

**The Horrors of War.**

HARD FATE OF AN OLD SCHOOL-MATE.

The following thrilling letter was written by a Russian officer of the Guards, to a relative in Cleveland, O. —

HEAD-QUARTERS OF FIRST DIVISION OF THE GUARDS, PLEVNA, Oct. 30.

I have just returned this morning from a six days' expedition to the Sophia road. Our object was to capture the two fortified villages of Dabnik and Telsh, important to Osman as shelter for the convoys from Orhanieh. Dabnik our Second Division took at the point of the bayonet, after a breast to breast bloody conflict. This was on the 24th. Our losses were heavy—over 3,000 killed and wounded, but these at least were cared for by friendly hands. The Turkish losses were as heavy, besides 3,000 prisoners who fell into our hands.

Four days later our First Brigade, to which my regiment belongs, was ordered towards Telsh, eight miles from Dabnik. Our first squadron, commanded by my friend S., moved forward, accompanying a regiment of infantry and two light field pieces. They met overwhelming forces of Turks, and after a heavy struggle fell back to await reinforcement. We were ordered forward, and S. being disabled I took charge of the second squadron. About three miles ahead we overtook the remnant of our ill-fated first squadron—of 500 men, hardly 140 remaining and six officers missing. We stopped but a moment and then cantered on, along a path that every moment grew more and more thickly strewn with dead. Wounded, we saw none. The nearest bodies were only partly stripped of their clothes and their heads cut off, but the further we rode the ghastlier grew the sight. The dead Turks lay as they had fallen, but our comrades had been robbed and mutilated, some in a manner too horrible to describe.

Coming to a place where the road somewhat widened, about two miles from Telsh, we halted, and after driving away and cutting down in a short skirmish a party of Turks, who were busy robbing our dead, we stopped to form before going on. As I rode along to the front, shouting out orders to my men, an agonized cry for help arrested my attention. I looked round. Nothing but heaps of dead everywhere. Of these none needed me. But hark! once more, and again and again these piteous cries. Hastily dismounting, I threw the bridle over my sound arm and ran toward some bushes from behind which the sounds proceeded, and there, in a small pool of clotted blood, lay that which I at first failed to recognize as a human being, though human it certainly was in its piteous cries, and the seemingly gloved hands that clutched air and earth in their agony. The rest, from the waist upward, was one mass of raw quivering flesh—the face featureless, eyelids and eyes cut out, the man flayed alive, all but the hands, whose white skin at first gave the impression of their being gloved. This ghastly object lay a few steps from a dead horse, one of our own regiment's golden bays. Faint at heart I bent over the sufferer, evidently one of our own men, but now mangled beyond recognition. He prayed for death with his poor torn lips, and in a minute more W., our surgeon, and two more of our officers were by my side. I made room for W., who stooped for a few seconds over our comrade, and then rising sadly shook his head, murmuring, "No help."

A sudden impulse prompted me to seize the poor helpless hand in my own, and pressing it whisper a few words of comfort. At the sound of my voice came the sadder appeal:—"Nicolai, for old friendship's sake send a bullet through my heart." This voice sounded so strangely familiar, and yet I could not recognize it. "Who are you?" "Alexis S." Alexis, my old schoolmate, who had a few hours ago shared my breakfast by our bivouac fire, and then rode away, handsome and bold, at the head of our gallant first squadron. He had fallen wounded, helpless, his horse shot under him, and the fiendish Turks were slowly torturing him to death when our approach drove them away. Clapping his hand in his he still begged for death. My revolver was empty, discharged in the scuffle a few moments before. I looked at W., who silently drew out his, and, shuddering in every nerve, placed the muzzle against S's breast and, with averted face, fired twice in succession, while I still pressed the poor hand in mine. We wrapped him up in my coat, and placing him in the shallow ditch rolled a load over him, and then, with our hands still moist with his blood, we swore to each other never to empty the last chamber of our pistols, but always to reserve a shot for ourselves and friends should any of us, wounded, have to be left behind. May a quick death—a soldier's death—be ours.

**OUR STOCK**

FOR—  
**CARRIAGE BUILDERS**  
IS VERY COMPLETE.

Over 50 Tons Bar Iron,  
40 Bales. Tire Steel,  
200 Elliptic Carriage Springs,  
110 sets Axles.

ASSORTED SIZES, from 4 to 12 inch,  
and a very large Stock of

**CARRIAGE & MILL BOLTS,  
RING BOLTS, STEP PADS, &c.**

which we offer to cash and prompt paying  
customers at better prices than ever before.

**W. E. DAWSON & CO.**  
Jan. 18—2aw ar 3i

FOR SALE—A few second-hand Kerosene  
Oil Lamps, cheap, at EXAMINER OFFICE.  
Nov. 27—

**Latest by Telegraph.**

**WAR NEWS.**

[By Telegraph to Reading Room and  
Daily Examiner.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.

Gold 101½. Exchange unchanged.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

Austria and other Powers consider the  
peace conditions which Russia demands as  
sweeping and inadmissible, their tendency  
being to perpetuate the Russian occupation  
of Bulgaria.

