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Local Politics.

It is some time since we have been called on to say much about local politics. The business of the Province is being done with so much prudence that scarcely a word of disapprobation is to be heard anywhere.

The liberal provision made for the Dominion, Provincial, and County shows, as well as their successful management; the well-directed efforts to improve our agricultural by the importation of good stock, as well as of the erection of substantial buildings on the Stock Farm; the energy and economy with which the public service is being performed, as evinced by the strict attention of officials to their duties; and the faithfulness with which debts due the public are being collected—all declare the strength and efficiency of the administration.

The Patriot does not like this. A general election will probably take place next summer; and the organ of the Opposition is annoyed to find the country so generally satisfied with the Government. It was not so when its friends held the reins. Then all classes of the country were aroused by the extravagance and maladministration which were apparent on every hand.

Nothing could more fully demonstrate the impotence of the Opposition than the fact that every ground selected by the organ for attack has slipped from beneath its feet. Who does not remember the howl raised last year because debts due the public were being collected? Where is that howl to-day? Who does not remember the cry of the Patriot two years ago that the niggardly policy of the Government, in reducing salaries of officials and uniting offices, would ruin the public service? Where is that cry to-day? In the same manner the assertion in yesterday's Patriot that a sufficient expenditure is not being made on public works, is in fact the greatest possible compliment to the Government.

When to be Born. Commencing, then, with birth, we find that many influences are supposed to affect the future fortune and character of the infant. Thus, in some places great attention is paid to the day of the week on which the child is born, as may be gathered from the following rhyme still current in Cornwall: "Sunday's child is full of grace, Monday's child is full in the face, Tuesday's child is solemn and sad, Wednesday's child is merry and glad, Thursday's child is inclined to thieving, Friday's child is free in giving, Saturday's child works hard for his living, a piece of folk-lore varying, of course, in different localities. By general consent, however, Sunday is regarded as a most lucky day for birth, both in this country and on the Continent; and according to the "Universal Fortune-Teller"—a book very popular among the lower classes in former years—"great riches, long life and happiness" are in store for those fortunate beings born on Sunday, while in Sussex they are considered safe against drowning and hanging. Importance is also attached to the hour of birth; and the faculty of seeing much that is hidden from others is said to be granted children born at the "chime hours," i.e., the hours of three, six, nine or twelve—a superstition found in many parts of the Continent.

The Conservative Party in Quebec.

The Conservatives of Quebec seem to be carrying everything before them. No less than ten supporters of the Chénoua administration were elected by acclamation on Friday last, while two others were elected by acclamation on the "Independent ticket."

The Interest Question.

It was recently decided by the Judicial Committee of the House of Lords, on an appeal case from one of the Colonies that compound interest could not be charged, even where both parties when settling had agreed to it; and also that a settlement in such a case could be opened after receipts had passed. We have it on good authority that it is the intention of the Dominion Government to thoroughly investigate "The Interest Question," as it affects this Island, at the ensuing session of Parliament. This will naturally affect the character of future money transactions in the Island.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.—The steamer "Polynesian" with the English mail has not yet arrived. She left Liverpool, G. B., on the 16th inst. Stormy weather on the Atlantic no doubt, accounts for her long passage. The Cunard steamer "Gisla," one of the finest of the fleet, which left Liverpool on the 12th, and Queenstown on the 13th, only arrived at New York on Friday last.—Halifax Herald, Tuesday.

Notes of a Naturalist.

The cold storm of the 27th of October completely drove our summer birds away, and since then the winter flocks have been slowly arriving. The Grosbeaks come in flocks of twenty or thirty to feed in the fir and spruce grooves. They are beautiful birds with stout, robust frames and the heads and breasts of the males vividly colored crimson. They bear two white bars on their dusky wings. It is a beautiful sight on a wild autumn day to watch a flock of these comparatively large, gaily colored birds crowding on the heavy foliaged summit of a cone-laden spruce, and uttering their soft calls, as they daintily peck the fragrant fruit. Though seldom heard, yet Grosbeaks sing very well. We have heard them in the lone retirement of their forest haunts, when the warm sunshine of a bright March morn'g morning was beginning to dissolve the frost crystals from the pendant foliage of the verdant spruce, and a full, clear song, much like the linnets, but with a few added notes of their own.

