

Local and Other Items.

Band at the Rink to-night.
SPLendid Ice at the Rink to-night.
REMEMBER Hon. D. Ferguson's lecture this evening.

No BUSINESS in the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this forenoon.
MAILS left Cape Tormentine at eight o'clock this morning, and arrived here at four o'clock this afternoon.

THE Legislature of this Province is called for the despatch of business on Wednesday, the 11th March next.

A POUND of apple preserves for 12 cents at R. K. Hayes; also cranberries, chow chow, and pickled cabbage, in bulk. [Feb 23]

ALL parties indebted to L. W. Harris for Creamers are requested to make immediate payment without delay. wky-feb23

SUPREME COURT.—The sitting at Georgetown will begin to-morrow. There is very little court business in King's County this term.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT No. 3 will come off in about three weeks. It will be a good one—devoted entirely to sacred music, by the best authors.

NEW DOMINION SECTION No. 2, C. of T., intend holding a Public Entertainment on Friday, 27th inst., at 8 o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

HON. DONALD FERGUSON'S lecture on "Love of Country," will be delivered this evening in the Benevolent Irish Society Hall, Prince Street, beginning at half-past seven o'clock.

E. W. TAYLOR, Esq., has removed his watch, clock and jewelry store to the Cameron Block. He is the first tenant in this fine new building; and his premises have been made very attractive.

P. E. ISLAND AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society, will take place this evening in the hall of the Y. M. C. A. Chair taken at 7.30. The public are invited.—D. McNEILL, Sec.

MILITARY.—The members of No. 2 Battery Garrison Artillery are requested to meet in the Drill Shed to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at seven o'clock sharp, in uniform, with Baticia.—F. S. MOORE, Captain.

A TROTTING MATCH will take place at Tracadie, on Thursday, the 26th inst., between Henderson's Royal Harry mare, and Douglas' Abdallah horse. Other races will also come off, and exciting sport is anticipated.

A CORRESPONDENT at Mount Stewart writes: "Mr. Clark is progressing rapidly with his lobster factory. About fifty people came with their horses on Tuesday the 10th, and helped him over with the materials. Plenty liquor present."

We are pleased to hear that the Militia Officers are arranging for a Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert for Thursday evening, the 12th March, and hope our citizens will give them a bumper house. Programme will appear in due course.

We are requested to state that the fact of Hon. Mr. Ferguson's lecture taking place on the same night as the meeting of the Auxiliary Bible Society, is not due to the Benevolent Irish Society or to Mr. Ferguson, as the notice of the lecture was published in the city papers nearly a week before any intimation of the Bible Society Meeting was given.

A CARD.—To all who are suffering from errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c. I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America and sent self-addressed envelope to Rev. JOSEPH T. BAKER, Station D, New York.

THE Militia, headed by Galbraith's new Brass Band of the 82nd Battalion will march to the Y. M. C. A. Hall to-morrow evening to attend the lecture by Sergeant Allan on "Reminiscences of the Russian War and Indian Mutiny." As there is likely to be a large attendance at the lecture, parties who wish to secure good seats had better go early. Admission to the Hall only 10 cents.

The block north of Queen Square had a narrow escape a few days ago, a fire generated in one of the flues, having found its way through an old, unused stovepipe-hole to the room occupied by Theophilus Stewart, Esq., and burnt quite a large hole in the room-papering. Fortunately it was discovered in time. Had it occurred in the night we should probably have had a fire at least equal to that in the south side of the Square last year.

WEDDING BELLS.—Noticing the marriage of Miss Etta Findlay—one of our Island girls—in Victoria, B. C., the Standard of that city says:—"Elsewhere will be found the notice of a happy event which took place in this city last evening. We refer to the marriage of Mr. James Flett, the well-known grocer of Fort street, to Miss Etta Findlay, daughter of Hugh Findlay, Esq., Rock Bay. The ceremony was celebrated in the presence of a number of the nearest relatives and friends of the contracting parties, the Rev. D. Fraser, officiating. This morning the happy couple leave on the steamer Amelia on a visit to the groom's friends at Maple Bay. They carry with them the wishes of the Standard for long life, happy days and prosperity."

THE Aurora of Antigonish, N. S., contains the following relative to the excellent paper on "Water and Water Supplies," read by Mr. McDonald before the Charlottetown Literary and Scientific Association:—

SIR.—The Charlottetown EXAMINER of 19th and 20th ult., contains a lecture on "Water and Water Supplies" delivered by James McDonald, Esq., of Charlottetown, before the Literary and Scientific Association of that city. In a town like this whose only supply of potable water is from wells, this subject is of vital importance, especially at this time when zymotic diseases are so prevalent and deadly. The drainage (?) and water supply of Charlottetown are so similar to ours that every word of Mr. McDonald's lecture is applicable to the present dangerous condition of Antigonish. Outside of the marked literary ability of Mr. McDonald's paper is its practical importance. The lecturer has placed the matter before the public in a clear light, avoiding technical terms, so as to make the subjects very interesting to the general reader. It is to be hoped that the lecture will be widely copied and circulated by other newspapers. I enclose you the numbers of THE EXAMINER in which the paper is reported, hoping you may find some space in your valuable journal for extracts.—SALVUS. (We shall attend to our correspondent's valued suggestion as soon as possible.—Ed.)

