

Local and Other Items.

We are having the "February thaw."

ALBANI, the Canadian prima donna, is all the rage at Florence.

The Moscow "Gazette" demands the appointment of a dictator to more effectually crush Nihilism.

ANOTHER splendid passage was made by the Mail Couriers to-day (Friday). The mails arrived in this city before 3 o'clock, p. m.

NOTICES from New South Wales state that Trickett, the oarsman, projects a visit to England, for the purpose of rowing Hanlan.

A DISPATCH from Constantinople announces that a letter from Col. Syngue says the brigands demand £15,000 for the release of himself and wife.

DR. BLANCHARD has obtained the services of the Quintette Club for a concert to the inmates of Falconwood Hospital to-morrow (Saturday) evening.

MRS. SCOTT-STODONS.—This talented lady is expected to visit St. John in March. She intends to make a tour through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

MR. BRECKEN will, to-day (Friday), move for papers, reports and correspondence relative to the construction of branch railways to Capes Traverse and Tormentine.

A BOY named Praught was arrested on a warrant and tried before the Stipendiary Magistrate this (Friday) morning, for assaulting an old man named Michael Paquet. Praught was fined \$10 or 20 days.

MR. GEORGE H. FLOOD, music publisher and dealer, of St. John, N. B., has our thanks for a copy of the very pretty "Nene Waltzes" he recently sent THE EXAMINER.

A CYCLONE at Fiji Islands caused serious loss of life and devastation of property and produce. A Queensland steamer was obliged to batten her hatches, and of 150 natives on board 50 died.

THE "emergency meeting" of the City Council was postponed till to-night. The majority of the Council seem to be on the point of "waking up" to the situation. Probably the citizens will follow suit.

AT 6.30 o'clock on the evening of the 23rd inst., a light oscillatory shock of earthquake was felt at San Cristobel, West Indies, and at 3.20 on the following morning another and a violent shock, accompanied by a noise like an explosion.

DURING the past week windows and doors of several stores and dwelling houses have been found open by the police at night. No robberies have been reported, but if such carelessness continues on the part of owners or occupiers, we may yet have to report a "big tap."

"PROF. J. J. HOGAN" delivered a comic lecture in the Reform Club Hall on Thursday evening. The Hall was crowded with the great washed and unwashed of the city. When the lecturer had dilated for some time on his subject, the gas was turned off and the Hall became a scene of turmoil. Stoves, pipe, windows, benches and desks were broken. A bucket of water, from which the lecturer took many draughts, was thrown over him, and he made a difficult escape from the lecture room to the Police Station, where he sought and got protection.

A MEETING of the Commissioners of Agriculture and Local Industry for Queen's County, for the year 1879, was held this afternoon in the new Court House building, at which the report of the Secretary was received and adopted. The Board appropriated the balance left from the last exhibition towards a grain show, to be held about Easter market, particulars of which will be advertised in due time. It is also contemplated to give prizes to the best fat cattle and sheep exhibited at Easter.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., the house of Mr. Patrick Feehan, at South Shore, was entered and a number of articles taken therefrom. Feehan was from home at the time; but on his return received information that the premises were entered by George Smith, the party from whom Feehan had the house leased. A summons was issued for Smith, and he was tried before Theophilus DesBrisay, Esq., J. P., on Tuesday last. A multitude of the inhabitants of South Shore were in attendance, and the trial was quite exciting. It was proven that Smith entered the house, and that he did so under authority set forth in the lease given by him to Feehan. The Magistrate, therefore, convicted Smith of trespass—damages being set down at \$3.00.

