

A WARLIKE REMON.—The rumor of the threatened presence of a French and English fleet near San Juan, and the inference drawn from it of a connection with the Central American question, have not been fortified by any official information received at Washington.

FOUNDERS AT SEA.—The packet-ship St. Denis, from New York for Havre, foundered at sea on the 6th instant, carrying down Capt. Follansbee, his third mate, and twenty-five of the passengers and crew. Eleven of the crew were saved in a boat. The last that was seen of the captain, who refused to leave his ship, though begged so to do by all, he was standing on the deck winding up his watch, when she went down about ten minutes after the boat left.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—No Speaker elected yet for the House of Representatives. On the last balloting Banks stood 88, Richardson 65, Fuller 29, Pennington 8, scattering 5—necessary for a choice, 98.

The New York Herald of the 15th inst. contains the following advertisement:—

"L. O'G. Doyle, late of Halifax, Nova Scotia, admitted to practise as Attorney and Counsellor at Law in the City and State of New York. Resides at Doctor William Power's, No. 7 Carroll place, Bleecker street."

THE EXAMINER.

CHARLOTTETOWN, JANUARY 28, 1856.

We received two Mails during the past week. On Monday night last the Courier arrived with the English Mail, together with the usual Colonial and United States Mails. The latest dates from England are to the 5th instant; but the news, for the most part, is unimportant. We have gleaned, however, from our files the most interesting extracts which they present.

On Thursday night another Colonial and United States Mail reached Town. Some news from the papers furnished will be found in our present No.

HINTS FOR THE LEGISLATION OF NEXT SESSION. No. 1.

Under this heading we purpose giving a few short articles in reference to such subjects as will be most likely to come under the notice of the House of Assembly during the ensuing Session.

THE LICENCE LAW.—A revision and amendment of the Laws relating to the sale of spirituous liquors is certainly a matter which ought to engage the attention of the Legislature. For the last three or four years the House of Assembly has given it a great deal of consideration, but with very little beneficial results. The object of all past efforts has been, it appeared to us, to suppress or confine within the smallest possible limits, the sale of spirituous liquors; but the very means resorted to for the accomplishment of that object, produced an effect the very reverse of what was desired by the advocates of temperance, who every session manifest a great eagerness to tinker with the licence laws, in the hope of imposing some new restraint upon the traffic. Vesting in the Grand Jury the power of granting licences has given rise to a fearful amount of illicit trade, entailing considerable loss to the revenue, and great injury to the public morals. Before a tavern-keeper can hope to get a licence under the present law, he is put to much inconvenience, trouble and expense, and when he goes to the Grand Jury for a certificate, (which is indispensable to his getting a licence), he is most probably refused—for not one to every ten of the applicants is favourably regarded by the Grand Inquest. The consequence is, that illicit dram shops are springing up in every direction. People accustomed to take their ease in their inns, do not like to see what were once respectable taverns closed against them—they cannot and do not respect the law which operates to their injury or at least to their discomfort, and they consequently tolerate, more out of spite to the law and its administrators than anything else, the numerous grogeries which the difficulty of obtaining a licence has forced into existence. Where one individual finds the illicit traffic a profitable thing, another is sure to follow his example; and they prefer running the risk of being detected and fined to encountering the trouble of seeking a licence, and being met by a refusal when they apply for it.

Notwithstanding all the checks imposed on the liquor traffic, that traffic has been largely increasing every year. Importations of liquor are now made on a far more extensive scale than they were a year or two ago, notwithstanding the increase of price, owing to the war; whilst the number of licensed taverns has been very considerably reduced. It is very evident, then, that the law-breaker finds plenty of employment—thus there must be shebeen shops in abundance, and of course an amount of evil and intemperance fearful to contemplate. The Grand Jury for Queen's County were well aware of all this themselves when they made their last Presentment to the Supreme Court. We give the following extract from it:—

"The Jurors regret to observe that they discover, from evidence taken before the panel, that the traffic in ardent spirits is greatly on the increase, and that even boys of very tender age, in companies together, are freely furnished with liquor by persons retailing thus openly in violation of the law. The Jurors are of the decided opinion that the City Police should be charged with special power to check and endeavour to suppress places of this description."

