

the mails will hereafter be despatched and received via Capes Traverse and Tormentine.

The winter has set in with unusual severity, there being sleighing for about a month or very nearly so, sooner than in former seasons, and the navigation, which we do not remember to have seen closed in former years until about New Year's, has been suspended now for a week or ten days—parties easily crossing the Hillsborough River on foot since Thursday last.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—A GRIST MILL AND FACTORY BURNED TO ASHES.—It is with feelings of great regret that we have to announce the total destruction by fire this morning of the valuable establishment of Robert Trotter, Esq., comprising a large grist and oat mill, of the most approved construction, and a woollen manufactory, with all the requisite machinery for carding, spinning and weaving cloth, and which has been in full operation for some time past. This machinery was imported at a great expense, from the United States. The fire broke out in the falling mill about one o'clock, but owing to the large quantities of oil and other combustible matter about the premises, proceeded so rapidly that nothing could be saved, the quantity of grain, flour, meal, cloth, &c., destroyed, is very great. All the books, accounts and papers were lost, also ten pounds in money, left there overnight. There is no insurance, the loss is computed to be nothing short of £3000. We were in the spot this morning, and it was melancholy to look upon a pile of smouldering ashes and dense smoke from the consuming materials, where a few hours before stood a flourishing establishment, which was profitable to the owner, of the highest utility to the country, and showing a spirit of progress highly praiseworthy.—Antigonish Casket, Dec. 11.

APPALLING RAILWAY ACCIDENT NEAR WATERFORD.—We deeply regret to state that an accident of a most appalling nature, attended with great loss of life, took place yesterday on the Waterford and Kilkenny Railway, at Dunkitt, within a few miles of the first named city. This terrible calamity has of late years been exceeded only by the more disastrous catastrophe at Straffin, in the autumn of 1853. On this occasion we understand that no less than seven persons were killed on the spot, and a large number of the passengers severely wounded—some of them having sustained injuries which it is apprehended may prove fatal. This accident was occasioned by the down mail train from Dublin having run into some ballast waggons while going at a speed of forty miles an hour.

From what information the reporters were enabled to obtain in the great excitement and confusion at the scene of the disaster, it appears that a number of men who were employed ballasting the line above the scene of the calamity were standing in lurrys, with an engine attached, awaiting on the side rail the arrival of the mail train from Dublin to proceed to their work; but on the approach of the latter—which consisted of the engine and tender, followed by two goods waggons, two passenger carriages, first and second class, and three goods trains bringing up the rear—the engine driver observed the points were not regulated to let his train on the main line, and seeing a collision inevitable, he shouted with all his might to the men on the stationary train to jump off, which he did himself, and the collision immediately took place. The working men in the stationary train jumped from the larry, and a high embankment being at the side they rushed to, all tumbled back again, were caught by the train and cut to atoms—four had their heads cut completely off, and one, who was the only victim that showed any signs of life after the collision, had his arms cut off.

THE TRANSATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.—The British government has agreed to guarantee four per cent. interest per annum on the whole capital required to manufacture and lay down the submarine cable between Newfoundland and Ireland. Contracts for the whole extent of the Atlantic cable were signed in London on the 19th of Nov., one half to be manufactured by W. Kuper, Glass & Co., of London, the other half by R. S. Newell & Co., of Liverpool. It is all to be completed and placed on board two steamers ready for sea on or before the 31st day of May next, and by the 4th of July next it is confidently expected that Europe will be in telegraphic communication with America.

LOCAL NEWS.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

Held its eighteenth annual meeting on Tuesday evening last. There was a large attendance of members. In the absence of his honor the President, from indisposition, James D. Hazard, Esq., Vice Patron, presided. The following Officers-bearers and members of Committee were appointed for the ensuing year, viz: His Excellency Sir Dominick Daly, Knight, Lieutenant Governor, &c., Patron. James D. Hazard, Esq., 1st Vice Patron, re-elected. Hon. Edward Whelan, 2nd do. do. do. Hon. Charles Young, President, re-elected, by acclamation. T. H. Haviland, Esq., M.P.P., 1st Vice President, re-elected. John Kenny, Esq., 2nd do. do. do. Archibald McNeill, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, do. Mr. Samuel Westcott, Librarian.