RICHARD THORNE was summoned before the Stipendiary Magistrate this (Friday) forenoon, charged with a breach of the License By-law—having sold liquor to a minor. In answer to the charge, the counsel who appeared in behalf of the defendant, produced an order which was given to the defendant by the father of the minor. The order was a general one. It set forth that the minor's father was unwell, and requested the defendant to give the minor liquor whenever he went for it, as he (the minor's father) was unable to write, and also unable to go for liquor—which he was ordered by a physician to use. In this case the minor obtained liquor by virtue of the order and without the knowledge of his father. He drank part of it and treated his companions, who were minors also. The court ruled that a "general order," such as the one given by the minor's father, was not legal. The defendant was therefore fined five dollars for a breach of the License Law.

The India Budget shows a surplus of £119,000 of 1879-80; and the estimate for 1881 shows a surplus of \$417,000. The above results have been reached after paying from the ordinary revenue, all charges on account of famine. The Afghan and Frontier Railways and the war expenditure, in 1879-80, were three and one quarter million pounds (£3,250,000). The total net war expenditure, to the end of 1881, including 1879-80, is estimated at five and three quarter million pounds (£5,750,000).

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FEBRUARY!

1880.

STOCK-TAKING.

WE hereby inform the public of this city, and the Island generally, that previous to Stock-taking, we have resolved to clear out as much of our Winter Stock as possible. We are aware that at this season it is hard to get people to buy even at reduced prices; but in the face of this difficulty we have made up our mind to adopt full measures, and sell our Wool Goods and Dress Goods at a sacrifice.

Our Goods have been very cheap all winter, as the run of trade we have had fully testifies. Our store has become the resort of those Ladies who know how to make a penny go a long way, and who know a cheap article when they see it; and when we say we are going to reduce the prices of our Dress Goods and Trimmings, we know we shall be believed. We are particularly anxious to clear out our present Stock, in order to introduce as much of the newest style of Dress Material as possible, and at the very lowest prices. We shall make special prices on Black Cashmeres, Black Merinos, Black Cords and Lustres, Lustres and Brilliantines.

Our Fancy Wool Goods will be sold at less than cost. Our Stock of this class was the largest, most select, and finest in the city, and the remains of it will be sold at a great sacrifice. Blankets, Quilts, Horse Rugs, &c., will be cleared out at great Bargains.

We make no apology to the Tea-drinking public for drawing their attention to our fine flavored and rich Teas, 32, 36, and 40 cents per lb. They are receiving the highest praise, and those who use them, strongly recommend them to others. Our trade in this article is growing rapidly. Tea appeals to the most subtle of the senses, and as the proof of the pudding is in the eating, so the proof of the Tea is in the drinking. Friends, try it.

83, QUEEN STREET, TREMAINE & METCALF.

Ch'town, Jan. 21, 1880.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 26.
A Greek has been arrested here for having in his possession an "infernal machine." He claims he is an English subject. He first admitted and then retracted that he contemplated an attack on the Sultan and asserted that the machine was bought by his brother, who was consequently arrested.

PARIS, Feb. 26.
There is a rumor in the Bourse of incendiary fires in Russia.

LONDON, Feb. 26.
In the Lords to-day, a Bill authorizing the purchase of seed potatoes to be given to the Irish tenant farmers, was read a third time.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.
A telegram from St. Petersburg denies the truth of rumors current on the Paris Bourse of fresh revolutionary attempts in St. Petersburg.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 26.
The damage to the legislative buildings will be estimated probably at five thousand dollars. The House prorogued until the 9th of March.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.
After routine, Sir John Macdonald, seconded by Sir Samuel Tilley, moved that it be an instruction to the Printing Committee to inquire into the circumstances of the opening and withdrawing of tenders for Parliamentary printing. At the suggestion of Mr. Blake, Sir John added the words, "and to report as to the best means of preventing the recurrence of improper practices."

In the Senate, Sir Alex. Campbell, in reply to Mr. Bureau, said that Senator Fabre's accession in Paris was only to assist Sir A. T. Galt in mastering the details and compiling information respecting fiscal matters there. It was stated to him that his expenses would be paid. Being a member of the Senate, no salary could be allowed him. Mr. Bureau said \$1,500 had been already paid.

