

It seems pretty evident that 1878 will be a year of great events. Russia—victorious at Kara and Plevna and marching on to Constantinople—is yet massing millions of men and material for war, in the expectation of meeting a stronger foe than Turkey. England has declared that she will fight if her interests in the East are endangered; and the present Government has declared, emphatically, that the possession of Constantinople by Russia will endanger those interests. Germany is armed to the teeth, and ready to enter the fray. It is stated that she has a secret understanding with Russia, and it is extremely probable that England has a secret understanding with France. The situation in Europe is very critical, and the prospect is not pleasing or reassuring to men who would like to see the Eastern difficulty peaceably settled.

The United States have some knotty political and commercial problems to solve; and the people of the Dominion have to contest a general election. Canadian politicians are already preparing for the struggle; and although it seems certain that the Liberal-Conservative Party will triumphantly return to power, it is probable that the struggle will be one of unprecedented bitterness.

In this Province, local politics absorb public attention; and, judging by the prevalent indignation of the people, we assume that before many months there will be a repeal of the Assessment Act or a change of Government. It seems evident that Mr. L. H. Davies must submit or resign.

Altogether, we look for important news to report to our subscribers during the present year.

Our Fisheries.

A correspondence on this matter appears in a recent issue of the London Times, over the signature of Mr. Frederick Swabey, who evidently knows something of the subject. The Montreal Herald says, that if what he alleges to have been stated by Americans in authority be correct, there will be no trouble in collecting what Mr. S. regards as a very moderate award for so great a privilege. The letter, dated Coryton Park, Axminster, Dec. 4, is as follows:—

"It is to be hoped that the only remaining dispute between us and our children in America is now in a fair way to be settled.

The fishery disputes for many years caused much ill-feeling between us. I have seen hundreds of American fishing vessels chased by cruisers, many seized, condemned by our Colonial Admiralty Courts, and sold for fishing within the prohibited two miles of our coast.

Soon after the deprivations of the "Alabama" the first period of the Reciprocity Treaty between the United States and Canada came to an end. Out of pique, &c., the United States refused to renew the treaty, although it was allowed to be mutually advantageous. We compensated the scapegoat Canada, to a small extent, by guaranteeing for her an Intercolonial Railway loan for £2,000,000, sterling. Of course, the interest has been, and ever will be, met by the Canadians.

Having a knowledge (extending over many years of the United States and Canadian coasts, I can safely assert that their fisheries are nil, compared with our own. They have a Cape Cod, but few codfish.

From headlands in the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of St. Lawrence I have counted 200 United States fishing schooners at one time. I do not believe that number of Canadian fishing vessels visits their waters in five years.

In 1857 two arbitrators were appointed—one English and one American—to settle the points in dispute between us connected with the fisheries boundaries, as to what were bays, rivers, or arms of the sea, &c.

The arbitrators then, according to agreement, drew lots as to who should view the points in dispute and arbitrate on them. The lot fell on my friend, the Hon. Colonel J. H. Gray, of New Brunswick, now Chief Justice of British Columbia. Being fond of exploring, I acted as his honorary secretary. His decisions gave displeasure to the Americans. Eventually a new arbitrator was appointed, and they got their own way. In that year I was told by many in authority, but not officially, that the United States would gladly pay us \$15,000,000 to settle the disputes by admitting their fishermen on an equality with our own. No doubt it was exceedingly gallant to see our fishermen go ashore to cure their fish, they having to return from 400 to 700 miles for the same purpose, just while the fish were on the feed, &c.

Many of our readers will also recollect the State of Maine boundary dispute. If the decision of the majority of arbitrators is not binding, an arbitration becomes an absurdity. Can an arbitrator accept a decision in his favor and upset it if he has not got it all his own way?

The Americans, as well as the Canadians, well know that 5,000,000 dollars is but a trifle of the value of these fisheries. The latter will loyally accept the decision; mighty America, with its large national credit, cannot afford to withhold her consent from this award. But it will go against the grain to return any of the Alabama money remaining unclaimed in their hands."

