

Local and Other Items.

WHEAT.—A Winnipeg despatch says that wheat is quoted at from 80 to 85 cents throughout that Province.

DISEASES AMONG CHILDREN.—The Times reports that quite a number of children in Moncton are laid up with measles and the mumps.

FAILURES.—An exchange says that the wise men who were certain that Henry M. Stanley was dead have now taken to prophesying about the weather.

TO-NIGHT.—Don't forget the concert in the schoolroom of the Prince Street Methodist Church, this evening. A splendid programme has been prepared.

REPEAL OF THE SCOTT ACT.—Petitions have been deposited with the State Department at Ottawa, asking that elections for repeal of the Scott Act be held in Brant, Kent and Victoria counties, Ontario.

THE HALIFAX.—The steamer Halifax arrived at Souris this morning from Sydney, C. B. We understand she has a full cargo engaged, and there is enough offering and refused to half fill her again.

WANT SPOT CASH.—An Ottawa despatch says that the militia authorities are about taking action to compel the city of Winnipeg to pay cash for calling out the militia to preserve peace during the recent crossing troubles.

HAY IS CHEAP.—The Antigonish Caslet says that hay is selling there at \$8 a ton. This comparatively low price is due to the abundant yield, which is said to have been far in excess of that of many years past in that locality.

A NOBLE RESPONSE.—The pastor of St. Paul's Church, at Brantford, Ont., a few days ago, asked the congregation for a Christmas offering towards the liquidation of the church debt. The debt was \$12,000; the congregation put \$13,941 upon the plate.

A SUGGESTION.—It is suggested that a telephone office be established at Cape Bar to report the movements of the Stanley. The winter steamer can be observed from the Cape throughout the entire passage to and from Pictou and Georgetown.

Many an otherwise handsome face is disfigured with pimples and blotches, caused by a humor in the blood, which may be thoroughly eradicated by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the safest blood medicine in the market, being entirely free from arsenic or any deleterious drug.

A LIVELY OLD BRIDE.—Geo. A. Ford, aged 27, and Mrs. John Finnessy, aged 63, were married the other day at Altona, Wis. Ford is the woman's third husband. Mrs. Finnessy was divorced from her former spouse less than a year ago. Mr. Finnessy was so surprised that he called to ascertain the truth, and was bounced from the house for his pains.

SILVER JUBILEE.—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, N. B., will be celebrated next year—in the latter part of the month of June. The celebration will cover two days. On the first the students of 1888-89 will carry out a programme of their own, while the second day will be devoted to the old students. Quite a number of Islanders have been educated at St. Joseph's.

SINGULAR.—The Bridgewater, N. S. Monitor says: A young lady in this town was a short time ago afflicted in a most singular manner. She was seized with a pain in one of her ears, very much the same as ear-ache. It finally became so painful that the only relief obtainable was by dropping diluted morphine in the ear. The physician, who had at first thought it to be a simple ear-ache, became surprised that it did not yield to the customary remedies, and examined the offending organ with an instrument, with the result, after a number of trials, of extracting an apple seed which had laid in the ear and festered. The young lady has not the faintest idea how it could have got in her ear.

The Granby Rubber Company bids fair to take the lead in turning out fine goods. This is very noticeable in footwear. Particular attention evidently having been devoted to soles, heels and upper designs, which are all new, and can readily be distinguished from every other make. Particular attention is requested to the new heel design for men's, boys' and youths' wear. It will be found eminently adapted to the Canadian winter, as it enables the wearer to walk with much more steadiness. Moreover, where the ball of the foot comes, much more strength has been imparted to the Granby rubber shoes, thus ensuring durability. Careful examination of these goods cannot fail to establish their desirability.

Trade in Great Britain.

The revival in trade seems to be general in Great Britain. In hardware, according to a trade journal, many branches in Birmingham are working over-time. All sorts of goods for furnishing purposes and builders' ironmongery are in request. There is also a good call for carriage fittings and saddlery generally. One of the most conspicuous industries just now is galvanised iron sheets and accessories. There seems to be no end to the demand. In spite of the constant necessity on the part of merchants to raise prices, there is said to be a good demand from almost all foreign countries. Africa, which is an increasing purchaser, is sending some good lines. Many South American ports are buying well, and there is no reason to complain about Australia. With respect to the United States and Canada and the Northern European ports a falling off is reported; but reports are satisfactory in reference to the call from Brazil, Chili, River Plate, and Mexico.

Local Notices.

A. McNeill sells Apples, Tea, etc., to close out consignments, to-morrow, Thursday, at 11 o'clock. The sale will be held inside.

Boys' Misses' and Children's Sleighs selling cheap to clear out. Two hundred now in stock.—Mark Wright & Co.