Now we are firmly of opinion that the evils complained of, and apparent to every one, can never be remedied by stringent laws, even though half a dozen policemen may assist in enforcing them. The more stringent they are, indeed, the more difficulty there will be in having them strictly obeyed. The present law must be repealed before a better state of things can be hoped for. Let the Legislature revive the old License Law—take the power of granting certificates out of the hands of the Grand Jury, a power which, we think, they have injudiciously used, and the low unlicensed grogeries that are now scattered over the country, will speedily diminish in number,—people will then take a pride in respecting, and seeing respected by others, a law that would not be oppressive nor difficult of fulfilment; and by the establishment of respectable taverns; intemperance would abate, and the public finances be benefited.

The Islander of Friday last gives the following [Extract from a letter from a Postmaster in King's County:] "In the opinion of Edward Whelan, the Islander is a disreputable paper; and if so, it appears that the reading part of the population are becoming disreputable also. He is mistaken, for with the thinking part, both he and his paper are becoming more and more respectable." "N. B.—There are but two Examiners and one Advertiser coming to my Office, and two Hazard's Gazettes and one Royal Gazette, and nine Islanders."

We know right well the place alluded to, being the only place in King's County, having a post office, to which two

copies of this paper are addressed; and the worthy Postmaster happens to be an old acquaintance of ours. He, as well as many others in his neighbourhood, were quite liberal patrons some years ago. They received regularly, and read—as well as they could—the paper we then published; but when the question of paying for it came to be considered, they could not possibly understand such a thing; and in order to enlighten them we had to try what virtue there was in the Small Debt Court. The Postmaster says that nine Islanders are received at his office, two Hazard's Gazettes, and two Examiners. Well, we are no worse off than Hazard, who has been in business for more than a quarter of a century; and we dare say that in the intelligent settlement alluded to, both Hazard's Gazette and the Examiner could get as many subscribers as the Islander, if we adopted the principle of the latter, viz: six months free, and the other six months' subscription to be paid when convenient, a clique in Charlottetown making good the loss.

We have to defer, for want of sufficient space, a notice of the article which appeared in the last Islander addressed "to the public," and signed "D. Maclean." When we first saw it, we intended to treat the silly production with contempt, but finding, on second consideration, that it may be made to afford our readers some amusement, we will condescend to notice it at some length in our next issue.

COLONIAL NEWS.

THE PROHIBITORY LIQUOR LAW IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—MEETING AT FREDERICTON.

A public meeting has been held at Fredericton, by requisition to the Mayor, for the purpose of giving expression to public opinion, in reference to the Prohibitory Liquor Law. The St. John Morning Courier states that from one thousand to fifteen hundred persons were present—most orderly and well-conducted,—the Mayor in the chair. The following resolution passed by a majority of five to one, (some say much larger.) All ended harmoniously and in good feeling, with three cheers for the Queen.

RESOLUTION.—"While this meeting readily admits the necessity of legislation to prevent the abuse and to regulate the sale of alcoholic liquors, it most unqualifiedly deprecates coercive enactments against the use thereof, as arbitrary and unwise, and altogether inconsistent with the inherent and natural rights of the people of every civilized community: Therefore resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting, the Act of the last Session, commonly called 'The Prohibitory Law,' is incongruous to the spirit and feelings, and insulting to the character of the people of this Province, and fraught with serious evils to the social and political well-being of society."

AMENDMENT.—"That this meeting is not prepared to concur or condemn an Act which has passed the Legislature of this Province, received the sanction of the Lieutenant Governor and the assent of Her Majesty the Queen, until that law has at least a fair trial." Lost by some majority.

LOSS OF THE STEAMER PILOT.

The Digby correspondent of the Western News has furnished the following particulars of the loss of the Pilot steamer, which left Digby for St. John, N. B., on Tuesday, the 8th instant.

