

The *Patriot* calls Toronto the "very heart of Torydom." And yet, strangely enough, the *Globe* is published in Toronto, and Toronto is the home of the great Blake!

The illness and bereavement of Hon. Mr. Masson, President of the Council, seem to render necessary his retirement from the Government. Advices from Ottawa state that there is now some talk of his place being taken by Senator Trudel.

"The Dominion is progressing under Tory rule. It is keeping abreast of the rest of the civilized world. It is developing fast."

This is—*mirabile dictu*—clipped from the *Patriot*; and, what's more, its *truth*—though the editor, of course, means it for irony.

In an Ottawa despatch it is stated "that the Pacific Railway Commission will shortly proceed to investigate matters relating to the slander six years ago, and the means adopted for its disclosure. Some interesting facts are expected to be disclosed, on which the names of some late Cabinet Ministers and American capitalists figure conspicuously."

The Danish Minister of Marine recently stated that the navy of Denmark is undergoing reorganization, and that it will ultimately consist of eight iron-armoured battleships, four unarmoured men-of-war, 10 corvettes and schooners, 12 gunboats, carrying artillery of the largest calibre, and 30 torpedo boats. It is calculated that the reorganization will involve an annual expense for ten years of 1,700,000 Danish crowns.

The cheap excursions advertised by the Steam Navigation Company will afford a rare opportunity for pleasant holiday trips—that is if the days prove fine. We hope the Company will be encouraged by the success of their present efforts to give excursions more frequently than heretofore. Hard times have taught the people economy; and few can afford to travel at the ordinary rates unless their business or urgent affairs force them to do so. But cheap excursions should attract the people, give them a chance of seeing a little of the world, adding to their store of information, and obtaining rational recreation and enjoyment.

The Liberals of England now repudiate the idea of casting off the Colonies, and late advices state that the Colonial Office, in Downing street, is very busy over the defences of Canada and Australia. There is said to be a scheme afoot for providing these most important Colonies with a flotilla of small vessels. The great difficulty in the way is the question, "Who is to bear the expense?" Another difficulty is whether the officers shall be Colonials or be selected from the Imperial service. The solution of the second difficulty should, we think, depend upon the solution of the first.

Catholic Total Abstinence Union Convention.

BUSINESS MEETING—ELECTION OF OFFICERS—EXCURSION AND DINNER.

At two o'clock, Wednesday, the delegates and members of the Central Council met in St. Patrick's Hall. Thirty Societies affiliated to the Catholic Total Abstinence Union were represented by eighty delegates, including the clergymen.

Dr. O'Brien, President of the Central Council, occupied the chair. Reports from the different Societies were read which showed the Catholic Total Abstinence Union to be in a flourishing condition.

A resolution was moved by Rev. William Phelan and seconded by Mr. John French, calling attention to the systematic violation of the Canada Temperance Act in King's County, and asking the Minister of Inland Revenue to fully enforce the Act in that County.

The election of officers and members of the Central Council then took place, and resulted as follows:—

Patron—His Lordship Bishop McIntyre. President—Dr. O'Brien.

1st Vice-President—Hon. A. A. MacDonald.

2nd Vice-President—Hon. Joseph O. Arsenault.

Treasurer—J. B. McDonald, Esq.

Secretary—P. R. Bowers, Esq.

Lecturer—Rev. D. J. Gillis.

Sergeant-at-arms—John S. McDonald, Esq.

Council—A. C. MacDonald, Esq., M. P., Montague; Peter McCourt, Esq., Georgetown; Michael W. Smith, Esq., Charlotte-town; Dr. Gillis, Summerside; Joseph Murphy, Esq., Port Hill.

At 4 o'clock the Convention adjourned, and the members, accompanied by St. Patrick's Band, and a number of guests, attended an excursion on the river and bay, on board the *Southport*. On returning, at 7 o'clock, the delegates marched to St. Patrick's Hall, where a sumptuous feast was prepared in Mr. William Kennedy's best style. His Lordship the Bishop of Charlottetown occupied the chair. Speeches were delivered by His Lordship, also by Dr. O'Brien, A. A. MacDonald, and P. R. Bowers. Various matters touching the welfare of the Union were discussed, and at 11 o'clock the feast ended.

The greater number of the delegates returned home to-day.

Sheep Husbandry.

