

Local and Other Items.

No mails crossing to-day. Mr. BORRADALE, Inspector of Inland Revenue, Halifax, is at the Rankin.

Mr. W. J. WELDON, the well-known proprietor of the Weldon House, Moncton, died a few days ago.

The Carnival on Tuesday evening last was the most successful ever held in St. John. Over six hundred maskers took part.

The final meeting of the Committee of St. Paul's Church Bazaar was held yesterday, and the nett receipts were found to be \$510.

JAMES E. GRANT, Esq., returned home last night after a business tour of five weeks in the Upper Provinces and the United States.

One of the "Circassian's" passengers, William Haigh, belonging to Port Hope, Ont., was robbed of £90 in gold on the recent passage.

The graveyards at Dartmouth, N. S., are so full that the town authorities contemplate closing them up and starting a new one outside the suburbs.

THOS. CONNOR & SONS, St. John, Rope Manufacturers, respectfully solicit orders through their agent, Mr. J. E. Grant, who will call on the trade shortly with samples.

A VERY handsome memorial pulpit has been presented to St. John Presbyterian church, in memory of the late Hon. Dr. Elder, by a number of his personal friends outside the congregation.

The Zuni Indians of New Mexico are being scourged with measles. A despatch of the 26th says over one hundred children of the tribe have died within the past month and the disease is still raging.

We learn that it is the intention of the Dominion Government to enforce its claim to the fullest extent against the Liquidators of the Bank of P. E. Island. The claim which is a prior one is something over \$100,000.

BURNED TO DEATH.—Mrs. Margaret Durkee, of Kelly's Cove, Yarmouth Co., N. S., was so badly burned by the ignition of her dress while standing before an open fire on Wednesday last, that death ensued on the following day. She was seventy-six years of age.

THE sale of seed wheat, oats, hay and straw taken place by Mr. Dudd at Mr. Henry Beer's farm "Bellachin," to-morrow. It will afford our farmers a chance to secure a good article of White Russian Wheat. Mr. Beer showed us a sample of this article which is excellent and profitable. Last year he reaped from seven acres two hundred and twenty bushels. This is a good result.

THE recent visit of the Prince of Wales to the alms of the Holborn district, London, to collect information in regard to the life of the poor to assist him as a member of the Royal Commission on Dwellings of the Poor has been sufficient for his purpose. The arrangements for an inspection of South London have been stopped, the Prince having intimated that he had seen enough to justify the objects of the Commission.

THE SPRING HILL DIFFICULTY OVER.—A despatch of the 25th to the Halifax Chronicle, from Spring Hill Mines, says:—"The workmen here went on a strike on Wednesday morning last. They said two men were not making fair wages, and they wanted the price raised or the men put in another place. They did not present their grievance to the manager until Friday morning, when the matter was arranged satisfactorily, the discontented men being promised another place. The mines resumed work to-day."

A CASE OF BEAR.—A Farwell, Mich., paper tells of a man who sold the standing timber on a piece of land, and the purchaser, while cutting it, discovered and captured two bears. The land owner protests that the purchaser did not buy any bears, and hence had no right to them. The case presents some novel points to which the Supreme Court may yet have to decide. As the bears were in one of the trees sold, the capturer thinks he has a good title to them, and has already killed and eaten one of the beasts, thus putting it beyond reach of a replavin suit.

An explosion took place in the Bank of Commerce, Toronto, on the 25th instant. A plumber had been at work in the vault on Saturday, and had left a gas jet turned on. The messenger went in on the morning of the 25th and struck a light. He was lifted to his feet and carried twenty feet away, receiving severe injuries. Twelve clerks at their desks were knocked about like nine-pins, and sent into all corners of the room. The teller was blown out of a window into the street. Every window was blown out, and the building injured to the extent of several thousand dollars. It is thought that all the injured will recover.

FLOODS have again visited London, Ont. A despatch of the 25th says:—"Since last night there has been no material change of condition in the river, with the exception that the ice in the main channel has fallen four feet below the height obtained last week. This has been caused by a down-pouring of water which has flowed beneath the ice, and being joined by that from the south branch, has caused almost all the water to leave the river along the north branch. More serious danger is to be apprehended. This may be instanced by the fact that on Saturday grinding was carried on as usual at Bartley's mills, but this morning the water had risen to such a height that it had to be stopped. A great quantity of slush ice and water has flowed into the stream and is being dammed up by ice. This has formed a further blockade, which, with the additional water that will flow into the river when a thaw occurs, may prove more serious than anything yet anticipated."

