

Local and Other Items.

The mails cross d. both ways to-day. The carriers left Cape Traverse for this city at 1.40.

On Tuesday morning last the thermometer registered twenty-six degrees below zero at Montreal.

Rev. J. LATHERN lectured in Halifax, on Tuesday evening on "The England of the Reformation."

MR. YENNER has reduced the hideous slush, which was to have prevailed January, to a mild thaw for a few days at the end.

CHARLES BRADLAUGH was awarded a judgment of £100 as an indemnity in the suit brought by him recently against Charles N. Newbrite.

J. H. FLETCHER, Esq., will deliver a lecture on "Common Sense" in the North River Baptist Church on Wednesday, 30th inst. Admission 10 cents.

A COMPANY is being formed in Newfoundland to run a line of steamers between New York, Halifax, and St. John's, Newfoundland. The capital is £100,000 sterling.

The Grand Lodge of Ontario, A. F. & A. M., is in session at Stratford. All the lodges are represented with a large attendance. The Grand Master's address shows that the order is progressing all over the province.

A SAD CASE is that of Rev. Mr. Crombleholme. He arrived in Boston on the 17th inst. He came to this country to collect funds for the payment of a debt on his church in England. A short distance out of Boston he was stricken with paralysis, and is now unable to fulfil his mission.

JOHN ENNIS, the pedestrian, has challenged any man in America to skate for the championship. He has a record of 11h. 37m. 45s. for 100 miles. The Boston Herald says the challenge will probably be accepted by one of the Paulsen brothers, the Norwegian skaters. The Paulsens are expected to come to Canada next month, and may visit N. B. in March.

An attack on a sentry at Woolwich arsenal has caused a sensation in London, but on investigation the attack is attributed to poaching. The facts are, this sentry was performing the duty known as the "fenian guard." A struggle ensued, during which the assailants endeavored to seize the sentry's rifle. The sentry fired upon the miscreants, who, however, made their escape. The sentry was quite exhausted by the encounter, and was wounded in the hand.

The outside pages of to-day's issue are replete with good reading matter. On the first is "Foul Play" and an article entitled "Touching Case," in which the story is told of the almost miraculous restoration to health and strength of a beautiful young lady; another giving some information concerning "Nova Scotian Coal," and last, but by no means least, an interesting article about "Locomotives Without Steam." The fourth contains an article telling "How the Sudan was Lost," some very interesting "Current Notes" and "Special Notices."

D. C. MARTIN, Esq., M. P. P., and John F. Robertson, Esq., and other light politicians left for Belfast this morning to help along the cause. It would be interesting to know what the only John and the cunning Donald will whisper to the electors of the southern district. The Grit Party's platform, according to the Patriot, is opposition to the present Government. This is not Highland. It will, therefore, require more than the cant of one or the cunning of the other to make the intelligent electors of Belfast believe it is a sound policy.

At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this forenoon, Albert Allan appeared on charge of breaking into the cloth store of Mr. C. H. Schirman, some time between Saturday night and Monday morning. He was remanded to jail. It will be remembered that Allan was before arrested for breaking into the same store last winter, and was tried in the Supreme Court, and a verdict "Not Guilty" was returned. A constable named McKenna, belonging to Mount Stewart also appeared at court this morning, on charge of assaulting Miss Coffin. McKenna was executing a Scott Act judgment against Miss Coffin, and in doing so she resisted and he is alleged, ill-treated her. Medical and other testimony was heard to-day, and the case was adjourned until to-morrow. One drunk was disposed of.

COMMENTING on the death of Senator Bourinot, which occurred a few days ago at Ottawa, the Halifax Herald says: One by one the old politicians of pre-confederation times are passing away. It is but a few years since the union became an accomplished fact, and already, of the men who voted on that question in the Nova Scotia Legislature, more than half have passed away. And now the name of John Bourinot is added to the list. He, on Friday night last, was seized with a paralytic stroke, from which he never recovered consciousness. John Bourinot, of Norman descent, was born in the island of Guernsey just seventy years ago, coming to this country early in boyhood, and settling in Sydney, where he afterwards conducted a large business. He married a daughter of the late Judge Marshall, at one time Chief Justice of Cape Breton, by whom he had a large family. He was returned as one of the members for Cape Breton county in 1859 and sat in the local assembly until the union, when he was called to the Senate. For many years he has been Vice-Council of France at Sydney, and transacted a good deal of business in connection with the visits of French war vessels.

Rev. Mr. Machonochie, the well known ritualistic clergyman in London, Eng., has resigned his position as rector of St. Peter's London Docks. It will be remembered that in accordance with the dying request of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rev. Mr. Machonochie resigned the vicarage of St. Albans, Holborn, and was removed to St. Peter's. It was hoped that this course would have put an end to the prolonged litigation that had taken place as to the ritualistic practices of Rev. Mr. Machonochie, but it did not. As a last resource Rev. Mr. Machonochie has resigned the rectorate of St. Peter's. He is now without a benefice.

