

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

In Canada the great event has been the opening of Parliament. The Governor's Speech indicates that the Government will carry out in its integrity the policy of "Economy" and "Protection," as explained by them before the appeal was made to the polls.

THE ZULU DISASTER.

THE news of a serious disaster to the British troops in Africa, has naturally caused a good deal of excitement. It is reported that the military in Halifax speak disparagingly of Lord Lord Chelmsford's generalship.

"I regret to have to report a very disastrous engagement on the 23rd January, between the Zulus and a portion of number three column, which was left to guard the camp about ten miles in front of Roke's drift. The Zulus came down in overwhelming numbers, and in spite of gallant resistance by five companies of first battalion of 24th regiment, one company of second battalion of sixth, two guns, two rocket tubes, 164 mounted men and about 800 natives, they overwhelmed them.

The camp, containing all the surplus ammunition and transports of No. 3 column, was taken, and but few of its defenders escaped. Our loss, I fear, must be set down at 30 officers and 500 non-commissioned of the rank and file of Imperial troops and 70 non-commissioned officers of the rank and file of Colonial troops.

A Court of inquiry has been ordered to collect evidence regarding this unfortunate affair which will be forwarded to you as soon as received, and full particulars as far as can be obtained have been sent in my despatch which will reach you by next mail. It would seem that the troops were enticed some distance away from camp, as action took place about a mile and a quarter outside of it.

Advices to the 11th inst. state that reinforcements for Cape Colony have been ordered from England to number about 7,000 men; and the only troop ship in harbor is being rapidly prepared for service at Portsmouth. W. H. Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty, in speaking at Westminster, stated that troops sufficient to end the struggle with the Zulus will be on their way to Cape Town within a week. He declared he had every confidence in Lord Chelmsford.

RUSSIA RETIRING.

It is announced that the evacuation of Turkey by Russian troops has commenced. The evacuation will, it is said, be completed within forty days. Confidence is expressed that, Russia being bankrupt, the Treaty of Berlin will be carried out and the Turk will be permitted to "reform" in peace.

Small-Pox at Alberton.

DR. BRINE, of Port Hill, has been engaged by the Government to take charge of the small-pox patients at Alberton.

The Government have appointed the following Superintendents of Vaccination:— Lots 19 and 25—Dr. Darrach.

" 1 and 2—Dr. O'Leary. " 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8—Dr. Beers. " 26 and 27—Dr. Sutherland. " 18—Dr. Keir.

Boards of Health have also been established at Kensington and Tignish.

Kensington Board is composed of Ruben Tuplin, Esq., Chairman; Thomas H. Sims, George W. Bentley, Elwin Proctor, Esqs., and Dr. Darrach.

Tignish Board consists of Benjamin Haywood, Esq., Chairman; N. Couray, E. J. M. P. P., Hon. S. F. Perry, Capt. Frank Gallant, Messrs. J. J. Arsenault, Sylvan T. Perry and Francis Hughes.

It is understood that the lobster packers in Nova Scotia, intend to have an Act introduced at the coming session of the Dominion Parliament to define the time at which lobster catching and packing shall cease. It appears that the business is being overdone, and lobster men cannot be depended on to stick to an agreement among themselves in the matter, and have to be bound to keep their agreements. Lobsters caught late in the season are also said to be of inferior size and quality. The Maine people have passed, or are about to pass, a law of this kind, and it would never do to allow them to preserve their own fishery with perfect liberty to come down and depopulate ours.—Toronto Mail.

Written for the Examiner.

Night-fall on the Sea Coast.

Down by the moaning, melancholy sea I wandered, while the twilight slowly fell, And curling breakers dashed incessantly O'er stranded weed and gleaming bleached shell.

Ah, me! the dreary pathway of my wand'ring life How like, alas, to that wild sea-swept strand, Where weeds of sorrow, bleaching hopes and joys Like restless flotsam lie along the gleaming sand.

The dying gleam of day flushed in the west, While shadows lengthened o'er the broad lagoon, And near old ocean's restless, heaving breast, Queen-like and radiant hung the full-orbed moon.

strange sea-birds, wild, swept homeward from the weltering sea, And sailed far inland to the moorland fens, While in her lonely flight the timorous crane passed silently, And sought her forest home among the moaning pines.

These birds of eve glide on their mystic flight, From unknown billows of the rolling deep, As gleams of science, wandering through the night, Flash o'er the restless dreamer's troubled sleep.

The boundless ocean, with its storms, its calms And deep unfathomable caves, where silence sleeps, Seems like that vast far rolling sea of knowledge that o'erwhelms Some weary mariner, who sinks within those azure deeps.