OF INTEREST TO LAWYERS.—Among the more important judgments rendered in the Supreme Court of Quebec, recently, was that in the case of Almour (appellant) vs. Harris (respondent). In the first instance the action was brought on a judgment rendered in the Superior Court of Nova Scotia. The defendant pleaded, among other things, that the action was taken on promissory notes, and that since rendering judgment these notes had become prescribed, the judgment of the Nova Scotia Court not interrupting the ordinary prescriptions. The court held that, in the absence of any proof of the law of Nova Scotia respecting the prescription of promissory notes, the law of this province must govern, and as the judgment was an interruption to the prescription of five years, and thirty years would be required to prescribe the decision of the court below, must be sustained, and the appeal dismissed. The defendant was thereby condemned to pay the amount, \$602, with interest.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The North River Bridge.

SIR,—It has been said that the greatest benefactor of the human race is he who makes "two bushels of wheat grow where only one grew before." This is equally true of the man or the Government which reclaims land overflowed by salt water, and converts an unwholesome and unsightly waste of mud into green and fertile meadows.

The rebuilding of the North River Bridge has suggested to me the great advantage to be derived from building a solid structure to keep back the salt water. Not only would a large area of land of the most valuable quality be reclaimed, but we should have a safe and enduring bridge, whereas it is well known that piles are eaten off by the worms almost as quickly as they can be put down, thus incurring a great and never-ending bill of expense, as well as a source of considerable danger to passengers.

To cover the additional expense of construction (though I believe the solid bridge is the cheapest in the long run) the owners of land might be assessed in proportion to the increased value of their farms. I would myself be willing to pay the interest of \$1,000 annually.

The present Government have always shown a warm interest in the advancement of agriculture. By adopting this suggestion they will prove not only that they are actuated by a desire to further the welfare of farmers, but, by the initiation of a system of reclamation of lands from the salt water—which may be confidently expected eventually to add millions of dollars to the value of the farming lands of the Island—show that they are possessed of a wise and intelligent foresight and administrative capacity that will be a source of honor to them as enduring as the benefits of the system they inaugurate.

I hope they will not allow the circumstance of the contract for repairing the bridge being given out to be an obstacle in the way of carrying out a project which will prove of such great benefit to the whole country.

Yours, etc., J. T. JENKINS.

Feb. 28, 1884.

The Rev. Guy De Montgomerie, M. A.

SIR,—Having yesterday generously opened your columns to the serio-comic letter of the Rev. Guy De Montgomerie, M. A., Cantab., who announces his arrival among us; I fear you have unwittingly helped the writer to stultify himself badly. He is clearly very green, and not aware that the good people who present their donations, so politely acknowledged by him, have a meaning in what they do, and generally suit their gifts to the wants of the recipient. And if there is any difficulty in interpreting the meaning of some of the articles presented to him, it is very easy to divine the signification of others of them. For instance, the "jug of hot water, bar of soap, and spittoon," evidently teach the gentleman that he is not over cleanly in his person and habits. The bottle of Mrs. Pinkham's compound and the worm candy, as clearly imply that he is—O my! poor Guy De Montgomerie! The bottle of "Globe" grease speaks for itself. The Bible and tespot suggest charity to all men and women (an excellent hint) and temperance, and so on. But the unkindest cut of all, is what the writer in his unpardonable ignorance, as M. A., Cantab., calls "Darwin on Primeval Man," a work that no person ever heard of before. Probably the book is "Darwin's Origin of Species." If so, the idea is capital, as the donor no doubt expects that the recipient will examine the contents, and in doing so he will perhaps see some ugly, useless, mischievous looking animals with large ears, big mouth, heavy jaws, and small brain. Nor must he be surprised if the author refers to one of these as the ancestor of the reader, and what is worse, poor Guy De Montgomerie, M. A., Cantab., may recognize a strong family likeness there to himself.

Moral.—It is dangerous to write for (1) mischievous purposes, especially with so big a handle to your name. (2) It is Anti-British to strike behind the back. Yours, obediently, PRO BONO PUBLICO. Ch'town, Feb. 27, 1883.

