

The "Northern Light."

We fully appreciate the "difficult and dangerous duties" which the Captain of the *Northern Light* is called upon to perform; and, therefore, we think that he should lose no favorable opportunity of bringing over or taking across the Straits the very latest mails. On two occasions the Captain allowed such an opportunity to be lost; and, because he did so, the people did not receive their letters and papers for forty-eight hours after they should have been received. We are decidedly of opinion that the cause of the Captain's laxity should be explained. But the editor of the *Patriot* thinks it is quite sufficient to merely scold THE EXAMINER.

Our aim is not to harass the Captain; but to have his "difficult and dangerous" duties satisfactorily performed. We agree with the *Patriot*, that he should have sole control of the *Northern Light*; but we hold, further, that he should be held strictly responsible for lapses such as that of Saturday. We shall not fail to give him due credit if he does well; and we shall not fail to call him to account when he does not do well.

The Winter Port.

A DEPUTATION of the Local Government of Nova Scotia has gone to Ottawa at the request of the Dominion Government to confer with them on the Winter Port question. The *Halifax Herald* is informed by a letter from Ottawa that careful calculations have been made, and that as the result the freight for grain coming East over the Intercolonial to Halifax can be put down to 26½ cents. This is 3½ cents lower than the offer made by the McKenzie Government, which offer was 1s. 3d. stg., or 30 cents. This rate, it is said, covers cost and charges, and leaves the Government without any profit. The *Herald* thinks that a still lower figure might be reached, and yet no loss. The Halifax Chamber of Commerce appealed to the Government on Friday about these rates, and while yet they were talking, a letter was speeding its way, showing that the present Government actually forestalled the wishes of the people of Halifax in regard to this important question.

The Fire Department.

OUR FIRE RECORD FOR 1878.

FROM the Report of the Chief Engineer, we extract the following record of fires in Charlottetown during 1878:—

- Jan. 3—At Meleod's, Grafton street west; chimney.
  - Jan. 31—At Charlton's; no serious loss to the building, but a man named Simms sustained injuries which caused his death.
  - April 16—At the Railway Depot (alarm).
  - April 23—At Seantlebury's forge, West Kent street; roof damaged.
  - March 26—At Trowan's; roof damaged.
  - May 24—At Power's, King Square.
  - June 26—At Winkler's corner of King and Queen streets; house partially destroyed and stable consumed. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.
  - October 4—At Brydges' factory and slaughter house. Building destroyed. Cause—children playing with matches.
  - October 29—At Mrs. Dawson's, Grafton Street (West). Barn slightly damaged.
  - December 24—At Newbery's stable, on Pownall Street. Extinguished without serious loss.
- Our exemptions from serious loss is attributed to the present efficiency of the Fire Department. Each Company uniformly shows its alacrity and efficiency by prompt attendance on the sounding of an alarm. The apparatus belonging to the Department is reported to be in good order.
- The appointment of an inspector of fires is recommended. A "water supply" is still, however, the absorbing subject of consideration by the Department.

A SHERBROOKE correspondent writes of a splendid carload of sheep recently shipped for Portland, Maine, by John Avar, Esq. The sheep consisted of two rams and 150 ewes, mostly Leicesters, and they were selected from the best stock farms on P. E. Island. The ewes are chiefly a year and a half old and are especially designed for breeding stock. This is the second carload of sheep which Mr. Avar has shipped to Maine from the Island since fall, and while the stock cannot fail to be of advantage to the Maine farmers, we trust that it will prove profitable to Mr. Avar as well.—*Sackville (N. B.) Borderer.*

On the 3rd inst., the schooner "Tiger" cleared from Georgetown for St. John's, Nfld., with a cargo consisting of 2,300 bushels of oats, 2,500 do potatoes, 500 do turnips, 100 bushels of barley, 500 do oatmeal, 2 bbls. pork, 13,000 lbs. of beef, 6,000 lbs. pork, 1,500 lbs. mutton, shipped by John A. McLaine, and valued at \$2,709. This, no doubt, the last produce shipment of the season.