There is no question respecting the suitability of sheep to the climate of this Island. Nor is there any question as to the advantages to farmers of keeping sheep. Sheep are close feeders. They are easily managed. They pay two profits. Like a National Bank, they yield a half-yearly dividend—one is the fleece, the other is the lamb. Besides, there is a reserve fund in the manure they produce; and the capital—which is the carcass—is always available by means of the local butcher, or the buyer for the Provincial, the English, or the foreign market. It costs little to start a flock. The poor farmer can go into the business as well as the rich farmer; and there is no risk of heavy loss; for if one should die, it does not signify nearly so much as the death of a cow, ox, or horse. The wonder to us is, that our farmers have not, in the past, given greater attention to the husbanding of sheep; and we are glad to note that there is more enquiry now about sheep than there has been for many years.

In his excellent letter to Senator Carvell, Mr. Snow recommends, for Canada, the adoption of the Oxford Down, the Shropshire Down and the South Down. The Oxford Down, Mr. Snow considers to be the best breed for our farmers; but we do not think there is now a specimen of this variety of sheep in Prince Edward Island. The *Shepherd's Manual* says:—

"This is one of the newly established cross breeds, which has a favorable reputation and promises to become permanent. It is classed among the long wool sheep. It has rapidly extended its domain in England and as a wool and mutton producer firmly holds all it gains. It originated in a cross of a Cotswold ram upon a Hampshire Down ewe. The produce was a sheep heavier than the dam and resembling the Cotswold in size and fleece. The wool, however, is finer and firmer than that of the Cotswold, and from five to seven inches in length. By continued care the best points have been preserved, and the constitution and character of the first cross have been maintained. The result is a sheep that is found profitable to feed on a mixed farm; hardy, producing at fourteen months old a carcass of 80 to 85 lbs., and a fleece of 8 or 9 lbs. of wool. By good feeding these weights are much increased. At the Smithfield (London) fat cattle show of 1873, a pen of three, 22 months old, shearings, weighed above 895 lbs., or an average of 298 lbs. each. Rams have been known to shear 20 lbs. of wool for their first fleece. They have been found to be profitable feeders, requiring but little purchased food and standing the exposure to folding upon poor crops and winter without difficulty. Good rams of this breed bring about \$60 at the ram sales."

The Shropshire Down, which Mr. Snow places second on his list, is described by the *Shepherd's Manual* as hornless, with faces and legs of a spotted or dark gray color; thick, meaty neck; well-shaped, rather small and fine head; neat ears, well set on the head; broad deep breast; straight back; a good round barrel, and clean legs with strong bone. They are very hardy, thrive well on moderate keep, are quickly fattened, and produce, at 2 years old, 80 to 100 lbs., or even 120 lbs. of excellent meat, which brings the highest price from the butcher. The ewes are prolific and good mothers. The fleece is heavier than that of the Southdown, being longer and more glossy, and weighs on the average about seven lbs. of marketable wool. This sheep possesses many valuable qualities for our uses and promises to make a satisfactory farmer's sheep in localities where medium wool and choice mutton are profitable, and where the sheep have to depend upon a pasture for the greater part of their support. Its close, well-set fleece and hardy constitution will also help to carry it through considerable exposure and variable weathers without injury. Prize rams have sold in England for \$500 each, but at the annual ram sales the prices run from \$50 to \$150. This breed is not unknown to our Island.

The "Southdown" recommended by Mr. Snow has also been introduced here; but has been allowed to run out, so that there are now few, if any, thoroughbreds to be found. It is "the first of the short wool breeds," and is "decidedly the best mutton sheep in the world." As yearlings "they yield 75 to 80 lbs. in dressed weight of the choicest meat, and a flock of high character will produce an average of 6 lbs. to the fleece of a wool in demand for flannels and soft goods." The ewes are described as "prolific breeders and excellent mothers." It is an excellent feeder, its lambs are active and hardy, and as a producer of market lambs, the South Down ram has no superior. In regard to the South Down, the *Rural New Yorker* says:—

"The South Down gives the most for the least. The mutton is the very best and the wool is just right for the country carding mills to make into rolls for home spinning; or the mills will take that wool, and weave it into homespun on shares, but they won't look at combing wool, because it is too long to be carded. That is the great fault with the long wool sheep. Combing wool don't sell so easily as carding wool, because it can't be used at the country mills; besides, coarse-wool sheep are too fat mutton for home use. You can put two inches of fat on their ribs, but that is only good to sell."

If prompt measures were taken, some rams of the breeds above described could be obtained in ample time for use this season. In our opinion, no time should be lost.

Correspondence.

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

Church Music in Charlottetown.

To the Editor of the *Examiner*.