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THE County Court is now in session at St. Peter's. We hear there is a large number of cases for trial.

THE Court for the recovery of Small Debts was opened before the Stipendiary Magistrate this morning. There are about one hundred and fifty cases to be tried.

The Levee.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor held a Levee at 12 o'clock on New Year's Day. The greater number of those who attended also, immediately after, paid their respects to Miss McDonald.

The following is a list of Gentlemen present having the privilege of the Entree:—

- The Honorable Edward Palmer, Chief Justice, &c.
The Honorable Joseph Hensley, Vice Chancellor, &c.
The Honorable Daniel Davies, M. P., &c.
The Honorable Colonel Gray, C.M.G., Adjutant General.
David M. Dunn, Esq., Consul United States of America.
R. R. Fitzgerald, Esquire, Stipendiary Magistrate.
The Honorable L. H. Davies, Leader of the Government and Attorney General.
The Honorable William D. Stewart, M. E. C., and Commissioner of Public Works.
The Honorable Joseph Pope, late M. E. C.
" " J. C. Pope, M. P.
" " James Warburton, late M. E. C.
" " James Duncan, late M. E. C.
" " Benjamin Davies, late M. E. C.
" " W. W. Lord, late M. E. C.

Henry Beer, Esquire, Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Lemuel C. Owen, Esquire, Leader of a former Government.

His Worship J. S. Carvell, Esquire, Mayor of Charlottetown.

J. W. Maxwell, R. N., Staff Commander.

The following gentlemen had the honor of being presented:

- Anderson, Alex., Professor of Prince of Wales College.
Beer, Dr. Frank D.
Bremner, George Esq.
Brecken, F. De St. Croix.
Brecken, J. R. Cashier Bank P. E. Island.
Blanchard, Dr. E. W.
Beer, L. L. Esq.
Brown, Alexander Esq.
Cundall, Henry J. Esq.
Currie, Donald Esq., Collector of Customs.
Cotton, W. L.
Clark, W. W. Esq.
Dodd, Hon. T. W.
Desbrisay, Thomas Esq., J. P.
Dean, Frank L. Esq.
Devine, Alexander, P. E. I. Railway.
Davies, D. J.
Davies, George Esq.
Davies, Benjamin Jr.
DeBlois, R. F. Mr.
DeBlois, L. W. Mr.
FitzGerald, Rev. D. Rector of St. Paul's.
Finlay, T. L. Esq.
Haszard, J. L. Esq.
Haszard, H. Esq.
Hobkirk, W. H. Esq., F. R. C. S., (England.)
Harris, V. E.
Hodgson, Rev. George Wright, Incumbent of St. Peter's Church.
Ings, John Esq., J. P.
Irving, Lieut. James D., Militia Artillery.
Johnston, D. T., P. E. Island Railway.
Johnston, Rev. J. W. (Crapaud.)
Lathern, Rev. J.
Longworth, Henry Esq.
Longworth, B. F.
Longworth, H. W.
Longworth, Francis S. Esq.
Longworth, Robert, Esq.
Lawson, Mr. W. T.
Leeming, Dr. T. L.
Lord, A., Esq.
MacLennan, Rev'd K., St. James' Church.
MacLeod, Geo., Esq., Cashier Union Bank.
MacLeod, Rev. J. M.
McLeod, W. W., P. O. Inspector.
Morrison, J. W., Sec'y Public Works.
McDonald, Hon. A. A.
McDonald, A. J., Esq.
May, Thomas W., Esq., Civil Engineer.
May, Robert, jr.
Morson, W. A. O., Esq.
Morris, Lieut. Col. (Retired Militia).
Murphy, William, Esq.
McKechnie, Wm., Supt. P. E. I. Railway.
Newbery, Fenton T., Esq.
Newbery, W. C. A.
Osborne, Rev'd Alfred, Assistant Minister St. Paul's.
Peters, Frederick Esq.
Peake, George Esq.
Pope, Percy.
Sterling, David Esq.
Stronach, Alexander Esq., P. E. I. Railway.
Walsh, William Esq., M. P. P.
Wright, A. P. Gas Inspector.
Wright, Henry Esq.
Warburton, Mr. A. B.
Watson, William R. Esq., High Sheriff.