Mr. ERNEST DAWSON—son of His Worship the Mayor of this city—passed successfully a rigid competitive examination; and he is now engaged in the Civil Service of India at a salary of 4,200 rupees per annum. Good boy.

The Forty-Acre Farm.

I'm thinkin', wife, of neighbor Jones, that man with stalwart arm—  
He lives in peace and plenty on a forty-acre farm;  
When men are all around us, with hearts and hands a-sore,  
Who own two hundred acres, and still are wanting more.

His is a pretty little farm—a pretty little house;  
He has a loving wife within, as quiet as a mouse;  
His children play around the door—their father's heart to charm,  
Looking just as neat and tidy as the tidy little farm.

No weeds are in the corn field, no thistles in the oats,  
The horses show good keeping by their fine and glossy coats;  
The cows within the meadow, resting 'neath the beechen shade,  
Learn all their gentle manners from a gentle milking maid.

Within the field on Saturday he leaves no cradled grain  
To be gathered on the morrow for fear of coming rain;  
He keeps the Sabbath holy—his children learn his ways,  
And plenty fills his barns and bins after the harvest days.

He never has a lawsuit to take him to the town,  
For the very simple reason, there are no fences down;  
The bar-room in the village does not have for him a charm;  
I can always find my neighbor on his forty-acre farm.

His acres are so very few, he ploughs them very deep;  
Tis his own hand that turns the sod—'tis his own hand that reaps;  
He has a place for everything, and things are in their place,  
The sunshine smiles upon his fields, contentment in his face.

May we not learn a lesson, wife, from prudent neighbor Jones,  
And not—for what we haven't got—give vent to sighs and groans?  
The rich ain't always happy, nor free from life's alarms,  
But blest are those who live content, though small may be their farms.

—John D. Yates.

Miscellaneous News.

It is said that there will be good skating at the Rink to-night.

The Stipendiary Magistrate is still hearing appeals from the City Assessment. The appeals from four Wards have been heard, and, to-morrow forenoon, the last of those from Ward 5 will be finished.

FRANCE is well satisfied with her present Government, if the result of the late Senatorial elections is to be taken as an indication of the general public feeling. The Imperialists have been badly defeated, even their noted strong holds having elected extreme Radicals. By the Senatorial elections 13 seats in the Chamber of Deputies have been rendered vacant in consequence of the election of Deputies to the Senate. There will be a sharp struggle for these seats.

A touching scene was witnessed at Halifax. Standing on the gangway of the steamship "Polynesian," Dr. Clay, immigration agent at the winter port, said to one of the passengers, who was holding an infant in his arms, "My good fellow, I want all the children kept out of the cold this sharp morning; you had better give the baby to its mother." There was no answer for a few moments. The man's heart was too full to reply, and the tears stood on his cheeks as he slowly said, hugging the child more closely to his bosom, "Ah, sir, she has no mother. I went home to England to bring out my wife and family to make their home in Canada, but just as I arrived my wife and little boy went down in the "Princess Alice" in the Thames, and I have no one left but this baby, sir." Sympathy for the lonely little one and her father was expressed by all who heard the sad story.

Farm Notes.

Warmth and cleanliness will keep the young calves in a good condition with light feeding, while, without these, heavy feeding will do more harm than good. It is useless to over-feed young animals in an effort to make up for the want of care.

A barrel of plaster should be kept in a handy place in every stable and manure cellar. Where this is used constantly, there will be freedom from the usual strong order of stables and fermenting manure, and a saving of valuable material which would otherwise escape.

Pork is lower now than for many years past. There have been about 10,000,000 pigs marketed within twelve months. That this vast number should have been disposed of at any price is an extraordinary fact. It proves that the market is practically unlimited, if the price is low enough. The way to do this, is to keep only the best, and have pigs heavy enough for pork, without wintering over. A pig of the best breeds may be made to weigh 300 lbs. within a year. Only such pigs pay at present, and poor stock won't pay at all.

