

Mail Arrangements.

The unsatisfactory manner in which mail communication has been carried between the Island and the mainland, has called forth the displeasure of the people of this section of the Province at any rate. Not only have the mails been more irregularly conveyed by the Northern Light up to the present time, than they have during the past four or five winters, but the people of the Island have been most shamefully treated by those in charge of Postal affairs at Charlottetown regarding the may in which mail matter for these parts has been forwarded. An instance in point. The St. John Sun, of the 30th ult., was received in Charlottetown on Wednesday, the 31st ult. Yet the subscribers of that paper here, did not receive theirs of the same date until Friday morning, the 2nd January. Had the Northern Light made a trip during the time that elapsed between the two dates, we would attribute the delay to her bringing only part of the mails for the Island on her trip of the 31st, and possibly the Stuns for this place did not come with those of Charlottetown. This, however, is not the case; and the officials of the Charlottetown Post Office are alone responsible for the delay evidently caused by palpable neglect. And, further, we do not recollect of having received, this winter, all of a foreign mail for this place, at one time. Part of a mail comes one day, and the balance comes the next, when the mail for this place and west should be sent all together. It has, indeed, come to a pretty pass, if the officials in the Charlottetown Post Office are allowed to forward mails, which may contain letters and papers of great importance to business men, whenever it may suit their convenience. It is to be regretted that the postal arrangements of this Island are left in the hands of men who, seemingly, do not consult the best interests of the public, and we think that the time has come when the authorities at Ottawa should inquire into the matter.

We take the above from the Summerside Journal of the 8th inst. The statement so positively made therein, that the St. John Sun of the 30th ult., was received at Charlottetown on Wednesday, the 31st ult., is not correct. The irregularity complained of, whereon the Journal founds his charge of shameful treatment against our city Post Office officials, is owing to that paper having been mailed, by an office outside this Province, on Georgetown instead of Charlottetown. As the Northern Light mail express leaves Georgetown immediately after arrival of steamer and before Georgetown mail could be assorted, the matter mis-sent on that office had, of necessity, to remain there for the regular mail of the following day, and arrived here at noon of 31st ult., and at Summerside at 6.30 o'clock same evening. The attention of the proper officer was some days ago directed to the irregularity of sending matter for other Counties on Georgetown office; and it is not likely to continue.

Respecting the statement that postal arrangements are in the hands of men here who do not consult the public interest, and that the Ottawa authorities should enquire into the matter, we are authorised to state that the officials having the direction of these affairs here, invite the fullest enquiry into, and challenge fair criticism of, their mail management. They can not only show that the mail connections with the Northern Light are as good as they can possibly be made with the means at their disposal; but that the entire mail arrangements of the Province can not be materially changed for the better, and that they compare favourably with those of the larger Provinces of the Dominion.

THE CANADIAN MONTHLY.—The first number of Rose Belford's Canadian Monthly for 1880 is at hand. It is, as usual, well up to the mark, its contents comprising:—"A Christmas Carol"—By Charles Pelham Mulvany, M. A. "Canadian Life in the Country Fifty Years Ago"—By Caniff Haight. "Jean Ingelow and her Poetry"—By Felix L. Max, Toronto. "Stanzas for Music"—By F. Blake Crofton, Truro. "Charlotte's System"—a story—By Mrs. Frances Rye, Barrie. "Greetings"—a poem—Selected. "The Diary of Samuel Pepys, Esq."—concluding papers—By the Rev. J. S. Stone. "To the New Year"—Gowan Lea, Montreal. "The Fallen Leaves"—Chaps. XXXII-XXXVI.—By Wilkie Collins. "New Year's Eve"—By J. C., Montreal. "Burns and Ferguson"—By David K. Brown, Toronto. "Ballads of Fair Faces"—By C. P. Mulvany, M. A. "The Future of Morality"—By W. D. LeSueur, B. A., Ottawa. "In a Studio"—a poem—By Fidelis. "Under one Roof"—Chaps. XLVI-XLVIII.—By James Payn. "The Higher Law"—a poem—By Kate Seymour McLean. "Round the Table"—J. G. W. on Cardinal Newman—Facts. Book Reviews.—The Distracted Young Preacher—Uncle Caesar—The Dramatic Art of Shakespeare—Di Cary—A Ministry of Health—The Apostolic Father—Mr. Edward Arbol's English reprints. The Month's Scrap Book.

