OUR TARS IN THE BALTIC.

The following extract from the letter of an officer on board one of her Majesty's ships in the Baltic presents an amusing picture of the recreations resorted to by the crews of an evening, and speaks volumes as to the cheerfulness and activity which pervade the fleet:—

"We are still lying with Admiral Baynes's squadron blockading Cronstadt. So we have rather an easy time of it, seldom or never having our anchor up. The sailors exercise a good deal with the sails every morning. Everything that the admiral's ship does, all the rest must do, so you may imagine the haste they make to bend and unbend, furl sails, &c. No sooner is the signal given, than the men rush up the rigging like monkeys, the first lieutenant or captain on the bridge giving his orders, each ship in the squadron trying as fast as possible to do it, for of course each ship tries to get through the evolutions quickest, and happy is the captain who has finished first in the fleet. At night, sometimes, they skylark, that is, the ship's company get up the battle of Bala Clava and other such scenes, some of them dressing up in the most outlandish costumes as Russian or English officers, and mounted on some of their comrades' shoulders, and amid the prancing of the horses and the dealing of blows (not very light ones, all being armed with sticks) form most amusing groups, that must be seen to be believed. See Lord Raglan in a flannel tail coat, with pieces of red (bunting) sown on for buttons, and a gold-laced cocked hat, his breast covered with a profusion of tin medals, mounted, sword in hand, on another fellow's shoulder, while about fifty others are dressed and equipped in a somewhat similar manner; the rest, amounting to about one hundred, being infantry, are contented with their moustaches. After the battle, a flag of truce is brought out to pick up the dead, which operation is, perhaps, the most amusing part of it."

Death of General Burke, K. C.B.—General Sir Richard Burke, K. C. B., died rather suddenly at his residence, Thornfield, near Castle Connell, on Sunday last. He was at church, where he became ill. He immediately drove home, sat down on a sofa, and after about ten minutes breathed his last. The deceased general was, for some years, governor of New South Wales. He was in Limerick on Saturday, at the club-house, apparently in the nnjoyment of excellent health. The disease which terminated his life was ossification of the heart.

Sir Charles Napier and a Knighthood.—Sir Charles Napier received a summons to attend at Court for the purpose of being installed as a G. C. B. He, however, declined the proferred boon. The reason assigned by the gallant admiral, if not officially given, is well known to his friends. "I have been," he says, "censured and degraded, and have been denied the opportunity of clearing my reputation. Yet am I now offered a G. C. B."—*United Service Gazette.*

Mules for the Crimea.— More than seven hundered mules have been purchasd in the Island of Cyprus for use in the Crimea.

Open Air Preaching.—*Interference of the Police.*—During several weeks, the Rev. Newman Hall of Surrey Chapel, has delivered open-air addresses to working-men, between eight and nine o'clock on Monday and Thursday evenings, at the Obelisk, in Blackfriars Road, London. On July 5, as he was beginning to preach to a crowd of not less than 800 persons, a police serjeant, supported by several of the force, requested him to desist. In reply to a question, the officer admitted that the thoroughfare was not stopped, but that there were other reasons. The crowd manifested marked indignation at this interruption; but Mr. Hall begged them to leave the place quietly, promising to appeal to the authorities, and then continue the service in an adjoining street. It was afterwards ascertained that no orders had been issued from the police station to stop the service; but that the keeper of a neighbouring tavern, whose benches had been cleared on several previous occasions by his customers going to hear the preacher, had sent for the police on his own responsibility, and had urged them to apprehend the offendor.

