

The English Navy.

The control of the Executive Government of the English navy is vested under the Crown in the Board of Admiralty, which changes with each Cabinet, and which consists of five lords, the first lord being a member of the Cabinet. The second lord is known as the Senior Naval Lord, the third as the Second Naval Lord, the fourth as the Junior Naval Lord, and the fifth as the Civil Lord, who has a seat in Parliament. They are paid 13,000 pounds (£65,000) per annum, of which the first lord receives 4,500 pounds, and subordinate to them are eleven departments—the Secretary's, the Controller's, the Construction and Engineering, the Victualling, the Contract and Purchase, the Accountant General's, the Medical, the Transport, the Director of Works, the Hydrographic, and the Superintendent of Naval Reserves. Though the first lord has supreme authority and is responsible to Parliament for the efficiency of the navy, the more practical duties of administration belong to three Naval Lords, while the Civil Lord controls in conjunction with the Junior Naval Lord the victualling, medical and similar departments. There are 17 flag officers in commission, who, with their secretaries, receive £55,591 a year, and 83 flag officers on the active list, besides 2,691 commissioned officers, 555 subordinate officers, 825 warrant officers, and 31,433 petty officers and seamen. Of 4,900 boys, 2,700 are on service in the fleet and 2,200 in training ships. In the coast guard service there are 4,000 officers and men, and in Indian troop-ships, 1,200. In the marines there are 409 staff and commissioned officers and 12,591 non-commissioned officers and men, making a grand total of 53,800 men in the service. There are 171 ships in commission, 27 ships building, and the estimated cost of maintaining this naval establishment is about \$55,000,000 annually.—Brooklyn Magazine.

St. John's Latest Sensation.

The fact that Henry Ranney, a prominent citizen of St. John, N. B., spent Friday night last in the county jail is known to but few persons in that city. It appears that about eighteen months ago Ranney, who was agent for the Washington and Providence Insurance Company, got into financial difficulties with the company to the extent of about \$1,000. He was relieved from the agency, and to tide the matter over he gave the company a mortgage for the amount on his property. About six months later Ranney, who was agent also for the Guardian Insurance Company, got into a similar box with them, the amount this time being \$3,000. The affair was a bad one over in the same manner by giving by the agency and giving a second mortgage on his house. A few days ago the Providence & Washington company received their mortgage, and the money was being forthcoming, their solicitor, M. B. Dixon, caused Ranney's arrest, which was made by Sheriff Rankin on Friday, on notes given by Ranney as collateral for the mortgage. This act was a bombshell to his friends, who were unable to get his release that night, and Ranney spent the night in jail. Saturday morning friends put forth greater efforts, and succeeded in obtaining two prominent men to go his bail. Ranney was then released. It is very probable that the affair will be settled, though the insurance company will lose heavily by the transaction. The Guardian company will probably be left out in the cold. Weldon, McLean and Develin are his new agents. Ranney has always been a prominent and presumably well-to-do citizen, living in great style in a splendid residence on Princess street.

Liquidated by Matrimony.

The congregation of St. George's Episcopal Church, Ottawa, was greatly shocked, a few evenings ago, when, during the service their sexton, James Greenfield, aged 70, who had at one time served in the British Army, walked into church with his blooming young bride of twenty leaning on his arm. Exactly eight days before he had buried his last wife, whom the bride, Nee Davis, had nursed through her illness up to time of her death. After the funeral Miss Davis presented a bill for nursing the late Mrs. Greenfield to the heart-broken sexton. Greenfield's exchequer, however, had given out and he had no funds to pay it. Miss Davis then appealed to a society composed of the women members of the congregation, but they thought the sexton was able to look after it himself. A compromise was, however, effected by the widow consenting to immediately marry his creditor and thus liquidate his indebtedness. Greenfield's conscience evidently smote him after the contract had been entered into and he refused to be married in his own church. He and his young fiancee accordingly sought the services of a Methodist clergyman, who made them one.

The Fishery Dispute.

CANADA KNOWS HER RIGHTS AND WILL MAINTAIN THEM. Hon. Mr. Foster, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, says the appointment of the proposed American commission on the fishery business will not in any way tend to a complication of matters. He says the attitude of England in this business has been firm and strong and entirely in accord with Canadian views. Very voluminous correspondence on the fisheries question will be laid before Parliament next session. Speaking of the Pacific coast fisheries the minister said our rights there should be protected, the same as on the Atlantic. It is expected that the black cod fisheries will soon draw a number of fishermen to the Pacific. Concerning Hudson's Bay, the Canadian authorities maintain that it is a close bay and deny that Americans have any rights to fish there. The much vexed headland question is involved here however.