Oh, would this body whiten on the lonely shore, This prisoned spirit glide into the midnight wind, And wander on to some bright mystic realm afar, Where faint and wearied pinions rest could find.

The sighing gale that landward creeps at eve, While sparkling moonlight gilds the dancing sea; Comes freshly sweet, like some melodious oft-told tale, Sung by "ancestral voices" of enchanting poesy.

Supreme Court.

The case of Hughes vs. Howatt, which occupied the time of the court for the past three days, went to the jury last evening, and at 10 o'clock last night a verdict of \$29.82 was returned for the plaintiff. The defendant had paid \$72.06 to the Court.

The case of Charles Roper vs. James Warren, an action to recover amount of wages for work performed at mill, is now before the Court.

The Raid on Warehouse Stock.

OUR merchants and traders anticipate that, in the re-adjustment of the tariff, duties on certain articles will be increased. In consequence of this a raid has been made on the warehouse stock, and nearly thirty thousand dollars duty has been paid into the Customs since the first of the present month. We are indebted to Mr. G. Brenner, of the Customs department, for the following statement of duties paid since the 1st inst.:

Table with 2 columns: Firms and Duty Paid. Includes O. Conolly & Co. (\$20,000), McEachern & Co. (2,620 00), John Gahan (2,000 00), J. & T. Morris (1,500 00), Others (2,745 00), Total (28,765 00).

Donkey Engine.

"A Bystander" in the Rose-Belford Canadian Monthly has the following remarks on the relations between the Provincial and Dominion Governments:—

"The Grits themselves have just practically changed the Constitution in a material point by making the Provincial Governments donkey engines to the Dominion Government of the same party. The Prime Minister of Ontario pretends that when he took the stump for the late Dominion Government, he was acting as a private citizen, and not as Premier. Did he divest himself, during those months, of all his influence and patronage? What would he say if Justice Cameron, for instance, were to take the stump 'as a private citizen' in the approaching electoral campaign?"

Does the Shoe Pinch?

We recommend the following to those whom it may concern: "Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, this is my own native ice? It lies in front of my own door; pedestrians tramp it o'er and o'er; some slip and fall and break their noses, while others creep on their hands and toeses, and with less fussing and less grumbling, that comes from ground and lofty tumbling. So I will scrape the ice away, and not a trap for others lay, their bones to pulverize. I'll let pedestrians walk erect, bind up the lame and broken-necked, and bid the fallen rise. I'll leave not skating parks before my dwelling place or office door, but keep them free from frozen water, as every honest person oughter."

A TEACHERS' Association has been formed in this city. The first meeting was held last evening, when the following officers were elected:—

President—Mr. John Harper, Principal of Normal School. Vice President—Mr. Lemuel Miller. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. J. D. Seaman. Meetings will be held every alternate Friday at 4 o'clock. Teachers from the country are invited to attend.

San Francisco, with 35 breweries, turns out 300,000 barrels of beer a year.

Correspondence.

Small-Pox at Alberton.

EXAGGERATED RUMORS CORRECTED.—LETTER FROM P. GAVIN, M. P. F.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

DEAR SIR,—The newspapers are filled with sensational paragraphs relative to the spread of small-pox in this place, which are very much exaggerated and calculated to alarm the whole country. If the people were dying of this disease at the rate that the papers say they are, the village would be depopulated in a very short time. The fact is, there have been three deaths from small-pox altogether, and there are six cases now under treatment; four of these are very mild cases, and the other two are at present doubtful. There have been no new cases since Sunday. The EXAMINER and Summerside Journal contain most extravagant accounts of the wake at McDonald's and the number of sick now there. The facts of the case are these: A little boy of Allan McDonald's died about a week ago. It was always a sickly child, and its death created no surprise. The doctor was there, but had no suspicion of small-pox, as no eruption whatever appeared on the child. There was no such wake over the child as reported in the Summerside Journal. There were but ten persons visited the house during the time the child was waking, and most of these stayed but a few minutes. In the meantime, Allan McDonald, the child's father, had been complaining, but the doctor could not detect any of the symptoms of small-pox until after his death, which took place on Sunday morning last. When it was reported to the Board of Health that McDonald had died of small-pox, the most active measures were taken; and, in a very few hours after his death, he was buried in the church yard at Cascapecum village. All communication with McDonald's house was forbidden, and the members of the family, who were sick, properly taken care of. I may state here that, in stead of ten patients closely huddled together as the newspapers have it, there are but four persons sick in this house. They do not want for room or ventilation, or attendance, and there is but one of them whose life is considered in any danger.

