

Local and Other Items.

WALTER H. BOURKE, Agent for the New York Life and Fire Insurance Company, died in Montreal on the 1st inst.

It is reported that the Store of Frederick Morrow, Souris, was burned on the night of the 1st instant.

POLICE DISCHARGED.—Policemen Gordon and McKinnon have been discharged for sleeping in the Police Station during hours of duty on the morning of the 25th. The former is now off duty, and the latter will leave when his month is up.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or statements of Correspondents.

To the Editor of the Examiner:

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of the 27th you say "the people of Pownal are a singular people;" but had you been present at the meeting and heard one of the speakers declare that "When they tried to make his assessment \$13,000 instead of \$1,300, he did not complain," you would perhaps strain your eyes to obtain a peep at the man who was so resigned to the will of Davies & Co.

Yours,

LISTENER.

Lot 50, Dec. 29, 1877.

To the Editor of the Examiner:

DEAR SIR,—It must be apparent to the most superficial observer that the machinery employed in governing this small and comparatively poor Province is entirely too cumbersome and expensive. Every year our "assembled wisdom" costs thousands of dollars in making laws that bring burdens instead of blessings to the taxpayers. The sole object, which representatives, having control of our affairs, appear to have in view, is the making of new laws, as if we had not too many laws already on our Statute Book. Direct taxation is not acceptable, under any circumstances, to a large proportion of electors in our rural districts. While a certain amount of taxes are necessary in order to carry on the business of the country, they should be levied in the way least objectionable to the people and the most likely to be attended with the best possible results.

That the present Local Government has forfeited the confidence of the people is evident. At large and influential meetings held in the various Electoral Districts throughout the Island, resolutions, strongly condemnatory of the Acts passed last session, have been in almost every instance unanimously carried. At most of these meetings the Government, after being censured, has been asked to resign. It remains now to be seen whether the Premier is a true representative of the people or not. If he really is what he has before now proclaimed himself to be—"a Liberal of the Liberals"—his course of action will be in accordance with his former professions, and his speedy resignation must follow.

In the event of the present Government yielding to the pressure of public opinion and the well-understood wishes of the people, a new government, representing the more advanced views of the Liberal-Conservative party will, it is hoped, be organized.

Every party, on appealing to the people at the polls, should publish an outline at least of the policy they intend to pursue. Here are a few planks for the new platform:—

First. Reduce the number of members for the Lower House to one-half. Fifteen intelligent men are quite capable of doing the Legislative business of this Province. Perform the same operation in regard to the gods of the Upper Chamber. Some are of opinion that the Legislative Council might be abolished altogether, but perhaps dividing their present number by two would be more acceptable to the electors generally.

Second. The Public or Queen's Printing to be let to the lowest tender.

Third. The offices of Superintendent of Education and Civil Engineer to be abolished. Let the Secretary of Education do the work of the one, and the Superintendent of Public Works that of the other. The office of School Visitors should also be dispensed with. At present we have three worthies, receiving fat salaries for visiting the schools in their several Counties twice a year, for the sake of hearing a few lessons and having a social chat with the teachers. Do away with these humbugs by all means.

Fourth. Repeal the present Road Act. Let the farmers and young men, instead of being compelled to pay a heavy poll tax, be allowed the privilege of working on the roads or paying commutation money as they may see fit.

Fifth. Lessen the number of Government officials and reduce the pay of office-holders necessarily employed.

Sixth. Either repeal the Assessment Act altogether or levy the taxes equitably. Above all, make the Act so as to include the towns and incorporated villages. In valuing land property care should be taken not to tax a man for his improvements. The owner's own estimate as to the value of his property should be taken, on oath, as the fairest valuation. Who has a better right to know the real value of cultivated land than the owner or tiller of the soil himself?

Hoping to soon see a Government formed that will go in for retrenchment and amendment of oppressive laws, I remain,

Yours truly,

ONE OF THE PEOPLE.
King's County, Dec. 31, 1877.

Stipendiary Magistrate's Court.

Jan. 2.—James Hennessy, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$3 and costs or 14 days; Edward Strain, drunk, on complaint of James Hennessy, was fined \$2 and costs or 8 days; Donald McEachern, drunk and incapable, was fined \$2 and costs or 8 days; Wm. Seward, same offence, was fined \$1 and costs or 4 days; Owen Brady, loafing on the corners, was discharged; Daniel McCormick, drunk and incapable, was fined \$1 and costs or 4 days; Murdoch Bell and Geo. Goodnow, for having their sleighs in wrong position, were fined 25 cents and costs.