COMMITTEE:

Mr. W. Duchemin, re-elected, Mr. J. P. Tanton, re-elected, S. Barnard, Esq., do. John Rigg, Esq., Mr. J. W. Morrison, do. W. Monk, Esq., "Mark Butcher, do. W. E. Clark, Esq., "B. Chappell, do. John Williams, Esq., Benj. Davies, Esq., do. John Robins, Esq. The Secretary submitted a financial statement of the funds of the Institute, audited and approved by the Committee—and which proved satisfactory—showing a balance in hand of £50 3s 3d; and also read the following Report, which was unanimously adopted and ordered to be published, viz:

REPORT.

To the Office-bearers and Members of the Ch. Town Mechanics' Institute.

GENTLEMEN; We, your Committee, in discharging the pleasing duty of submitting this, the eighteenth annual report of this Institution, have much pleasure in being able to say that the past Session has been, comparatively speaking, the most prosperous that it has witnessed since its formation.

We beg therefore to observe, that the following are a few of the most prominent causes which have produced such successful effects. The very liberal and handsome grant of £30, voted to this Institute by the Legislature at its last Session, deserves the best thanks of the community at large. We therefore offer the Members of the Legislature, on behalf of the Institute, our warmest acknowledgments of their appreciation of our efforts, by so effectively aiding us in disseminating a knowledge of the Arts and Sciences, and of General Literature, throughout the Island.

The unprecedented order and decorum preserved and maintained by our indefatigable President, during the animated discussions which have invariably followed the Lectures delivered during the Session, have tended very materially to enhance the interests of our Institute.

The many highly instructive and much appreciated lectures that have been delivered during the past Session, and that have been listened to (by the large concourse weekly assembled) with marked attention and a due appreciation of their worth, afford ample proof of the growing intelligence of our fellow citizens.

The gentlemen who volunteered their services, as well as those who complied with the request of the lecture committee, by coming forward in the capacity of lecturers, have added to the acquisition of knowledge amongst us in no ordinary degree;—it must be admitted that they have devoted much time, labor and skilful research, in the gratuitous preparation of their

subjects, and therefore merit the thanks of the Institute. Nor would we forget the host of others who, from time to time, have taken a lively part in the discussions to which the lectures are subjected—affording an opportunity, which nothing but oral discussions can yield, for the friendly collision of intellect, and the instructive comparison of opinions.

The unusually large and regular attendance of the public at these lectures, is an unmistakable evidence of the growing character of the Institute.

The interest manifested by His Excellency Sir D. Daly, our esteemed Patron, in the welfare of the Institute, by personally attending many of our meetings, calls for our most sincere thanks. To witness His Excellency freely and cordially uniting with the members of this Institute for the promotion of intellectual pursuits, must be gratifying to all who wish success to the cause of Science and Literature.

The gratifying manner in which the Ladies of this City have favored our Institute with their presence and support, is a proof of their readiness and ability to join in the advancement of literature and refinement; and the persevering and numerous attendance of our fair friends to the close of the session authorises the hope that they have been gratified listeners. How much our meetings have been enlivened by their presence we need not say;—we trust the example which they have set during the past, will be followed by increased numbers during the approaching session, and that our successors in office may be called upon to return the acknowledgements of the Institute, not only to the ladies who have honored its meetings with their presence, but also to those who have contributed to its scientific transactions.

The above are a few of the many causes which have served to elevate this Institution to its present high and important position.

Our Librarian has regularly attended to the duties of his office every Tuesday evening during the past year, at the Library now in connection with this Institute, and from his Books it appears that a considerable number of our Members during the winter months have availed themselves of the privileges afforded them by the Library—but we regret to have to state that during the summer months the amount of attendance at the Library has greatly lessened—this apparent neglect we regret to say is partly owing to the want of a better supply of standard works in our Library;—we have therefore to suggest the propriety of regularly continuing our present list of Reviews, Magazines, and also of adding to our present list of Books, standard Works of Art, Science and Literature. We have also to report that the present number of Books and Chemical apparatus in our Library have been inspected by us and valued at £142 6s 0d., namely, the Apparatus at £77 and 342 volumes, constituting the Library at £65 6s., in all as above, £142 6s. 0d.