The White-winged Cross-bill comes to us now from the far north. It is a smaller and less gaily plumaged but much more active bird than the Cross-bank. A single flock of them will wander all over the country, visiting the various spruce groves in a short time, and filling the upper air with their soft squeaking calls. They have a strong, hooked bill, with the mandibles crossed, and opening with a lateral motion, by which they divide the scales of the cones, and find access to the seeds. The Red-headed Cross-bill is a much-gayer plumaged and rarer bird. For many successive seasons it will not be seen at all; then a flock of fifty or more will come from the solitude of their northern homes so unaccustomed to the appearance of men that you can get right among them, as they feed on the low spruce, and almost lay your hands upon them. The little Mealy Redpolls sometimes come early in numbers but so far they have been scarce this season. They are a small brownish colored birds with dull red crests on their heads. About one bird in every ten has the feathers of the breast and rump brightly tinted with carmine. They fly in close cloud-like flocks, keeping each other company with a low, soft twitter; and in severe winter weather are very fearless in pursuit of their food. We have seen the little shivering flock light on loads of hay, standing in the crowded market place, and secure a meal amid the bustling throng.

A few Canadian Goldfinches will sometimes stay all winter. They lose their golden feathers; but their lively wit and active ways are very pleasing in the dreary winter days. Even the Redpoll Linnet will occasionally winter with us in a mild season, and on a bright morning in March startle us by pouring out his full rapturous song from the topmost bough of some tall spruce or fir.

The Snow Buntings are here in numbers already, although they are little observed. They find abundance of food on the shores and in the wilderness, and do not yet frequent the haunts of men. Indeed the first flocks arrive in October, when they may be seen in deserted grain fields, or at low tide, foraging for insects among the seaweed on the shores. Next month, when snow deluges all the wilderness and locks up the shores in crystal ice, the Buntings will come round our stacks and barn yards, looking for the pittance which the winds of nature no longer afford. They are the true bird of the keens, frozen north. Their nests have never been found south of South Hampton Island, and they never seem at home with us only when the keen, northern blast is driving the wild, deluging snow storm round our homes.

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A SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., despatch of Nov. 24th says: The tests of speed over the course of the Bay District Association to-day—the proceeds of which are to be donated to the Garfield Monument Association,—were largely attended. 4,500 spectators being present. The feature of the day's sport was the undertaking by yearlings and two-year olds from the Palo Alto stables, owned by ex-Gov Stanford, to beat the record of the world. The first test of speed was made by Hinda Rosa, the fastest yearling in the world, to beat her record of 2.43. She trotted the first quarter in 40, the half in 1.18, the three-quarters in 1.55, and the mile in the remarkable time of 2.36. The second test was by Bonita, a two-year old, to beat the best two-year old record of the world. Bonita trotted the mile in 2.24, the fastest time ever made, with the exception of the two-year-old Wild Flower's record, made some time ago.

The last candidate for the office of country treasurer, Mr. Charles A. Miller, of Cummins-ville (Cincinnati), Ohio says: "I have had occasion to use St. Jacobs Oil several times for horses, and always found its workings wonderful enough to surprise me." St. Jacobs Oil never fails to cure, and now owner of a livery stable should be without it."

MR. LYON PLAYFAIR, deputy speaker of the British House of Commons, is in Montreal.

NEWS NOTES.

The title of the czar was first applied to Ivan III, 1482.

A violent yellow fever epidemic is raging in Barbadoes.

Inconsistent woman hates cruelty, but still adores bangs.

The German hymnology is said to be the largest, richest, and fullest in the world.

Montreal's export lumber trade for this season shows a handsome increase over that of 1880.

It is hoped that a growing trade in the exportation of Lower Province coal to the West Indies is about to be developed.

There are one hundred and seventy-six polling districts in the city of Montreal for the forthcoming local elections.

An endeavor is being made to despatch another Canadian artillery team to compete at Shoeburyness next summer.

The city of Berns has again been visited by a severe shock of earthquake, by which the walls of a number of buildings were cracked.

The cattle shipping season is now over at Montreal, and the returns show that total exports in this line to have been 42,103 head, sheep 60,881.

It is understood that the appeal of the New Brunswick Canada Temperance case will not be argued before the Privy Council in England until February.

It seems that poor Mrs. Lincoln is in straightened circumstances. If that is so the fact is not creditable to the Republic. She ought to be comfortably provided for at the public expense.

President Arthur has resolved not to dismiss officials, whose term has not expired, without cause. That is a praiseworthy determination, and is fitted to give a valuable impulse to the cause of civil tenure reform.

Lady Burdett-Coutts has, it appears, to give up a large portion of her fortune on account of having married Mr. Bartlett, who is held by the Lady's lawyers to be a foreigner, according to the meaning of the will, under which she inherited a pile from the Duchess of St. Alban's, and, therefore, ineligible as a husband for her, without forfeiture of the bank property bequeathed. Were she a young woman her sacrifice would be applauded. But, as she is an old one, it is ridiculed.

