

Local and Other Items.

POLICE COURT.—No business to-day. AT THE CAPES.—Crossing both ways at the Capes to-day. TORONTO.—At Victoria Park this evening. Sible in excellent condition. LECTURE.—Don't forget to attend Rev. Mr. Cartwright's lecture in St. James Hall this evening. THERMOMETER READINGS.—During the night the thermometer stood at zero; and this morning at ten o'clock marked ten above.

THE MALES.—Fifty-four bags of mail matter crossed from Cape Tormentine this forenoon, and arrived in this city at 3.15 this afternoon. ST. JAMES HALL.—Rev. James Cartwright will deliver the fourth lecture of the course in St. James Hall to-night. Subject: "The Question of Questions for Canada." These lectures are very popular and well attended.

AN ISLANDER INJURED.—An exchange reports that David McDonald, of P. E. Island, fell from the new railway bridge at Fredericton, 25 feet to the ice below, alighting on his head and shoulders, and sustaining severe injuries. A COLD PLACE.—The coldest place in the West is said to be the little town of Halleck, on the Central Pacific railway. It is built at the very bottom of a valley that extends due north nearly to the Arctic circle.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT YEARS OLD.—Mrs. Ellen Morrissey, who lives on Winslow street, Carleton, is probably the oldest person in St. John to-day. She is 108 years old. Mrs. Morrissey is a native of County Cork, Ireland.—St. John Telegraph. THE LYCEUM.—A very fair audience attended the Lyceum last night to witness the performance of "Jossie Vover." The different characters in the play sustained their parts well; and the whole performance, including the farce, was carried out in a manner which would do credit to professionals.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX AND POLL TAX NOTICE.—All persons who have not paid their personal tax and poll tax for years 1886 and 1887, are requested to pay the same at once, in order to save costs, as executions will be placed in the hands of the police, immediately, without respect to persons.—FRANCIS S. CHANDLER, City Collector. dec30 1w dy wy

"HAVING examined the formula from which Adamson's Botanic Balsam is prepared, we recommend it as a safe and reliable medicine for the cure of asthma, coughs, colds and all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs. Geo. W. Martin, M. D., Augusta, Me., I. H. Stearns, M. D., formerly Surgeon, N. M. Asylum, Tegus, Me." Trial bottles 10 cents. dec30, dy wy 1w

POTATOES FOR AMERICA.—Potatoes are being shipped on the regular line of steamers from Scotland to New York. Last week 40,000 bushels arrived. There is a shortage in the American crop of 34,000,000 bushels, and potatoes would now be \$4 a barrel but for the foreign article, which is now coming in abundantly. Scotch potatoes are held in high estimation, so much so that shipments have been made from Ireland to Scotland in order that they may come to America in Scotch bags. The customs authorities are taking measures to have each variety stand on its own merits.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mifalutin. SIR,—Since the days of Artemus Ward your readers have not been favored with anything so grandiloquent as the effusion in a recent correspondence signed S. G. Lawson, in which he says: "I hurl a logical bombshell of destructive defiance into their system of error and delusion; let its devotees defend themselves against my thunderbolt, or skedaddle from their stronghold of hallucination." Take another example: "In the style of the writer it is an incoherent conglomeration of unconcatenated balderdash evolved from a morbid nervous system and disordered carabellum under temporary monomania." Oh, shades of Josh Billings and kindred humorists, you must hide your diminished heads before the wonderful genius of S. G. Lawson. Yours, RUSTIC.

The Domestic Monthly for January 1888.

The recent numbers of the Domestic Monthly have been excellent. The illustrations have been particularly good, while the reading matter is up to its accustomed high standard. The Domestic is one of the prettiest magazines published, and it is a constant wonder how the publishers can give so much for the money. Its fashion news is the most reliable and accurate that can be obtained, and for fifteen years has been the standard which its competitors have tried to equal. Every department of the costume is given attention, and the household department is conducted by Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher. The Domestic Monthly is published at 853 Broadway, New York, at \$1.50 a year, postpaid, with \$1 worth of patterns to every subscriber.

Business Failures in the United Kingdom.