Digby, 14th January, 1856.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 8th instant, the steamer Pilot left here for St. John, with every reasonable prospect of a fine run. She had on board a large number of passengers, horned cattle, horses and sheep. She proceeded on until she had gone about 5 or 6 miles from Digby, when she was suddenly met by a tremendous storm of wind accompanied with snow. At first Captain Donahoe thought it best to keep on, and, if possible, make the other shore; but after consulting with his mate, and the first engineer, it was thought most advisable to put back to this port for a harbour. The ship was immediately put about, and her head brought up for the gut; every eye was on the look-out for the light, but owing to the thickness of the weather not a glimpse of it could be had, until, without a moment's warning of the danger, she struck the shore. The Captain immediately ordered the engines to be reversed, when she at once backed off; but upon being apprised that there was water in the hold, he commanded her to be put ahead again on the shore, where she hung, the sea breaking over her tremendously. It was fortunate enough the Captain gave this last order, for had he not done so, she must have sunk in five minutes, in deep water, and all on board would have been lost.

No sooner had she struck than the stem and stern came out, which caused her to fill with water in a few minutes. The passengers were at once got into the boats and sent up to town, and, as soon as the tide receded, the baggage of the passengers was secured and restored to the owners, so that no person lost anything. The cattle and horses were thrown overboard next morning on the rocks—a distance of fifteen feet—and, strange to say, but one ox was injured, he having his back broken by the fall.

A survey has been called on the vessel, and she has been condemned as wholly unfit even to be repaired. Since, then, owing to the stormy weather, she has been considerably broken up. Everything has been removed that could be got at, though very much damaged.

The Pilot was insured, it is thought, to her full value, so that Mr. Walker will not be much the loser.

An Address has been presented to Captain Donahoe by the passengers, exonerating him from all blame.

Two houses in Chatham, Miramichi, were destroyed by fire on Saturday morning last. The buildings belonged to Mr. William Mills, who is a heavy loser.

The earnings of the Great Western Railway (Canada) during the week ending 28th December, amounted to \$50,195.

FIRE.—A fire occurred about 9 o'clock, on the evening of January 6th, in the office of the Morning News, Princess Street, St. John, by which the building was damaged to a considerable extent. The fire had gained some headway before it could be subdued, and there was some difficulty in quenching it in consequence of the dense smoke, concealing the place where it broke out. The Engine Companies were on the spot immediately after the alarm was given, and worked with their accustomed energy. A large quantity of the type belonging to the office was either destroyed or rendered unserviceable. A quantity of the printing paper was also damaged. There is some mystery connected with the origin of the fire, but that it was another case of incendiarism there is ample proof, as it was afterwards discovered that in two or three places the interior of the building must have been set on fire. The building and materials were insured.—St. John, N. B., Courier.

Mr. Editor; Hoping you will insert through the medium of your valuable journal, a suggestion to the Board of Education upon the propriety of introducing suitable task books for the use of the Government Schools throughout the Island, similar to the "Carpenter" Spelling Book, as a morning task book, which is very much required in the schools throughout the Island in general. Our Government aided us with a grant of money to supply the District Schools with suitable School Books, Maps, &c. Hoping in their next transmission across the Atlantic, they will not omit including in their order, the "Carpenter" Spelling Book, Yours, &c., C. January 12, 1856.

Benjamin Davies, Esq., returned to town on Tuesday evening last, from Cape Traverse, whither he had gone, we understand, by request of the Executive, to inspect and report on the boats and equipments used on the winter mails' route. We learn that Mr. Davies was thoroughly satisfied with the efficiency of everything connected with this arduous undertaking; that he found the three regular boats—together with a fourth, to be used in case of necessity—in excellent condition; the boatmen, stalwart and experienced, men apparently moulded for the service. In order to make himself more fully acquaint-

ed with the requirements for the voyage, as well as to test practically the boats, equipments and men, we learn that Mr. D. accompanied the carriers as far as the ice extended on one of their trips, and probably, by this means, was enabled to recommend to the Executive some valuable suggestions in connection with this at once most arduous and responsible of all our public services. We consider the selection of so practical and experienced a man as Mr. Davies on such a task as the above, will meet with general approval, as none other could be found in whom the same confidence might be, with safety, so implicitly confided.—Advertiser.

Died.

At Brackley Point, on Tuesday the 15th inst., Mrs. Sarah McMillan, relict of the late Laughlin McMillan, aged 101 years. She was a native of Argyshire, Scotland, and emigrated to this Island in 1806.