Chinese Amazement at English Fashions.—Europeans who go to China are apt to consider the inhabitants of the celestial empire very odd and supremely ridiculous, and the provincial Chinese at Canton and Macao pay back this sentiment with interest. It is very amusing to hear their sarcastic remarks on the appearance of the Devils of the West, their utter astonishment at sight of their tight-fitting garments, their wonderful trousers, and prodigious round hats like chimney pots—the shirt-colours adapted to cut off the ears, and making a frame around such grotesque faces, with long noses and blue eyes, no beard or moustache, but a handful of curly hair on each cheek. The shape of the dress-coat puzzles them above everything. They try in vain to account for it, calling it a half garment, because it is impossible to make it meet over their breast, and because there is nothing in front to correspond with the tail behind. They admire the judgment and exquisite taste of putting buttons behind the back where they never have anything to button. How much handsomer they think themselves with their narrow oblique, black eyes, high cheek bones, and little round noses, their shaven crowns and magnificent pigtails hanging almost to their heels. Add to all these natural graces a conical hat covered with red fringe, and ample tunic, with large sleeves, and black satin boots with a white sole of immense thickness; and it must be evident to all that a European cannot compare in appearance with a Chinese.—*The Chinese Empire.*

CANADA.

It must be cause of exultation to every Canadian, indeed to every one in any way connected with Canada, to see the Country making so great a display and taking so creditable a position at the Great Exhibition at Paris. Hitherto almost everything done in North America has been attributed in Europe without much discrimination or inquiry to the zeal, energy, and enterprize of the United States. And our Republican neighbours, who vaunt in no sparing manner their own achievements, and extol their own superiority in every department of industry, are always ready and willing to take credit for anything, even when it is hardly their due. In the Exhibition at Paris, as well as in that at London, they have been surpassed in almost all points by the Canadians; and the patriotic citizens of the Great Republic must have seen with sorrow, what a poor figure their country made in these collections of the industry of all nations, when compared with many monarchical countries. One of the most important things that Canada required has been done for it by these Exhibitions.—What it wanted was, that its great capabilities, its varied productions, its rich stores of mineral wealth should be made known to the world, and that many foolish and absurd prejudices concerning its climate, soil, &c., should be dispelled. This has in a great measure been done for it by the creditable display of its productions in the two great expositions; the result will in all probability be its rapid elevation to its proper position in the scale of nations, as a great producing country.—*Quebec Chron.*

Singular Phenomenon on the River.—The officers and others of the Memphis packet *Tishomingo*, on her trip up the Ohio River Thursday evening, saw a singular, and we may add, frightful up heaving of the river or black water spout, just ahead of them near Alton and Wolf Creek. The river, which is very deep at that point, was in great commotion just about the middle of the river, and a dense mass rose from the surface, having the appearance at ffrst of a couple of laden coal boats upended in the river and then sunk down again. This great black mass, as it appeared to be, rose from ten to twenty feet above the level of the river four or five times, and then sunk down again. In the mean time the boat was approaching near the scene, and the last time, covering a space of thirty or forty feet, it rose or belched forth a huge volumei of black slime and froth, fully fifteen feet high, all of which was seen by the officers of the boat. As soon as it subsided the river was covered with great patches of black looking slime and filth, which spread widely over the water in some instances while other portions sunk immediately. The weather was clear and calm. No emotion, jar or shaking was felt on the boat, and nothing unusual perceived on the shore. The cause of this black water spout, or water quake, we leave to philosophers to explain.—*Louisville Courier, July 21.*

Newly Improved
"MODEL MELODEONS,"
MANUFACTURED BY
MASON & HAMLIN,
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PRICE LIST:

4½ Oct. Melodeon, Portable Style, Rosewood Case, C to F, $60 00
5 " " " " " F to F, 75 00
5 " " Piano Style, " F to F, an elegant piece of Furniture for the Parlor. 100 00
5⅔ " " " " " F to C, 120 00
6 " " " " " F to F, 135 00
" " " " " F to F, with a double set of Reeds throughout. Extra finished, 150 00
5⅔ " " " " " F to C, 175 00

To which will be added the Colonial duty only.

This beautiful Musical Instrument, the Melodian, is now so well known, that we deem it unnecessary to give a lengthy description of it. We will only state that it is played upon the same as the Piano Forte, the key-board, being precisely similar. Any one who plays upon the Piano, will be able to perform upon the Melodeon at once. It will be seen that there are two pedals attached; one of these, that to the right, is used to supply the bellows with wind, and the other governs the swell; by means of this latter, a most beautiful crescendo and diminuendo may be produced.

