

MAILS.

It is eleven days since we have had a foreign mail. What is the reason? Capt. Irving's letter affords an answer. We have had bad weather; we have had northeasterly gales; and we have not had a good strong steamer at Cape Traverse to connect with the ice-boats.

Up to this time we have had no reason to complain about the Capes' route. The mails came regularly every day; and they were never long delayed. On the other hand, when the Northern Light was employed, the mails never came regularly, and they were systematically delayed at Picton from two to three days.

With these advantages it is not surprising that they have given greater satisfaction than their competitors of the Northern Light, or that the "Capes' Route" is by all acknowledged to be the best—in fact the only—route for our winter mails.

The Capes route is, however, not without its drawbacks. "Lolly," "thin ice" and "too much open water" render crossing difficult and occasion delays such as we, one and all, are now talking about.

Another difficulty is that of getting to and from the Straits. This difficulty may be overcome by a short line of railway on each side, one to connect with the P. E. Island Railway and the other with the Intercolonial.

At any rate, the Government, while keeping the Georgetown-Picton route open as long as possible for the conveyance of passengers and freight, should not fail to supply every needed appliance to secure constant winter communication for mails by way of Capes Tormentine and Traverse.

Legislative Notes and Comments.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT ACT.

THE Government are pushing their Assessment Amendment Bill. It has passed through Committee; and it is only a little less crude than when first submitted. The value of Mr. Calhoun's amendment was very correctly estimated by Mr. Conroy. It may soothe, but it will not satisfy, the people.

THE Leader of the Government gave another very striking instance of his false liberalism on Saturday. Mr. L. McDonald was speaking in Committee on the Assessment Amendment Bill when he was abruptly interrupted, and told that he "must stop."

the Eastern members wished to spend Sunday at home and "wanted to catch the train." Mr. McDonald immediately moved that the Committee report progress and ask leave to sit again. But this did not suit the hasty Leader. Nothing must do but the Bill must be reported agreed to; and Messrs. McDonald, Farquharson and McKay who wished to speak on the amendment, pleaded in vain.

The Winter Mail Route.

WHERE THE "NORTHERN LIGHT" OUGHT TO BE—TOO MUCH WATER AT THE CAPES.

By Telegraph:

CAPE TRAVERSE, April 8, 1878.

HAD the Northern Light been ordered here at the commencement of these northeasterly winds, daily communication could have been kept up to a certainty. She could have brought coals enough to have lasted her for a month.

Now that Summerside is open, she could run there, deliver and receive mails. The Inspector ought to have known from experience the effect of north and easterly winds on the Georgetown and Picton route; but he appears to have made up his mind that, if the steamer cannot run there, she won't come to the Capes.

Mr. Inspector will have to put a stop to northeast winds from blowing before he will have any satisfaction with the steamer from Georgetown. For, surely, that place down there is a receptacle for the northerly ice when the wind is from that quarter. If these winds continue, which in all probability they may for some time yet, the only thing I see can be done is to send up one of the Company's steamers to connect with the ice-boats.

CAPT. ARTHUR IRVING.

The Soup Kitchen.

THROUGHOUT the winter we had great pleasure in announcing, from time to time, the contributions made in aid of the "Soup Kitchen" of this city; and to-day we have no less pleasure in announcing the results of those contributions. The ladies who have been engaged in the work of the "Soup Kitchen" have earned the gratitude, not only of those whose immediate wants they supplied, but also of the whole community.

The work regularly began on the 6th of December, although something had been done in a small way for two or three weeks previously. For the first three months, supplies were given out daily; and since then, on three days of each week. After some difficulty in procuring a house, one was obtained in Rochford Street, at a rent of \$1.00 per week. A stove was lent, and the few necessary articles were purchased. The cash receipts have been \$69.88.

All this has been expended; and, owing to the great demands made for food during the colder weather, the sum of \$25.00 is still needed, in order to close up, free from debt, on the 20th of April.