At Traveller's Rest, on the 20th January last, Mr. John Robinson, aged 62 years.

At De Sable, on the 14th instant, Margaret McKenzie, daughter of Mr. John Hellen, aged 14 years.

At Sanfield, County Down, Ireland, on the 21st December, Mrs. Ann Bell, aged 84 years, mother of Mr. Robert Bell, of this city.

On the 27th December, after a lingering illness, Mr. James Hart, of Wilmot Creek, Bedouque, aged 75 years.

At St. Eleanor's, on the 14th instant, after a long illness, Mr. Allan Howat, trader.

At Kildare, on the 1st instant, Mr. Moses Foley, aged 74 years.

Passengers.

In the Ice Boat from Cape Tormentine, January 21, Messrs. John Mathewson, Alex. McDonald, John McGregor; Capt. J. M' Rae. In the Ice Boat from Cape Traverse to Cape Tormentine, January 19, Mr. Joseph M' Lellan.

Ship News.

Arrivals in Europe from hence.

Plymouth, Dec. 24—Amyntas. Swansen, Dec. 25—Azoff. Liverpool, Dec. 24—Mercury. 25—Herold. Jan. 1—Ann Reddin. 2—Stella; Isabel; Perthshire. Queenstown, Jan. 1—Orwell. Shields, Dec. 29—Sir Alexander. Holyhead, Dec. 20—The Herold, Evans, from Georgetown, P. E. I., with loss of foretop-sail-yard, and damage to rigging, and 6 feet water in the hold.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We would refer our readers to the advertisements in this Paper of Comstock & Brother's Celebrated Medicines. The Cherry and Lungwort is the best remedy ever used for all Consumptive Affections. Azor's Turkish Balm, a beautiful Hair Restorative. Turkish Wine, better than any Alternative or Blood Purifier in existence. TRY THEM, and you will be convinced of their real worth.

Prices Current.

CHARLOTTETOWN MARKETS, JANUARY 28.

Table with columns for Provisions, Poultry, Fish, Lumber, Vegetables, and Sundries. Lists various goods and their prices.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

To forward Education.

A MEETING of the French Acadian Teachers will be held on MONDAY, the 4th of February next, at 10 o'clock, a.m., at Miscouche School-house, at which all such Teachers on the Island are required to attend.—Isl. I. Jan. 28, '56.

TO BE SOLD by Auction on the 20th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the premises, that beautifully situated BRICK HOUSE in Pownall Street, being part of Town Lot No. 50, in the second hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown. This property is well situated for any public business, having two Cellar Kitchens and two frost-proof Cellars,—two large Shops and two back Rooms on the first floor,—four large Rooms on the second floor—and a large Garret. The House will rent for £50 per annum, with a little fitting up. An undisputable title will be given. Terms liberal. For further particulars apply to PATRICK CAWDEX, or Jan. 14. W. H. GARDINER, Auctioneer.

By William Dodd.

Valuable Real Property for Sale. THE following parcels of LAND, &c., will be submitted to public competition at the COURT HOUSE, in the Colonial Building, in Charlottetown, on WEDNESDAY, the Sixteenth day of APRIL next, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, viz:—

PASTURE LOTS Nos. 233, 234 and 235 in the Royalty of Charlottetown, fronting on the St. Peter's Road, and situate about three miles from Town, containing in the whole 36 Acres, a little more or less.

Also—The Freehold and Reversion of and in Two Hundred and Sixteen Acres of LAND, on Township No. 49, adjoining the Roman Catholic Church Property, near Vernon River. This Land is subdivided into two Farms of 144 Acres, and 72 Acres respectively, which are severally let on Lease for long terms of years, yielding a yearly rent of one shilling sterling per Acre.

Also—The Eastern moiety of TOWN LOT No. 52 in the Second Hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, having a front of 42 feet on Richmond Street, with the WAREHOUSE thereon.

Also—That valuable piece of GROUND with the DWELLING HOUSE and premises thereto belonging, known as the residence of Mr. DAVID WILSON, fronting 40 feet on Richmond Street, and extending in depth 50 feet, a little more or less; forming parts of Town Lots Nos. 4 and 5 in the Second Hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown.