We respectfully invite attention to the newly improved "Model Melodeons" as we think they will be found to be superior in many respects to any others. Please examine them carefully, and test them will, paying attention, among other things, to the following points, viz: 1st.—Their superior *quality of tone.* 2d.—Their great *power of tone.* 3d.—Their perfect *equality of tone.* 4th.—Their *prompt and even action.* 5th.—Their beautiful *style of finish.* 6th.—Their *durability.* 7th.—Their excellent *tune.* 8th.—Their *cheapness.* Mason & Hamlin have great facilities in the manufacture of these Instruments. Mr. Hamlin himself has probably had more *actual practical experience* in the business, than any other man, having been constantly engaged in it from the time they were first introduced;—*for more than six years he has had the entire superintendence of the tuning and mechanical departments of the most extensive Melodeon manufactory in the United States.* They have engaged the very best of mechanics in the different departments of manufacture; those who have had long experience, many of them having worked at similar instruments from the time of their invention. From *Voicers* and *Tuners* are acknowledged to be the most expert in the country. The *voicing* and *tuning* of the Melodeon is the most difficult part in its manufacture. On this depends mainly, the *quality* and *quantity* of tone, and the *durabilty* of the *reed.* They make it their first great cardinal principle, that every instrument *be as perfect in all respects as possible,* and each one, before leaving the manufactory, undergoes a close examination from both of the partners; and none are allowed to go forth, in which the slightest defect, either in the case, or in the interior of the Instrument, can be detected. By adhering strictly to this principle, they trust to secure the confidence and patronage of the public.

☞ Every instrument is carefully packed in a neat and strong box, and *fully warranted.*

The following opinions in regard to the "Model Melodeons," from distinguished musicians, we select for publication.

[*From Lowell Mason.*]

"After having carefully examined the Melodeons of Messrs. Mason & Hamlin, I am enabled to say, that, in my opinion, they are decidedly superior to any others with which I am acquainted."

LOWELL MASON.

New York, July 1, 1854.

[*From William B. Bradbury.*]

Messrs. Mason & Hamlin,

Gents,—I heard with pleasure of your commencing the manufacture of Melodeons, feeling assured that you would be able from your practical skill, ample facilities, and peculiar advantages, to effect important improvements in the construction of these Instruments. Having now had an opportunity of examining a number of your Instruments, I am by no means disappointed in the result. You are certainly producing Melodeons, which, in all desirable characteristics are, so far as I can perceive, faultless. An Instrument possessing so many beauties, is admirably adapted to the parlor and the church, and I am satisfied that so soon as the public become acquainted with the superior merits of your Instruments, your only trouble will be to supply the demand.

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY.

New York, June 2, 1854.

[*Extract from an Editorial Notice in the "New York Musical Review" of May 11th, 1824.*]

"*Considering the ample facilities of this firm, and the varied and extensive experience of the different partners, as well in the wants of the public and the points which constitute good instruments, as in their practical manufacture, we have every confidence that they will accomplish all they aim at*"——We have had an opportunity of examining some of the instruments now finishing at their factory, and can certainly recommend them to all our friends, who may have occasion to purchase."

Instruments can be seen and examined at our Bookstore.

Haszard and Owen, Agents for Prince Edward Island.

School Books.

A SUPPLY of Lennie's Grammar, Gray's Arithmetic and Carpenter's Spelling, just received and for sale by

HASZARD & OWEN.

May 26th, 1855.

Dissolution of Co-partnership.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP existing under the Firm of Charles & John Bell, was this day dissolved by mutual consent. All Debts due to the Firm, are requested to be paid to Charles Bell, who is duly empowered to receive the same, and liquidate all demands against said Firm.

CHARLES BELL,
JOHN BELL.