Marriages.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 1st inst., by D. G. McDonald, Alfred W. Sterns, Esq., of the Firm of Perkins & Sterns, to Miss Rebecca H. Scott, daughter of John Scott, Esquire, Carriage Builder, both of Charlottetown.

Important Decision!

THE SEWING MACHINE AWARDS.

[From the Sewing Machine Journal.]

The Special Medal to Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Company.

Extract from the Judges' Report:

"The recommendation we hereby submit:—
"The great advantage which it obtains in its distinctive feature, the Rotative Hook, over the class of machines using the reciprocating shuttle, is one which needs, to show it, no special demonstration; it being apparent at once, not only to the educated mechanic, but to any intelligent observer."

The Report concluded:

"The tension is more easily adjusted and needs less regulating than any other that we know of. The range of work successfully performed by the apparatus known as the 'No. 6 machine' in our presence, was larger than we have elsewhere seen on any one machine, going from many thicknesses of tin and cloth together to the finest cambric, without stopping the machine, and the sewing all perfect, showing the perfection of the tension device used. The machine is well made, all its parts being fitted to gauge, and consequently interchangeable. It has already received from the American Institute all the awards and recognitions under the rules possible to a sewing machine. We consider the apparatus known as the 'No. 6' to be the most mechanical in construction and as attaining the best results of any machine we know of, and we do not hesitate to declare it, as in our opinion, at present the best sewing apparatus in the world; we recommend for it the highest recognition under the rules that can be awarded—the Special Medal of 1877.

"J. G. BRONAHAN, U. S. N.,
"B. F. WOOD, U. S. N.,
"J. W. COLLINS, U. S. Rev. Mar. } Judges.

The prices of these Machines have been greatly reduced. Mr. Theo. L. Chapelle, Diamond Bookstore, is the Agent in this City.
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WEST INDIA WAREHOUSE!

Molasses and Sugar.

PUNS. Choice retailing Molasses, Hhds. Bright Vacuum-pan Sugar, Bags English refined Sugar, just received and for sale by HASZARD BROS.

Flour and Tea.

BIBLS. FLOUR (choice brands)—Plough, Gibbs' Best, Our Brand; Biscuits—Wine, Cabin, Abernethy, Fruit, Ginger Nuts; Bags No. 1 Ship Bread, Chests Tea—a very superior quality.
For sale by HASZARD BROS.

Tobacco and Cigars.

BLACK CHEWING.—Princess Louisa, B. Lorne, Sweet Sixteens; Halifax Twist—Boxes, Half-Boxes, Caddies; Bright Smoking—Gold Bar, Fancy Twist, Solace; Cigars, in all the various brands.
For sale by HASZARD BROS.

Paints, Oils, &c.

CASKS COD & HAKE OIL, Casks American Kerosene Oil, Raw, Boiled and Olive Oils, Paints, Drugs and Putty.
For sale by HASZARD BROS.

Codfish, &c.

BOXES and half-boxes selected Codfish, Quintals good retailing Codfish, Bbbs, Labrador Herring, cases Preserved Lobsters.
For sale by HASZARD BROS.

Sundries.

COOK'S FRIEND Baking Powder, Cream Tartar, Pepper, Ginger, Mustard, Allspice, Coffee, Bartlett's Blacking and Blueing, Table Salt (in boxes).
HASZARD BROS.

Sleigh Shoeing Iron.

TWENTY Bbls. 1½x3 Refined Iron, Cut and Clinch Nails and Spikes.
For sale by HASZARD BROS.

Soaps and Washing Crystals.

LONDON PALE, White Lily, British Crown, Silver Soaps, Toilet Soaps, Pickstone's and Hofmann's Crystals.
For sale by HASZARD BROS.

FOR SALE!

THE STEAMER

HEATHER BELLE,

with all her Machinery, Boats, &c., will be offered at Private Sale, until **THURSDAY**, the 10th day of January, 1878. Should the Steamer not then be sold at Private Sale, she will be offered at **PUBLIC AUCTION**, at 12 o'clock, noon, on **Thursday**, the 10th day of January. For terms and particulars apply to JOHN HUGHES, Agent.
Ch'town, P. E. I., Dec. 26, 1877. } 2aw pat a ne till 10th

\$50,000!

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WE WILL OFFER OUR WHOLE STOCK OF ABOUT FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS' WORTH OF

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Sale to Commence on **Wednesday, December 26.**

SEE SMALL BILLS FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS.