Mens' Nap Reefers, another new lot just received, splendid value, at J. B. Macdonald's.

The Mens' Reefers selling at 85 are pronounced the cheapest in the city. See them at J. B. Macdonald's.

Mens' Fur Coats. Buy your Fur Coats at J. B. Macdonald's. Guaranteed the cheapest in the city.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

Terrible River Disaster.

A STEAMER BURNED.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

Very Latest Particulars.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.

The steamboat John H. Hanna, from Ouichita River with a cargo of 2,500 bales of cotton, was burned last night at Plaquemine. Of the 100 persons on board, only 14 are known to be saved.

The Hanna was valued at \$18,000; insured for \$15,000. The burning was one of the most terrible river disasters that ever happened in southern waters. About 30 persons perished in the flames, and a large number who jumped overboard were drowned.

One of the deckhands who escaped says there were about one hundred persons on board and only about a dozen can now be found alive. The steamer was coming down the river just before Christmas Day dawned. Several passengers were seated in the cabin having a merry time. Many of the crew and passengers were asleep when the fire broke out and spread with indescribable rapidity. The details of sufferings and death of some of the passengers are harrowing in the extreme. The boat had reached port a short distance above the town when a negro roustabout at the boiler room ran out to the deck and shouted that the boat was on fire.

John Cullen, striker, seeing flames bursting forth from big tiers of cotton near the boiler, ran hastily to the engine room and gave the alarm to Engineer Merrymen, who blew the whistle and rang the bells. In an instant the flames shot through the cabin over the sides of the cotton, enveloping the entire boat. Clerk Powell saw the flames, and heroically ran through the smoke which filled the cabin, trying to rouse the sleeping people. He kicked at the doors and in a short time almost everybody was awake. Then confusion worse confounded appeared. The frantic people ran to different exits, but the boat was piled with cotton. The passageways were filled with smoke. Many dropped before they were able to get to the forward part of the boat and were dead when the steamer went down.

As soon as the smoke and flames began to show through the sides of the boat, Capt. Jolles, pilot, headed the boat for the shore. The boat ran into a bank, bounded away again and swung around, drifting down as she burned. Capt. Jolles swam ashore. Many people were struggling desperately in the water. Some swam ashore, but the most were so badly burned or so thoroughly exhausted that they struggled for a few moments and sank. As the boat struck the bank the crew and passengers on the forward end sprang ashore, some with seared faces and bruised limbs, and many with scarcely any covering.

Capt. Holmes, and Bob Smith, a pilot, were horribly burned, and died together on the river bank. The unfortunate who reached the shore were taken care of. The city and central hotels and private houses threw open their doors and led and clothed the survivors. The steamer's books and papers, as well as the clothes of the crew and passengers, were lost. The boat burned to the water's edge and sank.

The Braintree Murderer.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 25.

Thomson, the alleged Braintree murderer, has been arrested at Baddeck, C. B. [In that portion of Braintree, Mass., known as the "Five Corners," Miss McWhitely White, 64 years of age, has been running a farm for several years past with no other company than a hired man. On the afternoon of the 18th November last, Ernest W. Dennett, a nephew of the old lady, called at the farmhouse and receiving no answer to his knock, ascertained that his aunt had not been seen about the place since the previous Saturday night. Young Dennett went home and returned with his father and a few neighbors. The house was broken into and everything found ransacked. The searchers went to the barn. The doors being locked, they burst them in. A human hand was seen protruding from a pile of hay. The covering was thrown off, and the horribly mutilated body of Miss White brought to light, lying face downward and feet and hands bound with hay ropes. Her throat was cut from ear to ear, and there was an ugly wound on the head behind the right ear. Suspicion pointed strongly to the hired man—John Thompson—who had suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. The detectives have been on Thompson's trail ever since the finding of the body.]

The Devouring Element.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 25.

There was a \$300,000 fire here to-day, it began at 8.30 and burned factories and dwellings covering three acres, near the corner of Budde and Harriet streets.

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., Dec. 25.

Marblehead is on fire to-night. The entire business portion of the town is in ruins. The fire started in Power's furniture store, and is the most extensive that ever visited the town. The people are panic-stricken. All the wires are down and it is impossible to send particulars.

LATER—2 a. m.—The fire is under control. Seven acres are burned over. Some sixty buildings were destroyed. Loss, \$500,000.

Customs Change.

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.

An Order in Council has been passed in reference to the duty on musical instruments brought into Canada by opera and concert companies. Hereafter a duty was charged on these instruments at the rate of 25 per cent. ad valorem. This new order in Council stipulates that if the instruments are exported again from Canada within 30 days, 90 per cent. of the duty will be returned.

The Crossing Case.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.