A MATTER OF FATHER-IN-LAW.—The following is told of W. H. Vanderbilt, the millionaire, and Dr. W. Seward Webb, Mr. Vanderbilt's son-in-law. A subscription was recently circulated in New York. Dr. Webb was called upon, and he subscribed \$1,000. Then Mr. Vanderbilt was called upon with great expectations, and he subscribed only \$100. At this, the one having the matter in hand blandly remarked that Dr. Webb had subscribed \$1,000, as would be observed. Mr. Vanderbilt quickly replied that "the doctor had a rich father-in-law, and I haven't!"

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.)

**The Chinese Difficulty.**  
LONDON, Jan. 23.  
A Hong Kong despatch to the Times points out that the French occupation of Chusan, Formosa, or Hanoi, would amount to a casus belli with England, as, according to the treaty of 1846, it was stipulated that upon the evacuation of Chusan by the British, that the Island should never be ceded to another foreign power.

**A Bank Failure.**  
DENVER, Col., Jan. 23.  
The First National Bank of Leadville closed its doors after a heavy run yesterday afternoon. Preparations were being made for a disastrous run in the morning, but at midnight it was made public that the Bank would not open this morning to prevent attachment.

**The Tonquin War.**  
COLOMBO, CEYLON, Jan. 23.  
A transport, having on board Gen. Milloy, who is en route to Tonquin, to take command of the French troops, has arrived here in a disabled condition. Gen. Milloy embarked on the mail boat and proceeded to Tonquin immediately.

**Festing the Legality of Orangemen.**  
DUBLIN, Jan. 23.  
After consultation with counsel it has been determined on behalf of the Catholics and Nationalists of the north of Ireland to seek an official inquiry into the legality of the Orange Society, and to make the members liable for the recent riots.

**Robbery and Murder.**  
CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 23.  
B. W. Mahon, a broker, was knocked down just after dark last evening, receiving wounds from which he died at nine o'clock. Robbery was the object of the assault. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

**Chinese Less Disposed for War.**  
HONG KONG, Jan. 23.  
It is reported that operations against Bao Ninh have been postponed until the arrival of reinforcements. The Chinese seem generally less disposed for war.

**New Cardinals.**  
ROME, Jan. 23.  
At a Consistory to be held on the 21st February, six Cardinals are to be created.

**Ontario Legislation Met To-day.**  
TORONTO, Jan. 23.  
The Ontario Legislature met to-day.

**The Quebec Ministry.**  
QUEBEC, Jan. 23.  
The new ministry has been announced as follows:—  
Hon. Dr. Ross, Commissioner of Railways.  
Hon. L. O. Taiton, Attorney-General.  
Hon. J. G. Robertson, Treasurer.  
Hon. W. W. Lynch, Commissioner of Public Lands.  
Hon. Jean Blanchet, Provincial Secretary.  
Hon. Mr. Flynn, Commissioner of Agriculture.

**Parliamentary Proceedings.**  
OTTAWA, Jan. 23.  
In legislation, nothing has been done either yesterday or to-day, beyond the introduction of a few bills, and the moving for returns of various kinds. These returns are the supply houses from which, later on, the Opposition will obtain the ammunition for speeches either opposed to the Government policy or administration.  
Mr. Blake to-day asked for a great number of returns relating to questions of public interest such as the position of the High Commissioner, the leasing of Timber limits, arrangements respecting treaties made by Great Britain with Foreign countries and the like.  
Sir Leonard Tilley gave notice that on Friday next he would move the House into committee of the whole to consider the expediency of advancing to the Province of Manitoba, in aid of the public schools, the sum of forty thousand dollars, the advance to be repaid out of the proceeds of the sale of school lands.  
Weldon to-day brought up the subject of the loss of the steamer "Princess Louise," by asking for documents and for Scott's report.  
Hon. Mr. McLelan said that the Department had conferred the "Princess Louise" to capable men, with instructions to use every precaution in taking the vessel to Halifax.  
Mr. Fortin in making a motion for papers relating to the inspection of Newfoundland herring by Canadian inspectors, made a long speech showing how beneficial the action of the Government had been to the fishermen of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.  
In the Senate the debate on the address was continued to-day, having been interrupted yesterday by adjournment on account of the funeral of Senator Bourinot.  
The House adjourned at six.

**Weather Bulletin**  
Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.  
TORONTO, January 24—10 a. m.  
Winds shifting to the northward, local to fair, decidedly colder weather, with light local falls of snow.

**METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,**  
Charlottetown, 24th Jan. 1884.  
Highest temperature yesterday . . . . . 34.  
Lowest temperature (read at midnight) . . . . . 26.0  
Lowest temperature this morning . . . . . 20.9  
Temperature this morning, at 8 o'clock . . . . . 25.2  
Temperature this afternoon, at 1 o'clock . . . . . 35.5

The Egyptian Troubles.

A special London cable says the latest advices received from Suakin and Kharطوم leave but small ground for the hope that the beleaguered garrisons will escape, as the van of El Mahdi's column is marching down the white Nile River and is reported to have halted but a few miles from Kharطوم. Col. Coetlogone, who is in command at Kharطوم, has announced his intention to try to effect a march to Kissola, as the route to Berber from Kharطوم is up by the enemy, but it is reported that owing to the very rapid advance of El Mahdi's troops retreat by way of Kissola has been cut off, and that Col. Coetlogone's force is thus shut up in Kharطوم. Hundreds of fugitives have fled from Kharطوم, however, and have thus far reached Kissola in safety. Reinforcements of troops are leaving Cairo for Soukum, and Baker Pasha's force will be raised to ten thousand men, with some field guns and gattings. The Government has ordered that an attempt be made for the relief of Sinkat at all hazards, but has refused sanction Baker Pasha's plan to relieve Col. Coetlogone; which was to

DESPATCH TROOPS FROM SUAKIM to Massowah. Lord Ampthill, British ambassador at Berlin, has sounded Prince Bismarck upon the advisability of calling a European conference to settle the Egyptian question. Prince Bismarck is reported to have declined to favor any such movement, on the ground that the powers could not accept the responsibility and relieve England of her blunders in Egypt. All the morning papers in London express unqualified gladness that General Gordon has accepted the mission to Egypt. He will go to Kharطوم with full power to make the best arrangements possible to settle the affairs of Soudan, and the Pall Mall Gazette says that henceforth Great Britain has full and undivided responsibility of Soudan. General Gordon in going to Soudan as representative of the British Government must entail as a natural corollary assumption of a similar responsibility for the affairs of Egypt proper. The Sun's cable says:—Kharطوم has become the most important city in the world to the Gladstone cabinet, and its fate apparently involves the life or death of the English ministry. The situation there is gloomy, as several small garrisons south of Kharطوم have already been cut off and El Mahdi is reported to have been freely

THE NILE IS BLOCKED BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH of the doomed city. Hosts of Arabs are swarming towards it, and inside a good half of the population believe that the Mahdi relief of the Sinkat will be almost as momentous a task as that of Kharطوم. Provisions are getting scarce and twenty-five thousand rebels stand between Suakin and Sinkat. A telegram from Cairo states that it is reported that negotiations have been opened between Egypt and Abyssinia. The latter demands the cession by Egypt of the Bogos territory and the post of Massowah which adjoins the northeastern boundary of Abyssinia. Under a threat that the King of Abyssinia will declare war on Egypt if his demand is refused, Egypt is willing to cede the territory of Bogos and the port of Zoula, which is south of Massowah, on condition that Abyssinia shall operate against El Mahdi. This arrangement is regarded as probable. It is officially announced that the Khedive has no intention of abdicating.

**A Peculiar Accident—Killed a Half Mile from the Scene.**  
A terrible explosion occurred at the Consumer's Powder Mills, at Scranton, Pa., on the 19th inst. The explosion, it is thought, was caused by an incendiary. Five buildings with their contents were destroyed. Twenty workmen who were within a few hundred yards of the mills had a miraculous escape. L. H. Emory, who was half a mile away, was killed by a flying piece of machinery. Another man who accompanied Emory had his leg broken. Several cars on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western track, near the powder mills, were smashed. The explosion was distinctly heard in Scranton. The people of Peckvills thought the judgment day had arrived. Their windows went to pieces, their chimneys toppled over, and their closed doors gaped wide open and refused to shut again. The loss to the Consumer's Powder Company is \$40,000. There were no explosives in the grist mill where the fire started, and for nearly an hour Superintendent Dakin and the workmen, at the peril of their lives, poured water on the burning building with buckets, while the sparks fell in showers about the powder house close by. When the first shock occurred the men fell on their faces and escaped uninjured, with the exception of Dakin, who had one of his legs badly bruised.

**BIRTH.**  
At Charlottetown, P. E. I., on the 24th inst. the wife of F. H. Arnould, Agent Merchants Bank of Halifax, of a son.

**MARRIED.**  
At Shediac, N. B., on the 14th inst., by the Rev. H. H. Barber, Rector, Henry H. James, barrister-at-law, of Bectouche, to Jane, widow of the late R. S. DesBrisay, formerly of Charlottetown.

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