Sir,—It was my pleasure to be in Charlottetown yesterday, and to hear the performance of St. Dunstan's Choir, which treated the large concourse of people present to a most cainty dish of music, prepared from a recipe procured from Ratisbonn. Some of the ingredients and condiments are now pretty well known and are found rather palatable. *Prescendos, diminiuidos, raltantandos, crescendos*, and other Bavarian vegetables seem to be just the thing for such a dish, and can hardly fail to make countenances change and assume an expression of security, relief and comfort. However, when it was ascertained that the favourite dish had been prepared by rather green hands, misgivings appeared lurking in the minds of the great majority of strangers present. Even some old dames were seen to turn up their noses in dread of some unwonted perfume. Unfortunately, too, many of the most requisite ingredients were wanting, which presumption, or a certain spirit of jealousy, left aside because they had been used, by people considered not grand enough, and rather unfit to lead the way in that culinary business. Rhythm was scarce and bad; swing was worse but plenty. Gradual, Offertory, Communion, and such like, most indispensable to the right confection of the Ratisbonn dish, especially when that dish had to be served up on such a grand celebration as that on yesterday, were left out. In fact, we had but few of those requisites ordered by the Ratisbonn recipe, and too many of those common vegetables named above, which are sure to come in every dish prepared by people too fond of making a mess of their own. I was sorry and proud to find that old Rustico furnished the organist for the occasion. I must say and every one present must admit that the organ was well played, although the choir was a great drag. In fact, I don't see how the choir could have got along at all, only for two good singers—one from Rustico, the other from Hope River, kept there to keep it agoing.

The clergy were fairly represented from different parts of the Island. A good many of the Island priests are musicians of no mean order, and they all freely expressed their opinion that it would be well for Charlottetown to engage the services of some among many of the Rustico or Hope River singers, in order to organise St. Dunstan's Choir, and give it proper training.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your kind indulgence, I remain, yours, etc.

PRIMITIVE RUSTICIAN.

P. S.—A mellifluous individual, roving between Truro and Rustico, wrote some time ago about another Ratisbonn dish, served at Rustico, on St. John's day, 24th ult. I am sorry he flanked it with Father McGillivray's beautiful penegyrice of the Saint, making the beautiful oration serve as sauce and gravy, or other powerful condiment, to help and hurry digestion. Now, I enter my strongest protest against such profanity; and I do hope that when the Rev. Father's beautiful penegyrice comes out in pamphlet form, it will come out in its own beauty, without the dish, and flanking no kitchen pot.

Special Notices.

CHRISTIE, BROWN & Co's., Rankine's and Quirk's biscuits, fresh and nice, at B. Balderston's. j 24 6i

CUCUMBERS, very cheap, at Beer & Goff's j 23 6i

LEMONS, very fine, at Beer & Goff's. j 23 6i
Get a barrel of choice flour at B. Balderston's before the price gets too high, as it is rapidly rising. j 24 6i

SMOKE cheroots, from Rubin & Hart's.
"BUDA" Flour, lately received, at Beer & Goff's. j 23 6i

MCCORMACK'S best Biscuit and Cheese, only 14 cents at the Family Grocery. j 21

PINATORE cigars at Rubin & Hart's.

You can get Carters, Toirays, Stephens, and the new French copying inks at cheap rates at G. Herbert Haszard's, 18 Queen St.

SMOKE Durham, N. C., tobacco, from Rubin & Hart's.
PARTIES who require first class stationery, printed or stamped with die, crest or monogram, can be supplied with any quantity, no matter how large or small the order may be, by applying to G. H. HASZARD, 18 Queen St.

EVERYBODY flocks to Rubin & Hart's for good cigars and tobaccos.

GRENADINES at 10 cents and 12 cents at the London House. j 29

GOLD FLAKE tobacco at Rubin & Hart's.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

RANKIN HOUSE.

July 28—E P Clarke, Souris; Geo Howatt, Crapaud; G W Howlan, Casumpec; George McMarrick, Toronto; James Guest, Montreal; James McDonald do; S G Rigby, Halifax; A B Warburton, City; J R Brecken, do; G F Steplensen, Montreal; James Darling, do; Chas Minto, do; John E Boyd, St. John; F C Putney, Manchester, N. H.; Geo Woodburn, do; A Lord, City.

REVERE HOUSE.

July 29.—T W W Whitehead, Moncton; J McInnis, do; Barry B Beak, Amherst; J W Hill, Boston; Miss Bessie Knight; Miss S Knigt, Inglewood, St John.

OSBORNE HOUSE.

July 28—Angus Gregor, New Glasgow; James Ross, Mt Stewart; James Leard, Crapaud; Miss Lizzie Saville, Grand Falls, U S; Miss Katie Flynn, Boston; Wm Gill, Salem, Mass; Mrs Jas Roy, do; C C Carleton, Souris; John J Arsenault, Tignish.

ROCKLIN HOUSE.