The regular weekly cash expenses have been as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Expense Item, Amount. Rent, \$1 00; Coals, 70; Water, 30; Char-woman, 57.

Gifts of provisions of various sorts have, from time to time, been given by about fifty persons, some of whom gave very frequently.

The total number of applicants to whom relief has been granted, is as follows:— To 31st January, 687; In February, 580; In March, 536.

Relief to invalids has been given 340 times. Soup, fish, oatmeal, Vegetables, &c., are given out; while for the sick, beef-tea, chicken-broth, roast fowls, cooked apples, etc., have been provided. For the past six weeks there have been over sixty families on the list.

THE City laborers have commenced street cleaning operations on Queen Street.

EERATA.—In an article on the "Assessment" on Saturday's issue read "414,000" instead of "444,000," "18,000" for "10,000," and "3.63" for "3.73."

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

THE SITUATION.

Hoping for Peace and Drifting into War.

The Question Trembling in the Balance!

(Special Despatch to Daily Examiner.)

LONDON, April 7.

The Pall Mall Gazette is officially informed that there is no foundation for the statements that the present intention is to keep the Channel squadron near Malta available for the transport of troops therefrom.

LONDON, April 7.

The Eastern Question is trembling in the balance. England, praying and hoping for peace, is hopelessly and steadily drifting into war. The peace feeling grows weaker in all upper circles of society; and the tension of war grows stronger from day to day.

Beaconsfield is anxious to redeem the disgrace of the disastrous and humiliating diplomacy of last year; and the working classes rejoice at the renewed activity in the dockyards and arsenals, and bankers and merchants at the large profits accruing from new loans and new contracts for supplies.

Count Andrassy is anxiously striving to revive the Congress. In the meantime the friends of peace are making strenuous efforts.

Germany is using her utmost efforts in favor of a general accommodation. Russia holds a defiant attitude, and argues that if it cost 100,000 men to hold San Stefano she would not leave till after a general, genuine peace.

LONDON, April 8.

A Constantinople special says that a report comes from good sources, that the Khedive has announced that he will declare his independence should Turkey form any alliance against England. It is stated that Russia has officially offered to quit the neighborhood of Constantinople if the British fleet withdraws.

Italy is endeavoring to induce the Porte to suspend hostilities in Thessaly, alleging fresh and grave complications. Greece is similarly endeavoring to influence the insurgents.

The St. Petersburg Gazette and Journal, published in the Russian language, has received a warning, on account of an article inciting war.

CROSSING AT THE CAPES.

(Special Despatch to Daily Examiner.)

CAPE TRAVERSE, April 8.

Captain Muttart arrived from Cape Tormentine at 2.30 p. m., having been five hours from land to land. He reports the ice the heaviest they have ever encountered and the hauling heavy. But there is no trouble to cross now. Captain Muttart brought no mail. There was none at Cape Tormentine to bring.

Local and Other Items.

MASONIC.—A Special Communication of King Solomon Lodge will be held this evening.

PERSONAL.—We regret to learn that Hon. W. W. Sullivan is so ill that he is confined to his house.

Ladies', Boys' and Youths' Rubber Boots only \$1.25. Misses' 90 cts., Children's 75 cts., at Dorsey & Jost's.—1w

"NO WORD OF THE NORTHERN LIGHT."—The Northern Light has not been heard from since noon of Saturday. The mails not on board of her, have, we learn, been ordered to Cape Tormentine.

A REAL IMPROVEMENT.—It gives us pleasure to note that neat boards on which the names of our streets are painted are being put up at the street corners. These mark another step forward.

THE Annual Meeting of the S. S. Branch of the Methodist Missionary Society will be held this evening. The chair will be taken by Rev. J. Lathern, at 7.30, and the Rev. J. F. Betts and several young men will address the meeting.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.—The annual meeting, for the election of trustees, receiving reports and the transaction of general business, will be held in the church this evening, at 7.30 o'clock. A full meeting of the members and adherents of the church is respectfully requested.