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.]

THE SOUDAN.

Critical Position of the British Army

TERRIBLE RUMORS

The Combat Deepens

An Engagement in which the Enemy is Driven Off.

PANIC IN LONDON

Ministers Execrated and Hissed by the Mob.

GEN. BULLER'S RETREAT.

The following report has just been received from Abu Klea: "Gen. Buller's forces, while in retreat from Gubat towards Korti, were attacked by a party of Arab sharpshooters. On the British side two men were killed and eleven were wounded. Among those probably fatally wounded is Mr. Chas. Williams, correspondent of the London Chronicle.

BULLER THREATENED BY AN OVERWHELMING FORCE.

Gen. Buller has despatched a messenger to Gen. Wolsley, describing his situation as critical, and stating that El Mahdi is advancing upon his position with an immense force. The only correspondents now left with Gen. Buller are Williams and Col. Burleigh of the London Telegraph, who was wounded in the action near Gubat, in which Gen. Stewart was shot.

LATER.

Later despatches say: "Without any warning the Arabs opened a well directed fire upon Buller's forces, and it was with much difficulty they could be kept off. After sharp firing from the British, however, they retreated."

AN ENGAGEMENT.

A despatch from Abu Klea says General Buller who arrived here on the 15th from Gubat, commenced at noon on the 17th a systematic shelling of the Arab lines. Two well directed shots did the enemy great damage, one exploding amidst a group of men engaged in placing a howitzer on the summit of a hill east of our sailor's fort, and the other removing the wheel of a gun carriage.

Lord Charles Beresford also did the enemy great injury with gardiner guns.

The honors of the day fell to Major Wardrope, who, with twelve men, stole cautiously down the enemy's right and found they had only a few hundred riflemen on the hills, and no reserve spearmen. Major Wardrope and his men keeping out of sight, sent volleys at the range of eight hundred yards on the enemy's flank. Leaving one man at this point to continue the firing he took twelve others and as quickly as possible pursued the same tactics at three successive hills, thus giving the Arabs the impression that fresh bodies of British troops were arriving. The Mahdi's forces became panic-stricken, ceased firing, and decamped towards Metanneh, taking all their guns and dead and wounded with them. New Arab scouts were left miles off to watch our movements; there has been no signs of the enemy since. Gen. Buller will advance to Gakdul as soon as reinforcements arrive from Korti. The British loss during the engagement was four killed and twenty-five wounded.

A RENEWAL OF THE ATTACK.

LONDON, Feb. 22. A despatch from Korti says it is expected there that the attack on Gen. Buller will be renewed. The Sudanese around Abu Klea wear the Mahdi's uniform showing that a contingent has arrived from Khartoum.

Gen. Buller will be unable to resume his retreat until he obtains additional means of transportation. The second convoy, with camels, which is bearing Gen. Buller's ammunition, left Gakdul on Friday morning.

SINKING OF A TROOPSHIP WITH ALL ON BOARD

A telegram from Dublin reports that a rumor prevailed in that city to-night that the troopship Lydian Monarch, from Kingstown for Suakin, had foundered in St. George's Channel. There is intense excitement in Dublin over the report, but no advices confirmatory of the rumor received by the Admiralty.

WILLIAMS WOUNDED.

LONDON, Feb. 21. Williams, the correspondent of the Chronicle will probably recover, though badly wounded in the thigh.

COMMANDER CHEYNE OFFERS HIMSELF.

LONDON, Feb. 21. Commander Cheyne has cabled to the Admiralty offering his services in Egypt. He served during the Indian mutiny.

PREPARING FOR THE STRUGGLE.

LONDON, Feb. 22. Under instructions from Gen. Wolsley, the Admiralty has given orders for the construction of a large number of steam launches and cutters, designed to be taken to pieces and conveyed with Gen. Graham's expedition from Suakin to Berber.

Their armaments will include rifled mortars, guns and rockets. They are to be manned by the Naval Brigade, and to be used in operations on the Nile against Berber and Khartoum. Several similar boats will be sent by camel transportation over the Korosko Desert to Gen. Brackenbury.

A BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

It is expected that Buller relief transports from Gakdul would reach Abu Klea yesterday. It is feared that the retreat upon Gakdul will be attended with heavy losses. Water is scarce, the camels are dying from exhaustion, and the amount of ammunition is limited.

BLUNDERING AND BUNGLING.

The War Office has blundered and bungled in the face of the crisis almost as

grovously as it blundered in the Crimea. It has taken longer to mobilize three battalions than it took the Germans to mobilize five hundred, and even now the troops are leaving without the whole of their fighting uniform and equipments, and the Hussars are actually delayed because infantry helmets were sent them.

FRIGHTFUL COSTLINESS.

But even worse than this unreadiness, is the frightful costliness of every step that it has become necessary to take. The whole expense of the Sudan affair, cannot be less than \$200,000,000; and is more likely to be treble that sum, without England getting a penny worth of recompense for her pains, her blood and her treasure.

A TERRIBLE RUMOR.

Saturday afternoon great excitement was caused by a rumor that Gen. Buller's force was cut to pieces. The story is regarded as improbable, but it is said that Buller is terribly short of ammunition, and that his men and utterly fagged out and dispirited, while swarms of Arabs naked and barefooted can easily outtravel them. Should the fears that General Wood's camel convey from Gakdul have been beaten back, and that Abu Klea has been surrounded prove well founded, then a horrible calamity would be quite certain, for Abu Klea Wells can scarcely supply Buller's force for 36 hours. Indeed, there is a very prevalent suspicion in military circles that both Gen. Brackenbury in advance on the river and Gen. Wolsley, back of Korti, are in extreme danger, since the tribes below Dongola must already know that the ministry has declared its intention of ultimately leaving the Sudan.

FEELING AGAINST GLADSTONE.

It is no exaggeration to say that London is in a condition of the greatest panic that even the recent series of disasters has produced.

The Sun's London despatches says the feeling against Gladstone runs terribly high. He is assailed by pen and pencil more mercilessly than at any previous period of his career, and many people speak of him as vindictively as if he had slain Gordon with his own hand.

GROANS AND HISSES.

Another cablegram reports the feeling of London crowds towards the Ministry was shown on Thursday, when they gathered outside of Westminster Palace fence and drowned, with their long and loud yells of execration, the faint cheers set up as Mr. Gladstone drove through to attend the opening of Parliament. Lord Hartington, too, was hissed, a new experience for him.

BLACK TROOPS.

KORTI, Feb. 22. Two hundred and twenty-six of Gordon's black troops, accompanied by their wives and families, who had reached Gubat before Khartoum fell, have arrived at Ambukol and gone into camp there.

If the Mahdi's advance should be accelerated, Gen. Buller's entire force will be imperiled.

ANOTHER REPORTER MISSING.

Mr. Pearce, correspondent of the London Daily News, with General Buller, is missing.

OPPRESSIVE HEAT.

The growing heat will shortly compel the removal of the British camp from Korti to some point further north.

GRAHAM'S FORCES.

Gen. Graham will have 8,000 troops in Sudan by 9th of March. These will include the Indian contingent.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN LONDON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. Great excitement is reported in London. The Tribune's despatch says that the advance of the Mahdi and the retirement of Gen. Buller from Gubat, though predicted for days by military writers, astonished and sorely distressed the public.

BOTH PARTIES PLEDGED.

The Ministry and Tories alike are pledged to undertake the capture of Khartoum and destruction of the Mahdi. If the pledges are kept, there is just a certainty of a great war, and at the worst the likelihood of a life and death struggle with the whole Mohammedan world.

Mail Bag Robbed.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Upon the arrival of the Celtic to-day, a sensation was caused by the announcement that when the steamer was three days out from New York a mail bag was found concealed in the saloon closet, which had been cut open and the contents, including despatches from the English consul to this government, had been torn and crumpled inside the bag. Another bag, which had been specially sealed, was also opened. It is not known if anything was abstracted. The violation of postal laws must have occurred before the steamer left New York. The announcement created no little sensation here, and an active enquiry thereon will be immediately inaugurated.

Arrival of the Polynesian.

MOVILLE, Feb. 23.

The steamship Polynesian arrived here to-day. [Messrs. T. J. Harris and A. W. Sterns were passengers on board the Polynesian, which left Halifax on Saturday week.]

Gladstone Ordered to Retire.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

It is reported that Gladstone has been warned by his physicians to relinquish his official duties. The News says the Premier has not seen a doctor within three weeks.

Senatorial Appointment.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.

It is stated that Pascal Poirier has been appointed to the Senate to fill vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Wm. Marihead of Chatham.

Successor to Cardinal McCabe.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Dr. W. J. Pactor of Maynoth college, is the probable successor to the late Cardinal McCabe.

Railway Collision.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 21. A collision on the West Shore road, near Canagohari, between a freight train and a passenger train, the latter having three engines attached, resulting in the killing of two persons and injuring six.