If there is any one respect in which farmers take the country through—do not live up to their privileges, it is in the matter of small fruit. The table of the city mechanic is better supplied with these fruits than that of many a wealthy farmer. We hope to see the time when every farmer's family shall have their fill of fruits, from the beginning of strawberries to the end of grapes. The chief reason why small fruits are scarce on large farms is that the preparatory work comes in spring, when the farmer is overwhelmed with other matters. The farmer's wife, the boys or even the girls might look after these. We, therefore, commend the consideration of a fruit garden to the farmer, primarily as a source of health and comfort to his family, and as affording light and healthful occupation to its younger members, and, secondarily, as a source of profit.—*American Agriculturist.*

Died.

At Lot 48, on Sunday, 5th inst., of decline, Michael, son of Alexander Thomas (Micmac Indian), aged 18.

Shipping Disasters.

During the month of December last the following vessels sailing out of this port for the United States were lost: Schooner *Laura* (wrecked), of Alma, N. B., from Prince Edward Island for New York; schr. *Pioneer*, (wrecked) of Charlottetown, from Prince Edward Island for Boston; schr. *May Belle* (wrecked), of Prince Edward Island, from Prince Edward Island for Boston.

More Economy.

The *L'Evenement* says that, by promoting Mr. W. Desbarats to the office of Chief of Emigration office at Levis, Quebec, a saving of \$1,300 will be effected. Mr. Desbarats has taken the place of Mr. Pouppore, whose salary was \$1,600. Hitherto the latter received as assistant \$900, but the new chief will attend to both duties for \$1,100 per annum.

Execution of Moncassi.

Moncassi, who recently attempted to assassinate the King of Spain, was executed on the 4th inst. At midnight the prisoner made a will, leaving his property to his wife. At five he attended Mass, and at eight was conveyed to a carriage in which he was conveyed to the scaffold, which he mounted with support, listening, meanwhile, to the admonitions of the priests. Two battalions of troops were drawn up around the scaffold. An immense number of spectators were present.

Total Losses for the Year 1878.

The Boston "Advertiser" gives a recapitulation of its monthly statement of the total losses of vessels belonging to or bound to or from United States ports, showing the number of vessels reported lost, during each month in the past year, with their class and estimated value. It shows that during 1878 the losses were:—27 steamers, 32 ships, 104 barques, 55 brigs, 314 schooners, total 536 vessels; value \$9,462,000. The statement for 1877 is also annexed and shows that during that year the losses were:—26 steamers, 36 ships, 116 barques, 60 brigs, 258 schooners, total 496 vessels; value \$10,037,700. The disasters of 1878 it will be seen were more common among the schooners than in 1877, but the total number of vessels lost and their value were less during 1878 than in 1877. The total losses for the year 1876 foot up to 419 vessels, with a value of \$7,890,000; for 1875, 372 vessels, value, \$8,786,000; for 1873, 459 vessels, value \$11,783,000.

News from the Capital.

The *Canada Gazette* received to-day, contains a long list of names of persons appointed official assignees in Quebec, Ontario and Nova Scotia.

A proclamation summonses Parliament for despatch of business on February 13th.

Regulations for the examination of candidates for the India Civil Service are to be seen at the offices of the Secretaries of State in the several Provinces.

Militia corps are permitted to wear helmets, purchased at their own expense, provided they are according to regulation.

It is the pleasure of the Governor-General and of the Princess Louise that the Ottawa Troop of Cavalry shall in future be honored by being designated "The Princess Louise" Dragon Guards.

The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant Robt. Surtees, G. G. F. G., is accepted.

Circulation of Dominion notes \$10,050,064.80. Excess of specie, \$50,064.57.

