.

The Ladies' Hospital Aid Society offers sincere thanks to numerous kind friends for the following gifts to the P. E. Island Hospital: Messrs. McDonald & Westaway, Georgetown, a valuable box of groceries, 5 yards sheeting. Received per Mrs. Stanlake, Wilnot Creek: Mrs. William Lefurgey, \$1; Mrs. Thomas Schurman, 25 cts.; Mrs. G. Price, Summerside, \$1; Mrs. W. Cairns, 50 cts.; Mrs. Murdoch McLeod, 20 cts.; Mrs. R. Glover, sen., 10 cts.; Mrs. John Stavert, 50 cts.; Mrs. A. Small, Wilnot Creek, 50 cts.; Mrs. H. Lefurgey, New Village, 20 cts.; Mrs. G. Stavert, Summerside, 2 pillow cases; Mrs. Stanlake, Wilnot Creek, 1 pair blankets; Mrs. John Hall, Crapaud, 1 pillow, 1/2 doz. pillow cases, 1 blanket, 7 towels, 1 damask table cloth, 1 pair sheets, 1/2 doz. silver-plated teaspoons; Mrs. Ebenzer Bearisto, Greenmount, Lot 3, 1 blanket; Miss Ann McLeod, Portage, Belfast, 1 feather pillow, 2 pillow cases; Mrs. J. Matheson, Campbellton, \$5; a friend, Belfast, per Mrs. Johnston, \$3; a lady, Alberton, \$3; Mrs. Thomas Dodd, 1 quart milk per day since 1st Feb.; Mrs. Dr. Beer, 2 pillows; Mrs. Sellars, 1 bed table; Mrs. Wade, 1 rug; a friend, 1 easy chair; Mr. B. Wright, 100 weight flour, 2 bushels potatoes; Messrs. Saunders & Campbell, beefsteak; Mr. H. Longworth, oatmeal; Miss Snaddon, 1 pair sheets, 6 yards cotton.

Our Advertisers.

An Orange Tea is to be held at Pownal on the 12th July.

Geo. Davies & Co., are offering great bargains in room paper.

Geo. Tweedy advertises route of stallion Oaks Heart for the incoming season.

Wm. Wheatley, Commission Merchant, Halifax, gives special attention to sales of Island produce.

W. W. Stanley intimates that the annual meeting of the Shareholders of Citizens' Skating Rink will be held on the 14th May, at 8 p. m.

D. R. MacLennan publishes a list of the attending physicians at the Prince Edward Island Hospital, together with some information for visitors and others.

MARRIED.

At St. John's Church, Crapaud, by the Rev. T. W. Johnston, Mr. William H. Collett, of Sweet Clover Farm, Westmoreland, to Alice, daughter of Mr. James Moore, of the same place.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Summerside, on March 31st, by Rev. J. S. Allen, Lewis S. Muttart, Esq., to Miss Minnie, youngest daughter of Isaac Clarke, Esq., all of Cape Traverse.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Chancery Act, 1884.

SIR,—There is one section of the Chancery Act, (section six) which will bear with peculiar hardship on the defendant when there has been an unintentional delay on his part in appearing, and under which the costs will be largely increased, for no reason that I can discover.

Of course it is quite right to compel defendants to appear promptly, but when through mere misadventure, as for instance the miscarriage of a letter, then upon satisfying the Judge, that he has not been guilty of negligence, and that he has really a defence, he should be permitted to appear and defend upon the payment of such costs as have been incurred,—which would necessarily be of a trifling amount. This is the rule in the Supreme Court and the County Court, and it has been found to work well, for it is a fair and a just rule.

Under this section the defendant must not only convince the Judge that his failure to appear was unintentional, but he must also satisfy him "on sworn evidence" that the plaintiff's decree is wrong on the merits.

The following is an illustration of what may be the practical effect of this provision:—

A man residing, say at West Cape, returns to his home to find that a writ has been left with his wife a few days before. He mails it to his solicitor with instructions to appear for him. From the state of the roads, or some delay in the Post Office, it does not reach his solicitor until after the eighth day from which the writ was left at his home, and he finds a decree has been made in the suit. Having a perfectly good defence to the action, he naturally objects to a judgment by default.

But to remove it is no easy matter. In addition to explaining the cause of his delay, he must produce his witnesses before the Judge, or their evidence by affidavit, and prove that the Plaintiff is not entitled to his decree. He is compelled to go into his whole case, produce every document, summon every witness. All the costs of this hearing, witnesses' fees, counsel fees, the expenses of every kind must be borne by the defendant. The plaintiff may ultimately fail, and lose the suit, yet the defendant must pay all these costs. The Judge is deprived of all discretion with regard to them; for the Act says: "No order shall be made, except upon payment of the costs incurred by reason of such non-appearance."

And then, when the defendant has been permitted to appear, this trial before the Judge goes for nothing; for the case has to be heard over again. The witnesses will have to be re-summoned and re-examined; for their testimony, already taken, cannot be used again.