Also—Part of TOWN LOT No. 4, in the Second Hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, next adjoining to the last above described premises, having a front of 60 feet on Richmond Street, and extending 50 feet in depth, or thereabout, with the DWELLING HOUSE thereon.

Also—That beautifully situated Property, forming part of COMMON LOT No. 18, in the Royalty of Charlottetown, fronting on the Hillsborough, and in the immediate vicinity of Government House, lately in the occupation of CAPTAIN BEAZLEY, R. N., bounded on the north-west by the road leading to Government House, and on the east by West Street, and extending on said street 233 feet, a little more or less, with the large and commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OUT-BUILDINGS and appurtenances thereto belonging. This property is subject to an annuity of £50 currency per annum, charged thereon for the use and benefit of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wilson, from and after the decease of her present husband, (in case she shall survive him), and so long as she shall remain his widow and unmarried; and it will be sold liable thereon.

For Terms of Sale and further particulars, enquire of the undersigned, (Trustees for sale, &c., under a Deed of Release and Conveyance bearing date the 21st day of December, 1855, executed by the above named David Wilson and his said wife, with the other parties therein named, to the undersigned, and duly registered in the Registry Office of this Island. Dated at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this Tenth day of January, 1856.

JOSEPH HENSLEY, JOHN LONGWORTH, ROBERT STEWART.

Molasses, Candles, Apples, Confectionary, Onions, Tea, Crockeryware, Chinaware, &c.

TO BE SOLD by Auction, on TUESDAY, 29th instant, at 11 o'clock, at the subscriber's Sale-room, Queen-street— 5 puncheons MOLASSES, 10 chests English Breakfast TEA, 15 boxes CANDLES, 20 chests and half chests Congo do. (superior articles) From 10 to 50 barrels prime APPLES, 25 reams Wrapping Paper, 10 bbls. prime ONIONS, 3 doz. superfine Fur CAPS, 400 assorted Confectionary, 6 boxes thick BOOTS, 10 boxes Saleratus, 20 do. SOAP, 40 boxes very fine Raisins, 5 crates Crockeryware & China, A lot of Cooking, Franklin and Air-tight STOVES, &c. &c. JAMES MORRIS, Auctioneer. H's Gaz & Isl.

Charlottetown, Jan. 21.

THE subscriber being about to leave the Island for the winter, has by Power of Attorney, dated this day, appointed Mr. DAVID ROGERS his Attorney during his absence, to whom all persons having any demands, will please furnish their Accounts; and all persons who may be indebted to the subscriber, whether for Book Accounts, Rents, Arrears of Rent, Promissory Notes, or otherwise, are requested to pay to the same, who is fully authorised in all cases to grant discharges. JAMES C. POPE. Summerside, January 5, 1856. R. G. Ex. & Isl.

THE subscriber having been authorised to collect all amounts due to JAMES C. POPE, Esq., hereby notifies all persons concerned that unless their respective accounts be immediately settled, steps will be taken to recover the same. DAVID ROGERS. Summerside, January 21, 1856. R. G. Ex & Isl.

Fall Importations.

THE subscriber begs to intimate to his friends and the public in general, that he has lately received per schr. "Star," from Halifax, and brig "Jemine," from Boston, his FULL WINTER STOCK, consisting of— 50 chests and half-chests TEA, 30 chests English Breakfast do. 10 hhd. Muscovado SUGAR, 35 puncheons MOLASSES, 25 barrels superfine FLOUR, 20 do. Onions, 20 do. Winter Apples, 10 do. Russets, (a superior article) 10 boxes Raisins, (a superior article) 20 boxes Soap, 20 boxes Tobacco Pipes, 20 cases Boots and Shoes, (all sizes) 10 dozen Water Pails, 25 do. Toy do. 10 do. Brooms.

Together with a large assortment of DRY GOODS suitable for the season. All of which will be sold at the lowest possible price for Cash.

The subscriber also wishes to inform his customers that he has received from Boston and New York, 8000 lbs. TALLOW, so that he will be able to supply them with Candles, wholesale and retail, at much cheaper prices than they can be imported. THOMAS BROYDRICK. Queen Street, Dec. 24. E. & R. Gaz. 51.

