

Local and Other Items.

The ice on the Hillsborough is rapidly disappearing

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OWING to the heavy rain the market was poorly attended to-day.

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The Singing Match between Messrs. Muncey and McSween, of Summerside, resulted in the defeat of the first named. Try again, Mr. Muncey.

MR. GEORGE HENSHAW died at Virginia, Annapolis County, N. S., on the 16th inst., at a very advanced age. One of the local papers puts him down at 105 years, and another at 110.

We understand that a Western contemporary was obliged to suppress a full issue on account of a libelous paragraph that found way into its columns. A rather heavy loss, by the way, but unfortunate debtors should not be made subjects of comment.

At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court, this forenoon, Michael Power, cooper, for assaulting his wife Mary, was fined \$5; and Mary, for being drunk and incapable, was fined \$1 and costs. The parties arrested for assaulting Peter Costello were further remanded till Tuesday.

Russian agents are said to be traversing India, taking sketches of fortresses and preparing plans for future invasion. And it is reported, on good authority, that secret instructions have been sent by the Indian Government to every British post in India to make thorough plans of defensive works, such as they would employ in case of a successful foreign invasion.

ROBERT S. CHAPMAN, hotel-keeper, of Moncton, charged with perjury, was examined on the 26th. The evidence against him was not extremely strong, but His Honor thought it quite sufficient to put him on trial at the County Court; and the prisoner being asked what he had to say in answer to the charge, he replied, "Not guilty." He was released on bail.

ON SATURDAY last another batch of workmen were notified that their services would not be required after the first of the coming month. The number discharged is placed at 40, 60 and even 80 persons, but the larger number is probably too high. Men have been dismissed from the carpenter shop, paint shop and erecting shop, but principally from the paint shop.—Moncton Times.

HANLAN has completed arrangements for rowing Fred Plaisted on Toronto Bay, May 15th, for \$1,000 a side, two miles, straight away, Plaisted receiving expenses. It is also decided to row Morris at Pittsburg, June 20th, for \$1,000 a side, five miles, Hanlan receiving \$200 expenses. From Pittsburg Hanlan goes to St. John, to row Ross, between the middle and end of July. Hanlan is in excellent health, and is out every day on the Bay.

Now that Charlottetown harbor is free from ice, it would be a great benefit to the travelling public, and our people generally, if the Northern Light ran to this port for the balance of the season. We have heard that Hon. John F. Robertson, yesterday, telegraphed to Ottawa regarding this much desired change. We hope his efforts will be speedily successful. The difference in the sail between Pietou and Charlottetown is only half an hour longer than to Georgetown.

On the application of His Excellency the Governor-General to the University of London, made through the Colonial Office in October last, the Senate of the University have agreed that examinations in connection with the Gilchrist Scholarship, subsequent to that of matriculation, may be conducted in the different Provinces, so far as concerns degrees in Arts and in Laws, and the 1st of May in each year is named as the time at which the places for holding the first and second examinations for degrees in Arts, and the 1st of October for degrees in Law, must be ascertained and reported to the Senate.

The relations of England and Russia appear to be becoming more embittered every day and a very slight matter might bring on a war. The Austrians, the more they see of the Treaty of San Stefano, the less they are satisfied with it, but it seems that Austria will not join England in any movement against Russia as Austrian and English interests are not identical. It might be supposed that there were some European interests involved in which these powers might find a common ground, but it seems there is not. No doubt the attitude of Austria is due to German influence and a desire to preserve the Imperial Alliance intact. As matters stand now the peace of Europe and all alliances whatsoever seem to stand on very unsafe ground.

A PUBLIC Temperance meeting was addressed at Hazel Grove by the G. W. Patriarch on Wednesday last. Hunter River and Hazel Grove were well represented at the meeting. At the close it was resolved that Crystal Spring Division, No 88, be re-organized; and 45 names were handed in for that purpose. The G. W. P. proceeded immediately to the re-organization, after which the following officers were duly elected and installed: W. P., Allan McLennan; W. A., F. McLennan; R. S., Joseph Bagnall; A. R. S., H. Dixon; F. S., E. J. Crabbe; T., Norman McLennan; Ch., Norman Gillis; C., Richard E. Bagnall; A. C., A. Bagnall; I. S., A. Nicholson; O. S., Alex. McLennan; P. W. P., Samuel Pound. Bro. George A. Hughes was duly commissioned as D. G. W. P. Night of meeting—Monday.