The Traffic receipts of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the week ending December 7th, were \$202,000, an increase of \$22,000 compared with the corresponding week last year.

Dan & Co. report a total of 274 failures throughout the country for the past week, a record with 242 for the week previous. Twenty-two of the number were in Canada.

It is believed that the Chinese in California "add" from \$1,000 to \$2,000 in silver dollars every week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Boats of Annapolis.

Sir,—Mr. Ronald McDonald, Harbor Master at Annapolis, has written a letter for the Patriot, pitching into the Georgetown pilots for not knowing more about piloting. One of the fraternity has replied to the accusations laid against them—and so the matter stands. The public, let me tell Mr. Ronald McDonald, Harbor Master, cares very little about his opinions as to the competency or otherwise of the Georgetown pilots. What is really of public interest is this: Were the boats at Annapolis in proper position at the time the vessel in question ran ashore? We are informed that they were not. And if not, whose duty is it to see that they are properly placed? The Harbor Master's of course! Annapolis harbor, as nearly everybody knows, is an excellent one; but this must not excuse the officer in charge of it from neglecting his duty. All I need add is that if Mr. Ronald McDonald, Harbor Master, were as attentive to his duties as he is flippant in his censure of some pilots, there would be less cause for complaint in regard to the way our harbor matters are managed at the present.

Yours truly, FARMER.

Let 56, Dec. 14, 1886.

The City Hospital.

Sir,—I cannot help expressing the gratitude I feel towards the kind Sisters of Charity for their kind treatment to me during my late serious illness. And I would just say to the public that the City Hospital is well deserving of liberal financial support of both Catholics and Protestants. I am often asked if the religious views of the patients are tampered with. I beg to say, No! emphatically No!

I am yours respectfully, JOHN McMASTERS. Ch'town, P. E. I., Dec. 14, 1886.

Lakeville Liberal-Conservative Club.

On the evening of the 9th inst., the Liberal-Conservatives of North Lake Polling Division met according to announcement at North Lake, to appoint delegates to attend the Liberal-Conservative Convention to be held at Georgetown on the 16th inst. Dugald Campbell, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and the undersigned Secretary. After the business for which the meeting was called had been transacted, it was moved by Mr. William Morrow and unanimously agreed to "take meeting proceed to organize a Club, to be known as the Lakeville Liberal-Conservative Club. The following officers and committee were then appointed:—

President—Elisha J. Baker. Vice President—Allan McDonald. Secretary-Treasurer—A. F. Rose. Managing Committee—Messrs. Angus A. Campbell, John A. McIntyre, Benjamin T. Baker, Wm. H. Morrow, James F. Rose, and Starbuck Rose.

The first meeting of the Club will be held on the evening of the 20th inst. A. F. Rose, Secretary. North Lake, Dec. 13, 1886.

Meeting at Bay Fortune.

Pursuant to notice, a public meeting was convened in the Bay Fortune Bridge school house, on the evening of Monday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of considering the advisability of further improving Bay Fortune harbor. Capt. D. A. McNelis was appointed Chairman, and the undersigned secretary. The Chairman then addressed the meeting at considerable length, recounting the steps that had been taken towards securing better harbor accommodation at the port of Bay Fortune. As the result of voluntary labor by the people, and the generous subscriptions of persons interested in the undertaking, he was happy to report that one hundred yards of breakwater had been completed, and that this work had already deepened the water in the channel about a foot and a half. He also stated that if the work already begun was continued out far enough, the harbor would be deepened five or six feet, or to the depth of the sand on the bar, and this opinion, he believed, would be endorsed by all who have had any experience in deepening harbors. He concluded by reading a letter from Mr. A. C. Macdonald, M. P., favoring the proposed work.