MAMMOTH PORKERS.—Mr. Wm. Bourke, of Bay Fortune, sold a carcass of pork, this fall, to Macdonald, Macdonald & Co., of Souris, that weighed 691 lbs. Another carcass, belonging to Mr. Malcolm McMillan, Narrow's Creek, that weighed 750 lbs., was bought by Mr. George Vickerson, Dundas, about a fortnight ago. We have seen nothing published this fall to compare with these figures. For the present, our King's County farmers have the lead as pork raisers on this Island.—K. C. Advertiser.

The Professor's Attack.

"Let him roar again; let him roar again." —MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM The Professor was thinking—for days it was seen Something mighty was filling his mind. The close puckered brow, and the self-absorbed mien. Told of projects gigantic behind. His worshippers saw, and with trembling awe Looked up at that face professorial In reverence profound, while the whisper went round, "He's at work at an editorial." As when in the bosom of some burning height Sound rumblings and groanings portentous, Men listen and wait in a fever of fright The approach of results most momentous,— So now, at such vast intellectual striving, With such mental forces in motion, What wonder, we all with a solemn mis-giving Awaited and feared the—explosion!

At last it was over. His musing was done, He sat all alone in his den; And gazed with the gaze of a satisfied one, At the work of his mind and his pen. It lay there before him, a rapture came o'er him, He read, and re-read his own words; "Ha, ha," he laughed loud, "there's a style to make proud "What sarcasm, what daggers and swords!" "I know I've raked up every rancorous term "Of my bounteous and often-used store, "Quite heedless that facts as they stand don't confirm "What I've said,—but then truth's such a bore "And quite spoils my style—ah! but here I've a potion "Where slander and satire commingle "In pleasant proportion,—dear me, what commotion! "How certain high ear tips will tingle!" Thus o'er his performance with many a caper And grin of delight did he gleat, Till he suddenly thought it must get to his paper, So hurriedly rushed forth his coat, "What am I about, its on wrong side out, "But my haste time for changing refuses; "Well, a coat is one's own, and surely 'tis known, "One may turn it as oft one chooses." It appeared!—what's this? Has power fled from style? Have words lost their meaning, their use? Unsurprised, not dumbfounded, men say, with a smile, "Some more of the Herald's abuse," And even each friend sneers at this sickly end Of tremendous preparing and fuss, Well, well, so his wont is, "parturient montes," And, "nascitur ridiculus mus."

"It is a curious fact," says London Life, "that three female sovereigns are ill at the same time—the Empress of Russia, the Queen of Italy and the Queen of Sweden. Some fatality has attached itself to the number three during the year 1879. Serious attempts have been made upon the lives of three of the crowned heads of Europe—the Emperors of Russia and Germany and the King of Italy. Three foreign potentates have been dispossessed—the Ameer of Cabul, the Khedive of Egypt and the King of Zululand. Three famous actors have died—Falconer, Blackstone and Mathews; and the fourth estate is not without its fatal adhesion to the unlucky numeral. Three editors or proprietors of our foremost newspapers have bade 'a long farewell to all their greatness'—Lawson, Delano and Sergeant Cox."

The interminable Mormon question is again assuming prominence at Washington, where pressure is being brought to bear on their behalf for the re-appointment of Gov. Emory of Utah Territories on the expiration of his term. It is stated that his influence has been favorable to Mormonism and that he has failed to enforce the anti-polygamy laws. The Mormon population increases every year by the arrival of three or four thousand converts from Europe, while the Gentiles who make their homes in the territory are largely young unmarried men. Moreover, the Gentiles are not permitted to settle on the arable lands of the territory. If any are bold enough to make the attempt, their property is burned and they are driven off by a system of persecution. It is only in the mining districts and the large cities that the Gentiles have any foothold, while the Mormons are pushing into other territories and increasing their influence.