The statistics of mercantile failures in the United Kingdom for 1887 have been prepared by Mr. Richard Sneyd, and by Kemp's Mercantile Gazette. According to Mr. Sneyd the total number of failures in 1887 was 5,822, as against 5,714 in 1886 and 5,089 in 1885. According to Kemp & Co., the totals were respectively 6,265, 6,446, 5,703 and 5,093, so there is a discrepancy of about 400 between the totals for 1887 and over 700 in the figures for 1886. It is known that the official figures of British bankruptcies do not include all the failures which occur, those which are settled by private arrangements for instance. In future, however, all such arrangements will have to be registered, and we shall be able to ascertain with much greater accuracy the real state of affairs.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER. Disastrous Fire. NEW YORK, Jan. 30. Broadway was visited this morning by the most disastrous fire that has occurred in that street for fifteen years. In an hour and a half, despite the sending out of a general call for the fire apparatus, four mercantile business houses were destroyed and others seriously damaged. The interior of the double building 549 and 551. Broadway, was like a furnace, and the iron front had bulged so alarmingly that the firemen were ordered to stand clear. A few moments after the order was given the whole front fell down with a crash. From that time the firemen slowly but surely gained headway on the flames, and at eight o'clock, two hours after its breaking out, the fire was fully under control. A rough estimate places the aggregate loss at \$25,000,000.

Another Effort. OTTAWA, Jan. 30. Mr. Joseph Martin, who was Sir Adolphe Caron's opponent in Quebec County at the last election, to-day had papers served on Sir Adolphe. The papers are in connection with a penal action which is being brought by an elector of the county against the Minister for personal bribery. Mr. Martin claims to have documentary evidence over Sir Adolphe's own signature sufficient to sustain the action taken. He has also completed arrangement for the hearing by the Supreme Court of an appeal from the decision of Judge Caron, dismissing the petition against the Minister of Militia, because of the expiration of the six months limit.

Seeking Protection. LONDON, Jan. 30. The French consulate at Damascus was recently invaded by Turkish soldiers, who, regardless of the consul's protest, arrested an Algerian who was seeking French protection. France demands satisfaction. Turkey claims the Algerians as Turkish subjects.

Arrested for Perjury. PICOT, Jan. 30. Charles Curliiss, the whiskey detective, was arrested here on a charge of perjury on Saturday, by Duncan Fraser. Curliiss gave bonds to appear on Monday. The trial was commenced to-day, but was abandoned till to-morrow.

To Hold a Conference. LONDON, Jan. 30. Sir John Pender, Chairman of the Direct United States Cable Company, has invited the cable companies to hold a conference for the purpose of fixing upon a tariff on the basis of a shilling per word.

Assigned. ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 30. P. McCulloch, one of the oldest dry goods houses in St. John, has assigned. Liabilities unknown.

Weather Bulletin. TORONTO, Jan. 31—10 a. m. Moderate winds, fair and milder.

Matrimonial. At the Crawley Cottage, the residence of the bride's father, at Cardigan Bridge, by the Rev. E. Gillies, on Wednesday evening, the 25th inst., Mr. Peter McPherson, of Cardigan Bridge, to Miss Maggie Minto, eldest daughter of William Minto, Esq. The bride wore a handsome dress of cream bunting, trimmed with Spanish lace, veil and orange flowers. Miss Laura Minto accompanied her sister as bridesmaid, and Mr. Daniel Stewart acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony the newly married couple and a number of friends sat down to a bountiful spread table, loaded with all the good things that the most fastidious taste could desire, to which ample justice was done. The remainder of the evening was agreeably spent by the company in dancing and singing until the "wee sma' hours."

The Dual Cities. The St. Paul Pioneer Press, under the caption, "One in Name as Fact," discusses the desirability of anticipating manifest destiny by consolidating the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. A plan has been suggested to unite these cities in a single municipality with a common name and a single executive, but leaving to each control in respect to such matters as debt, taxation and local improvements, something after the nature of the Federal Union, "with local sovereignty in domestic matters and federal primacy in common interests." The paper named, after alluding to Minneapolis, the proposed name for the united cities, admits that the plan is "seductive," and goes so far as to talk of delegates being appointed by the Minneapolis Board of Trade and the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce to obtain a charter, etc. Yielding to the pleasures of imagination as conjured up by the thought of the dual cities united, the writer in the St. Paul paper goes on as follows:—"United they would already take a position in the front rank of American cities with a population of 400,000; with business activity represented by exchanges amounting to over \$400,000,000; a banking capital of \$14,210,000, but a little short of that of Chicago; a joint wholesale trade, exclusive of lumber and flour, manufactured and jobbed, and without counting the grain commission business, of \$153,795,250, or, including these, the magnificent total of over \$290,000,000; miscellaneous manufactures, omitting food and lumber, amounting to nearly \$84,000,000; a transfer of real values for the year 1887, nearly reaching \$120,000,000, and of \$20,000,000 in building for the year 1887; 600,000. Think of one mighty metropolis whose arriving and departing trains number 300,000 per year." No well-informed or cautious outsider will think of expressing an opinion on this subject until the Minneapolis Tribune has been heard from.

