

Local and Other Items.

To-Day.—This is nomination day in Cumberland.
FASHIONS.—The Style for January is at the Diamond Bookstore.
Good.—Our merchants report the holiday trade brightening up.
MAILS.—There will not be any foreign mail until to-morrow afternoon.
XMAS TREE.—Don't forget the Christmas Tree in St. Joseph's Convent to-morrow evening.
LOTTERIES.—The lotteries at St. Joseph's Bazaar close to-morrow evening.
ACCIDENT.—An old and feeble woman, while crossing Queen St. to-day, was struck by a passing sleigh, and hurt so seriously as to cause her removal to the City Hospital.

THE HORRIBLES.—Are we to be favored with the usual New Year parade of the jovial and mirth-provoking group known as "The Horribles"? If so, they ought to be preparing their programme.

DOMINION ILLUSTRATED.—The last number of this excellent weekly contains correct likenesses of Lieut.-Governor Macdonald, Government House, Law Courts, Post Office, Provincial Building, Market House, and Queen Square Gardens.

NOTHING LIKE LEATHER.—"John," said his wife in the middle of the night, as she awakened with her usual scare, "I'm quite sure there's a man under the bed." "Is that so," responded John sleepily, "well show one of your shoes at him and scare him away."

CHURCH OPENING.—The new Presbyterian Church at West St. Peter's, Lot 40, will be opened on Sabbath, 30th inst. Services will be held at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. A collection in aid of the building fund will be taken up at each meeting. Every one is invited.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.—The Christmas Tree and Bazaar in St. Joseph's Convent will be continued to-morrow afternoon and evening, closing with an auction sale. The lotteries will all close to-morrow evening, and there will be quite a number of new attractions. A full attendance is expected.

PENSIONS.—The Dominion Government has just concluded the payment of the annual militia pensions to veterans of the war of 1812. The survivors in Ontario and Quebec only number 105 and they received \$3,150. Ten years ago their number was 1,821, but death's ravages have made great changes since then.

MUSICAL.—A grand musical and literary entertainment will be given in the Little York Hall, on Wednesday evening, 19th inst., commencing at 7 o'clock. Admission, 15 cents. The committee feel confident that all who patronize this entertainment will spend a very enjoyable evening. If the weather proves unfavorable, the entertainment will be held the first fine evening.

ENGAGED AT LAST.—"So you are engaged at last," exclaimed a girl in a red cloak that an Express reporter saw speaking to a girl in an imitation sealskin saque. "Yes," was the laconic answer. "Tell me how it happened—live and die in single blessedness?" "That's the cause of it, my dear. Frank is strong-minded and says I'm the only woman who ever agreed with him on any subject. We were discussing the all-absorbing theme, "Is Marriage a Failure?" and I told him casually that I had made up my mind never to marry. He said he had made up his mind to do the same—and now we're engaged." "Oh, I'm so glad." "So am I."

LECTURE BY REV. MR. READ.—On Monday evening, the 17th inst., Rev. John Read, of the Brick Church, this city, delivered his interesting lecture on "Fashion" in the Court House at Souris. Dr. Mattart was called to the chair. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the audience was not as large as it otherwise would have been. As this lecture has already been favorably reviewed in THE EXAMINER, it is unnecessary to refer to it again on this occasion. Mr. Read is a man of first-class ability, either in the pulpit or on the public platform. He is possessed of a musical voice; and one has not long to listen to him to discover that he is not only able to apply the rules of logic and rhetoric to public speaking, but to master what is perhaps of still more importance in the public speaker, freedom and fluency in expression. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was moved by Rev. Mr. Lodge, seconded by Mr. John McLean, M. P. E., both of whom spoke in the highest terms of the literary treat to which the audience had just listened.

Personal.

Mr. W. W. Stanley, of the firm of Stanley Bros, left this morning for South Carolina, thence to Florida, where he will remain all winter for the benefit of his health. We hope to see him return in the spring fully restored.
Hon. John Lefurgey, Summerside, is at the Davies.
Hon. Samuel Prowse, Murry Harbor, is in the city. He is registered at the Davies.

Our Advertisers To-day.