Three of the five heroes who were decorated in the presence of the Court at Windsor, by Her Majesty on Tuesday, are Irishmen. Sergeant Allan is a Derry man; Private Power is from Waterford; Trooper Brown belongs to Dublin. The ceremony of decoration was impressive and interesting. Sir Evelyn Wood had the honor, by special command of Her Majesty, to receive his brave companions in arms, whom he conducted to the Presence Chamber, where they awaited the Queen's pleasure. The Sovereign, who is a model of punctuality in all matters of State observance and etiquette, entered almost immediately, and attended by the whole Court. At her Majesty's appearance the five soldiers saluted, and remained in the saluting posture while the Queen attached to the breast of each the well-merited tribute of a grateful country. The decoration was in each case accompanied by an expression of gracious acknowledgment.—Irish Times.

It is reported that Layard has been rebuked by Salisbury, for presenting to the Porte an ultimatum in the Missionary question involving no British subject nor interest.

Mr. Edison's electric lights have now been burning for a fortnight continuously, night and day, in Menlo Park and show no signs of growing dim. This seems to dispose of the very positive predictions of one scientific professor that he could not keep them going for twenty minutes. Thousands of persons have visited Menlo Park during the past fortnight and have seen the light in operation. Mr. Edison claims that his light will be as cheap as gas would be at 40 cents per thousand feet. If this claim is made good, the electric light will be as economical as it is brilliant.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

ROCKLIN HOUSE. Jan. 8.—Dr. Clark and wife, Orwell; David Mutch, Rustico, James S Gordon, Alberton; Dr. Brine, Port Hill; Arch. Ferguson, Springton. Jan. 9.—Alex. McNeill, Cavendish; John McNeill, do.; J. McNeill, do.; Miss McNeil, do.; James Stevenson, Fredericton, N. B.; Von Clure Gay, Pownal; Alex. McMillan, Wheatley River; Donald Palmer, Crapaud; Henry Douglass, Mount Stewart.

MARRIED.

On the 6th inst., at the Manse, Georgetown, by the Rev. John McKinnon, Mr. George McMillan, Alberry Mills, to Miss Jemima Shaw, youngest daughter of Robert Shaw, Esq., New Perth.

DIED.

At Toronto, on the 3rd inst., Elizabeth Bruenech,—sister of the late Robert May, Esq.—formerly a resident of this city. At Springfield, Lot 59, on the 22nd ult., of bronchitis, Jessie, the beloved wife of Archibald McLeod, in the 69th year of her age. The deceased emigrated to this Island from the Isle of Skye in the year 1858.

CARNIVAL. A Calico Carnival

WILL BE HELD AT THE Citizens' Skating Rink, —ON THE— FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY.

Those wishing to take part will oblige by sending their names to the Secretary before the 20th inst. By order of the Directors, W. C. HOBKIRK, Secretary. January 9, 1880—4i taw

POLL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Are to be Paid at the Store of D. R. N. HOOPER, Euston Street. Immediate Payment Requested. Charlottetown, Jan. 9, 1880.

Valuable Property for Sale.

THE FARM lately owned by John and Peter Meikle, situate on Lot 23, in Queen's County. For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod, Charlottetown. Jan. 9, 1880—eod

Received To-day!

100 BOXES RAISINS, in London Layer, Valencia and Muscatel. A. SIMPSON. Jan. 8, 1880—3i

Cheirograph or Lethogram

CAN be made for 50 cents by sending 35 cents in stamps to P. O. Box 126 Yarmouth, N. S., and by return of mail you will receive a receipt for making tablet and ink from which you can get over one hundred copies from one original writing. Ch'town, Jan. 7, 1880. 1m

Valuable Property for Sale.

TO BE SOLD, all that part of Town Lot No. 74, in the first hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown; having a front of 67 feet, Dorchester Street, and running back 80 feet, together with the buildings thereon erected. For further particulars apply to Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod Charlottetown. Sept. 18, 1879.

Pure Confectionery.

A GRAND ASSORTMENT for Christmas, at BEER & GOFF'S. Dec. 17, '79.

CHOICE LABRADOR HERRING.

