

Local and Other Items.

Notice to Procrastinators!

All Accounts furnished before and at last Xmas, and Midsummer of this year, that remain unpaid after this month, will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection, without distinction of persons.

MARK BUTCHER.

Oct. 31--

Snow, two feet thick, fell near Lake St. John, Quebec, on the 13th.

The steamer "Hadji," due here from Montreal on Thursday last, did not yet arrive.

Since the Crimean war England reduced her national debt from £900,000,000 to £12,000,000.

BARRENTINE "Ethel Blanche," from London, is reported passing through Canso on the 14th inst.

By cable to Peake Bros. & Co.—Brig Leonie arrived at Queenstown on the 11th inst., making the run from here in sixteen days.

The statement of the "Monetary Times" that "C. Full, general storekeeper, Charlottetown, is burned out," is, we are happy to say, incorrect.

MASONIC.—A special communication of King Solomon Lodge, A. F. and A. M., will be held in their Lodge Room, Victoria Hall, Water Street, this evening.

The steamer "Lady Head," having finished cruising in the Gulf for the protection of the fisheries for this season, has been ordered by the Marine Department to proceed to Halifax, where she will be stationed for the winter, visiting Sable Island and performing coast service.

The business at the Customs yesterday was very dull. There were no inward reports and only one outward: the brig, Lady Milton, McRie, cleared for Queenstown for orders, with a cargo of 27,200 bushels oats, and 600 pieces deal, containing 30,000 superficial feet, shipped by L. C. Owen.

QUEBEC despatches indicate a stormy and bitter election contest. The Opposition papers claim that Tourangeau will be elected. Reports of the meetings, however, show that Mr. Laurier has the popular vote. The Tory agents from Montreal meet a rough reception.

At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday morning, John Flynn, William Hatcheson and Isaac Henderson, were each fined \$3 and costs, or 14 days, for drunk and incapable. John Carter was fined the same, with costs, for vagrancy. Ann Russell, for abandoning two children, was remanded to jail for 8 days.

We have before us a specimen copy of "Golden Hours for the Young." It is a non-denominational Sabbath School paper, and much more suitable for Canadian use than the American or English publications of a similar character. The reading matter is varied and well chosen. It is printed on fine paper, in clear type, with beautiful and appropriate illustrations.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday, Nov. 3, a man named Angus McDonald, living on Brown's Mt., was killed by the accidental discharge of his own gun. It appears he was looking for a bear that had killed a heifer belonging to him. His gun was loaded with two bullets beside some large shot. While going down the side of the mountain, in company with another man, he stumbled, the gun slipped forward out of his arm and, striking against a stone, went off, the charge entering the upper part of the unfortunate man's thigh, killing him instantly.—Pictou Standard.

J. H. FLETCHER, Esq., of P. E. I., delivered his lecture, "Six Weeks on Wheels," in Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Monday evening, before a well filled house. Mr. Fletcher has an easy, graceful delivery, and seems to be well posted on his subject. Starting from his own sea-girt Isle, he carried the audience with him through the varied scenes of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to Boston, which he termed the "Hub of the Universe," thence over wooded hills and fertile valleys, calling at many of the principal cities of the United States, onward by plain of "Hawatha," and over the prairie of the far West. As he graphically described the rugged rocks, precipitous heights, and deep ravines, the audience were highly delighted. He made San Francisco the terminus of his journey and lecture, and left the audience to wend their way homeward as best they could.—Herald.

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ABOUT 1600 sheep have arrived this week in St. John from P. E. Island.

QUEEN VICTORIA and Princess Beatrice have been making lint at Balmoral for the wounded of the Eastern war, and the occupation has, in fashionable circles, driven out fancy work.

The ravages of fever and diphtheria in Pictou, so observable for the past few months, have now for the most part ceased. This various parties prostrated with fever are now doing well, and now more fatal cases are apprehended.—Pictou Standard.