The European Ambassadors at Constanti-  
nople are still without any information as  
to the conditions of peace.

The British Government has announced  
that it will consider the money vote asked  
of Parliament as a vote of confidence in the  
Government. The Opposition has accepted  
the challenge, and the debate is postponed  
till Thursday.

The "Times" Pera despatch says that the  
Porte persists in its determination to refuse  
the British fleet admittance into the Dar-  
danelles, except as an avowed ally of Tur-  
key.

**NORTH STAR  
COFFEE AND LUNCH ROOMS**

**OYSTER SALOON.**

MRS. E. COOMBS,  
SUCCESSOR TO  
J. CARROL.

MEALS served at all hours of the day and  
evening, at reduced rates.  
OYSTERS sent to all parts of the City at  
the very low price of

**30 CENTS PER QUART!**

Also for sale by the Barrel, Bushel, or Peck  
to suit purchasers.  
Ch'town, Jan. 14, 1878—2 aw

**REMEMBER**

We are the Agents for the  
Cast Steel Single-ply Springs,  
which stood the test so well last season.

Buy no other Single Ply Springs but  
**ARMSTRONG'S PATENT!**

**60 PAIRS IN STOCK,**  
all sizes, to carry from 160 to 850 lbs.

**All Warranted!**  
and sold at Manufacturers' prices.

SEND FOR PRICE LIST.

**W. E. DAWSON & CO.**  
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**1,000 LOADS OF MANURE**  
For Sale.

NIGHT SOIL and Stable Manure delivered  
when required.

DANIEL GORDON.

P. S.—Leave orders for removing Night  
Soil at Police Station. D. G.  
Ch'town, Jan. 9, 1878—

**FINE ARTS  
NEW YEAR'S CLASS.**

MRS. W. W. IRVING begs to intimate  
to the public that she has re-opened her  
Classes at the late City Hotel, opposite the  
R. C. Chapel, where, having every facility,  
she is prepared to give lessons in Oil and  
Water Color Painting, and Drawing in Crayon  
and Pencil in all their different branches.  
Terms made known on application.  
Jan. 11, 1877.

**SWEET ORANGES,**

APPLES, Lemons, Grapes, Figs, Nuts,  
Onions, Raisins, Currants, Spices. All  
kinds Crackers, Preserves, and the largest as-  
ortment of Confectionery to be had on the  
Island. Fancy Toys, Flour (by the bbl. or  
lb.), Tea, Sugar, Soap, Candles, Pepper, Must-  
ard, Vinegar, and a variety of Groceries.  
ALEX. MCKENZIE,  
Queen Street.  
Ch'town, Dec. 27, 1877.—tu&fr3w

**SOLE LEATHER—500 Sides No. 1 & 2**  
CARVELL BROS  
Dec. 5—pat 3i

**TENDERS.**

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
Charlottetown, Jan. 21, 1878.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at  
this Office, until noon of the 31st day  
of January next, from persons willing to contract  
for furnishing and putting up from 400 to 600  
Street Signs. Pattern to be seen at the  
Mayor's Office. The Council will not be bound  
to accept the lowest or any Tender. By order,  
WM. B. MORRISON,  
City Clerk.

Jan. 21—2aw t 31st pros 2w

**The Very Latest!**

**\$30,000**

WORTH OF

**Staple and Fancy Dry Goods!**

AT COST AND UNDER COST.

**J. D. MASON & CO.,**

Intending to go out of the business,  
will offer the whole of their  
Stock to the Public  
on and after

**Monday, the 21st Jan.**

**A GENUINE CASH SALE!**

**NO HUMBUG!**

All Goods Marked down at Cost in Plain Figures.

**J. D. MASON & CO.,**

QUEEN SQUARE HOUSE, 77 QUEEN STREET.

Charlottetown, Jan. 18, 1878.

**MERCHANTS MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
OF CANADA.

Capital \$1,000,000, with power to Increase to \$2,000,000.

HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL.

RISKS TAKEN DAILY AT THE OFFICE OF

**CARVELL BROS.,**

Agents for P. E. Island.

Charlottetown, January 17, 1878.

**CITY DEBENTURES.**

City of Charlottetown, Mayor's Office, }  
18th January, 1878.

THE following DEBENTURES (Old Issue) are hereby called in, and, together with the In-  
terest due thereon, will be paid on demand at the Mayor's Office:—

NO.	WHEN ISSUED.	AMOUNT.	NO.	WHEN ISSUED.	AMOUNT.
70	21st September, 1869,	\$162 22	101	14th February, 1871,	\$324 44
71	10th August, 1869,	324 44	106	31st October, 1871,	324 44
76	1st November, 1869,	194 66	110	26th January, 1872,	324 44
80	31st December, 1869,	324 44	111	26th January, 1872,	324 44
83	10th March, 1870,	324 44	114	24th May, 1872,	300 00
84	2nd May, 1870,	162 22	115	23rd May, 1872,	300 00
92	13th December, 1870,	324 44	116	23rd May, 1872,	200 00
95	14th December, 1870,	324 44	120	31st December, 1873,	500 00
96	14th December, 1870,	324 44	123	31st December, 1873,	300 00
100	14th February, 1871,	324 44	133	30th October, 1875,	200 00

By Order,

**W. B. MORRISON,**  
CITY CLERK.

Jan. 18, 1878.—3aw ar&pat2w

**Prince Edward Island Railway,**

In connection with the winter Steamship

**"NORTHERN LIGHT."**

ON and after **MONDAY, 14th Janu-  
ary,** the Steamboat Special Train will  
leave Charlottetown at 5 a. m., arriving at  
Georgetown at 8 a. m. on the days upon  
which the Steamship leaves Georgetown.