The value of goods entered for consumption in the Dominion (exclusive of British Columbia), and the duty collected thereon, during November, were:—Total dutiable goods, \$3,494,061; duties, \$821,170.89; total free goods, \$2,744,361; grand total, \$6,238,422.

Notice is given for an Act to incorporate the *Gazette* Printing Company.

The Manitoba Central Railway Company will also apply for an Act of Incorporation. Also, the Manitoba Southern Railway Company.

The Ottawa, Vandreuil and Montreal Railway Company, will apply for an act to amend their charter, by granting power to construct a branch of the said railway from some point in the County of Prescott and Province of Ontario, to some point on the River St. Lawrence at or near Coteau Landing, also for increased leasing powers, and powers to amalgamate with other lines.

The Militia General Orders contain the following: Claims for indemnification for losses or injuries by accidents or other causes are frequently preferred from all parts of the country. These accidents often show that ordinary precautions have not been attended to. It will, therefore, be understood in future, that such claims for indemnification will not be paid unless it is clearly shown that the accident, whether to man or horse, or the loss, of whatever description, was entirely unavoidable, and could not, by any care or pre-arrangement have been prevented or avoided. In every case where indemnification is sought for, a full statement of the whole cause must accompany the proceedings of a Board, which must carefully investigate and give an opinion on the merits of each case specially.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.—Captain the Duke of Edinburgh, who is about to be promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral, went to Portsmouth on the 23rd ult., and paid off the *Black Prince*. His Royal Highness subsequently returned to London in the company of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught. The Prince of Wales went to Sandringham on the 25th. The *Black Prince* proceeded to Devonport and passed into the first division of steam reserve.

A LECTURE!

In aid of the Building Fund of ZION CHURCH, ON SHAKESPEARE'S PLAY OF "HAMLET," will be delivered by PROFESSOR ANDERSON, IN THE Y. M. C. A. HALL,

Tuesday, Evening, the 14th inst., AT EIGHT O'CLOCK. Admission—Adults, 20 cents; children, 10 cents. A. STRONACH.

NOTICE.

MEMBERS of the Reform Club are requested to meet in their Hall, on Monday Evening next, the 12th inst., at 7.30. Important business will be discussed. By order, D. LAWSON, President. Jan. 9, 1879—4i

The Insolvent Act of 1875, and Amending Acts.

MATTHEW STEVENSON, Claimant. GEORGE MARQUIS, Defendant. A WRIT OF ATTACHMENT has issued in this cause. B. WILSON HIGGS, Official Assignee. Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, January 9th, 1879. } li

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MORTGAGE SALE.

To be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Court House in Summerside, Prince County, Prince Edward Island, on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of February next, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, under a Power of Sale in an Indenture of Mortgage, dated the 3rd day of December, 1875, and made between John Young, of Summerside, in Prince County, Prince Edward Island, blockmaker, of the one part, and Daniel Hodgson, of Charlottetown, in Queen's County, said Island, Esquire, of the other part—

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate in the northern part of Summerside aforesaid, and described as follows, viz.: Commencing at a stake fixed in the northeast angle of James Brazil's lot; thence running eastwardly one hundred and eighty feet (180 feet), or to land lately held by Henry Tuplin; thence northwardly on said Henry Tuplin's western boundary five (5) chains, or to land lately held by Angus McMillan; thence westwardly along the said Angus McMillan's south boundary, one hundred and eighty feet (180 feet); thence southwardly five (5) chains, to the point of commencement, containing, by estimation, one acre, one rood and nineteen poles, a little more or less, and is part of a plot of land purchased by Thomas Crabbe from Patrick Brown.