25 bbls. No 1 LABRADOR, 25 " HALIFAX SHORE, Just received at the FISH MARKET, Grafton Street Dec. 1, 1879—

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ANY OTHER TIME.

W. R. BOREHAM Has on hand, and coming, per steamer North Star Light, a large stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Overshoes and Slippers, all styles and prices to suit all ages and pockets. Come along to W. R. BOREHAM, South Side Queen Square. Dec. 23, 1879.—3mostaw

For Sale.

THE Land and Dwelling House owned and occupied by William B. Heartz, situated on Euston street, opposite Admiral Bayfield's dwelling. For further particulars apply to CHARLES HEARTZ, Queen Street. Jan. 5, 1880.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS holding Claims against me will please send them to me in detail, at Montreal, as I intend leaving for South America in the Spring. A. B. ALMOUR, Montreal Post Office. Ch'town, Jan. 3, 1880. 6i

The New Year Has Come,

BUT MANY PERSONS have failed to come and settle their accounts. The subscriber respectfully requests all parties owing him, either by

Note of Hand or Book Account, To Settle the Same at Once.

J. QUIRK. Jan. 2, 1880—9i eod, h ne 3w

COAL. COAL.

FOR SALE, at the Gas Works, and Koughan's Scales, a quantity of Round Lingan Coal, at \$3.50 per ton. This Coal gives a great heat, and being almost free from sulphur, is suitable for either grates or cooking stoves. Dec. 27, 1879—city papers 6i

TO LET.

THE SHOP on Upper Queen Street, now occupied by Simon W. Crabbe. Possession given the 1st June, 1880. ARCH'D. WHITE. Ch'town, Dec. 22, 1879.—taw pat pres n e her 1m

NUTS, ORANGES,

GRAPES, Figs, Dates, Pound and Fruit Cakes, &c., at BEER & GOFF'S. Dec. 17, '79.

FARM FOR SALE.

800 ACRES, SITUATED 20 miles west of Moncton, N. B., on line and in sight of Intercolonial Railway, between Moncton and St. John—buildings 2 1/2 miles from Petitcodiac R. R. Station. The above farm contains 800 acres, 300 acres of which are cleared and under cultivation. Price, \$4,500, 25 per cent. cash down; balance on easy terms. For full and further particulars apply to J. R. FOSTER, Agent Moncton N. B., Nov. 25 1879.—6m wky

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

TO be Sold by Public Auction, on the premises, Lot 48, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of January next, 1880, at 12 o'clock, noon, The FARM of the late JOHN POWER, consisting of 32 acres of Leasehold Land, 42 acres of which are clear. The above land is about seven miles from the Southport Ferry, and is eligibly situated for farming purposes. Sale positive. No reserve. Terms cash. MARTIN POWER, Administrator. Lot 48, Dec. 19, 1879.

RAISINS,

CURRENTS, Citron Peel Essences, pure Spices, Pastry Flour, etc., at BEER & GOFF'S. Dec. 17, '79.

MACLEAN & MARTIN,

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Newson's Building, Opp. Post Office, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. A. McLEAN. D. C. MARTIN. June 18, 1879.—ex2aw

Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

WANTED—At Hospital for the Insane, TWO COOKS. Apply at the Institution. j 9, 2i pd

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—An active GIRL to do general housework in a small family. Apply at this Office. j 7 3i

TENEMENT on Hillsborough street, opposite residence of Thos. DesBrisay, Esq., containing hall, seven rooms, pantry, front and back stairs, to let, with immediate possession. Enquire of JOHN STUMBLER. Jan. 3, 1880. d l w e o d t f.

NEW COTTAGE TO LET.—Kitchen and sitting-room below, and three bedrooms above stairs. A large piece of ground attached. Pleasant and healthy situation for a small family. Well suited for a Market Gardiner or Landress. Enquire at the residence of Chief Justice PALMER.—d 6 m & w

FOR SALE.—A first-class YOUNG MARE, 3 years old, sired by Imported Blood Horse "Abel," stands 15 hands, good style and quite gentle in harness. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Apply at this office. [n. 1, t f]

A fine Cabinet Organ—(Smith maker) which cost \$130.00, will be sold for sixty dollars, less than half. Apply at this office. [n10