The financial state of our funds has been audited, and is now submitted for your inspection and approval, showing the disbursements of the past Session to be to the amount of £50 13s 0d., and the receipts, £55 13s. 3d., leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £5 0s. 3d.

The annual Soiree, held on the 21st instant, passed off with very great eclat, and we are happy to say that the receipts thereof have been equal to the amount of expenditure, and that the whole affair was highly creditable to all who had the management, and partook of its festivities.

Your Committee, finding the constitution of this Institute defective in several important points, beg to submit for your approval and adoption a revised constitution and code of by-laws, more in accordance with our Act of Incorporation and the requirements of the Institute—with the view of their being published.

Your Committee, in conclusion, would congratulate Margate for organizing an Institution in that locality, and would suggest that means be adopted for the formation of Branch Institutions throughout the country, and thereby induce our fellow-colonists to raise up Societies in different localities, having for their object kindred aims and views with our own—being the diffusion of useful knowledge.

On behalf of the Committee, ARCHIBALD MACNEILL, Secretary.

Charlottetown, Dec. 16, 1856.

To-morrow evening Mr. A. A. MacKenzie will lecture on "Astronomy." Tickets can be obtained of the Secretary.

AGRICULTURAL HALL.—OPENING BALL.—Mr. James W. Cairns, the spirited Proprietor of the Globe Hotel, has at length supplied what has ever previously been a public desideratum in this community, namely, a Hall, suitable for Balls, Dinners, Suppers, &c. It is a well-proportioned Brick Building, connecting the Hotel with the Dining-room, in the rear premises; its dimensions are, about 50 by 25 feet; and every care appears to have been taken as to ventilation, light and every other requisite. The ceiling is arched, and the essentials of Ante-rooms, Orchestra, &c., judiciously arranged. The Building having been lately completed, Mr. Cairns gave an opening Ball and Supper therein, on last Thursday evening, and certainly, if the beginning be a precursor of its future, marked success will be the result of the undertaking. About eighty couples graced the Hall with their presence, and the scene was of the most animating description. When we entered, the old favorite Violinists, the Messrs. Flynn, occupied the Orchestra, and the floor was well occupied throughout the first of the programme. The company then retired for refreshment, which was bountiful in quantity and of a choice description; this over, dancing was resumed, Messrs. J. F. Gordon and A. McEachern, as Violinists, appearing to give even greater zest to the amusements. Another hour, and all repaired to the Supper-room, where every delicacy of the season was amply provided; and the style in which the viands were prepared, and the arrangements for the comfort of the guests, proved Mr. Cairns to be a caterer worthy of public support. To be brief, the Supper was duly discussed; the health and prosperity of the host and hostess drank, with three cheers; that of Miss Cairns followed, and then, "the ladies," when dancing again began, and was kept up with much spirit until three o'clock, a. m., when the party, expressing their highest satisfaction with the affair, prepared for home. We cannot but here remark, in conclusion, the perceptible improvement in dancing, visible in this community within the past few years, and attribute it to the continued and successful efforts of Mrs. Cantelo, who, present on this occasion, must have been gratified by the accomplished and graceful movements of her pupils. That lady's Evening Classes are still open, and as Messrs. Gordon and McEachern are retained to furnish music, it is a guarantee of the efficiency of her classes, in which are now taught dances entirely new in Charlottetown.—Advertiser.

Married.

In New York City, November 1st, by the Rev. E. Rankin, of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. W. Farne, of Saint Clair, Pennsylvania, to Susannah, third daughter of J. Parkin, Esquire, formerly of this City. On the 16th instant, at Bridgefort, Charlottetown Royalty, by the Rev. R. Smith, Mr. William Newman, of Wiltshire, England, to Maria Louisa, fifth daughter of the late Captain John William James, of this place.

Prices Current.

Table with columns for CHARLOTTETOWN MARKETS, DECEMBER 20. Provisions, Poultry, Fish, Lumber, Sundries, Vegetables, Grain.