Also, all that tract, piece or parcel of land situate in the northern part of the Town of Summerside, and bounded as follows, viz.: Commencing at a stake fixed at the north edge of St. James Street, in the south angle of Town Lot Number Twenty (20), running thence northwardly ninety and one quarter (90¼) feet; thence eastwardly ninety feet (90 feet) to the west line of Town Lot Number Twenty-eight; thence southwardly to the street aforesaid ninety and one quarter feet (90¼ feet); thence along said street westwardly ninety feet (90 feet), to the place of commencement, and known as Town Lot Number Twenty-four (24), sold by Very Rev. James McDonald by Auction, on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

Also, all that tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Lot or Township Number Seventeen, in Prince County, Prince Edward Island, and is bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a stake fixed on the south side of St. James Street, running westwardly ninety feet (90 feet); thence southwardly ninety feet three inches (90 feet 3 inches); thence eastwardly ninety feet (90 feet); thence northwardly ninety feet three inches (90 feet 3 inches), to the place of commencement, making and including Lot Number Twenty-three in the Town Plot of Summerside, as planned and surveyed on land for merly owned by Jonathan Weatherbie, and said lot being marked on the said plan, number twenty-three, as therein laid out and described, containing, by estimation, eight thousand one hundred and twenty-two square feet, be the same a little more or less, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances to the same belonging.

For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. HODGSON & McLEOD, Solicitors, Charlottetown. Dated this Ninth day of January, A. D. 1879.

DANIEL HODGSON, Mortgagee. Jan. 9—2aw t sale

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ALL CITY ACCOUNTS due 1st January, not paid before the 20th inst., will be sued for at next City Court. A. A. BALDWIN & CO. Ch'town, Jan. 4—3i

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

DRY GOODS!

From this Date, DECEMBER 29, 1878, FOR CASH ONLY, AT A DISCOUNT OF FROM 20 to 25 Per Cent., FOR ONE MONTH,

Following Goods!

- French Merinos,
- French Delaines,
- French Cashmores,
- French Twills,
- Parmattas,
- Henrietta Cloth,
- Persian Cords,
- Brilliantines,
- Lamas, Lustres,
- Russel Cords,

FANCY DRESS GOODS!

- Anglais Merinos,
- Balmoral Crapes,
- Crapes,
- Dress Cloths,
- Mantle Cloths and
- Ulster Cloths,

Winceys!

- Silk Velvets,
- Velveteens,
- Black Silks,
- Colored Silks,
- Fancy Silks,
- Ladies' Skirts,
- Corsets,
- Ties,
- Fancy Wove Goods,

SHAWLS,

RIBBONS,

Artificial Flowers and Feathers!

- Ladies' Ulsters,
- Ladies' Jackets and
- Mantles,
- Blue Serges (all wool),
- Scarlet Flannels,
- Wool Scarfs and Ties,
- Umbrellas,
- Jeans, Tickings,
- Shirtings.

Ladies' Cloth and Kid Gloves,

Ladies' Skating Gloves,

- Brussels Carpets,
- Tapestry
- 2-ply Scotch
- 3-ply Scotch
- Union
- 4-4 Hemp
- 6-4 Felt
- 4-4 Felt
- 5-8 Stair
- 2-4 Stair

- Felt Crumb Cloths,
- Linen Crumb Cloths,
- Stair Damask,
- Curtain Damask,
- Curtain Reps,
- Table Damasks and
- Table Linens,
- Toilet Covers,
- Blankets,
- Counterpanes &
- Bed Covers.

CURTAINS!

In Muslin and Lace—Very Cheap. Damask, Turkey, Cloth and Felt.

TABLE COVERS!

OIL TABLE CLOTH, FLOOR OIL CLOTH.

- Buff, Green and White
- Window Hollands.
- Ladies' Fur Muffs,

- from Fifty-six cents,
- in Musquash,
- Monkey,
- Badger,
- Chinchilla,
- Imitation Seal,
- Grebe,
- Imitation Mink and Mink.

Men's Made Clothing, Hats, Fur Caps, &c. Shirts, Underclothing, and a variety of articles too numerous to mention.

J. D. MASON & CO., QUEEN STREET. Charlottetown, Dec. 30, 1878—