City Council.

OUR City Fathers have, for several weeks, been engaged upon the tedious but important work of checking and passing accounts against the Corporation. At the meeting of Council held on Monday evening, the Mayor announced that, with one exception outstanding accounts had been settled; and that the debt of the city, formerly distributed among hundreds of dealers, contractors and officials, is now concentrated in one of the banks.

They have resolved that any official who, hereafter, contracts liabilities for the city without first making a requisition for the articles required and having it countersigned by the City Clerk, be forthwith discharged.

Councillor Byrne has given notice that he intends to introduce an ordinance prohibiting City Councillors from being city contractors and for relieving them of the rather invidious duty of voting that their own accounts be paid.

A formal meeting of the City Council was held at ten o'clock on New Year's Day.

THE Soup Kitchen Committee acknowledges, with many thanks, further donations from Mrs. Ings, Rev. D. FitzGerald, and one anonymous gift of money through Mr. Quirk and a friend.

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Latest by Telegraph.

WAR NEWS.

Russia Advancing and Reinforcing.

War Between Russia and England Considered Inevitable.

[By Telegraph to Reading Room and Daily Examiner.]

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Forty battalions have arrived at Parva. The reinforcements ordered for the Russian army, exceed seventy thousand men. An army of the Baltic is also being formed to reach 90,000.

Russia has ordered and bought 20,000 rifles from Berlin.

The Servians have captured Perol. In English military circles, it is considered that war with Russia is almost inevitable.

Negotiations have been opened for the surrender of Nisic.

The Russians are approaching Sophia, and have ordered the inhabitants to leave.

LONDON, Jan. 2, 1878.

The pontoon bridge at Petrarchini, the last bridge across the Danube, has been carried away by ice.

The whole British Channel fleet has been ordered to be made ready for sea on January 16th.

The Vanguard of the Russian division occupy the Balkan passes between Arabkonak and Sophia.

The Turks burned Sofia and then retreated.

There are six thousand sick in Bulgaria, and supplies are inadequate.

A special despatch to the London "Telegraph" says the Russian commanders in Europe and Asia are to receive any overture for truce made by the Turks.

Russia has refused England's proffered mediation.

Turkey's conditions for armistice have been forwarded to Russian headquarters.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.

Gold 102½. Exchange unchanged.

New Year's Day, 1878.

Welcome, New Year! Glad we greet thee With thy store of time!

Who would not rejoice to meet thee, Winter's prime?

Let not sorrow hail thy birth; Let the world take Heaven's mirth, Kindled by Celestial ray;

Let each face be lit with gladness, Let all bid adieu to sadness, At thy coming, New Year's Day!

Though the bells, with solemn ringing, Toll the old year dead On December's bed,

With its chances gone forever,— Wasted haply, but yet never To return,

Livelier be their zeal when bringing To our use a fresh supply For our willing hands to try,— Lessons for our hearts to learn.

Through the year thou leadest in, Let each moment have its work, Which, if true, we should shirk; And with cheer let toil be lightened, And let duty's path be brightened, With the Lamp of Love, shining from above, Luring us from selfishness and sin.

Com.—

TRAIN LATE.—The train from Georgetown did not arrive until ten o'clock last night.

THE Classes of the Convent De Notre Dame will open to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THE Classes in the Prince of Wales College will be opened to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES.—The service in St. Paul's School Room, on Monday night, was very thinly attended, in consequence of the storm which was raging at the time. The service in the Methodist Brick Church was also poorly attended. The programme which had been arranged was not carried out.

ELOPEMENT.—Cardigan Bridge has had its sensation. The usual quiet of that village was disturbed last week by a circumstance which does not come within the range of the ordinary course of events in this Province. A young whitewashed merchant of that place, who went thither from Mount Stewart some months ago, eloped with a young lady in his employ, leaving behind him a young wife and two or three small children, without any visible means of support.—Argus.