Santa Claus—whose portrait adorns another column—announces that he and his son are at the Diamond Bookstore.
E. W. Taylor has just received another lot of the celebrated Rockford Watches, which he is offering at low prices.
R. Beariato sells apples, onions, etc., on Thursday at 11 a. m.
G. M. Harris holds an auction sale of oil paintings at his salesroom, on Thursday evening next.
Epps Cocoa is grateful and comforting and should be in every household.
The European Bazaar is well stocked with photo albums, Christmas cards and fancy articles, suitable for holiday gifts.
W. E. Dawson is offering a choice assortment of plated and bronze goods, and other articles suitable for the holiday trade, at the right prices.
Harris & Stewart are showing a large and elegant stock of goods suitable for Christmas presents.
The proprietors of the Star Tailoring Establishment wish their patrons the compliments of the season, and solicit an inspection of their large stock of holiday goods.
Mr. G. H. Cook has some oil paintings of Canadian scenery for sale; and has also an assortment of picture frames and mouldings on hand.
Joseph Unsworth announces the usual holiday fares on the Island Railway.
The schr. Julia Ward will be put up at auction where she now lies stranded, off Murry Harbor, on Friday next, at 12 o'clock.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

The Mail Service.

Much satisfaction is expressed in England at the reported decision of the Canadian Government to take energetic action regarding the Atlantic mail service.
Mr. Landry, M. P., of Kent, is in the city for a few days in connection with the proposal to change the route by which mails are delivered to Prince Edward Island. The plan is that postal matter for P. E. Island shall leave the Intercolonial at Moncton and be conveyed by the Moncton and Buctouche Railway to Buctouche and thence 18 miles to Richibucto on the Northumberland Straits by a short line of railway which will soon be built. From this point it is claimed there could be found an excellent open passage all winter through across to West Point, thence to the nearest station on the railway. Mr. Landry has laid his scheme before the Postmaster-General and Minister of Marine, and it is being considered.

Artillery Disbanded.

LONDON, Dec. 18.
The Honorable Artillery Company, the oldest military body in the world, a portion of whose members visited America recently, has been disbanded. The Prince of Wales becoming discontented with the manner in which the finances of the organization were managed, also with the lack of discipline in the ranks, had urged the members to abandon their charter privileges and become part of the regular volunteer forces. The suggestion was opposed by the majority of the officers and the Prince. The Duke of Portland and others sent in their resignations, also forwarding a complaint as to the condition of the company to the Queen. Her Majesty thereupon withdrew the company's warrant, dissolving the company as a military body.

That Transhipment Case.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.
The Minister of Customs has received a report from Collector Ross, of Halifax, in which he states that the American fishing schooner Babson entered on the 7th inst. for repairs which would take several days to complete, the vessel having a cargo of fresh halibut, which would have spoiled if not landed or transhipped. The collector says that without due reflection, and without consulting the Department, he gave permission to tranship, for which he expresses regret.

Schooner Wrecked.

WEST BAY, C. B., Dec. 18.
The schr. W. Wright, Capt. Hester, coal laden from Sydney for Charlottetown, while within a mile of Cape George last night, carried away all her gear attached to the foremast head. The vessel, becoming unmanageable, she squared away before the wind, and struck Smith's Island. All hands with difficulty got ashore, and lost all but what they had on. No insurance.

Bridge Carried Away.

KENTVILLE, N. S., Dec. 18.
Owing to the heavy rains causing a great freshet which broke away three dams at Cambridge. The railway bridge has been carried away, the bridge was about fifty feet. It will take some time before it can be rebuilt for trains to cross. In the meantime trains will meet on each side of the break, and passengers and mails will be put across by boats or otherwise.

Big Snow Storm.

QUEBEC, Dec. 18.
The furious snow storm that set in yesterday lasted all night and continued to-day with unabated fury. The snow drifts have become decidedly formidable and will tax all the resources of the snow carters for days to come. There is not much prospect of any communication with the outside world to-day.

The Fisheries Question.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.
A special cable states that Gourlie raised the fisheries question on the diplomatic vote, and blamed Canada for her unfriendly attitude throughout the dispute. Sir James Ferguson, on behalf of the Government, denied that Canada was to blame, and remarked upon the absence of disputes last season, owing to Canada's conciliatory proposals.

The Parcel Post.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.
It is under contemplation by the Postmaster-General to authorize all post offices in Canada to receive and dispatch closed parcels under the parcel post arrangement between the United Kingdom and Canada. Hitherto this privilege has been confined to about 150 principal offices.

Afraid of Trouble.