Latest by Telegraph.

WAR NEWS.

Special Dispatch to Examiner.

LONDON, March 29.

The House of Lords was crowded this afternoon. Many members of the Lower House were present. Lord Derby soon entered after 5 o'clock, and took his seat below the gangway, instead of on the Treasury bench. He arose almost immediately, and announced his resignation as Secretary of Foreign Affairs, which, he said, had been accepted by the Queen, and he only continued to hold the office until the appointment of his successor. He regretted that under the circumstances it would not be justifiable for him to follow the customary course of explaining in detail the difference which led him to resign. The Cabinet had arrived at certain conclusions in which he was not able to concur. To prevent needless alarm he would say he did not consider those measures as necessarily tending to bring about war. He gave the Cabinet credit for sincerely desiring European peace. But he could not regard the measures which had now been resolved upon as a product in the interests of peace, or necessary for the safety of the country, which the concurrence of Parliament is asked for. The measures of which he had spoken would vindicate his opinions. He would state, however, that he did not dissent from the Cabinet's views of the conditions upon which Europe might go into the Congress. He recounted the obstacles to the meeting of Congress, but the fault did not rest with the Government of this country.

Lord Beaconsfield said that he would willingly refrain from noticing the reasons which had influenced Lord Derby to resign, until a period when those reasons might be legitimately considered by the House, so that the mischief might not occur from unnecessary mystery. It was his duty to say that, in consequence of the belief of the Government that the Congress would not be held, and that the hopes of rectifying the disturbed balance of power in the Mediterranean had ceased, it was the duty of the Ministers to consider what steps should be taken to prevent impending mischief. They had, therefore, advised Her Majesty to avail herself of the service of her reserve forces—a message to that effect will be laid before Parliament.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

House of Assembly.

THURSDAY, March 23.

House sat with closed doors until recess. After recess, the House went into Committee of the Whole to consider the County Courts Amendment Act—Mr. Calhoun in the chair. Mr. HACKETT thought the Clerks should be paid according to the work they have to perform. Thought the salary should, in some way, be left optional with the Government.

Mr. McLEAN moved in amendment that the salaries should range between \$100 and \$500. Hon. Mr. DAVIES, Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN and others opposed the amendment, on the ground that it would entail additional expenditure. Amendment lost.

Mr. WELSH moved that the Speaker take the chair. The Bill was so voluminous and contained so few real amendments to the present law that he thought it should be withdrawn, re-cast and re-introduced. Motion lost.

House then proceeded with the Bill, clause by clause—striking out clauses which contained no amendment of the existing Act. At ten o'clock progress was reported, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Hon. Mr. DAVIES introduced an Act to amend the "Public Schools' Act, 1877." Read a first time.

Hon. Mr. DAVIES introduced a Bill to incorporate Willey Lodge of Oddfellows. Read a first time, and referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. Prowse gave notice of a motion that no new matter upon which a Bill may be founded be introduced after Thursday, 4th April.

Mr. McKAY asked what steps the Government had taken to construct a Bridge across the West River.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: The Engineer made a survey; but the location of the Bridge is not yet fixed.

Mr. FARQUHARSON asked why the proposed road between McCarthy's and Tryon Road had not been opened.

Hon. Mr. STEWART said the land damages claimed were enormous. House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 29th.

The Private Bill Committee reported in favor of a Bill to incorporate Willey Lodge of I. O. O. F. It was received and read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

Mr. CALHOUN moved for a Special Committee to inquire into the cost of and the advisability of establishing a Registry Office in Prince County. He explained the present necessity of such an office in that County, and thought it would be self-sustaining. At present it cost each farmer \$5 who wished to make a search in the Registry Office of this city. This, he thought, was an injustice that should be remedied.

Mr. WELSH was not in favor of establishing a Registry office in Prince County. The people of that part had good means of travelling, and not like the people of his District who had to travel by roads some twenty or thirty miles to a Registry Office. They had as good a right to claim one as the people of Prince County.

Mr. McMILLAN said the office could be established without much cost, and if Prince County could sustain one, he thought they were entitled to it.