PRESENTATION.—Yesterday the foreman and shopmen of the P. E. I. Railway waited on A. Stronach, Esq., Mechanical Superintendent, and requested his acceptance of an address to himself and a silver tea service for Mrs. Stronach. These tokens of the respect and esteem in which Mr. Stronach is held by the employes must, we are sure, be very satisfactory. Mr. Stronach made a suitable reply, and hoped that in the future, as in the past, both the men and himself would retain the confidence and respect of one another. Mr. D. T. Johnston, Mechanical Clerk, was also the recipient of a beautiful silver ice pitcher.

THE Northern Light, which left Georgetown on Monday morning, did not reach Pictou till Tuesday at 2 o'clock. She left Pictou this morning at 9 o'clock and arrived at Georgetown about 2 o'clock this afternoon. The mails will reach this city at 6 o'clock this evening.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GRAND TEMPERANCE

Demonstration!

GENERAL CONVENTION,

And Musical and Literary

ENTERTAINMENT

A GRAND CONVENTION of all the Temperance Reform Clubs and other Temperance Organizations throughout the Island will be held in the Reform Club Room (Old Temperance Hall), Charlottetown, on

Thursday, 3rd Jan., 1878,

at 3 o'clock, p. m., to discuss matters in general affecting the present Grand Temperance Movement.

Also, at 7 o'clock the Convention will form into a

Grand Torchlight Procession

and march through the principal streets of the City, preceded by the Brass Band, and back to the Club Room.

Immediately after the Procession a Grand Musical & Literary Entertainment will be given in the Club Room, commencing at 8 o'clock. Ticket of admission 10 cents, at the door.

The Ladies of the Temperance Union will have a splendid TEA and other refreshments prepared, which will be open for all-comers during the afternoon and evening.

Tickets to the Tea 25 cents, which will also give admission to the Entertainment.

The officers and members of the St. Joseph and St. Patrick Societies, and those of all the organizations of Sons of Temperance and Good Templars are most cordially invited to attend the Convention and take part in the other amusements of the evening.

The Committees are determined to make this the most magnificent and enjoyable Turnout ever witnessed in Charlottetown.

Tickets to both the Entertainment and the Tea can be had at all the Drug Stores and at the doors.

Jan. 2, 1878—

J. LONGWORTH, Hon. Sec'y, &c.

Charlottetown, Dec. 31st, 1877—

PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE.

THE Classes of the Prince of Wales College will be re-opened on THURSDAY, the 3rd day of January next (1878), at 10 o'clock, a. m.

To prevent inconvenience in the arrangement of the classes, it is desirable that all students intending to enter for the ensuing term should be in attendance on the day of the opening.

All tuition fees are payable in advance.

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Notice to Procrastinators!

All Accounts furnished at Xmas and Midsummer of last year, that remain unpaid after the First February next, will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, without distinction of persons.

MARK BUTCHER.

Jan. 2, 1878—

WE CONTINUE TO SELL

ALL OUR

STAPLE GOODS

—ON THE—

Most Favorable Terms.

IN STORE:

1500 Bbls. Flour, 20 Boxes Axes, 500 " Cornmeal, 100 Boxes 3 in. Nails, 125 Hhds Molasses, 100 " 1½ in. " 39 " Sugar, 50 Boxes Horsenails, 50 Bbls W'te Granulated Sugar, 200 Boxes Confectionery (assorted), 20 Bbls Crushed do 800 Reams Paper (all sizes), 400 Chests Tea, 50 Doz. Brooms, 125 half Chests Tea, 50 Doz. Pails, 75 Boxes Tea, 60 Boxes Glass, 500 Coils Manila, 150 Boxes Bartlett's Blue, 500 Sides No. 1 Sole Leather, 100 Gross Bartlett's Shoe Blacking, 200 Sides No. 2 " 150 Jars Creamtartar, 100 Kegs B'ng Soda, 100 Tins Pepper, 30 Bbls W'ng Soda, 100 " Mustard, 75 Boxes Cheese, 40 " Ginger, 60 Casks Vinegar, 40 " M'xd Spices, 200 Boxes Soap, 50 " Toilet Soap, 30 Packages Whole Cloves, 50 " Tole Soap, 30 " Nutmegs, 35 Bags Nuts, 150 Boxes Yeast, 600 Boxes Table Salt, 30 " Nutmegs, 50 Bbls. Currants, 25 Boxes Flat Tobacco, 10 Kegs Isl. Twist Tobacco, 15 k'gs Acacia Twist Tobacco, 20 Bbls. W'te Beans, 25 Casks Kerosene, 25 Bbls. Onions, 50 Boxes Candles,