The meeting was then addressed by John A. Dingwell, Esq., Dr. McIntyre, M. P., J. C. Underway, M. P., J. R. McLean, M. P., Dr. Mattart, Messrs. J. R. Coffin, Joseph Dingwell, W. R. Dingwell and others; all agreeing in the desirability of having the Breakwater, which has been so successfully commenced by the people of the neighborhood, completed at an early day. To this end a committee was appointed to draw up a petition to the Dominion Government, asking for a grant of money, after which the following resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously, that the people of Bay Fortune and vicinity agree to construct fifty yards more breakwater, in extension of the portion already built. It was also moved, seconded and carried, that the former working committee be re-appointed with the following additional members, William Underway, Little River and Joseph Dingwell, (Mills). The business of the meeting over, Mr. W. R. Dingwell was called to the chair, where a vote of thanks was tendered Capt. D. A. McNelis, to which he appropriately replied. A vote of thanks was also given to those from Souris who attended the meeting.

HUGH CAMPBELL, Secretary. Rollo Bay, Dec. 14, 1886.

"I love her better than life." Well, then, why don't you do something to bring back the roses to her cheeks and the light to her eyes? Don't you see she is suffering from nervous debility, the result of female weakness? A bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will brighten those pale cheeks and send new life through that wasting form. If you love her take heed.

Mr. JAY GOULD has got two sons right in the business harness. He had George study telegraphy, and now he is expert; and Edward, the younger son, he is a good stenographer. With these two boys the father can go anywhere, dictate his despatches to Ed ward, and George will read them.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

TERRIBLE DISASTER.

STEAMER BURNED.

Heartrending Scenes.

MANY LIVES LOST.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.

The steamboat J. M. White, from Vicksburg for New Orleans, was burned last night. She had a number of passengers. Her cargo consisted of 2,100 bales of cotton and 6,000 of seed. Several lives are reported to have been lost. The J. M. White was regarded as the finest and fastest boat ever run on the Mississippi. Wm. Geary, chief engineer of the boat, gives the following statement: "At about 11 last night, while landing at Point Coupee, at which place the boat was landing cottonseed, a fire broke out amidships, on top of the cotton, below the boiler work. The fire spread rapidly, and in less than 15 minutes the boat had burned to the water's edge. The sight was most heartrending. The shouting of women and children for help was awful. I saw the Supt. of the Vandalia railroad standing aft outside the ladies cabin, throwing his two pretty babies into the water. He stood there and was burnt to death with his wife. Among those lost are the cook, fireman and Captain Floyd. There were in the cabin nine lady passengers and eight men. At New Texas, twenty additional deck hands were taken aboard and all are supposed to be lost.

A Frightful Passage.

HALIFAX, Dec. 14. The Dominion Line steamer Sarnia arrived to-night from Liverpool, three days overdue. Capt. Gibson reports having experienced a frightful passage, the worst in his thirty years' experience in navigating the Atlantic. While coming up the harbor the Sarnia sailed through forty feet of wharf, cutting it off as clean as if it was so much paste board.

Ottawa News.

OTAWA, Dec. 14. Parcels of the Illustrated Sporting World were seized by the Customs authorities as indecent publications. A word has been received by the Finance Department of a new counterfeit two dollar Dominion note of the Dufferin issue, which has been put in circulation in Montreal.

Elections in Boston.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14. Complete returns from municipal elections show the following vote for Mayor:—O'Brien (Democrat), 23,387; Hart, 18,719; McNeill, 3,564. This shows a total Majority vote of 45,670, against 44,764 last year.

Assignment.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14. J. B. Roy & Co., doing business under the name of St. Gabriel Tallow Factory, assigned with liabilities of about \$300,000.

Weather Bulletin.

TORONTO, December 15—10 a.m. Generally cloudy with occasional sleet or rain, followed towards evening or at night by west to northwest gales and decidedly colder weather with light snow falls in some localities.

"Across the Ocean."

THE reputation gained last year by the Rev. Mr. Carruthers made a large audience to hear his first lecture of this season a matter of course. H. C. Macdonald, Esq., President of St. James' Literary Society, occupied the chair, and delivered a most speech, in the course of which he announced that a hundred season tickets for Mr. Carruthers' course of lectures had already been sold. This first lecture was descriptive of the Rev. gentleman's recent trip across the ocean. The sea, the ship, his fellow passengers, the amusements on board, Liverpool, a royal visit, Glasgow, opening of the General Assembly, light and dark sides of London, Houses of Lords and Commons, and some of the members. The sketches were graphic, and exceedingly interesting. Alternately amusing and pathetic, Mr. Carruthers held the rapt attention of his audience throughout his discourse. The next lecture will be delivered on Tuesday the 28th inst., and will be descriptive of Dieppe, Rouen, Paris, in light and in shadow, etc.