An Inquiry.

SIR,—Will you kindly inform the readers of your valuable paper who went security for G. A. Hughes, to enable him to qualify for the position of License Inspector, and what property was offered as security? DRY CUSS.

[Our correspondent should ask the Commissioners.—ED. EXAMINER.]

Recently Discovered Waterways Across South America.

The discovery of Bariloche pass, affording easy communication between Chili and the Argentine Republic, (says the Panama Star and Herald), has awakened the enthusiasm of geographers and railroad and canal builders. The country on both sides of the Cordillera is rich and fertile, and the vast plains of Patagonia promise to be rapidly opened up through this discovery. The explorer, Captain Rhode, who made the journey, accompanied by Mr. Andrews, an English tourist, has published an interesting description of the country through which he passed, and which he is about to revisit as chief of a thoroughly equipped expedition which the Argentine Government is about to send out. This pass was first discovered by the Jesuits at the commencement of the last century, but five years afterward their missions were swept away, and the region remained unvisited by civilized man until Captain Rhode and his companion went there. Projects for a trans-continental railroad, which would be much shorter than that now building by the way of Mendoza, have already been brought forward by the Argentine Republic, and disapproved with favor in Chili, while Captain Rhode revives and sustains with great enthusiasm the ideal project of the old Jesuit Faulkner, who wished to see water communication between the Atlantic and Pacific through Patagonia. It is claimed that by following the Rio Negro up to Lake Nahuel Huapi, three-

fourths of the route can be travelled in boats at present, and that by joining Nahuel Huapi and Todos los Santos lakes, and using the waters of the rivers Petrohue, Puellas and Frias, a good channel may be made, terminating in the Reloncavi light in the Chilean archipelago. The advocates of this plan claim that only two or three short canals would be required to establish water communication across the continent, and by tributary streams, with many thousands of square miles of valuable agricultural and grazing lands.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.]

Burned to Death.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. A fire broke out shortly before four o'clock this morning on the third floor of the frame building, 326 Stanton Street. The floor was occupied by Cornelius Van-Riper and his family, consisting of his wife and three children. N. Connolly, Mr. Van-Riper and his three children were suffocated and burned to death. His wife jumped from the third story window to the sidewalk, and was instantly killed. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Distributing Gordon's Proclamations.

KHARTOUM, Feb. 28. For the purpose of re-assuring the well-affected, and overcoming the disaffected, two armed steamers, under a white flag, will ascend the white Nile, under the command of Col. Stewart, who will distribute freely Gen. Gordon's proclamations. If attacked the crews will be in a position to defend themselves.

To Give Battle Forthwith.

CAIRO, Feb. 26. Sir Evelyn Baring has instructed General Graham, before engaging the rebels, to summon Osman Digma to liberate all the Tokar soldiers and all the survivors of Sinkat desiring to return to Egypt, and if he refuses to liberate them to give him battle forthwith.

Dominion Political Notes.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28. The Speaker took the chair at 3.20 p. m. After routine proceedings and before the orders of the day were called, Mr. Blake rose to a question of privilege, and read a letter he had addressed to Sir Charles Tupper, in relation to the constitutionality of Sir Charles holding his seat as member for Cumberland after having accepted the office of High Commissioner. He argued at great length on the point. In concluding Mr. Blake moved that the House declare the seat vacant, and order the Speaker to issue a Writ for an Election in Cumberland county.

In connection with the motion, Sir Charles Tupper was, to-day, served with a writ, issued on behalf of a citizen of Ottawa called Campbell. In the writ Campbell claimed \$5,000 from Sir Charles Tupper for sitting twenty-six days in Parliament, in contravention of the Independence of Parliament Act, 1878. When Blake had ended, Sir John Trow said he would move an amendment that the question whether Sir Charles Tupper, or has not, vacated his seat, be referred to the select committee on privileges and elections. He said Sir Charles had been advised that he has not vacated his seat, and is still a member for Cumberland. Sir John spoke for some time giving instances of similar cases having occurred in England.

The discussion was continued by Cameron and Mills in favor of Blake's motion that the seat be declared vacant. Chapeau spoke strongly in favor of the contention that Sir Charles had not vacated his seat. After Woodworth against Mr. Blake's motion. Mr. Blake closed in an angry speech in which he was called to order by the Speaker.