The Canadian Pacific Railway authorities announce that they do not intend to pay any attention to the decision of the Supreme Court in the railway crossing case, but will carry on the injunction proceedings commenced in the Manitoba courts, until a test case is decided by the Imperial Privy Council.

The Short Line.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.

Being questioned regarding the construction of the Short Line Railway from Fredericton to Moncton, Mr. Van Horn said the parties interested in the road would gain nothing by sending a deputation to Ottawa.

More Slaves Captured.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 25.

The German warship Leipzig has captured another dhow with 140 slaves. The squadron has captured no arms or ammunition. This shows that the coast natives are amply supplied.

An Order Cancelled.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 25.

Owing to the protest of the British representative here the Sultan has cancelled his order for the wholesale execution of criminals.

Weather Bulletin.

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—10 a. m.

South to west winds; cloudy or partly cloudy; mild weather, with local rains.

Our gold-headed canes are all sold. We have telegraphed for more, which are expected here in time for New Year's.—E. W. Taylor, Cameron Block.

We have received some very handsome gold bracelets, set with diamonds and pearls, on show for a few days only.—E. W. Taylor, Cameron Block.

Five hundred Boys' and Youths' Suits, just opened. Selling very cheap at J. B. Macdonald's.

BORN.

On Friday last, the 21st inst., to Dr. B. G. Hall and Mrs. Bagnall, a son.

DIED.

At Peake's Station, on December 2nd, Mrs. Priscilla A., wife of Alexander J. Bambrick, and daughter of Edward and Harriet Gay.

At North Lake, Dec. 15th, James Stanley, infant son of Charles and Eliza Rose, aged six days.

Sleep on, sweet babe, And take thy rest, God called thee home When He thought best.

FANCY GOODS!

I AM instructed by the Manager to sell BY AUCTION, at the EUROPEAN BAZAAR on Queen Street, opposite to Watson's Drug Store, On Thursday Evening, 27th Inst., AT 7.30 O'CLOCK:

All the Stock of FANCY GOODS in Store, a splendid line to select from, viz.: Photo and Autograph Albums, Purses, Frames, Dressing Cases, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Comportains, Desks, Blotters, Inkstands, &c., &c. Show Case, Stove, Stools, &c., &c.

G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer.

APPLES, TEA, &c.

BY AUCTION, on THURSDAY, December 27th, at 11 o'clock, at Rooms:—

75 barrels No. 1 Apples (best winter-keeping kinds), 10 half chests Tea, 10 casks Vinegar, 5 barrels Oranges, Lemons, Wrapping Paper, &c. All of which must be sold out without reserve to close consignments.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

Good and Useful PRESENTS.

OXFORD BIBLES, for Preachers and Students, in best India Paper and nice soft Leather Binding.

PRESBYTERIAN HYMN BOOK, with Psalms, pocket size, in good binding.

STUDENTS' BOOK SHELVES.

VEST POCKET NEW TESTAMENTS.

WRITING DESKS, for Ladies and Gents.

FOUNTAIN PENS.

STYLOGRAPHIC PENS.

BIBLES, with Psalms and Hymnal.

BIBLES, with Methodist Hymns.

You will Get the Best Value at

G. H. HASZARD'S.

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REDDIN'S DRUG STORE.

HOLIDAY SEASON!

Best Value! Lowest Prices!

SPACE will not allow us to particularize, but we would ask the public to call and see for themselves. No trouble to show goods.

WRITING DESKS, in Leather, WORK BOOKS, in Plush, GENTLEMEN'S DRESSING CASES, LADIES' JEWEL BOXES, TRIPLE MIRRORS, CRIBBAGE BOARDS,

DOMINOES, PERFUMES in Cases, S. S. CHET POWDERS, CIGAR CASES, Meerschaum PIPES, LADIES' FANS, BIRQUE FIGURES, FRUIT KNIVES.

D. O'Z. REDDIN, Jr.

dec25—21 Jan 1st

GREAT CLOTHING SALE!

J. B. MACDONALD'S

Overcoats, Ulsters, Reefers and Suits

Is now selling at prices which, for Cheapness, has never yet been approached by anyone in the City.

If you want a good Coat, in Quality and Fit, and at the same time save a Dollar or more in the price, the place to buy is at

J. B. MACDONALD'S.

Charlottetown, November 28, 1888.—dy & wky

Merrie Christmas!

A N attractive and interesting Service will be held in the Sunday School Room of the PRINCE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, On the Night After Christmas,

COMMENCING AT 7.30 O'CLOCK.

The Programme guarantees a pleasant and inspiring evening, and includes: ANTHEMS, CHORUSES, CARTETTES, S. S. L. S. CHRISTMAS CAROLS, READINGS, RECITATIONS, &c., &c.