PARIS, Dec. 18.
Owing to fears that the Panama Canal Company's difficulty may give rise to disorders on the isthmus, the French Government has decided to send a man-of-war to Colon, to protect French interests. It is expected that the United States will send two warships to Colon.

Bombarding Fort Hayti.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.
Passengers of the steamer Saginaw from San Domingo report that four gunboats of Legitimists bombarded Cape Hayti on the 5th inst., destroying nearly all the bamboo huts and killing twelve to fifteen persons. The natives fled to the mountains.

Navigation Practicable.

QUEBEC, Dec. 18.
The Quebec Board of Trade Committee which is investigating the practicability of winter navigation of the St. Lawrence, have come to the conclusion that navigation is practicable from the first of March to the first of December.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

AT PATON & CO'S. POPULAR STORE.

DRESS DEPARTMENT.—In this Department we are offering some rare Bargains in the newest Amazons, Plaids, Stripes, Serges, Merino and Cashmeres, with Trimmings to match.
FURS! FURS! A big variety of Ladies' Astracan Jackets, Mens' Coon, Astracan and Bear Coats, Ladies' and Gents' Caps, Fur Mitts and Gloves, all at the very lowest prices.
BLANKETS! BLANKETS!—Special Bargains, bought direct from the manufacturers, and will be sold at Paton's popular prices. We have also a large assortment of Bed Quilts at very low prices.
SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.—Very heavy, bright Silk Handkerchiefs, beautiful designs, from 20 cents up. These goods are bought direct from the best manufacturers.
MENS' OVERCOATS AND REEFERS.—This is a most important department with us. In this department we defy competition. For real value, no other firm on the Island can beat us. Our styles are good and prices low.
LADIES' JACKETS.—A job lot of One Hundred clearing out at \$2.25. They are worth fifty per cent. more.
MILLINERY! MILLINERY!—We have a few English Trimmed Bonnets left. Models from one of the best Millinery Houses in London. These we offer at less than cost.
GREAT BARGAINS IN CARPETS, CURTAINS, and all kinds of HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

JAMES PATON & CO., MARKET SQUARE.

Charlottetown, December 10, 1888—eod

Postage Rates.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.
The Board of Trade to-day agreed to memorialize the Government to reduce the postage rate to two cents.

Defensive Commission.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.
The Canadian Defensive Commission is holding daily meetings here.

Weather Bulletin.

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—10 a. m.
Decreasing north-west to south-west winds, fair weather, lower temperature, preceded in northern portion by snow or sleet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Question of Time.

SIR,—What is the matter with the Court House clock? She has gained over four minutes since yesterday, and consequently to-day differs from nearly every clock and watch in Charlottetown. Who has charge of her works anyhow?
Yours, &c.,
INQUIRER.

DEAFNESS CURED.—A very interesting 132 page illustrated book on deafness. Noise in the head. How they may be cured. Post free 3d.—Address, Dr. Nicholson, St. John St., Montreal.

A long felt want is supplied by the Cardigan Overshoes, (overalls rubber-footed.) You need not be no longer troubled with your rubbers everlastingly slipping or filling with snow. Call and see them at Goff Bros. dec 17

CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Watches, Jewelry and Fancy Goods.

C. H. TAYLOR,

As in former years, will give as a XMAS BOX,

A Liberal Discount,

Or, if preferred, the same value in goods. No extra charge for Engraving.

North Side Queen Square. dec 10

Hillsborough Skating Rink.

THE ABOVE RINK will be opened at an early date, further notice of which will be given. Tickets for sale at Apothecaries' Hall, C. D. Rankin's and D. O. M. Reid's, at the following rates:
Season Tickets for Gentlemen.....\$5 00
Ladies..... 3 00
Afternoon Tickets..... 2 00
Promenade Tickets for Season..... 1 00
Galbraith's Band will be in attendance two evenings and one afternoon in each week. Communication with Rink by telephone.
D. C. McLEOD, Secy-Treasurer.
Citytown, Dec. 17, 1888—dy 2w

AUCTION SALE

Valuable Stock, Farming Implements, Crops, and Household Furniture.