Charlottetown, Aug. 18. Isl Ex & Adv4i

The Business for the future will be conducted by the Subscriber at the old stand, Queen's Square.

CHARLES BELL.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS indebted by Note or Book Account to the late Firm of C. & J. Bell, are requested to make immediate payment of the same to the Subscribers. All accounts not settled on or before the first day of October next, *being six months over due,* will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection.

CHARLES BELL.

Charlottetown, Aug. 29th, 1855. All papers 4i

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber being about to close his present business, requests all person indebted to him, to settle their accounts on or before the 10th October next. All accounts unsettled after that date, will be sued for without further notice.

D. R. STEWART.

Summerside, Aug. 30, 1855

Boot and Shoe Making.

THE Subscriber has on hand, English calf skin very superior, French calf skin boot fronts, English and American sole leather, and can furnish first rate articles in the above line.

GEORGE BRACE.

Sydney Street, July 23d.

Valuable Freehold Property For Sale.

THE Proprietor offers for sale that valuable and well known Property Gowan Brae, delightfully and eligibly situated at the head of Souris River, in King's County, Prince Edward Island, commanding a view of Colville Bay and the Gulph. The property consists of One Thousand Acres of superior Land; the Homestead, on which the owner resides, contains Two Hundred Acres; of which between 40 and 50 Acres are in a high state of cultivation, and divided into five-acre Fields, substantially fenced. The Dwelling House is 45 feet long by 30 wide, and most conveniently planned, the lower floor contains Drawing Room, Dining Room, two Bedrooms, Nursery, large and small Hall, and commodious Kitchen and Pantry. The upper Floor contains a Hall, two Bedrooms, Servant's room, and large Store room. Cellar, the full size of the House, walled with stone, and partitioned off in to three apartments.

A flower garden in front of the House, enclosed with black thorn hedge and planted with ornamental Trees.

The Barn is 73 feet long by 26 feet, double boarded and barked, and conveniently laid off as a Horse Stable, with five stalls; a spacious Cow Stable with cellar under both, for collecting Manure, a large Coach House and room as Workshop or Granary; a spacious loft the full length of the Barn, and threshing Mill attached. A Well of the purest water at the door, which, with the Dairy, are under one roof. A Building 45 feet long used as Sheep, Pig and Sleigh House, a large and productive Kitchen Garden, enclosed with thorn fence and planted with Fruit Trees. The whole of the back Land is of excellent quality, well wooded and watered, and laid off in 50 acre Lots, a part of which is let at One shilling, currency per acre.

The property is situated in the immediate neighbourhood of Grist and Saw Mills, fronting on the high road to East Point, distant from Charlottetown about 50 Miles. Part of the purchase money may remain on security on the property. For further particulars apply to the owner, on the premises,

JOHN MACGOWAN.

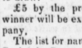
Souris, July 24, 1855.

Bricks!

WELL BURNT BRICKS can be procured on the subscriber's premises, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and also on Queen's and Pownal Street Wharfs, during the week, by the Lighter-load, (from 3 to 4 P. M.), after the 10th July next.

July 2. J. P. BEETE.

Columbus! Columbus!!
A Chance for the three Counties.



THE LOTTERY for this celebrated imported ENTIRE HORSE, will take place at the "GLOBE HOTEL," in the City of Charlottetown, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th September, at 6 p. m., being the day appointed for the Fair and Cattle Show.

60 Tickets will be drawn at 20s. each. The first 60 names on the list will be considered those entitled to draw.

£5 by the present owner, and £2 10s. by the winner will be expended for the benefit of the company.

The list for names lies at the Royal Agricultural Society's Store, at the Book Store of Haszard and Owen, and at the Globe Hotel.

Columbus is allowed to stand in all or any of the Counties on the Island, and can be seen at any time by applying at the Globe Hotel.

This noble Horse being so well known throughout the Island and the neighbouring Colonies, requires no further recommendation.

Charlottetown, August 30th, 1855.