Carvell Brothers.

Ch'town, Dec. 22—2w 3aw pat ar 2w

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CITIZENS' SKATING RINK.

Grand Opening Night, MONDAY, JANUARY 6,

AT 8 O'CLOCK—ICE PERMITTING.

GALBRAITH'S BAND

WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

Tickets for sale at Apothecaries' Hall. J. R. BRECKEN, Sec'y.

NOTICE.

Tailoring and Cutting.

JOHN BELL is now prepared, at his Residence, Fitzroy Street, west, near the Kirk, TO MAKE UP TO ORDER, every description of

GENTLEMEN'S & BOY'S CLOTHING!

Shirts, Ladies' Sacques, Military Uniforms, Clergymen and Lawyers' Gowns, —AND— LADIES RIDING HABITS.

—ALSO—

Carnival and Fancy Dress Ball

Costumes on reasonable terms and shortest notice.

Pattern and Garment Cutting a Specialty.

JOHN BELL, Tailor & Cutter! Fitzroy St., west, near St. James' Kirk, Ch'town, Dec. 31, 1877. } tf

LECTURE!

THE Third Lecture of the Course, in connection with the Y. M. C. Association, will be delivered on

Friday Evening, Jan. 4, 1878,

—BY—

REV. W. S. PASCOE.

Subject:—"A Diamond from a Coal Pit; the Story of a Great Transformation."

Doors open at 7.30; to commence at 8. Admission 10 cents.

J. McLEOD, Sec'y. Dec. 31—

CALL AND LEARN

—THE—

CLEARING OUT PRICES

—OF—

TOYS AND FANCY GOODS!

—AT—

HASZARD'S BOOKSTORE,

BEFORE PURCHASING ELSEWHERE.

Dec. 29—2in

Retiring from Business.

BARGAINS!

BEING about to retire from Business, we offer our large stock of MILLINERY and DRY GOODS at the lowest possible prices, consisting of—

Bonnets, Hats, Feathers, Flowers

Scarfs, Squares, Clouds, Turquoises, Cuffs & Collars, Ribbons, Laces, Gloves, Ladies' and Children's Underclothing and other Goods.

Also—WOOLS OF ALL COLORS for Fancy Work, &c., &c.

THE MISSES CAVANAGH, "Ladies' Establishment," Market Square, South Side.

Dec. 24—

New Fruit.

VALENCIA RAISINS, Layers and Muscates; Dates and Dried Apples.

HASZARD BROS.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOLS

WILL REOPEN ON

MONDAY, 7TH JAN., 1878.

In the Schools there are three Departments:—

Primary Department, for very young children.

Girls' School, Boys' School.

Five Teachers are engaged in the Schools. All English Branches, Classics, Mathematics, French and German, Music and Singing are taught.

For terms, etc., apply to G. W. HODGSON, St. Peter's Clergy House, Kent St.

Dec. 23—pat till jan 7

SEE HERE MEN!

IF you want SLEIGHS or CARRIAGES I made of best American Wood, in latest style, or your Horse Shod in FIRST-CLASS STYLE, call on the undersigned. All work warranted or no pay.

J. O. KEEFE, 208 CHURCH North side Queen's Square, Ch'town, Dec. 5, 1877.