I AM instructed by MR. WILLIAM MILLER, administrator of the Estate of the late JAMES D. R. BERESON, to sell by Auction, on the premises, St. Peter's Road,

On Saturday, 22nd December, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,

THE FOLLOWING STOCK, &c.:

STOCK:—2 Horses, 6 Cows (incalf), 1 Bull, 1 Ram, 1 Pig, Poultry.
FARMING IMPLEMENTS, &c.:—2 Carts, 1 Truck Wagon, 1 Top Dugby, 2 Plows, 1 pair Harrows, 1 Mowing Mow, 1 Scuffle, 1 Roller, 1 Broadest Seed Sower, set Annual Harrows, 1 Spring Tooth scuffle, 1 Turnip Sower, 1 Thrashing Mill, 1 Patterson Self Binder, 1 Mower, 1 Patterson Hay rake, 1 Gang Plow, 1 Iron Plow and 1 small Plow, 2 Wood Sleighs, 1 Box Sleigh, 1 Round Back Sleigh, 1 set Drivng Harness, 2 sets Cart Harness, 2 swings and Traces, Riding Saddle, 1 Grandstone, 1 Cheese Press, &c.

CROP:—Hay, Oats, Wheat, Potatoes and Turnips.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE:—Consisting of Beds and Bedding, Carpets, Stoves, Chairs, Tables, Sofas, Mats, Glassware, Crockeryware, &c.

TERMS:—Under \$500, cash; over that amount six months' credit on approved joint notes. Sale positive.

G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer.

GREAT CLOTHING SALE!

J. B. MACDONALD'S

Overcoats, Ulsters, Reefers and Suits

Is now selling at prices which, for Cheapness, has never yet been approached by anyone in the City.
If you want a good Coat, in Quality and Fit, and at the same time save a Dollar or more in the price, the place to buy is at

J. B. MACDONALD'S.

BIG CLOTHING SALE.

You will find this out if you trade with PROWSE: His goods are as advertised and the Cheapest in Town. Try him.

Overcoats, Reefers and Suits at prices never heard tell of before. Competitors are mad but Customers are glad that PROWSE still lives.

WE CLAIM TO SELL THE CHEAPEST, AND WE WILL DO IT.

Follow the crowd and you will be led to PROWSE'S Store. He does the Biggest Clothing Business on P. E. Island.

Summer is gone, but PROWSE is still to the front with the Best and Cheapest Clothing. Make a start for PROWSE'S Store and get a Bargain.

Sign of the Big Hat, 144 Queen Street. November 22, 1888—eod & wky

Furniture! Furniture!

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED a Large Consignment of

NEW FURNITURE,

Parlor and Bedroom Sets, in Walnut, Mahogany, Ash and Oak; Parlor and Extension Tables, Walnut and Ash Sideboards, Flock and Hair Mattresses, Cane Chairs, &c., &c. The public are respectfully invited to inspect this Furniture before purchasing elsewhere. G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer. nov 19—dy & wky

ENGRAVING.

GOODS bought or selected three or four days before Xmas, engraved without extra charge at G. H. TAYLOR'S. After that time we cannot guarantee their being done in time. eod tl xmas—dec 10

WANTS, LOST, FOUND &c.

MILLER WANTED.—A young man competent to take charge of a water power country Grist and Oatmeal Mill. Apply by letter with references. Address "P. P. O. Box 375, Charlottetown. 6i 9—dec 19

NOTICE.—Ladies wishing to have cakes baked for Christmas, will please send them before 10 o'clock on Thursday, to KNIGHT'S BAKERY, Market Street. 6i 15—dec 17

Our Stock of Carpets is the Largest, Cheapest and choicest ever shown by us. Prices from 10c. to \$2.25.



We make a Specialty of Ladies' Astracan Sacks and Mens' Fur Coats. We keep the best made in Canada at low prices.

Important Notice to Economical Buyers!

Never have we offered Greater Inducements to CASH CUSTOMERS. BEER BROS.

ALL-WOOL DRESS GOODS, from 16 cents, FANCY DRESS GOODS, from 9 cents, GREY FLANNEL, from 14 cents, SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, from 25 cents, COTTON HANDKERCHIEFS, from 3 cents, WOOL WRAPS, from 65 cents, LINEN TOWELS, from 8 cents. In every Department we offer remarkably Low Prices FOR CASH. Our Goods are guaranteed as represented. BEER BROS.

Our Carpet Department is most complete on the Island. Choice Designs in Axminster Brussels, Tapestry, &c.

The demand for our Goods this Fall is far in advance of any previous year. We supply Latest styles at lowest prices. Charlottetown, Dec. 15, 1888—dy & wky