The tobacco trade is assuming considerable proportions in Canada. We imported in 1880 nine millions pound leaf, worth \$808,000 and exported 395,000 lbs. manufactured tobacco and 13,575 lbs. cigarettes. These exports are not so large as in some former years, but that is because so much more is required to supply the home market. As an instance of the growth of a particular industry it is interesting to learn that the Globe Tobacco Company of Windsor, which began in 1873 with a couple of dozen hands, had increased its staff to over fifty, and now is working overtime with a staff of eighty hands. One principal reason for this last increase, we are told, is the demand for their "Gold Flake" cigarettes, and "Uncle Tom" smoking tobacco.

The health of the venerable German Emperor appears to be breaking up. He cannot be expected to hold out much longer. It is hard to say whether or not his death would be followed by serious changes in Germany. His heir is regarded as a man of liberal tendencies and possibly under his rule the German Government would assume a more popular aspect than it now wears. But the Imperial Crown Prince is probably an abler man than his father, and having distinguished himself in fighting for the unity of Germany is likely to stand firm in its support. Still, under his regime Bismarck might be relegated to private life. It used to be understood that the Chancellor and the Crown Prince did not pull well together.

The Education Department in England has issued some interesting statistics of the operation of school savings banks in England and elsewhere. In Belgium, it appears, some wonderful results have been achieved. In the town of Ghent, which is quoted as a single instance, there were in 1873, 15,392 scholars in the elementary schools, and though the experiment had been tried for only six years, no less than 13,032 of these scholars had separate accounts in the savings bank, with a total of 463,964 f., or an average of about 35f. for each depositor. In France, in 1881, there were 14,278 school banks, with 397,452 separate accounts and a total of 6,228,560f., an average of over 20f. At Liverpool 34 school banks have been established in connection with the Liverpool Savings Bank; and in 1880 the number of separate children's accounts had risen to 9,522, and the sum deposited to £4,108.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, November 30—10 a. m. Moderate winds fair mild weather.

DIED.

At Point Prim, on Nov. 22, of a lingering illness, Donald McRae, aged 71 years, leaving a widow and ten children to mourn their loss.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF CHARLOTTETOWN.

ENTERED. Nov 30—Three Sisters, Walpole, Pictou, coal; Sch Onward, Squirebridge, Chatham, boards; Eldon C. Bell, Malpeque, bal; Life Boat, Richards, Georgetown, limestone.

CLEARED. Sch Onward, Squirebridge, St John's, Nfld, produce; Life Boat, Richards, Arieht, bal. Halifax, Nov. 28—old Star of the Sea, Georgetown. Gloucester, Mass, 25—ar schrs Conductor, from P. E. Island. Port Mulgrave, 26—ar schrs Neva, Delorey, Ch'town for Brooklyn, N. Y.

FLOUR.

300 BBS. SUPERIOR EXTRA FLOUR. For sale by the subscriber.

A. H. YATES. Water Street, Nov. 30, '81.

APPLES

I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

To-Morrow (Thursday), 1st Dec.,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, IN FRONT OF THE

Queen Street Auction Rooms,

300 barrels choice Winter Keeping Apples, in all varieties.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

Nov. 30, '81—

TEA. TEA. TEA.

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HENRY BEER, Esq., to sell

AT AUCTION,

—ON—

Saturday, 3rd of Dec.,

AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

AT HIS STORE,

20 half-chests TEA, wet and damaged on voyage from London to Halifax ex S. S. "Columbia,"

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

Nov. 30, '81.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

THE undersigned hereby notify all parties indebted to them to make immediate payment, otherwise their accounts will be placed in an Attorney's hands for collection.

BOURKE, SON & CO.

N. B.—Bank of P. E. Island Bills taken at their face.

Nov. 30, 1881—pat 1w, wkly 2t

TAKE NOTICE.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform all those indebted to him by Book Account or otherwise, if their accounts are not settled on or before the first day of January next, they will be sued for without further notice.

D. NICHOLSON, Tailor, Albion Cross, Dundas.

Nov. 30, 1881—3t

SALE OF HOLIDAY ARTICLES

A QUANTITY OF TOYS and CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, suitable for this season of the year, will be offered for sale by the LADIES' AID SOCIETY of ST. JAMES' CHURCH, on

Thursday 8th of December,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, IN

ST. JAMES' HALL.

Some Magic Lantern Views will be exhibited at the same time.

Admission—10 cents for adults; 5 cents for children.

MRS. GRAY.

Nov. 29, '81.

Bank of P. E. Island.

BANK OF P. E. ISLAND NOTES taken at their face for Goods, at

J. B. MACDONALD'S,

Nov. 29—3t wkly 3t Queen Street.

BANK OF P. E. ISLAND.

BANK OF P. E. ISLAND NOTES taken at their face for Goods or in payment of Bills, at

BOREHAM'S BOOT STORE.