Admission, 15 cents, at the door. Proceeds to assist the Poor Fund of the School. REV. MR. READ will preside.

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

RETURN TICKETS at one first-class fare will be issued to and from all Stations on this Railway, on 24th, 25th and 31st December, inst., and on January 1st, prox., good to return up to and on January 7, 1889.

J. UNSWORTH, Superintendent.

Railway Office, Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1888.

Redd'n's Drug Store.

C. G. S. WHOLESALE.

10,000 B VANA CIGARS

10,000 B S. S. CIGARS

10,000 B COCK ROBIN

COCK ROBIN—Manufactured for our trade. The name is sold to the retailer of any Cigar in the market.

D. O. M. REDDIN, Jr.

CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Watches, Jewelry and Fancy Goods.

G. H. TAYLOR,

As in former years, will give as a XMAS BOX,

A Liberal Discount,

Or, if preferred, the same value in goods.

No extra charge for Engraving.

North Side Queen Square.

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GRATEFUL-COMFORTING.

EPPS'S COCOA.

BREAKFAST.

"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which may save many heavy doctor's bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitutional may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame." Civil Service Gazette.

Made simply with boiling water and milk. Sold only in packets, by Grocers, labelled thus: JAMES EPPS & CO., Homoeopathic Chemists, London, England.

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HAWKER'S

TOLU AND CHERRY,

A Favorite and Most Valuable

Remedy for all Throat and Lung Diseases.

It has cured hundreds of cases considered hopeless. It soothes, heals and strengthens the diseased or irritated Throat and Lungs in a very short time. Just a few doses will cure a fresh cold if taken in time. Price 50 cents per bottle. For sale at the Drug Stores.

W. HAWKER & SON,

Proprietors, St. John, N. B.

nov10—1y dy

WANTS, LOST, FOUND &c

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—Three good Coat Makers.—P. J. FORAN, Tailor.

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STRAYED.—From the subscriber's premises on a white direct, a small black Cow. Any returning same will be suitably rewarded.—GEORGE J. WRIGHT. pd 2—dec24

WANTED.—A Servant in a small family. No washing. Apply at this office.

dec20—17

FOUND.—A sum of money. Apply to PATRICK HOGAN, Water Street, and pay for this advertisement.

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LOST.—A Ten Dollar Bill. The finder will be rewarded on January 20 or 21, 1889.

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Our Stock of Carpets is the Largest, Cheapest and choicest ever shown by us. Prices from 10c. to \$2.25.



We make a Specialty of Ladies' Astracan Sacks and Mens' Fur Coats. We keep the best made in Canada at low prices.

Important Notice to Economical Buyers!

Never have we offered Greater Inducements to CASH CUSTOMERS.

BEER BROS.

ALL-WOOL DRESS GOODS, from 16 cents, FANCY DRESS GOODS, from 9 cents, ULSTERS and JACKETS, from \$2.00, HEAVY SHAWLS, from \$1.00, TABLE LINEN, from 19 cents, BLACK FUR CAPES, from 80 cents, LINEN TOWELS, from 8 cents, BROGADED PLUSH, from \$1.35, BROGADED VELVET, from 33 cents, GREY FLANNEL, from 14 cents, SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, from 25 cents, COT ON HANDKERCHIEFS, from 3 cents, WOOL WRAPS, from 65 cents, ULSTER CLOTH, from 50 cents.

In every Department we offer remarkably Low Prices FOR CASH. Our Goods are guaranteed as represented.

BEER BROS.

Our Carpet Department is most complete on the Island. Choice Designs in Axminster Brussels, Tapestry, &c.



The demand for our Goods this Fall is far in advance of any previous year. We supply Latest styles at lowest prices.

Charlottetown, Dec. 15, 1888.—dy & wky

Seasonable Goods

PERKINS & STERNS'

White Blankets, Grey Blankets, Bed Comforts, Colored Counterpanes, Railway Rugs, Horse Rugs, Sleigh Robes, Fur Coats, Wool Carriage Wraps, Fur Jackets.

Fine Display of Fancy Goods for Christmas Presents.

AN IMMENSE STOCK OF WINTER DRY GOODS

AT PRICES WHICH CANNOT BE BEATEN.

PERKINS & STERNS.

Charlottetown, Nov. 14, 1888.—dy & wky

We are Showing a Fine Line of COLORED DRESS GOODS, WITH TRIMMINGS TO MATCH. See Them, as they are the Best Value we have ever Shown.

MOURNING GOODS,

IN ALL THE NEWEST FABRICS, AT CLOSEST FIGURES.

COURTALD'S CRAPES,

BEST VALUES AT

Stanley Bros, Brown's Block.

Charlottetown, Nov. 24, 1888.—sat & wky