Local Notices.

A few sleigh robes, at low prices, to clear.—Stanley Bros., Brown Block. Jan 31, 21 Ladies and gents' masculine, ladies' snow-shoes and Toboggans.—Stanley Bros., Brown Block. Jan 31, 21 Boys' snow shovels, from 16 cents upwards; also a lot of little baskets, at R. K. Brace's. Jan 30 21 ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY drs. choice winter keeping apples for sale at Beer & Goff's. Jan 28, 31 CAPE COD cranberries for sale at Beer & Goff's. Jan 28, 31 AT COST.—Fur Coats Fur Caps and Sleigh Robes at B. S. Davies & Co's. Big bargains in ready-made clothing and underwear.—B. S. Davies & Co's. Jan 25 41 We would call your attention to the reduced price of the Wanzer Lamps. See advertisement.—Goff Bros. Jan 19 19 Do not forget that we are selling our flannel-lined and Felt Boots at a discount.—Goff Bros. Jan 19 19 CRACKED FEED for horses, cows and pigs—barley and oats mixed—only \$1.10 per 100 lbs.—Henry T. LePage, Glasgow House, Queen Street. Jan 26, 4w 3w For the cheapest place to buy goods and clothing, try J. B. Macdonald's. dy, wy

ICE! ICE! THE BEST ICE is to be had at WRIGHTS POND—good Spring Water Ice, turned out in good style. Good facility for loading, and a good frost from the Pond to town by the river ice. BENJ. E. WRIGHT, Belmont. Jan 31—21

Young Men's Literary Society. ST. JAMES' CHURCH Third Course of Lectures. THE Fourth Lecture of the Course will be delivered by REV. JAMES CARTWRIGHT, on TUESDAY, THE 31ST INST., AT 8 O'CLOCK, IN ST. JAMES HALL. Subject,—"The Question of Questions for Canada." Admission, 5 cents. and 2

CARNIVAL. A GRAND CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT Georgetown Skating Rink ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1st. The Artillery Brigade Band will be in Attendance. Tickets, at Excursion Rates, will be issued at Charlottetown and all Stations east. Admission—Adults, 25 cents; Children, 15 cents. Doors open at 7.30 p. m. E. STEWART, W. S. EASTON, Managers. Jan 25—wy 11 25th dy 25th, 30th

A By-Law to amend the By-Law to prevent Nuisances, passed 18th December, 1887. BE it enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown as follows:— 1st. Every person who erects or places any sign, notice or other projection over the sidewalk on any street in the city, so the same projecting to or over any such sidewalk, or beyond the line of any house, shop or building, shall be subject to the same penalty as is provided by the By-Law of this city, intitled, "A By-Law to prevent Nuisances," and this provision shall be deemed as incorporated in said By-Law. 2nd. This By-Law to come into force and effect one month after the publication. (L. S.) (Sgd.) T. HEATH HAVILAND, Mayor of the City of Charlottetown. A. H. McPherson, City Clerk. Jan 30—2w 2aw 1w

1888. SPRING TRIP From Liverpool. The well-known Clipper Barkentine EREMA, 300 Tons Register. JOHN ROACH, Commander, WILL SAIL FROM Liverpool for Charlottetown, ABOUT THE 1st APRIL, And will carry Goods at through rates to the different Railway points on the Island. For Freight apply in London to John Pitcairn & Sons, Midway Coasters, 7 Union Court, Old Broad Street; in Charlottetown to William Ballen, 51 South John Street, or here to the Owners, PEAKE BROS. & CO. Charlottetown, Jan. 27, 1888—4od

GREAT DRY GOODS SALE.

We intend to make extensive alterations in our premises next spring, and a change in our business, and to do this must clear out our entire stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Carpets, &c., &c To dispose of this immense stock within so short a time, it must be sold at a sacrifice, and we shall, therefore, give discounts varying from 20 up to 30 per cent. The stock consists of Seasonable and Fashionable Goods, which are all marked in plain figures, and at prices that are well known to be the lowest in the market. This Sale will be for CASH ONLY.