Landslips in Another Quarter.

MADRID, Feb. 22. Several landslips have occurred, and ravines appeared at Othawa. A portion of the famous bathing establishment has fallen in. Fresh shocks of earthquake felt.

Coal Mine on Fire.

HALIFAX, Feb. 22. The colliery of the General Mining Association, at Sydney, C. B., the most extensive and valuable coal mines in Canada, are on fire, and will likely be a total loss.

Terrific Gales.

LONDON, Feb. 22. There have been severe gales in Scotland and Ireland within the past few days.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, Feb. 23—10 a. m. Moderate to fresh west to north-west winds; fair weather; stationary or slightly lower temperature.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE.

Charlottetown February 23, 1885. Highest Temperature Saturday..... 29.1 Lowest Temperature Saturday..... 9.6 Highest Temperature yesterday, (read at midnight)..... 29.9 Lowest Temperature yesterday, (read at midnight)..... 13.1 Lowest Temperature this morning..... 6.4 Temperature this morning, at 8 o'clock..... 20.9 Temperature this afternoon at 1 o'clock..... 29.2

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Rock Bay, B. C., on the 27th Jan., by Rev. Donald Fraser, James Flett, and Henrietta, eldest daughter of Hugh Findlay, Esq., all of Victoria, British Columbia.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

THEO. L. CHAPPELLE, Diamond Book-store, 89 Queen St. Ch'town, Feb. 16, 1885. RATES OF DISCOUNT. Sales over \$2. 5 p. c. " 50. 10 p. c. " 100. 15 p. c. The above Liberal Discount will be given to all cash purchasers. Largest, cheapest, & Best stock in the city.

THEO. L. CHAPPELLE, Diamond Book-store, 89 Queen St. Ch'town, Feb. 16, 1885.

GOLD MEDAL-PARIS 1878. JOSEPH CHATTOON'S STEEL PENS. SOLD BY ALL STATIONERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

COAL. COAL.

IN STORE: 300 Tons ACADIA NUT, 200 do do ROUND, 100 do INTERCOLONIAL ROUND, 150 do OLD MINE SYDNEY, 200 do SYDNEY SLACK.

For Sale Low. C. LYONS, Acadia Coal Depot, Peake's No. 2 Wharf, Ch'town, Jan. 28, 1885—6w wky

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

Excursion to and from Cape Traverse.

EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS, at 1 one first-class fare, will be issued from all stations on this Railway to Cape Traverse; also from Cape Traverse to all Stations on main line and branch, from Feb 16th inst., to 29th Feb. inst., both days inclusive, and good to return up to and on 2nd March, 1885. This excursion will afford parties an opportunity of witnessing departure and arrival of the Iceboats. Good hotel accommodation at Cape Traverse. A special Passenger Train leaves Charlottetown at 8 p. m., and County Line at 9.30 p. m., daily (Sunday excepted), for Cape Traverse, returning to Charlottetown about 2 p. m. next day.

JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, Feb. 12, 1885. fo 12—pat, all wky pap 11

THE VIOLIN.

M. R. VINNICOMBE is now prepared to take a limited number of pupils for Violin instruction by "Darcia's" conservatory method, which is so complete that each pupil is enabled to form a part of one harmonized body, thereby making the tuition a pleasure instead of the old class drudgery. Pupils preferred from 12 to 16 years of age. For terms apply at his residence, Water Street. Ch'town, Feb. 14, 1885.

Valuable Farm for Sale.

THAT valuable Farm, with buildings thereon, situated at Belle Vue, Lot 49, containing about 60 acres, nearly all in a good state of cultivation. As a site for a summer residence or seaside hotel it cannot be surpassed; only 15 minutes' drive from the ferry. Will be sold at a bargain. For further particulars apply to W. H. HAZARD, at W. & A. BROWN & CO., Queen Street. Ch'town, Feb. 10, 1885—eod wky 3w

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White Cottons,

Grey Cottons,

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SHEETING COTTONS, PILLOW COTTONS, FLEECY COTTONS AND ALL OTHER COTTON GOODS, WOOLEN GOODS, SILK GOODS, &c.,

AT VERY LOWEST PRICES.

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Ch'town, Feb. 20, 1885.

Great Bargains!

For the next 30 days we offer the balance of our Dry Goods at a

LARGE DISCOUNT

as we are shortly to make a change in the business.

Special Lines of Goods are MARKED DOWN to Prices that are Bound to Sell Them.

Don't Fail to Call Early if You Want Bargains.

We require a Prompt Settlement of all Accounts due up to date.

Remember the place: Desbrisay's old stand, opposite the Market House.

W. & A. BROWN & CO. Charlottetown, Feb. 7, 1885.