The Journal charges the Board of Health with incompetency and with laxity in enforcing quarantine regulations at Tuplin's. With regard to the first, I may say that it is far easier to charge the Board with incompetency than to show where they have erred. And as the second charge is a more serious one, I will undertake to say this for the Board of Health, that they will give \$500 to any person, male or female, who can prove that they went in or came out of Tuplin's while the house was under quarantine.

The immunity from all epidemic diseases which the people of this Island have enjoyed hitherto has left them altogether unprepared for such a visitation as this. If there had been a Health Officer for this port and a proper hospital when the "Corinne" came on here last fall, we would have no small-pox to contend with now.

I may say, in conclusion, that the Local Government have responded promptly to the demands of the Board of Health. A building situated about a mile from the village, and isolated from other houses, has been purchased for an hospital. When the patients are removed to this place the Board will have much better means of keeping this terrible malady under control.

Your obedient servant, P. GAVIN.

Alberton, Feb. 14, 1879.

The Grand Fancy-Dress Carnival.

A SPECTATOR'S VIEW.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

MY DEAR SIR,—It is not my intention to take up much of your valuable space with a lengthy account of last night's Carnival, as I feel certain that any description given by your humble correspondent would "fall short"—yes, very short—of the truly brilliant and magnificent reality, which must be seen to be appreciated. The writer has had the pleasure of witnessing, in other lands, various grand displays in the shape of amusements, and, whilst looking on—with soft and silvery music sounding all around—has felt himself carried away, or removed, so to speak, for the moment to a world of transcendent beauty, where everything belonging to mortality seemed forgotten. This feeling, in some degree, came upon me whilst viewing, from the platform of the Citizens' Skating Rink, a scene of surpassing grandeur, wherein the Fairy Land of the most vivid imagination was pictured, with its inhabitants, arrayed in holiday attire, darting rapidly and gracefully here, there and everywhere—inagorated by the lively airs of a brass band.

I will not attempt to mention in this communication even one-half of the number of ladies and gentlemen who appeared in costume, but will content myself with merely "picking out" of the large collection a few individuals who "struck" me as sustaining their respective characters remarkably well.

The "Maiden all forlorn" and the "Maui all tattered and torn" were exceedingly good, although a lady with a less bright and happy expression would have suited the former character better. The Knight of the Red Cross was a fine specimen of humanity, whilst Hamlet could bear close inspection. Mars and Ceres were much admired, especially when skating together. Columbia brought forth several complimentary remarks from lookers on, and the pretty "little Bo Peep" took many hearts my storm. Mr. Mrs. and Miss Harlequin were, certainly, a most charming family, and their costumes showed off to great advantage. Sir Charles Arrow, young Marlow and Hastings were the possessors of handsome habiliments. Miss Neville's dress was superb. Tony and Diggory appeared in first rate rags. The costume of Henry VIII was well "got up." J. Rooster Shanghai afforded a good deal of amusement, and caused many peals of laughter. The gentleman who personated Yakhoot Khan, Mephistopheles and the Ancient Greek were, as usual, perfection. Little Boy Blue, Cinderella's Prince, and the little man who had a little gun, seemed the pictures of happiness. A paish lady most excuse me for mentioning her last; but I would inform her that, as a rule, I keep 's best till then. This lady's costume had a rich and showy appearance, and was very becoming to her style of beauty.

There were many other characters worthy of more than a mere passing notice, but, as your issue of last night, M. Editor, contained an excellent report of the Carnival, I will not trespass further upon your kindness at present. SPECTATOR.

LECTURE

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH,

—BY THE—

REV. W. S. PASCOE,

On Wednesday, the 19th inst.

SUBJECT: "The Soldier Priest, Why he Fought and How he Fell."

Doors open at half-past Seven. Lecture to commence at 8 o'clock. Admission 15 cents. Proceeds in aid of Sunday School.

This will probably be the last lecture Mr. Pascoe will deliver in Charlottetown. February 15, 1879—2in

ST. JAMES' HALL.

THE LADIES OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH have made arrangement to hold a Social in the above Hall, on Wednesday Evening, the 19th inst., at 7 o'clock.

Admission 10 cents. A Refreshment table will be placed in one of the small-rooms, to which the audience may retire at intervals marked out in the programme. The public are cordially invited.

MRS. STIRLING, } Com. MRS. A. L. BROWN, }

Charlottetown, Feb. 15, 1879—3i

Comfort to Travellers.

THE undersigned will drive parties en route for CAPE TRAVERSE, on suitable terms, regularly, from this Station.