Died. At the residence of Mr John Dixon, Princetown Road, on Sunday the 14th instant, after a short but severe illness, Alexander Carr, aged 28 years. The deceased was both deaf and dumb. At Kildare, Lot 3, of Consumption, on Tuesday, the 12th instant, after a long and painful illness which she bore with the greatest patience through her sufferings, Elizabeth Daymond, in the 22d year of her age, third daughter of the late Mr George Daymond, of St. John's, N. F.—[Boston and Miramichi papers please copy.] Of Pneumonia, at Lot 66, Georgetown Road, on the 29th November last, in the 68th year of his age, Charles MacEachern, formerly teacher of Belfast, after a severe illness, which he bore for ten weeks with exemplary patience and hope in the Saviour of sinners. He has left a widow, seven sons and four daughters, along with a numerous circle of friends and relatives who mourn their loss. He was a native of the Island of Mull, Scotland, and for 47 years resident in this County.

Ship News.

The Schooner "Bee," S. P. Oulton, master, left this Port on Monday morning, the 27th November, for B. Port, and while off St. Peter's Island, W. Seaman on board said Schooner, in the night slipped and fell overboard. The vessel was dark, and snowing thick at the time, and his friends can obtain any information in regard to the event, by applying to Captain Oulton, at the Port.

New Advertisements.

Auction.

Jamaica Spirits, Molasses, Stoves, &c. TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, on MONDAY, the 29th instant, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Ware-house of JAS. PURDIE, Esq., head of Pownal Wharf, SUNDRY CONSIGNMENTS, viz:—

- 15 Puncheons Superior Jamaica SPIRITS, 6 Do. Porto Rico MOLLASSES, 2 Hhds. SUGAR, 10 half Chests TEA, 2 Crates assorted EARTHENWARE, 400 GRINDSTONES, in lots to suit purchasers, 500 M. Cedar SHINGLES, to close sales, A few thousand feet Pine BOARDS, do., Do do. Refuse DEALS, do., Franklin STOVES, Cooking STOVES, Round and Square STOVES (for coal), Square STOVES (for wood), 1 Large Square STOVE, suitable for a Church or Schoolhouse.

TERMS AT SALE. A. H. YATES, Auctioneer. Charlottetown, December 22, 1856.

Tea & Sugar.

FOR SALE by the subscriber— 10 chests Congou TEA, 5 barrels brown SUGAR. Kent-st., Dec. 22, 1856. 2w JOS. HAZELWOOD.

"Virtutis Scientia Comes."

Charlottetown Mechanics' Institute.

THE Session Tickets of admission for the year 1857 are to be had at the different Book-stores in this City, and of the Secretary, at the following prices, viz:— Family Ticket, 6s., admits a family, with access to Library, or a gentleman and three ladies, with do. do. Member's Ticket, 5s., admits a gentleman and lady, with access to Library. Season Ticket, 3s., admits a gentleman or a lady, with access to Library. Nightly Ticket, 9d., admits a gentleman and a lady, without access to Library. ARCHIBALD MACNEILL, Secretary. Charlottetown, Dec. 22, 1856 (all papers 3i.)

Temperance Hall Company.

THE annual general meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held in the Temperance Hall, in this City, on MONDAY, the 5th day of January next, at 8 o'clock, p. m., when a punctual attendance is respectfully requested. By order of the Directors, J. W. MORRISON, Secretary & Treasurer. Charlottetown, Dec. 22, 1856.

Ball postponed.

THE BALL, which was to have taken place at the Agricultural Hall, Globe Hotel, on Wednesday evening, December 24, is postponed until TUESDAY EVENING, the 6th January next, by order of the Managers. 3i Dec. 22, 1856.

Meeting of the Bar.

A MEETING of the Bar will be held at the Robing Room, in the Province Building, on Tuesday next the 23rd inst., at 1 o'clock, to take into consideration matters of importance affecting the interests of the Profession. II. Dec. 22.

American House, Queen-square.