Nov. 29—4t

ANTHRACITE COAL.

CARGO EX BRIG "DAVID REES," from

Wales. Now landing at McMillan's Depot.

R. McMILLAN.

Ch'town, Nov. 26—1w, wkly 1w

FOR SALE.

ONE HUNDRED LOADS KINDLING.

Apply to JOSEPH MAHAR.

Cumberland Street, Nov. 29—4t

Bank of P. E. Island.

NOTES of the above Bank taken at their face for Goods or Book Debts.

BOURKE, SON & CO., City Hardware Store.

Nov. 28, 1881—dly 2w

CLEARING-OUT SALE.

Groceries, Crockery, Glassware, &c.

I AM INSTRUCTED BY Messrs. Wright & McNutt to sell AT AUCTION, at their Store, Kent Street, on Thursday, 1st December next, at 11 o'clock, all their STOCK IN TRADE, consisting of Half-chests and boxes Tea, Cans and Packages Coffee, Boxes Tobacco and Cigars, lots of Glassware and Crockery-ware, Spices, Syrrups, Lime Juice, Jams, Pickles, Vinegar, Sage, Tapioca, Arrowroot, Corn Starch, (candies, Soap, Brooms, Blacking, &c., &c.

Terms at sale.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

Nov. 23, '81—secd

Removed.

MRS. W. W. IRVING begs to notify her friends and the public generally that she has opened her Fall and Winter Classes for Painting and Drawing in all their different branches.

For terms, etc., apply at her Studio—residence of Mr. Peebles, South Side of King Square. [au 29 f]

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A NEW FEATURE!

—O:O—

JOHN MACLEOD & CO.,

MERCHANT TAILORS,

Will, for ONE WEEK, beginning on Monday,

the 28th inst.,

HAVE ON VIEW

About One Thousand Patterns

—OF—

SCOTCH TWEEDS,

FOR THE SPRING OF 1882.

—O:O—

Any Person Wishing to Have a Suit for the Spring,

CAN THUS SELECT IT FROM AN

UNRIVALLED ASSORTMENT OF PATTERNS,

SUCH AS HAS

Never before been shown by any Tailoring Establishment in the Dominion.

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The Exact Pattern Selected Will be Guaranteed.

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Note—On View for One Week Only, from

Monday, 28th November, until

Saturday, 3rd December.

Remember the address, two doors above Apothecaries Hall.

Charlottetown, Nov. 25, 1881.

CHEAP WINTER CLOTHING!

—AT—

J. B. Macdonald's, Queen Street.

—O:O—

Men's Warm Reefers \$3.75.

Men's Warm Reefers \$4.25.

Men's Warm Reefers \$5.75.

Men's Warm Reefers, good, \$6.50.

Men's Warm Reefers, good, \$7.50.

Men's Warm Reefers, better, \$8.50.

Men's Warm Reefers, better, \$9.50.

Men's Warm Reefers, best, \$10.00.

Men's Heavy Overcoats \$4.50.

Men's Heavy Overcoats \$5.25.

Men's Heavy Overcoats \$6.50.

Men's Heavy Overcoats, good, \$7.50.

Men's Heavy Overcoats, extra, \$10.00.

Men's Heavy Overcoats, extra, \$12.00.

Men's Heavy Overcoats, extra, \$14.00.

250 Men's Heavy Winter Ulsters, splendid value.

50 Boys' and Youths' Ulsters, splendid value.

100 dozen Men's Shirts and Drawers, 35 cents and upwards.

Cheap Scarfs, Ties, Woolen Shirts, Braces, Mitts, Gloves, &c.

Clothing made to order from good and cheap Cloths, at

J. B. MACDONALD'S.

Nov. 22, '81—wkly, pat

P. E. Island Railway.

Tenders for sleepers.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the

undersigned and marked "Tender for Sleepers," will be received until 6 p. m.,

Saturday, December 3rd, for

60,000 SLEEPERS.

Forms of Tender, with specification endorsed thereon, may be had at all booking stations.

No Tender will be considered unless made in accordance with and upon the printed form supplied.

The Department reserves the right to reject the lowest or any Tender.

L. B. ARCHIBALD, Supt.

Railway Office, Charlottetown, Nov. 25, 1881.

(No 26 f)

BEDEQUE MAILS

WILL leave the Livery Stable of the

undersigned, on Queen Square, every

TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY

MORNINGS, at 7 o'clock, returning to this

City every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and

FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Passengers for Bedeque or intermediate

points will register their names at the Livery

Stable the evening previous.

All parcels must be prepaid.

SAMUEL T. STUMBLES.

Nov. 19, '81—1w

TO LET.

A GOOD HOUSE on Hillsborough Street.

A Ready bank