The Ontario Government give \$20,000 to the Irish relief fund.

Blake, Kerr and Boyd, of Toronto, gave \$100 each. Alonza Wright, Ottawa, gave \$100.

Thomas Vaux, late Accountant of the House of Commons, died suddenly last night.

An assault was made in the corridor yesterday, by Mr. Currier, M. P. for Ottawa, on Mr. Hawke, the Toronto Globe correspondent.

Financial.

The following are the selling rates for Exchange at the Banks here:—

London—sight	10 1/2 per cent. prem.
" 60 days	9 1/2 per cent. "
New York—cheque	1 1/2 per cent. "
Boston—cheque	1 1/2 per cent. "
Montreal, Toronto, etc.	1 1/2 per cent. "
Halifax	1 1/2 per cent. "
St. John, N. B.	1 1/2 per cent. "
St. John's, Nfld.	2 per cent. "

Special Notices.

GOOD TEA. J. B. Harty.—£20

WORSTED SUITS made to order for \$12.50 at BRUCE & MCKENZIE, Queen Street.

A FEW Trunks, made to order, suitable for travellers. J. B. Harty.

ESTERBROOK'S, Gillott's, Mitchell's, and McNIVEN & Cameron's Pens, at Bremner Bros.

CARTER'S, Toiry's, Walkden's and Stephen's Inks, in different-sized bottles, at Bremner Bros.

ALL wool tweed suits made to order for \$12.00 at BRUCE & MCKENZIE'S Queen street.

BOSTON MIXED PICKLES, in bulk, 20 cents per quart, at Hall's Fish Market.

Herring and Codfish selling cheap for cash.—J. B. HARTY.

CODFISH, canned lobsters and mackerel, and cheese only 16 cents at the Family Grocery. R. K. BRACE.—[Feb. 23, 31]

JUST RECEIVED.—A fresh lot of flour and vegetable seeds at the Agricultural Store.—ROBERT MAY.—[Feb. 23, 31]

A CHOICE LOT of Groceries, Cheap for Cash. J. B. Harty.

CAPE COD CRANBERRIES, and Baldwin Apples, at Hall's Fish Market.

CHOICE FRUIT and Pound Cakes at BEER & GIFF'S.

NOTICE.

THE Best, Shortest and Cheapest route to Cape Traverse is via Train to County Line Station, thence via HUGHES' Teams to Capes—which are in readiness at all times.

J. W. HUGHES,
J. HUGHES.

Feb. 25, 1880—4f

Sprink Park School District.

ALL PERSONS who have not paid their Tax for the current year are hereby notified that all delinquents will be sued before the next County Court without further notice.

JOHN HIGGINS,
Collector.

Ch'town, Feb. 21, 1880.

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 4th day of March next, at the hour of 12 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.

Ch'town, Feb. 21, 1880.

LONDON HOUSE.

JANUARY.

During this month we will sell at

Reduced Prices,

to clear our stock in the following departments, viz:

MEN'S AND BOYS' ULSTERS, OVERCOATS & REEFERS.

MEN'S AND BOYS' FUR CAPS, LADIES' Fur Caps and Muffs, LADIES' MANTLES & ULSTERS.

The balance of our **Wool Goods, PROMENADE SCARFS, BREAKFAST SHAWLS, CROSS-OVERS, &c.**

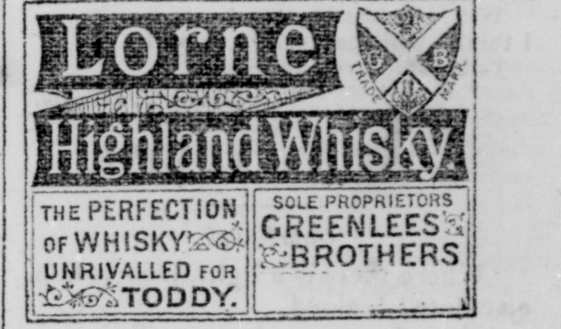
Splendid lines of **DRESS GOODS,** AT 10, 12 AND 14 CENTS PER YARD.