ADVICES from Newfoundland report the fishery a terrible failure. The prospect has not been so bad for years. On the western coast there is great destitution, and fears are entertained of much suffering in the coming winter.

THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.—It is stated in one of the evening organs of the Government that Dr. David Allison, Principal of Sackville College, N. B., has been appointed to the office of Superintendent of Education, made vacant by the death of Mr. Hunt. If the announcement proves correct, the Province will secure the services of a gentleman well qualified to fill this important office. Dr. Allison is a native of Nova Scotia, being a brother of W. H. Allison, M. P. P. for Hants County, and is, we understand, about 42 years of age. He was educated at Middleton, Mass., where he graduated with high honors.

HALIFONIAN DROWNED.—Capt. Goudey, of the barque "Hazelhurst," of Annapolis at New York on the 8th, from Liverpool, G. B., reports on Oct. 18th, during a terrific blow, Charles Smith, of Halifax was lost overboard. He was last seen on the fore-castle deck and is supposed to have fallen to leeward by the pitching and rolling of the vessel; it was dark at the time, blowing hard and impossible to see or hear anyone. Capt. Goudey also reports that on the 8th inst., 20 miles S S E of Barnegat, passed the wreck of a schooner, the hull submerged excepting a small portion of the stern, mainmast head and stump of foremast, and his very dangerous to vessels. The "Hazelhurst" appears to have had a rough time, but weathered the storm.—Herald.

St. PIERRE.—Capt. Guildford, of the steamer "George Shattuck," brings the following intelligence from St. Pierre, Miq.—On the night of the 7th inst., the store of Joseph Gorman was broken into and 250 francs, with a lot of watches, were stolen. The burglar, who was subsequently captured, will, doubtless, be sentenced to a term of penal servitude in France. A schooner laden with cattle from Baddeck and owned by J. Kline, in attempting to enter St. Pierre on the 8th inst., missed stays and went ashore on Dog Island, the vessel and cargo being a total loss. A sunken vessel has been discovered in Langley Reach, the top of the masts being out of water. A government vessel has been searching for survivors but without success. It is feared that all hands were drowned.

CHILD DESERTION.—A girl named Ann Russell was arraigned before the Stipendiary Magistrate yesterday morning on the above charge. She was decently clad; but apparently very indigent. At the time she gave birth to the twins—a week ago—she was living with a woman named Carver, at the east end of Dorchester Street. On Tuesday evening she was seen wandering about the east end of the city with the twins in her arms. She stated that she was told by a person to leave them at the Convent door, which she did about six o'clock. When they were discovered, the police were acquainted, and the twins were given in charge of Mrs. Kilfoy. The mother has no means of support, and refuses to tell the father's name. She was remanded to jail for eight days.

THE LOBSTER.—However backward the movement of this crustacean may be in his native element, it seems he is made to "fly round" with considerable alacrity after he once gets into the clutches of the lobster-packer and his allies. It was but but the other day that we recorded the export, per Carville line to London, of 11,120 cases, or 44,880 dozen cans, of this shell fish, valued at \$70,711, and now we observe among yesterday's clearances at the Custom House another valuable cargo. We refer to the Sorata, the fifth this season of the Carville line packets to London and, we may add, her second trip this season, her last passage having been made in the very short time of eighteen days. Her cargo consists principally of lobsters, there being 13,700 cases (of four dozen cans each), valued at \$82,494; other cargo, apples, &c., \$1,832, being a total value of \$84,326.—Herald.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY BUSINESS DUTIES.

It is the duty of every man to be a good citizen as well as a good neighbor, to obey all the laws of the land in which he lives, to regard all the rights of his fellow-citizens, and to use his influence in the direction of respect for law, as well as to assist when he can, the fortunes or improve the chances of such unfortunate ones as come within his knowledge.