FOR SALE at the above Establishment, 40 Cases BOOTS and SHOES, consisting of— Men's Single and Double SOLED BOOTS, Boys' and Youths' do. do., Men's Snow SHOES, Men's Long Rubber BOOTS, Boys' do. do., Ladies' Snow BOOTS, Ladies' and Misses' BOOTS, of every description, Do. do. Long Rubber BOOTS and SHOES, Do. and Gents' Cork Soled do. do. December 22, 1856. Isl. W. B. DAWSON.

City Tannery.

HIDES! HIDES!! HIDES!!!—Five-pence per lb. will be given for any quantity, at the above Establishment. December 22, 1856. Isl. W. B. DAWSON.

American House.

JUST in time for Christmas— 20 Cwt. assorted CONFECTIONERY, 100 Boxes assorted Lozenges, 20 Boxes Love Hearts, 20 Do. Love Drops, Boxes Chewing Gum, Do. Kibb's Cough Candy, Do. Cod Liver Oil Candy, Do. Flag Root Oil do., Boxes Motto Lozenges, Do. Gum Drops, Boxes Jujube, Do. Gilt Hearts and Strawberry Bunches, for ornamenting Cake, Boxes Raisins, Figs, Nuts, Barrels of Apples, Barrels of Pilot Bread and Crackers, of every description, Boxes Cheese. December 22, 1856. Isl. W. B. DAWSON.

American House, Queen-square.

THE subscriber has just received per Leo, from Boston, and Elizabeth Mary, from Halifax, the following GOODS, for sale cheap for Cash— 20 Puncheons MOLLASSES, 6 Hhds. SUGAR, 50 Sides Sole Leather, 200 Barrels FLOUR, 25 Chests TEA, Crockery-ware, Rice, Burning Fluid, Coffee, Candles, Soap, Salarus, Soda, Washing Powders, Bedsteads, Chairs, Buckets, Brooms, Nests Tubs, Churns, Hay and Manure Forks, Window Blinds, Market Baskets, Butter Tubs, Nests Measures, Coasting Sleighs, and a variety of other articles, too numerous to mention. December 22, 1856. Isl. W. B. DAWSON.

Melodeons, Melodeons!

AT the "AMERICAN HOUSE," Queen-square, on consignment, 6 Handsome MELODEONS, will be sold for cost and charges by the subscriber, December 22, 1856. Isl. W. B. DAWSON.

Auction.

Valuable Household Furniture, Glassware, Chinaware, Crockeryware, &c., &c. THE subscriber has been instructed to sell by AUCTION, on TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at 11 o'clock, at the residence of E. L. LYDIARD, Esq., Queen-square, the whole of his valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, GLASSWARE, CHINAWARE, CROCKERYWARE, &c., &c. Terms liberal. JAMES MORRIS, Auctioneer. Charlottetown, Dec. 15, 1856.

last... Great... been distributed in London, &c. After each drawing the Shareholders the winning numbers. The prizes will be drawn at the Bank of the-Maine, East or West India, London, New York, &c. Apply without delay to Messrs. J. A. S. Bankers, Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Germany; Messrs. A. SCHWARZCHILD & Co., 26, Lombard Street, London, &c. Remittances which are too late, will be returned to or if he prefers it, Shares in the following drawn forwarded. Prospectuses may be seen at the office of this paper. Shares in the above Loan can be obtained at the Exchange office. August 18, 1856. EDWARD WHELAN.

Stoves, Stoves.

JUST received by schooner Elizabeth Mary, from Albany direct, 300 superior COOKING STOVES of all patterns, which will be sold cheaper than any ever imported into this city, at DODD'S Brick Store, in Pownal-street. Charlottetown, August 4, 1856.

Trevio Cloth Mills.

THESE Mills are in successful operation, and will, during the present Fall and ensuing Winter, continue to full, dye and dress Cloth of every description. Owners of Cloth, who may be late, may rely on a speedy finish, provided they apply at these Mills. AGENTS—John Williams, Market-square, H. J. P. Terlizick, Queen-street. Covehead, Oct. 20, 1856. 9w SAML. GURNEY.