TERMS CASH.

Geo. Davies & Co. Jan. 3, 1880.

Fire, Marine, Life.

HORACE HASZARD, General Insurance Agent, REPRESENTING Commercial Union Fire Assurance Company, of London, England; Capital £2,500,000 stg. British-America Fire Assurance Company, of Toronto, Ont.; Capital (paid up in full), \$500,000.00. Sun Mutual Life and Accident Insurance Company, of Montreal. MARINE INSURANCE ALSO EFFECTED. Office, South Side Queen Square. Ch'town, Feb. 17, 1880—Im eod



LORNE HIGHLAND WHISKY. ANALYTICAL SANITARY INSTITUTION, 54, Holborn-viaduct, E.C., London, Aug. 18, 1879. REPORT on the LORNE HIGHLAND WHISKY: "We have visited the bottling stores of Messrs. Greenlees Brothers, and have selected from the vats, samples of their Lorne Highland Whisky, and have subjected them to careful examination and analysis. The samples were very fragrant, mellow, and of pleasant flavor, and possessed all the characteristics of pure and well-matured Scotch Whisky of the first quality." "ARTHUR HILL, HASSALL, M. D. "OTTO HEINER, F. C. S., F. I. C." Wholesale of the Sole Proprietors, GREENLEES BROTHERS, 31 Commercial Street, London; Distillers, Argyllshire. Agents: MESSRS. OWEN CONNOLLY & CO., Charlottetown, P.E.I. Feb. 24, 1880

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the **St. Lawrence Marine Insurance Company** will be held at their Office, EXCHANGE BUILDING, —ON—

Wednesday, March 10, 1880, AT THE HOUR OF TWELVE O'CLOCK, in compliance with the Act of Incorporation. FRED. W. HYNDMAN, Feb. 11, 1880—2aw till mtg Sec'y.

A SOUP KITCHEN

IN connection with the Women's Temperance Union and Benevolent Society, will be opened for the winter if sufficiently assisted by the charitable public. In order to distribute judiciously, only those will be relieved who identify themselves with the Society, which will enable the committee to look particularly into each case. In view of the present pressing demands for help, the friends of the poor are urgently requested to send donations immediately and as regularly as possible, which will be received by Mrs. W. KENNEDY, Confectionery. Clothing will likewise be very acceptable. E. McRAE, Secretary of the Women's Benevolent Society, Dec. 23, 1879.

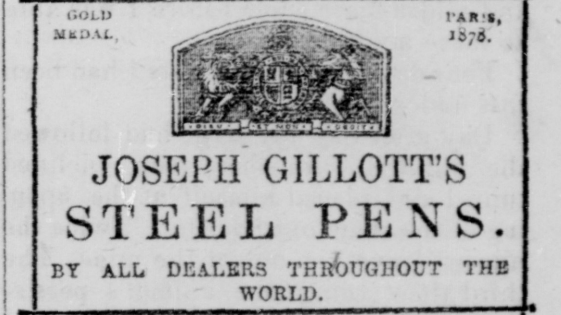
NOTICE!

Merchants Marine Ins. Co'y OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held in the

Y. M. C. A. HALL, —ON— Wednesday, 10th March Next, AT 3 O'CLOCK.

for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other business. FENTON T. NEWBERRY, Feb. 9, 1880—2aw



Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

WANTED—A smart BOY to learn the Hairdressing. Apply to JOHN F. POWERS, Queen Street. [f 26, pd

TO LET—On the ninth of April, the HOUSE now occupied by R. Young, Esq., W. J. BOSWALL. [f 21

A Fine Cabinet Organ—(Smith marker) which cost \$130.00, will be sold for sixty dollars, less than half. Apply at this office. [f 10