Summerside Exports.

EGGS AND HORSES. A correspondent at Summerside writes: "There were shipped to the United States from this port during the shipping season of the present year 13,400 cases eggs, valued at \$48,000. It is a difficult matter to ascertain correctly the number of our Island horses that find their way indirectly to the United States. This year we did not take into account any horses coming by steamer from Charlottetown, in order to avoid having them accounted for twice. Besides what were shipped to the Provinces during the year, the official dates here show that 540 horses, valued at \$54,000, were shipped direct to the United States.

BAZAAR.

THE Annual Bazaar and Tea of the P. E. Island Hospital will be held on DECEMBER 16th, in the Roller Rink. Doors open at 12 o'clock; let on the tables at 5 p.m.; tickets 10 cents. Contributions gratefully received by MRS. LAIRD, President. MRS. C. PALMER, Vice do. MRS. COLEMAN, do. MRS. P. D. BAKER, Secretary. Ch'town, Dec. 11, 1886.

SILVERWARE, CITY HARDWARE STORE.

FOR CHRISTMAS OR ANY OTHER TIME.

THE CITY HARDWARE STORE has in stock a large assortment of

SILVERWARE.

suitable for the Holiday or any other season, in Knives, Forks, Spoons, Cruets, Pickles, Baskets, Etc., &c. Quality Guaranteed.—Prices Low.

NORTON & FENNELL.

Ch'town, Dec. 13—21 wky 21 & pat

Horses Wanted.

I WILL be in Charlottetown on FRIDAY next, and will be prepared to purchase a number of GOOD HORSES. Don't fail to see me. A good price for a good horse. JAMES KEEGAN. Dec. 15, 1886.

IN STOCK, AT THE CITY HARDWARE STORE:

Ten tons Steel, 45 tons Iron, 400 sets Bins, 350 sets Spikes, 400 pairs Springs, 500 sets Axes, 50 doz pairs Shafts, 25 doz King Bolts, 50 doz Fish Hooks, 200 sets Hubs, 50 better Oils, 10 sets Paints, 60 gals. Varnishes, 5 barrels Turpentine, 100 doz Axes, 200 doz Axe Handles, 1000 kegs Nails, 200 boxes Nails, and sundry other goods.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

PRICES LOW.

NORTON & FENNELL.

Ch'town, Dec. 15—21 wky 31 & pat

MORTGAGE SALE.

TO be sold by Public Auction, in front of the Law Courts Building, in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, Prince Edward Island, on FRIDAY, the twenty-eighth day of January next (1887), at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon. A LI, that tract, piece or parcel of Land situate, lying and being in the County of Charlottetown, comprising Pasture Lots Numbers Four Hundred and Forty-six (446), Four Hundred and Forty-seven (447), and Four Hundred and Forty-eight (448), saving and excepting thereout all that portion of Number Four Hundred and Forty-six, containing about three-quarters of an acre, sold and conveyed by the late John Gardner to Thomas Gardner. The above sale is being made under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in an indenture of Mortgage bearing date the first day of May, A. D. 1885, and made between Robert Hurry and Mary, his wife, of the one part, and John Amos Gardner, of the other part. For particulars and terms, apply to Messrs. Stinson & Macquarrie, Solicitors, Charlottetown. JOHN A. GARDNER, Mortgagee. Dated this fifteenth day of December, A. D. 1886. Dec. 15, 1886.

FIND THE PUZZLE.

FIFTY PIECES GREY FLANNEL from 15 cents a yard.

THE Talk of the Town is PATON & CO'S. CHEAP GOODS.

BUY your TEA from JAMES PATON & CO. Market Square.

A BIG STOCK of FUR CAPS and GOAT ROBES.

USEFUL PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS: Kid Gloves, Silk Umbrellas, Fur-lined Dolmans, Handkerchiefs and Glove Boxes, Cheap at J. PATON & CO'S.

JAMES PATON & CO. offer Special Inducements to CASH BUYERS.

LADIES JACKETS, MANTLES, &c., much under regular prices.

COUNTRY CUSTOMERS will find JAMES PATON & CO'S. unrivalled for Variety, Excellence and Cheapness of Goods.

GRAND LOT of MANTLE AND ULSTER CLOTHS. Don't buy before you see our stock.

EVERYBODY who wants a new HAT or BONNET should go to JAMES PATON & CO'S.