The vote stood on Sir John's amendment to refer the question to the committee, for 122, against 56. The House then proceeded to the work of receiving petitions on the O. P. R. Bill. The House adjourned early.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces. TORONTO, February 29—10 a. m. Gales shifting to west, cloudy weather, with rain and snow, followed by colder weather.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Charlottetown, 29th Feb. 1884. Highest temperature yesterday... 29.1 Lowest temperature (read at midnight)... 12.6 Lowest temperature this morning... 23.9 Temperature this morning, at 8 o'clock... 28.1 Temperature this afternoon, at 1 o'clock... 29.0 A SINGLE BOX of Mack's Magnetic Medicine will prove to any sufferer from nervous prostration or weakness of the generative organs, that it is the best and cheapest medicine ever sold for this class of disease. Read the advertisement in another column and send at once for the great brain and nerve food. Sold in Charlottetown at Apothecaries Hall, (Feb 25 1w wkly.)

FOR SALE,

ONE-HALF of the Double-Tenement Brick Dwelling, situated on the North Side of Hillsborough Park, containing ten Rooms. Lot 23 feet front by 160 feet deep. Entrance to yard from front and rear. Stable, coal sheds, etc. Cost \$5,000. Will be sold at a bargain. Apply to W. KENNEDY, Ch'town, Feb. 25.—cod 1w

Manilla Marline.

One ten Manilla Marline, FOR SALE BY HORACE HASZARD. Ch'town, Feb. 23, 1884.—2w cod

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Ch'town, Feb. 26, 1884.

AUCTION! Lobster Canning Factory FOR SALE.

HAY, STRAW, SEED WHEAT, OATS. I AM instructed by MR. HENRY BEER to sell by Auction, at his farm "Bellachin," Lot 48, 14 miles from Southport, on Saturday, the 1st of March next.

AT TWO O'CLOCK, P. M., ABOUT 25 tons Hay, 8 tons Straw, 200 bush. Seed Wheat (White Russian), 300 bush. Oats.

TERMS AT SALE. WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer. Ch'town, Feb. 21, 1884.

TO LET,

THE RAILWAY HOUSE, situated on Richmond Street, near London House. Also a shop adjoining, 16x30 feet. Apply to THOMAS CAMPBELL. Ch'town, Feb. 23, 1884.—4f

FOR SALE OR TO LET,

THE Subscriber hereby offers for sale or to let his Residence and Model Livery Stables, together with all Furniture and Outfits. P. C. CONLEY. Ch'town, Feb. 23, 1884.—4f

Mr. Harris left yesterday, to purchase Spring Stock, in English Markets for the London House, and in order to make room for the new importation, G. Davies & Co. are offering special inducements to their cash customers in town and country.

Feb. 19, 1884.—4w cod

Old Mine Sydney Coal

—AND— TURK'S ISLAND SALT. 50 TONS Old Mine Sydney Coal, ex "Kitty Clyde," will be sold in small lots, at reduced prices, to close sales. Coal is under cover and free from snow. —ALSO— 1,500 bushels Turk's Island salt, by the same vessel will be sold in lots, at reduced prices, to close sales. H. HASZARD. Ch'town, Feb. 11, 1884.—2w cod

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TO RENT,

WITH immediate possession, the store on Sydney Street, opposite H. J. Callbeck's. Apply above the premises to MISS SKINNER. Ch'town, Feb. 20.—cod 1w

The Ladies of St. James' Kirk

INTEND HOLDING A Good Old Time TEA AND FANCY TABLE, ON THE 12TH MARCH NEXT. Further particulars will be given.

FOR SALE.

COMPLETE and in excellent order—1,600 Traps, Boats, Can Makers' Tools, Boarding House. STOCK—comprising Tin Plates, Cans, Tin, Lead, Solder, Paint, Labels, etc., ready for immediate use. Inquire of MESSRS. POOLE & LEWIS, Charlottetown. Feb. 26.—2w

TEA. TEA. TEA.

THE SUBSCRIBER has in store, on consignment,— 250 half-chests Congou Tea, IN FOUR QUALITIES. ALSO Tin Cannisters, 5, 10 and 15 pounds will be sold low to close for spring importations. B. WILSON HIGGS, One door south New Custom House, 49 Water Street. Ch'town, Feb. 22, 1884.—2w cod

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN,

THE Shop and Premises immediately opposite the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Great George Street. Apply to A. MCNEILL, Auctioneer. Charlottetown Feb. 22, 1884.