I. O. O. F.—On Friday, the 26th of April (the Natal Day of the Order), an Odd Fellows' Entertainment will be given in the Market Hall. Particulars will be published in a few days.

H. JAS. PALMER, Chairman Com. April 2, 1878.

"Mr. P. G. Fraser, Druggist, has erected a new building at Dalrymple's corner in the place of the shop recently burnt. City Engineer McKinnon is also adding another story to his premises on Queen Street. These improvements will add to the appearance of the city.—Daily Patriot.

The fox-skin that so long graced "Mc-Craith's corner" has been taken in. This also adds to the appearance (?) of the city.

OUTFITTING WAREHOUSE.

C. ROBERTSON, CUSTOM TAILOR, 50 QUEEN STREET.

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C. ROBERTSON.

Ch'town, April 6—

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CARVELL BRO'S, AGENTS.

Ch'town, March 23—sw pat s jour 21

HARPER'S HISTORY OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES, COLLINS' GEOGRAPHY, Chemistry Of Common Things

and other School Books just received at

THE SCHOOL BOOK DEPOT.

HARVIE'S BOOK-STORE; Ch'town, April 8—cod

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That Eligibly Situated Property known as the City Hotel.

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FOR SALE,

THE Fast-trotting Canadian STALLION "Kemble Morrel." Was imported into the Island about three years ago. It can be shown that he is the sire of the most promising Stock, in shape and gait, that the Island can produce. If not sold at private sale before Thursday, the 16th inst., he will be offered on that day at Public Auction. Terms liberal.

PETER DOYLE. Ch'town, April 8—t sale

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P. H. TRAINOR, 68 Kent St., opp. Rocklin House. April 2—3m cod

FOR SALE—A FLAG STAFF, TOP-MAST and LOWER MAST, already finished, about 66 feet long, which will be sold for less than cost. Apply to J. D. CURRIE, corner Prince and Graffon Streets. March 5, 1878—\$1 law

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CATTLE SHOW

TUESDAY, APRIL 16,

At Twelve o'clock.

THE Commissioners of the Stock Farm will offer the following Prizes for Fat Cattle on TUESDAY, April 16th, at 12 o'clock, noon:—

Table with 2 columns: Prize Description, Amount. Best animal on Exhibition, \$10 00; Best Fat Ox, 9 00; 2nd best do., 7 00; Best Fat Steer, not over 3 years old, 6 00; 2nd best do., 4 00; Best Fat Cow, 8 00; 2nd best do., 6 00; Best Pair Sheep, Ewes or Wethers, 5 00; 2nd best do., 3 00.

An entrance fee of 50 cents will be charged for each of the cattle, and 50 cents for each pair of sheep. Entries to be made with the Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 16th April, at 11 o'clock.

SALE OF AYRSHIRE BULL.

The Services of the Ayrshire Bull will be sold at Auction immediately after the Cattle Show.

SIMON W. CRABBE, Secretary to Stock Farm Com'rs. April 6—3aw

METHODIST MISSIONS.

THE Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting, under the auspices of the S. S. Branch

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY, —WILE BE HELD ON—

Sunday Evening, April 7th,

Monday Evening, April 8th.

On Sunday Sermons will be preached in the Brick Church at 10.30 a. m., by

Rev. GEORGE STEELE,

and at 6.30 p. m., by

Rev. J. F. BETTS;

and in the Second Methodist Church, at 10.30 a. m., by

Rev. J. F. BETTS,

and at 6.30 p. m., by

Rev. GEORGE STEELE.

The Annual Public Meeting

on Monday evening will be addressed by several young men in connection with the Sabbath School, and also by the Rev. J. F. Betts, of Summerside. The chair will be taken by the Rev. John Lathern, at 7.30 p. m.

Singing will be conducted by the Sabbath School Choir.

Collections in aid of the Funds of the Society will be taken at each Meeting. GEO. WALTER BEER, Sec'y. April 5—21

THE place to get your Printing done is at the EXAMINER Printing Room.