STILL BUSY. Small Profits are the secret terms, and don't you forget the place. JAMES PATON & CO'S. Market square, Charlottetown.

REAL BARGAINS in Blankets, Horse Rugs, &c. &c. at JAMES PATON & CO'S.

THE following is a list of the different CLOTHS we have in stock, price 10 cents up: Dr. Warner's New Perfumery, Mauve, Beauty, Star, Suno, Paris, Rattler, Sensation, Lansdowne, Improved, Bonanza, Health, Destimoid, Lily, Progress, Nursing, and Butterfly.

USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR GENTLEMEN: Fur Gloves, Fur Mitts, Mufflers, Silk Scarfs, Cuffbands, Silk Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas and Fur Coats.

MEN'S LINDBERS & DRAWERS, extra value, at PATON & CO'S.

EXTRA GOOD VALUE in TEA this season. Done up in 5, 10 and 20 pound parcels.

DRESS GOODS: Dress Goods! cheap, at JAMES PATON & CO'S.

WOOL SCARFS, Wool Sacques, Mitts, Hoods, Tam O'Shanter, Vests &c. &c.

TRUNKS, SATCHELS & TRAVELLING BAGS at Bottom Prices, at JAMES PATON & CO'S.

THE Largest and most Complete CARPET DEPARTMENT on the Island. Heavy Scotch, Agency, Brussels and Wash Carpets, good patterns and Low Prices.

The Puzzle is to find a better place to buy your Dry Goods than

JAS. PATON & CO'S, CHARLOTTETOWN. Dec. 14, 1886.

Closing-Out Sale.

BY Auction, MONDAY, December 20th, at 11 o'clock.

100 Barrels choice Winter-keeping APPLES, in Baldwin's, Russets, Nonpareil, Spr. Soliz, Pippins, Greenings, 3 cants, &c.,—ordered for positive sale to close consignments.

—ALSO— Raisins, Grapes, Lemons, Oranges, Quinces, &c. A. McDONNELL, Auctioneer. Ch'town, Dec. 11, 1886.

CITY HARDWARE STORE.

(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL)

General Hardware and Carriage Goods, Paints, Oils and Glass.

BUGGY TOPS,—BUGGY TOPS.

Headquarters for CARRIAGE GOODS. Write for Prices and Terms.

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Charlottetown, Dec. 15, '86—21 wky 31 pat four

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

In selecting Holiday Gifts, remember those of practical utility are best, for in using them every day the recipient more often remembers the giver. We invite you to inspect our stock of Gifts.

Fancy Gifts:

Brass Table with glass pendants, Ladies' Work Tables, Checker Tables, Brackets, Bannerette Mounts, Bronze Rolling Pins, Bronze Keys, Flower Stands, Wall Pockets, Slipper Pockets, Fancy Chairs, Metal Photo Frames, Music Racks, Paper Racks, Nic-Nac Tables, Queen Anne Tables, Five-o'clock Tea Tables, What Nots, &c., &c.

Comfortable Gifts:

Lounging Chairs, Smoking Chairs, Platform Rocking Chairs, Camp Chairs, Carpet Chairs, Tub Chairs, Invalid's Tables, Children's Sleighs, Best Spring Beds in the world.

Substantial Gifts:

\$200 Parlor Suits, \$100 Side Boards, Dining-room Sets, Bed-room Sets, Walnut Writing Desks, Mantle Mirrors, Bagatelle Boards, Hall Stands, &c., &c.

And Hundreds More, not Mentioned Above, at

MARK WRIGHT & CO'S.

Ch'town, Dec. 15, 1886.

BRITISH WAREHOUSE

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EXTENSIVE CASH SALE!

I have decided to close out the whole of my stock of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, commencing December 15th, 1886, and continuing until the whole is disposed of, at

LARGE DISCOUNTS FOR CASH.

A. L. BROWN.

Ch'town, Dec. 14—wky

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Feather Fire Screens, Feather Mats, Plesh and Leather Satchels, Fur Muffs and Capes, Fur Gauntlets, Silk Handkerchiefs, Handkerchiefs all kinds, Lined Kid Gloves and Mitts, Cushions, Slippers, Fender-Stools, Banners, Brackets, Footstools, Etc., Etc., Etc.

USEFUL PRESENTS,

JUST THE THING FOR CHRISTMAS.

CALL AND SEE THEM AT

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Ch'town, Dec. 14, 1886.