There is danger, however, of a business man whose sympathies may be strong or whose benevolence is marked, going so far in a philanthropic or public spirited direction as to neglect some of the duties which lie near home. It is hardly consistent, for instance, for a man who has in his own yard a cesspool giving forth poisonous odors, to sit down and write flaming letters to the papers censuring the city for leaving a pool of stagnant water in the next block. Nor is it good taste for one whose own children run about the streets uproarious all day, to blame his neighbors because the children of the latter are not sent to school.

No one can say that it is an improper ambition in the lawyer to aspire to the positions we have named, and it may be a highly necessary and proper thing sometime to put forward a merchant as a candidate for Parliament; but it is a primary duty of such men to protect the interests of those to whom they are under obligation. A young and energetic merchant in Canada, doing business as a commission agent and getting consignments as such, worked into a considerable connection. To buy and sell for his correspondents, and to look after the disposal of such goods as he himself bought, and to keep or supervise his books, required all his business hours, if he were to do justice to his business and to his creditors. But he was ambitious and popular, so the politicians got hold of him; he was known to be energetic, and the Young Men's Christian Association were glad to get him for a delegate; he could speak fluently, and was made a representative at a Sabbath School convention. He spent much time in these various directions—useful and proper organizations in their way, and ones which too many people of leisure neglect, leaving the burden to the more willing men—but it was not his own time. His business suffered through his absence and neglect, and the result is his failure, and loss thereby to numbers who had entrusted him with their goods or their money.

To carry the application of principle farther and higher, it requires only very ordinary attention to discover many cases in which men of business persistently neglect the common duties that lie about them, and give their time and attention to some larger and grander scheme of morals, which although, perhaps, very deserving of promotion, can claim only secondary attention at their hands. We see, for instance, a merchant whose circumstances are not yet independent, plunging into politics at the solicitation, it may be, of some friends with whom party is paramount. Gradually his time is engrossed and his business is deprived of his personal attention; it suffers, and so does his credit. His creditors feel his neglect, and are not disposed to bear with his absences and excuses, while his obligations to them are not met. A lawyer perhaps covets the reeveship of a town, or desires to be warden of a county. Thereupon ensues a period of travelling, canvassing, stump-speaking to secure votes, and all the while the letters of his legal agents remain unanswered, and the interests of his clients are neglected.

It does not tend to advance the interests of morality in a community, to find men who are prominent in religious circles settling at ten or five shillings in the pound, when by adequate attention to their own business every creditor might have been paid in full. People are very apt to say, as we have heard it contemptuously said: 'this man was so absorbed in his higher duties, that he despised or forgot his lower ones.' And it would be easy to adduce Divine precepts as to the performance of promises, diligence in business, and the duty of man to his neighbor, the proper understanding of which, while by no means dimming one's aspirations after a higher life, would teach that the way to render acceptable service to heaven is not that of neglecting our lowlier duties on earth. Indeed, if common duty were more attended to by the masses, there would be less need for leaders or speakers to inculcate the higher ones.

A discussion in the Convention of Librarians at London, brought out some curious facts concerning the British Museum. Several speakers advocated the compiling of a complete catalogue of the books in the Museum, which, it is estimated, would cost not less than \$1,500,000. It would have to contain 3,000,000 titles. A quarter of a century would be taken up in the printing of the catalogue, and by that time there would be an accumulation of 300,000 to 400,000 new titles.

The condition of the volunteer force of Great Britain is said to be improving. The Royal Artillery Officer reports the volunteer branch of that arm of the service displaying great efficiency and capable of manning, in any emergency, heavy guns for seaward defense. The infantry, too, has recently been praised in a very flattering manner by the Duke of Cambridge, Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief. As he is not in the habit of idly paying compliments, the distinction may be looked upon as a deserved one.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT SHEDIAC.—A despatch to the St. John Globe says that a boy named Albert McDonald was killed at Shediac yesterday as the St. John express train was leaving the station, a loaded truck wagon running over him, the horses being frightened by the train.

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