New Goods at Dodd's Brick Store,

IN POWNAL-STREET. JUST RECEIVED per schooner "Albion," from Boston, also, per schooner "British Queen," from Halifax, an extensive Stock of West India and American Goods, comprising in part—50 chests TEA, 20 half-chests and 50 boxes Tea, 10 puncheons MOLLASSES, 5 hogheads SUGAR, 50 boxes assorted Confectionary, 50 boxes Soap, 30 boxes Candles, 6 kegs Tobacco, 10 barrels Onions, 20 barrels Crackers (assorted), 20 boxes Cheese, 6 dozen Buckets, 6 dozen Brooms, 6 cases Cloaks, 5 dozen Looking-glasses, a lot of Glass and Earthenware. Also—300 Franklin and Cooking STOVES (different patterns), all which will be disposed of at the lowest prices. JOHN SUTHERLAND. Charlottetown, Nov. 10, 1856. THOMAS W. DODD.

STRAY HORSE.—Strayed from Charlottetown, on or about the 16th instant, a small RED HORSE, short switch tail, and black mane, with a white star on his forehead, about 11 years old. Any person giving such information at the "EXAMINER" office as will lead to his recovery will be suitably rewarded. JOHN SUTHERLAND. North Side St. Peter's Bay, Nov. 3, 1856. 3i pd.

WOOL, WOOL, WOOL.

COLES'S STREAM MILL CARDING MACHINE is now in superior order, being newly fitted up and in full operation Charlottetown, July 3, 1854.

LOOK out for winter fruit. No Apples to be had. Only a few bushels of CRANBERRIES remaining at the subscriber's. J. WILLIAMS, Queen's Square. November 24, 1856.

Superior Boots and Shoes.

RICHARD FAUGHT has just received a large supply of BOOTS and SHOES, consisting of—Ladies' black and colored satin lasting Congress and gaiter BOOTS; Misses' do.; Children's leather Boots and Shoes, of all sizes; Men's strong, grain, and kip BOOTS & BROGANS; Gents' Congress Dancing Boots; Ladies' French and American kid Slippers. A quantity of French CALF-SKIN always on hand. Charlottetown, Nov. 10, 1856. (Isl. Adv. & H. Gaz.)

STOLEN OR STRAYED.—On the evening of SATURDAY, the 6th December, a small black DOG, answers to the name of "Terry"—he has a long body and short legs, with a large bushy tail. Any person giving such information as will lead to his recovery, will be suitably rewarded. December 15, 1856. CHARLES DESBRISAY.

On Sale,

A CARGO, to suit a Vessel of about 200 tons, consisting of—120 tons hardwood square TIMBER, 20 M. three inch DEALS, 300 SPARS (assorted sizes), with Lathwood for stowage,—will be sold at a moderate price. The above can be delivered at Three Rivers in ten days, if arranged for this month, and can now be seen at Mr. THOMAS ANNEAR'S, Montague-River.

Also—about 100 tons square Birch TIMBER and a lot of Lathwood, at Orwell, which will be sold cheap. WANTED—a SCHOONER, to carry 3 or 4,000 bushels of Oats to St. John or Halifax—would either be sent on or sold. Enquire of BENJ. DAVIES, Esq., Charlottetown, Orwell, Dec. 1, 1856. 4i PATRICK STEPHENSON.

Grain, Grain, Grain.

THE highest price given for BARLEY at Coler's Brewery and Distillery. Constantly on hand at prices cheaper than any elsewhere chased in the Market, the best of Rum, P. key, and a superior article of old Malt X, XX, and XXX Ale. Ch. Town.

Public Lands.

PERSONS who have in part purchased their land of the Worrell Estate, and whose instalments have been hereby notified to settle as soon as possible with the Commissioner of Public Lands. Dec. 8, 1856. (Ex & Gaz) Wm. SWABEY,

For Sale,

THAT valuable Building in Queen-street, known as CITY DRUG STORE, together with the lot on which it is erected. The premises are at present let year to year, and will be sold subject to such valuable property is too well known to need description.

—ALSO—

Five hundred acres of valuable WILDERNESS—one block, situate on Township No. 49. This tract on the boundary line of the Township, and runs along the road—is well watered and covered with principally hardwood, and worthy the attention of any person who has a mind to purchase. For particulars, apply to Charlottetown, Dec. 15, 1856.

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