HARRIS & STEWART SUCCESSORS TO GEO. DAVIES & CO.

PEOPLE ARE SAVING MONEY! Those who Buy Clothing from L. E. PROWSE. It is a well known fact that his competitors cannot look at his low prices. They have to do some blowing. But L. E. PROWSE sells the Clothing. If you can get what you want at L. E. PROWSE'S, you need not try anywhere else. His prices are the lowest ever known for First-class Goods. 200 Overcoats to be Sold at a Bargain. COME AT ONCE AND GET ONE. L. E. PROWSE, SIGN OF THE GREAT BIG HAT, 74 QUEEN STREET.

AGENTS.—Our wonderful new book, "Hymns for the Fireside," contains nearly 1,000 pages of the choicest selections of Poetry and Prose from the best authors; over 240 illustrations; besides many excellent steel engravings of the Poets and eminent writers. It sells at sight, Dr. J. H. Vineens says:—"It is 'fireside', 'fires', 'famous' and 'fellowship' all in one. It is a whole Parlor in itself." Prices very low. Send for illustrated circulars and terms to W. E. EARLE, St. John, N. B. J. S. ROBERTSON & BROS., Publishers. Jan. 23, 1888—2aw & wkly

NOTICE. THE partnership hitherto existing between the undersigned, and doing business under the name of JAMES PATON & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. (Signed) JAMES PATON, HENRY WEAKE, HERBERT W. FINDLEY. (Signed) James Ingram Wood, Charlottetown, Jan. 16th, 1888. Referring to the above, the business will be continued under the style and firm of JAMES PATON & CO. (Signed) JAMES PATON, HENRY WEAKE. (Signed) James Ingram Wood, Charlottetown, Jan. 16th, 1888. Jan 23—31

Sherwood Cemetery Company. THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at Four o'clock on the afternoon of TUESDAY, the Seventh day of February next, at the office of the Steam Navigation Company, corner of Great George and Lower Water Streets. By order, F. W. HALES, Secretary Cemetery Company. Charlottetown, Jan. 21, 1888. WANTS, LOST, FOUND &c. LOST—On Monday evening, a Purse containing a small sum of money. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. Jan 21 21 WANTED—Two Thousand Dollars, at 5 per cent. First-class Real Estate security. Apply at this office. 2w dy wy—Jan 27 WANTED TO RENT.—A small Cottage or three rooms in a convenient part of the city. Apply at this office. pd 1w—Jan 13

NOTICE.—The subscriber hereby gives notice to the citizens of Charlottetown that he will be prepared to deliver on the 31st of Feb. next, so a Spring Water Ice on the first day of February, or sooner if required, at moderate prices.—EDWARD KELLY, 61 cor—Jan 19 TO LET.—The Hall in Scott's Warehouse, Kent Street. Apply to D. Mackenzie, on the premises. 41—Jan 20 TO LET.—A House on Sidney Street, opposite the Brick Church, containing seven rooms, a good cellar, stable and coach house. Apply on the premises. nov 28 1/2 FOR SALE.—Two well-bred Cows, one seven feet high Jersey, both to calve in April. Enquire of Dr. Blanchard, at Mrs. Sirling's. 31—Jan 14

DRIVE DULL CARE AWAY, And make yourself HAPPY by purchasing your CLOTHING, ETC. —AT— B. S. DAVIES & CO'S. A FULL RANGE OF Suitings, Overcoatings and Pant Patterns, AT PRICES AWAY BELOW THE VALUE. At the same time we guarantee satisfaction in FIT, TRIMMING and FINISH of all Garments. In our MENS' FURNISHING DEPARTMENT we carry the best lines in HATS and CAPS, SHIRTS, COLLARS and CUFFS, and NECK-WEAR. Everything marked away below the value. CALL AND SEE FOR YOURSELF. Charlottetown, Jan. 24, 1888.

TO BE SOLD at Auction, on Thursday, the 26th of January, instant, at noon, the House and Premises on School Street, occupied by the late Mrs. Mabey. Terms at sale. 101—Jan 14 HALL STOVE.—For sale, a Denmark Range Burner, with a quantity of Stove Pipe, in good condition. Apply to WILLIAM HEARD, Jan 7 BOARDERS ACCOMMODATED.—At Mrs. McLean's, Hillsborough Street, between Dorchester and Bridge. 101—Jan 14