Mr. SULLIVAN said if Prince County had a claim to a Registry Office, King's County had an equal claim. He could not see any good argument in favor of establishing such an office in either place, as the one which did the whole business of the Island, was almost a burden on the country. The Motion was then put and carried. Committee: Messrs. Calhoun, McMillan, Conroy, Hackett and Lea.

Mr. McKAY presented a petition from the electors of the Second District of Queen's

County, asking for the repeal of the the Assessment Act of last session. The petition was received and read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House then went into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of the County Courts' Act.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or statements of correspondents.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—As your special correspondent labored at Ottawa with such acceptance to the Patriot that his telegrams were considered worthy of transference (without credit) to its columns, I am somewhat surprised to see that it is now degrading his work. As to the charge that since his return the EXAMINER is more strongly in favor of Protection, I have read the EXAMINER attentively and I have failed to detect in it anything very strongly in favor of Protection—except the quotations from Mr. McKenzie's speeches. I must admit that, with regard to this question, you are pretty effectually exposing the hypocrisy of the "organized hypocrisy." Yours,

A FREE GENT.

Ch'town, March 28, 1878.

Falconwood Asylum.

To the Editor of the Examiner:

SIR,—Your issue of the 27th inst. contained a letter from Messrs. Stirling and Harris relating to the new Lunatic Asylum, wherein they feel sore to think that the public dare to look at, or inspect, or pass any opinions about it—that they think themselves supreme, and no one here knows anything at all about the matter.

The several members of the Upper and Lower Houses spoke freely upon the subject, and some of them are good judges of Island sandstone.

Now, the stone used for the new Asylum has been taken from a quarry of as poor stone as any on the Island. Messrs. Stirling & Harris, or the printer, must have made a mistake respecting it being fifty feet above the level of the sea; fifty inches would be nearer the height. The stone in Woolrich's quarry is much superior, and as that strata runs eastward, H. Longworth's hill produces much better stone; and a little further east, on the farm recently owned by C. Gardiner, the stone is infinitely harder and better.

Now, Mr. Editor, as "Lookeron" is an "unmercantile traveller," and not here to reply for himself, I will reply, in a few words for him, by saying that all he advanced is correct.

The stone used is only common red, soft, and stone, with a very small proportion of silica, and not in the least bordering on the foundation of freestone; therefore class it as argillaceous. The only stone on this Island, suitable for the good foundation of a heavy structure, are the surface boulders that have been exposed to the action of the atmosphere for many years.

Mr. Thomas Alley took a great deal of trouble in procuring such for the foundation of the Methodist Brick Church in Charlottetown, and Mr. C. Heartz built the foundation wall in his usual superior workmanlike manner—all of these native stone boulders—4 years since; and another foundation as good, cannot be found on the Island.

This winter's test to the red sand stone trimmings of St. James' Church, now in course of erection, should not be mentioned, as we have not had the usual rains, thaws, or frosts, this winter. And again, look at the red, sandstone trimmings of the present Tignish Brick Church, only a few years built, but now they are wasting.

The French Drains may have been covered with snow so that the eye of "Lookeron" could not discover them; but the rest of the foundation should show something of the various Drain Pipes—of the many different sizes—to which Messrs. S. & H. have made no reference.

"Lookeron" is right respecting the sashes. The corners of both the upper and lower sashes at the meeting bars, are not properly put together; with that exception, they are tolerably well made, and the material of about half of the quantity made, is very good; but the other half, in many respects, is not as good.

And in regard to Mr. Sterling's thirty years in these Provinces, he never before has been obliged to "trumpet his experience as an overseer. He now made a mistake and took up a "Hautboy" in place of a Trumpet, and in using it to convince "an unbelieving soul," found it to be only a "flagpole."

Mr. Editor, I must close now, by saying that the architectural performance and arrangements of the plans are very superior, and I doubt if they could be surpassed on this side of the Atlantic, and I do hope the Government will appoint a Commission of five or more persons, to see that the whole is properly carried out to the true intent of the plans and specifications, both in regard to materials and good workmanship. And, further, Mr. Editor, I do assure you that it is no jealous feeling on my part towards the contractor or overseer that I have written the above, for I feel myself more competent to attend to my own avocation, following the "Flow," &c., than to have anything to do with a public contract.

I thank you for your indulgence, and believe me to be a well-wisher of all truth and duty. GAMMARUS.

Ch'town, March 29, 1878.

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