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Charlottetown, Dec. 24, 1877. eod6in

AUCTION SALES.

BANKRUPT SALE.

TO BE SOLD, BY AUCTION,
On the premises occupied by the **Herald Printing Office**, on
Wednesday, 23rd Jan., 1878,

1 Fairhaven Press,
1 Columbian Hand Press,
together with all the **Type, Furniture and Paper** belonging to the Printing Office.
A catalogue of articles can be seen at the Office of the subscriber.

B. WILSON HIGGS,
Assignee.

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LAND SALE.

I have been instructed by the Executor of the Estate of the late Hon. Daniel Brennan to Sell, by **PUBLIC AUCTION**, at the Court House in Charlottetown, on **WEDNESDAY**, the 6th day of February next, 1878, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon,—

ALL that tract, piece, or parcel of Land situated, lying and being on Lot or Township Number Thirty-four, in Queen's County, bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a stake fixed at the northwest boundary of land in the occupation of Edward Douglass, on the Corran Ban Bridge Road; thence running westwardly along said road until it strikes the east boundary line of fifty acres of land formerly in the occupation of William Scaman, now deceased; thence by a line at right angles southwardly until it strikes land in the possession of Henry Green; thence eastwardly until it strikes the western boundary-line of land in the occupation of the said Edward Douglass; thence north to the place of commencement, containing by estimation **FIFTY ACRES OF LAND**, a little more or less.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod, Solicitors, or to Mr. John Gahan, Charlottetown, Agent for the Executor of the said Estate.

(Signed) **WILLIAM DODD,**
Auctioneer.

Charlottetown, Dec. 31, 1877—t sale.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

JOHN ROACH BOURKE, Plaintiff,
and
MICHAEL HUGHES, Defendant.

BY virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias to me directed, issued out of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature, at the suit of John Roach Bourke against Michael Hughes, I have taken and seized, as the property of the said Michael Hughes, all the right, title and interest of the said Michael Hughes, in and to the following Property, viz: Fifty Acres of Land on Township Number Thirty-six, bounded on the West by the Road leading from the Monaghan Road to Fort Augustus; on the North by Land in the possession of Thomas Cammiskey; on the East by the division line between Townships Numbers Thirty-six and Thirty-seven; and on the West by Land in possession of Michael Trainor and Patrick Quinn, in Queen's County; and I do hereby give Public Notice that I will, on **FRIDAY**, the Twelfth day of **JULY**, A. D. 1878, at Twelve o'clock, noon, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, in the said County, set up and sell, by Public Auction, the said Property, or as much thereof as will satisfy the Levy marked on the said Writ, being Two Hundred and Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-four Cents, and interest on the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-four Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents, part thereof from the Tenth day of February, A. D. 1871, till paid, at eight and one quarter per cent. per annum, besides Sheriff's Fees and all incidental expenses.

WILLIAM R. WATSON, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Queen's County,
Dec. 27, A. D. 1877. 3in
E. J. HODGSON, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Wants, etc., etc.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for **TEN CENTS** per day.

LOST—Last Sunday evening, 30th instant, between Post Office and Wesleyan brick Church, a **LEATHER WALLET**, containing a sum of Money and papers of value to the owner. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this Office.
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WANTED—To do General Housework, a **Servant GIRL**. Highest wages paid. Enquire at this office.
Ch'town, Dec. 31, 1877.

FOUND—On the street, on Sunday night, a **Fur BOA**. Apply at the **EXAMINER** Office, corner Great George and Water Streets.
Dec. 31—

WANTED—A Good **HOUSEMAID**. Apply at once at the **REVERE HOUSE**.
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REMEMBER you can still get the best American, Baldwin, Greening and Russett Apples, at corner Pownal and Water streets.
—F. T. & W. L. DEAN. de266i

TO LET—A large new three-story House, on Dorchester street, near Queen street. Apply to **B. O'CALLAGHAN**.
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WANTED—To Rent, a Shop, suitable for painting sleighs and wagons in for the winter. Apply to **EDWARD MACGOWAN**, City Painter.
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WANTED—Immediately, a Tanner and Currier. Apply to **SIMON BOLGER**, Head St. Peter's Bay.
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WANTED TO EXCHANGE—A Single Jaunting Sleigh, nearly new, for a **DOUBLE-SEATED SLEIGH**. Apply at this office.
December 17, 1877—1w