J. W. HUGHES. JOHN HUGHES.

County Line Station, Feb. 14, 1879—2m

WOOLLEN FACTORY COY

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Company will be held on TUESDAY, the 25th of February, at ALLIN'S HALL, Grafton Street, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the election of Directors, and the transaction of other business.

All Shareholders should be present or represented by proxy.

ALBERT SIMPSON, Sec'y.

Ch'town, Feb. 13, 1879—3i

BOOKS LENT.

THE friends who have borrowed any of the following books from me will oblige by returning them as soon as convenient:—

Professor Conyngton's Virgil, Josiah Cook's New Chemistry, Herbert Spencer's First Principles, Currie's Common School Education, Calkin's Object Lessons, Dalgleish's Grammar.

EDWARD MANNING.

Ch'town, Feb. 13—3i

JAUNTING SLEIGH.

ONE GOOD JAUNTING SLEIGH, neatly trimmed and painted; 1 Set Silver-plated HARNESS; 1 new BUFFALO ROBE, lined and trimmed (large)—all for only \$40.

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Wright & MacGowan, Queen's Wharf.

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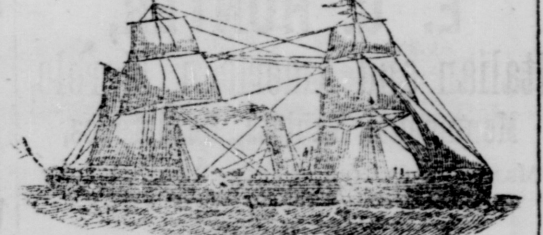
NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that prosecution will be immediately commenced against all persons who are known to be in the possession of DOGS and who have not registered them and paid their Dog Tax for the current year, in conformity to the provisions of a by-law of this city, passed 4th December, A. D. 1878.

A. F. TOMLINS, Clerk of the City Court.

Feb. 11.

NOTICE.



Ocean Steamship Company of Prince Edward Island.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Ocean Steamship Company of Prince Edward Island will be held in the office of Peake Bros. & Co., on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of March, 1879, at 7 o'clock p.m.

GEO. PEAKE, Sec'y.

Ch'town, Feb. 8, 1879.—4w 2i a w

COAL!

100 Tons Round "ACADIA MINES," and a smaller lot of NUT, at our usual low prices.

Wright & MacGowan, QUEEN'S WHARF.

Ch'town, Feb. 8, 1879—law for 2m

FOR SALE,

THE HOUSE and Premises occupied by the Subscriber, at the head of Queen Street. For further particulars apply to the owner on the Premises, or to ALEXANDER BROWN, Esq.

DONALD MCKENZIE. Ch'town, Feb. 3, 1879—2aw

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SIX TONS MANILLA,

different sizes, at Factory Prices.

Wright & MacGowan,

Manufacturers Agents, Queen's Wharf

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Readymade Clothing

Hats, Caps, Liaders and Drawers, Scarfs, &c.

Cotton Warp, Small Wares, &c.

The above Stock must be cleared out from this date, and our Customers, and the public generally, can depend upon getting Bargains.

John McPhee,

Administrator.

Charlottetown, Feb. 4, 1879.

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200 bbls. "GREENHOLM," 100 bbls. "CAMLACHIE," 100 bbls. "NORVAL."

A consignment for sale at a bargain, for cash.

Wright & MacGowan,

Queen's Wharf.

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CATARRH.

Constitutional Catarrh Remedy CURES CATARRH.

Hear what a Reverend Gentleman says of the Constitutional Remedy.

T. J. B. HARDING, Esq., Brockville, Ont.:— DEAR SIR—It is now two years since your "Constitutional Catarrh Remedy" was introduced to me. I have waited this long to see if the cure would remain permanent before doing this, my duty, to you, as at first the happy effects seemed to me to be "too good to be true."

I was afflicted in my head for years before I suspected it to be Catarrh. In reading in your Circular I saw my case described in many particulars. The inward "drop" from the head had become very disagreeable, and a choking sensation often preventing me from lying long, I would feel like smothering and be compelled to sit up in the bed. My health and spirits were seriously affected. When your agent came to Walkertown in August, 1876, I secured three bottles. Before I had used a quarter of the contents of one bottle I found decided relief, and when I had used two bottles and a third, I quit taking it, feeling quite cured of that ailment, and have not used any since until of late I have taken some for a cold in my head. A sense of duty to sufferers from that loathsome disease, Catarrh, prompts me to send you this Certificate, unsolicited, with leave to make what use of it you may see proper. Yours truly,

W. TINDALL, Methodist Minister. Port Elgin, Ont., Aug. 24, 1878.

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T. J. B. HARDING, Dominion Agent, Brockville, Ont.

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