Immediately on arrival of the *Northern Light*  
from Pictou, the Special Train will leave  
Georgetown for Charlottetown, connecting  
(when possible to do so) at Royalty Junction  
with the Mixed Train for Summerside.

G. J. BRYDGES, W. McKECHNIE,  
en. Supt. Govt. R'ys. Superintendent.  
Ch'town, Jan. 14—6i

**BUY THE DAILY EXAMINER**  
for the latest news—local and telegraphic.

**Wanted, Immediately,**

**A Housekeeper & Cook—A woman**  
of experience and of good moral character  
will find a good situation and good pay. Ap-  
ply immediately to

E. D. STAIR,  
Intelligence Office.

Jan. 18—1w

**AN Apprentice** to learn the Cabinet-  
making business. A steady, lively boy  
wanted.

E. D. STAIR Cabinet Maker.

Jan. 18—1w

**MORE SNOW!**

**Buy Harvie's Almanac**

FOR 1878—PRICE 12 CENTS.  
Jan. 3—

Buy the American X C  
**SARREN B. WHEELS**

—AND THE—  
**BAND HUB WHEELS,**  
For Sale at  
**W. E. DAWSON & CO'S.**

**A GOOD LOT OF  
AMERICAN WOOD STOCK,**  
—IN—  
**Rims, Spokes, Shafts, Etc.**

—ALSO—  
**A FEW SHEET-IRON BODIES,**  
with seat all complete, at Manufacturers'  
prices, at  
**W. E. DAWSON & CO'S.**  
Jan. 18—2aw ar 3i

**International Hotel!**  
(FORMERLY RANKIN HOUSE)  
Corner of Pownall & Sydney Streets,  
CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

Private and permanent Boarders can be ac-  
commodated on very moderate terms, during  
the winter season, at the International.

**D. MCISAAC,**  
Proprietor.  
Dec. 19, 1877—2m

ON  
**CONSIGNMENT**

With Positive Instructions  
**TO SELL:**

20 HHDS. MOLASSES,  
10 do. SUGAR,  
200 Bbls. APPLES,  
25 Crates ONIONS,  
100 Pairs Men, Women & Boys BOOTS  
10,000 CIGARS.

**Counter and Platform Scales,**  
Direct from the Factories.

—ALSO—  
**A few Celebrated Bourne Pianoforte  
Mason and Hamlin Organs.**

Second-hand Instruments taken in exchange  
at fair valuations.

A. McNEILL, Anct'r.  
No. 11 Queen St., Jan. 3, 1878—6i aw

**OUR GREAT  
CLEARANCE SALE**

WILL CONTINUE AT  
**Further Reduced Prices.**

Several Lots of that  
**BANKRUPT STOCK!**

still on hand, will be sold at HALF PRICE.

Remnants at half Price!

**WOOLLEN & FUR GOODS**

AT COST.  
**GREAT BARGAINS IN CLOTHING!**  
for Men and Boys.

**ROBERT ORR & CO.**  
Charlottetown, Jan. 8, 1878.

**RARE CHANCE.**

**GREAT BARGAINS** in high turned and  
Box Sleighs.  
Carriage and Sleigh repairing and Painting  
solicited. Charges moderate, at  
PETER H. TRAINOR'S,  
Kent St., opposite the Rocklin House.  
Ch'town, Jan. 17, 1877.—4i

**Wants, Lost, Found, &c**

Advertisements under this heading, in space  
not exceeding half an inch, will be insert-  
ed for Ten Cents per day.

**WANTED—A few Barrels of OAT-  
MEAL** and a supply of Cooking Apples  
for the "Soup Kitchen," to be left at Alex.  
Hornes, cor. Queen and Fitzroy Streets.  
Ch'town, Jan. 25—

**MONEY TO LEND—on good security.**  
Apply to J. F. Montgomery, Euston  
street, Charlottetown.  
Jan. 11, 1878.—tf

**LOST.**—Last Tuesday evening, 22nd inst.,  
L near Post Office, or on Queen street, near  
Reading Room, a Ring of Keys, with Check  
attached. Finder will be rewarded by re-  
turning to this office, or at 65 Upper Great  
George street.  
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**LOST.**—On the 29th of October, from the  
L house in which Mr. Sinclair formerly re-  
sided, a Prayer Book of the Reformed Church  
of England, which was seen in the house after  
the fire. The finder will be rewarded on leav-  
ing it at the EXAMINER OFFICE.  
Jan. 8, 1878.