SALT! SALT!

FOR SALE ex WAREHOUSE, 5,000 bags Liverpool Salt, 1,200 bags Coarse Fishery Salt. PFAKE BROS. & CO. Ch'town Feb. 14, 1884.—4f

COAL. COAL.

FOR SALE—Picou Nut and Round Coal. Also Cape Breton Coal, equal to Sydney, at Queen's Wharf Salts. GEO. COOMBS. Feb. 15.—cod wklly 3l

SEALED TENDERS,

addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the envelope "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received up to noon of Tuesday, the first day of April next, for the following articles, or any of them, to be delivered to the Indian Superintendent on Lennox Island, in such quantities and at such times as may be required by him—Flour, Tea, Sugar, Cotton, Print, Moccasins, Lumber, Shingles, Nails. Samples of groceries and dry goods must accompany the tenders. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Any newspaper inserting this advertisement without authority from this Department, through the Queen's Printer, will forfeit payment for the same. L. VANKOUGHNET, Deputy of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs. Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, February 9th, 1884. Feb. 18.—Saw tl 1st ap

P. E. Island Pottery.

WE are Agents for the P. E. Island Pottery. Orders sent to us will receive prompt attention. Jars, Jugs, Bean Pots, Mugs, Flower Pots, Spitoons, Stove Stoves, etc., etc., in stock. BEER & GOFF AGENTS Ch'town, Oct. 26, '83.

Merchants Bank of P. E. Island.

THE Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held at their Banking House, in Charlottetown, on Thursday, the 6th day of March next, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing Directors, for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them. Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier at least one day previous to the meeting. WM. McLEAN, Cashier. Charlottetown, Feb. 25, 1884.—cod

BAZAAR & TEA.

THE Ladies of Covehead and Stanhope purpose holding a Bazaar and Tea, on Wednesday, March 5, —IN THE— YORK CHEESE FACTORY.

Every effort has been put forth to make it worthy the public patronage. Arrangements have been made with the Superintendent of the Railway, as follows:—Return Tickets, at one first class fare, will be issued from Charlottetown and intermediate stations, at sixty cents, (\$0.60), and also from Mount Stewart and intermediate stations at seventy-five cents (\$0.75), which will admit passengers to Bazaar and insure them their Tea as well.

The Special Train will leave Charlottetown for York at six o'clock p. m., and leave York for Charlottetown at 10.30 p. m., local time. Passengers can go by Regular or Special from Charlottetown. Teams in waiting at the Station to convey them to the Factory, free. Tickets for Bazaar and Tea, for persons not coming by train, thirty-five cents, to be had at the door. Tea on the tables at one o'clock. Should the day prove unfavorable, it will be held on Thursday, 6th, weather and roads permitting. Feb. 21, 1884.—2u fr wklly 2w

LOBSTER FACTORY FOR SALE.

THE Lobster Factory, Cook House, Warehouse, Boiler House, with all the plant, situated on John McKenzie's shore, Yankee Hill, New London, will be sold by auction, at that place, on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, next, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The plant is nearly new, being used only one season, and consists in part of one steam boiler, with fittings, a lot of piping, 1,200 traps, with rope, 10 extra built boats, with sails, 40 trays, 2 pumps, 6 boilers, with coils, 10 M. deals, tables, trap-hooks, wash-pans, and a lot of material that is usually found in a first-class factory. TERMS OF SALE. If the factory and plant are sold together, one-half the purchase money is to be paid at time of sale, the other half in six months, with approved security. If the buildings are sold separately from the plant, the whole of the purchase will be required in cash at time of sale. If material and plant are sold separately from the buildings, all amounts under \$50.00 will be required in cash; all amounts over \$50.00 in three months, on approved joint notes. BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, Per DAVID C. CHALMERS; LEMUEL C. OWEN, CHAS. C. GARDINER. Liquidators Bank of P. E. Island. Feb. 11.—2aw wklly wklly pat s jtl sale

The above sale is hereby postponed until Wednesday, the 12th day of March, then to take place at the hour and place above mentioned. BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, Per DAVID C. CHALMERS; LEMUEL C. OWEN, CHAS. C. GARDINER. Feb. 27, 1884.

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