Caution.

I HEREBY caution all persons indebted to the Firm of TRAYERS & McPHEE, not to pay any sum or sums of money due the said Firm, to either John C. Travers, or any other person on his behalf, until publicly notified that a dissolution has taken place by mutual consent, and that business of said Firm is fairly closed, as the notice which appeared in the Islander of 14th instant, signed J. C. Travers, is without the knowledge or consent of the subscriber; and I further caution all persons from trafficking in, or buying any part or parts of the goods of whatever description now in the shop, cellar, or about the premises occupied by TRAYERS & McPHEE, Queen Street, without my authority so to do, as myself and my father alone are liable for said Goods. F. L. McPHEE. Charlottetown, December 17. (all papers.)

Sims' Building, 21 Queen Street!

(One door below Manchester House.) THE subscriber has just received, by late arrivals from Halifax, the remainder of his STOCK, comprising— BRANDY, WINES, RUM and SPIRITS; crushed, loaf and brown SUGAR; MOLASSES; Rice, Spices, fresh Currants, bloom Raisins, Candles. Also—PALE ALE & LONDON PORTER. All warranted of the best quality and lowest prices in the market. December 17. JOSEPH PRAUGHT.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber, being about to make an alteration in his business, notifies all persons indebted to him by Note of Hand or Book Account, that their respective amounts must be paid before the 1st of FEBRUARY next, otherwise they will be sued for without further notice. ALEXANDER WALKER, Saddler. Georgetown, Dec. 24, 1855.

American Goods.

FALL AND WINTER STOCK.

3 Richmond Street—adjoining the House of Mr. D. Wilson. THE Subscriber respectfully announces that he has just completed his Fall and Winter Stock of American and other GOODS, among which are:— DRY GOODS.—White and printed Cottons, Denim, Tick, striped Shirting, Sheetings, Satinets, Thread—all kinds, varied, Buttons; Combs—Dressing and Side; a superior article of Back Combs,—steel back; an assortment of Confectionary, Lozenges, Wrapping Paper; men's, youths' and children's Boots and Shoes; Ladies' Over-shoes, a large assortment of American Chairs, Looking Glasses, Clocks, Glassware, Tubs, Buckets, Pails, Froons, Washboards, &c., &c. GROCERIES, &c.—Comprising TEA, in chests and half chests; Soap, Candles, Starch, Coffee, Cigars, Table Salt, Blacking, Tobacco, &c., &c. —ALSO— Choice LIQUORS, consisting of—BRANDY, GIN, WINE, RUM, at wholesale and retail prices. December 27. W. PATRICK MCCARREN.

WOOL, WOOL, WOOL.

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

Grain, Grain, Grain.

THE highest price given for BARLEY and OATS at Coles's Brewery and Distillery. Constantly on hand at prices cheaper than can be purchased in the Market, the best of Rum, Brandy, Gin, Whisky, and a superior article of old Malt Whiskey. Also:—X, XX, and XXX Ale. Charlottetown, 19th Nov. 1853.

Wanted.

TWO Journeymen Gig and Sleigh-makers, to whom the highest wages will be given. Please apply at the Examiner's Office, Charlottetown. January 14, 1856.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICES.

PERSONS having legal demands against the Estate of the late Mrs. CHARLOTTE DAWSON, Cottage Tavern, Saint Peter's Road, are hereby notified to render their Accounts, duly attested, within three calendar months from this date; and all persons indebted are hereby requested to make immediate payment to Mr. HENRY W. LOBBAN, at the Auction Mart, Kent Street. H. W. LOBBAN, Executors. D. REDDIN, City of Charlottetown, Oct. 22, 1855. R. G. & Isl.

ALL persons having legal demands against the Estate of JOHN DAWSON, late of Charlottetown Royalty, carpenter, deceased, intestate, are hereby required to furnish the same without delay; and all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned. CATHERINE MINTO, Executrix & Executor JOHN RIDER, of his heirs nom. Charlottetown, January 17, 1856. R. G. & Ex. H.