July 23—J C Underhay, M P P, Fortune Bay; Miss Annie McDonald, New Glasgow, N S; Miss Amelia McDonald, do; Dr McIntosh and wife, Pownal; John L Matheson, Hudson, Mass; Mr James T Burhoe, Chicago; Alexander D McIntosh and wife, Hopewell, N S; Miss Martin, Boston; Henry McMillan, Wheatley River; Richard Burdett, Dundas; Alexander McMillan, Wheatley River; James Laird, New Glasgow; Samuel Cefin, Savage Harbor; Thomas Taylor, Mount Stewart; John Beaton, St Peter's; Aaron B Haynes, Colbrook, N H, David Eagan and son, Mt Stewart; Rev Sammel Gun, wife and family, Pictou, N S.

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Perkins & Sterns.

July 26, 1880.

Public Picnic at Shaw's Wharf
ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, 4th AUGUST.

ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC will be held on WEDNESDAY, 4th of August (instead of Tuesday, 3rd.) Steamer "Southport" will leave Ferry Wharf at 10.30 punctually, and at 2 p.m. Tickets for sale at Apothecaries Hall. Price 15 cents. Children 10 cents.

The public are cordially invited. Persons attending can take their own refreshments, or procure them on the grounds.

Should the day be unfavorable, it will take place the next fine day.

July 28, 1880—pat

MUSIC AND SINGING.

ON and after AUGUST 1st, Mrs. JAMES BROWN will give instruction in Music and Singing at her residence, King Square. Terms on application.

Ch'town, July 29, 1880—3m 3taw tu th s

HERRING. HERRING.

JUST ARRIVED,—

100 Bbls. Fat Shore Herring.

For sale on Lord's Wharf.

JOSEPH EVANS.

July 28, 1880—6i pd

LIMETTA CHAMPAGNE.

4 Bbls. Just Received.

A QUANTITY of this article, of inferior quality (muddy in color and sour taste), has been placed on this market, which has injured the reputation of Limetta Champagne.

What we sell is

Clear, Sparkling, and Agreeable to the Taste.

Sold in any quantity to suit purchasers. A reduction made by the dozen; and 25 cents per dozen will be allowed for the bottles if returned when empty—(only those had from us taken.)

Montserrat, Rose's and Martinique

LIME JUICE,

FOR SALE IN BOTTLES.

And Montserrat Lime Juice on Draught.

BEER & COFF.

Ch'town, July 26, 1880.

FOR SALE.

1000 BUSHELS Superior Mediterranean SALT, for re-packing Mackerel.

R. F. QUIRK,

Ch'town, July 28, '80—10i Water Street.

REWARD!

I HEREBY give Notice that whereas, on the 20th of July, a young Mare of mine was drove over a bank twenty-five feet high, and on Wednesday, the 21st, a fork was run into her thigh, I hereby offer a reward of twenty dollars to any person who will lead to the conviction of the party or parties who perpetrated those cruel acts.

THOMAS OLDFIELD.

West River, July 27, 1880—3i eod

BY-LAW for allowing a rate of discount on the Assessment in Real Estate for the current year.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown, as follows:—

1. A Discount at the rate of two and one-half per cent. shall be allowed to all taxpayers who shall, on or before the twelfth day of August next, A. D. 1880, pay to the City Clerk, at his office, the taxes severally due by them for the current year.

[L. S.] W. E. DAWSON,

Mayor of the City of Charlottetown.

Wm. B. MORRISON, City Clerk.

Ch'town, 12th July, 1880—2w 2aw [ju 13

Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for Ten Cents per day.

FOUND—A Gold Pencil Case.—Wm. W. BEER, Queen Street [ju 28, 2i

BRING your Watches and Clocks to DAVIS, a practical English workman, staying at Bay View House, corner of Water and Queen Sts. They will be repaired properly and promptly. Will visit Pownal and Belfast, and places to Eastward, shortly. [ju 28 ti

Wanted—Carpenters to give an estimate for the building of a house from plans. Apply to L. J. WILLIAMS, Tailor, Queen Square. [ju 27 ti

Wanted—A sober man, acquainted in the city. Must be able to read and write. Reference required. Apply at the Fish Market. [ju 27 3i

Wanted—A Servant for general household work. Good wages paid. [ju 26

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A good COOK. Apply to Mrs. EDWARD PALMER. [ju 15 eod

PERSONS wishing to get Plain Sewing or Fancy work done immediately, and to order, can have the same by applying at Mrs. J. R. MCKENZIE'S King Square, next door to the residence of Mark Butcher, Esq. [j 16

WAGSTAFF'S HOTEL, Pownal Street, continues to receive transient and permanent Boarders. [j 11

BOARDERS.—Two or three persons can be accommodated with board and three furnished rooms in a pleasant part of the city. Enquire at the EXAMINER office. June 10