And the plaintiff has every object to gain in forcing his opponent to produce every scrap of testimony, and in offering every obstacle to his efforts to be allowed to defend himself; for he is fighting at the defendant's expense. However unreasonable, however unjust the plaintiff's opposition, he gets paid for it all, the terms as to costs, in the sixth section being so general as to include those of both sides.

I have made a careful estimate of the costs which the defendant will, under these circumstances, be compelled to pay. I do not think that they can be less than \$50, while, if the witnesses lived far from town, and there were many of them, the costs would be twice or three times that amount.

If this statement be questioned by any one I can furnish you with the details of the charges.

It will be supposed that the Solicitors receive all these costs, but that will not be so. The amount will be divided between them, and the Registrar, the Masters in Chancery, the Sheriff, the Witnesses and the Prothonotary, for the services of all these will have been called into requisition before the defendant can remove his unintentional default. This, however, will be a poor satisfaction to him, he will feel, and very properly feel, that he has been made the victim of a very great injustice.

Yours, etc., EDWARD J. HOBGSON, Hillsborough House, April 23, 1884.

A Suggestion.

SIR,—I noticed in your paper, a few days ago, a suggestion concerning the placing of a letter-box at the Apothecaries Hall, for the benefit of persons living at a distance from the Post Office. The suggestion is a good one, and will, no doubt, be acted upon. Permit me to suggest, further, that at least four boxes be placed in such localities as shall be deemed most beneficial to persons residing at the extreme ends of the city and in the Royalty. Under the present (as well as the old) order of things, people are compelled to travel a great distance, in all kinds of weather, a hardship, which, if the suggestion made is adopted, there will be no necessity for. All the expense connected with the matter would be the cost of building, as either the messenger or one of the junior clerks could visit the boxes previous to the closing of mails and remove their contents to the Post Office. Hoping the Postal authorities will give this suggestion their very serious consideration, I remain,

Yours, etc., PROGRESS, Charlottetown, April 24, 1884.

"Voted Out."

SIR,—Your correspondent "Citizen" might have gone a little farther and have stated that gas was "voted" out of Kennedy's and kerosene oil "voted" in, and in consequence nearly the entire block "voted" out of existence,—that the premiums have been "voted" double, and some of the best offices may yet be "voted" out of the city altogether unless a change for the better takes place in the shape of more WATER.

April 24, 1884.

Another Enigma.

To 5 and 5, and 10 times 5, The first 7 letters add; You'll find a thing To vex a king, And drive a wise man mad. P. M. E.

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Table Linens, Towels, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Room Paper. Rugs, Mats, Carpets, Oil Cloths, etc., all standard Goods, and prices low.

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NEW SPRING GOODS. AUCTION SALES

By A. McNeill, Auctioneer.

FURNITURE, &c., April 25th, at two o'clock, p. m.

UNCLAIMED GOODS, at Railway Freight House, April 26th, at ten o'clock a. m., (Eastern Standard Time).

SCHOONER "MARY CHARLES," at Peake's Wharf, No. 1, April 28th, at twelve o'clock, noon.

ROYALTY LOTS, on St. Peter's Road (near the city), May 1st, at twelve o'clock, noon.

MRS. COOMBS' HOUSE AND PREMISES, Great George Street, May 5th, at twelve o'clock, noon.

YACHT "CLARIBEL," at Peake's Wharf, No. 3, May 6th, at twelve o'clock, noon. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

Sale of Unclaimed Goods.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Freight and Baggage unclaimed by consignees up to November 15, 1883, will (if not previously claimed and all expenses paid) be sold by Public Auction, at the Freight House, Charlottetown, on SATURDAY, APRIL 26, instant, at ten o'clock, a. m. (Eastern Standard Time); in accordance with clause 76 of the Consolidated Railway Act, 1881. A list of such articles, showing names of consignees, can be seen at all booking stations, on and after 16th instant.

JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, April 12, 1884. (ex dy pat eod her prvs ne jour pio tl sale)

MONUMENTS.

PARTIES wishing neat and elegant monuments for their departed friends are invited to examine the choice assortment of Italian, White and Colored American Marble Monuments, Tablets and Headstones, in subscriber's showroom, made from the most approved modern designs, at prices that cannot fail to give satisfaction.

JAMES PHILLIPS, Kent Street. Ch'town, April 9—2aw wkly 2m

SEALED TENDERS

WILL be received up to April 26th, for the erection of a Brick Building on the South Side Queen Square.

Plans and specification to be seen at the office of Phillips & Chappell, Full's Building, Queen Street. A large portion of materials will be found by the undersigned.

J. G. HAMILTON BROWN Ch'town, April 16, 1884.

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New Seed Wheat.

DAILY EXPECTED, and will be sold BY AUCTION, on arrival, via "Northern Light," a quantity of New Seed Wheat direct from Collingwood, Ontario.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. April 10, 1884.—tf wkly 2i

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BEER & GOFF AGENTS Ch'town, Oct. 26, '83. ADVERTISE in the DAILY EXAMINER Rates moderate. April 10—2w